

## APPENDIX.

## THE NATIONAL HOME READING UNION.

## ITS AIMS AND METHODS.

The National Home Reading Union, having its headquarters in London, England, is an organization for encouraging systematic reading among all classes. With this end in view it outlines a course of reading divided into three sections—one for young people, especially those who have just left school, one for general readers, and a third for those who desire special subjects. The subjects on the young people's course include History and Biography, Literature, Romance and Travel, etc.; the general readers' section embraces Economic and Social Science, History, Biography, Science, Literature, Travel, etc.; the special course is a very comprehensive one, and contains a variety of subjects, such as History, English and General Literature, French, German, Music, Botany. The idea is that members should form circles of five or more, who meet and discuss what they have read. Those who prefer may become individual members. Lists of books on the various subjects are furnished by the Union to its members. These books are carefully chosen, and are excellent works, and not too expensive.

The Union publishes a monthly magazine in each of the three sections, containing articles on the books and suggestions as to reading them, etc. The magazines are included in the annual fee, which, for circles of the special course, is 90c., for those of the general course, 40c., and for the young people's, 30c., the individual members paying 10c. more in all sections.

The Secretary of the Canadian Branch is Miss Skelton, 183 Mansfield Street, Montreal.

## THE ABERDEEN ASSOCIATION.

The object of this Association is to distribute reading matter among the settlers of Manitoba and the North-west, where books and periodicals are few and far between. Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen dropped the seed from which it sprung. Winnipeg was the parent stem, and branches are now flourishing in Halifax, Ottawa, Calgary, Vancouver and Hamilton. The work is carried on very methodically. Lists are kept and names supplied. The Postmaster-General allows the Association free transmission of parcels of literature through the mail.

The Report of 1895 contains, from those who have received parcels of reading matter, extracts from letters, which go to prove the need of and the goodness of the work which is being undertaken. Those wishing to help can do so by donating literature in the shape of magazines (if possible in consecutive numbers), good novels, children's papers and books, and good general reading matter.

The Secretary of the Hamilton Branch is Miss Malloch, 301 Bay Street South, Hamilton.