

We believe that the intention of the law is to preserve the home as far as may be consistent with the welfare of its juvenile members.

CHARLOTTE NEAL,
Secretary.

KINGSTON BRANCH OF WOMAN'S NATIONAL COUNCIL.

President, Mrs. H. Fraser; vice-presidents, Lady Cartwright, Mrs. Swift, Mrs. R. T. Walkem, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Skinner, and the presidents of affiliated societies; treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Skinner; recording secretary, Miss Martha P. Smith; corresponding secretary, Miss Machar.

The Kingston Branch of the Woman's National Council, organized April, 1894, held its autumn meeting on Oct. 16th. After a brief address from the president, referring chiefly to the late annual meeting in Toronto, and giving great credit to the Toronto Council for the excellent arrangements made by them for the comfort of the delegates, reports were read of the two last affiliated societies, that of the order of the Daughters of Rebekah, an adjunct to the Oddfellows' organization by Mrs. Greaves, and a sketch of the working of Lady Aberdeen's Onward and Upward Society, by Mrs. Marshall. A paper on "Healthy Conditions of Work for Women Workers," in various departments of industry, was read by Miss Machar, and elicited an animated discussion. Resolutions were adopted concerning the pressing of the introduction of the teaching of plain sewing, etc., for girls on the Public School Board, and calling their attention to the practice of selling to children prize packets of candy. A resolution was also carried regarding the introduction of free dentistry for the children of the poor in the Kingston General Hospital, and expressing warm appreciation of the work of Dr. Adams Toronto, in this direction; also one appointing a committee to secure some humane sleeping accommodation in the police cells, where, as in Toronto, there is at present nothing of the kind, prisoners untried being in this respect worse treated than condemned murderers.

QUEBEC CITY.

W. C. T. U.

We are down here a single union in the midst of a French population, not a large union numerically, but our workers are earnest, and represents all the Protestant churches. Our representatives have been to the Provincial Convention at Lachute, coming back just in time for our annual prayer meeting on behalf of schools and colleges.

The Dominion Convention meets here on the 15th inst., too late for reporting this month. Mrs. Todd, of St. Stephen, N.B. (now moved to Boston), is to be acting president, our own president having died, and the first-vice being in England. Miss Tilley, from Toronto, is secretary, and the other officers come from all over the Dominion, as do the delegates.

Our local union has affiliated for one year with the Woman's Council. The question of silent prayer or oral repetition of the Lord's Prayer causes some lack of unanimity in the matter of permanent affiliation with the Council.

Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, president of Toronto District W.C.T.U.; Mrs. (Dr.) Bascom, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Orr, Bloor street west, and Miss Tilley have been in Quebec attending the annual convention of the Dominion Women's Christian Temperance Union.

OTTAWA.

The Woman's Morning Music Club have elected the following officers:

Miss Carling, honorary president; Lady Grant, president; Mrs. W. J. Anderson, Mrs. W. C. Edwards of Rocklands, and Mrs. Foster, vice-presidents; Mrs. Lake, librarian; Miss Selwyn, chairman of the Music Committee. The concerts will, in the future, be held fortnightly, instead of weekly, and critical essays upon the works of different composers will be read at alternate concerts by Mrs. Gordon of Ellon, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Eliot, Mrs. McConnell and Mrs. Bliss.

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.

The annual meeting of the Orphans' Home, of Ottawa, was held October 9th, the reports indicating a very successful year. This is one of the oldest of the now numerous charitable institutions of the Capital, having been founded in 1864. Three buildings have been occupied by the corporation, each, in its size and appointments, marking the successive stages through which it has passed, the first being a very modest cottage, the present a handsome building on Elgin street. Lady Macdonald, in the early years of her residence in Ottawa, was president

and found time in the midst of her many social engagements to attend most assiduously to its affairs. Since then Mrs. H. F. Bronson has been the much-loved president, and to her generosity, and that of her family, the Home owes much of its prosperity.

There is a department for aged women in connection with the institution, one wing of the building being devoted to them. There are at present 71 children and 21 women in residence.

Mrs. J. Thorburn represents the Home on the Local Council of Women.

HAMILTON.

REPORT OF HAMILTON UNION, W.C.T.U.

The W.C.T.U. 18th Provincial Convention met in Hamilton, October 29th to November 1st, the guests of the Central and Hamilton Unions.

As usual, the W.C.T.U. is progressive. The gathering was the largest (about 200 delegates) and, by general consent, one of the most satisfactory. The work and excitement connected with such a meeting too often puts the local work in the background, hence Hamilton Union has little of general interest to report for the month.

The various departments are now arranging for the winter's work.

COR. SEC. HAMILTON W.C.T.U.

Y. W. C. A.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Hamilton Y.W.C.A. Board of Management, held on the 5th inst., proved unusually satisfactory. The capacity of the Boarding Department is taxed to its utmost, and is even then inadequate to the requirements. After meeting current expenses, and purchasing needed supplies for the winter, the report for October shows a creditable balance in the treasury. Upwards of six hundred young women have taken advantage of the noon lunch during the month, and several transient visitors have been received.

The North End Branch is steadily growing in interest and numbers. In the junior department, sixty names have been registered. The members of the Association are looking forward with pleasure to a visit from Miss Botterall, of Montreal, secretary of the Dominion Y.W.C.A., who is expected in Hamilton about the 20th inst. Mrs. Hoodless, president of the Association, is attending the convention of the International Board, now being held in Brooklyn. Special attention is being given at these meetings to the control and development of schools of domestic science, junior work, etc. Mrs. Hoodless, as president of the Dominion Y.W.C.A., is the guest of the Brooklyn Association.

