

# *Seventh Annual Report*

*of the*

## *Local Council of Women of Toronto*

*In affiliation with the National Council of  
Women of Canada*

WITH AN APPENDIX CONTAINING THE

REPORTS FOR THE YEAR, THE CONSTITUTION AND STANDING  
ORDERS OF THE TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL, WITH  
A LIST OF THE SOCIETIES FEDERATED  
IN THE SAME.

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# Toronto Local Council of Women

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1901.

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### Honorary President,

Mrs. Grant Macdonald, 28 St. Joseph Street.

### Past Presidents,

Mrs. George Dickson, St. Margaret's College.

Miss Carty, 263 Jarvis Street.

### President,

Mrs. George Kerr, 14 Madison Avenue.

### Elected Vice-Presidents,

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, 44 Dewson Street.

Lady Thompson, 631 Sherbourne Street.

Mrs. Torrington, 12 Pembroke Street.

Mrs. Strathy, 71 Queen's Park.

### Ex-Officio Vice-Presidents (Presidents of Federated Societies):

Mrs. Dignam, Woman's Art Association of Canada.

Dr. Bertha Dymond, Toronto City Union of the King's Daughters  
and Sons.

Mrs. Strathy, Toronto Industrial Rooms.

Mrs. Loeser, Moses Montefiore Benevolent Society.

Mrs. Francis, Ministering Children's League.

Mrs. S. G. Wood, Toronto Humane Society.

Miss L. Johnstone, Frœbel Society.

Mrs. E. A. Stevens, Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Miss Cayley, St. Agatha's Guild.

Mrs. Menzies, St. Cyprian's Mission Workers.

Miss Dickson, Aberdeen Association.

Dr. A. Stowe-Gullen, Women's Enfranchisement Association.

Mrs. Kavanagh, Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Society.

Mrs. Forsythe Grant, Woman's Canadian Historical Association.  
 Mrs. Elmes Henderson, Protestant Orphans' Home.  
 Mrs. Thom, Rosedale League of School Art.  
 Mrs. J. Herbert Mason, Victorian Order of Nurses.  
 Miss Hagarty, Women's Teachers' Association of Toronto.  
 Dr. Leila Davis, Women's Medical Association.  
 Mrs. Jarvis, The Haven and Prison Gate Mission.  
 Miss Edgar, the Alumnae of University College.  
 Mrs. J. L. Hughes, the Household Economic Association.

**Recording Secretary,**

Miss Cox, 81 Homewood Avenue.

**Corresponding Secretary,**

Miss Cayley, St. George's Rectory.

**Treasurer,**

Mrs. Coad, 1155 King Street West.

**Life Patrons,**

Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Coad.

**Annual Patrons,**

Miss Carty, Mrs. G. Kerr.

**Life Members,**

Mrs. Coad, Mrs. Scales, Mrs. Treble, Mrs. Cummings, Miss Defries.

**Individual Members,**

Miss Teresa F. Wilson, Lady Taylor, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. FitzGibbon,  
 Miss Graham, Miss Saulter, Mrs. J. M. Treble, Miss Mary W. Camp-  
 bell, Mrs. Carey, Miss Bayley, Miss Jennie Bayley, Miss Sarah Ross,  
 Miss Brown, Miss Ronand, Mrs. J. Herbert Mason.

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**Representatives of Federated Societies.**

1. WOMAN'S ART ASSOCIATION—Mrs. Dignam (President), 275 St. George Street; Mrs. J. Lillie, 40 Nanton Crescent; Mrs. Wilkie, 627 Spadina Avenue; Mrs. O'Hara, 50 Elm Avenue; Mrs. Percy Mason, 64 Alexander Street; Mrs. A. G. F. Lawrence, 253 Wellesley Street.

2. KING'S DAUGHTERS—Dr. Bertha Dymond (President), 199 College Street; Miss A. Brown, 51 Wood Street; Mrs. Austin, 34 Waverley Road; Mrs. Savage, 245 North Lisgar; Miss Henry, 53 McGill Street; Mrs. Neville. 11.
3. INDUSTRIAL ROOMS—Mrs. Barnett (President), 311 Sherbourne Street; Mrs. H. S. Strathy, 71 Queen's Park; Mrs. Van Sommer, 23 Howland Avenue; Mrs. Moore, 106 Wellesley Street; Mrs. Culvert, 274 Major Street; Mrs. Boyd. 12.  
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4. MOSES MONTEFIORE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY—Mrs. Loeser (President), 237 Sherbourne Street; Mrs. F. D. Benjamin, 337 Sherbourne Street; Mrs. Kallmayer, 282 Jarvis Street; Mrs. S. M. Davis, 364 Berkeley Street; Mrs. H. C. Davis, 42 Breadalbane Street.
5. MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE—Mrs. Grant Francis (President), 27 Grosvenor Street; Mrs. Lockhart Gordon, George Street; Miss Osler, York Mills; Miss Barker, Park Road; Mrs. Fuller. 14.
6. HUMANE SOCIETY—Mrs. S. G. Wood (President), 100 Pembroke Street; Mrs. E. Leigh, 29 Harbord Street; Mrs. R. L. Brereton, 25 Admiral Road; Mrs. Savigny, 49 Isabella Street; Mrs. Grasett, 240 College Street; Miss Workman, 113 Mutual Street. 15.
7. FRÆBEL SOCIETY—Miss L. Johnstone (President), 65 Rose Avenue; Miss L. B. Williams, 15 Selby Street; Miss H. Heakes, 489 Euclid Avenue; Miss M. Patterson, 7 Metcalfe Street; Miss E. Readunan, 13 Borden Street; Miss R. McBrine, 73 Isabella Street. 16.
8. WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION—Mrs. E. A. Stevens (President), 200 Cowan Avenue; Mrs. Bascom, 1339 King Street West; Mrs. Hilborn, 74 Brunswick Avenue; Mrs. Fletcher, 1324 Queen Street West; Mrs. McDonell, Sunnyside; Mrs. Mark, 87 Homewood Avenue. 17.  
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9. ST. AGATHA'S GUILD—Miss Cayley (President), St. George's Rectory; Miss Cowan, 100 Wilcox Street; Miss Carter, 139 D'Arcy Street; Miss Godard, 454 King Street West; Miss Winsor, Baldwin Street; Miss Warne, 311 Queen Street West.
10. ST. CYPRIAN'S MISSION WORKERS—Mrs. Menzies (President), 866 Palmerston Avenue; Miss Edgar, 162 Albany Avenue; Miss Steel, 866 Palmerston Avenue; Mrs. Cummings, 44 Dewson 19.

- Street ; Mrs. Porter, 184 Christie Street ; Mrs. Farrell, 741 Euclid Avenue.
11. ABERDEEN ASSOCIATION—Miss Dickson (President), 50 St. George Street ; Lady Thompson, Sherbourne Street ; Mrs. Bruce Harman, 25 Cecil Street ; Mrs. Stewart Gordon, 513 Huron Street ; Miss Temple.
  12. WOMAN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT ASSOCIATION —Dr. A. Stowe-Gullen (President), Spadina Avenue ; Mrs. Scales, Wellington Place.
  13. CATHOLIC YOUNG LADIES' LITERARY SOCIETY—Mrs. Kavanagh (President), 10 Tyndall Avenue ; Miss Hart, 149 Dovercourt Road ; Miss Rose Ferguson, Bond Street ; Miss Nellie Kelly, 53 Trinity Street ; Miss M. O'Donoghue, D'Arcy Street ; Miss K. O'Rourke, 57 Denison Avenue.
  14. WOMAN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION—Miss Ellerby, 18 Gloucester Street ; Miss Creegon, 55 Murray Street ; Miss Beard, 86 Bismarck Avenue ; Miss Teefy, Richmond Hill ; Mrs. Touffelauder ; Miss FitzGibbon, 35 Grosvenor Street.
  15. PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME—Mrs. Elmes Henderson (President), Dovercourt Road ; Mrs. W. J. Douglas, 62 St. Alban Street ; Mrs. E. Leigh, 29 Harbord Street ; Mrs. R. Darling, 2 Dale Avenue ; Mrs. Arthurs, Ravenswood, Davenport Road ; Mrs. Swabey, 218 Beverley Street.
  16. ROSEDALE LEAGUE OF SCHOOL ART—Mrs. Thom (President), 2 South Drive ; Mrs. Rust, 10 Pine Hill Road ; Mrs. Montgomery, 22 Dunbar Road ; Miss Foster, 1101 Yonge Street ; Mrs. A. Cox, 84 Homewood Avenue.
  17. VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES—Miss Eastwood (Representative), 206 Spadina Avenue.
  18. WOMAN'S TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO—Miss Hagarty, Wellesley School (President) ; Miss Harrington, 405 Jarvis Street ; Miss Sanderson, 6 Sussex Avenue ; Miss Sykes, 101 Gloucester Street ; Miss Langton, 372 College Street ; Miss Smith, 28 McGill Street.
  19. WOMAN'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—Dr. Leila Davis (President), 183 College Street ; Dr. J. Gray, 266 Wellesley Street ; Dr. Burt

Sherratt, 41 Shuter Street ; Dr. Skinner, 492 Yonge Street; Dr. M. Gordon, 125 Spadina Avenue ; Dr. R. Hume, 228 Carlton Street.

