

at Ottawa, where we were instructed, strengthened and inspired afresh for the work. Tried to impart a little of what I had received to my beloved Unions on my way back through the columns of the *Independent*. March 23rd, drove to Brockville, took early train to Irish Creek, through one of the worst storms of the winter, roads fearfully blocked, nearly tipped over several times and broke down once. A meeting had been announced at Burritt's Rapids but it was impossible to reach it. Drove the next day with the President of the Merrickville Union, met a few of the ladies and promised to arrange for another meeting at some future time. On the 26th, returned to Irish Creek, found the little church packed, with men, women and children. Rev. Bro. Orser assisted in opening services. Organized a W.C.T.U. with 13 members, had a most enthusiastic meeting. From a letter received lately, they need another visit to encourage them. On the 23rd of May we held our first county convention in Prescott in the Presbyterian church. The day opened auspiciously, the air fragrant with flowers and the time of singing of birds had come. About twenty-five delegates present from local Unions representing Brockville, Spencerville, Kemptville, Oxford Mills, Iroquois and Morrisburgh, also a delegation from our sister Union at Ogdensburg, all of whom by their presence, sympathy, interchange of opinions, and valuable hints, added greatly to the interest of the gathering. We were highly favored in having our beloved and efficient Prov. Pres. Mrs. Chisholm, of Ottawa, with us, and she gave us much information and quite won the hearts of the sisters by her graceful and pleasing manners. Such a precious spirit of harmony pervaded both morning and afternoon lessons. A County Union was formed by Mrs. Chisholm, constitution adopted, and officers appointed. A very cordial invitation was extended by Mrs. Dr. Ferguson, for us to hold our next county convention in Kemptville next spring. A resolution of sympathy to the Gananoque Union, in the loss of Mrs. Britton, was carried.

It was resolved that the ladies of this convention memorialize the House of Commons asking them not to concur in the action of the Senate with regard to the amendment to the Scott Act. Greetings were also sent to Stratford for the success of the Scott Act agitation they were then engaged in. Tuesday afternoon was appointed as a time of special prayer to be observed by the Unions for the defeat of the amendments.

Illness preventing Mr. J.R. Clark from delivering his lecture, we all assembled in Mrs. Kirby's drawing room and a very pleasant evening was spent in discussing matters pertaining to Bands of Hope, and Mrs. Chisholm organized a Y.W.C.T.U., Miss Alice Kirby, president, who is working with her sister and a few others most efficiently, as their report will inform us, doing a great work with children.

Received letters regretting their absence from attending the county convention, from Merrickville, North Augusta, Irish Creek and Shemby. One delegate wrote me that she felt like a giant after that convention and ready for her new work.

On 31st August visited Cardinal, was much encouraged by Mrs. Dr. Williams and Mrs. Crane, to go down in September and start them again, hoping the third time would prove a success. After much persuasion I obtained Mrs. C.'s consent to be nominated as president. Our meeting, however, had to be postponed on account of contagious sickness in the village and sudden death of Mrs. Crane's sister whilst attending Heckston camp meeting. I had the pleasure of meeting many of our dear sisters from the different W.C.T. Unions and encouraging them in their work, and also interesting some of the minister's wives, and prepared the way to organize a Union in South Mountain. Wrote 61 letters, 19 were invitations to county conventions, and 41 post cards. Also sent some printed invitations. Sent reports to South Mountain, Ventnor, West Winchester, Easton's Corners, Burritt's Rapids, Jasper, Cardinal, also sent *Woman's Journals* kindly supplied gratuitously, by Mrs. Chisholm.