

—Leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £857 19s.—a portion of which however, may be considered as already appropriated for the payment of a large order of books for the Library from England, which came out by the last steamer, but by mistake have been taken to Boston; and another portion for purposes connected with the City Mission. The number of volumes in the Library is 730—comprising a collection of most interesting books, not only of a purely religious character, but also some of the best historical and scientific works of the day, as well as the works of the leading poets and travellers. Your Committee feel that they can safely draw the public attention to this branch of their institution, as affording choice and attractive reading for all classes, and of a character to elevate and refine the taste.

Your Committee would also draw the attention of the public to the Bible classes, which meet at their Rooms every Saturday evening, and are open to the public.

Your Committee have only to add that the present season has commenced under the most favourable auspices. Although the novelty of public lectures might have been supposed to attract in the first instance, yet there does not appear to be any diminution in the public interest and favour; and the audiences during the present course, so far, seem to be even more numerous and attentive than during last season; and your Committee see no reason for apprehension for the future in this particular.

Before closing this Report, your Committee would advert to the great loss the Association has sustained by the decease of their venerable President, Hon. H. H. Cogswell, who took the warmest interest in it, and who was among the largest of its donors. They deemed it right, on the melancholy occasion of his demise, to make a public record of their esteem and regard for