

FIFTH 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, 1899.

TORONTO :
NEWTON & TRELOAR, 12 JOHNSON STREET.

Toronto Local Council of Women

Executive Committee, 1899.

HONORARY PRESIDENT—Mrs. Grant Macdonald, 329 College Street.

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, 42 Charles Street; Lady Thompson, Sherbourne Street; Mrs. Torrington, 12 Pembroke Street; Miss Rowand, 30 St. Patrick Street.

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. C. Wood, President Toronto Humane Society; Mrs. Fuller, 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; Miss Currie, President Froebel Society; Mrs. Kavanagh, President Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Society; Mrs. M. Menzies, President St. Cyprian's Mission Workers; Miss Lowe, Vice-President St. Agatha's Guild (St. George's Church); Lady Edgar, President Woman's Canadian Historical Association; Mrs. Cawthra, President Protestant Orphan's Home; Miss Dickson, President Aberdeen Association; Miss J. L. Orr, 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.

ANNUAL MEETING

of the

Toronto Local Council.

January 11th, 1899, Temple Building.

The proceedings began in the usual way, the President, Miss Carty, in the chair.

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

The President introduced Mme. Routhier, of Quebec, representing Lady Casault, and Mrs. Griffin, Rec.-Secretary of the National Council, Ottawa.

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

The President announced that as a slight acknowledgment of her self-denying and earnest labours in the work of the Council, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings had been made a life member of the Council.

The following Conveners of Committees were appointed:—*The Care of the Aged and Infirm Poor*, Miss Cox; *Provision of Work for the Unemployed*, Mrs. Torrington; *The Prevention of the Sale of Impure Literature*, Mrs. Kelley; *Immigration*, Mrs. S. C. Wood; *Custodial Care of Feeble-minded Women*, Mrs. Hilborn.

The reports of the different Federated Societies were received and read by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and Mrs. Geo. Kerr.

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

Mrs. Loeser and Mrs. Henry Thompson were appointed scrutineers.

Mrs. Cummings moved, seconded by Mrs. Coad, "That the petition of the London Council on the Surgical Treatment of Insane Women be now considered."

Miss Carty suggested that as further information on the subject would be necessary, the matter be left in the hands of the Executive Committee, which was agreed to.

The first subject for consideration on the agenda, "The necessity for providing Homes or Hospitals for the Care and Cure of Consumptives," was introduced by Mrs. Edward Leigh and ably supported by Dr. Augusta Stowe-Gullen.

The following resolutions were then passed :

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. C. 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."

The second question for consideration on the agenda, "The Necessity for making some Provision for the Care of Incurable Children," was spoken to by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings and Mrs. Walker. Both ladies testified, from their experience, to the great need there was for some Home or Institution where children suffering from incurable diseases could be received and cared for. None could be admitted to the Home for Incurables under the age of seventeen years and they could not remain at the Sick Children's Hospital. Numbers of children afflicted with incurable maladies had been received and cared for at the Sick Children's Hospital, for a longer or shorter time, but of late years such cases have had to be rejected.

After an interested discussion, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings were appointed a committee to gather information and report at next meeting of the Executive.

The following officers were declared elected :

Miss Carty, President.

Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Lady Thompson, Mrs. George Kerr,
Mrs. Torrington, Miss Rowand, Vice-Presidents.

Miss Cayley, Corresponding Secretary.

Miss Cox, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Coad, Treasurer.

Moved by Miss Cayley, seconded by Mrs. Crawford, "That the grateful thanks of the Toronto Local Council of Women be tendered to the Honourable the Minister of Education for his kindness in giving the rooms in the Educational Building, Gould Street, for the meetings of this Council." Carried.

The Council had the pleasure of welcoming the Mayor of Toronto and Mrs. Shaw, who took seats on the platform.

The meeting adjourned on motion by Miss Cayley.

A High Tea was served in the supper room, a large number of ladies remaining.

The Evening Session began at eight o'clock, with an address by the President.

Mrs. Hoodless, of Hamilton, Treasurer of the National Council, read an able paper on "Domestic Science as an Educational Factor."

Mrs. Boomer, the Vice-President of the National Council for Ontario, gave a most interesting account of "The Work of the Woman's Councils in the North-west."

Miss Paul kindly sang a charming lullaby, after which votes of thanks were tendered to the speakers, and the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

MARY E. COX,
Recording Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL :

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

It may not be generally known that this Council has during the year adopted the Constitution and By-laws recommended by the National Council to Local Councils ; the Annual Meeting, usually held in May or June, will henceforward be held in January, therefore the Fifth Annual Report covers more than a year's work.

