

REPORT.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

"Our help is, in the name of the Lord;"—if it had not been so, our Association would long since have sunk never to rise again. The retrospect of the year differs in several features from that of other years in the nature of its undertakings and their results.

In some respects great progress has been made; in others the Association has scarcely held its own against the many social changes and secular developments which are either of a competitive or antagonistic character. Some of the objects and undertakings of our organization have been vitalized, and under new phases are we trust effectually accomplishing the purposes for which they were instituted. A few have seemed to languish owing to obstacles difficult to surmount, but which will doubtless be overcome ere long. We desire to follow the Holy Spirit's injunction—"Prove all things, hold fast that which is good." We continue hopeful and believe that with the Divine blessing and favour all our labours will culminate in benefiting the community and bringing Young men to Christ.

Can we say that in this latter work we have been active, earnest and faithful in season and out of season, labouring for the glory of God and the salvation of perishing souls? Each of our members must answer this question for himself, meanwhile we humbly trust that in the Bible Class,—at the several Prayer meetings, and in the Barrack Street Mission under our charge, some souls at least have been led to Jesus and are now rejoicing in his love.

But brethren, we do feel that individual effort in public and private is more than ever needful in this present evil world. Let us constantly remember that "he that converteth a sinner from the error of his ways shall save a soul from death, and hide a multitude of sins."

The Reports of the several Committees hereto appended will exemplify the remarks previously made while a brief reference to some special subjects may be adverted to herein.

The Association has not increased numerically, though additions are constantly being made. On the old list a number of names were retained for some years, who from non-payment of dues, death, removal and other causes had ceased to be in connection with us. It is believed that the present Roll revised by the Membership Committee presents the actual strength of the association.

Financially the Association is in much the same condition as in former years. Our income has slightly increased from Lectures, &c.,