

receives constantly the help of the Church, because its members are to a great extent Church members and through that source of grace and help the very spirit of the Association is kept alive. On the other hand the Y.W.C.A. can surely reciprocate by thus giving opportunity for the women of all churches, or those still outside any church life, to come together for certain practical purposes, and to effect great saving in effort and in money. Meanwhile the atmosphere in which the Association seeks to carry on its special service to women is the very same that is the essence of church life, i.e.—the love of our neighbour growing out of the love for God. However many may be the differences in organization of the branches of the Association, yet all must accept a basis which conforms with the Dominion Council's affirmation of faith in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and takes as its purpose, to seek to unite all young women to work for Christ's Kingdom among other girls and women.

For the Association is a world-wide body deeply founded on spiritual lines but not narrow in its definition of the word "spiritual," for its leaders believe that Christ's call to women is for a life of full development, physical, intellectual and social as well as religious. So all its many activities take into account the whole life of a girl, thus consecrating all that is natural to the higher purposes for which it is meant. Not only does it embrace the varied interests of a girl's life, but it is not limited to any one type of woman. The working girl has great claim on the Association's interest but so has also the college student, and the Young Women's Christian Association in Canada has from the beginning had Student branches of the Association as widespread as the City branches. Canada itself might seem to offer scope enough for this work for girls but for many years it has been a part of the Association's work to send Y.W.C.A. Secretaries to help such countries as India, China and Japan. With the advent of war came a call to help France also by sending Canadian workers there. It is, therefore, very really international in sympathy and service.

HISTORY AND SERVICE.

In the year 1855 in England began the work afterwards known as the Young Women's Christian Association. It was the outcome of the love for girls of a Miss Roberts of Barnet and her desire to unite with her all who would pray for them. The Prayer Union spread in a remarkable way, and in 1877 it was