

FOURTH 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, 1898

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TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Executive Committee 1897-98

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 ; Miss Rowand, 30 St. Patrick Street ; Dr. Stowe Gullen, 461 Spadina Avenue.

EX-OFFICIO VICE-PRESIDENTS (Presidents of Federated Societies)—Mrs. Dignam, President Woman's Art Association of Canada ; Mrs. Broughall, President Toronto City Union of The King's Daughters and Sons ; Mrs. S. G. Wood, President Toronto Humane Society ; Mrs. Fuller, President Central Council, Ministering Children's League ; Mrs. A. D. Benjamin, President Moses Montefiore Benevolent Society ; Mrs. Bascom, President Women's Christian Temperance Union ; Dr. Stowe Gullen, President Women's Enfranchisement Association ; Mrs. Barnett, President Toronto Industrial Rooms ; Miss Yellowlees, 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) ; Mrs. Edgar, President Woman's Canadian Historical Association ; Mrs. Cawthra, President Protestant Orphans' Home ; Miss Dickson, President Aberdeen Association.

RECORDING SECRETARY—Miss Cartwright, Osgoode Hall.

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, Mrs. Coad, Miss Carty.

Local Council of Women of Toronto.

Fourth Annual Meeting

Held in the Theatre of the Normal School,
June 29th, 1897, at 3 p.m.

The meeting was called for three o'clock, but as there were only seven ladies present, the afternoon being very stormy, it was decided to wait till four, in the hope that by that time other members would arrive.

At four o'clock the meeting was opened in the usual way.

There were present:—Mrs. Dickson in the chair, Mrs. Kavanagh, Mrs. Scales, Mrs. Coad, Mrs. Grant Macdonald, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Guthrie, Mrs. Grasett, Miss Cayley.

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary's reports and the Treasurer's statement were read and adopted.

The President's address, in which much of the work done during the year was mentioned, was an epitome of the report sent to the Annual Meeting of the National Council at Halifax.

The committees on (1) Medical Aid and Nursing in the North West and Outlying Districts of Canada; (2) Immigration of Pauper Children; (3) Manual Training in Public Schools; (4) and Manual Training Classes for Teachers, were asked to consider their work completed, as some of the subjects had been taken up by the Legislature, and in others the proposed reforms were now in operation.

The following resolutions were then proposed:

1. Moved by Mrs. Cummings, seconded by Mrs. Coad: "Resolved that the retiring President and Corresponding Secretary be a Committee to arrange for the publication of the annual report." Carried.

2. Moved by Mrs. Vance, seconded by Mrs. Guthrie: "That the Toronto Local Council of Women do acknowledge with pleasure the courtesy and kindness of the Press of Toronto, for the space given to notices of its work and sessions." Carried.

3. Moved by Mrs. Coad, seconded by Miss Cayley: "That the T. L. C. of Women tender their thanks to the Hon. the Minister of

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Education, and express their appreciation of his kindness in granting the use of rooms for their meetings during the year." Carried.

4. Moved by Mrs. Guthrie, seconded by Mrs. Grant Macdonald "That Miss Zoe Shortt be asked to take the office of Auditor to the T. L. C. of Women for the coming year." Carried.

5. Moved by Mrs. Coad, seconded by Mrs. Cummings: "That the Council express their appreciation of the service rendered by the retiring Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and regret that they are unable to remain in office." Carried.

6. Moved by Mrs. Coad, seconded by Mrs. Grant Macdonald: "That the President's report be adopted." Carried.

7. Moved by Mrs. Cummings, seconded by Miss Cayley: "Resolved that the sincere thanks of the members of the Local Council of Women of Toronto be tendered to Mrs. George Dickson, for her valued and untiring services as their President, coupled with an expression of their deep regret at her inability to continue to fulfil the duties of that office." Carried.

