

SIXTH 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.

JANUARY, 1900.

TORONTO:
NEWTON & TRELOAR, 12 JOHNSON STREET.

Toronto Local Council of Women

Executive Committee, 1900.

HONORARY PRESIDENT—Mrs. Grant Macdonald, 28 St. Joseph St.

PAST PRESIDENT—Mrs. George Dickson, Bloor Street West.

PRESIDENT—Miss Carty, 263 Jarvis Street.

ELECTED VICE-PRESIDENTS—Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, 44 Dewson Street; Mrs. George Kerr, 14 Madison Avenue; Mrs. Torrington, 12 Pembroke Street; Lady Thompson, Sherbourne Street; Dr. A. Stowe Gullen, Spadina Avenue.

EX-OFFICIO VICE-PRESIDENTS (Presidents of Federated Societies)—Mrs. Dignam, President Woman's Art Association of Canada; Dr. Bertha Dymond, President Toronto City Union of The King's Daughters and Sons; Mrs. S. G. Wood, President Toronto Humane Society; Mrs. Francis, President Central Council, Ministering Children's League, Mrs. Loeser, President Montefiore Benevolent Society; Mrs. Stevens, President Women's Christian Temperance Union; Dr. Stowe Gullen, President Women's Enfranchisement Association; Mrs. Barnett, President Toronto Industrial Rooms; Mrs. Kavanagh, President Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Society; Mrs. M. Menzies, President St. Cyprian's Mission Workers; Miss Biggar, Representing St. Agatha's Guild (St. George's Church); Mrs. Forsyth Grant, President Woman's Canadian Historical Association; Mrs. Cawthra, President Protestant Orphan's Home; Miss Dickson, President Aberdeen Association; Miss Eastwood, Representing Victorian Order of Nurses; Mrs. Thom, President Ladies' League of School Art; Miss Harrington, President of the Women Teachers' Association of Toronto.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Miss Cox, 207 Gerrard Street East.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—Miss Cayley, St. George's Rectory.

TREASURER—Mrs. Coad, 1155 King West.

LIFE PATRONS—Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Coad.

ANNUAL PATRONS—Mrs. George Kerr, Mrs. Ida Scales, Miss Carty.

LIFE MEMBERS—Mrs. Coad, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Mrs. Grant Macdonald, Mrs. George Dickson, Miss Defries, Mrs. Scales, Mrs. Treble, Miss Carty.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS—Miss Saulter, Miss Rowand, Miss Graham, Lady Taylor, Mrs. Treble, Mrs. J. Herbert Mason.

ANNUAL MEETING
of the
Toronto Local Council.

January 11th, 1900, Temple Building.

The proceedings began in the usual way, the Vice-President, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, in the chair.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting, having appeared in the Report, were taken as read.

The reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer were received and adopted.

The following Conveners of Committees were appointed:—*The Care of the Aged and Infirm Poor*, Mrs. Thompson; *Paris Hand Book*, Miss Ellerby; *Finance Committee*, Mrs. S. G. Wood; *The Prevention of the Sale of Impure Literature*, Dr. Bertha Dymond; *Immigration*, Mrs. S. G. Wood; *Custodial Care of Feeble-minded Women*, Mrs. Hilborn.

The reports of the different Federated Societies were received.

After calling the Roll of the Federated Societies ballot papers were given to those entitled to vote.

Miss Cox and Mrs. Henry Thompson were appointed scrutineers.

The remainder of the business of the Session was done by resolutions as follows:

RESOLUTIONS.

Moved by Lady Thompson, seconded by Mr. George Kerr, "This Local Council having heard with more than ordinary regret of the severe illness of Miss Carty, our beloved President, which will

necessitate her withdrawal for a time from the work to which she has devoted so much time, thought, and untiring zeal during her term of office; be it resolved therefore that a cordial expression of our loving sympathy be sent to our President, together with the assurance of our earnest wishes for her speedy and complete recovery."

