

Many of those whose names have been dropped have left the city, several of whom took a deep interest in our work, and we have no doubt they will find opportunities for usefulness in connection with the Associations where they now reside.

It will be noticed that a large proportion of our members are *associate*, though adherents of, have not formally connected themselves with, any branch of the christian church, which fact cannot but impress upon us that while endeavouring to benefit those outside of our organization, our *first duty* is to those who are immediately connected with us.

In view of the importance of putting forth special effort on behalf of our *associate* members, and realizing the fact that "not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord" can these young men be brought to the feet of the Saviour, the words of our Lord to His Disciples are also borne in mind—"Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit." Your Committee recommend that during the incoming year, each member of the Managing Committee, and such other members as they may secure, to join with them in this effort, take the name of one or more of these young men, and strive earnestly, by conducting them to our Bible class and devotional meetings, by personal labour and prayer with and for them, to bring them to a knowledge of their true position, and a saving acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ, by faith in Him as their Redeemer.

It is gratifying to be able to state that a step has already been taken in this direction, since the close of the week of prayer, special meetings have been held in our rooms, which have been well attended, and considerable interest manifested.

R. N. BECKWITH,

Chairman.

### TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee on Tract Distribution report that the usual places where tracts were formerly distributed have been visited, and tracts left, every Sabbath morning, from the first Sabbath of May till the last of November.

The Police Station, the Dartmouth Ferry Station-house, and several of the Guard Rooms have been supplied in the morning, besides the vessels at the wharves and in the Harbour, where every seaman on board receives a tract. In the afternoons parties have been appointed, to place tracts on the seats in the Public Gardens, and distribute at the open-air services at the Cemetery.

As a general rule the tracts have been well received and read, and if declined they are declined with courtesy.

The Committee cannot estimate the number of tracts thus given away—there must have been about five thousand.

They have received an appropriation from the funds of the Association of ten dollars, for the purchase; but by far the greater portion of the supplies were received from the Rev. Dr. King, being an appropriation to him from the London Religious Tract Society, and which were placed at the disposal of the Committee.

JAS. FARQUHAR,

Chairman.