

their services and to the Men's Association of St. Andrew's Church, Westmount, for free accommodation.

At the Canadian Public Health Congress which met in Montreal in December, the President of the Council was chairman of a section and three Council members contributed papers.

A resolution has just been sent to the City Council asking that the city regulations governing the collection of garbage, etc., should be better enforced.

The Committee on Civics and Legislation has carried through with marked success a course of five lectures on "Laws Relating to Women." The lecturers were all prominent lawyers to whom the Council is deeply indebted for their kindness. The small charge of one dollar was made for the course, but the Treasurer was able to report a profit of (\$105) one hundred and five dollars.

In February the President and ex-President had an informal interview with a member of the Quebec Legislature concerning a compulsory Education bill, and a petition prepared last year together with copious information was put into his hands to be used when he thought fit. Also in February, at the request of the City Improvement League, the Council sent a resolution to the Quebec Legislature asking that a Parks Commission be established for the City and Island of Montreal.

With regard to Work for the Young, joint committee meetings with other organizations to plan the work for the Child Welfare Exhibition, which is to be held next October, are taking place. The affiliated societies are busily planning their various sections or sub-sections.

The Convener of the Committee on Education reports that the Protestant Board of School Commissioners has expressed its willingness to allow the scholars a morning hour for the Art Gallery, provided the privilege of free entrance can be obtained when the new building is opened.

The Committee asked the approval of the Council, which was gladly given to a petition addressed to the Protestant Committee of Public Instruction asking for the re-establishment of a city school for kindergarten teachers.

The Reformatory Committee continues its labors for the establishment of an institution for women offenders over sixteen years, and an indeterminate sentence, the change of Government at Ottawa necessitating a re-statement of the case. Legal opinions have been obtained from prominent lawyers upon questions raised by the Toronto Women's Platform.

In financial affairs the Council finds itself in a somewhat better position by the enrollment of many new patrons and associate members. The appeal of the National Council has been heard and heeded and individual efforts are being made to obtain National patrons and members also.

Number of Year Books required.— Amount of Council Aid promised—

The whole respectfully submitted,

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#### REPORT OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF OTTAWA.

Three public, three special, eight monthly and six Sub-Executive meetings were held during the year. The Council embraces 37 Affiliated Societies, representing education, philanthropy and church aid.