8. Moved by Mrs. Coad, seconded by Mrs. Guthrie: "That this Council beg to thank Miss Grant Macdonald, auditor during the past year, and hope she will continue for the coming year." Carried.

9. Moved by Mrs. Scales, seconded by Mrs. Coad: "That the recording secretary's report be adopted." Carried.

10. Moved by Mrs. Grant Macdonald, seconded by Mrs. Vance: "That the corresponding secretary's report be adopted." Carried.

11. Moved by Mrs. Grasett, seconded by Mrs. Coad: "That the treasurer's report for the year be adopted." Carried.

12. Moved by Mrs. Grant Macdonald, seconded by Mrs. Cummings: "That there be an adjournment of this Annual Meeting until the first Tuesday in October, for the election of offices and other business." Carried.

Mrs. Cummings gave the meeting a most interesting account of the Annual Meeting of the National Council, held in Halifax on the 14th June and following days.

It was decided to give one of the verbatim reports of the National Council to the Public Library.

On motion of Mrs. Coad the meeting adjourned.

EMILY CUMMINGS,
Acting President.

Adjourned Annual Meeting

OF THE

Toronto Local Council,

October 15th, 1897, St. George's Hall.

The meeting opened in the usual way, with Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Acting-President, in the chair.

Minutes of meeting of June 29th, were read and confirmed. The report of the Fröbel Society was then read.

Mrs. S. G. Wood read the report of the Aberdeen Association for the President, Miss Dickson.

After calling the roll of the Federated Societies, ballot papers were given to all entitled to vote, and while the scrutineers were counting the votes Miss Ellerby gave a short account of the Annual Meeting held in Halifax in June.

Mrs. Boulton, treasurer of the Infants' Home, then addressed the meeting on the necessity of obtaining proper governmental regulation and inspection of the maternity boarding houses or private maternity hospitals in the city.

Moved by Dr. A. Stowe-Gullen, seconded by Mrs. Coad: "That the Toronto Local Council do all in their power to urge upon the City Council the enforcing of the Bill entitled "an Act to regulate maternity boarding houses, and for the protection of infant children." Carried.

Moved by Mrs. S. G. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Thompson: "That Mrs. Grant Macdonald, Mrs. Torrington, Mrs. Kerr, and Dr. A. Stowe-Gullen be a deputation to go to the City Council to request the adoption of the Act by the city of Toronto." Carried.

An interesting paper on "The Housing of the Aged Poor" was then read by Mrs. Forsyth-Grant. Mr. Geo. Pell, who was present, spoke on the same subject.

Mrs. Cummings then brought up the subject of impure reading matter. Mrs. Wood and several ladies spoke on the subject.

Mrs. Torrington then read a report on the operation of the amended "Shops Act."

Moved by Mrs. S. G. Wood, seconded by Mrs. Kelly: "That this Local Council, viewing with alarm the continued sending of undesirable and impure reading matter to young persons in this city, would empower the acting President, the Honorary President, the Mover and Seconder to draw up a short circular to be printed and sent to the principals of the schools in the city, calling their attention to the matter, and also giving a list of the papers, etc., that are prohibited by law from being circulated through the mails; but which, nevertheless, have been recently offered for sale in this city." Carried.

The following returns were made for officers for 1897 and 1898:

Miss Carty, President.

Lady Thompson, Mrs. Willoughby-Cummings, Mrs. Kerr, Miss Rowand, Dr. A. Stowe-Gullen, Vice-Presidents.

Miss Cayley, Corresponding Secretary.

Miss Cartwright, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Coad, Treasurer.

The adjournment was moved by Miss Cayley.

Recording Secretary's Report.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND LADIES :

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

Since the report of May, 1896, the Executive has held sixteen regular meetings. There have been also six special and four quarterly meetings, making, with the annual meeting, a total of twenty-seven.