The Fourth Annual Meeting was held in June, 1897, but the day appointed proved to be so stormy that many people were prevented from being present, and it was decided to adjourn till work should begin again in the autumn.

In October, 1897, the Annual Meeting and election of officers was held. Since that date the Executive has had six regular and four special meetings, also seven public meetings, regular and special, thus, with the annual meeting, making up a total of seventeen altogether.

In reviewing the past year's work, there is great cause for thankfulness that so much has been accomplished and abundant seed sown for future usefulness. The Council feel sure that the schemes for the benefit of humanity, such as "Care for the Aged and Infirm Poor," "Charity Organizations," "Preventable Causes of Insanity," and many others, have attracted the interest of people that two or three years ago would have looked askance at the work of the Council.

During the residence of their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen in Toronto, Her Excellency was kind enough to hold an important meeting of the Local Council in Government House and invited representatives of the various charitable and philanthropic organizations to be present and hear the aims and objects of the Council and the work which is being done.

Among important subjects discussed at this meeting was a resolution sent by the Infants' Home, represented by Mrs. Boulton, in regard to the licensing of "Maternity Boarding Houses," the necessity of which the Infants' Home were anxious that the Local Council should assist in bringing before the municipal authorities.

In May of 1898 this Council called a public meeting for the purpose of discussing the establishment of a Bureau of Associ-

ated Charities in Toronto. The Rev. Prof. Clark, Rev. Father Ryan and Mr. Goldwin Smith, were the speakers of the evening. Various resolutions were passed, which, the Press on the following morning said, "if carried out will mean the accomplishment of the objects at which the Council aims."

A provisional committee was appointed of the following members: Mrs. Forsyth Grant, Mrs. Torrington, Rev. Father Ryan, Rev. H. M. Parsons, Mr. Goldwin Smith, Mr. F. Acland and Mr. Chester Massey, to confer together and call on the Mayor and ask the support of the city.

In the autumn the provisional committee was called together by the Mayor, at the request of the Local Council. The committee was introduced and request was made for the formation of a Bureau of Organized Charity, and the need of such a bureau pointed out. Mr. Goldwin Smith, one of the committee, then stated that there was already in Toronto an Associated Charities Committee, of which he was chairman. It had been for some time in abeyance; but at the request of the Mayor he would call his committee to meet, and again carry on the work for which it was designed. There was obviously nothing more for the provisional committee to say, and the work as it stands at present has passed out of the hands of the Council.

The Committee on the "Housing of the Aged and Infirm Poor" report progress. At the annual meeting of the National Council, a strong resolution was sent from the Toronto Council, asking that the necessary steps be taken by the National Council in petitioning the Government to amend the "Vagrancy Act," which, as it stands at present, allows the magistrate no choice but to commit the poor to gaol.

In June a public meeting was held to receive the reports of the delegates which the Council elected to represent Toronto at the annual meeting of the National Council, held in Ottawa in May. Mesdames L. M. Thompson, Stowe-Gullen, Coad, Dignam, Scaife and the Misses Cox, Rowand and Cayley read papers on various aspects of the work of the meeting.

In November a special public meeting was held to bid farewell to their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen. It is hardly necessary to say with what regret the Council said good-bye, for without the fostering care of Lady Aberdeen, the Council would

hardly have grown "so wisely and so well;" but it still looks for helpful letters and, perhaps in the future, a visit.

Mrs. Boomer, of London, asked the support of the Toronto Council in regard to the amending of an Act in Ontario to prohibit the Sale of Tobacco to Minors in places where liquor is sold. The officers of the Council therefore met Mrs. Boomer and obtained an interview with the Hon. A. S. Hardy, who promised to give the request consideration at the next meeting of the Ontario Legislature.

The Committee on "Pure Literature" report that they have prepared a circular for the benefit of school teachers and parents, drawing attention to the pernicious literature and pictures which are sent into Canada from the United States and addressed in most cases to the children. The circular also gives a list of the papers which are prohibited from coming into Canada through the mails. The Committee have already distributed three thousand of these circulars in Toronto and other places.

The Committee would be glad to receive any information which may help them in this work of protecting the youth of the country.

Three (3) new societies have affiliated with the Council this year: The Protestant Orphan's Home, Ladies' League of School Art and the Victorian Order of Nurses.

