

Although prevented by distance from mingling with the workers in the eastern provinces and the States in their great conventions, we have been fortunate in having frequent visits from some of the foremost leaders and speakers among them, which has greatly strengthened the bond of union existing between us.

DOMINION CONVENTION

which met in St. John's, New Brunswick, June 18th to 23rd, was well attended by delegates from the provinces; the N.W. Territories and British Columbia alone being unrepresented. The corresponding secretary, Miss Tilley, of Toronto, in submitting her report said:—"Again we are called upon to test the strength of our white ribbon cable, which stretches from ocean to ocean; therefore, without any preliminary remarks, I would unbraid the closely wound rope and give it to you in the six strands of Ontario, Quebec, Maritime provinces, Manitoba, British Columbia and the North West Territories." From this report we find an increase of 300 members for the year, with a total of 335 unions, 9343 members, 206 bands of hope, 19537 members and 38 young women's unions, containing nearly 1000 members.

Miss Willard, as president of the world's W.C.T.U., was again present to inspire and counsel her Canadian comrades and when she brought to their notice the fact that as many as five millions of song birds were sacrificed yearly to furnish decorations for bonnets and hats, and asked if they would join their sisters across the line, in a pledge to discourage the use of such ornaments, an almost unanimous "we will" was given. It may be worth our while to do likewise. The Princess of Wales and her daughters have for sometime been an example in this particular to the British women.

The convention adopted Psalm 46: 7 as the text for the Dominion Union, viz:—"The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Mrs. Judge Steadman of Fredericton, N. B. was elected president, Mrs. Judge Foster of Knowlton, Quebec, vice-president, and the other officers were re-elected for another year's service.

PROHIBITION IN CANADA.

Never has public sentiment been so strong for national prohibition as now. The evangelical churches have, as a unit, pronounced themselves in unmistakable terms, resulting in the great prohibition petition, presented to the Parliament and Senate this spring, signed by 900,000 church members and adherents. Supported by such a petition one might have thought Mr. Jamieson's resolution, "that in the opinion of this house, the time has arrived when it is expedient to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes," would have found a strong majority of affirmative votes among the members, but instead, as we all know, a Royal Commission on the liquor traffic has been substituted.