

information, enthusiasm, plans and methods, but not brains or gumption. Now we do think the Ontario Union has this year lived pretty well up to its opportunities and fulfilled its obligations as a disseminator of information, enthusiasm, plans and methods. It is therefore to be regretted that a respectable minority of our Unions still travel on in dreary, old ruts, failing to take advantage of the highway to better things opened up to them by the Provincial Superintendents. This is a serious loss. To lessen it a plan is to be presented by which each Society will be asked to consider and decide whether or no they will use for the coming year the Provincial circulars and exercises. This stone will bring down two birds. It will force such Unions to a decision (which, in some cases, is all that will be needed to ensure better methods), and it will decrease the provincial printing bill by providing the number and names of the societies that will require only the business communications, and not the more expensive circulars and exercises.

In 1899-1900 over thirty printed communications were sent to every local Union, County President, Provincial Superintendent and County Superintendent of the several Departments concerned. Of these nine were Department exercises, six were four page circulars, two of which outlined programmes, and the remaining fifteen business communications. This takes no note of the Unfermented Wine leaflet, gotten out by the Provincial Department, but published by the Dominion Literature Depository; nor the Temperance Quarterly Lesson leaflets; nor the Franchise and Narcotic petitions; nor the Narcotic leaflets.

My correspondence has been a trifle less. My letter book shows 89 less cards and 40 less letters; the totals for this year being 1303 letters, 700 cards and 29 press articles. Yet beyond all comparison this has been the heaviest year since I took office. The reason may be readily found in the issue, every two weeks from October to June, of printed material for the Unions. There has gone out from my office 33,548, not pages, but separate articles of literature, and this does not include the hundreds of leaflets and circulars sent in letters, but only those in envelopes, parcels, &c., that went as printed matter. When to this is added the 6,000 petition forms, 20,000 Quarterly Temperance leaflets, and 210,000 Narcotic leaflets, we have this year published (or purchased) and distributed, provincially, 269,548 circulars, exercises and leaflets. One would require to add to this the much larger figures that embrace the literature distribution through local Unions, to know what has been done this year, by way of the press, to create temperance sentiment.

From the Provincial circulars to the departments is a natural