20. THE HAVEN AND PRISON GATE MISSION—Mrs. Jarvis (President), 258 Jarvis Street ; Mrs. Dundas, 320 Jarvis Street ; Mrs. F. Cox, 414 Sherbourne Street ; Mrs. Croft, 7 Oxford Street ; Miss Sanderson, 320 Seaton Street ; Mrs. Bain, 135 Bedford Road.
21. THE ALUMNÆ OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE—Miss Edgar (President), 113 Bloor Street West ; Miss Ross, Moulton College ; Miss J. Street, 17 Spadina Road ; Miss L. Hamilton, 202 Jarvis Street ; Miss Lawler, 435 Jarvis Street.
22. HOUSEHOLD ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION—Mrs. J. L. Hughes (President), Balmy Beach ; Mrs. Jean Joy (Secretary), 18 Elm Street ; Mrs. Rigby, St. Hilda's College ; Mrs. Gurney, 179 Gerrard Street ; Mrs. Allen, 84 Wilcox Street ; Miss Riddell, 511 Sherbourne Street.

All members of any affiliated society are members of the Local Council, but only the President and five delegates are entitled to vote at the meetings.

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### Standing Committees.

#### AGED AND INFIRM POOR.

*Convener*, Mrs. Thompson, 137 Avenue Road.

#### HOME TOPICS.

*Convener*, Miss Carty, 263 Jarvis Street.

#### PERNICIOUS LITERATURE.

*Convener*, Mrs. Kavanagh, 10 Tyndall Avenue.

#### IMMIGRATION.

*Convener*, Mrs. S. G. Wood, 100 Pembroke Street.

#### CUSTODIAL CARE OF FEEBLE-MINDED WOMEN.

*Convener*, Mrs. Hilborn, 74 Brunswick Avenue.

ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
**Toronto Local Council**  
FEBRUARY 15, 1901.

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The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Toronto Local Council of Women was held in the Gallery of the Woman's Art Association, Confederation Life Building, on Friday, February 15th, 1901.

The Afternoon Session was opened with silent prayer and the Lord's Prayer, the acting President, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, in the chair.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were taken as read.

The Annual Report was read by the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Cayley, and with the Treasurer's Report was accepted and adopted on motion of Mrs. George Kerr.

Mrs. Thompson spoke upon the need of providing fire escapes on buildings where women are employed, and a resolution was passed.

Moved by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. S. G. Wood, "That we recommend that steps be taken to provide fire escapes in stores and factories where women are employed, and that every effort be made to see that this law is enforced."

Reports were presented by the following Committees :

The Care of the Aged and Infirm Poor.—Mrs. Henry Thompson.  
Immigration.—Mrs. S. G. Wood.

The Custodial Care of Feeble-Minded Women.—Mrs. Hilborn.  
Pernicious Literature.—Dr. Bertha Dymond.

Representatives from the following Federated Societies presented interesting reports :

The Humane Society.—Mrs. S. G. Wood.

Victorian Order of Nurses.—Miss Eastwood.

Industrial Rooms.—Mrs. H. S. Strathy. (In this very interesting report great stress was laid upon the need of the art of plain sewing being taught in the public schools, so that this most important branch of woman's work might not be left to chance.)

The Women's Canadian Historical Society.—Miss FitzGibbon.

The Rosedale League of School Art.—Mrs. Thom.

The Aberdeen Society.—Miss Yarker.

The Ministering Children's League.—Mrs. Francis.

The King's Daughters.—Dr. Bertha Dymond.

St. Agatha's Guild.—Miss Cayley.

St. Cyprian's Mission Workers.—Mrs. Cummings.

Owing to the unprecedented national loss, the following resolution was placed on record :

Moved by Miss Carty, seconded by Lady Thompson, " Resolved, that the Toronto Local Council of Women at this, their Annual Meeting in the first year of the century, desire to express their deep sense of sorrow at the passing away of our much loved Queen, and to record their feeling of lasting gratitude for the blessing and continual remembrance of the good which our great Sovereign by the nobility of her life and deeds conferred on womanhood. This Council feels that it was the inspiration of her purity of heart and her puissance of mind that first manifested to women the larger capacities and the nobler responsibilities of their sex, and that, for all time, as her reign will be glorious in the history of the universe, so will her life be blessed in the annals of womanhood, and ever remain an uplifting evangel of faithful-hearted, perfect womanliness." This resolution was passed unanimously, all the Council standing.

The nomination of Mrs. George Kerr, as President, Miss Cox, Recording Secretary, Miss Cayley, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Coad, Treasurer, having been unanimous, those officers were declared elected by acclamation.

After the roll had been called ballot papers were distributed to those entitled to vote, and Vice-Presidents were elected as follows : Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Mrs. FitzGibbon, Lady Thompson, Mrs. Torrington, Mrs. H. S. Strathy.

The following resolutions were passed :

Moved by Mrs. Strathy, seconded by Mrs. Leigh, "That the members of this Local Council, realizing the need that exists for many young girls engaged in industrial pursuits, who are not living in their own homes, of some place where they may spend their evenings, comfortably and happily under desirable conditions, do heartily endorse the formation of a Club for workers, and the procuring of suitable rooms for the same. They are grateful for the work done by the Committee appointed to gather necessary information on this subject, and do hereby re-appoint this Committee with power to elect their convener."

Proposed by Mrs. S. G. Wood, seconded by Miss Ellerby, "That this Local Council having learned from the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health of the danger which exists of the spread of infectious diseases by means of the clothing made in private houses not under inspection, which is afterwards sold throughout the Dominion, do secure the co-operation of the other Local Councils in this Province to petition the Legislature to enact a law requiring such clothing to be disinfected before it is offered for sale."

Proposed by Mrs. J. L. Hughes, seconded by Miss Carty, "That as insanity is not an offence against the law, but is instead a disease, and should therefore never be treated as a crime, this Local Council do earnestly protest against the insane being brought into the Police Court and committed to the jail on the charge of insanity. They would therefore respectfully call the attention of the Mayor and City Council to this matter, and would urge the said Council to provide some other accommodation for the insane, pending their admission to the Hospital for the Insane."

Resolutions of sympathy and condolence were passed to the Council of St. John on the death of Miss Murray, and to the Montreal Council on the death of Mrs. John Macdougall.

A very cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Willoughby Cummings for the time and attention she had given to the work of the Council as acting President.

The meeting then adjourned.

## EVENING SESSION.

The Evening Session opened at eight o'clock, with the President, Mrs. George Kerr, in the chair.

After a few words from the President, Mrs. Cummings spoke upon some features of Council work, recommending the formation of "Study Clubs," which had been found so useful in the Montreal Council.

Miss Teresa Wilson gave a most interesting summary of the work done by the different Councils throughout the Dominion.

The Council endorsed the project set on foot by the Women's Historical Society, to erect a Memorial Hall to the memory of our late beloved Queen.

His worship the Mayor of Toronto made a short speech, emphasizing the value of Women's influence in the community.

During the evening Miss Hilda Richardson, of the College of Music, gave some delightful selections on the 'Cello, and Mrs. LeGrand Reed sang several songs with great sweetness and expression.

Afterwards refreshments were served, and the meeting adjourned.

MARY E. COX,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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### Corresponding Secretary's Report.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL :

Since our last Annual Meeting in January of 1900, we have held eight executive and three public meetings. Although the number of meetings is less than usual, the *work* of the Council has not been the less, as an immense amount has been done by the Standing and Sub-Committees, whose meetings are not included in the record of the minutes of the Council. We shall presently hear reports from these committees, and you will then realize the work which the members have been doing.

The Sub-Committees authorized by the National Council are in working order, and report from time to time to the Conveners.

