

women is rapidly becoming a burning question. At the great convention held at Toronto last spring it seemed only second in interest to the work of securing a prohibitory law, and in accordance with a resolution passed by the convention a deputation was appointed to wait upon the Government in regard to the matter. Sir Oliver wished us every success but promised nothing.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church for the first time in its history took up the question of granting to its women the same status as men, but on a division of 35 to 64 the motion was lost.

The circular letter sent by the Superintendent of this department to all the Unions last year contained, as has been the case every year, a recommendation to try and elect women to the position of Public School trustees, or to secure their appointment on High School boards. This is a most important matter and we hope will be taken up vigorously this year by our Unions.

*Lambton*—Sarnia reports not having a local Superintendent until a few months ago, consequently the work done is limited; however, a letter was sent to the representative in the House, drawing his attention to the petition of the Dominion W. C. T. U. for "Woman's Franchise." A reply was received from our M. P. promising to give the matter serious attention. When the plebiscite vote was taken in January our sisters were active in getting out the women who had votes, and urging the indifferent and others to duty in this matter. Copleston reports having small opportunity of work along the line of franchise other than a reading now and then at the Union and at one parlor social. Watford has not taken up the work in this department. Petrolia has done very little in this department. I have received no communication from Oil City and Alvinston, although I have written to each for a report. Wyoming had no Superintendent for the department until August, when one was appointed; since then there has been few opportunities for work along that line; however, previous to this, a few items bearing on the question were sent to the *Home Guard* for publication, and a few of the sisters are subscribers to the *Woman's Column*, a paper wholly devoted to the subject. Forest writes: We have circulated two petitions with success. The first for preventing the opening of a liquor store and tavern; second, to curtail the number of hours in which intoxicating liquors could be legally sold. In the first case the parties withdrew their application; in the second case we succeeded in getting the time shortened one hour and a half; it was not all that was asked for but we were glad to get even that. We did good work in the plebiscite campaign; every available woman's vote was cast in favor of the cause. Every woman was canvassed and conducted to the poll, and much literature distributed.

*Hamilton City*—Mrs. Day Smith writes: Having discovered three years ago, through a crushing defeat when trying to elect a temperance mayor, how helpless we were without thorough organization, we determined not to commit the same blunder again, and forthwith organized every ward by appointing a chairman, secretary and committee. Canvass books were prepared with names of lady voters, and armed with these, a pencil, lots of temperance literature, pledge cards, a large hand bag, and, above all, prayer, a spirit of self-sacrifice and love to the Master, our noble bands sallied forth on their work of conquest. It is quite safe to report a visit to the abode of every woman who had a vote, there being fourteen hundred names on our