

Mr. Robert Weidensall, Western Secretary of the International Committee, devoting much time to traveling in the State and organizing and directing Associations in their work. In 1877 Mr. C. M. Morton was secured as State Secretary for Illinois; after three years of faithful service he resigned to take up general evangelistic work. In June, 1880, Mr. J. E. Brown was secured as State Secretary, and under his able leadership the Association work has steadily grown and prospered. There are now but three cities with over ten thousand population in the State which are without a well-equipped Young Men's Christian Association. The lines of work maintained are numerous and varied, as the following brief outline shows:

Socially—through pleasant, home-like quarters, social gatherings, games and entertainments.

Physically—through gymnasiums, athletics, out-door sports, bath-rooms, health talks, etc.

Intellectually—through lectures, practical talks, reading rooms, and educational classes, giving evening instruction in practical studies.

Spiritually—through Gospel meetings and Bible classes, Christian friendship, and direction into church relations.

In addition to these the association is helpful to young men in finding suitable boarding places, in securing employment, by visitation and care in sickness and in many other ways.

The Associations are also organized among young men in the small towns, where a necessarily circumscribed, but not unimportant, work is accomplished. Associations also exist in thirty of the leading colleges of the State, where systematic and thorough work by christian students is being organized and conducted. A number of Railroad Branches also exist, and the prospect for the further organization of this department is encouraging, as a number of the leading Railroad corporations are asking that pleasant rooms with christian influence be established for their men at important division points. Another interesting feature is the system of corresponding members of the State As-

