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It was decided at our last Annual Meeting to hold the meetings fortnightly instead of weekly, as heretofore, with the hope that while fewer in number they would be more largely attended. This object has been to a certain degree attained, though not perhaps as much as might be desired.

The meetings have all been of a very interesting nature, being conducted on the same principle as those of last year, with the exception, that no member is importuned to write an Essay or give the Comments on the Bible Lesson, these matters being left entirely to volunteers, who have not generally been found wanting.

Three debates have been held during the year, and from the interest taken in them by the members, and the beneficial result arising from the necessity of study and research, we would strongly recommend that they be held at stated intervals during the coming season. If the subjects and times were chosen at an early date, it would give ample opportunity to many of the members to take part in them, who, from want of time for preparation, do not now do so.

The principal work undertaken by our Association during the year has been the conduct (in conjunction with the Young Men's Christian Associations of St. George's and St. Stephen's Churches) of a night school on the corner of St. Antoine and Guy streets. The school was opened in the end of December, 1871, and was carried on until the end of March, 1872. It was placed under the management of Mr. Rowell, head master of one of the City schools, assisted by a certain number of volunteers from this and the other two Associations. The attendance during the season was not very large, chiefly owing to the location of the rooms and the lateness of the time for opening the school; the diligence and progress of those who did attend was, however, very gratifying. The