Miss Cartwright, the Recording Secretary, was obliged to resign her office, the duties of which she so ably performed, and Miss Cox was elected in her place for the remainder of the year.

The Council elected delegates to attend the annual meeting of the "Charity Organizations and Correction Society," held in Toronto, in November.

During the year your Secretary has received 77 letters and written 155, on the business of the Council. This number does not include papers or packets sent out.

The Council reports the following committees at work:

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

" on "Immigration."

" " "Health Talks."

" " "Pure Literature."

" " "Better Protection for Women and Children."

" " "Preventable Causes of Insanity."

" " "Care of Teeth and Eyes of School Children."

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.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY AUGUSTA CAYLEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

NOTE.—Since the Annual Meeting The Women's Teachers' Association of Toronto, has affiliated with the Local Council.—Miss J. L. Orr, President.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
Oct.	15--To balance received from Treasurer.....	\$42 20
"	15--Miss Rowand, Individual Member Fee.....	1 00
Nov.	8--Woman's Art Association, Affiliation Fee..	2 00
"	25--King's Daughters and Sons, " " ..	2 00
Dec.	1--Moses Montefiore Society, " " ..	2 00
"	2--Ministering Children's League, " " ..	2 00
"	2--Catholic Young L. L. Society, " " ..	2 00
1898.		
Jan.	14--W. C. T. U., " " ..	2 00
Feb.	1--Protestant Orphan's Home, " " ..	2 00
"	8--Industrial Rooms	2 00
"	8--Humane Society, Affiliation Fee..	2 00
"	10--St. Agatha's Guild, " " ..	2 00
"	12--Frœbel Society, " " ..	2 00
Mar.	3--Canadian Historical Society, " " ..	2 00
"	3--St. Cyprian's Guild, " " ..	2 00
"	4--Aberdeen Association, " " ..	2 00
May	10--Woman's Enfranchisement Fee	2 00
"	10--One Life Patron Fee	50 00
"	12--Mrs. Scales, one Patron Annual Fee.....	5 00
"	20--Mrs. Scarth, Individual Member's Fee.....	1 00
"	20--(Provisional) Life Membership Fee.....	15 00
"	31--Mrs. George Kerr, Annual Patron Fee.....	5 00
June	8--Literature Sold.....	1 75
"	20--Mrs. J. M. Treble, Individual Member's Fee..	1 00
"	13--Miss Carty, Annual Patron Fee.....	5 00
Aug.	31--Badges Sold during the Year.....	2 75
Nov.	3--Ladies' League School of Art, Affiliation Fee..	2 00
"	12--Victorian Order of Nurses, Affiliation Fee....	2 00
		\$163 70

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.		
Oct.	15--By J. E. Pell, rent of room St. George's Hall..	\$2 00
"	15-- Geo. Parker, Printing Ballot Papers.....	1 00
"	18-- Brown Bros., Receipt Book (Treasurer)...	40
Nov.	8-- Recording Secretary, Postage, &c.....	2 50
"	8-- Acting Secretary, Miss Cayley.....	45
"	8-- Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Kavanagh.	1 18
"	12-- Treasurer.....	47

DISBURSEMENTS—Continued.

"	12—	Geo. Parker, Printing 800 Pads (writing)..	2 00
"	12—	Recording Secretary, Postage and Cards..	2 00
"	12—	Corresponding " " "	1 00
Dec.	16—	Geo. Parker, Printing.....	2 50
"	18—	Caretaker Normal School (Public Meeting)	50
1898.			
Jan.	14—	Recording Secretary.....	81
Feb.	10—	National Council Fee.....	5 00
"	22—	Miss Beverley Robinson, <i>re</i> Address.....	1 00
Mar.	3—	Corresponding Secretary, Postage, &c....	2 00
"	3—	Treasurer, Postage, &c.....	50
"	3—	Recording Secretary, Postage, &c.....	2 00
"	3—	Caretaker Normal School.....	5 00
Apr.	9—	Bryant Press, Printing 500 Annual Reports	25 00
May	10—	Corresponding Secretary, Postage.....	1 00
"	12—	Mail Job Printing Company.....	12 00
"	13—	Printing Post Cards for Public Meeting...	1 75
June	10—	Brown Bros., Deed Box (Treasurer).....	2 75
"	17—	Recording Secretary, Postage, &c.....	2 00
"	17—	Treasurer, Postage, &c.....	87
Aug.	31—	J. E. Pell, rent of Room.....	1 00
Sep.	1—	Mrs. W. Cummings, <i>re</i> Address Lady Aberdeen.....	7 00
Nov.	8—	Rent of Hall, Canada Life Building, \$10.00; Tea, \$10.00.....	20 00
"	15—	Mr. Howard, Album Address, Lady Aber- deen.....	15 00
Dec.	10—	Rowell & Hutchinson.....	3 75
"	10—	Paid for Badge Pins.....	3 00
"	10—	Paid Secretary.....	2 07
1899.			
Jan.	11—	Balance on hand.....	34 20
			\$163 70

(MRS.) LUCY M. COAD,
Treasurer.

