

BOARDING HOUSE.

No department of our work has been so largely blessed as the work among boarding houses. The City has been mapped out into districts, to each of which two or more workers have been assigned. These districts have without exception been faithfully worked. Each house is visited once a week, and whenever practicable the young men have been personally spoken to, and invited to come to our Rooms and meetings. In this manner over 250 boarding houses (with an aggregate of over 3,000 young men living therein) have been visited each week, and, as might be expected, from such practical, earnest work, much good has resulted. Many strangers have been drawn to our Rooms, and among our workers to-day may be found some thus gathered.

The Fire Halls, Police Stations, and City Passenger Stables are also visited each Sabbath.

RECEPTION.

The duty of this important Committee is to arrange so that some of its members shall be in attendance at the Rooms each evening, to receive strangers, and extend to them a cheerful and hearty welcome. The Committee consists of 18 members, of which number from two to four are in attendance at one time, and there is reason to believe that words spoken to the strangers who have come among us have been blessed.

BOYS.

This work suffered a serious loss in the removal (from the City), of Mr. Edwards, who for years has faithfully labored with us.

During the year there have been many encouraging results. The meetings have been fully sustained, and there are indications of continued interest and attendance.

THE LIBRARY

Has been re-arranged and the books covered. There are on the shelves of the circulating Library 1,883 volumes, reference 145, total 2,028. The Librarian reports the Library kept in excellent

order, and the rules strictly enforced. At the close of the year there were but 2 volumes out beyond the time prescribed by the rules. The Reading Rooms are supplied with 1st daily, 1 tri-weekly, 1 semi-weekly, 38 weekly, 2 fortnightly, 22 monthly, 2 quarterly and 11 illustrated papers or periodicals. The visits to the Rooms are increasing in numbers, and an addition should be made to the list of papers, &c.

DEAF MUTES.

The privilege accorded these friends is thoroughly appreciated, and the attendance at the Sunday afternoon service is quite as regular as that of any gathering for instruction or worship in the city. The service has been maintained without interruption. The attention manifested, and the very devout, decorous conduct of those who come are much encouragement in carrying on the work, and leads us to hope that the seed is being dropped into good soil, and will fruit out to His glory for whose sake it is sown. The Annual Social was held in March last, and the Picnic, at Lorne Park, in August. There is cause for thanksgiving that no shadow of death has passed through the little company during the year. Prayer is asked for a blessing on the endeavors to extend to this unobtrusive class of our community some of the benefits flowing from the work of a Y. M.C.A.

CHINESE CLASS.

Much success and, we believe, blessing has attended our efforts toward reaching this limited, and heretofore neglected class. The work was inaugurated about one year ago by an earnest member of the Association; and prior to his leaving the city, the Lord raised up another worker, equally zealous, and with the advantage of some knowledge of the habits of Chinese, added to which is the fact that he has leisure to devote to the work. The result of all is, that every Sunday afternoon our Bible parlor presents a busy scene. Out of some 18 Chinese now in Toronto, 14 have been induced to attend, and as each man has his own teacher, the room is well filled. The room has been decorated and made as