Moved by Mrs. S. G. Wood, seconded by Miss Cumberland, "Resolved, that the efforts made by this Local Council in the past to secure the teaching of cooking, sewing, and other branches of Domestic Science for the girls in the Public Schools be renewed, and that a deputation of as many of the members of the Council as possible wait upon the School Board in order to urge the matter upon them at as early a date as can be arranged."

Moved by Mrs. Stevens, seconded by Miss Cayley, "Resolved, that an expression of the sincere sympathy of the Officers and Members of the Council with our fellow-worker, Mrs. Benjamin, in the deep sorrow that has come into her life be conveyed to her by the Corresponding Secretary."

Moved by Mrs. Losier, seconded by Mrs. Davis, "Resolved, that Mrs. George Kerr, Convenor, Mrs. H. S. Strathy, Mrs. Leigh, Miss Hart, Miss Cayley, and Mrs. Stevens, with power to add to their number, be a committee to enquire into the matter of temporary shelter for the Insane, other than the jail, before they are admitted to the Hospital for the Insane, and that this enquiry include also the plan that is adopted in other cities and countries in this matter, the said committee to report to this Council as soon as possible."

Moved by Mrs. Henry Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Brereton, "Resolved, that the Officers and Members of this Local Council desire to express their warm thanks to the newspapers of Toronto for their kindness in inserting notices of the meeting of the Council in their columns, and that the Secretary be requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the editors respectively."

Moved by Dr. Dymond, seconded by Dr. Leila Davis, "Resolved, that the sincere thanks of the officers and members of this Local Council be given to the Educational Department for their kindness in granting the use of rooms in this building for the meetings of the Council during the year."

It was moved by Miss FitzGibbon, seconded by Mrs. Leigh, "That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to convey to Lt.-Col. Evans, the officers, and members of the Second Canadian Contingent, the cordial good wishes of the Toronto Local Council of Women, and their earnest desire for a speedy, safe, and successful return of these soldiers of the Queen." The motion was carried by a unanimous standing vote.

Mrs. Cummings gave a short address urging the introduction of domestic science in the schools, and that a determined effort be made to secure the proper classification of criminals.

Lady Taylor, president of the National Council of Women, spoke very briefly along the same line.

Mrs. Boomer gave an interesting sketch of a trip to England, during which she visited many of the prominent educational institutions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were declared elected :

Miss Carty, President.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Lady Thompson, Mrs. George Kerr, Mrs. Torrington, Dr. Stowe Gullen, Vice-Presidents.

Miss Cayley, Corresponding Secretary.

Miss Cox, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Coad, Treasurer.

The meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Mrs. Cumming opened the evening meeting by announcing that our Hon.-President and our Past-President had been made life members of the National Council through having given \$50 to the National Aid Fund. She also asked that several matters relating to standing committees might be dealt with by the Executive Committee. She also alluded in the absence of Mrs. FitzGibbon to the way the loan to the Doukhobors had been responded, Toronto Council raising \$373.25 to help to establish home industries among the women. Forty-nine spinning wheels had also been sent to them by members of the Council. Mrs. Cumming briefly summed up the work of the Council

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during the past year and spoke of two new pieces of work we have in hand for the coming year, namely, cooking in our school and a place of detention for lunatics other than the gaol. Reference was also made to the Inter-National Council in June of 1899, where you came in touch with women from all the world.

Thanks were tendered to the Committee and Officers for their work in the year.

Miss Wilson, Corresponding Secretary of the National Council of Canada, read an paper on the formation and work of Council in all parts of the world.

Mrs. Boomer, Vice-President for Ontario, gave a most interesting talk on Natal, where our troops are fighting, knowing the country very well.

Miss McWhinney, of the College of Music, sang two songs in a most charming manner.

Moved by Mrs. Kelley, seconded by Miss FitzGibbon, and resolved "That the sincere thanks of this meeting be given to Miss McWhinney for the beautiful songs she has sung to us this evening.

