

elevating the standard of our work there is a marked desire shown by our members to uphold the principles by which we have consented to be governed.

The admission of members is carefully guarded and distinction of sex is not recognized.

The Toronto Guild of Civic Art, the organization of which body the Society has already welcomed, is performing a valuable function in the encouragement of municipal Art, and of dealing with such matters as require disinterested judgment. Though little actual work has yet been done by this body, its existence is a safeguard, and when the necessity of referring work of such a delicate nature as the Fine Arts to public spirited citizens, artists and architects organized for the purpose, is better recognized, there can be no doubt that much will be done by this body.

A very important movement and one worthy to be recorded is found in the organization of a School Art League in Toronto. This movement was begun in the Rosedale School about three years ago and is now being extended to include the whole public school system of this city, while some steps have already been taken to bring it into notice throughout the Province. The extension of this work is being carried out with the aid of our Society, the Toronto Guild of Civic Art and the Woman's Art Association, each body appointing representatives to form an Advisory Board.

This movement is a very welcome one to our Society as it begins an orderly development of work, the influence of which is believed in and appreciated particularly by artists. The Society is to be congratulated on the fact that a memorandum prepared by the Committee appointed to confer with the Ladies' League of School Art setting forth the views of the Society on the extension of the work they had begun, was adopted as the basis of the steps that were afterwards taken.

During the season the Society has taken up the question of obtaining better quarters for its occupation on the expiration of the present lease in 1900. This has been considered at each monthly meeting under the order of unfinished business. All efforts in this direction are as yet discouraging, and the more the question is discussed the more it appears to be a mistake to make