

The Order of the Sons of Temperance of which we are members, is the oldest temperance organization in the province, and we take pardonable pride in our past record and present work. We view with no feeling of jealousy the success of any, or all other temperance organizations whose object is the overthrow of the liquor traffic, on the contrary, we deeply sympathize with all efforts put forth in the common cause and against the common enemy, and in the success of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union we take a lively interest, and we have viewed with great pleasure the success which has crowned your labors since your advent as an organization; we have also endeavored as far as lay in our power to further your interests and strengthen your ranks. Our aims and objects are identical, and we can unite in this glorious work and jointly do battle for God, for Home, and our Native Land.

We recognize the special fitness of woman for work in the cause of temperance, inasmuch as woman have been the greatest sufferers from the evils of intemperance. They have special reasons to hate the traffic which has brought sorrow to their hearts and desolation to their homes; on this account the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is entitled to the sympathy and support, of every man within whose breast their lurks one spark of chivalry; on behalf then of our Order I bid you God speed in your Christian work.

Much of the success which has fallen to our lot of late years has been owing to the earnest and persistent efforts of the women of our country.

The cheering news of success which has gladdened our hearts within this last month, and the further success which is likely to crown our efforts in the contest now being decided in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, tend to prove that in no country in the world has the temperance cause taken deeper hold on the hearts of the people, than in this Canada of ours. Thanks again to woman's work and woman's influence.

And as each succeeding county rolls up its majority in favor of prohibitory legislation, the men engaged in the traffic will do well to take warning and set their house in order.

Such a succession of victories may very aptly be likened to the falling of snow flakes on the sod; they indicate a people's will as lightning does the will of God.

In conclusion, I pray that richest blessings may rest upon your future labors, and that each member of your association may be so imbued with love for the cause of temperance that they will count

"That day but lost whose low descending sun,
Views from their hands no worthy action done."

Yours truly,

JOHN McMILLAN,

G. W. P. Sons of Temperance.

After expressing her gratification at the visit of the deputation, the president called upon Mrs. L. Youmans, who made a suitable response.

A form of constitution for local unions was then presented by the recording secretary, and, after some emendation, was adopted.

On motion, telegrams were ordered to be sent to Stormont, Glengarry, and Dundas, Ont., and Charlottetown, P.E.I., "Our sympathies and prayers are with you. Onward to victory!"

The meeting then adjourned.

2 P. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Smith, Bible reader, of Hamilton.

For want of time it was decided that the remainder of auxiliary reports be laid on the secretary's table for publication.

Moved by Recording Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Fawcett, that this clause be added to Article II. of the provincial constitution:—"The Superintendent of Departments shall not be expected to sit with Executive at the meeting where such Superintendents are nominated." Carried.

Miss Phelps read a communication from *The News* stating that the Scott Act was likely to pass by a large majority in Dundas, Stormont, and Glengarry.

The convention rose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The treasurer's report was then presented by Mrs. Brethour and adopted.

The president introduced to the convention Mr. W. H. Howland and Mr. Hoyles, who each spoke a few words of encouragement.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the president requesting Mrs. Youmans to take the chair. Miss Russell, Miss Phelps, Miss Cartmel, and Miss Bowes were appointed tellers, and the two secretaries scrutineers. The election resulted as follows:—

President.....	Mrs. Addie Chisholm.....	Ottawa.
1st Vice-President.....	Mrs. Tilton.....	Ottawa.
2nd Vice-President.....	Mrs. Cowan.....	Toronto.
Recording Secretary.....	Miss A. Orchard.....	Galt.
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. M. S. Fawcett.....	Maple.
Treasurer.....	Mrs. P. C. Brethour.....	Milton.

County Superintendents.

Lambton.....	Mrs. Lawrence.....	Sarnia.
Huron.....	Mrs. Leach.....	Goderich.
Elgin.....	Mrs. A. B. Youmans.....	St. Thomas.
Middlesex.....	Miss Hogg.....	London.

