

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

One of the pleasant things that has come to me in these days, when we are so busy planning and working for the great convention, which will so very soon be within our borders, is a little paper covered book, entitled "Eighty Complete Years," a birthday offering to Mother Stewart, of Springfield, Ohio. Her name recalls to us days of the past, when we first learned through the newspapers of the great crusade movement in 1873, then begun in the State of Ohio. It may be we did not then take kindly to the thought of the band of women praying at the doors of the saloon, and that we agreed with Paul when he said "Women should be stayers at home," but how the years have changed us—and the work which then we perhaps despised has grown to be our chief delight. The woman who had the courage to be the leader of these women, and who now numbers 80 years, has the blessed comfort of seeing that she was indeed led of God. For years she went hither and thither seeming scarcely to have time to eat or sleep, ever organizing, stimulating and appealing to the people to arouse and destroy the liquor traffic as the greatest foe of home and Christian citizenship. The crusade began in Hillsboro, Ohio, but it has reached out to the uttermost parts of the earth, till now we proudly and truthfully say, the White Ribbon encircles the globe. The work was begun with prayer, in faith and confidence in God, and it has gone on in the same spirit. The motto of Joseph Necsima, the Japanese convert "Advance on your knees," has been the motto of hundreds of consecrated women in the grand cause. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." "Prayer moves the Hand which moves the world."

Toronto has made great strides this year in increase of membership and interest and knowledge in the work. Seven Unions return additions to their numbers, and we welcome to our annual report a new daughter, the Western Y.

The first event in the beginning of our new year was the entertainment of the Dominion W.C.T.U.

The echoes of that convention linger with us yet. The grand work for Purity that was so thoroughly discussed, and the words that were spoken by Dr. Amelia Yeomans, of the Prairie Province, are not forgotten.

No sooner had our guests bade us good bye than we began to plan for the enlargement of the Shelter for Girls which had been