We report this year an addition of four societies, namely, "The Haven," "The Fræbel Society," the Alumnae of University College and

the National Household Economic Association ; also four life members of the National Council, two life members of the Local Council and twenty-six individual members of the Council.

We had the sad duty of sending a resolution of sincere condolence to Lord Aberdeen on the death of his revered mother.

We have paid our promised sum of \$50 to the Council Aid Fund of the National Council.

In January a resolution was passed conveying to Col. Evans and members of the Second Canadian Contingent, who were then on the eve of their departure for the front, the best wishes of this Council for them in the task for which they had so gallantly volunteered, and our hope of a safe and speedy return. We now know how bravely they have upheld the honor of Canada in the field along with those who have since that date gone from among us.

In March, after the gallant way in which our Canadian soldiers first distinguished themselves at Sunnyside, we sent a letter of congratulation to Col. Otter, from whom we have received a most appreciative reply.

At the time of the fire at Hull and Ottawa our Acting President sent a telegram to the President of the Ottawa Council asking what she would like Toronto to do for immediate needs, and in the morning members of this Council came to the City Hall, on receiving telephone messages, to consult the Mayor how best to reach the people of Toronto for clothing and food. The Mayor having already taken the necessary steps, it was left to individuals to send help through the appointed officers.

In April, Dr. Roseburgh, Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association, asked for and received the co-operation of this Council with a petition for the "Prevention of Consumption" which he was about to bring before the Legislature.

We have also expressed our sympathy with the newly formed society called the "Toronto Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis."

In connection with the work of the Red Cross Society this Council undertook to write to 57 places and 8 counties, with the result that many local branches of the Society have been formed, while in Toronto many members of the Local Council have been actively engaged in the work since its formation.

A deputation from this Council waited on the Public School Board to again urge the introduction of Domestic Science into the schools of Toronto.

We have also written to the Mayor calling attention to the posters displayed on the street fences, and asked that the recommendation of the Grand Jury *re* an Inspector of Posters be acted upon.

In May an Entertaining Evening was held for the purpose of interesting the public in the handiwork of the Doukhobor women, which was displayed on the walls of the Woman's Art Gallery, which they most kindly lent for the meeting. Russian tea and cakes were provided and the music and songs were much enjoyed. Prof. Mavor showed with his lantern views of the Doukhobors in different dresses and houses and manner of life. The Council got up the Evening partly to raise \$50 promised for "Council Aid" and partly that what Toronto had done for the Doukhobors might be better known. Since October, when Mrs. FitzGibbon brought the needs of these people to the notice of the Councils, Toronto has given them \$354.25, which included 50 spinning wheels, and has loaned \$285.

At the Annual Meeting of the National Council it was agreed that any Council giving \$25, over and above the yearly fee, could for each \$25 make a member of a Local Council a life member of the National Council. We therefore with great pleasure nominated Mrs. Grant Macdonald and Mrs. George Dickson, our two Past Presidents, for election by the National Executive. This year having again given \$50, we sent the names of Miss Carty and Lady Thompson to the National Executive for acceptance.

Dr. Sheard gave, under the auspices of the Committee of "Talks on Home Topics," an instructive and interesting lecture called "Infectious and Contagious Diseases."

A meeting of Executive Committee of National Council was held in Toronto in October, when many members of this Council were present and acted as representatives for the Presidents of other Local Councils who were unfortunately unable to attend, thus gaining a knowledge of and an interest in the wider field of work of the National Council. In January last this Local Council was represented on the National Executive by Mrs. Learmont, of Montreal, who kindly acted for us at the meeting of that Committee held in that city.

At the Annual Meeting of the National Council which met at Victoria, B.C., in July, 1900, many members of this Council were present. I have already given you reports of the proceedings.

At the public meeting of this Council last October, visiting members of the National Household Economic Association (which society was holding its annual meeting in Toronto) were present, and Mrs. Florence Kelly, of New York, gave an interesting address on the responsibility of women as money spenders, and concerning the conditions under which work is done.

Two very important matters are engaging the attention of the Council at present, and which will be brought in detail before you this afternoon, namely, the pressing need of a club and home for young girls working in shops or factories who are not living in their own homes, and the equally pressing need of the disinfection of all clothing made in houses other than factories, and which is distributed throughout the Province.

During the year your Secretary has received thirty-three letters and written 125.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. Cory, who has so kindly acted as Corresponding Secretary for me during the past six months.

The Council has this year been without an active President, as Miss Carty, owing to her doctor's orders, has been obliged to take complete rest: but the untiring zeal of our First Vice-President, Mrs. Cummings, has kept us in working order, and it is entirely due to her efforts that we are able to report so much work done by this Council.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY AUGUSTA CAYLEY,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

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## Treasurer's Report from January, 1900, to January, 1901.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$12 64
Two Annual Patrons.....	10 00
One Life Membership fee—Miss Defries.....	15 00
Sixteen Individual Members' fees.....	16 00
Twenty-two Federated Societies' fees.....	44 00
Proceeds Doukhobor Tea .....	50 00
Seventeen National Council Reports, 50c. ....	8 50
Eleven Badges Sold.....	2 75
Donations for Luncheon.....	7 55
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

National Council Aid Fund .....	\$50 00
National Council Fee.....	5 00
Seventeen Reports National Council.....	8 50
Ten Pin Badges—Miss Wilson.....	2 50
Postage and Postal Cards .....	4 35
Entertaining Visiting Delegates.....	4 30
Luncheon to National Executive .....	5 25
Printing, \$9.50, and Annual Reports, \$22 .....	31 50
Caretaker Normal School .....	5 00
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LUCY M. COAD,  
*Treasurer.*

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## REPORT OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

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### Report of the Woman's Art Association of Canada.

During the year the Association has been most progressive—in a special way the encouragement of handicraft claiming attention. A Loan Exhibition of Handicrafts was combined with the regular spring exhibit of pictures, which illustrated actual work done in bookbinding, leather-work, wood-carving, pottery, lace, embroidery, etc. A practical bookbinding class is now at work, with good results. A Ceramic Exhibition was held as usual during the fall, a Sketch and Sale Exhibition before Christmas, and the usual spring collection in April and March. The Lecture Course was stronger and attracted great attention, while preparations for next year's course are already in progress.

The branches of the Woman's Art Association have been working faithfully, as evidenced by reports of lectures, etc., from time to time, and the pictures and china sent to the exhibition. Hamilton held a large combined exhibition in the fall of 1900, Kingston and Brockville later on; Montreal held an extensive Picture and Handicrafts Exhibition, which was a pronounced success, and St. John, N.B., is holding the spring exhibit in April this year.

The subject of practical design has been kept well in view, and in Montreal and Toronto valuable prizes have been competed for, and won by various members of the Association.

32 Russell Street.

E. F. DENISON,  
*Cor.-Sec'y W.A.A.*

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### Industrial Room Society.

In presenting the annual report of the Industrial Room Society, it gives us great pleasure to speak of a year of increased activity and

prosperity. The work of the Industrial Room grows slowly, but, we are glad to think, surely. That it is a most necessary and valuable work we are more and more convinced each year. Our workers come, as a rule, from poverty-stricken households, many of them never learnt to sew in childhood, and they turn to their needle only as a temporary resource to bridge over a temporary distress when the husband is out of work or ill in the hospital, wishful in many cases only to earn something to help them in a pinch, and without, at first, either interest or pride in the work given them to do. To take such a woman, in many cases middle-aged, with roughened hands and a mind occupied only with household cares and worries, and to teach her to make a garment neatly, to feel a pride in small stitches and well-made button-holes, is a herculean task, and yet it is one accomplished in many cases during the winter. We feel the room does no more useful work than that undertaken in the knitting, sewing and button-hole classes, and that the ladies who so efficiently take charge of these departments perform a work the value of which to the women cannot possibly be overestimated. It is deplorable, though, that such a state of things should exist. In the working classes a generation has grown up in the years since sewing machines and shop-made garments became common with whom the use of the needle is almost a lost art, and the Industrial Room Society would most earnestly beg all its members to do everything in their power to impress on all interested in the future well-being of their country-women the necessity of establishing sewing classes in every school in the country. There is something very far wrong in the educational system that leaves such an all-important branch of a girl's education to chance, and we wish that every school board in the country could see the painful efforts made by women to acquire with slow brains and stiffened fingers skill they should have learnt as children. The bright side of the picture is that many of our women have improved wonderfully, even with all these disadvantages. Some of our best workers can now earn a small steady income all the year round, and both at the shop and at the yearly sale satisfaction is expressed by our customers with the steady improvement in every grade of work that is offered to purchasers. As usual, the shop in the Forum Building is always open, and we are glad to say it has received orders not only from many patrons in Toronto,

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but from points as far distant as Montreal. The active work of the Society for the winter began on the first Thursday in January and closed with the annual sale in the hall of the C. S. B. on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of April. During these three months work went on as it has done for many years. Every Thursday morning the women met at nine, and after a short, hearty service, most kindly undertaken by different friends, went to their classes, where they worked for two hours, were paid for the work they had brought in, given other work to take away, and left after partaking of a cup of tea and bread and butter, in most cases paying a visit to the Bargain Table, where an opportunity was offered them of purchasing warm second-hand clothing at most reasonable prices.

