

August. This money is in the Treasurer's hands, and will shortly be laid out for books. Some further donations of books have been received, making the total number of books in library, three hundred. During the ten months that the Library has been accessible to the Association, it has been used by one hundred and fifteen members, and four hundred and fifty volumes have been issued. It is evident that the Library is to many a source of instruction; and your Committee recommend that the Association do its utmost to increase and improve this means of intellectual culture, and to adapt it to the wants of our constantly increasing membership.

The Reading Room of the Association has been a great attraction to the members.

The following papers are regularly received:—Two copies *Daily Morning News*; two copies *Daily Morning Telegraph and Journal*; two copies *Daily Evening Globe*; *Halifax Morning Chronicle*; the *Church Witness*; the *Religious Intelligencer*; the *Christian Visitor*; *Scottish American Journal*; *British Workman*; *Illustrated London News*; *Punch*; *Public Opinion*; *Patriot*; *Scientific American*; and several other papers are irregularly supplied. Several of the papers are provided free of cost to the Association.

The furniture of the Room is in good condition, and has been increased during the year.

PRAYER MEETING AND BIBLE CLASS COMMITTEE.

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the weekly Prayer Meeting has been held regularly throughout the year; that a deep spirit of earnestness has prevailed, and that the attendance has increased four-fold during the year. The Union Prayer Meetings, on the first Friday of each month, have also been seasons of spiritual refreshing, and the attendance always fair and encouraging. These Prayer Meetings your Committee earnestly recommend to the brethren. In answer to prayer, combined with diligent working, the prosperity of our Association depends. God has indeed blessed us in the past; let us use these pleasant opportunities of Christian fellowship more frequently in the future. The Bible Class, on Sabbath afternoons, has increased in interest; and during the past year the attendance has doubled. The Chairman has been unwearied in his efforts to make the Class exercises both pleasing and instructive, and has succeeded in both objects to a great extent.

Your Committee recommend this Class to the special attention of those members whose time is not employed in the Sabbath School.

The average attendance at the Weekly Prayer Meeting is thirty, at the Monthly Union Prayer Meeting seventy, and at the Bible Class twenty-one.

MISSION AND TRACT COMMITTEE.

Your Committee report, that Cottage Prayer Meetings have been held, and local preaching engaged in by several members in different parts of the City and neighborhood; and that eleven thousand tracts have been distributed on board of the vessels in the harbour and throughout the City; and further, that having had means placed at their disposal, by a kind, Christian gentleman, they have now a colporteur engaged on Western Extension distributing or selling at a nominal rate, books and tracts. They have also been enabled by the kindness of another friend, to distribute a number of Bibles and tracts in several Lumber Camps. Your Committee regret to say, that our efforts in these branches have not been as systematic and regular as their character deserve; and trust, that in the coming year, more strenuous efforts will be put forth in these branches of Christian Work.