

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered, to Mr. John Waters, ex-M.P.P. for Middlesex, for his years of faithful championship of the woman's franchise cause in the Ontario House.

Further Resolved,—That we express our deep regret at his retirement from public life, and our earnest hope that his mantle may fall upon a worthy successor.

In view of the recognition given by Judge Chesley at the late General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, he having moved that the terms layman and laymen, lay delegate and lay delegates, be understood to include women,

Resolved,—That this Convention express its high appreciation of his effort on behalf of the ecclesiastical enfranchisement of women.

Resolved,—That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Judge Chesley.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

WHEREAS: The position taken by Bishop Watterson, of Columbus, Ohio, in prohibiting those engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors from holding either office or membership in Catholic societies within his diocese, and in refusing to those who violate the law the sacraments of the church, is the most radical position ever assumed by any considerable section of the Catholic Church; therefore

Resolved,—That we heartily commend his brave stand, and call the attention of the Canadian hierarchy to the large proportion of liquor sellers and manufacturers who are amongst their communicants, and to their constant and flagrant violation of the license act, and earnestly hope that before long some official utterance, backed by suitable action, shall clearly define the position of the Canadian church upon this question of vital importance.

Resolved,—That we call the attention of the women of the Catholic Church to the following extract from Bishop Watterson's address to the clergy of his diocese: "I have asked you to carry on this work of education and reform, and continue to foster a more wholesome sentiment and practice on the drink subject in the community in which you live, and to discountenance the dangerous business and unhealthy influence of saloons; also endeavor to engage the women in the cause. The influence and prayers of wives, mothers, daughters and sisters will be of much avail."

WOMAN WAGE-EARNERS.

WHEREAS: The W. C. T. U. of this Province, after considerable effort, secured from the Government an Act regulating the sanitary conditions of mercantile establishments which, though defective, has accomplished a partial reform, by calling the attention of merchants and the public to the evils it was intended to correct; and

WHEREAS: The weak point in the law was its failure to provide for proper inspection;

Resolved,—That we respectfully and earnestly request, in the name of thousands of women and girls, that the Factory Act be so amended as to extend its methods of inspection to mercantile houses.

We further call the attention of the Government to the increasingly large proportion of women workers employed in factories and mercantile houses. To our knowledge, many conditions inimical to health and morality exist; such evils are not, and could not, in the nature of things, be well made known to male Inspectors; therefore