The most important of the special meetings was held in January, 1897, to consider the report of the sub-committee appointed to investigate the condition of women and children employed in shops and factories. It was then decided to invite two delegates from each of the Ontario Councils, to consult with the Executive of the Toronto Council, as to the best way of obtaining the desired legislation. This was accordingly done, with the result that all the reforms asked for were at once granted.

Good work has been accomplished by the committees formed to investigate the following subjects :

Shorter Working Hours for Women and Children.

Need of Legal Protection for Women and Children.

The Spread of Pure Literature.

Manual Training for Public Schools.

Manual Training Classes for Teachers.

Care of Eyes and Teeth of Children in Public Schools.

The Effect of the Immigration of Pauper Children on the Social Condition of Canada.

How to Provide Medical Aid and Nursing in Outlying Districts of Canada.

The Establishing of Public Baths and Wash-Houses.

The Formation of Reading Circles.

The Preventible Causes of Insanity.

This last subject was considered to be of such importance to the community that a special public meeting was arranged by the Council, at which Dr. Clark, of the Toronto Insane Asylum, kindly gave a black-board talk on "Insanity, its Causes Prevention and Cure."

A public meeting for those interested in children was held in March by the Froebel Society, under the auspices of the Council. Interesting addresses were delivered by Prof. Tracy, of the University, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and others.

Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen several times addressed large audiences in Toronto on the methods and aims of the National Council and the Victorian Order of Nurses.

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 warm thanks of the Council are due to the Past-President Mrs. Dickson, to whose untiring zeal and enthusiasm any success in the work accomplished is mainly due.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MILDRED CARTWRIGHT,
Recording Secretary.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Last annual meeting May 26, 1896.	
Letters written during the year	85
Invitations sent for meeting in honor of their Excellencies, Sept. 9	174
Postal cards sent	257
Reports sent out by mail	24

M. A. KAVANAGH,
Corresponding Secretary.

June 29th, 1897.

President's Report.

Given at the Annual Meeting of the National Council,
June 14, 1897.

YOUR EXCELLENCY AND LADIES :

The members of the Toronto Local Council of Women, in presenting this their fourth report to the annual meeting of the National Council of Women of Canada, are very conscious of many fruitless efforts and much imperfect work during the past year ; but, while fully aware of these facts, they feel no little sense of encouragement when, in looking back over the work of the year, they realize that to them have come opportunities for living up to the Council idea, and through them its influence has grown. The close of the year, therefore, finds them united in purpose and hopeful for better results in the future. During the year the Executive have been most faithful to the duties expected of them, holding in all nineteen meetings for the discussion of Council work. The attendance at our quarterly meetings and special public meetings has been gradually increasing, and a marked interest has been taken in the business presented and discussed at the meetings. To such an extent was this the case that it was decided to divide the work set aside for these meetings into two parts, to be taken at an afternoon and evening session. In the afternoon reports of affiliated societies and committees ; and the more difficult branches of work, in which the Council needed guidance, were dealt with at the evening session by those who, through professional experience and study, could with authority discuss them. By this means the Council was greatly assisted and a greater incentive was given to the general public for attending the meetings. Notable among these are the following : A very comprehensive address by the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, on " Manual Training " ; " A Blackboard Talk on Insanity," by Dr. Daniel Clark, of the Toronto Insane Asylum ; an evening and afternoon meeting conducted by the Frœbel Society, when a charming " Talk to Mothers " and a couple of able papers on " Child Study " formed the programme. In September the Council had the great pleasure of holding a public meeting in honor of their

