

slips and tracts is good ; but it is far better when possible to give also a personal invitation. If a young man be met and near our rooms, it is best to walk up with him, and introduce him to the Secretary or one of the members, or in some other way make him feel at home and always welcome.

In this way the Invitation and Reception Committees, working together, may accomplish much more good than they could possibly do separately, the one bringing strangers in, and the other making the rooms so pleasant for them, that they will be glad to come again.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In briefly reviewing the work of the Association for the past year, your Secretary feels sure that it must be cause for gratitude and rejoicing to know that our Heavenly Father has been pleased to own and bless the efforts which we have put forth for the benefit of the young men of our City, and to cause us to take courage and go on for the future.

This being the first year which we have spent in our new Building, our influence, as might have been expected, has been very much increased, and our work extended to a corresponding degree. The number of our workers have very materially increased, and at present the feeling which exists is that of hearty co-operation in the furtherance of the aims of our Association. Our chief object is to win our fellow young men for Christ, and all departments of our work are merely avenues through which we strive to lead the young men of our City, to this important decision. And this object we have not forgotten, nor have we labored in vain, for many cases might be instanced of young men who through the influence of our Association have been led from paths of sin to put their trust in Christ as their Saviour. Especially have we been used and blessed in reaching out a helping hand to many who through intemperance have fallen very low, but who have found in Christ a perfect Saviour from this as well as all other sins.

Notwithstanding the superstition which surrounds us, the influence of our Association has even been felt amongst our Roman Catholic young