

disposing of the artistic needlework produced by the women when later on this Home Industry was organized and in working order.

The share which the Local Councils took in the production of the vast amount of statistics and information contained in the *Canadian Women's Handbook*, which the Council undertook to prepare as the Government's contribution to the Women's Section of the Paris Exhibition of 1900, must not be overlooked. They also shared heartily in the work of collecting signatures to the *Address to Queen Alexandra from the Women of Canada*. They assisted the *Red Cross Society* to form Branches, and they gave practical aid to the Contingents of Canadian Soldiers sent to South Africa.

Recent subjects referred to them for consideration are:—An Inquiry into the Working of Women's Exchanges; Agriculture for Women; The Encouragement of the Industrial and Fine Arts, and of Purity of Speech and Accent; the Formation of Vacation Schools and Playgrounds. This latter movement has already been successfully started by at least one Local Council during the summer of 1902.

II. WORK UNDERTAKEN ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE LOCAL COUNCILS THEMSELVES, in all of which one or more Local Councils have taken definite action.

The securing of a Curfew By-Law and the enforcement of the same; assistance to procure a Truancy Act; assistance given to a Parks' Protective Association; organization of Health Talks to Mothers and printing of Cards on the Subject; petition to allow women to preside at School Examinations; institution of a Woman's Exchange; organization of Women's Departments at Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions at the special request of the authorities thereof; petition against the reduction of Teachers' salaries; petition to have temperance teaching in the public schools; petition for Act to prohibit children under the age of fifteen being on the streets at night without proper protection; petitions—many of them—to prohibit the sale of tobacco to minors, or to raise the license so as to make it prohibitive for the smaller stores to sell cigarettes to boys; organization of Reading Clubs and assistance given to start Libraries and Reading Rooms; petition to close liquor saloons on Labor Day; provision of an Ambulance Wagon; assistance sent to Famine sufferers in India and to the Armenians; prompt and ready assistance organized to relieve sufferers in great fires; petition for stricter observance of the Sabbath; petitions for a pure water supply and for a better sanitary condition of the streets, and for the beautifying of cities; petition that the names of streets be put up at each corner, and that all houses and places of business be numbered; petition to have a Children's Protection Act in British Columbia, which