

summer months, and the attendance has, on the whole, been very good. A great deal of interest has been manifested in the work, and we hope, with God's blessing, we have been the means of accomplishing some good in the way of relieving worthy yet needy persons to which our attention has been directed. It was found that to accomplish the work we had undertaken, especially for Miss Barber's home in Montreal, we would be obliged to meet, for a time, every week.

While we were engaged in the above work for Miss Barber's sheltering home, it was customary for one or two of the members to give either a reading or some vocal or instrumental music by way of entertainment, while the other members plied their busy fingers. By a resolution at one of our meetings, we looked up the needy and deserving poor in our own vicinity and relieved their wants from our contributions and work, after which we prepared and filled a large case of useful articles of clothing and forwarded it to Montreal.

We have purchased, for the use of our Union, a number of "Y" song-books and pledge cards, etc., which we find very useful.

Our former President, Mrs. Bannister, gave a parlor social, at which we made a fancy patch-work-quilt, also for Miss Barber, and at the same meeting completed arrangements for a Chinese social, which was held in the basement of Chalmers Church, Richmond, and which proved a success in every way.

We had the pleasure of a visit at one of our meetings from Miss Meiklejohn, of Knowlton, who gave us a very interesting account of Lady Henry Somerset and her work in connection with the W. C. T. U.

At some of our meetings it is customary to hold a discussion on some important subject in connection with our work, such as: "Our Bible Reasons for being Total Abstinents," "Why Include Cider in the Pledge," etc.

At those meetings we usually had a good attendance of honoraries, of whom we have 18 or 20 members. We have also quite a large number of the "W's" as honorary members, who help us a great deal at our meetings, their presence and wise counsel giving us a feeling of security and confidence which we would miss very much were we deprived of it.

We have held our Demorest medal contest, at which the honours were keenly contested for. The medal was awarded to Miss Lufkin, a former student of St. Francis College.

On account of the illness of Mrs. Patterson, of Richmond, who is Superintendent of the Flower Department in the "W's," we of the "Y's," who look upon ourselves as auxiliaries of the "W's," appointed two assistants.

We have sent five dollars to Montreal to assist a coffee-house on Chaboillez Square, which was being established to, if possible, counteract the degrading influence of so many saloons in that section. We also sent two dollars as a donation to the Provincial Union.

There have been about 9 parlor socials held; one a farewell at Miss Hewitt's. At one of them we made a number of sheets and pillow-cases for a poor family in our neighborhood, from a couple of webs of cotton furnished by our Union. We sent a basket of flowers to the Point St. Charles Union, to take to the Exhibition grounds. It is very gratifying to report that our membership is constantly increasing.