"when I saw him; and I have since learned that till my visit
he would not allow any one to pray with him. Our conversation seemed to be a blessing to him, and he then gave evidence of his conversion; but I was afraid that his feelings
might be like 'the morning cloud and the early dew.' Having, however, again visited —— last week, people who knew
him told me that he was all joy in the Lord to the last. He
died a few days ago."

"On entering a house found a number of females present; conversed with them, telling them there was but one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus'; asked them to read the Word of God for themselves, and invited them to remain for worship, but they would not. One of them, a widow, came early next morning and sought to be present at worship. She wept during the whole time of it, and when I was going away she bought a Bible, telling me she had passed a restless night, and for the time to come would go to Jesus to confess her sins."

These extracts sufficiently indicate the importance of this kind of agency and furnish evidence that labor thus spent will not be in vain.

CONCLUSION.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would respectfully desire to remind the friends of the Association that whatever amount of efficiency may characterize the working of their institution, and that whatever amount of power may reside in the Divine Instrument which they seek to employ, the influence of the Holy Spirit is indispensable to all real success; and consequently, that earnest believing prayer is as much required in securing the objects they contemplate as enlarged liberality or persevering toil.

"May the Holy One soon come down like the rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth."