

New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. This convention was so successful that Wm. Welsh, Esq., President of the Association, at that time, and the Managing Committee thought it a favorable opportunity to negotiate for a new building. With much prayer and faith, they followed up the convention with a public meeting of the citizens, at which a subscription of \$8,000 was raised, much of it was given by the young men themselves, those of them connected with the Association at that time. Emboldened by their success, a Building Committee was appointed, who bought an eligible site for the building, in the midst of the business portion of the city, and in the year 1873 had the new building finished, and moved into their new home the same year.

The building consists of three stories and a basement. The front or face of the building is of cut free-stone. In the basement are the furnaces for heating the building, and the water for the baths, a place for storing coal, etc. The gymnasium is upon this floor, and supplied with the usual apparatus. On the street floor is the wide and handsome entrance to the building and the stores. Back of these are the bath rooms, wash rooms, etc. On the second story is the reading room, being a good size, and well supplied with the leading papers and most choice magazines of the day. The library is in this room, containing about 600 well selected volumes. The parlor is also on this floor, and is a magnificent large room, having three large windows in it, these being hung with handsome lace curtains, with gilt cornices. The room is carpeted handsomely, and furnished with leather seated *arm-chairs, piano, organ, tables* for chess or checkers, fancy stands with growing ferns upon them, etc., choice engravings, paintings, brackets with vases of flowers, adorn the beautifully tinted walls. On the opposite side, opening out from the parlor and reading room is the private office of the General Secretary, Mr. James A. Gauld, which is carpeted with tapestry, lace curtains, the same as in the parlor upon the window, and furnished with desk and office chairs, choice pictures and framed texts of Scripture, adorn the walls. On the other side of the hall, which runs across the building, and opposite the parlor and reading room, is a lecture or class room. This room will seat 200 persons, and is furnished with benches and chairs. Framed Scripture texts and pictures adorn the walls of this, as well as the reading room. Prayer and the week-day meetings of the association are held in this lecture room. The public hall occupies the whole of the third story, and will comfortably seat 800 persons. Beside the building, the association has put up and paid for a commodious Mission Chappel in Sheffield street, in the very midst of what may be called the "Five Points" of St. John. Here, workers from the association carry on a Sabbath school, and on Friday and Sabbath nights evangelistic meetings. The field is a difficult one, but has not been without fruit. One young woman, converted at this Mission, is at present a most earnest and devoted worker for the Master, among the same class from which she herself was rescued.

The Literary part of our work is under the care of a Literary Committee who arrange for Lectures, Concerts and suitable Entertainments.

The Ladies' Representative Committee connected with the association work, meet twice a month, and provide Parlor Receptions from time to time. They also visit the Hospitals, Poor House and other Institutions, distributing flowers and speaking kind words to the different inmates.

Our reading room is open daily (Sabbath excepted) from 7.30 A. M. to 10 P. M., and is free to strangers visiting the city.

Residents of the city frequenting the rooms are required to become members. Of course this rule is not rigidly enforced—still, it is the rule, and we think it a good one.

Looking back at the work of our association, which I have recorded from memory, without reference to records, but without intentional exaggeration, and feeling thankful to Almighty God, for what little good the association has been the means of doing, we feel encouraged and hopeful, that the work of the Lord will still go on and prosper in our hands. The names on our roll of workers have greatly changed since the old days when we met in the school-room of St. David's Church. Some who were then active, have gone to other fields, and some have grown indifferent. Yet there are still an average number at work; and instead of those who have gone, men have come, and we find it true, that though the workers pass away, God's work goes on.