

### STRANGERS AND EMPLOYMENT.

DURING the past year a large number of applications have been made by young men from the Provinces and from abroad for assistance in procuring situations, and in some cases for pecuniary aid, which have been met so far as it lay in your Committee's power to do so. In view of the increase in this branch of our work the question suggests itself whether some system should not be adopted as in the United States to bring the employers and employed into communication with each other. As a beginning your Committee would suggest that a list be kept at the Rooms of all persons seeking employment, with details of age, occupation, &c., as far as practicable, and that employers be requested, in case of their needing clerks or assistants, to give notice to the Secretary of the Association. We commend this matter to our successors in office.

JAMES B. MORROW,  
*Chairman.*

### LITERARY.

In accordance with arrangements proposed and made early in the year, the Committee reorganized the Literary Class, and held their first meeting, which was well attended, on the 17th October, 1871. Since then similar meetings have been held at intervals up to the present time, and will be continued until the close of winter. The exercises proposed were Readings, Recitations, Essays, Debates, Addresses, Music, Short Lectures, &c. At the meetings the time (usually two hours) has been occupied in an instructive and entertaining manner. The attendance has not been as large as anticipated, but it is hoped that it will increase when a more suitable Hall is provided in the new building.

Through the liberality of a member of the Executive Committee, Twenty Dollars have been placed at the disposal of the Committee, to be paid to the successful competitors for prize essays on the subject of the new Y. M. C. A. Building, &c. The time for the reception of these essays has been extended to the 15th of February next.

The Committee suggest that in the next course of Lectures there might be introduced an evening of Literary Exercises alternately with the Lectures at Temperance Hall or elsewhere.

W. H. WISWELL,  
*Chairman.*

### BUILDING.

The Building Committee have to report that the sum of \$5256.00 is in hand towards the erection of a new building. Towards the close of the Autumn a general meeting of the clergymen of the city was held at the Rooms, at which, after a free interchange of opinion, it was decided that the time had not then arrived when it would be prudent to make a general appeal to the citizens. A