

GENERAL WORK IN THE ROOM.

The greater proportion of work done by our Young Men's Christian Association is of such a nature as to render a report of the same impossible. The number of young men spoken to, and advised with as to their temporal or spiritual interests—The hundreds of letters received bearing upon all matters—Enquiries after lost sons, wandering prodigals—Enquiries concerning business prospects, &c., each letter calling for a reply, and some entailing upon the officer in charge, the writing of several letters, and at times visits to remote parts of the City—Calls to visit the sick, to aid the destitute—These, with many other duties, go toward fully occupying the time of those entrusted with this work.

The number of strangers calling at the Rooms, has been very large, and the greatest wisdom, kindness, and oft-times, patience is called for, in dealing with them, so as to cheer, aid, or faithfully warn, as the case may require.

The blighting influence of the curse of intemperance is painfully apparent in carrying on this work. We keep a pledge book in our rooms, and during the year many young men have voluntarily signed the same. We always take an opportunity of informing them that pledges, though good, will never save men, that Jesus alone can do so.

We have during the past year made extra efforts toward letting the young men know that our building is designed as a Home for them; that they are welcome, whether members or not; and we are pleased to note a decided increase in the number of visitors. We are looking forward to the day when our building will be freed from the incubus of debt, and when from cellar to roof it shall be fully dedicated to the Lord, as an instrument in His hand toward the salvation of the young men of Toronto. The Devil's agents are lavish in the expenditure of money wherewith to fit up, gild, and beautify the traps wherewith to catch his prey. Shall we continue at such disadvantage as we now are in, or will God's children come to the rescue and by a little self-denial set us free and enable us to strike out more fully in our efforts to rescue the perishing? He has used us and our imperfect accommodation

toward saving some, and we praise His name, but we long for greater facilities for carrying the war into the enemy's camp.

We ask your prayers—your co operation—your practical, financial aid.

STATISTICS FOR 1882.

Daily Prayer Meetings	311
Average attendance	16
Young Men's Bible Class	51
Average	15
Evangelistic Bible Class	52
Average	55
Teachers' Bible Class	40
Average	173
Gospel and Song Services	52
Average	420
Boys' Prayer Meetings	39
Average	21
Lectures, etc.	25
Average	600
Sermons to Young Men	41
Young Men aided	73
Employment secured	146
Signed Pledge	59
Directed to Boarding Houses	112
Tracts distributed (pages)	274,000
Hand-bills, Invitation slips, etc. ..	44,000
Strangers' Guides, special Address, etc., at Exhibition and camp ..	20,000
BULLETIN issued	48,800
New Testament distributed	800

We would not attempt to say the number of letters written in our Rooms by strangers and received by us for them; the number has been very large.

Souls have been won for Christ. The true record is with Him, and to Him we give the glory.

TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS

CONDUCTED BY

HON. S. H. BLAKE, Q. C.,

**Every Saturday Afternoon
at 4:50.**

OPEN TO ALL.