

talents God has given would do much to prevent the aimless drifting into hapless connexions, so often the precursor of endless misery and pauperism.

We received an invitation to send delegates to the International Conference held in St. Louis, last October, and we regret exceedingly that we were again obliged to deny ourselves this opportunity of taking sweet counsel together. Special meetings were held here for the discussion of subjects connected with the work, and we sent a telegram of greeting from 2nd Colossians, 5th, 6th, 7th verses. The reports of the Conference have just been received and from the various accounts, and also from the able and comprehensive paper on "Boarding Homes," we find that our Association is doing almost exactly the same work as the others, differing essentially only in one respect. In large cities where there are institutions for all sorts and conditions of people, the boarding homes are intended only for young women supporting themselves by their own exertions, while our doors are open to respectable women of all classes. No respectable applicant is refused admission when there is accommodation, and in cases of emergency this institution has proved a Refuge for the destitute, a Convalescent Home and an Asylum for the aged and infirm.

During the summer, when some of the regular boarders are always absent, many of the Associations have established the custom of receiving