

Annual Report of the President

OF THE Y. W. C. T. U.

BEFORE we leave behind us the valley of the past year and begin our ascent of the next mountain ridge over which our path lies this coming year, we would rest upon the summit we have gained for retrospect and prospect, for contemplation and hope. As our thoughts are turned backward over the days and months that now belong to the past, the gracious influence and guiding hand of the all-powerful God, the loving Father, appear as sunshine giving light and life, truly "He giveth power to the faint, and to them who have no might He increaseth strength." Although times of discouragement have come and our ideal is still unattained, our hearts are filled with gratitude and hope. The year's financial liabilities have been met, workers have been ready to answer to the calls of the work and our Young Women's Christian Association is every year increasing in numbers and usefulness.

The Y. W. C. T. U. was originally organized for temperance work among the young, but as the altogether neglected field of work for young women along the lines of the Y. M. C. A. appealed strongly to the hearts and minds of the active members of the Union it was decided to organize a Young Women's