The Industrial Room might almost serve as a thermometer to indicate from year to year the condition of Toronto's poor. This winter, we are glad to say, the indicator pointed several degrees higher than it has done for some seasons past. There is no doubt industrial conditions were better, work was more plentiful and wages higher, and we rejoiced to miss some familiar faces and to know their absence meant that the man of the house had steady work again. But as the weeks rolled on we realized, as perhaps never before, the meaning of the Master's words, "The poor ye have always with you." There is in every city a class just below the rank of the steady workman—a class most difficult to deal with. This class lives by casual labor; the work their hands can do is of little value. They subsist on the debatable ground between honest toil and pauperism, and they are often pushed down into the latter by the thoughtless souls that find it easier to throw a dole to them than to give them work, and too often their children drift into the ranks of the downright dishonest and vicious. To this class of the poor we believe the Rooms are especially valuable. We are glad of our good workers. We rejoice to feel we can offer our customers beautiful garments, beautifully made, and so help many a deserving woman to bridge over a terribly hard place, but it is also a very great pleasure to us to think of the many of the very poor who come to us who are heartened up by the kindness they receive in the Rooms and by the discovery they make there that their labor has some money value—of the poor who are helped by every means in our power to be working women and

not beggars. Our great regret is that the means at our disposal for helping them are so limited, the work and the assistance we can give to each woman is so inadequate, when compared with her needs.

Some one has said that the prime requisite for successful philanthropic work is "patience, patience and yet again patience." The members of the Industrial Room Society realize most deeply the truth of that saying as applied to their own work. They feel that with them it is a case of renewed and persistent effort month after month, year after year; but they know also their work has been valuable in the past, and they believe its future usefulness is only limited by the means placed at their disposal, and that they will continue to fulfil the object of their existence as it is set forth in the Act of Incorporation.

#### OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

The objects of this Society, as set forth in the Act of Incorporation, are as follows: To secure employment for women and girls requiring aid; to provide sewing, knitting and other industrial occupations for women and girls requiring assistance, and generally to help such women and girls in the way of making them industrious instead of pauperizing them by affording gratuitous relief.

71 Queen's Park.

EMMA STRATHY,  
*Secretary T. I. R. A.*

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#### The Ladies' Montefiore Benevolent Society.

This Society still continues doing good work amongst the indigent of the Hebrew persuasion, as the ranks of those needing assistance are being continually reinforced by emigrants from Roumania and Russia.

The members look after these poor people, and a special cause for gratification is the fact that the later arrivals, being good mechanics and industrious, very soon become self-supporting.

A Dorcas meeting in connection with the above Society takes place once a week during the winter months, when the needy apply for aid and are supplied with clothing, fuel, etc.

42 Breadalbane Street.

H. C. DAVIS,  
*Secretary.*

### Ministering Children's League.

The Ministering Children's League is a world-wide organization, and is doing a great work. It is a distinctly Christian association, but not a distinctly Church organization.

This year the League has fifty thousand members. It is flourishing in the British Isles, the United States, Australia, Germany, India, South Africa, Shanghai, Egypt and Canada. In Toronto there are only four branches—All Saints', St. Simon's, St. Luke's and Eglinton—each of these branches doing much good work. Instead of only four there should be forty such branches.

You will certainly agree that it is most desirable to train children to give systematically their time, their money and, above all, their personal interest to aid good works in their own neighborhood. The children's hearts and hands are ever ready, but the difficulty is to find leaders for them—persons who will encourage the possibly few children in their neighborhood to meet together one afternoon or evening in the week and who can direct their work. It has been most truly said, "He who makes one little child happier for one half hour is a co-worker with God." How much more can be said of those who influence children's whole lives, making them happily useful and busy in doing God's own work.

28 Grosvenor Street.

MARIAN FRANCIS,  
*Secretary.*

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### Toronto Humane Society.

During the past year the Toronto Humane Society has made good progress in its mission of kindness and mercy toward dumb animals and to all living creatures. The office at 103 Bay Street has been maintained for the convenience of the general public who may wish to report cases of cruelty, or who desire at any time to gain information concerning the work. The Humane Officer has also been steadily engaged in visiting the stockyards, slaughter houses, gravel pits, and other places where animals are likely to be ill-used, and his visits have been extremely useful in checking cruelty. He also gives advice and assistance in cases where horses are suffering from sore shoulder, lameness, etc., as the

work is educational in its character, and the Society finds that much of the neglect and ill-treatment of animals is due to thoughtlessness, rather than to a cruel, vindictive spirit. Bands of Mercy have been formed, from time to time, in the Public Schools, and the Society is very desirous of interesting teachers and others in this branch of the work. The magic lantern and slides still continue to be available without charge to those wishing to give pleasant and instructive addresses to children. The Toronto Humane Society has taken an active stand as a distributing centre in the formation of many sister societies in smaller towns, and also in supplying suitable literature and information when required. The members of the Society feel that humane education and the development of intelligent humane sentiment in the young is the object and aim of all humane efforts.

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OFFICE: 103 BAY STREET.

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### The Toronto Frœbel Society.

The Toronto Frœbel Society held regular monthly meetings during the season of 1900-01. The philosophy of Frœbel, as developed in his "Mutter and Rose Leider," was the basis of study taken up during the winter. Miss Blow's "Letters to a Mother" was the text-book used. Six of the Mother Play songs were discussed. Stories and talks illustrating the thought embodied and the truths contained in each song were given by various members, and their practical use in the Kindergarten pointed out.

Incidentally, many subjects of local and general interest to women were touched upon. One of these was the wearing of dead birds, breasts, etc., in ladies' hats, and the Society by a vote on the question expressed its disapproval of the custom.

53 Tranby Avenue.

L. M. RUSSELL,  
*Secretary.*

### Report of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

In reviewing the work of the year, I will only mention some of the most important items.

In October Mrs. Mason conveyed greetings to the Toronto Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

November 28th, a letter was sent to the Literary Society of Toronto University, expressing approval of their action in the banishment of liquor from all functions controlled by them.

In December a series of Departmental Conferences was instituted, which was found very helpful to the work.

In the beginning of February a letter was sent to the Red Cross Society, expressing our appreciation of the good work done by them for our brave Canadian boys who went to South Africa, but greatly regretting that cigarettes and tobacco had been so freely supplied to the first and second contingents upon their departure, and asking that in future other things might be supplied that would be more beneficial to their welfare.

February 17th, a memorial service was held at Headquarters, at which reminiscences in the life of Miss Willard were given by Mrs. Rutherford. Mrs. Cavers, Provincial Vice-President, spoke touchingly of the beautiful character and faithfulness of Miss Jennie McArthur, late Treasurer of the Provincial W. C. T. U. Loving words of appreciation were also spoken of other leaders who had passed to their reward.

February 27th, the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the organization of the W. C. T. U. in America and Toronto was celebrated by a Jubilee Banquet in the Temple Building, at which Mrs. Lenora M. Lake, of St. Louis, Mo., Vice-President of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, was the principal speaker. This banquet was well attended, and was a great success in every way. On the afternoon of the 28th, a reception was given Mrs. Lake in the Y. W. C. G. Hall.

In April letters were sent to a number of members of the House of Commons, urging their support in favor of Mr. Flint's resolution *re* Prohibition in those Provinces and Territories that had voted in favor of Prohibition during the Plebiscite. Letters were also sent to several members of the Provincial Government asking their support to Mr.

Crawford's Bill to prohibit the sale of liquor near parks and fair grounds. Also asking them to oppose Mr. German's Bill to allow the sale of liquor to travellers in hotels on the Sabbath day.

April 11th, a number of ladies accompanied a deputation from the Prisoners' Aid Association and the Ontario Medical Association, to wait upon the Provincial Government to urge the passage of a Bill relating to the establishment of a hospital, or ward in one of the existing hospitals, for the treatment of inebriety.

