

LITERATURE REPORT, 1885-6.

Dear Sisters,—As Superintendent of the Literature Department my duties have been very light during the past year.

On the 15th of August, 1885, I received from the Provincial Treasury the sum of \$10 with which to procure a supply of literature, such as we might require for our work. \$5 of this I invested in organizer's outfits and in Scott Act leaflets, which, however, have not been made use of as yet, as the act has not been made applicable to B.C., and no effort on that line was thought practicable at present. The other \$5 remains on hand, which, with the literature, I am prepared to entrust to my successor. When I came into office I found no stock remaining over.

By corresponding with Mrs. Addie Chisholm, of Ottawa, who has charge of the Ontario Publishing Department, I find that in the Dominion we have no Publishing House or center for distribution belonging to our National Union and that the only advantage to be derived from sending to Ottawa instead of the United States is the encouragement it gives to the educating of a fraternal spirit among our workers through correspondence with one another. Instead of sending direct to the publishers ourselves our Ontario sisters send for us and forward to us with custom dues added to the original cost. It is to be hoped that ere long our "Dominion Union" may be vital enough to have a publishing house of its own to which we can send, for much as we love our dear American Cousins, and have reason to thank them for our very existence as an organization, for from them we came and have learned the most of what we know, yet, as it is with the Canadian provinces, we must co-operate in all legislative action. It is important that we cultivate a loyal national sentiment among ourselves as Canadian women, and I am sure we can never feel strangers again since our Dominion President has so lovingly visited us, and our Ontario *Woman's Journal* is so freely subscribed for and read.

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Mainland Organization Report for 1885-6.

Owing to the unsettled condition of the farming districts and the want of good roads—so many of the families separated by distance and water one from the other, it has seemed impossible during the year to form any new Unions in my division of the province. Whenever I have had an opportunity I have spoken to women living in the principal settlements and endeavored to keep an interest in our work alive, in this way, for future effort.

I have also been unable to visit my district as much as I have desired to do. I had the opportunity of being present at the annual election of officers in the Burrard Inlet Union last fall and the Chilliwack and Sumas Union last June at their gathering upon the camp ground, and have had frequent correspondence with our workers at Maple Ridge, and I feel proud of them all when I witness their zeal for the cause and their love for one another. I see more and more the importance of friendly communication between the members of our various Local Unions; an interchange of thought and experience inspiring us with fresh courage to dare and do in this Divine mission of rescuing the perishing and educating the young and ignorant.

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