

The Corresponding Secretary then presented the following, which was adopted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We meet to-day in our yearly gathering. Another year with its toils, cares and anxieties, hopes and fears, lights and shadows of our especial work being ended. It has been asked - and not by our enemies, but by our friends, What are your Unions accomplishing? What is the result of all your efforts? Now we claim that though our work may have been unnoticed and seemingly insignificant, yet is it none the less helpful to the temperance cause, and beneficial to the community. It would be simply impossible to give a full report of the work done by the different auxiliaries during the year, and we leave details for the Secretaries of the Unions, and shall just glance at some of the features of our work.

A systematic "Plan of work" was prepared just at the commencement of the year, and a determined effort made to extend the work, and increase the number of Unions, and with this object in view the President travelled extensively through the counties north and west of Toronto, holding meetings and organizing Unions, and the result was an addition of twenty Unions, to the number already existing. Some of these early became discouraged, because as one Secretary wrote me, "We did not know how to go to work," and discontinued their meetings. In other places finding it impossible to sustain two separate temperance organizations they became merged into Gospel Temperance Clubs. - However this was not the case with all and some of these newly organized Unions have good reports to give, having organized Bands of Hope and Juvenile Unions, of which there are twenty two reported, besides Pledge Cards in the Sunday School. Somebody has said, "that it is because the Sabbath Schools of the past failed in its duty, our work to-day is hindered, and countless numbers of weak tempted men and women encouraged to go on in the fatal path of moderate drinking." But whatever failures may have existed in the past, earnest prayerful efforts are being made to educate the youth of our day to shun the path of the destroyer. There is no temptation before us that so affects us in every relation of life, compared with the evil of strong drink, and if total abstinence principles are early and strongly inculcated, may we not hope that, with the blessing of God, the good work will prosper more abundantly in the coming years, and that intemperance, the curse of our land, will be a thing of the past.

Out of thirty-six Unions we have returns from only twenty. In these there are over six hundred members. Some seven hundred meetings have been held - meetings for business and prayer - with an average attendance of eleven members; the prayers that have thus been offered daily, weekly or monthly for the success of the temperance cause, cannot