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Excellencies' visit to the city, when, through the kindness of their Excellencies, the meeting was addressed by them. Her Excellency spoke at length on the "Home, and Woman's Needed Preparation for Reigning in the Home." This meeting was very largely attended, and made a deep impression in our city. The Toronto Local Council was honored by being permitted to convene a meeting of the Ontario Councils to consider the amending of the "Shops Act," with the result that the petition prepared by that committee was accepted by the Ontario Government and is now law. We in Ontario have the gratification of knowing that the inspection of shops under the Act is now provincial instead of municipal, and will, if properly carried out, do much towards improving the condition of women and children in shops. It will be remembered that last year this Council reported having been able to secure the services of a "woman shop inspector" through the old Act, in which the appointment rested with the municipalities. The securing of an inspector under any conditions was felt to be a step in the right direction, but we cannot but realize that much greater importance and authority are vested in an Act when directly under the control of the Government than when left to the pleasure of municipalities. During last year an effort was made by this Council to have Domestic Science added to the curriculum of the Technical School, and so successful was that effort that in October of this year classes in cooking, under a competent teacher, were established, and if the need for such classes is in proportion to the attendance then it must be great. The accommodation set aside for this work was taxed to the utmost, and larger rooms could have been easily filled, as the classes numbered 425 pupils. When it is known that examinations in Domestic Science authorized by the Educational Department are to be conducted this year, aiming at the granting of teachers' certificates in this science, all interested in the movement cannot but be encouraged, and rejoice that the efforts of the past are bearing such promising fruits.

The work for the year was largely directed by the memorandum of the National Council with its suggestions of work for Local Councils. The following subjects were selected and given into the hands of small committees for study and development :

1. Medical aid and nursing in the North-West and outlying districts of Canada.

2. Preventible causes of the increase of insanity.
3. Proper care of the teeth and eyes of school children.
4. Importation of pauper children.
5. Public baths and wash houses.
6. Reading circles.
7. Courses in Normal Schools for instruction in manual arts.

To these were added all the work left not completed from last year, which is as follows :

1. Protection of women and children.
2. Pure literature.
3. Length of working hours.
4. Manual training in the Public Schools.
5. Co-operation with the "Prisoners' Aid" in work for which they have solicited the help of the Council. Of these twelve departments four have been closed, the Council having decided that no further effort was needed at present to promote them, or that other means have been taken for their development. These are as follows :

1. Medical aid and nursing, etc.—covered by the scheme for Victorian order of nurses.
2. Importation of pauper children—regulated by the "Gibson Bill" of this year.
3. Courses in Normal Schools for instruction in manual arts.
4. Manual training in the Public schools.

The Council believes that the Hon. the Minister of Education will establish these when advisable. The other branches are still before the Council for development next year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. F. DICKSON,
President.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

1896	Cash on hand	\$ 61 53
June 1	—Moses Montefiore Society	2 00
July	—King's Daughters and Sons	2 00
Dec. 4	—Woman's Art Association	2 00
" 16	—Industrial Rooms	2 00
" 16	—Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Society	2 00
1897	—St. Agatha's Guild	2 00
Jan. 29	—Local Enfranchisement Society	2 25
" 30	—For Nine Pin Badges	2 29
" 30	—For Literature, Historical Society	2 00
Feb. 1	—Frœbel Society	75
" 1	—For Three Badges	2 00
April	—W. C. T. U	2 00
May	—Aberdeen Association	2 00
" 26	—St. Cyprian's Society	2 00
" 26	—Humane Society	5 00
" 31	—Patrons, Miss Carty	5 00
	Mrs. Scales	5 00
	Mrs. George Kerr	5 00
	Mrs. Lucy M. Coad	1 00
Oct. 15	—Miss Rowand, Individual Fee	2 00
Nov. 8	—Woman's Art Association	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 Ladies' Literary Society	75
" 2	—Received for Three Pin Badges	50 00
" 2	—Mrs. Coad, Life Membership	50 00
		\$172 57

EXPENDITURE

1896	June 20—By Rent St. George's Hall	4 00
Aug. 27	—President for Postage	1 00
" 27	—Recording Secretary for Postage	1 00
" 27	—Corresponding Secretary	50
Sept. 1	—Recording Secretary	3 55
" 7	—Treasurer for Postage	50
" 7	—Printing Literature	1 00
" 7	—One Dozen Badges	3 00

EXPENDITURE—(Continued).

