

Workers in the White Cross movement must go forth bearing precious seed, waiting with like trust until the time of harvest for the result of their labors, knowing that when the seeds of gospel purity take root they will grow and spread until the whole social atmosphere will be sweetened and purified. Many are the discouragements in this branch of our work, yet we know that the "White Cross Army, with its equal standard of purity for men and women, is moving to its rightful place." And in that army there is no retreat. While its progress in our provinces seem slow, we know it is steadily marching on. "The subject," says one, "in all its relations, is a broad one." And we may press onward and upward, never resting in what has already been attained, but ever striving for greater heights. In glancing back over the work accomplished in this department during the year, there seems but little to report: so much of it is hidden from mortal eye, so much that is only known by Him who seeth in secret and counts our efforts by what they cost. The first work after Convention last year was on the occasion of a public meeting held by the W. C. T. U. of St. John. On Temperance Sunday, at the Mechanics' Institute, at the request of your Superintendent, a clergyman kindly consented to speak on the subject of social purity. A deep interest was apparently awakened. He has since given the same address in other places at the request of the W. C. T. Unions. The subject was again presented at two other public meetings, when a paper was read by the Superintendent, and the pledge cards and literature were circulated. Early in April a White Cross meeting for men only was held on Sunday afternoon at the Institute. This meeting was addressed by ministers of different denominations, and everything was done to awaken a deeper interest with the view of organizing. Literature was distributed, and thirty-one names were handed in of those present who were in sympathy with the work. Some of the ministers and a physician present pledged themselves to carry on the work and to organize a White Cross Society in our city. That part is now entrusted to them. Letters have been received from different places asking for literature and infor-