

ber of books at present on the shelves is 1374. Average number of books borrowed from the Library per month, 296.

The Committee have to report that in the month of October the water apparatus in the building overflowed, causing a damage to Mr. Morton's stock to the extent of \$175.00, which had to be paid by the Association, and has considerably crippled our finances.

The Committee have had printed 1000 Cards containing a List of Meetings held in connection with the Association, which have been circulated among the young men of the city.

#### VISITING SICK AND TRACT DISTRIBUTION.

The Committee are happy to state that there has been very little sickness among the members of the Association during the year, those who have come under their notice have been visited by them. Any member of the Association being sick, is requested to send his name to the Secretary, so that the committee may visit him.

The Committee commenced the Tract distribution on the first Sunday in May, and continued the work until the end of October. Every Sunday morning during that period, the vessels at the Wharves, the Police Station, the Lock-up, the Ferry Boat station, and the several Military stations along Water Street, have been visited by the Tract distributors. The Committee cannot say how many tracts have been given away, for besides the tracts purchased by the Association, Mr. Monk, Mr. McBean, and others, have supplied the Committee with a great number.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee are happy to report a considerable increase in the membership list. During the year 155 have joined the Association, while 27 have ceased to be members, 15 have left the city, and 9 have withdrawn. Death has also visited our ranks and carried off three of our members. Total number on the books up to the 31st December, '67, 378.

The Committee give two reasons for the large increase in the membership: 1st, the Convention held in this city in October last, which was the means of bringing the Association before the public, and making it acquainted with the objects of Young Men's Christian Associations generally. 2nd, the formation of the "Literary and Debating Class," also in October. Many, no doubt, have joined the Association for the express purpose of taking part in the debates, but the Committee hope so to interest