



Annual Meeting.

At the fourth annual meeting of the Women's Branch held in the Y. W.C.A. on the evening of May 14th, the president occupied the chair and the officers and conveners of the various standing and special committees read reports covering the work of the last six months. It was at the last annual meeting, on Oct. 26th, 1916, that the by-law was amended to have the annual meeting take place in May. Consequently the reports of work cover six months instead of a full year.

Secretary's Report.

The secretary, Miss L. F. Crocker, reported that seven general and fifteen executive meetings had been held and that the paid up membership was 370. The executive had been unanimous in the endeavor to turn the interest and strength of the branch to patriotic work, especially Red Cross. The result had been most gratifying. Too much could not be said in recognition of the faithful and unselfish devotion of the convener of the Red Cross and her committee.

Miss Crocker reported in detail on the disbursements from the Emergency Fund and also on the work turned out by the special committees working through the Soldiers' and Sailors' Comforts Committee of the Women's Canadian Club. Through

the good offices of the president, with Miss Margaret Russell's able assistance, the responsibility of sending letters to all the Canadians in hospitals had been assumed by the Women's Branch. Over 60,000 letters had been despatched, and through this medium nearly 600 personal and business adjustments had been made.

Miss Katherine Robinson had been appointed convener of a committee to look after the registering of civil servants, who desire to give up their holidays to fruit picking.

Under the leadership of the president, volunteer gardening is being carried on at the lot on O'Connor street assigned to the Women's Branch. Regret was expressed that more have not volunteered their services.

Although the luncheon last year was such a success, it was decided that the idea of an annual luncheon should not be entertained while the war is in progress.

Treasurer's Report.

The treasurer, Miss F. E. Snelling, reported as follows:

GENERAL FUND.

	Receipts.	Disbursements.
		\$
Balance on hand ...	\$19.40	
Fees	37.55	
Rent, printing and advertising		48.81
Balance on hand...		8.14
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Balance—		
Programme Com...		108.35
Recreation Fund...		11.51
Red Cross Rooms..		5.95