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Among the Committees.

THE RELIGIOUS WORK COMMITTEE have felt encouraged in their part of the work during the months since September, 1889. The Young Men's Meeting has been very interesting, with an average of 30. Several young men confessed Christ for the first time at these meetings. The Bible Training Class has had an average attendance of nine and the practical Study and training there is appreciated. It meets at 10 a. m. Sunday, and has just begun again. Young men in sickness have been visited by this Committee. Evening Prayers have been conducted at the rooms, with some exceptions, every night during the winter months, and these were attended by from 7 to 35 young men. Invitations to the Young Men's Meeting have been distributed to young men on the streets on Sunday and in the hotels on Saturday night. The Committee lost its chairman, Mr. J. F. Blanchard, who had been so long connected particularly with this phase of the work. His place was filled by Mr. Donald A. Fraser, and the Committee's work has gone on unimpeded. We cannot afford to slight this department of the work or crowd it for any other.

THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT of the work has made considerable advance. In the Library are found upwards of 150 volumes, 320 of them having been secured since last October. The Reading Room has had additions of papers and magazines, and with some anticipated change in the room, a good Reading Room will be a healthy and helpful attraction. The committee having charge of this work are seeking to widen the usefulness of the Association along this line, and their efforts ought to be cordially seconded. Many get papers regularly that have little value to them that would be of value in the Reading Room. Many have books lying on their shelves, doing no good, that might be helpful in forming the character or stimulating the enterprise of many young men. The committee plans for greater things in days to come.

SOCIAL WORK.—A member of the Evening Reception Committee—a sub-committee of the Social Work committee—is on hand at the Rooms each evening. He has control of the rooms, and can use any or all, as he pleases, to subserve his purpose,—that purpose ostensibly being to make the place as cheerful and homelike as possible, to introduce strangers, and to make every body feel as if they had spent a pleasant evening at a friend's house. Some nice illustrations could be given of the value of this, and many testimonies, voluntarily given by young men, cited to show what a good thing this has been and how young men away from home influences have been given a Christian greeting to our town. A branch of this committee attends to ushering and preparations for members meetings.

The Social Committee have been aided greatly in their work by the assistance of some young ladies from the several churches who, on Friday evenings, have come to sing at informal receptions in the parlour, and by the untiring efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary, who have spared no pains or time in making the rooms more homelike and attractive to young men.

PHYSICAL WORK COMMITTEE.—This Committee has had a prominent part in this work during the winter months. The Gymnasium proving of value in the development of the muscles of the body and thus fitting the latter for the strain of life. Classes in the Gymnasium met twice a week and were attended by from 25 to 35 members. A Dumb Bell Drill for 15 minutes pre-ceeded the apparatus work each evening. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and abundant testimony of its value can easily be secured. The Association having secured the grounds in the north end of the town, owned by Thos. McLellan an athletic field for the young men and boys of Junior Department anticipate having healthy and helpful recreation during the main summer months.

Don't fail to hear the Ariel Quartet in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Saturday evening, October 11th.