

Your Committee, acting on information received from the Young Men's Christian Association of New York, invited Mr. W. S. Andrews of Boston, who delivered two lectures.

Your Committee have also to announce that they expect to have two or three more lectures during the winter—the nett proceeds to go towards furnishing our new Building.

D. HENRY STARR, *Chairman.*

THE BIBLE CLASS AND PRAYER MEETING.

Throughout the past year the Bible Class has continued to meet regularly for the study and discussion of the International Series of Bible Lessons, except on three occasions when special meetings occurred on the customary night. Notwithstanding the interest manifested by those who attend regularly and the presence of strangers frequently in our meetings, there is not among the young men in the community nor indeed amongst ourselves sufficient enthusiasm and activity to bring about the results which so important and essential a branch of our work demands and should ensure.

The attendance during the year has been as low as 12 and as high as 45—average 26.

Last summer a more advanced and elaborate system of Bible Class teaching was brought before us by Rev. Dr. Thomson of Chicago, at a Sabbath afternoon meeting in St. Matthew's Church, but though it presented features of novelty and value the plan would seem to be impracticable from a variety of causes which it is not needful to advert to in this Report.

The Committee deemed it desirable to make a change in the Services for the day of Annual Prayer for all Associations in the world.

The Rev. J. Lathern kindly acceded to the request of the Committee to deliver an earnest practical address to young men at Temperance Hall, and the Clergymen generally in the City co-operated in commending our Organization and its work to the People and in asking God's blessing upon our efforts to advance His Kingdom among young men.

The Committee earnestly ask the members of the Association to consider the very great importance of the Bible Class, and also of the Weekly Prayer meeting and to aid them by prayer, personal effort and practical suggestions in making both undertakings more extensive and successful.

The Weekly Prayer Meeting has been kept up, and though it has languished and dwindled in numbers, still a few earnest and faithful ones, knowing that God our Father is the hearer and answerer of Prayer, and has blessed us in the past, continue to keep it alive, hoping that in due time there will be an accession to their numbers and an outpouring of the Spirit amongst our members which will revive religion and piety not only in our Institution, but among the churches and community at large. The average attendance of the