Moved by Miss Hill, seconded by Lady Taylor, and resolved, "That the very cordial thanks of this meeting be given to Miss Wilson and Mrs. Boomer for their most interesting address at this evening's meeting.

CHARLOTTE E. LEIGH,
Acting Recording Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

The Executive has much pleasure in submitting the Sixth Annual Report of the Local Council of Women of Toronto.

Since our last Annual Meeting in January of 1899 we have held ten executive and three public meetings.

We are pleased to be able to report that two important schemes which lately have been under the consideration of the Local Council have been successfully carried out. The Schemes are "The Bureau of

Associated Charities" and "A Hospital for Incurable Children." It would be hard to say how much or how little the Council has had to do with any final arrangements connected with their initiation, but the Council certainly brought them prominently before the public, pointing out the great need of both the Bureau and the Hospital. The Local Council does not exist to establish hospitals, homes, etc., but to search and point out the need of certain reforms when necessary.

During the year two of our affiliated societies have held loan exhibitions.

The Woman's Art Association in April had a very large collection of portraits and other interesting pictures.

The Women's Historical Society in June had an exhibition of relics and articles of much interest connected with the history of this country.

In June the quinquennial meeting of the Inter-National Council of Women was held in London. Our President, Miss Carty, and some of the members of this Council had the pleasure of being present at its meetings, and the great honor of being guests of our Gracious Queen at tea in Windsor Castle.

In October the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada was held in Hamilton and to which our devoted first president, Lady Aberdeen, came from Scotland to preside over us, the pleasure and honor of which we much appreciated. It is needless to say with what regret we were obliged to accept her resignation as our active President, though we know we shall always have her help and advice when asked for.

Lady Taylor, who was elected by the members of the National Council to be our National President, was present at the meetings. Though personally a stranger to many of us her reputation had preceded her, and it is with feelings of confidence we welcomed her as our new head.

After the Annual Meeting of the National Council in Hamilton Lady Aberdeen paid a hurried visit to Toronto. The Local Council wishing to entertain her, gave a public afternoon tea and Lady Thompson very kindly lent her house for the occasion. In the evening a public meeting was held in the Normal School. The room was full of those who wished to hear Lady Aberdeen's farewell words to

us as our National President. We also had the pleasure of being introduced to the new President, Lady Taylor. Mrs. John Macdougall, of Montreal, gave a very amusing account of some of her experiences at the Inter-National gathering in London. The Mayor was on the platform and several prominent men. The author, Mr. Gilbert Parker, was kind enough to address us. He prophesies great things for the Council in the future.

An important item of the business brought before us on that occasion and introduced by Mrs. FitzGibbon, of Toronto, "How best to help the Doukhobers to help themselves" during their first winter in a strange new land was felt could best be dwelt with by a sub-committee. The amount of work and correspondence which has been done by that committee has been very considerable and some of the results will be given you by the convenor at our evening session. Toronto Council promised and has loaned \$300 to the cause along with a gift of 50 spinning wheels.

At the request of the National Council members of the Toronto Council have been appointed on the following committees:

"Finance Committee, Mrs. S. G. Wood."

"Pure Literature Committee, Mrs. Kelley."

"Immigration Committee, Mrs. S. G. Wood."

"Custodial Care of Feeble Minded Women, Mrs. Hilborn."

In connection with the Finance Committee we may say that the amount promised by Toronto Council, fifty dollars, has been paid to the Treasurer of the "Council Aid Fund" for the year 1899, the money being willingly contributed by ladies making themselves life members of the Local Council, and we are pledged this year for the same amount.

In December a deputation of the Council waited on the Street Railway Company to ask if it were possible to have better fenders to the cars and that a notice to prohibit spitting in cars might be put up. The deputation was courteously received and the matters under discussion at the time by the Street Railway Company were promised attention.

