

year has not exceeded 13, though in the early part of the year as many as 18 and 20 have attended occasionally.

Your Committee, anticipating a speedy improvement in our system and membership, trust that under Providence we may arrive at a higher standard, exercising greater zeal, a more lively faith and humble but confident hope that "God even our God shall give us his blessing and all the people shall rejoice and be glad in him."

WM. H. WISWELL, *Chairman.*

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

Nothing of importance in the working of the Rooms and Library has occurred during the year except that the daily attendance has increased to about 90.

Nearly three thousand issues of books have been made, or about ten per day. Last year the issue was seven per day.

All the magazines taken for the year have been bound up and added to the Library which is slowly increasing. The retiring committee would suggest that about the time of occupying the new building, an appeal be made to the Christian public for books; similar to the one so successful a few years ago.

The Reading-room has been kept up to its usual standard, the papers and magazines being carefully selected.

It is with no ordinary feelings of gratitude to God that your Committee in common with all the members of the Association look forward to the occupying of our splendid building the coming year, and we venture to hope that in our new home the Association will become a more permanent means of good to the young men of our city than it has hitherto been.

As the duties of the Rooms and Library Committee will be much more important when the building is handed over, it will be necessary that those who are to serve the Association on this Committee have some knowledge of the management of property, and be prepared to use every means of making the rooms attractive.

The furnishing of the new building is a matter that will tax the energies of the Association, as a considerable outlay will have to be incurred to make the rooms attractive. This matter we press upon the Association as second only in importance to the erection of the building itself.

We have again as in former years to tender our thanks to many kind friends for donations of books and papers, and especially to the proprietors of the following newspapers for their kindness in furnishing copies of their papers:

Halifax—Chronicle, Colonist, Citizen, Reporter, Recorder, Express, Abolitionist, N. S. Journal of Agriculture, Wesleyan, Messenger, Pres. Witness, Eastern Chronicle, Colonial Standard, Sun, Star, Western Chronicle, Exchange Journal and Advertiser, Church Herald, N. S. Farmer, Weekly Monitor, Cape Breton Advocate, Dalhousie College Gazette, Church Chronicle, The Friend, Religious Intelligencer, Pres.

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