

erected, which for three months was used as a reading tent and place for holding Sunday services.

York is situated about six miles from Toronto, but the G. T. R. company kindly provided for conveying our workers to and fro each Sunday afternoon.

The following is a summary of the work since January 1884.

Visits to Engines.....	667
" Caboots.....	422
" Roundhouses.....	100
" Switch Houses.....	158
" Yards.....	35
" Freight Sheds.....	12
" Offices.....	225
" Injured and Sick.....	60
" R. R. Men's Homes.....	84
" R. R. Reading Rooms.....	175

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Meetings held. Attendance.

Union Depot..... 37	1550
York Roundhouse. 13	900
Other services held. 16	167

66

2617

Papers and Books distributed.....	3038
R. R. SPECIALS distributed.....	9200

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The work now being done is of a thoroughly practical nature, and its effects are being seen each week.

### WATERSIDE.

This Committee has assigned to it the work of visiting the vessels in the harbor, and of tract distribution along the wharves. Its work is that of seed sowing and witness bearing, more than of reaping. Eight members have engaged in this work, visiting the vessels on Sunday mornings, giving tracts on board of each, and on many occasions getting the men to join in listening to a portion of God's Word. The workers find that the offering of tracts by the road-side often opens opportunities of preaching the Lord Jesus Christ to fellow sinners who are not reached in other ways.

About 20,000 tracts and hand-bills have been distributed, and between 400 and 500 visits have been paid to vessels. Several French Gospels have also been given away. Some of the workers have helped Rev. J. Salmon on Sunday after-

noons, when he has been preaching to the crowds resorting to the Island.

### DEAF MUTES.

Great encouragement has been experienced in the endeavors to be of service to this afflicted class. The work is peculiar, and a great amount of patience and wisdom is needed, as the Committee has to deal with them in their business and social relations, in smoothing over difficulties and making explanations where they are unable to grasp clearly, except in sign language. Their appreciation has been marked by personal and tangible expressions of gratitude, and by regular attendance at the services for worship which have been held without omission during the year. Rarely less than 20 have been present, while sometimes 35 have gathered. Of the direct spiritual results it is impossible to speak with as much definiteness as is possible in some other branches of work; but the reverence always shewn, and the close attention given, encourages us to think that the work is being blessed.

A collection is taken up at each meeting, and from this fund the class has appropriated \$40 toward the Building Fund of the Association.

### CHINESE

The work among the Chinese has been faithfully and energetically prosecuted by the Brother who has for the past few years made this, his special field of labor. None but those who have aided in the work can form a conception of the many difficulties which continually come up, but the Lord has helped in every case, and the class has been most successful. Nearly every Chinaman in the City has been led to the meetings and at times (with but one or two exceptions) all have gathered on the Sabbath afternoon in our Class Room to receive instruction.

### ITALIANS.

The Leader of the Chinese Class was led to take an interest in the large number of Italians arriving in our City during the past 2 years. The majority of these are Young Men, and coming to a city where few if any of their countrymen had settled, they were entirely without friends to counsel or help. Seeing their need of some kind hand being extended, the Brother referred to at once