

made an integral part of another movement which had also organized in the fifties. This was the practical service rendered by Lady Kinnaid in opening a Home in London for nurses in training for the Crimean War. Soon this spread until there were many Homes and Institutes all founded on the same strongly evangelical basis as was Miss Robert's Prayer Union. It is interesting, therefore, to see how from the very beginning the Young Women's Christian Association has stood both for the contemplative and the active life. The power of the Association has lain in the great stream of prayer within it and its real faith in its motto, "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Loving sympathy with girls, however, has led to most energetic practical service and that service soon spread from England to other lands. Since 1873 Canada has had its own branch of this work and since 1895 it has been represented in the World's Young Women's Christian Association.

The direction of the work in Canada is entrusted to a Dominion Council composed of the President of each branch, City and Student, together with an Executive Committee made up of members resident in Toronto, where the national headquarters has now been for many years. Every three years a national convention should be held, but owing to the war it will be six years before it meets again in 1919.

The work of the Dominion Council requires a staff of about twenty-five National Secretaries and office workers. Its national organ is the "Association Outlook," published monthly.

The present leaders of the work are Lady Falconer (President), Mrs. N. W. Rowell and Mrs. L. A. Hamilton (Vice-Presidents), Miss M. L. Brock (Treasurer). Its national offices are at 332 Bloor St. West, Toronto.

Each local Association is autonomous and has its own elected Board, and its staff of Secretaries. In simpler form the College branches are the same.

The membership in Canada is about 20,000, with a great many other members of Clubs affiliated with it.

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It would be impossible to give a real insight into the value of this Association to Canadian life without giving a glimpse of its international character, for as Canada receives women from many countries and has constant intercourse with many more,