1896		
Oct.	1—Rowse & Hutchinson.....	5 85
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"	1—Piano for Public Meeting.....	3 00
Nov.	3—Recording Secretary.....	1 71
Dec.	18—Printing Reports.....	16 50
"	29—President for Postage.....	50
"	29—Treasurer for Postage.....	75
"	29—President for Expenditure.....	80
1897		
	—Recording Secretary.....	1 30
Feb.	23—Recording Secretary.....	1 00
Mar.	21—Piano for Meeting.....	3 00
"	31—Pin Badges.....	3 00
"	31—Corresponding Secretary.....	1 46
"	31—Treasurer for Postage.....	54
"	31—Assistant Caretaker Normal School.....	50
April	—Fee to National Council of Women.....	5 00
May	25—Corresponding Secretary.....	1 88
"	25—President for Postage.....	78
June	—Caretaker Normal School.....	5 00
Oct.	15—E. Pell, rent St. George's Hall.....	2 00
"	15—Geo. Parker, Printing.....	1 00
"	18—Brown Bros., Receipt Book.....	40
Nov.	8—Recording Secretary for Postage.....	2 50
"	8—Miss Cayley, Acting Secretary.....	45
"	8—Mrs. Kavanagh, Corresponding Secretary.....	1 18
"	12—Treasurer, Postage.....	47
"	12—George Parker, Printing and Pads.....	2 00
"	12—Recording Secretary for Postage.....	2 00
"	12—Corresponding Secretary, Postage.....	1 00
"	16—Geo. Parker, Printing.....	2 50
"	18—Caretaker Normal School.....	50
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	Balance on hand.....	87 95
	Jan. 1st, 1898.	<u>\$172 57</u>

LUCY M. COAD,
Treasurer.

REPORTS OF AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Women's Art Association of Canada.

This Society, the head association of which is in Toronto, has had a very progressive year. A new branch has been opened in Kingston, with Miss A. M. Machar as President. "Open Studio Day" is an established fact in several cities. Courses of art lectures on subjects of great interest have been given in all the branches, and done much to awaken and sustain interest in art. A number of Toronto gentlemen were kind enough to lecture to the Hamilton, St. Thomas and Kingston branches. The interchange of exhibitions has been helpful, the general collection made in Toronto being sent to the branches in turn. The studio provided for members to work in has been liberally patronized. The Saturday Sketch Club numbers sixty. We have nearly a thousand members enrolled, four being life members and over one hundred active members. The largest undertaking of the year, the historical and commemorative dinner set, has been completed by the ceramic members, and been exhibited in the several branches.

M. E. DIGNAM,

President.

International Order of King's Daughters and Sons.

This Society has for its object the deepening of spiritual life in its members and service for others in the name of the Master. The work is largely philanthropic. There are twenty Circles in the city with a membership of about 500. These Circles look after the poor in their immediate neighborhood, minister to their material wants, endeavor to obtain work for those needing it, and strive in many ways to show sympathy and to uplift. The City Union maintains a private ward in Grace Hospital for those of its members who may need treatment there.

The Toronto Humane Society.

During the past ten years, this Society has been the means of preventing untold suffering to thousands of animals by diffusing information concerning them; by advice and warning to drivers, etc., by securing the erection of numerous drinking fountains, and by the education of the young. Hundreds of persons who wilfully and grossly ill-treat animals have been punished in the courts by fine and imprisonment.

The Society purchased in England the best known system in the world for painlessly destroying animals. The free use of this lethal chamber was presented to the city.

Teachers and others have been aided and encouraged in organizing Bands of Mercy among children; lanterns and slides illustrative of animal life are loaned without charge. Over 75,000 copies of books, pamphlets and circulars bearing on humane work have also been issued and distributed broadcast by the Society.

Ministering Children's League.

