

results. What the real harvest will be, will be known hereafter. The Union has placed a testament in each cell of the county gaol. The prisoners confined in the gaol have been visited weekly, and, as far as possible looked after on being set at liberty. Temperance literature has been distributed wherever there seemed to be an opening. We have also offered prizes for temperance essays to the pupils of our high and public schools. The event of the year with us, was the passage of the Canada Temperance Act in our city and county, and though it was not ours to go out and fight the battle at the polls, who can deny that the earnest prayers of hundreds of christian women were an important factor in the victory won? The meetings for prayers for the success of the Act, held weekly for over two months were crowded to excess, and at the all-day meeting on the day of the voting, the church was full almost continually. Of the brave act of the "noble three hundred," no mention need be made, except to say, that it was under God, the means of turning many voters which else had gone to oppose the right, and uphold the wrong.

R. SMITH, Sec.

#### HAMILTON.

Our work for the year has been one purely of moral suasion and of protective quality. But whilst we have been struggling in the effort to conquer appetite and prejudice, we are conscious realizing this sin of intemperance to be a physical as well as a moral evil, a material as well as a personal vice, that whilst moral suasion educates, public sentiment throws its protective arm around the young, reclaims a few of those who have fallen through its allurements, puts a check on drinking usages, yet is insufficient to stay this plague, and so we look forward to legal enactment, with hope and confidence. Our membership has been on the increase during the year, having had quite a few co-laborers added to our force. It is with pained necessity that I have to record the death of two of our members, one an officer. Our Union lost in Mrs. Van Allan, a constant, patient, cheerful worker of our cause, and an earnest consistent devotee. During the year we held a half-hour prayer meeting weekly, and found it to be a source of support, strength and power. Our treasury has been supplied by the free will offerings of our members, and their efforts in monthly collection. One social was held last winter, netting us \$30.00. We had the pleasure of having two lectures by Col. Bain, and one by Hon. Mr. Finch. We cleared on our lecture course, \$13. We still have the valuable assistance of Mrs. Smith, as city missionary, her work consisting of visitations to families suffering from intemperance, Cottage prayer meetings in the houses of drunkards, Sunday afternoon gospel meetings, meetings in the jail, &c. She has 100 families under her care, has made to these, 800 visits during 8 month's work, held 82 cottage prayer meetings, and distributed 2,000 pages of tracts. The mother's meeting was carried on as usual. For those with whom we are working, we had a very successful social, 100 being present. The refreshments supplied were bountiful and good. The programme of music and readings was excellent, but best of all was to hear their thanks for the efforts put forth for their salvation. We find the homely, loving, personal invitation to reform, is what is most effective. The hospital was visited during the winter, and suitable literature given, as well as private donations of delicacies and necessities. There were many cases of interest, some of whom passed away during the year, with testimonies of a rich and full inheritance awaiting them. One petition to parliament was circulated for signatures during the year, asking that no change be made in the now existing law. In reference to hygiene instruction of temperance in our public schools, we wrote to the minister of education, but did not get a very encouraging reply. We supplied one of our newspapers weekly with temperance items.

Number of meetings held for 8 months, 72; cottage prayer meetings, 82; children's meetings 144; visits made, 800; pages of leaflets distributed, 30,500; families visited, 100.

MRS. PRATT, Rec. Sec.

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