

Constitution. This did not mean that we had changed our minds, but that we did not wish to exclude from our membership those who, sympathizing with our general position, were not prepared to endorse the propositions. The result of this omission was to throw virtually all the stress of the League upon its Educative work. For the furtherance of this the Constitution provides for the formation of Local Branches of the League, and it is in this direction that our principal activity has lain. You will be glad to hear that we have now local centres at Toronto, Port Hope, Peterborough, Lindsay, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec. At each of these places excellent meetings have been held. Much interest has been aroused, and the local press has given satisfactory accounts of the meetings. This is not, perhaps, as large a measure of achievement as we looked forward to, but under the circumstances it is perhaps as much as could be expected. I interpreted the feeling of the Annual Meeting last year as in favour of action and progress, but not of anything like a whirlwin campaign. Personally, I believe our strength was, and still is, to feel our way from point to point, so that our growth may be quiet, solid and enduring, rather than sensational but ephemeral.

POLICY FOR COMING YEAR

If, in saying this, I voice the general opinion of the League, then it seems to me that our policy for the ensuing season is clear. I would in the first place advocate the extension of the League's influence through the medium of the local centre. It will be observed that we have no local centres west of Toronto. I think an effort should be made to plant at least half-a-dozen in Western Ontario. From the larger