

REPORT

OF THE

Women's International Temperance Convention,

HELD AT PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 12, 1876.

PREPARED FOR THE TORONTO WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION,
BY ONE OF THE DELEGATES.

The Toronto Women's Christian Temperance Union, in response to an invitation from the Secretary of the Women's National Christian Temperance Union, United States, requesting them to send a delegation to their approaching Convention, elected Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Forster and Mrs. Harvie as representatives of their Union at said Convention.

Leaving Toronto on the afternoon of Thursday, 8th inst., we reached the famed city of brotherly regard and affection at 2 o'clock P.M. on Friday, after a most enjoyable trip. Our route lay through almost every variety of scenery, from the picturesque and romantic to the grand and sublime. Imagine a lovely fertile valley, between ranges of lofty mountains, watered by a smoothly flowing river, whose windings we closely followed—crowned with waving fields of grain just tinged with gold, and dotted here and there with bustling towns and hamlets—then you may have some faint idea of the beautiful country through which we dashed so rapidly. Upon our arrival, we drove at once to the President's office. Mrs. Wittenmyer welcomed us kindly, directing us at once to a comfortable lodging-house.

The Convention opened with a Temperance conversazione on the evening of June 10th, which we all attended. Short addresses were given by distinguished lady speakers of both the Old and the New World.

Mrs. Wittenmyer, President of the National Union, stated in her opening speech that the brewers were then holding their annual Congress in Philadelphia, and, as reported from their own statistics, the trade in malt liquors had during the last two years rapidly decreased, there being, in 1875, 100,000 barrels *less* consumed than in 1874, and 130,000 *less* than in 1873. Such decrease was mainly owing to the