

## BOYS.

This branch has been carried on with many visible tokens of blessing. The efforts made by the Committee to interest and benefit the Boys, have been successful in maintaining a good average attendance at the weekly meetings, and above all, the teaching has been owned of God, and several of the lads have been converted. If our facilities for work were greater, we feel certain that an extensive and permanent work for the welfare of the Boys of Toronto could be accomplished. We are grateful for the facilities we have, and rejoice in the tokens of blessing vouchsafed.

During the year a course of lectures was delivered, and these were largely attended by the Boys, who evidently appreciated the services rendered by the lecturers.

## THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS.

The Library remains in much the same condition as last year. No purchases have been made, and only sixteen volumes have been donated. In fact, since the opening of the Public Library there has been a marked decrease in the number of books issued. It is suggested that any future outlay be largely confined to the purchase of standard books of reference, and these, as a rule, to bear more specially upon Bible study.

## ROOMS.

The Parlor, and Free Reading-room are used to a much greater extent than in former years. Since the opening of the Free Library there has been a marked decrease in the number of "professional visitors"; but those we most aim to reach and benefit, have availed themselves more readily of our invitations since the disappearance of the class referred to.

We have added several English and American magazines of a higher class than those heretofore received, and these additions have been much appreciated.

We are now in receipt of the following papers and periodicals:—

## CANADIAN.

9 Daily, 1 Tri-weekly, 28 Weekly 1 Semi-monthly, 4 Monthly.

## AMERICAN.

8 Weekly, 11 Monthly, 1 Semi-monthly, 1 Quarterly.

## ENGLISH.

8 Weekly, 28 Monthly, making a grand total of 98 papers and periodicals.

## INVITATION.

This Committee has been used of God in leading many Young Men to our meetings. The interest in the work has been unabated, and during the heat of Summer or the cold of Winter, the workers have been found at the street corners, or visiting the Hotels with Invitation Slips.

Many changes have occurred, but no sooner has one worker been called from the city, than another has been raised up of God, and the work has not lagged.

The principal Hotels have been visited weekly, and over 5000 Invitation cards distributed.

In the street corner "invitation work" 70,000 invitations have been distributed, and from testimonies received in the meetings from time to time, we know they have brought forth fruit.

## VISITING.

This Committee, organized to visit Young Men lying sick in Boarding Houses, or at the Hospital, has, whenever called upon, readily responded. About 60 visits have been to different cases, and the committee has reason to believe that the visits of its members have been appreciated and blessed.

## RAILWAY.

Early in the year this Committee was compelled to effect material changes in the work. A new Secretary, Mr. W. C. Jex, was engaged in January, and the work since that time has favorably progressed. The work has been concentrated more upon the men moving along the line, and the Committee feels convinced that this is the legitimate work assigned them. The Canada Pacific Railway Company having organized a work principally among their own employees, at the West End, this Committee has, through its Secretary, confined its operations to the centre of the city, and to the new railway centre at York. At the latter point a tent was