In June greetings were conveyed to the Ontario Educational Association by our President, Mrs. Stevens. A little later letters were sent to Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald, Premier of Manitoba, and to Hon. D. Farquharson, Premier of Prince Edward Island, congratulating them upon the passage of a Prohibitory Bill in each of these Provinces.

Special mention should be made of the prayer meeting on behalf of the soldiers engaged in the war, which was held each week during the winter. In reading God's Word and trusting in His promises those in attendance felt that their prayers were not in vain, and that God would care for the loved ones who were far away and exposed to such great dangers.

M. M. BROWNELL,

119 Maitland Street.

*Secretary W. C. T. U.*

### St. Cyprian's Mission Workers.

St. Cyprian's Missionary Workers are in their eleventh year, and they endeavor by literature, social and work meetings to interest all the women in the Parish in Missionary and Church work. Their numbers are gradually increasing.

M. EDGAR,

162 Albany Avenue.

*Secretary.*

### St. Agatha's Guild.

This Guild meets weekly for purposes devotional, social and charitable. Its objects are: (1) The advancement of its members towards a higher standard of life and work. (2) Helping the cause of Missions by personal work for some special field, and by keeping up a lively interest in the subject. (3) Exciting and keeping a warm devotion to St. George's Parish. (4) Innocent and unselfish amusement.

Widmer Street.

JESSIE CABLE,  
*Secretary.*

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### Report of the Aberdeen Association.

The Aberdeen Association was founded in Winnipeg eleven years ago.

Its object is to distribute monthly parcels of literature to settlers living in isolated parts of Canada. Its readers may be divided into two classes, namely, those whose homes are so situated geographically that it is difficult for them to obtain literature, and those who from financial circumstances are not able to purchase it.

The Toronto Branch was founded in March, 1896, with six workers, sending out thirteen parcels a month. The number has now increased to sixteen workers and 164 parcels a month.

The Toronto Branch is much indebted to the Honorable G. W. Ross and Provincial Government for a room in the Parliament Buildings, where the work of the Association is carried on. It has been fitted up with shelving and tables and made most comfortable in every way.

As to the appreciation with which the literature is received by the settlers, the scores of touching letters received by the workers are sufficient testimony. I should like, with your permission, to read you a letter I received last month.

“Prince Albert, N. W. T.

“MY DEAR MISS YARKER,—I should have answered long ago a very kind letter I had from a Miss Macdougall, acting, she said, for Miss Dickson, *pro tem.*, but somehow I lost her letter and address and could

never find them, and now I feel a veritable 'black sheep,' and utterly undeserving of the great kindness received last year.

"With eight children, three of them I may say babies, and all my own work to do (for we can afford no help) you can imagine writing is a difficulty as well as a luxury. I feel, too, I should try to send some little help towards a Society that is such a wonderful help to me, but somehow I never can call a cent my own, and can only hope for better things as my boys get older. Just now we are struggling up a pretty steep hill with a very heavy burden, but I look forward, please God, to better things, and we have much to be thankful for in our home and health and strength.

"I cannot tell you how eagerly we look forward to our monthly parcel of books. The boys and my one daughter just count the days till they arrive, and I know many other homes now where they are warmly welcomed, and oh, the blessing of good clean literature, where otherwise any reading would be thought better than none at all. I have so much enjoyed reading in *Harper's Magazine* a consecutive story you kindly sent me regularly; also 'Cobwebs and Cables' in a Sunday magazine, and we all delight in the *Strand* and *Black and White*. All our children are very fond of reading.

"We are having intensely cold weather just now, while my sister writes me from home it is almost too mild there. I do not love cold, I grow weary of this land of ice and snow and winter, but my 'prairie' chicks revel in slides and sleighs and all other outdoor amusements, and don't seem to feel the cold.

"My husband asks me to say *any* London papers are most welcome to him, and 'Floyd,' my eldest boy, begs for any boy stories, particularly Boys' Own papers; but I think we have no business to suggest, only be grateful for any sent to us.

"We all send most sincere and grateful thanks, and join in wishing all our kind friends a Happy New Year. May the brightness they send to so many homes return in tenfold measure to brighten their own.

"Believe me, dear Miss Yarker, very sincerely,

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We ask all to help us by sending books and magazines they have

read and enjoyed and perhaps thrown aside ; they can be put to a good use, and help to educate and brighten many a lonely home. We especially ask for illustrated papers, such as the *Graphic*, *Illustrated London News*, etc., religious papers of all denominations, fashion papers, good novels, and anything suitable for children.

Any contributions addressed to the Aberdeen Association, care of Express Office, Parliament Buildings, will be most gratefully received by the Society.

211 Simcoe Street.

EDITH YARKER,  
Secretary A. A.

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### Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association.

During the past year earnest work has been done. Meetings have been held weekly at the homes of the different members, and after the transaction of business the reading of "Evangeline," "Courtship of Myles Staudish" and the "Song of Hiawatha" have been taken up, under the careful leadership of Miss Mollie O'Donoghue. The course in Parkman, begun last year, has been continued ; the particular works studied are the "Old Regime" and the "Jesuits in North America." It will be noticed that the authors and works chosen are all conducive to the development of patriotism, and to the furtherance of a fullness of knowledge regarding the great continent on which we dwell, and the interesting peoples who formerly inhabited it.

The social and artistic side is also cultivated at these meetings, where music, vocal and instrumental, of a very high order is contributed by the members.

A public At Home and a lecture by Rev. Dr. Teefy for the Society are in preparation for the near future.

149 Dovercourt Road.

M. HART.

### The Woman's Canadian Historical Society.

A series of papers on the history of Canada from 1759 to 1783, and a number of single papers on particular events, or from local matters or personal reminiscences have been contributed by the members. A portrait of our first president, Mrs. S. A. Curzon, painted by Miss Laura Muntz, was unveiled by the honorable premier, Dr. Ross, on June 8th, 1900. Exchanges have been established with three historical societies. Several of the papers contributed by the members have been printed in the *Canadian Home Journal*, one from unedited matter by Miss Lefroy in Volume III. of the Ontario Historical Society's *Transactions*, two hundred copies of this paper being distributed to the members. As a delegate from the Local Council, Toronto, the Secretary had an opportunity of speaking of the value of historical societies and their work at meetings of the National Council in Port Arthur, Winnipeg, Brandon, Victoria and Vancouver, with the result that historical societies have been formed in Victoria, B. C., and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and a considerable correspondence entered with individuals in other towns, with the view to forming societies. A Question Drawer and Information Bureau has been established, the subjects taken up being the history of Dundas Road and of Yonge Street.

Forty new members have been enrolled, and the Society has had to mourn the loss of two through change of residence, two regular and two honorary members by death. One of these, the late Mrs. James Strachan, was the oldest as well as one of the seventeen foundation members of the Society. To her gentle influence and beautiful life too high a tribute cannot be paid. The Historical Society, in common with every other in the vast British Empire, has had to mourn the death of one whose influence and youthful, true-hearted, womanly courage had so great a share in the making of Canadian history, that without it we might have been weak and struggling states and provinces, instead of a free people—part of the greatest empire the world has ever known, the greatest because bound together by love and loyalty to a woman—the greatest queen in the world. That they might give some expression of their love and veneration, the members of the Society have inaugurated

a plan to raise a fund by subscriptions of ten cents from each woman in the city, to build a memorial hall. Canvassers have been appointed, and the plan of the city being divided into sections the work has been begun. I am glad to be able to report that it is being most willingly and gratifyingly responded to, the poorest in the districts being as pleased to contribute as the rich. It is not only the accumulation of a fund, but the educative awakening of a practical patriotism and an opportunity for all to feel that they have a share in this memorial to one whose life was the ensample for a people of all tongues, all climes, all nations of an Empire that encircles the world. To quote from one of the finest tributes to her memory :

“ Who by her life ennobled womanhood,  
And by her death quickens humanity.”

M. A. FITZGIBBON.

35 Grosvenor Street.

### Protestant Orphans' Home.

The work of the Protestant Orphans' Home has been carried on as usual during the past year. Fatherless and motherless children, as well as orphans, are received, from the ages of three to twelve years. The Home can accommodate two hundred children, and the number actually sheltered rarely falls below 185. The great majority of the children are placed in the Home by a widowed father or mother, who, in nearly every case, look forward to resuming the charge of their little ones when circumstances admit of their getting a home together again. The number of children bereft of both parents is always surprisingly small. The standard of health in the Home is remarkably high. There has been no epidemic of any infectious disease during the past year, and no death.