G. MACKENZIE,
Gen. Sec. Y.W.C.A., Hamilton.

LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

At the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women of Hamilton, which was held in the lecture room of the Ladies' College, on Tuesday evening, November 19th, the reports from the corresponding and recording secretaries, also the treasurer's report, gave evidence of a steady increase of interest in the Local Council of that city.

The president's address, which contained a synopsis of the work done in the past and touched upon the work and duties of the Council for the ensuing year, also testified to the animation among the workers of the Local Council.

The president, two vice-presidents, treasurer and corresponding secretary, were re-elected, and Miss Georgie Counsell was unanimously chosen to fill the office of recording secretary in place of Miss Kathleen Sallier, who felt herself unable to retain that office owing to her numerous other duties, which claimed her whole attention.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—METHODIST.

This society has its operations in China, Japan, and in our own Dominion, among the Indians, the Chinese and the French Romanists.

The "sinews of war" are furnished by 619 auxiliaries and 290 mission circles and bands, representing a membership respectively of 14,000 and 7,000. The annual branch and board meetings recently held were milestones of progress. The first one indicated 500 members and \$2,000 income; the fourteenth just passed read 21,000 members (adult and junior), and \$40,800 income, the current year showing an increase of \$571.

The officers, who for several years have steered the society through shoals and quicksands, were all re-elected, with the exception of the recording secretary, Mrs. Wilmott, Mrs. Geo. Kerr, Toronto, taking her place: President, Mrs. Gooderham, Toronto; vice-president, Mrs. Carman, Belleville; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton; treasurer, Mrs. Thompson, Rosedale, Toronto.

LONDON.

MORNING MUSICAL SOCIETY.

That popular club, the Woman's Morning Musical, opened the season by a most enjoyable concert given in the Duffield Block on Saturday morning, Nov. 2.

The election of officers for the next year resulted as follows: Honorary president, Miss Carling; president, Miss Craydon; vice-presidents, Mrs. F. B. Betts, Mrs. Moore, and Mrs. Charles Hunt; secretaries, Miss Weld and Miss Margaret Cowan; treasurers, Mrs. Herbert Gates and Miss Ada Meredith. The club will meet every Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

MAPLE LEAF LEAGUE.

A public meeting of the Conservative women of London was called on Nov. 1st, for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary of the Conservative Club. The meeting was largely attended, and the name Maple Leaf League proposed and adopted.

1st. The League is formed with a view of bringing Conservative women together in united work for the advancement and maintenance of Conservative principles.

2nd. To assist by work and influence the Conservative party generally, and especially to aid the local party in this city in all matters where the advice or help of women will be of service.

Those wishing to join the League came forward, signed their names and paid the annual fee of twenty-five cents. Over one hundred ladies became members at once.

A branch of the Maple Leaf League has been formed in Chatham.

WINNIPEG.

W. C. T. U.

Winnipeg Central W. C. T. U. was organized by Mrs. Letitia Youmans, was flourishing for a time, afterwards languished, and was re-organized by Frances E. Willard, since which time it has worked uninterruptedly and has a good record of Gospel temperance work. The union numbers one hundred and fifty paying members. Mrs. J. Buchanan is president, Dr. Amelia L. Youmans vice-president, Mrs. G. E. Mills recording secretary, and Mrs. W. H. Fletcher treasurer. The meetings are held weekly in Bethel Hall, which is centrally located and was originally a Methodist chapel. An excellent program of mother's meetings, school of methods, parliamentary drill, and papers on different subjects, will be carried out during the winter, of which we will give reports from time to time.

VANCOUVER, B.C.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The seamen in the port of Vancouver, B.C., have had an Institute for the last three years, but within the last few months larger premises have been secured with the hope that this winter sleeping accommodation might be afforded to seamen. The Institute has for its objects the betterment of our sailors and the increase of their comfort. These men who have their business in great waters, frequently have no better welcome on their return to shore than the beer saloons, which, for lack of any other, they naturally accept. To provide a warmer welcome, a place which they may look upon as their own, where they may find healthy books and current literature, a billiard table, and other means of recreation, an alternative to the saloons, a club where they may meet their friends on an equal footing, and where services are held for their spiritual good, and entertainments for their amusement. The Institute is governed by an executive committee of ladies and gentlemen, the ladies forming also a sub-committee which meets fortnightly.

GRACE N. REID,
Vancouver, Nov. 3rd. Hon. Sec.-Treas.

VICTORIA, B.C.

Y. W. C. A.

The Victoria Branch of the Y.W.C.A. is now in its third year. It had its origin in a Bible class begun by the Misses Carr, and from that has developed into a flourishing organization with a roll of two hundred and fifty members. The rooms are in charge of a matron who resides on the premises, and consist of committee, reading and lunch rooms, also two bedrooms suitable for boarders.

The work of the association is carried on by eleven standing committees, as follows: Bible study, finance, social, literary, press, sewing, relief, look-out, house, visiting the sick and women's exchange. The chairman of each committee, together with the officers, form the executive, which meets monthly to receive reports and transact business.

A. M. DICKINSON,
Hon.-Sec.