

But so far as can be presented, the Secretary has attended all but one of the meetings of the Board and Committees; has been present at 98 religious meetings of the Association; has received 103 letters and written 89; directed 10 to boarding houses, and secured employment for 9; made 428 business calls; issued 5,000 written and printed notices and invitations; introduced a number of young men to resident pastors; furnished letters of introduction to members leaving the city; induced a number to sign the pledge; has given advice, both temporal and spiritual, to many; has dealt personally with a number of cases of destitution, and has spent much time in a social way among visitors at the rooms. During this time, also, he has taken one month's vacation.

It is with regret that he takes his departure at the end of the present month, being compelled to resign because of a protracted eye difficulty which demands rest and treatment.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

I.—Finance Committee.

This Committee can render an account of its stewardship in a very few words.

The expenses of the Association during the past year have been somewhat heavier than usual, \$1,611.74 having been expended in the work. This is owing to the enlargement of the work in various directions, coupled with the fact that the deficit of last year of \$131.14 has been raised, so that in reality only \$1,480.60 have been devoted to current expenses, and the Association closes the year free from debt. It is the constant endeavour of the Committee to keep the running expenses of the Association at the lowest possible point consistent with the best interests of the work.

Hitherto our main sources of revenue have been the annual dues, donations, and sub-letting of hall. During the past year, however, these have supplemented by the establishment of a Sustaining Membership of \$1000, which has thus become a fixed source of income to the Association. We have need to be grateful to the people of Ottawa for their hearty response to our appeal for better support and for the substantial manner in which they have manifested their appreciation of our work.

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