As soon as the children attain the age of twelve, they must either be removed by their relatives or placed in situations. In the latter case, careful inquiry is made regarding the persons to whom they are sent. While they remain in the home they are admirably cared for by the Resident Matron and her assistants, and attend their school, which is situated within the precincts of the Home.

ELLEN LANGTON,

*Secretary.*

311 Dovercourt Road.

### Rosedale League of School Art.

The Rosedale League of School Art desires to report a year of very pleasant and profitable work.

During the year a number of new names have been added to the membership list.

Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday in each month, at which topics relating to Art are discussed. The *Perry Magazine* is circulated among the members, and every means used to stimulate an interest in Art, especially in its school-room aspect.

The League at present possesses about \$300 worth of engravings, etchings and carbon photographs, and \$75 worth of plaster casts. Several of the pictures are loaned for long or short periods to schools where Art Leagues do not exist. As a means of raising funds for the work, the League has given a course of lectures, for which the subscription is one dollar. The lectures are very well attended, and the fact that this is the third year that such a course has been given speaks well for their appreciation by the residents of the district. The finances of the League are at present in a very satisfactory condition, and the members hope to be able to undertake the decoration of the walls of another class-room during next summer vacation.

The ardent hope of the League is that this work will spread to every section of the city, and that the lives of the children attending the public schools will be uplifted thereby.

The League has been much encouraged by the knowledge that the work has taken root in four different towns in the Province, and also by the fact that since the last report was presented to the Local Council the twenty Leagues of this city have been united in a Central League.

A paper prepared by a member of the Rosedale League was read at the meeting of the National Council of Women in Victoria, B. C., in July last, and printed verbatim in the Victoria daily press. This, we hope, will be productive of good results in the far West.

84 Homewood Avenue.

ELIZABETH COX,  
*Cor. Secretary.*

### Victorian Order of Nurses.

#### Toronto Branch.

During the past year our nurses have cared for 249 patients, on whom 4,323 visits have been made ; 38 new doctors have been added to our list ; \$472.50 have been taken in fees. Besides our city work we have been able to send out seven nurses to distant posts—from Fort Francis, Rainy River, to Canso, N. S. ; and from all these and the older districts where our graduates are come the most encouraging reports.

Some of our graduates are now entering on a second term of service with the Order, giving great satisfaction in their district, and being happy and contented in their good and useful work.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLOTTE E. EASTWOOD,

206 Spadina Avenue.

*Superintendent.*

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### The Woman's Teachers' Association.

The Woman's Teachers' Association held five regular meetings and two special meetings during 1900. Several important matters were brought up and discussed, one of which was the question of voting. The fact of exercising a vote has a great deal of influence with many in public positions, and a large number of teachers who had not heretofore had their names on the Voters' list arranged to have them placed on it for 1901. An effort was also made to do away with lunch hour duties, which our women teachers have always had to assume and find very irksome. However, so far, nothing has been accomplished in this direction. A number of teachers took advantage of the excursion to the Coast, under the direction of the L. C. of W. A large number were very anxious to go, but felt that they could not afford to do so. We had several very interesting accounts from our teachers who had taken the trip, and all expressed themselves more than delighted with the many privileges and advantages enjoyed by our Association being affiliated with the L. C. of W. and being able to join them in their summer trip, and all are looking forward to many future trips we may

have together. Previous to the excursion Mrs. Willoughby Cummings very kindly addressed our Association and gave us all the necessary information with regard to the journey. At some future time we hope she may address us again.

Our Association is at present making an effort to raise the salaries of our staff. Considering the arduous and important work of our profession our salaries are certainly not commensurate with our responsible work. The fact that we start on \$324, and it takes 15 years to reach \$636, keeps one on a low salary so long that it is as much anxiety to know how to spend it economically as to get it. Our new scheme asks to start on \$350 and go to \$850 in 15 years, this even being very much lower than any other city pays.

In connection with the W. C. at their session in Victoria a Committee was formed to (1) bring before each Provincial Convention the subject of an Inter-Provincial or Dominion Certificate; (2) bring the Provinces together educationally; (3) promote educational interests. The President of this Committee is Miss A. D. Cameron, Victoria, B.C.; and Miss Harrington, 405 Jarvis Street, the Secretary.

We will be very grateful to the L. C. of W. for any help which they can give us, and we require their aid in many needed reforms.

L. CORRIGAN,  
*Secretary W. T. A.*

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### Toronto Medical Woman's Association.

Since the fall of 1900 we have held monthly meetings, at which papers are read and discussed. As a rule it is the older graduates in town who have read the papers, but at our last meeting, which was held on February 14th, a paper was read which had been written by Dr. Susanna P. Boyle, of Independence, Ia.

Notwithstanding the interest which has been taken in our medical meetings, the women physicians of Toronto have devoted much time and labor to the establishment of a hospital for women.

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for women, where they might be attended by physicians of their own sex. The experiment, for such it was felt to be, in a city already over-supplied with dispensary advantages, proved to fill a real want among women, for 1,376 cases applied for relief in the first twelve months. Removal into more commodious quarters has resulted in a largely increased attendance—4,546 during the second year and over 7,000 during the third year—while it is rendered as nearly self-supporting as possible.

In performing their labor of love, the physicians have found many cases where indoor treatment is urgently required, but where the patients absolutely refuse to enter a hospital unless it be under the care of a woman physician. The demand for such accommodation is constantly being made, and there are many women who suffer and will continue to suffer rather than place themselves under the treatment of a male physician.

Canada, so progressive in other matters, here lags behind, for it is still without an institution of this character. Nowhere else in the Dominion do there exist the facilities for such an institution that are to be found in Toronto, where women have practised medicine for over twenty-five years, and where a large number of such practitioners reside and where, in addition, the only medical college for women in the Dominion has been in existence for eighteen years.

A large committee has been formed to undertake the work of raising the necessary funds for the establishment of this Canadian Hospital for Women. The sum of \$100,000 will be required. It is proposed to raise an initial sum of \$15,000 in order to provide for the accommodation of twenty-five patients, further accommodation to be added as the requirements grow.

228 Carlton Street.

ROWENA G. D. HUME,

*Secretary.*

### The Haven.

The Haven has been a refuge for inebriates and unfortunates for over twenty-three years. During that time eleven thousand women and children have been sheltered. Last year five hundred and nineteen women and ninety-one infants had a home with us. Of these one hundred and seventeen were sent to situations, twenty-five taking their children with them. Fifty-seven women and girls went home to their friends, sixteen taking their babies with them. Others went to hospitals and other institutions, or went on the list of transients. Our industrial departments have been of great service in giving suitable employment to the inmates. The laundry has proved a source of income as well.

The spiritual well-being of our inmates is a matter of special interest. Christian matrons are in charge. Morning worship and evening service begin and close the day. Evening meetings and Sunday services are conducted by ministers and Christian workers from the various churches. The women and girls are attentive and greatly enjoy the singing. Some show marked improvement and are struggling hard to lead better lives, and many are truly thankful for the shelter of the Home and for the lessons of good they have learned.

320 Seaton Street.

CAMILLA SANDERSON,  
*Secretary.*

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### The Alumnae Association of University College.

This Association of women graduates of University College was formed nearly three years ago, with the object of furthering the well-being of the College, its graduates and undergraduates. As the girls pass from the College their paths in life diverge so much that, unless some special effort is made, the bonds of common interest, which bound them together and strengthened their hands in much useful work, are gradually loosened. The first arrangements made were for an annual meeting, where graduates of every year might meet and renew old friendships, or come into closer contact with the present interests of the College women by inter-

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course with recent graduates. Special committees were formed to advance the different interests of graduates and undergraduates. A Women's Residence Committee was to co-operate with the Women's Residence Association in their efforts to raise funds for a Women's Residence. We feel very strongly that, until this is accomplished, the College girl is laboring under great disadvantages. The mere acquirement of knowledge is not what a woman needs, although this certainly has its uses. The intercourse afforded by living under a common roof would bring forth much profitable discussion, often with a very practical result, and sympathies which become dulled by living alone, with only books as companions, would be quickened and broadened. Very excellent work has also been done by the Committee on Occupations for Women. They have gathered information and statistics concerning the many different branches of work for which College women are specially qualified, and they hope, in this way, to be able to help graduates, on leaving the University, to decide to what special branch of usefulness they will devote their energies.

The Association appointed two members, at the request of the Local Council, to act on a committee to obtain information concerning University Settlements and other work of this kind. We hope to have papers and some discussion on this subject at our next annual meeting, which takes place during Easter week.

311 Bloor Street West.

MAUD C. EDGAR,  
*Secretary.*

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### Canadian Household Economic Association.

