

In pursuance of these lines of work we have given our time, and strength, our influence and our prayers. With the blessing of God we have been able to bring comfort to many homes and to lead many wandering ones back to the right path, and to a loving, forgiving Father.

We come to you to-day, twelve hundred Christian women, from quiet homes in this province, asking respectfully that we may receive recognition and sympathy in our work from the important body represented in this convention.

M. S. FAWCETT,
Cor. Sec. Ont. W. C. T. U.

To this the following replies have been received:—

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

KINGSTON, 14th August, 1884.

Mrs. M. S. Fawcett, Cor. Sec. W. C. T. U., Scarborough:

DEAR MADAM,—The memorial of the W. C. T. U. presented to the Synod of this diocese at its late session was referred to a special committee, which brought in a report expressive of recognition, sympathy, and hearty support of the W. C. T. U. with regard to the laudable objects which that organization has in view—which report was unanimously adopted.

I beg to send herewith a copy of our Synod Journal, just printed, on pages 26, 29, 33, and 53 of which may be found the action taken by the Synod with reference to the memorial. I am, dear Madam, very respectfully yours,
A. SPENCER, Clerical Secretary.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA.

HAMILTON, Ont., June 6th, 1884.

MY DEAR MADAM,—I am requested to tell you that your memorial to the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara arrived too late to be presented.

I am, yours sincerely,
W. B. CURRAN.

FROM THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

EXETER, June 25th, 1884.

MADAM,—The memorial of the W. C. T. U. forwarded by you to the London Conference of the Methodist Church was laid before the conference and the following resolution was passed in reply:—

"Resolved, That this conference, having heard the communication from the W. C. T. U., desires hereby to express our appreciation of the good accomplished by that association in the past and our cordial sympathy with the aims and objects which they seek to attain, and we pray that God may greatly bless all efforts, both theirs and ours, to remove from the homes of our land and from the pathway of the Church's progress the withering curse of strong drink."

I remain, Madam, yours respectfully,
W. S. PASCOE,
Secretary of Conference.

Mrs. M. S. Fawcett, Scarborough.

FROM THE GUELPH CONFERENCE.

CLINTON, Ont., June 21st, 1884.

To Mrs. M. S. Fawcett, Cor. Sec. of W. C. T. U.:

DEAR SISTER,—The memorial from the W. C. T. U. to the Guelph Conference was laid before that body assembled together in their first annual session, which met in the town of Clinton. In the Temperance Report of that body the following reference to the Union is incorporated, and will be printed in the minutes of the conference:—

"We are glad to hail as a most important and invaluable ally in our temperance work the Provincial Christian Women's Temperance Union, a society whose zeal and success have won our highest admiration. This union, through their corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. S. Fawcett, have sent a memorial to this body asking on behalf of the twelve hundred members of the union our recognition and sympathy in their work,—a recognition and sympathy that we desire to assure them we shall ever feel it not merely a duty but a privilege and a joy to accord to them whenever and wherever it is in our power to do so."

For W. C. HENDERSON, President.
GEO. CORNISH, Secretary.
Yours, JAMES HARRIS, Letter writer.

FROM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

TORONTO, 20th, June, 1884.

MY DEAR MADAM,—I beg to inform you that the memorial of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union was laid before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The Assembly learned with satisfaction and pleasure of the good work you are doing, and referred the communication to the Standing Committee on Temperance.

I remain, yours very truly,
WILLIAM REID,
Clerk General Assembly.

Mrs. M. S. Fawcett,
Cor. Sec. Ont. W. C. T. U., Scarborough.

FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

At Ottawa, and in Bank Street Church there, on Wednesday the fourteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four:—

At which time and place the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa met and was constituted.

Inter alia.

There was read a communication from the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. Farries moved and it was duly seconded, and unanimously agreed to,—“That the Synod receive with pleasure the communication from the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union, recognizing with gratitude and gladness the success of their work, and assure them of their earnest sympathy with them, and pray that their efforts for the promoting of temperance may be greatly blessed.”

