

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Monday, May 6th, in the Hall of the Young Women's Christian Association, Elm Street, Prof. Goldwin Smith in the chair.

Rev. Dr. Parsons opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of annual meeting of 1892-93 were read by the Secretary, and confirmed.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Allen Baines, read the financial report, which was adopted, on motion of Rev. Charles Inglis and Malcolm Gibbs, Esq.

The report of the Industrial Room Committee was presented by the Convener, Mrs. Richardson, and adopted on motion of Rev. Dr. Parsons.

The Secretary's report was presented by Mrs. John A. Paterson, and adopted, on motion of J. K. Macdonald, Esq., and Dr. Allen Baines.

The report of the Fourteen Divisions were also presented by Mrs. Paterson.

The election of officers, superintendents, and advisory committee, brought the meeting to a close.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In submitting the report of the twentieth year of the Society, we are in a state of uncertainty whether or not to present it in the form of a valedictory.

The Civic Council are on economic measures bent, particularly singling out the charity organizations of the city, hitherto receiving grants, as the first step to a great end. There are three existing charities in the city for out-door relief of the poor, and the scheme on foot is to give only one grant, and that one to the largest of the three—the House of Industry.

We think the idea is a good one if it can be carried into effect, adding to the present work of the House of Industry the machinery that has made the Relief Society so successful in its efforts to help not only the hungry but those who are weighed down by a burden of debt, contracted when out of work, or during some time of trouble in the family. This we consider of far more consequence than merely satisfying the hungry. No one will refuse a meal to a man, woman or child who is starving, but most people will refuse to give money when asked by a