

LEGISLATION, PETITION AND FRANCHISE.

During the year progress has been made in this department of work. In the legislative branch improved amendments to the Municipality Act have been gained, largely through the influence of some of our honorary members. In Victoria the W.C.T.U. has, at each licensing court, opposed through their legal adviser, every application for license, and while one license was legally granted, it was through the signature of a so-called temperance person, who little thought that on their name depended the granting of that license, because without it, the requisite number of names would not have been had. In Westminster and Vancouver petitions have been circulated against the increase of licenses, and in the North Arm our women have been persistent in fighting against the granting of licenses; on the Vancouver Road new licenses were desired, but two petitions were circulated, and although the contest was close, victory was on our side.

MARIA GRANT.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

This very important subject has been brought before a large number of the teachers and has their sympathy and support. When it is remembered that the thousands of children in our schools will in a few years be eligible as voters, the importance of this branch of study cannot be overestimated. I would suggest that the local unions offer prizes to the different classes in our public schools when the subject is taught: this would doubtless prove an incentive to study: the prizes to be temperance books, many of which are excellent.

M. G. HALL.

LITERATURE.

From returns sent in, some 22,000 pages of literature have been distributed during the year in the following different ways: At public meetings, from house to house, in hospitals, jails, barracks, on the streets on Sabbath and by mail. Your superintendent recommends that another grant be made from the treasury: so as to circulate through clergymen and school teachers a good supply of literature where no W.C.T.U. exists. In this way the ground might be prepared for good work in the near future.

RIE M. ROBSON.

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