

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

So swiftly come the years. It seems almost impossible, dear sisters, that another one has passed since we recorded our first decade as a maritime or provincial Union and gave a brief review of the ten years' work. Each year has the work steadily increased, but never in our history has there been such an increase of new Unions as in the year that is passed, and I think we may take for our key-note this year, "Thanksgiving—praise to God from whom all blessings flow." With such an increase of membership comes an increase of power, an increase of responsibility—personal responsibility as well as united. "For as we have many members in our body, and all members have not the same office, so we being many, are one body in Christ and all are members one of another." Seeing this, how loyal we ought to be to one another. In an organization so large as the Maritime W. C. T. U., I think it is a great cause for gratitude that all have been spared and so many permitted to meet again. We have not to mourn one place made vacant by death, no break in our ranks that cannot be restored. None the less, we regret the absence of some who would be with us to-day only for illness, and especially we shall miss Mrs. Atkinson, one of our foremost workers at Convention. May the prayers for this dear sister, and for all who are afflicted, be speedily answered, and may they realize that 'tis a loving hand that bears the "chastening rod." While there are absent ones, yet we are glad to see among our number many who have never met with us before. White ribbon women never meet as strangers but as kindred, and we welcome you to our midst, dear sisters, and offer you the right hand of fellowship while we pray that all may "be fellow helpers to the truth." In the words of Paul let me say to you who have recently come into fellowship with us: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper." There is a beautiful motto of "The Ministering Children's League," that, I think, we might borrow for the coming year, "no day without a deed to crown it." What a different world this would be if every Christian would live up to that motto. If some days we fail, let us not be discouraged but