Your Secretary, at the request of the Executive, wrote again to the Mayor calling attention to the posters which are allowed to be put up on the street fences, and asking if the recommendation of

the grand jury re an inspection of posters could not be acted upon. In reply the Mayor promised to lay the matter before the City Council, but so far as the public can see matters have not progressed.

In January of this year the Council had a meeting under the patronage of the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Education to consider plans for a course of lectures on educational questions in connection with Woman's Position in the House and State. A very large audience was present to discuss the question, and a committee was appointed to arrange for a course of lectures by experts.

We have also had this month the pleasure of welcoming the Executive of the National Council one of the officers of which we shall have the privilege of listening to to-day.

It is with deepest regret we have been obliged to accept the resignation of our President, Miss Carty, owing to her doctor's orders. During her two years of office she has been untiring in her labors in the interests of the Council, and though a very busy woman having many interests other than the Local Council, yet no detail was considered too small to receive its due share of attention, and it has always been a source of pleasure to her officers to work under and with her.

Two societies have affiliated with the Local Council this year, Woman's Teachers Association of Toronto, and Woman's Medical Association.

During the year your Secretary has received 18 letters and written 70, on the business of the Council. This number does not include papers or packages sent out.

The Council reports the following committees at work :

Committee "For the Care of the Aged and Infirm Poor."

" on "Immigration."

" " "Costodial Care of Feeble Minded Women."

" " "Home Topics."

" " "Pure Literature."

The Council is indebted to the Honourable the Minister of Education for his courtesy in granting rooms for its meetings, and to the Press for notices and reports throughout the year.

The Committee on "Home Topics" were instrumental in arranging for a series of lectures by Professor Robertson, on "Foods"; Dr. Cassidy on "Home Sanitation", and Mr. J. L. Hughes on "Relation

of Parent to Child," which subjects should prove instructive, and helpful, if carried out by those who heard them. The Council has been asked to arrange for a second series this season.

It will be seen by the foregoing report that the chief work of this Council is being done by sub-committees, and the President and Officers express their deep thanks to the members of those committees in materially strengthening their hands in the important work which the Council as a whole are helping to do for the benefit of humanity.

At our Annual Meeting in January another important question came up for consideration.

The necessity for providing Homes or Hospitals for the care and cure of consumptives. It was introduced by one of our Federated Societies. After some discussion on the subject as to the best way in which the Council could help the three following resolutions were moved and carried :

Moved by Dr. Augusta Stowe-Gullen, seconded by Miss Cayley, "That a Health Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to wait upon the Mayor and Council and urge upon them the necessity for the introduction and passage of a by-law prohibiting all expectoration on the streets, in public halls, and conveyances."

Moved by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, seconded by Mrs. Coad, "That the Presidents of the Federated Societies, with a representative from each Society, form a Health Committee to carry out Dr. A. Stowe-Gullen's motion in reference to the prevention of tuberculosis."

Moved by Mrs. S. G. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Fuller, "That the Toronto Local Council of Women strongly endorse the establishment of hospitals for consumptives, each member of the same doing what she can to obtain and disseminate all information relating to the same. Dr. Bryce, Provincial Health Officer, will furnish all required statistics."

A deputation was sent with the resolutions to wait on the Mayor, and intend to follow that visit up by seeing the Board of Health.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY AUGUSTA CAYLEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

ERRATUM.

Owing to an error the Treasurer's Report has not been correctly printed, and the following is to be substituted for page 11:—

Treasurer's Report.

