

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting of the Toronto District W. C. T. U. (see report, page 7), your Secretary conveyed to the Annual Convention of the County of York W. C. T. U. the decision of the majority of the Local Unions comprising the District Union of Toronto, and of their representatives assembled in Annual Convention, namely, that these Unions withdraw from affiliation with the County of York, and affiliate through the District organization with the Provincial W. C. T. U.

The action which this decision represented was a perfectly legal one, based on Art. VI. of the County Constitution, which recognizes the right of any Union to affiliate with a county or not, as that Union may deem expedient, the wording is—

"Any Local Woman's Christian Temperance Union may become auxiliary to the County Union by endorsing its constitution, reporting the names of officers and number of members to the County Corresponding Secretary, and by paying annually to the Treasurer the sum of (5c) five cents per member."

The decision of the Toronto District Union was conveyed to the Provincial Convention in the following memorial:

"That as the District Union of Toronto, after long and careful consideration of the subject, believes that it is in the best interests of the W. C. T. U. of Toronto, and of the County of York, that they be separate organizations, each affiliated with the Provincial Union, and as the vote of the Local Unions taken separately, and the vote of the representatives and members of these Unions in their Annual Meeting, was more than a two-thirds majority, therefore the District Union of Toronto has withdrawn from affiliation with, and through the County of York, and now requests to be placed on the same standing, and with the same privileges as an organized County.

By order of the District Union,

E. S. SPENCE,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

After a short presentation to the Convention of the reasons which the District Union had for separating from the County of York, the request was placed in the hands of a committee, who after consideration recommended, "That this memorial be received" adding "and that any city having an affiliated membership of four hundred be recognized as a County Union, by adopting the County Union Constitution of the Provincial Union.

JENNIE CAVERS, *Convener.*

JANE ALEXANDER, *Secretary.*

The recommendation was adopted by a large majority of the Convention.