

was introduced by which the whole League assembled once a month: and as this proved a great success, a farther reform was adopted, whereby the full strength of the League was gathered weekly. The Executive met on the previous day for the purpose of digesting the Reports of the Sub-Committees.

Each meeting was busy and fruitful. Subjects for consideration were plentiful, and every suggestion of promise received due attention. There was no time and no heart for oratory, frivolity or bickering; and although the League was composed of men of widely divergent tastes and unequal powers, there was so much toleration and restraint that business was transacted with the utmost harmony.

The Chairman, himself, set an example of moderation, and held the reins with so skilful a hand that none chafed under his guidance. Col. A. F. Hatch was assiduous in his duties, and guided the destinies of the League with wisdom. To him is unquestionably due a great part of the credit for the conspicuous success of the organization which he governed. It was only when the work seemed futile, and the League was moribund, that he retired from an active part in its affairs.

At every meeting Col. R. A. Robertson, or some officer attached to the Depot, was present to report on the condition of recruiting. Col. Robertson was indefatigable and resourceful. His expert advice was very helpful, while his criticisms and opinions were at all times treated with respect.

Officers commanding units raised in the City were also regular in their attendance, and the League received much help from Cols. W. H. Bruce, G. D. Fearman, R. R. Moodie, and W. C. Brooks, as well as from some of their chief subordinate officers.

Quite early in the life of the League it was decided that its activities should not favour any particular unit, but should be directed to the encouragement of recruiting in general.

The Hamilton League was the first of its kind in the whole Dominion. Very early in its existence it was recognized as a leader; its enterprise and originality were admired and its numerous activities emulated. Requests for advice came from many quarters, and help was given wherever possible.

The first Honorary Secretary was H. A. Burbidge, through whose efficiency the organization was well established. When he joined the 120th Battalion his place was