1899.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 12—Balance on hand	\$ 34 20
Four Life Membership Fees.....	60 00
Five Individual Membership Fees	5 00
Three Annual Patrons' Fees	15 00
Sixteen Federated Societies Fees.....	32 00
Sale of 9 Verbatim Reports, N. C.	9 00
Sale of Tickets for Tea	14 30
Sale of 8 Pin Badges	2 00
Literature Sold.....	50
Donation, Mrs. Kelly	2 00
	————— \$174 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing (including Reports)	\$ 42 00
Postage	6 16
Rent Temple and Service N. School.....	15 00
Treasurer N. Council, Council Aid	50 00
National Council Fee	5 00
Sale 10 Reports	10 00
Dunlop's, account for flowers	7 70
Albert Williams, Tea Service	25 00
	————— 161 36
Balance	————— \$12 64

LUCY M. COAD, Treasurer.

REPORT OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto.

Organized November 19, 1894. Incorporated February 8, 1895.

OFFICERS, 1899-1900.

<i>Past Presidents</i> - - -	{ MRS. S. A. CURZON. LADY EDGAR.
<i>Honorary President</i> - - -	MISS MOWAT.
<i>President</i> - - -	MRS. FORSYTH GRANT.
<i>1st Vice-President</i> - - -	MRS. JAS. BAIN.
<i>2nd Vice-President</i> - - -	MRS. EDWARD LEIGH.
<i>Treasurer</i> - - -	MISS E. YATES FARMER. 351 Huron Street.
<i>Secretary</i> - - -	MISS FITZGIBBON, 94 Willcocks Street.
<i>Asst. Secretary</i> - - -	MISS VANKOUGHNET.
<i>Executive Committee</i> - - -	{ MRS. MORRISON. MRS. BURWASH. MRS. S. G. WOOD. MISS BEARD. MISS MICKLE. MRS. HENRY THOMPSON.

Annual Meeting November 16. Regular meeting, first Thursday in month October to June inclusive.

The work done by this Society shows a wide increase in interest and membership. The regular meetings (8) have been well attended. Seven executive meetings have also been held. A series of valuable papers on the Wars of the Conquest 1689 to 1759 and eight on local history have been contributed by the members. Arrangements are being made for their publication in the Society's official organ, "The Canadian Home Journal," Toronto.

The usual annual report has been printed giving full particulars of the work done, meetings held, donations and exchanges received. The principal work undertaken and carried through successfully was the first Canadian Historical Exhibition, Victoria College, Queen's Park, June 14 to July 1, 1899. Although held under the auspices of the Ontario Historical Society the largest share of the work and responsibility fell to the W.C.H.S. of Toronto. Upwards of 12,000 feet of floor space with the walls of two large halls and nine lecture rooms were occupied by historical exhibits of considerable value and importance. The proceeds were to be devoted toward a Provincial historical museum in Toronto. The Society holds its meetings in the education building. Those desirous of becoming members must be nominated by a member and name and address sent to the Honorary Secretary to be submitted at a subsequent meeting of the executive committee.

Toronto District W.C.T.U.

But little can be said, in one hundred words, of the work of a Society of over seven hundred members belonging to some twenty local Unions scattered over the city, and working along thirty different lines. These thirty departments may be classified under four headings viz., Evangelistic, Educational, Preventive and Legislative, and we are thankful to state that never before was our work as well reported as at our last annual meeting. Our Girls' Shelter is doing excellent preventive work, having sheltered nearly two hundred homeless girls last year, most of whom were helped to situations. Mothers' meetings are held amongst the poor, temperance instruction is encouraged in Sunday and day schools, flowers and delicacies are sent to the sick and poor and literature distributed at the exhibition, in fire halls, on boats and to lumber camps accompanied by other comforts.

Victorian Order of Nurses.

I am happy to be able to report that we had a very satisfactory year's work.

249 patients have been cared for and 4241 visits have been made. Over 200 doctors have employed the nurses.

We have had great variety in our cases, but find that our maternity work has the most rapid growth, and as intelligent care at childbirth saves many a woman from troubles that are serious and even fatal, and to care for the new born child, and give to the young and usually ignorant mother instruction as to its bathing, dressing, feeding, etc., is of untold value. We feel that perhaps it is in this branch that a district nurse does her most useful work.

