

SUNDAY EVENING GOSPEL AND SONG SERVICE.

A marked and increasing interest has been manifest in this meeting. Instead of the falling off in attendance, usual during the summer months, the numbers increased, and on several evenings Shaftesbury Hall was well filled. But aside from this fact, the deep attention given, and the spiritual tone which has pervaded the meetings have encouraged the workers, and led to the salvation of some of the attendants. We need active workers to speak to those who remain at the close of the meeting.

BIBLE CLASSES.

We have endeavored by God's help to make Bible study a prominent part in our work, and we acknowledge the blessing which has accompanied the effort. The classes are three in number:

THE TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS,

Held every Saturday afternoon. The interest taken is indicated by the fact that repeatedly our large parlor has been filled to overflowing.

THE SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS

Has been maintained without any abatement in interest, and we have had repeated tokens of the Spirit's work among those present.

THE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS,

Held every Monday evening has been steadily on the increase, and there is an evident deepening of the work of grace in the hearts of the young men. The study of the Word which is "able to build up" is entered upon with much apparent pleasure.

CLASS COMMITTEE.

This Committee has been relieved from the most trying part of its former duties, by the closing of the Gymnasium. This was not done without much prayer and consultation, and the greater the attention given the subject the more firmly convinced were the members of the Board that, as a rule, Gymnasiums are not necessary to the successful prosecution of *Christian* work. The room formerly used has been leased to the Toronto Coffee House Association, and

will henceforth yield a revenue instead of incurring expense. During the year, classes in Elocution, Drawing, Book-keeping and Phonography were sustained, and many of the members were much benefitted thereby.

LECTURES.

This Committee was successful in providing a series of Lectures by men whose Christian character and platform ability alike made them specially acceptable to the Association, and to the public generally. There were also several evenings of Readings, Music, &c. When it is borne in mind that, with but few exceptions, these gatherings were made free to the public, and in all cases free to members, it will be admitted that the Committee has well managed the course, when they are able to report a balance passed over to the Treasury.

EMPLOYMENT.

Forty-six permanent and over 100 temporary positions have been secured for applicants. There has been a marked increase in the number of applicants for employment, a large proportion being clerks, and therefore the public will understand the difficulties which have met the Committee in its work.

Men used to manual labor, such as farm hands or mechanics, have but little trouble in procuring employment; but, Toronto, like other cities in our land offers little or no inducement for clerks, &c., and much actual suffering would be avoided were the fact more widely known in the country districts and in the Old Land.

MEMBERSHIP.

The Membership list has been carefully revised, and none but those who have paid for the current year have been retained thereon. By so doing the number of members reported is less than some previous years, but, we have this advantage, the list is a *genuine* one. In revising the list we find that 104 young men have left the City, of which number 33 have gone to Manitoba, 157 could not be traced, that is, they had left the City, or changed boarding-houses, and no trace of their whereabouts could be discovered.