

them that they will attend and take part in the devotional meetings.

#### FINANCE.

The Committee are happy to state that they have been enabled to meet all claims, and had not the accident happened with the water apparatus, for which a large amount had to be paid, they would have been in a position to make considerable improvements in the Rooms and Library. Several persons during the year have withdrawn their support, while others have decreased their subscriptions; doubtless this is to be accounted for by the number of new objects that require aid.

#### STRANGERS AND EMPLOYMENT.

The Committee have attended to this department to the best of their ability. In March they prepared a Circular addressed to Ministers, Parents and Guardians, which was published in all the religious newspapers of the city. The Committee in the circular invited strangers coming to the city to visit the Rooms and attend our meetings. They also suggested that young men exchanging a rural for a city life, bring with them a letter of introduction to some member of the Young Men's Christian Association. The members of the Committee have endeavoured to obtain situations for those making application.

The Committee cannot close this report without again expressing devout gratitude to their Heavenly Father, who has hitherto enriched the Association with his presence and blessing.