

STRANGERS AND EMPLOYMENT.

Your Committee beg to report that all applications to them for situations have been attended to, to the best of their ability. They are happy to state that a large number of Strangers (from all parts of Canada, United States and England) have visited the Association during the past year. They have been invited to frequent the Rooms and attend our meetings during their stay in our city.

JAS. B. MORROW, *Chairman*.

LITERARY.

The Committee beg to report that they have held meetings for members of the Association each Monday evening during the winter. There have been papers read by Dr. Cogswell on the "Trans-Continental Railway." Mr. Alex. Campbell on "Pleasure" and by Mr. A. J. Bremner on some of the practical uses of the study of History. Papers have been promised by Mr. Dewar, Dr. Dodge, Mr. Johnston Hunt, and Mr. J. W. Longley to be read during the winter.

There have been discussions of the following subjects:—1. Which is the better form of government for France—Republican or Monarchical. 2. Should the United States interfere in the affairs of Cuba. 3. Which is the greater Poet, Burns or Byron. 4. Ought the Pacific Railway to be abandoned.

The Committee regret that the members of the Association have not patronised the meetings as their advantages would warrant, the average attendance being only seventeen.

WILLIAM ROCHE, *Chairman*.

BUILDING.

Twenty years have rolled away since our Y. M. C. A. was brought into existence in a gentleman's parlour in this city. During that time it has had its ups and downs—its movings and removings—but it never has been in a position to have such rooms as would attract the young men, and carry out in their entirety the objects for which it was instituted. To-day as we begin another era of our existence, your Committee can point with pardonable pride to the noble Building now nearly finished, and which we hope to occupy in April.

Last year your Committee reported that the contract for the Building had been awarded to Mr. Blaiklock and the work commenced. Owing to the unsatisfactory manner in which the contract was being carried out which eventually led to a suspension of the work, a great deal of labour and anxiety was entailed on your Committee, and they were compelled to make an arrangement by which the contractor abandoned the work, and Mr. Brookfield entered into an agreement to complete it. Your committee are happy to say that the arrangement was effected with but little loss beyond the delay which necessarily occurred