

NIAGARA FALLS.

The Niagara Falls W.C.T.U. was organized on September 4th, 1884, at Wesley camp, by Mrs. Dr. Youmans, of St. Catharines, 18 ladies being present. Our Union has increased since then, until we have a membership of about forty, and ten honorary members. Our meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon with an average attendance of 8. Meetings opened and closed by devotional exercises. During the year we held 22 public meetings. 13 gospel temperance meetings, held mostly in the town hall, which, by the kindness of the town council we were allowed free of charge. 5 literary entertainments were given by the president and other ladies of the Union, for the purpose of raising funds to pay lecturers, as we have worked on the principle of making the lectures so far, free to the public. We have had 5 lectures by the following talent: Col. Bain, J.R. Clark, Rev. Dr. Sexton, Rev. James Yeames and Rev. Dr. Sexton. Temperance literature has been freely distributed at all our public meetings. The editor of the only paper in town has kindly allowed us space for temperance matter, meetings, &c., free of charge. Bands of Hope have been formed in connection with two of the churches, and one very interesting Band of Hope under the auspices of our Union. The children, numbering over 100, meet once a week to be instructed in lessons on temperance. To the preparations which are to be made for the submitting of the Scott Act in this county, we are anxiously looking forward, and we earnestly solicit the prayers of the Convention now in session, for the efforts to be put forth in that direction, that they may be crowned with success.

MISS M. A. HENDERSON, Cor. Sec.

NORTH TORONTO.

This Union was organized Feb. 17, 1885, in the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. Septimus Jones occupying the chair, and most kindly assisting. Meetings were held weekly until the beginning of summer, and a Band of Hope was kept up for two months. This has been temporarily discontinued, but we hope to resume it. A class of eighteen ladies have been trained for Kitchen Garden work by an experienced teacher from New York, who gave daily lessons for one month. Our having no regular place of meeting has been a great disadvantage, but through the kindness of some of our city officials, a room has been placed at our disposal, free of expense, in a very desirable locality. As yet we have done little except to organize and form plans. We are beginning with children, believing that this is a prime importance, but we hope to branch out in various ways as we grow and prosper. Membership numbers 60.

E. T. CLARK, Vice-President.

OXFORD MILLS.

Our Union was organized in July of 1884, with a membership of eleven. Since that time it has steadily increased, both in membership and popularity, until at present we have thirteen members and two honorary members. Soon after our organization it was deemed advisable that we should hold quarterly meetings for the general public, giving a summary of what was done in the Union during the quarter. Our society took up the work of distributing literature, and have already sent out four thousand pamphlets, &c. We also gave the sum of \$90 for the campaign which we raised by a pic-nic, &c. We had a lecture by Mrs. Youmans which has already been productive of good. We intend organizing a Band of Hope very soon. We also hold prayer meetings occasionally. Although very few in number we are strong in work at home, and are joyfully looking forward to next May when the Act will be enforced here, but more joyfully to that other time when Prohibition, untrammelled and unfettered, will be the law of our land.

MINERVA HANLON, Cor. Sec.

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