

I lay down my life for the sheep.

John x, 15.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING.



UR Annual Meeting, held last Tuesday evening, 7th inst., was one of the most pleasant gatherings of a similar nature held for some years. There was a larger attendance than usual, and a *good feeling* pervaded the whole proceedings. Our beloved President, Mr. S. H. Blake, occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Caldecott. After a short address by the President, the first business was the consideration of the Revised Constitution and By-laws. The Constitution, as submitted, was adopted, with some trifling amendments; and the By-laws were referred to the Board of Managers, for adoption and publication.

The report of the Directors was presented as follows: "It is with unfeigned gratitude to God that the Board reviews the year now closed. It has been a year of ingathering of precious souls, and has been marked by increased interest on the part of the workers and by direct personal work for the Master. Through the committees, the young men of Toronto have been reached to a greater extent than during any previous year. We praise God for this, and rejoice in the fact that while watering others our workers have themselves been watered, and that now we have associated with us a band of zealous living witnesses for Christ, many of whom look to our building as their spiritual birth-place. In temporal affairs the Association has been somewhat affected by the general depression in business, and the faith and energy of our Finance Committee have been much tried. However, we are gratified to say that the debt on the building has been very materially reduced. The reports of the several committees tell the story of past labours and blessings."

The Boarding House Committee reported that during the year the follow-

ing work had been performed by them: Visits to boarding houses, 14,514; hotels, 1,220; fire halls, 390; police stations, 193; car and livery stables, 412; public library (west), 29; factories, 7; young men spoken to, 2,199; BULLETINS distributed, 77,298; tracts distributed, 68,400; New Year's packages, 1,696.

The Devotional Committee reported that during the year 703 meetings had been held, at which there was a total attendance of 49,286.

The Lecture Committee presented a favourable report.

Dr. Barnardo, of London, England, was then called on, and made a very earnest address, which was listened to with deep interest. He dwelt upon the benefit that was to be derived from engaging in such work as that undertaken by the Association, and counseled the young men that they had simply to sow the seed and look to God for results.

The meeting was then adjourned till next Tuesday evening, when our Annual Social will be held. At that gathering the balance of the committee reports will be presented and officers for the ensuing year elected.

We have given but a brief notice of the reports read, as we shall at an early date publish our Report in full, when our friends will see how the Lord has enabled us to labor for Him, and how the funds so liberally bestowed have been expended.

There was manifested at the meeting a feeling of gratitude to God for the abundant spiritual blessing vouchsafed, and also for the fact that our Building and floating debt had been reduced during the year by over \$14,000; and added to this is the almost absolute certainty that the balance of the debt will be liquidated during the coming winter. To God we give the praise. May our works testify our gratitude.

As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.—Luke vi. 31.

I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger.

John vi. 35.