

circumstances in which the Association found itself at the beginning of the year, owing to the transfer to the Nashville Association of the late General Secretary, Mr. Raymond Rolph, and the consequent want of such a official from November, 1881, to the end of July, 1882, the carrying on of the work has been attended with great difficulty, and its further extension, for the time being, rendered impossible. Now however, that Mr. F. A. Morrow, of Morrisburg, Ontario, and late Assistant Secretary at Albany, N.Y., has assumed the duties of Assistant Secretary, it is hoped that the Association is about to enter upon the most vigorous and useful experience of its existence.

The most difficult matter with which the Association has had to deal has been the appointment of a General Secretary. Under the circumstances, it was thought that the wisest course was to obtain the counsel of other Associations, and especially of the International Committee at New York. It was through the latter that Mr. Morrow was brought to the notice of the Committee, and, after undergoing a course of special training, that gentleman has undertaken the responsible and onerous duties attaching to the office of General Secretary. Your Committee have acted in this matter with the greatest care and with a view to the Association's best interests, and they trust that the ensuing year will demonstrate the wisdom of their action.

## SECULAR WORK.

### EVENING TALKS.

During the season thirteen of these informal lectures were delivered; the attendance in nearly every case being good, and in some cases large. The thanks of the Association are due in a very special sense to those gentlemen who kindly gave us the benefit of their superior knowledge:—Rev. Messrs. Cameron, Moore, Gavin, Kemp, Wood and Hooker, the Rev. Canon Johnstone, Messrs. Sulte, H. Watters, T. Ahearn, and Dr. Stephen Wright.

On one evening, in place of the lecture, an entertainment chiefly of a stereopticon character was given to the boys, who were present in full force.

### EVENING CLASSES.

Classes were maintained in the following subjects:—French (two classes), Book-keeping and Penmanship, Drawing, Arithmetic and Algebra, and Short Hand.