REPORTS OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Woman's Art Association of Canada.

The report of this Society shows increase of membership, good financial standing and an evident broadening of views on the part of the several branches in their mutual work and in their comprehension of the aims and ideals set by the Association; notably from the Maritime Provinces and the far North West is this manifest. The enlargement of the individual in knowledge of art and what it means to the nation in its development, is the aim of the Art Association wherever it has taken root, and its ideals are to be achieved through labour and constancy. Ten years of steady normal growth have clearly shown that no mistake has been made either in the need for such an Association or in its campaign of work. Nine Branches have been established—Portage la Prairie the limit in the west and St. John, N.B., in the east, and over 1000 members have been enrolled.

International Order of King's Daughters.

The Toronto City Union of the King's Daughters is made up of twenty-one Circles, with a total of 650 members. Each Circle controls its own work and methods. The majority have undertaken the visiting of the sick and afflicted, the helping of those on whom the grasp of poverty has been laid, and daily performing those little kindly acts which help to make life's journey pleasant. As a City Union the Order maintains a ward in Grace Hospital, which is at the disposal of any member of the Order throughout the Province, free of charge.

The Toronto Humane Society,

This Society reports that during the past year sixty Band of Mercy lectures, illustrated by the Society's magic lantern and slides, have been given both in Toronto and outside places. Several members of the Society have devoted much time and attention to the work of instructing the young in kindness to animals. During the exhibition a tent for the distribution of Humane Literature was opened for the first time.

The Humane officer has investigated 247 cases of cruelty reported, 214 of which were prosecuted in court; 192 suffering animals were painlessly destroyed, not including those destroyed in the lethal chamber provided by the Society. The officer has also regularly visited all places where animals might be cruelly treated.

The Ministering Children's League.

The motto of "No day without a deed to crown it," has for its object the inculcating of the spirit of unselfishness in children. With this aim in view the children are asked to give a small sum of money weekly for a cot in St. John's Hospital and a bed in the Sick Children's Hospital. One or two branches of the League clothe children of missionaries and at Xmas time give a tree and treat to the poor of their parishes.

Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association.

During the past six months very successful work has been done by this Society. Much of the previous work was reviewed for the benefit of new members. This was found necessary, particularly in the study of Dante's *Inferno*, that all might be equally prepared for the continuation of the work. In the course of Irish authors careful study was given to the life and works of Geoffrey Keating, Sir Richard Steele, Lawrence Sterne, Dean Swift, Edmund Burke and Oliver Goldsmith. Financially, the Association has never been on a better footing and the prospects for the coming winter are very bright from a business and literary point of view.

The Ladies' Montefiore Benevolent Society.

This Society, as the name implies, is for the assistance of the indigent and suffering of the Hebrew Faith. These consist principally of foreigners, who find it difficult to obtain a livelihood in a strange country, owing to ignorance of the language, it is therefore often necessary to provide them with food, clothing and fuel until they find means for subsistence. Personal service also formed a great portion of the work of the Society, the members taking great interest in inspecting the various homes and instructing the women in habits of cleanliness and thrift. They also visit the hospitals when requested.

Women's Enfranchisement Association of Toronto.

This Society held regular meetings during the year. Much information regarding the success of the work in the Mother Land and sister colonies has been gathered and discussed. The Association has also kept in touch with the sister societies of the Dominion.

The President, Dr. Augusta S. Gullen, has had several requests from various parts of the city and country for addresses and literature. A ready response has been given wherever possible, and good work accomplished. The society feels assured that public sentiment is much more favorable to the enfranchisement of women.

The Toronto Industrial Rooms.

This Society finished a successful winter's work last March. During the months when the rooms were open, 150 women received sewing every Thursday morning for which they were well paid, thus carrying out the principle of the Society, "Not alms, but work."

Among the women who apply for work are found all grades of seamstresses. The good workers are given dainty garments, while the more inefficient are given simpler work and are taught to sew. We find the work we are able to give the women, and the money they receive, much appreciated by them, for in many cases, during the winter, they are the family breadwinners.

