

BOOK RECEPTION.

A successful Book Reception was held in the Lecture Room of St. Andrew's Church which was kindly placed at the Association's disposal for the occasion by the Temporal Committee of that Church, who have shown a great readiness to facilitate the operations of the Association. An attractive literary and musical programme was successfully carried out, and refreshments for the inner man were supplied by the ladies of the Church, to whom the Association has reason to feel deeply grateful for the great interest they have always manifested in its work. As a result of the Reception about 200 useful and entertaining books were added to the library.

LIBRARY.

A new and commodious book-case was obtained early in the season and is now well filled. It has been gratifying to find how great has been the number of books given out. A greater variety of interesting reading matter should be obtained as soon as possible, and those having books that they themselves have read are accordingly urged not to shut up those books in a case, but to send them to the Association where the pleasure and profit derived from their perusal by the original readers may be enjoyed by many others. In addition to the books obtained at the Book Reception, a considerable number have been sent in. Mr. J. McMillan, M.A., sent six volumes, and Mr. W. Howe, Sr., twelve volumes. The library has also been enriched by the addition of "The Intellectual Development of the Canadian People," which was presented with the compliments of the author, Mr. Jno. Geo. Bourinot.

READING ROOM AND PARLOR.

No effort was made to keep a full record of the number attending the various meetings, nor of the number of visitors to the Reading Room and Parlor during the year. The new Magazines and Illustrated papers, &c., added on the 1st January, have been appreciated, and will no doubt be more so when a greater number become aware of how great a variety of good reading matter is supplied by the Association. A number of the magazines and papers have been sold at half price after remaining a reasonable length of time on file.