

be computed, but who can doubt but they have been heard, and will be answered in His own time and way. The same may be said of the Gospel Temperance Meeting, who can sum up the results? We do not feel that we are able to give an adequate impression of the good which has been accomplished by them during the year, but while this is not possible, we must believe that the influence attending all these efforts have been beneficial to some who may have been without home ties, or good influence of any sort. May not these Gospel Meetings have been to some poor wayfarer a "place of refuge," and as the "shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Early in June it was thought advisable to bring our work more especially before the Ministers of the different denominations in their yearly gatherings. Accordingly brief memorials were sent to the London and Toronto Conferences of the Methodist Church, and to the Presbyterian Assembly, asking their sympathy with us in our work, and aid in extending it. Then later in the summer a stronger memorial was presented to the General Conference of the Methodist Church which was acknowledged in the Report of the Committee of Temperance in this wise: "thankful for woman's services in the past, we would especially commend to the Church for recognition, sympathy and co-operation, that excellent and efficient organization known as the W. C. T. U."

We are sorry to have to report a decrease in the membership of several of the Unions, and perhaps this is not to be wondered at, considering the obstacles that stand in the way. That there are difficulties in the way none will deny. Hence the need of a fixed purpose to persevere, a bold spirit of determination to maintain the right, and a calm trust in God to vindicate the cause. Notwithstanding this decrease in some localities, no department of our special work has been lost sight of—the first of which is "individual work among the victims of intemperance," and as one of the ladies writes, "this is not done in our strength, but trusting in Him who is ready to help us, we make the effort." In this way we trust souls may be won for Christ. Then, influencing persons to sign the pledge, and distributing temperance literature, is regularly done, and in this, the nineteenth century, none can plead ignorance in reference to the great question of total abstinence, if they will only come to the light and seek to know the truth by reading literature in which we have the best thoughts of men of undoubted piety, who are permeating society with temperance material calculated to build up temperance sentiment.

Such is a review of our work during this year. It may not be all we would desire; but let us not be discouraged, remembering the promise, "Fear them not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee."

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