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Each month, in the "Publisher's Column," a general invitation has been given to all Unions to aid us, by supplying our columns with items of news connected with their work. To personal friends we have written and spoken, urging their interest and co-operation, in the enterprise, and with the exception of a small number, we are bound to express ourselves greatly disappointed and, indeed, chagrined, that utter indifference has been the result.

Let us say to those who have so kindly favored us, that their aid alone has served to keep us hopeful; whereas had it never come, our spirits would be low indeed,

Our object at the commencement, was, to provide a medium wherein the Unions in the Maritime Provinces, might communicate with one another; keep one another informed of their progress in the work; to exchange ideas, and suggest plans—thus being a mutual bond of strength,—and we sent forth our first number of the TELEPHONE last June, with the fervent hope, that every Sister in our Maritime Union, would help on the enterprise by doing her part. We don't want to discontinue the publication of our little paper; (in many respects, so favorably received,) we want it to *live and grow*, and become a *power for good*; and with you, Sisters, it all rests. We like letters of encouragement very much; we like complimentary words,—they are all, to a certain extent, *cheering*,—but more, far more, do we welcome the reception of a roll marked "Manuscript." "For the TELEPHONE." Do let our hearts be gratified by a generous *inflowing* of such. We assure you, dear Sisters,

you will be *doubtly* interested in your paper if you read therein something of your own, and you may safely entertain the thought that you have cast in a good seed, and that we, bless you for it. But not alone may we be the recipients of your generous act: regardless of subscribers' supplies, we scatter many copies of our paper in various ways—among the sailors who come to our Port; to many who chance to come to our door, and to some travelling on the trains, we have several times given a number to hand to travellers. Who knows, but *your* little word may fall upon a soil that may receive it, and by it become enriched and saved from utter desolation and ruin.

This number of the TELEPHONE completes its first six months and will you, Sisters, indicate by your responses in the coming six months whether we shall have it another year?

The Woman's Journal comes to us, sparkling with good news of the work done by our sisters in the West. Ontario and Quebec Unions have had their Conventions, and from the brief reports received, we would call them successful. From the *Journal* we gather the following interesting items:

#### ONTARIO W.C.T.U.

Membership	2,000
Meetings held during year,	1,720
Papers of Lit. distrib'd,	116,101
Bands of Hope organized,	30
Children enrolled,	2,425

#### QUEBEC W.C.T.U.

Membership,	2,750
Tracts distributed,	27,490
Bands of Hope organized,	31

Montreal Union is the largest in Canada, numbering 1285 members. The fee is optional and is paid by two-thirds of the members.

We send out a number of copies this month to non-subscribers, hoping to enlist their sympathy, as well as add their names to our mailing list.