

which the "programs," suggested by Provincial Superintendents, are put. Let the women who prepare the Educational Half-hour paper, have a set of the Department letters, issued up to date, that she may have a practical application of her theme.

Follow with specific questions directed to local Superintendents. If they know that, at great expense to the Provincial, a circular letter, usually containing a program, goes out on an average every two weeks from November to July, they are likely to be convinced of the wisdom of at least looking them over. Some improvement is sure to follow.

Two other themes that need attention are the Membership Crusade and the Union Report Day.

Let us hope that the Schools of 1900 may eclipse, in practical helpfulness, all former ones.

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

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The work of this department has been carried on along much the same lines as in former years. Greetings were sent the Church conferences, meetings of Provincial Temperance Societies and other bodies of christian workers. In many cases, these were as usual courteously acknowledged.

A pleasing feature of the year's work, is the kindly spirit shown by our sisters of the missionary societies of the Baptist and Methodist churches. We were notified of their meetings and asked to send greetings. These were tendered personally by Mrs. Gordon of Ottawa, to the Baptist convention which met in her city, and by Mrs. Waters of Hamilton to the board of the Methodist W. M.S. which convened a short time ago in that city.

The resolutions passed by our last convention, were sent on to members of the Government and others, as ordered. Most of these were briefly answered. In some cases merely an acknowledgement of the receipt of the communication.

The resolutions on the Plebiscite were of this number.

An exception should be made in the answer which came from the leader of the opposition. It was most courteous and expressed sympathy with the disappointment of the temperance people of Canada.

It has often occurred to me that the opposition no matter which party that may be, is always favorable to the Prohibition of the liquor traffic; or any other moral reform. Strange what a sad falling away comes, when they cease to occupy the benches of "Her Majesty's loyal opposition."