

own resources the amount needed to secure the erection of a house of worship for some church? Can the amount be better invested? Can so little money, in any other way, bless so quickly, so many, so much, and so long?

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The facts of the report were very interesting. From it it appears, that at the close of the last year the roll of membership numbered as follows: 840 active; 315 associate; 27 honorary and 20 life member, making a total of 1202. The association now numbers 1,383 active; 459 associate; 54 honorary, and 29 life, making 1,922 members in all, or an increase of 720 members within the last year. Much of this increase is attributed, in the report, to the revival which has so greatly blessed our city during the past year.

Within the year also, the rooms of the association, on Arch street, have been changed for much more commodious and pleasant quarters, on Chesnut street, above Tenth. In these rooms a beautiful book-case has lately been erected, and which now contains two thousand seven hundred and eighty-three volumes, for which the Association expresses itself mainly indebted to the generosity of the book publishers of this city, New York and Boston. The greatest care has been taken in the selection of these volumes, to exclude everything of an objectionable character. In addition to the library there are now on file, in the reading room, some ninety of the most important newspapers and periodicals of the day, published in this country and in Europe, all of which have been kindly furnished free of charge.

The report next referred to the Union Tent, which had been wonderfully blessed. It had been pitched in six different localities, and had been filled with great multitudes of hearers and worshippers. Since its dedication, on the 1st of May, 416 services of a union character have been held in it, conducted by ministers of the Gospel of nineteen different branches of the church. The aggregate of the attendance at the Tent services from the commencement is estimated at 170,000. Of this vast number some 360 souls are known to have been awakened on the subject of religion through this agency, three of whom are now preparing for the ministry.

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#### BOSTON.

There are indications in Boston much more marked and decided than we had last fall at this time, that God is about to pour out his Spirit abundantly upon the Churches. In attending the ordinary prayer meetings and young people's meetings which are held weekly, one is impressed with the earnest desire for the salvation of souls which seems to pervade a considerable portion of the membership of the churches. Christians seem to be expecting a revival, and are laboring for it. Perhaps there is no better index of the feeling in the city generally, than the Old South prayer meeting. The room is filled every morning, and latterly it has been quite difficult to obtain seats. The Spirit of prayer prevails to an unusual degree, and the meetings are intensely interesting.—*Congregationalist*.

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#### TESTIMONY AGAINST THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

The Grand Jury at the close of the recent Assizes in Toronto, have given an earnest and unequivocal testimony in regard to the consequences resulting from the facilities which so fearfully abound, for the sale and use of intoxicating liquors. The following is a part of the present tenet of the Grand Jury:

In common with all past Grand Juries, the members of the present one cannot but reiterate their conviction, from painful experience, that the large proportion of the crime and misery found in the city, (and everywhere throughout the country,) must be traced to the facilities furnished by the municipal authorities for the sale of intoxicating drinks. There is no evil in society which more imperatively demands removal than this, yet everything here seems to indicate that it is on the increase, and our city is being famed for the depredations arising from drunkenness, and the crimes it generates.