

this unwise and impracticable until the window frames on the east side of the building were made rain-proof, an improvement that must entail considerable expense (including new frames and sashes), which the financial condition of the Association does not at present seem to warrant.

The steadily increasing attendance of members in the Reading Room, and the encomiums passed on the room and its well-furnished tables by visitors, warrants us in believing that we are still second to none in that branch of Association work.

The Dining Room continues to be well patronized.

Our Library, however, still remains in an unsatisfactory condition. The Committee believe that an appeal to the members and friends of the Association for contributions of funds or suitable books would be promptly and generously responded to. An effort of this kind, supplemented by as large a sum as possible from the funds of the Association, would enable the Committee to make our Library correspondingly attractive with the Reading Room.

WM. CROWE, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee have watched with interest the question of Temperance, and have the pleasure to report that at the Quarterly Meeting of the General Committee, held 30th September, the following was passed unanimously:—

Resolved, "That the General Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association is in full sympathy with the movement undertaken by the Halifax Temperance League and the Women's Christian Temperance Union; and the Committee strongly urges the members of the Y. M. C. A. in this city not to sign applications for licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and to do all in their power to induce other citizen ratepayers not to sign such petitions."

D. BLACKWOOD, *Chairman.*

OPEN AIR MISSION.

In presenting their annual report, the Open Air Mission Committee would refer to the history of their work during the last three years, beginning in 1885, by about forty Methodist young men, in the old Salem church, where evangelistic meetings were held on two nights of the week, and for a time on Sunday nights, these meetings being preceded by open air singing, with cornet and organ accompaniment. The attendance varied from fifty to twenty young men.