During the past year five nurses have been sent out to take charge of districts. Two to Vernon, B.C., in February; one to Kingston, in May; one to North Bay, in October; one to Port Arthur, in December. All are doing excellent work and are highly appreciated.

We had the pleasure and great encouragement of a visit from the Countess of Aberdeen in October and she expressed herself as pleased at the progress we had made.

The International Order of King's Daughters.

The Toronto City Union of the King's Daughters is composed of 23 circles, each working independently upon its own methods. As a City Union, quarterly meetings are held at which progress for the past three months is compared, papers read upon topics of mutual interest, and sometimes a social hour spent together.

The Order supports a Ward in the Grace Homeopathic Hospital, and has done so for a number of years back; but outside of this no work as a Union is undertaken. It is in the individual Circles that the actual work is accomplished, in the visitation of the sick and destitute at their homes or in the hospitals, in helping where and when we can to bear the burden of some weaker sister or brother, in lending a hand to those who in far away districts have not the same advantages as we possess, in ministering to the wants of those whom our King has called "the least of these."

We seek also to advance the Kingdom in our own hearts in our Circle meetings, by practical Bible Study and Christian fellowship. Perhaps the strongest feature of our Order is the ever-strengthening bond that binds those who wear the little silver cross one to the other, who in drawing closer to each other come nearer also to the King Himself.

Toronto Humane Society.

The Society is in the twelfth year of its existence. It is great satisfaction to be able to report that through its efforts the value and importance of humane work is becoming increasingly recognized.

A step in advance during the year 1898 was the exhibit of the Society at the Industrial Fair in Toronto, where literature to the extent of about 5000 leaflets was distributed, the circulation of which will we believe be productive of much good in the cause of humanity.

The painful and mutilating process of docking horses has been frequently considered by the Society at its monthly meetings, and many efforts have been made to bring about a general discouragement of the practice.

The magic lantern and the slides provided without charge for the purpose of inculcating kindness to animals among children, have been frequently used in schools and other public institutions.

There are over 100 of the small dog troughs distributed throughout the city. These troughs are an inestimable boon during the hot season.

The Office, 103 Bay Street, (telephone 1958) continues to be available to the public for making complaints of cruelty and securing literature.

The Ministering Children's League.

Founded by the Countess of Meath in 1885. Includes all denominations and numbers in members and associates through the world over forty thousand. Its cards of membership are printed in English, French, German, Italian, Greek, Arabic and Hindustani. In Toronto we have five active branches. They are supporting a cot in the Sick Children's Hospital, a bed in St. John's Hospital, besides making many garments for the poor and clothing for the children of missionaries. One branch has made and supplied numbers of articles to the Nursing at Home Mission. It is not the children's fault that our League in Toronto is small—their hearts and hands are ever ready to do good—but the difficulty is to find leaders for them; ladies who can devote time for meetings. Its first object is the training of children in habits of systematic kindness and thoughtfulness for

others, also in habits of systematic giving and of prayer. Their motto: "No Day Without a Deed to Crown It" makes this League one to which every parent and guardian should encourage their children to belong. Each member is bound to do at least one kind deed each day because they are ministering children. The benefit to others represented by this great number of good deeds is as nothing compared to its influence on the children's own character and dispositions.

Rosedale League of School Art.

In presenting the fourth annual report of the Rosedale League of School Art it is most gratifying to record a year of marked success. The work commenced in 1896, has grown and prospered to such an extent that there exist, at present, in the city, eighteen leagues having similar aims and purposes, and, for the future, artistic surroundings for the public school children of our city seem assured. Enquiries from several places throughout the province and from Washington, D.C., strengthen us in the belief that the influence of the work is being felt even beyond the borders of our own Province.

The most important work of the year in connection with Rosedale School has been the decoration of one room in accordance with a scheme of color; artistic window-frames, doors and mouldings, suggested by the Central Advisory Board, thus furnishing a model both artistic and economical.

