

APPENDIX.

HABITUAL DRUNKARDS.

At the last annual Convention of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the following resolutions were adopted regarding the present — worse than useless — system of dealing with habitual drunkards.

Whereas, The Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada has called our attention to a fact that is already too well known to the members of this Convention, namely, that the present system of sending habitual drunkards to the common jail on short sentences, is neither deterrent nor reformatory :

And Whereas, representations have been made to the Ontario Government with regard to the necessity of one or more reformatories for inebriates being established in the province by the Government :

And Whereas, the Ontario Government has, up to the present time, shown no intention of making special provision for the care and treatment of the class referred to :

And Whereas, medical experts tell us that for the successful treatment of inebriety, whether the result of heredity or of acquired habit, prolonged removal from temptation is absolutely necessary :

And Whereas, it having been intimated, to our great satisfaction, that the Ontario Government contemplate, at an early date, making provision for the girls of the refuge department of the reformatory elsewhere, and providing for the effective classification of the inmates of the latter institution ; therefore,

Resolved,—That in the opinion of this Convention, in the case of women and girls who are chronic inebriates or who have been convicted two or more times of drunkenness, instead of being sent to the common jail, they should (as soon as the aforementioned much-needed improvement in the Woman's Reformatory be effected), be sent direct to the Reformatory, and the sentences should be for long periods, either on the Cumulative or on the Indeterminate Sentence System.

Resolved further,—That the attention of both the Attorney-General and the Police Magistrates of the Province be called to this important question.