## The Hamilton Recruiting League

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lough was elected Chairman of the Convention. Many questions of vital importance to recruiting were debated, and some weighty resolutions were adopted. The taking of a census of men of military age was recommended; the Government employment of returned soldiers was strongly urged; the action of the Hamilton League in its endeavour to accelerate the supply of equipment was heartily endorsed; a Press Bureau to supply suitable literary matter to the rural papers was advocated; and the general Insurance of all soldiers by Canadian Companies through Government intervention, was thought to be a pressing necessity.

J. H. Collinson was elected the Hamilton representative on the Divisional League.

The work of the Divisional and Provincial Leagues which thus came into being through the initiative of the local workers, headed by Col. C. R. McCullough, is another story, and does not fairly come within the limits of this record.

The same may be said of other movements which either sprang out of the exuberant fertility of the Hamilton League, or derived much of their strength and influence from the support accorded them by prominent members of the League. For example, we may mention the National Service League, the Bonne Entente and the Win-the-War League.

## **REGISTRATION.**

One of the obvious requirements of an association, whose success depends upon personal appeal, is a Register of those to whom the appeal is to be made.

One of the first to recognize this need was the Hon. Secretary, H. A. Burbidge, who, in the early days of the League, emphasized its importance at several meetings of the Executive. One of the topics of debate at the Conference of Leagues on Nov. 12th was the desirability of taking a census of men of military age. But it was not until the following January that the League faced the proposition seriously. A Special Committee consisting of Major Chisholm, J. H. Collinson, S. Landers, F. J. Howell, T. W. Jutten and the Rev. Dr. Nelson was directed to secure the co-operation of th Police Commissioners. It was suggested by these gentlemen that police officers would be regarded with some suspicion and antagonism, and their census would suffer in consequence. The assessment officials, on the other hand,