The C. H. E. Association was organized for the purpose of interesting Canadian women in the study of the home in all its various relations. Its object is to promote a more scientific knowledge of the economic and hygienic value of food, fuel and clothing, and a more intelligent understanding and demand for correct plumbing, drainage and ventilation, and improved methods of sanitation for our homes, schools and municipalities.

Believing that preparation for home-making ought to be part of

our educational system, we advocate the adoption of domestic science and industrial arts in our Public and High Schools, and urge that the study of domestic science become part of our University work for women in its more scientific and theoretical phases.

The Association proposes to study foods for the purpose of promoting health, to prolong life, to increase power and to aid in the highest evolution of Man. Recognizing the influence of material environments the Association aims to make a definite study of domestic art, that our homes may secure to the inmates the greatest degree of freedom from irritating influences in color, form and arrangement of furnishing and decorating. The expenditure of incomes so as to gain the maximum of true comfort, formed the topic at our last meeting.

The membership of the C. H. E. Association numbers one hundred, and already affiliated societies have been organized in St. Marys, Renfrew, Kingston, Peterboro and Whitby, also some towns in New Brunswick are much interested in this movement, and hope in the near future to have their own Association organized.

Her Excellency Lady Minto has graciously expressed her willingness to become Lady Patroness of the Association.

18 Elm Street.

JEAN JOY,  
*Secretary.*

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PREAMBLE.

Believing that the more intimate knowledge of one another's work will result in larger mutual sympathy and greater unity of thought, and therefore in more effective action, certain Associations of Women interested in Philanthropy, Religion, Education, Literature, Art and Social Reform have determined to organize Local Councils, and to that end join in the following :

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Federation shall be called the Local Council of Women of Toronto in affiliation with the National Council of Women of Canada.

ARTICLE II.—POLICY.

The aim of the Local Council is to bring the various Associations of Women in Toronto into closer relations through an organized union ; but no Society entering a Local Council shall thereby lose its independence in aim or method, or be committed to any principle or method of any other Society in the Council, the object of which is to serve as a medium of communication and a means of prosecuting any work of common interest.

## ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

SEC. 1.—Any Society of Women, the nature of whose work is satisfactory to the Executive Committee of the Local Council, may become members of said Local Council by its own vote.

SEC. 2.—The women of any organization, composed of both men and women, may associate themselves by their own vote and join said Local Council.

SEC. 3.—Any woman representing organized Societies of Women which by reason of internal regulations cannot affiliate, and which it is at the same time desirable to have represented, may be invited by the President and Executive to join the Committee.

## ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Local Council shall consist of a President, one or more elected Vice-Presidents, ex-officio Vice-Presidents (Presidents of all Societies federating in a Local Council), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer.

These Officers shall comprise the Executive Committee, whose business it shall be to control and provide for the general interests of the Council. Five members shall constitute a quorum of this Committee.

## ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

SEC. 1.—This Local Council shall hold Annual Meetings for the election of officers and other business.

SEC. 2.—The Committee of Arrangements shall consist of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 3.—At the Annual Meeting each Society belonging to the Council shall have three votes (exclusive of that cast by the President).

SEC. 4.—All other members of any Society belonging to the Council may have the privilege of participating in all discussions that may arise at the Annual Meeting, but may not vote.

SEC. 5.—Other meetings of the Local Council may be held from time to time as may best promote the interests of said Council.

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SEC. 6.—All new business to be brought before the Annual Meeting of the Local Council must first be submitted to the Executive Committee as a notice of motion.

## ARTICLE VI.—FEES.

Each Society federating in this Local Council shall pay an annual fee of \$2.00 towards the expense fund of the said Council.

## ARTICLE VII.—PATRONS.

SEC. 1.—Any person whose name is acceptable to the Executive Committee may become a Patron of the Local Council upon the payment of \$5.00 annually, or \$50.00 at one time.

SEC. 2.—The names of Patrons shall be placed with those of the Executive Committee on all printed documents.

SEC. 3.—Any person whose name is acceptable to the Executive Committee, and who is not connected with any affiliated Society, may become a member of the Local Council on payment of \$1.00 annually, and may take part in the proceedings and discussions of the public meetings of the Council, but is not entitled to vote. Such members shall receive free all literature published by the Council.

SEC. 4.—Any person whose name is accepted by the Executive Committee may become a Life Member of the Local Council on payment of a fee of \$15.00, and may take part in the proceedings and discussions of the public meetings of the Council, but is not entitled to vote. The names of such Life Members shall be printed immediately after those of the Life Patrons of the Local Council, and they shall be entitled to receive free all ordinary literature published by the Local Council.

## ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the Local Council at any annual meeting, provided that such alteration be in harmony with the Constitution of the National Council, notice of the proposed change having been sent to the Executive of the National Council two months, and to each Society belonging to the Council a least one month, prior to such meeting.

## STANDING ORDERS

OF THE

# Toronto Local Council

IN FEDERATION WITH THE

National Council of Women of Canada.

### I. MEETINGS.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Local Council shall be held during the last week in January of each year, unless an alteration of the date is deemed advisable by the Executive.

2. The Local Council shall hold three regular public meetings (exclusive of the Annual Meeting) during the year, the date of such meetings to be left to the Executive to decide.

3. The order of business at the Annual Meeting of the Council shall be as follows :

1. Prayer.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
4. President's opening remarks.
5. Correspondence.
6. Appointment of members of the Council as returning officers and tellers for the ballot voting, if necessary.
7. Annual Reports.
8. Reports of Local Societies and Institutions.
9. Appointment of Auditors.
10. Voting for Officers by ballot.
11. Amendments to Rules and Standing Orders (if any).

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13. Other business.

(This order to be followed as nearly as possible at all public meetings.

4. Special Meetings of the Local Council for urgent business may be convened by the President at her own discretion, or at the request in writing of three members of the Executive.

5. Standing Committees and Sub-Committees may be appointed by the Executive as may be found necessary for the efficient carrying on of the business of the Council. Each of such Committees shall appoint a Secretary, who shall present a report, first to the Executive and then at one of the regular public meetings.

6. A preliminary Agenda for the Annual Meeting shall be sent out to each affiliated Society and Institution two months before the Annual Meeting, and shall be laid before each such body for discussion along with the nomination papers for officers, in order that suggestions as to any notice of amendment, alteration, support or withdrawal may be sent back to the Executive three weeks after its receipt. The final Agenda, as amended, shall be returned a month before the Annual Meeting in order that each Society may be able to consider it at their ordinary monthly meeting, and shall instruct their delegates how to vote.

7. Resolutions from affiliated Societies and Institutions must be received by the Corresponding Secretary two months before the Annual Meeting, in order that they may be placed on the preliminary Agenda, and be sent out for the consideration and amendment of the affiliated organizations. Amendments can be sent in when the preliminary Agenda is returned to the Corresponding Secretary.

8. If a two-thirds majority of the National Executive deem any resolution sent up by the Local Councils or Nationally Organized Societies unsuitable or inadvisable for presentation to the Council, it shall not be placed on the Agenda. The votes composing the above

two-thirds majority shall be given, either personally or in writing, by the actual members of the said Executive.

9. Motions shall be placed on the Agenda either by the Executive Committee or by any of the affiliated bodies, but no resolution shall be sent in by any individual.

10. Delegates shall occupy seats, allotted by the previous arrangement, to the representatives of affiliated societies and institutions.

11. The public is privileged to attend the meetings of the Council, not including the meeting of the Executive Committee.

## II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. The President, or in her absence, one of the elected Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Local Council and its Executive. She shall take a general supervision of all its work.

2. One of the elected Vice-Presidents of the Local Council shall act in the absence of the President, or the Executive may appoint an Acting President.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings and of all motions and resolutions, shall prepare an Order of Business of each meeting, and attend to all printing.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence, read the roll call, and keep a correct list of all affiliated Societies and their authorized representatives. She shall also present a full report of the year's proceedings at the Annual Meeting.

5. The Treasurer shall receive, collect and hold all moneys of the Council, disbursing the same by order of the President. She shall pay out all accounts by means of checks, and shall have her book audited by an auditor appointed by the Council, before presenting her Annual Report. All subscriptions and fees shall be acknowledged by official receipt, signed by the Treasurer.

## III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1. Nomination papers for the officers of the Local Council shall be sent out by the Executive to each affiliated Society and Institution

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two months before the Annual Meeting, and shall be returned by them within three weeks after receipt to the Corresponding Secretary, filled in in accordance with the instructions of each affiliated Society or Institution.