We are much encouraged by the work which is being accomplished by the little members of the League in Toronto. This year four missionary's children have been provided with a full outfit for twelve months. Bales of clothing have been sent to Algoma and the North-West, and the treasurer has received \$278.36 for missions. St. Simon's and All Saints' branches gave a treat and tree to the very poor at Christmas. We have now a membership of 222, and 74 associates, and hope soon to see more branches formed.

ROSAMOND FULLER,
President.

Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association.

This year has proved a most successful one for our Association, firstly in regard to the growth in membership; secondly in regard to the extent and character of the work accomplished. Since the summer, the weekly meetings have been held at the homes of the different members, instead of at the Rectory Hall as formerly, though at intervals

the Hall has been used for meetings open to the public, when papers were read on literature and the standard authors. Under the leadership of Miss O'Rourke, B.A., splendid progress was made in study of Dante's *Inferno*, notes on each canto being written by the members, and read for discussion at the following meeting. Acting on the advice of Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, the study of the life and works of Irish authors was begun. Readings from the poets, together with music, assisted in making these weekly gatherings most enjoyable and instructive.

MOLLIE O'DONOGHUE,
Corresponding Secretary, C. Y. L. L. A.

The Ladies' Montefiore Benevolent Society.

This Society is for the relief of the needy of the Hebrew faith. These consist principally of foreigners, and as they are, as a rule, unable to speak English, they find it very hard to earn a livelihood. This charity, therefore, finds it necessary to provide them with food, fuel, etc., until they become, in a measure, self-supporting. In connection with the above there is also a Dorcas, where the indigent are assisted with clothing. The members of this charity also visit Jewish patients at the hospitals and the poor at their own homes.

E. B. DAVIS,
Honorary Secretary.

Women's Enfranchisement Association of Toronto.

During the year 1897 our Association held nine regular monthly meetings, at which the suffrage question generally and economics were discussed. In January, Dr. Emily Stowe gave a very instructive address on "Money." In February, Prof. Mavor of Toronto University gave a most interesting lecture on "Free Trade and Reciprocity." In October an enthusiastic Suffrage rally was held and addresses were given by Mrs. Rounds of Chicago, Mrs. Hoffman of Denver, Mrs. Yeomans of Winnipeg, Miss Johnsdottir of Iceland, Miss Ericson of Finland, and Miss Inonife of Japan. During the year many requests have been received

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from various parts of Canada for literature on the suffrage question, and much information has been disseminated in this way by the President. The outlook of the cause generally is bright.

A. SIMS,
Corresponding Secretary.

Toronto Industrial Rooms.

Our Society meets in Forum Hall on Thursday mornings throughout the winter months, and provides short devotional exercises (undenominational), a cup of tea, and sewing, knitting and other remunerative work for an average of 130 women each week. In exceptional cases of extreme want we supply temporary relief gratuitously, but the object of our Society is to encourage self-support among its dependents, and in this attains most inspiring results. We make personal inspection of the home life of each applicant for work, and under Divine guidance endeavor to inculcate habits of righteousness, cleanliness, industry and thrift.

MARGARET WEST KILPATRICK,
Corresponding Secretary.

Froebel Society.

This Society is composed almost exclusively of kindergarten teachers, and was organized in 1893, with the view of awaking and stimulating interest in subjects bearing directly on the education of the child. The only society in Toronto devoted exclusively to the kindergarten movement, it has proved a strong help to its members as well as a bond of union. Meetings, open to mothers and others interested in the work, are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the different kindergartens of the city. This year, besides valuable papers and discussions from our own members, we have had a lecture from Mrs. Hughes on "The Connection Between the Home and the Kindergarten," and are also indebted to Mrs. Arthurs for her talk on "Order," and to Miss Cullen for her "Ideals." We have a library in connection with the Society, and the librarian—Miss Dent—is in attendance every alternate Friday afternoon.

MARGARET O. YELLOWLEES,
President.

