

PREAMBLE.

We, the Women of the Province of Quebec, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by intemperance, believe that it has become our duty under the Providence of God to unite our efforts for its extinction.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, this 16th day of October, 1883, adopt the following as the objects of our Provincial Union, also the following Constitution and By-Laws :—

OBJECTS OF THIS PROVINCIAL UNION.

To *unitedly* array the Christian Women of the Province of Quebec against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

To educate and influence society in favour 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 labour 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 endeavour 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 more advanced and stringent legislation on this subject.

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.