

we have much pleasure in stating that last June our Union was organized by Mrs. Youmans, whose name has become a tower of strength to the various Unions she represents, and whose legitimate calling as a leader for the weal of our country cannot be disputed.

In St. Andrew's Church, before a large, appreciative and enthusiastic audience, she delivered an eloquent and soul-stirring address, (Rev. J. A. Murray, Pastor of the congregation, presiding,) and an earnest desire was expressed that Mrs. Youmans should soon return to London. After the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws, 33 ladies became members of the Union, and the following officers were appointed: Mrs. M. Anderson, President, Mrs. Carfrae, and Mrs. Henderson, Vice Presidents, Miss Barr, Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. A. Chisholm, Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Flock, Treasurer.

The Union decided to meet fortnightly; membership fee fixed at the nominal sum of 25 cents a year, so that none might be precluded from joining our Association.

Twelve ladies responded to our first meeting, a larger number than on any subsequent occasion, and in our present position, through hindrances, and discouragements of the few, work for the Master is retarded.

The Lord will not quench the smoking flax, and difficulties may be presented to try us, and to prove our faithfulness. But for faith in Him who is able to supply all our wants, and recruit our feeble band with reinforcements, we might be dejected.

Our Rec. Sec'y removed to Brantford in August—her office is not supplied—and Mrs Chisholm being President of the Woman's C. Association, finds her engagements more than she can undertake.

The efforts of the earnest workers are centered in the W. C. A.' the labour in that connection having extended, last summer, to the establishment of an enlarged Women's Refuge and Infants' Home, which fully occupy them.

We propose visiting the Ministers and kindly requesting them to lay the claims of our Union, specially, before their people. There is no lack of effort in the Churches; but the too common objection, "we have no time," is frequently given, which we think could be overcome, in many cases, if we persevered more untiringly at the Throne of Grace, with intercessions on behalf of our work, and endeavour more earnestly to stimulate others to all that is good and commendable. We are "to provoke one another," but it must be "to love and good works," that all coldness and indifference may be melted away in the rays of the sun of righteousness. Think of the Cross of Calvary, and then say if inactivity can, for a moment, find a place in the service of such a Master?