

with the Minister of Education and the Provincial Secretary regarding the question of prison reform and the treatment of inebriates. At the request of the Prisoners' Aid Association, your representatives spoke particularly of the sympathy and interest the W. C. T. U. had always taken in question of the treatment of inebriates, of resolutions adopted from time to time by them bearing on the subject, and that practical aid by the Government to promote the scientific treatment of inebriates would be gratifying, both to the official and non-official members of the W. C. T. U. In reply to the deputation, they expressed themselves as being in sympathy with such a movement, and though they could not promise that a hospital would be at once established, they favored some arrangement with the existing hospitals for the above treatment, and if successful, a hospital would eventually be built. They would bring the question before their colleagues and Mr. Ross said he was quite sure something would be done very soon.

In June, circular letters were sent to County Unions regarding the treatment of inebriates, asking their Annual Convention to consider the scheme proposed by the Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association, and if approving of the same, to adopt resolutions to that effect, forwarding one copy to the Provincial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Davis, and one to each of the Members of the Ontario Legislature representing their County.

There are now 20 Houses of Refuge in Ontario, many of which are regularly visited by the W. C. T. U. Eleven Counties have reported work by the W. C. T. U. in connection with jails and houses of refuge. The total number of prisoners reported is 224. 16,433 pages of literature were distributed during the year, besides a large quantity of religious papers and magazines. Six County Unions adopted resolutions favoring the scheme for the treatment of inebriates and have forwarded copies of the same to the Provincial Secretary, and to the local members of the legislature.