

Excellencies' visit to the city, when, through the kindness of their Excellencies, the meeting was addressed by them. Her Excellency spoke at length on the "Home, and Woman's Needed Preparation for Reigning in the Home." This meeting was very largely attended, and made a deep impression in our city. The Toronto Local Council was honored by being permitted to convene a meeting of the Ontario Councils to consider the amending of the "Shops Act," with the result that the petition prepared by that committee was accepted by the Ontario Government and is now law. We in Ontario have the gratification of knowing that the inspection of shops under the Act is now provincial instead of municipal, and will, if properly carried out, do much towards improving the condition of women and children in shops. It will be remembered that last year this Council reported having been able to secure the services of a "woman shop inspector" through the old Act, in which the appointment rested with the municipalities. The securing of an inspector under any conditions was felt to be a step in the right direction, but we cannot but realize that much greater importance and authority are vested in an Act when directly under the control of the Government than when left to the pleasure of municipalities. During last year an effort was made by this Council to have Domestic Science added to the curriculum of the Technical School, and so successful was that effort that in October of this year classes in cooking, under a competent teacher, were established, and if the need for such classes is in proportion to the attendance then it must be great. The accommodation set aside for this work was taxed to the utmost, and larger rooms could have been easily filled, as the classes numbered 425 pupils. When it is known that examinations in Domestic Science authorized by the Educational Department are to be conducted this year, aiming at the granting of teachers' certificates in this science, all interested in the movement cannot but be encouraged, and rejoice that the efforts of the past are bearing such promising fruits.

The work for the year was largely directed by the memorandum of the National Council with its suggestions of work for Local Councils. The following subjects were selected and given into the hands of small committees for study and development :

1. Medical aid and nursing in the North-West and outlying districts of Canada.