

II.—Mission and Devotional Committee.

The work of this committee has been of a varied character. Under its supervision have been maintained, as formerly,

1. A YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS,

conducted regularly by our president, Mr. James Gibson, every Sunday morning, for one hour, beginning at 9:45 o'clock and closing in time for the services of the churches. Mr. Gibson has been assisted from time to time by Rev. R. Gavin, by the Secretary and others. We consider this one of our most successful meetings, resulting in much good. The attendance has varied with the season and with the sessions of the schools, ranging from twenty to forty-five. The total attendance for the 53 Sundays has been 1447, with an average of 27. We cannot but feel that this class is destined to reach, with its influence, a still larger number of the young men resident and strangers in our city.

2. A YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER MEETING,

every Friday evening, at eight o'clock, with a single exception has also been regularly held, with a varying, though small attendance. The average during the year has been but 15, a number of whom attend regularly, night after night. Dodgers have been distributed on the streets, cards announcing the subjects have been issued and widely circulated, and other means employed to increase the attendance, but without marked success. Those who come however testify to its having been to them a continuous means of grace.

3. A MEETING AT THE JAIL

has been held every Sunday morning, at 9:45 o'clock, with but three exceptions. Most of the prisoners are usually in attendance, and opportunity often presents itself of dealing with them individually. Many have been looked after upon their dismissal, and helped to secure such work as will yield them immediate support. Mr. W. J. Topley has been especially active and efficient in this direction.

4. A HOSPITAL SERVICE

has been conducted every Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. While the service at the jail has been confined to the male inmates, this service has been for the benefit of patients of both sexes. Extra hymn-books have been provided during the year for both of these services, so that now all who will can join in the singing. The efficacy as well as enjoyment of