2. Nominations for officers of the Local Councils may be made by each affiliated Society or Institution, and by the Executive Committees of Local Councils, but not by individual officers of the same.

3. Election of officers shall be by ballot.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall make a list of all nominations received, and shall send a copy of such list to each officer, affiliated Society or Institution of the Local Council, one month before the Annual Meeting, in order that each affiliated Society or Institution may be able to instruct its delegates to vote for the candidates which it prefers.

5. The ballot papers for the election of the general officers shall be supplied to each member of the Council by the returning officers. The voters shall be required to mark their papers and hand to the returning officers. No member of the Council shall receive a second ballot paper, except from the returning officers in exchange for the one previously given.

6. In the case of the resignation or death of an officer during her term of office, a successor shall be elected by the Executive to serve during the remainder of such term.

#### IV. RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every person when speaking shall stand and shall address the chair.

2. The President may at any time take the opinion of the Council as to the length of time to be allowed for discussion of any motion, and shall then, at her own discretion, limit the time for the speaker.

3. The President of the Council, or any member, may, at the close of any speech, propose, without debate, "That the question be now put;" and if the motion be seconded and carried by a majority, the original resolution, or the resolution as amended, shall be at once put without debate.

4. Every motion shall be proposed, or, in other words, read by the presiding officer before it is open to debate or amendment. Only two amendments shall be proposed at one time to a motion or question. In other words, there shall be only three questions at one time before the Council, the main motion, an amendment, and an amendment thereto. But when an amendment to an amendment is disposed of, another amendment can be proposed, provided it is not one similar to that already voted on. But a motion for the adjournment of Council or debate is always in order under such circumstances.

5. Motions and amendments shall be voted on in the reverse order to that in which they are submitted, the last amendment being thus voted on first.

6. All special motions shall be in writing, and shall be seconded before being put from the chair, but motions for the adjournment of Council or of debate, or for the previous question, or mere routine business, need not be written.

7. A motion that is not seconded may not be proposed from the chair, and no entry thereof shall be made in the minutes.

8. A motion may be withdrawn with the consent of the members of the Council present, or, in other words, without a negative voice.

9. Any member may require the question under discussion to be read at any time of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a speaker.

10. A motion to adjourn is always in order, and shall be voted on without debate, when there is a question under consideration; when there is no such question under discussion, and the motion for adjournment is a substantive or main motion, a debate thereon is permissible, but it must be confined to the question of adjournment. A motion to adjourn cannot be amended, and must be simply, "That the Council be now adjourned," or "That the debate be now adjourned." A motion that the Council do adjourn to a particular day or hour, or, "That the debate be adjourned to a particular day or hour," is always amendable with respect to the day or hour.

11. No question or motion can be regularly offered if it is substantially the same as the one on which the judgment of the Council has already been expressed during the meeting of the Council.

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12. Amendments must be relevant to the subject matter of the original motion.

13. The Secretary or Recording Officer shall make no entry of a motion or proposed resolution except it is proposed by the chair.

14. The presiding officer shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Council, and in explaining a point or order or procedure, she shall state the rule or authority applicable to the case.

15. No member shall speak twice to a motion or question, except in explanation of a material part of her speech in which she may have been misconceived, but then she shall not introduce new matter. A member who has spoken to a motion may speak again when a new question or an amendment is proposed to the motion. A reply shall be allowed only to the mover of a main or substantive motion.

16. When two or more members rise to speak, the presiding officer shall call upon the member who, in her opinion, first rose in her place; and should more than one member rise at once, the presiding officer shall determine who is entitled to the floor.

17. No member shall speak to any question after the same has been fully put by the presiding officer.

18. If a member was not present in the hall and did not hear the question read or "put" by the presiding officer, she shall not vote on that question.

19. When a debate on a question is concluded, the presiding officer shall proceed to put the question. If a question has not been heard, she shall read it again to the meeting. Having read the question on which the decision of the meeting is to be first given, she shall take the sense of the members by saying, "Those who are in favor of the motion or amendment shall say aye," "those who are of the contrary opinion shall say no." When the supporters or the opponents of the motion have given their voices for and against the same, the presiding officer shall say, "I think the ayes have it," or "I think the noes have it," or "I cannot decide." Any member of the Council feeling a doubt as to the correctness of the decision may call for a division.

20. On the general business of the Council, the sense of the delegates shall be taken in the usual parliamentary method of asking for ayes and

noes as prescribed in the foregoing order. In cases where a division is called for, the vote shall be taken by calling over the roll of affiliated bodies, when the vote of each such body be given by the delegate or delegates present.

21. The President, or person occupying the chair, shall have a casting vote when there is a tie, but shall not otherwise vote as a member of the Council.

22. In the event of the full number of delegates from any affiliated Society or Institution not being able to attend, the full number of votes to which each such body is entitled shall be given by such delegate or delegates as are present.

23. The responsibility for the appointment and instruction of delegates to the annual meeting rests solely with the ladies appointing, and delegates are required to act in strict accordance with the instructions of the affiliated Society or Institution which they represent, and on points which may incidentally arise, as far as they can judge in accordance with the spirit of that organization, and not as individuals.

24. Local Councils shall not bring any matters before the Provincial Legislatures without first receiving the endorsement of the Executive Committee of the National Council.

25. When any doubt arises on the proper procedure to be followed, reference shall be made to "Dr. Bourinot's Book on Parliamentary Procedure and Procedure at Public Meetings."

#### V. AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS.

1. The By-laws may be altered or amended at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Local Council, notice of proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

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## STANDING ORDERS

FOR THE

### Executive Committee of the Toronto Local Council

IN FEDERATION WITH THE

### National Council of Women of Canada.

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#### 1. MEETINGS.

1. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be convened by the President, or Acting President, at such times and places as may seem to her desirable for the efficient conduct of the work of the Local Council. Not less than a week's notice shall be given to each member, unless most urgent business compels the Committee being called together at short notice.

2. At the ordinary meetings of the Executive Committee the order of business shall be :

1. Prayer.
2. Roll Call.
3. Reading, Correction and Approval of the Minutes of meeting.
4. Correspondence.
5. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
6. Report of Treasurer.
7. Report of Sub-Committees (if any).
8. Business arising out of Minutes.
9. Any business carried over from last meeting.
10. New business.

3. Special meeting may be called by any three members of the Executive requesting the President in writing to convene a meeting. A week's notice must be given in such cases, and the place of meeting left to the option of the President. The names of the three members requesting the meeting shall be mentioned in the notice summoning the meeting.

4. The notice calling each Committee shall contain the terms of any important resolution or urgent business of which notice has been given in sufficient time so to do.

## II. RULES OF ORDER.

1. All correspondence of importance shall be submitted to the President, and copies of all letters of moment sent out by the Secretary shall be kept and produced, if desired, by the Executive.

2. When the President of any affiliated Society or Institution is unable to attend a meeting of the Executive, it shall be competent to the Executive Committee of such affiliated Society or Institution to appoint a substitute to attend in her place, or to empower their President or representative to appoint a substitute.

3. The affiliation of Local Societies and organizations shall be accepted on the following terms :—

1. Receipt of formal letter enclosing copy of resolution passed at the meeting affiliating Local Societies or Institutions.
2. A statement of the aims and objects of the Society or organization.
3. Payment of Affiliation fee.
4. Approval of the Executive Committee expressed by resolution.

4. All correspondence received since last meeting shall be upon the table, filed according to subject and date. Such general correspondence as the Committee desire to hear shall be read by the Corresponding Secretary, before each subject comes on for discussion, and any communication relating thereto, which may be considered important, shall be read to the meeting. Any member shall be entitled to call for the reading of other communications.

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5. A memorandum of notes sent by absent members and a record of attendance shall be kept by the Recording Secretary.

6. Any part of the regular business of a meeting may be taken up out of its regular order, or any special business may be taken without notice, only when a motion of urgency has been passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present.

7. Every notice of motion for the Agenda shall be sent in to the Corresponding Secretary in writing, and shall be signed by the member of the Committee sending it in.

8. All motions or amendments, other than mere formal ones, shall be reduced to writing.

9. Motions to rescind resolutions passed within six months, and motions to the same effect as motions negatived within the previous six months, must be passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present.

10. The President, or person occupying the chair, shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie, but shall not otherwise vote as a member.

11. Every member of the Committee when speaking shall address the chair only.

12. The Standing Orders shall not be suspended unless by a unanimous vote.

13. The above Standing Orders shall be observed by the Sub-Committees so far as they are applicable.

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