The League gratefully acknowledge many unsolicited gifts and loans, notably a gift of four plaster casts, each 9 feet by 2 feet, representing Canadian historical scenes—an ideal school room decoration.

A number of new members have been added to the roll, the membership now standing at 70.

Ladies' Montefiore Benevolent Society.

This Society was organized about twenty-five years ago for the purpose of assisting the needy of the Jewish faith. As the applicants are often of foreign extraction they are handicapped by their ignorance of the English language and on that account often find it difficult

to make a living for their families. This Society, therefore, supplies them with food, clothing, fuel, etc., when necessary. There is in connection with above, a Dorcas, which meets once a week to make and distribute clothing, etc., and relieve all necessitous cases.

The idea of personal service is not forgotten as two ladies volunteer monthly to visit the hospitals and the poor at their own homes. The Society is also strict in enforcing neatness and thrift and does its best to assist the applicants to become self supporting.

Woman's Medical Association.

Sometime ago the Medical Women of Toronto felt that it would be advantageous to them to unite themselves more closely in the common work and the common interests of their profession. Thus the Toronto Women's Medical Association was formed. The object of this association as stated in the constitution is "the pursuance of scientific research and the furtherance of the interests of the medical profession."

The number of our members, although necessarily small, may be considered relatively large when we remember for how short a time the study of medicine has been at all common among the women of this country. The Ontario Medical College for Women in this city, now the only Women's Medical College in the Dominion, is but fifteen years old.

We hope in our monthly meetings not only to enlarge our mental, outlook and our practical knowledge by the discussion of scientific and professional topics of mutual interest, but also to grow to a better understanding and appreciation of one another and thereby gain that strength and assistance—not the least benefit of any Society—which arises from unity of purpose and feeling.

The Woman Teachers Association of Toronto.

AIMS OF ASSOCIATION.

- I. Mutual Improvement.
- II. Social Intercourse.
- III. Best methods of developing and educating children.

IV. The discussion of all questions relating to the profession. There are about 300 members. There were 6 open meetings during the year.

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.

1. Examinations.
2. Inspection.
3. Rights of Assistants.
4. Lunch Room and Basement duties.
5. Teacher's Meetings.
6. Superannuation.
7. Cleanliness and ventilation of schools.
8. A delightful afternoon devoted to domestic science was arranged for by Mrs. Treble, Miss E. J. Scott and Miss Pike, out of which grew a teacher's class and a public school children's class in cookery.

"The race question of the south" was discussed by a southern gentleman and much appreciated by the teachers.

One of the important steps of the year was the affiliation with the Local Council of Women.

The association meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every two months in Elizabeth Street School at 4.30 p m.

Woman's Art Association of Canada.

Within a year two large and successful exhibitions have been carried to a successful issue. The Loan Portrait Exhibition, undertaken to illustrate through one subject, portraiture, art production in all its different branches and in methods of reproduction. The second was to illustrate handicrafts—such as women are engaged in—and was held in connection with the twelfth annual exhibition with which was a large loan exhibit of work of best periods and of different countries.

The new gallery of the association in the Confederation Life building is kept open daily and a collection of pictures by the members in view and for sale. Secretarial offices have been established in connection with the association for the use of societies. The gallery is also available for meetings of societies.

The studio is open constantly for use of members. Studio day has been arranged as usual. The lecture course was of more than usual interest. The branches of the Association are in a flourishing condition; monthly reports are printed in the Canadian Home Journal. An art reading club has been established meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays at gallery at 2 o'clock. The art library is growing and magazines have been donated. The many avenues of effort cannot even be indicated in the word limit of this report.

The Protestant Orphans' Home.

The Protestant Orphans' Home continues its useful work, the average number of inmates being 200. It is particularly appreciated by poor men left with young children, who place them there and pay for them according to their means up to a moderate rate. Three classes are taken, total orphans, fatherless and motherless children, with occasionally a case where both parents are alive but one in hospital.

