

The members of the Toronto District Union received this finding in good faith, believing that what they had asked was accorded to them, which was simply recognition on the same basis as an organized County—but during the year a letter was received from the Provincial President stating, that unless Toronto had four hundred members the District Union could not claim the privilege granted. This was a surprise to the Toronto Unions, but they could not do anything as they understood the finding of the Provincial Convention to be decisive, the memorial was adopted by an almost unanimous vote of the Convention, having no reference to numbers.

At the end of the first half year, the District Treasurer sent the Provincial affiliation half-yearly fee to the Provincial Treasurer, but it has been returned, thus cancelling the relation of the Toronto Unions with the Provincial Union, not on any legal grounds, but by the decision of the sub-Executive of the Provincial Union.

This decision based on the fact that Toronto had only 381 instead of 400 members; but this had nothing to do with affiliation with the Provincial Union, was not a legitimate reason why affiliation should be refused, as the Toronto District Union had not in the least degree violated any rule of the Provincial, County or Local Constitutions.

This is how the case stands at present, the foregoing is a simple statement of facts. We forbear comment, but in no respect will the action of the sub-Executive of the Provincial Union interfere with the aims or work of the Toronto District Union.

The report of last year's work must necessarily be very imperfect, as the statistics from the various Unions are not yet in my hands, so that a summary of the year's work of the Unions, or of the number of members cannot be presented. I hope that next year the printed forms issued by the Provincial Union, will be supplied us, so that the Secretary shall be able to report at the Annual Meeting an outline of the work done by each Union.

Now, the facts must be gleaned from the reports of the various Secretaries as they are read here to-day. Apart from the work of the individual Unions, the District Union has a work, peculiarly its own; the concerted action of delegates from the Local Unions, some of which I can place before you. Early in the year an International Congress for the higher education of women was held in this city. The W. C. T. U. alive to whatever would tend to elevate womanhood, sent a deputation to that Congress assuring them of their sympathy and co-operation. A poem from the graceful pen of our press correspondent, Mrs. Curzon, was read, and a printed copy presented to each member of the Congress as a souvenir of their visit.

An entertainment which had occupied the brains, and hands and feet of a large number of workers for a considerable time, was brought to a very successful issue in the month of November. 'The meeting of the nations' was an unqualified success, the originators of the

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