Bruce.....	Mrs. McIntyre.....	Tiverton.
Grey.....	Miss Meir.....	Owen Sound.
Wellington.....	Mrs. J. C. Budd.....	Guelph.
Perth.....	Mrs. John Coates.....	Mitchell.
Bothwell.....	Mrs. Parsons.....	Ridgelytown.
Oxford.....	Mrs. Johnson.....	Mount Elgin.
Norfolk.....	Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson.....	Port Dover.
Carleton.....	Mrs. Parlow.....	Ottawa.
Brant.....	Mrs. Chrysler.....	St. George.
Wentworth.....	Mrs. Pratt.....	Hamilton.
Halton.....	Mrs. Hocking.....	Milton.
Welland.....	Mrs. Dalgleish.....	Thorold.
Lincoln.....	Miss Foster.....	St. Catharines.
Peel.....	Mrs. Daffoe.....	Brampton.
York.....	Mrs. Wylie.....	Richmond Hill.
Prince Edward.....	Mrs. S. E. Branscombe.....	Pictou.
Waterloo.....	Mrs. Graham.....	Galt.
Stormont.....	Mrs. Judge Pringle.....	Cornwall.
Grenville.....	Mrs. Thos. Coates.....	Prescott.
Leeds.....	Mrs. F. Britton.....	Gananoque.
Simcoe.....	Mrs. Shortreed.....	Barrie.

On a motion, counties not provided for were left to the Executive.

The Recording Secretary then reported from the Executive Committee the following nominations for Superintendents of Departments:—Plan of Work, Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa; Literature, Mrs. Chisholm, Ottawa; Legislation, Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Gananoque; Press, Miss Minnie Phelps, St. Catharines; Unfermented Wine, Miss Wilmott, Milton; Exhibition and Fairs, Mrs. Kidner, London; S. S. Temperance and Juvenile Unions, Miss Foster, St. Catharines; Presenting the Claims of Temperance to Religious and other Bodies, Mrs. John Harvie, Toronto; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Blair, Prescott; Young Women's Work, Miss Scott, Ottawa.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. Tilton presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1st. Resolved, — That deep and fervent gratitude to our Heavenly Father should be the prevailing sentiment in all our resolutions this year for the great things that have been accomplished for the honor and glory of His name in our temperance cause, also for the evident influences of His Holy Spirit in aiding and guiding our workers in all their labors and conflicts, and for the grace of supplication, which has been so abundantly poured out upon us as a community in answer to earnest, united, and continued prayer.

2nd. Resolved, — Since abstinence from alcohol insures health and happiness we would urge that the principles of the W. C. T. U. be earnestly and lovingly presented not only amongst the intemperate, but in all branches of society, feeling that the duty to God and to ourselves is a responsibility for high and low, rich and poor.

3rd. Resolved, — That we realize the necessity of more earnest, persistent efforts among the children, and would urge the formation of Bands of Hope in all Sunday Schools, and recommend instructions relative to alcohol and hygiene to Bands of Hope under the charge of the W. C. T. U.

4th. Resolved, — That we express our gratitude to the Educational Department for having so loyally received and responded to our petitions for the introduction of scientific and temperance instruction in our schools, and for authorizing a text-book for teachers referring to alcohol and its effects, and requiring this to be taught at least once a week in connection with hygiene; also for the cordial reception of our deputations by the Honorable the Minister of Education and for his kindly expressed sympathy with our temperance work.

5th. Resolved, — That while specially grateful for the development of lecture talent with which we have been favored during the last year, we still feel the necessity of enlarged effort in that direction.

6th. Resolved, — That we fully appreciate the sympathies of all church organizations, including Unions, Synods, Assemblies, Conferences, and particularly the cordial manner with which our memorials have been received.

7th. Resolved, — That we regard the numerous victories accomplished throughout the Province in the adoption of the Scott Act, as an earnest of the speedy advent of entire prohibition.

8. Resolved, — That thanks be extended to the railway authorities for their kindness in the reduction of rates for delegates.

9th. Resolved, — That we are in sympathy with those organizations that have for their object the proper observance of the Lord's day.

10th. Resolved, — That the ladies of this Union bearing the name of Christ, endeavor to honor Him not only in asking His blessing to rest upon our work, and seeking His guidance in all things, but also reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures at our meetings, and to do nothing in the way of raising money for the furtherance of our work that would grieve His Holy Spirit or be inconsistent with the teachings of His word.

11th. Resolved, — That we express our high appreciation of the thoughtful and effective arrangements made for our comfort by the "Women's Temperance Union" of Toronto and offer to them our sincere thanks.

To the citizens of Toronto who have welcomed the delegates to their homes and so liberally entertained them.

To the Y. M. C. Association for the use of Shaftesbury Hall for convention sessions.

To the Pastors and Trustees of the Metropolitan and Central Presbyterian Churches for the use of the S. S. rooms for evening meetings.