

The Thursday evening prayer-meeting has increased in interest and attendance and the Committee cannot but repeat their satisfaction thereat, and urge as last year that our young members persevere in their profitable gathering and entreat others to share in its blessedness.

The Sabbath School.—In compliance with the strongly-expressed wishes of the officers and teachers of the Mission-schools the Committee found themselves called upon to consent to this important feature of our work ceasing its connection with the Association. It was urged that as a separate work and mission it could be far more useful.

The Bible-class has been continued both winter and summer with varying attendance. We regret it is not better appreciated and sustained.

Special means have been taken to give publicity to all our devotional services, both by placing notices on the corner of the streets by posters, handbills and the daily papers.

The thanks of the Committee are tendered to the ministers of the various denominations who have kindly and readily responded to our calls upon their valuable time for assistance at the Sunday Gospel meetings.

JOHN S. MACLEAN, Chairman.

FINANCE.

A reference to the Treasurer's account current shews the gross income for the year 1880 to be \$2922.75, of which \$1036 was received from the membership for subscriptions, \$1600 for rent for the Banking Rooms, and the balance, \$286.75 from sundry sources. The expenditure for the year was \$2857.06, or \$65.69 less than the income, which reduced the adverse balance from \$67.27 on 1st Jan., 1880, to only \$1.58 on 31st Dec. The amount received from membership subscriptions was \$65.25 less than 1879, but there is an uncollected list amounting in the aggregate to \$178, of which from \$75 to \$100 should be realised. \$514.50 has been paid in during the year on account of the floating debt, now \$1258.86, and a further