Extracted from the minutes of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, and certified by

JAMES WATSON, A.M.,
Moderator and Stated Clerk.

FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

COBBOURG, ONT., July 11th, 1884.

DEAR MADAM,—I have much pleasure in forwarding you the following resolution, which, in response to the memorial of the W. C. T. U. of Ontario and Quebec, was passed at the last session of the Congregational Union in Montreal.

Resolved—“That we cordially respond to the memorials of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario and Quebec respectively, and earnestly pray for the Divine Blessing upon their efforts for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, that we repeat our testimony in favor of personal abstinence from their use in any form, and call upon our churches and ministers to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty hosts of the traffickers, and to consecrate time, money and influence to the establishment and enforcement of the Scott Act throughout the land.”

Yours sincerely,
HUGH PEDLEY.

Mrs. M. S. Fawcett, Secretary W. C. T. U. of Ontario.

A list of questions similar to those used last year were sent to the different Medical Boards as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—The Executive Committee of the Ontario W. C. T. U. desire most respectfully to invite your attention to the consideration of the following questions:—

- 1.—Is the beverage use of Alcoholic Liquors by persons in health beneficial?
- 2.—Is the indiscriminate use of Alcoholic Liquors by persons not in health, on his own prescription, beneficial?
- 3.—Is Alcoholic Liquor, as obtained in common sale, necessary in medical prescription, if so, in what cases particularly?
- 4.—What ought to be the attitude of the Medical Profession towards the sale of Intoxicants?

[Signed] M. FAWCETT,
Cor. Sec. Ont. W. C. T. U.

This was accompanied by the following memorial:—

“A Medical Declaration” published in London, December 1882, asserts that “it is believed that the inconsiderate prescription of alcoholic liquids by medical men for their patients has given rise in many instances to the formation of intemperate habits.” This manifesto was signed by over two hundred and fifty of the leading medical men of the United Kingdom.

In 1876, the International Medical Congress meeting in Philadelphia gave a similar reply to the communication sent by the N. W. C. T. U.

We know that many distinguished physicians declare alcohol to be of no value as a medicine but rather injurious; others equally distinguished, hold opposite views. When doctors differ, who shall decide? We do not presume to take upon ourselves this responsibility, but we speak that we do know when we assert that the prescription of alcoholic liquors as a medicine has in many cases created, and in many more cases revived, the appetite for strong drink.

Especially does this sad experience come to many women of our land till, in many homes, of wealth, as well as poverty, the wife and mother is rendered incapable of performing her duties in life. To this the family physician can testify.

While we gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the good accomplished by very many of our best medical men, some of whom have spent years in helping the people to do right, long before the W. C. T. U. had an existence, our great desire is, as Canadian women, that we may have to take with us to our work the authority and influence to be derived from an outspoken declaration from your venerable body on the questions submitted.

Yours very respectfully.

To this the following replies were received:—

TORONTO, June 11th, 1884.

MY DEAR MRS. FAWCETT,—I brought your letter before the meeting in Hamilton, and when it was reported on, it was so near this end of the session that only a few members were present, and as it was not what might be called a representative meeting, it was deferred until the meeting next year.

Yours truly,
J. E. WHITE.

TORONTO, May 13th, 1884.

Mrs. M. S. Fawcett, Sec. W. C. T. U.

MY DEAR MADAM,—Your letter containing the questions which your society wished to have brought before the T. M. Society came safely to hand. I wished to bring it before an earlier meeting, but the amount of work to be done delayed its reading until last Thursday. I was not able to attend, but to-day I have received the following communication from the Recording Secretary of the Society

Moved, seconded and carried, “That the corresponding secretary be instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter from the Ontario W. C. T. U., and to say that the letter was laid on the table as the questions it contained did not come within the compass of this society.”

Believe me yours respectfully,
J. W. LESSLIE, M. D.
Cor. Sec. Toronto Medical Society.

The report was adopted.