

men while bathing at English Bay to wear two-piece suits, "drawers to the ankle, tunic below the knee, sleeves to the wrist, high neck collar, etc," stating that she had positively seen for herself very unseemly things on the beach. I spoke of hearing that there was at English Bay a **white ribbon woman** who went from her tent to the water clad only in her bathing suit, without cloak, boots or stockings and drawers only to the knees, her tunic sleeveless and low-necked, back of the tunic held to the front by a narrow strap. Mrs. Gleason was instantly on her feet and in abusive language to me, denied that she had ever gone to bathe without her cloak. I asked her to repeat the denial, and again she used insulting words to me, asking if I knew the name of the woman I had spoken of. My answer was, "Mrs. Gleason, you are at English Bay." "Do you know the name of the woman?" I then sat down. Mrs. Minnie McDonald then said, "I know the name of the woman, for I have seen her both on the street and in the water there." She then described Mrs. Gleason's bathing suit minutely, presenting in contrast the description of what she considered a proper bathing suit to be worn by a respectable woman.

Before Mrs. McDonald took her seat every member present knew that Mrs. Gleason was the white ribbon woman referred to; and Mrs. Gleason, realizing this, wrote a note to Miss Bowes, city reporter for the Union, asking her to suppress the discussion on bathing suits, in her report to the newspapers. Mr. Gleason also wrote a note to Miss Bowes telling her that Mrs. Gleason had never bathed in the arms of any man but himself.

At this time the scandal had become very public. One gentleman, a member of the Dominion Alliance, insisted that Mrs. Gleason should not be allowed to take part in the Gospel temperance meetings, then being held in the city hall. And Miss Bowes had been requested to ask Mrs. Gleason not to take the chair at the regular Sunday meetings owing to the scandal then raging against her.

Although the scandal had become public prior to my rescue trip to English Bay, the first intimation I had of it was on arriving there. Mrs. McDonald told me, and also told others in my hearing, namely, the grocer at English