

3rd. One danger point requires a barbed wire fence about it, or the school will follow the example of the old time Band of Hope, and bury itself in its own ruins. Schools are not intended to become either literary societies or places of entertainment. The paper that only *describes* a department, and does not devote itself mainly to *definite and carefully explained plans for work in that department* is an utter failure from a school standpoint, whatever it may be as a literary effort. In this connection, be it remarked that the County President who invites a worker to present a paper on a given theme, and fails to caution in the most explicit manner against theorizing, rhetorical flowers, and extended moralizings, has probably paved the way for a lost opportunity. In time such explanations will be unnecessary. The more definite and frequent they are now the better.

4th. As special subjects for consideration this coming year, I would suggest :

- (a) Scientific Temperance. Unless the public school work done under the regulations be carefully watched, we are likely to gain little from the new text book, its compulsory study, and the hour per week of general teaching ordered by the educational department. We must have alert and well-informed local and County Superintendents; and these should be backed up by a membership keenly alive to the importance of their efforts.
- (b) The children, like the poor, we have always with us. But they do not stay young, and with their vanishing youth goes their susceptibility to receive and retain impressions. The great scarcity of good Juvenile Superintendents is acknowledged on all sides. Hundreds of Bands of Hope, in Canada alone, have closed their doors for lack of proper leadership. Let juvenile work have a conspicuous place on School of Method programmes.
- (c) The tobacco habit is growing in a way that is arousing attention amongst educators and even politicians. The W. C. T. U. is no longer waging this battle alone; yet some of our Unions either have no Narcotic Department or, having one, accomplished little through it. First-class Narcotic Superintendents are not found ready grown; they must be carefully cultivated. Do not forget this when you scatter the seed at your school.
- (d) The enfranchisement of women is something that will come whether we help or not. The issue has taken a firm grip on the hearts and consciences of the people, and nothing now can stem the forward tide; yet this very fact should be the greatest incentive to earnest and prayerful efforts in our franchise departments. Those who so soon will have the duties and responsibilities of citizenship laid upon them, need to be awakened to their coming privileges, that they may meet them in a manner that shall disarm criticism. Do not fail to give this topic a fair field.
- (e) Parlor meetings are assuming an important place in our work; reform dress is occupying the attention of our women; parliamentary practice is pushing to the front in a most gratifying manner; press work merits, and requires increasing thought and labor; and the useful question box never comes amiss. All these topics, and many more, need elucidating at our schools.

Let us hope that 1895 may see a great advance, both in number and efficiency, of Ontario's Schools of Method.