

THE YOUNG WOMEN.

OFFICERS OF YOUNG WOMEN'S UNION, TORONTO.

At the organization meeting of the Young Women's Home and Foreign Mission Union, held in Bloor Street Sunday School on Tuesday, April 29th, 1919, the following officers were elected:

- President—Miss Ethyl Aldridge (Walmer Road).
 Vice-President—Miss Margaret McEwen (Jarvis Street).
 Secretary—Miss Hazel MacDonald (Danforth Avenue).
 Committee—Miss Agnes Slimon (Pape Ave.), Miss E. McEachern (College St.), Mrs. E. J. Bengough (Bloor Street).
 Representative from Home Board—Mrs. D. C. Jones.
 Representative from Foreign Board—Mrs. C. T. Stark.

A WELCOME TO BOON AVENUE CIRCLE.

We are glad to welcome the young women of Boon Avenue Church. We are expecting great things of this newly organized young women's circle. If there is not a Young Women's Mission Circle in your church, you could not do better than follow the example of Boon Avenue. Our Battalion will not be at full strength until your company has joined up.

CONCERNING BOLIVIA.

Last month we prayed about the difficulties, that the weak be made strong, that the faithless become faithful. Poor things! They were born under a system that suppressed the noble and encouraged the ignoble, a system that compelled even the laws of the land to prohibit their learning anything better. Happily, the Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed." With the coming of the missionaries, and the natural springing up in the people's own minds, of a liberal spirit in revolt against oppression, things are changed.

Let us give thanks for the breaking of some of the links in this chain of oppression. Let us be thankful for liberty of worship, and all the freedom that means, as compared to the time when Protestant services had to be held in some small sitting-room not too near the street, so as not to invite disturbances, nor give reason for the authorities to say they were not private, and that they were therefore illegal. Now, Protestant meetings are legal and protected by law.

Now those intrepid missionaries, the Bible colporteurs, can travel in and out of the cities and distribute the Word, with little or no danger of violence or insult, nor is their visit followed by the former inevitable Bible loss fire. Missionaries who pass through towns or villages where there are no mission stations, often find individuals quite familiar with the Scriptures, through having received a copy from a Bible agent. And God's promise is that "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Thankful, too, we must be for the laws limiting the power of the Church and its leaders. Also for the liberal spirit of the people, who favor Protestantism, because they see that the prevailing religion has failed to remedy existing moral conditions. They say that Romanism has had its way too long, and that competition with a pure religion, will purify the lives of those of their own church. Be that as it may, you can see that this gives us a standing and an opportunity to present the Gospel and its regenerating influence. With this Gospel, new character is to be built up, and we must be patient in the building.

Those who have taken on Christ already, are the best testimony to the truth of Protestant Christianity. Missionaries of Latin America work hard and long for