

sociation, in towns where no Association exists. The plan is to secure a capable christian man in every town, who is the official representative of the Association for his community. Whenever a young man leaves his town to locate in a large city or to enter college, he is supplied with a note introducing him to the Young Men's Christian Association where he goes, so that he may be cordially welcomed to the privileges there.

There are at present (June 1893) ninety-nine Associations in the State, beside 364 towns having corresponding members.

The Associations, at their annual State Convention, appoint a State Executive Committee consisting of twenty-seven leading business men from all parts of the State, who have charge of the supervision and extension of the work. They employ a corps of secretaries, consisting of the State Secretary (having general supervision of the whole field), a traveling secretary for the city and railroad Associations, for the college departments and for the village Associations; also a Financial Secretary, Secretary for the Corresponding Membership Department and an Office Secretary.

The Young Men's Christian Association is recognized as a special department of church work, confining its efforts to young men. It is established by the churches, supported by the churches and governed by the churches, being interdenominational in its work. Pastors everywhere bear testimony as to its value. The total membership in the State is 14,000.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for Illinois was effected in 1874, the first Annual Convention being held at Bloomington, in October of that year. The State officers for 1892-93 are: President, Mrs. Louise S. Rounds, Chicago; Vice-President, Mrs. Daisy H. Carlock, Hudson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary C. Gregory, Chicago; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carrie L. Grout, Rockford; Treasurer, Mrs. Amelia E. Sanford, Bloomington.