St. Cyprian's Mission Workers

Consist of the Women's and Girls Branches and Children's Mission Band in the parish. The work is for the church in the parish, and for Missions—Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign. Each branch meets once a week, from October to May. Last year's report is as follows:

The membership numbers.....	80
Cash given.....	\$67 00
Bales of warm clothing sent to needy missions.....	4
Christmas trees furnished to poor missions.....	2
Articles of clothing, new and old, given to the poor of the parish.....	200

M. MENZIES,
President.

The Aberdeen Association.

This Association was formed in 1890, after a trip which Lord and Lady Aberdeen had taken through Manitoba. The first branch was opened in Winnipeg. Now, in 1898, there are twelve branches, namely: Halifax, Montreal (English), Montreal (French), Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Regina, Brandon, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. There is a central office in Ottawa for receiving literature from England and distributing it to the different Canadian branches. The object of the Association is to provide settlers throughout Canada with good reading matter. Friends desirous of assisting the Association can do so by sending books, papers, etc., to 57 Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

FLORENCE DICKSON,
President.

St. Agatha's 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 by that reciprocal help and support only gained when many persons set mind, heart and will in the same direction towards the same definite aim; 2, helping the cause of missions by personal work for some special field, and by keeping up a lively

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ANNA LOWE,
Vice-President.

The Protestant Orphans' Home, Toronto.

In ample grounds, partly shaded from the street by oak trees, stands this commodious home, with over two hundred inmates. Dr. Lett was one of the founders and Jennie Lind a benefactress.

Children are admitted from three to twelve years of age, subsequently either taken again by friends or apprenticed or adopted by people with good references. An excellent school is attached. Twenty ladies form the Board of Management and collect subscriptions for the support of the Home. The institution is inspected by the Government, and receives the usual assistance per capita. Relatives contribute if able.

CHARLOTTE E. LEIGH,
Secretary.

Toronto District W.C.T.U.

The primary object of this Society is to unitedly array Christian women against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors, and to educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue. For these ends we have many departments of work—Social Purity, Scientific Temperance Instruction in Schools, Lord's Day Observance, Flower Mission, Kitchen Garden, Narcotics, Band of Hope work, Extension of Franchise to Women, and Introduction of Temperance Work into Young People's Societies.

In Toronto we have sixteen Local Unions for these branches of work ; besides we sustain a Shelter for Girls at 137 Terauley street, where 113 girls were cared for during the year, and places found for them or were persuaded to return to their homes. During the year we have gained over 200 members, making a total of over 700.

A. M. BASCOM,
President.

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TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL
IN FEDERATION WITH THE
National Council of Women of Canada

PREAMBLE.

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

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

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

ARTICLE II.—POLICY.

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

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ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

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

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

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

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

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

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

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE VI.—FEES.

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

ARTICLE VII.—PATRONS.

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

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

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

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

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

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STANDING ORDERS
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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 from 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 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 nominations made for officers, in order that suggestions as to any notices of amendment, alteration, support or withdrawal may be sent back to the Executive, and in order that the delegates may be instructed how to vote, and shall be returned to the Corresponding Secretary one week before the Annual Meeting.

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. 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 an individual.

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

10. The public is privileged to attend the meetings of the Council, not including the meetings 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 for each meeting and attend to all printing. She shall also present a full report of the year's proceedings at the Annual Meeting.

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.

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 cheques, and shall have her books 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. 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 them 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.

3. 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 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 each 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 adjournment of Council or of a 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 a 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 that 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 of 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 the question has 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 favour 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 or 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 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 described 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 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 bodies 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. 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 Executive Committee, notice of proposed change having been given at a previous meeting.

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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 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. Reports from 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.

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 meeting affiliating local society 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.

2. 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.

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7. Every notice of motion for the agenda shall be sent in to the Recording Secretary in writing, and shall be signed by the member of 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.

12. 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 Subcommittee so far as they are applicable.
