

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

*Madam Chairman and Members of the O.W.C.C.—*

It is with no spirit of vain boasting, but a feeling of honest pride and deep gratification, that the Executive congratulates the members of the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club on the magnificent way in which they have risen to the growing demands upon their time, money and labour during the year just closing. Under the skilful leadership and administration of their President, Mrs. W. E. Hodgins, they have raised the already high standard of this organization beyond what would have been deemed possible in the early days of the war—increasing the number of regular and special meetings, and maintaining thereby the original status as a Canadian Club, while in aid of Canadian soldiers, prisoners of war and those who are suffering in the invaded countries of France, Serbia, Belgium and Poland, the Club's patriotic endeavours have immeasurably increased.

It is interesting to note the steady growth in financial receipts since the outbreak of the war:—Total receipts 1914-15 were \$14,355, which increased in 1915-16 to \$36,547.79, and reached in 1916-17 the total of \$45,835.23.

Sir George Perley has most kindly continued his generous interest by extending the use of the commodious building at 270 Cooper Street as Club Headquarters, and it has been crowded to capacity by willing workers from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, and also on several evenings every week.

In the early autumn of 1916, the details of the administration of the varied branches of work had so increased that weekly meetings of the Executive were found to be imperative, and 43 were held during the present year.

The devotion of the officers, conveners and sub-conveners to the duties—often excessively heavy and responsible—that have fallen to their share, has been most impressive, and to them all should be extended most hearty thanks.

During the first six months of the year the Club was extraordinarily fortunate to have had the efficient services of Mrs. K. N. Macfee as Honorary Secretary, and it was with profound regret that the Executive was obliged to accept her resignation at the end of September, owing to her approaching marriage. Mrs. Thomas consented to act as Honorary Secretary for the balance of the year, and the vacancy thus created on the Council was filled by the appointment of Mrs. K. N. Macfee (now Mrs. J. A. Cameron) thus continuing the Executive as elected at the Annual Meeting.