

CONSTITUTION OF PROVINCIAL W. C. T. U.

PLEDGE.

I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including beer, wine and cider, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Province of Ontario, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by the liquor traffic, believe it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extermination.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, on this the 24th day of October, 1877, band ourselves together for the following special objects, and to be governed by the following Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE I.

Name—This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Ontario.

Objects—To unitedly array the Christian women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

To educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue.

To impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind or in any form.

To gather statistics, facts and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of temperance.

To labor INDIVIDUALLY for the inebriate, the liquor seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns, hitherto unreached and uncared for.

To give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influences with which they are surrounded.

To heartily co-operate with other temperance societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other society or association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

To strive by every means in our power to secure the thorough enforcement of the temperance laws we already possess.

For the accomplishment of these objects we shall faithfully and conscientiously employ all the means God has placed within our reach, and we shall continually seek His direction and blessing upon our work.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. *Officers*—The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding-Secretary, Recording-Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), together with the County or District Presidents (who shall also be Vice-Presidents of Provincial Union), and Superintendents of Departments shall constitute an Executive Board, with full power to control and provide for the general interests of the work.

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