

to the Jail and Poorhouse and report to them on the conditions there. In another district persons arrested on suspicion found more comfortable provision made for them than the bare police cell. Child offenders have not been forgotten by our workers; petitions have been presented, asking that boys under a certain age be sent to reformatories and not classed as hardened criminals; also a memorial was forwarded to the authorities approving of the Youthful Offenders' Bill recommended by the Ontario Prison Reform Commissioners.

The appointment of Women Factory Inspectors.—The Ontario and Quebec Legislatures were memorialized on this subject, and the laws were amended so as to allow of the appointment of women inspectors; the Local Councils of these Provinces feel, therefore, that they have been largely instrumental in securing the valuable services of three devoted women inspectors. Following the appointment of the same, came a request that their salaries be increased owing to the enlargement of their sphere of work since the provisions of the Factories Act were applied to shops both in Ontario and Quebec, this also having been pressed upon the Legislatures of these two Provinces by the Local Councils.

*Manual Training.*—This is a subject to which the Local Councils have devoted themselves since 1894. In that year the Provincial Legislature of Ontario was approached, with the result that Manual Training was added to the school curriculum. The Local Councils of Ontario then began to press the various Boards of Education to introduce this subject into the public schools, and they have continued to do so from time to time, while giving their support to any other plan which would place this boon within reach of the children of the Dominion. In the Province of Quebec Manual Training was permissible, but the efforts of the Local Councils tended to increase the usefulness of this branch of education. By petition of the Toronto Local Council the privileges of the City Technical School were made available to women, and there are now large and flourishing classes devoted to instruction in the Domestic Arts, and Government examinations in the same have also been secured. In Hamilton the Young Women's Christian Association established a School of Domestic Science, which grew into a Normal Training School, and to this the Local Council lent its hearty support. In places where School Boards have not seen their way to meet the demands of the Local Councils, they have themselves made a beginning by starting Cookery or Sewing Classes, or Schools of Domestic Science, or they have co-operated with and supported the efforts of other societies in this direction, and have in every way endeavored to educate public opinion up to the point of appreciating the present