

this way we hope to induce some to visit us. It is also intended to secure, whenever practicable, the names of young men boarding at the houses, and then to send cards of invitation addressed to them personally, or at times tickets to our evening social gatherings.

But another important point is the reception they meet with at the rooms. A christian brother, (Robinson, of Sarnia), in addressing a Provincial Convention, said, "As a rule, men never come to your house unless invited, and never return unless welcomed on their first visit." Recognizing this, our Reception committee has been carefully re-organized with an efficient staff for each evening; and added to this, the Directors at the last Board meeting agreed to be in attendance, one each evening, during the month.

Still another step must be taken. Thus far we have planned to reach, and to welcome, but the all-important work is yet before us, to SAVE. How are they to be won for Jesus. Our devotional committee took up this part of the meeting, and the gospel services and Bible classes, were thoroughly discussed, with a view to their greater efficiency. But after all, the "best concerted schemes are vain, except the Lord conduct the plan," therefore, much of the time of the meeting was spent in prayer, and we believe that He whose "ears are ever open" has heard these petitions, and that we shall have those things we then desired of Him. Amen. Let all our praying members and friends say, *Amen*. Let our fellow workers in other Associations say, *Amen*.

TRUTH.

LECTURES should not be regarded merely as entertainments, nor can they be relied on as expedients for raising funds; and there is the disadvantage attaching to them that, while the popular taste demands the free discussion of the most difficult questions, the Association may easily be compromised by the unguarded utterances of a Lecturer, and so its usefulness as well as its peace become endangered.—*Selected*.

PLEASING.

BY the last English mail a letter was brought us, from a christian gentleman in England, a man whose heart has been heavy, and whose grief has been sore, on account of the waywardness of a son now in the western part of the United States. For nearly two years the only word they have received of his whereabouts, and his actions, has been through our Association, as he corresponds with us occasionally. Part of the letter reads as follows:

"Mrs. P. encloses a P. O. Order for one pound sterling, which she begs of you to accept as a small contribution to your most excellent Association."

We do not feel at liberty to refer at any length to this case. It is one of extreme sadness. A highly educated young man, son of a clergyman; a young man who might have been a honour to home, to society, to the church; but—(ah that BUT,) a wreck, a slave to the Devil's most powerful helper, *Strong Drink*. Now a wanderer and outcast on this continent, leaving at home a father whose love has been so tried that "he can no longer bear," and a mother whose love, deeper than a father's, still clings to the erring one, and when she cannot lavish her affection on him, she expresses her love for him in "tokens of gratitude to those who helped him."

WHAT WE SHOULD WATCH.

WORDS.
ACTIONS.
THOUGHTS.
COMPANY.
HEART.

BE CONSISTENT.

THE prayer of faith will prevail: but when a man prays for temperance and votes for whisky, he doesn't pray in faith, he only mocks God and he must never expect an answer.