

tracts from which are annexed, it is concluded as in former years that some good has been effected, and we are grateful to our Blessed Master for his gracious approval.

It is however the conviction of the Committee that a change in this branch of the Association's work is called for in order either to its more efficient operation or its entire abandonment.

The Sabbath afternoon meetings at the Mission House still generously placed at our disposal by Mr. Jost, have been sustained as usual, with the exception of the short period alluded to in the former part of this report, and we cannot doubt that these Special Services continue to be made a blessing to many a poor soul.

The Sabbath School has not been so well sustained.

Prayer meetings on Sunday and Tuesday evenings are also held under the leadership of the Missionary, but from certain external reasons as well as those alluded to in the Missionary's report, we regret to say, evidence signs of declining interest.

The whole subject of the Mission work is commended to the prayerful consideration of our successors in office.

To the clergymen who have so cheerfully responded to our call for assistance at the Barrack street and other meetings, our thanks are cordially tendered, the more especially when we call to mind that this assistance is given principally on the day when so great a demand is made on their time.

J. S. MACLESEN, and E. LLOYD, *Chairmen.*

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The Committee have to report a great improvement in every branch of the work allotted to their care, and that the increased attendance at the new rooms, and the increased interest of members even exceeds the expectations of the most sanguine, and fully warrants the assertion that the Young Men's Christian Association Building is the *home* of many of the young men of Halifax. The comforts of the Parlor are appreciated by many, as are also the Dining Room and the Bath Room, &c., while the Reading Room and Library are daily visited by about two hundred members and visitors.

Your Committee have added no less than 25 newspapers to those formerly taken, and now have 65 daily, tri-weekly, weekly, and monthly newspapers on the table, besides a liberal assortment of the leading magazines, a full list of which is appended to this Report.

Two thousand five hundred volumes of books are on the shelves of the Library, and in use, and it is very desirable that the number of books should be augmented, as the demand is increasing every day.

In last year's Report the Rooms and Library Committee suggested that the occupation of the new building would be a suitable time to make an appeal for books. The appeal was made, and in connection with it the ladies of Halifax were asked for money and furnishings for the new building. The result was \$1200 in cash, 253 volumes of books, 24 pictures, and a variety of articles of use and ornament which completely relieved the Committee of all anxiety, and gave a