

women be given the right to sit on the Board of School Trustees. I need not point out the advantages of women sitting on these Boards. These must be patent to everyone, when one considers that half the children in our schools are girls.

There is one little matter which perhaps will make you smile and that is the ringing of the Curfew Bell. Kingston, London and St. John have asked and obtained that Curfew Bells should be rung so that children must go home at eight o'clock in winter and nine in summer.

Then another thing which has been before all our Councils has been the appointment of police matrons for the care of women prisoners when first arrested. In some cases they have obtained the appointment of matrons and in some not. In most instances, however, they have been able to obtain better arrangements for the care of the prisoners. This is a matter in which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been much interested and in which we have only followed their lead. The Local Council at Quebec has made this a very special subject of its own with the result that all the arrangements respecting women prisoners in that city have been revised (applause) so that prisoners are now classified, first offenders being separated from the others, and by having two matrons prisoners are not left alone night or day, and that those under sixteen shall be sent to the Reformatory. Halifax also has obtained a separate place for the women prisoners when arrested, previously to which all prisoners were in the same place.

As regards the work of our individual Councils, Montreal, as one of our best Councils, has not only taken up the matter of Associated Charities, manual education, women factory inspectors, etc., but also the question of sanitation. They have arranged for a number of "Health Talks" in connection with the different congregations, and these are going on all over the city, thus disseminating much useful information especially for mothers and particularly in regard to that most important matter, infant mortality. They have also printed a number of rules on cards concerning the method of looking after young children, and these are distributed free. They will be glad to send these cards to other Councils if desired on postage being paid. They are also drawing up a plan for a Home Reading Association. I am afraid I should talk too long if I tried to explain the methods for instituting these reading circles. To the Montreal Council we are also indebted for many an able exposition of the aims and work of the Council given to us by Mrs. Drummond, President of the Local Council of that city.

In Quebec they are planning and carrying out a training school for servants at the Convent of the Franciscan Sisters, where they hope to have a number of girls from the country districts who shall be recommended by the Curés.

There will probably be another training school for Protestant girls.

NOTE—The President of the Yarmouth Local Council has been appointed a School Trustee.