

Mrs. Cummings then brought up the subject of impure reading matter. Mrs. Wood and several ladies spoke on the subject.

Mrs. Torrington then read a report on the operation of the amended "Shops Act."

Moved by Mrs. S. G. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Kelly: "That this Local Council, viewing with alarm the continued sending of undesirable and impure reading matter to young persons in this city, would empower the acting President, the Honorary President, the Mover and Seconder to draw up a short circular to be printed and sent to the principals of the schools in the city, calling their attention to the matter, and also giving a list of the papers, etc., that are prohibited by law from being circulated through the mails; but which, nevertheless, have been recently offered for sale in this city." Carried.

The following returns were made for officers for 1897 and 1898:

Miss Carty, President.

Lady Thompson, Mrs. Willoughby-Cummings, Mrs. Kerr, Miss Rowand, Dr. A. Stowe-Gullen, Vice-Presidents.

Miss Cayley, Corresponding Secretary.

Miss Cartwright, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Coad, Treasurer.

The adjournment was moved by Miss Cayley.