

our work. Our roll shows the names of 101 members, the average attendance being between 60 and 70. Several new members joined during the year, whom we cordially welcome and trust their presence will be a mutual benefit. A little effort on the part of each individual member would soon double our roll of membership. How much can be done in this way was well brought out last season. Through the kindness of the President a prize was offered to the member who should bring the largest number of new members, which prize was won by James Baillie and presented to him at the closing meeting by the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, in the absence of the donor, Mr. Blaiklock. The annual concert was held February 23rd and was in every way a success.

The Society having some funds it was thought advisable to use them in promoting the temperance cause. Our Vice-President, Mr. Fuller, kindly undertook to interview the Rev. Mr. Gales, and obtain some information regarding his branch of the work. Mr. Gales very kindly came to our meeting and spoke of some temperance literature he was circulating; if we were willing he could provide us with several volumes, which could be distributed amongst our members. Eleven copies were left to look over, but the committee not entertaining the idea, these were sent to the General Hospital, in the hope that some poor fallen inebriates might be led to read them and perhaps induced thereby to struggle with temptation and lead a better life. The committee decided to use a portion of the Society's funds in buying 4 Shares in the Hope Coffee House Company, and to assist that very promising branch of temperance work. At the reception given to the Rev. J. E. Hill by the congregation on his arrival amongst us as Pastor of the Church, an address of welcome was read from this Society, and we also elected him Honorary-President.

We are now entering on another year, which we trust will be one of great blessing to ourselves and to all with whom we may come in contact. Let us go forward in faith, hand joining hand and heart true to heart, looking to God alone for the blessing, believing that in Him our labor cannot be in vain.

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