The medical staff is always ready to answer a call, and Dr. McConnell, who is very popular, visits daily with ever watchful eye for childhood's ailments. Miss Deacon is the untiring matron, with a small but efficient staff, who keeps the house in excellent order. The school is a great success, under Miss Armstrong. Twenty ladies form the Board, which meets on the last Tuesday in the month. Mrs. John Cawthra and Mrs. Elmes Henderson, first and second directresses respectively. Mrs. Cowan has long and faithfully discharged the duties of treasurer. The secretary, Miss Langton, has been in Italy, and Mrs. Howard acting for her.

In the death of Mrs. VanKoughnet the house lost a valued friend, who filled the position of first directress for many years and was much regretted.

St. Cyprian's Mission Workers.

St Cyprian's Mission Workers has been increasing both in its numbers and work. All who join the Society feel the importance of whatever work they undertake to do thoroughly. Their work comprises missionary, church and Dorcas, and this past year has been the most successful since they started nine years ago.

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.

Toronto Industrial Rooms Association.

Toronto has many charities that claim the interest and support of its citizens, but among them all we believe there is none more worthy than the Industrial Room Society. During the ten years it has been in existence it has endeavoured as far as lies in its power to fulfil the function of a labor test. Everyone knows what pitiful stories are told every winter in our city, and how difficult it is to resist on a bitterly cold day the appeal for a little money or a few old clothes, though we know nothing of the case and are conscious we may by our liberality be helping to support a family in idleness or a drunken husband. For such an unsatisfactory state of affairs the rooms provide a remedy. Anyone sending a woman with a note may be sure her case will be investigated. A little work given her and if she prove worthy she will continue to receive work for which she will be justly paid. The value of such a labor test has only to be considered for a moment to be understood, and the managers of the rooms believe the work is now so well organized that its usefulness could be indefinitely extended did means permit.

Old Country women who come in search of work can sew fairly well, but the percentage of Canadian women who come to maturity without learning to put on a patch or make the simplest garment is appalling, and no educational reform is more necessary than the one which will establish sewing classes in every school in the country. Time has proved that though machinery has done much it cannot do all. There will always be a demand for the dexterous hand and if they be

permitted to do so the managers of the Industrial Room in closing this short report would most earnestly beg the Local Council to do all in their power to further the teaching of sewing in all schools throughout Canada.

Aberdeen Association, Toronto Branch.

The Aberdeen Association throughout the Dominion has now been in existence for ten years, having been inaugurated by Lady Aberdeen in 1890 after a trip to the coast, during which she passed through this vast country with its great towns, its scattered villages and hamlets. She was especially struck by the lonely struggling lives our isolated settlers led and resolved to bring some brightness to their homes. To those who live cut off from social intercourse in the distant prairie homes of Canada the Aberdeen Association sends a monthly parcel of illustrated papers, books and magazines, and we constantly receive many touching letters from those who perhaps owe their only glimpse of the great world's doings, or the progress of their own land to the work of our Society.

The Toronto branch was founded in March 1896 with 6 workers, sending out 13 parcels a month. The number has now increased to 15 workers and 150 parcels a month. There are altogether 15 branches with the Central branch at Ottawa.

We ask all those present, not only for their own help, but for their influence in urging their friends also to assist by sending us the illustrated papers and magazines they have read and enjoyed and then thrown aside, they can all be put to a goodly use and help to educate and brighten many a lonely home. We would especially ask you to remember the children who, we are told, look as eagerly as the older members of the family for the monthly packet.

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).
12. Motions of which due notice has been given to the Executive Committee, and by them to each Affiliated Association, and Amendments relevant to the motions before the meetings.
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 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.

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.

STANDING ORDERS

FOR THE

Executive Committee of the Toronto Local Council

IN FEDERATION WITH THE

National Council of Women of Canada.

I. 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.

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.