Froebel Society.

This Society had some of its best meetings during the past year, and they have been well attended. For the first time in Toronto the Society celebrated Freidrich Froebel's birthday. The meeting was held in the "Public Hall" of the Normal School. Addresses were given on this mode of education by authorities on the subject, and Kindergarten songs with gesture by young ladies of the Toronto Kindergartens.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at different Kindergartens.

St. Cyprian's Mission Workers.

This Guild, of all those in the parish actively engaged in working for missions both at home and abroad, consists of women, girls and children, thus assuring continuity in the work. Besides giving to, and praying very definitely for the success of the cause, bales of warm clothing are sent to needy missions, and work is also done for the poor in the neighborhood. The membership is between eighty and ninety, and the members are much interested in their work.

The Aberdeen Association.

This Society was formed in 1890, after a trip which Lord and Lady Aberdeen had taken through Manitoba. There are thirteen branches in Canada extending from ocean to ocean. The central office in Ottawa receives literature from England and distributes it to the different Canadian branches.

The object of the Association is to provide settlers throughout Canada with good reading matter. From the Toronto branch 150 parcels are sent out monthly. There is a great demand for children's books, of which there are never enough sent to the office at 87 Confederation Life Building.

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.

The Protestant Orphans' Home.

During the year 106 children have been admitted, 59 boys and 47 girls, all (except three) from the city or province. Average number of children, 200; of inmates, 215. One of the greatest pleasures of the year was a visit from Her Excellency, Lady Aberdeen, who won all hearts by her sweet, gracious manner and kind words.

The Woman's Canadian Historical Association.

This Society has held regular meetings during the year. Extracts from current Canadian literature were read at each meeting. Interest of a practical nature is being taken in home manufactures, and the Editors of the *Canadian Home Journal* have placed a page at the disposal of the Society. In this full reports of the meetings and work have been printed.

At the December meeting an able address was delivered by Mr. Coyne, President of the Ontario Historical Society, and Lady Edgar, the newly-elected President, made an address, and the Society held a reception for His Excellency and Lady Aberdeen.

The membership has increased from 170 to 220 regular members; 45 honorary, and 10 corresponding, making a total of 275 members.

Summary of Toronto District W.C.T.U. Report, 1997-8.

The Annual Convention just closed reports 19 Unions and one "Y" Committee, with 751 active, and 69 honorary members; six Bands of Hope, with 499 members. There were 78,511 pages of literature distributed by the different Unions and Superintendents.

Petitions were sent to members of the Dominion Government, *re* Sabbath Observance. Petitions largely signed by all the Protestant churches, were presented to Hon. Clifford Sifton, asking the Dominion Government to prohibit the importation and sale of intoxicating liquors in the Yukon territory.

Special work has been done on the following lines:—Evangelistic, Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, Mothers meetings, Flower Mission, Kitchen Garden, and Plebiscite.

Victorian Order of Nurses.

The Toronto Home, which opened on March 12th, 1898, at 206 Spadina Avenue, began with one nurse and the superintendent. Now there are three nurses, and a fourth is expected immediately. During the ten months the Order has been at work here the nurses have taken care of twenty-six patients for sixty-six physicians, and have made 1,818 visits. In all cases the services of the nurses have been much appreciated by the physicians, the patients and their families. More than half the patients pay a small fee of from five to twenty-five cents a visit, the charge being made according to the circumstances of the patient—not to the services rendered.

The visits vary from an hour to ten or twelve hours, or longer. It is felt that the work of the Order is becoming better known and valued every day, and there is therefore every encouragement to go on with it.

The Ladies' League of School Art.

This organization records a season of earnest work, and most encouraging results. The lecture course so graciously opened by Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, in November, 1897, and ending

in April of this year, was most successful, and the Society closed their year with \$130 worth of pictures in Rosedale school, and \$155 at their credit for present investment.

Many loans have been made by artists, notably A. Cox, Esq., and C. Macdonald Manley, Esq.

Mr. A. E. Osler has donated terra cotta busts of Brock and Tecumseh, and T. Mower Martin a very fine Muskoka scene in black and white, of his own work. The Society feel that their objects are being attained, and that public sentiment is more in sympathy with their work.

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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 Report.
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).

TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL OF

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 meeting.
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.

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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

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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 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

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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 endorsation 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.

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 last 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 meetings 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.

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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 meeting affiliating Local Societies or Institution.
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.