

resolve of the Psalmist—through God we shall do valiantly, for He it is that shall tread down our enemies.

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KINGSTON.

The following is the report presented to the annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon, by Mrs. Farrell, the Secretary:—

"While tendering their report, the members of the Union regret that they have so little to show for the labours of the past year. Still they have not been idle.

A great deal of work has been accomplished, and, we believe, much good seed sown, and watered with earnest prayers. The reaping time has not come yet, but we still labour, looking in faith for the fulfilment of the promise, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Eight ladies have conducted cottage prayer meeting in the most neglected parts of the city, and these have been well attended. The pledge also has been numerously signed by women and children in these districts, although the exact number cannot be ascertained.

The co-operation of the Y. M. C. A. has been asked to hold evening meetings in the same localities in hopes of reaching the men. Religious and temperance tracts have been distributed by ladies who have taken small districts in which to visit, and try to influence the women to make their homes more comfortable and attractive, thereby leading their fathers, husbands and sons to spend the evenings at home, which are too frequently passed in saloons. Large type temperance tracts have been printed for tacking up on the walls of homes where such gentle reminders are needed, and for pasting up in conspicuous places throughout the city, as silent messengers, where no word can be spoken. The city was thoroughly canvassed, and 2,265 women signed the petition to our House of Commons for improved temperance legislation. The pastors of our churches have been asked to form 'Bands of Hope' in connection with their several Sabbath Schools, and in many of them they have already been organized.

"The Jail, House of Industry and General Hospital have been visited, the inmates read to and individually conversed with, whereby some were induced to turn from their sinful ways and endeavor to lead new and better lives. The members of the Union are of opinion that the most important feature in their report is the following startling statement:—

"There are in Kingston 15 churches and 82 licensed liquor shops, viz: 50 taverns, 10 saloons and 22 shops. The aggregate sum raised by the 15 churches in 1877, for all purposes, was \$48,963.36, when the religious and benevolent societies for the same year, 1877, raised \$8,804. making a total for religion and benevolence of \$47,767. Dur-