

even of the social work, was only possible by the development of the religious department, and strenuous efforts have been made during recent years to bring the spiritual work of the American Association into greater prominence. These efforts have been wonderfully successful. Not only have the Bible Classes in Association buildings grown in number and effectiveness, but more careful attention has been given to the systematic organization of religious and missionary effort. More comprehensive and enterprising schemes for evangelization will be set on foot in all directions. New types of Bible Classes and new courses of Bible study will be started to serve special groups of men who will be brought into the Association's sphere of influence. Classes will to a greater degree become objective and practical in character. The Association will be recognized as one of the chief training grounds for Christian work by laymen, each branch the centre of a great and widespread home missionary agency.

It may be predicted with confidence that future years will find the educational work of the Association organized and maintained with greater efficiency than at present. It is true that at the time of writing this department is lacking in signs of immediate growth. This is largely owing to the fact that members have been discouraged by seeing the educational work of the Association in Great Britain brought into competition with the evening classes estab-