

## PROTECT YOUR DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Stobo, of Quebec, said that as a mother of daughters, this terrible story touched her very deeply. Girls must go out into the world; their mothers could not keep them always at home, but she strongly urged mothers to forearm their daughters by gaining their complete confidence.

Miss Barber spoke with the strongest feeling of the importance of mothers' meetings, and urged that they be organized in connection with every local union.

Mrs. Stobo said the trouble was that so many mothers were slow to acknowledge that there could be any possible danger for their own daughters.

Mrs. Sanderson thought that girls could not be too carefully taught that no man should be trusted simply because of his position. She would have them allow no more liberties from a minister than from the man who swept her doorstep. The preventive work must begin with the young mothers. It was hard to hold mothers' meetings, because so few people knew how, and she strongly urged every local union to secure from the literature department the valuable leaflets which they had on the subject. She, herself, would have given much to have had them when she was younger.

Mrs. Middleton also spoke very earnestly on the subject. At the same time they must remember that every woman blessed with a good husband must feel that he must not be so judged. But while multitudes of wives had every confidence in their godly husbands, still the warning of the president was needed. They had a lamentable case at her home, where a church was almost wrecked by the conduct of its minister. It was no insult to good men, no insult to the memory of her own sainted husband, to warn girls of possible danger.

Mrs. Leders felt that in the case in question the mother was much more to blame than the daughter.

Mrs. Miller urged that

## IGNORANCE WAS NOT INNOCENCE.

Don't suppress your little ones, she said. Explain and teach them to talk freely to mother but to no one else. Do not leave them unmarried to the talk they are sure to hear from their school-fellows. Mothers, go out more with your growing girls, she said. The house may look very attractive to you in the evening, when you are tired, but your girls need you. Go with them to their lodges and places of amusement, make them your companions, and they will be safe.

Mrs. Dixon, of Trenholmeville, emphasized the importance of early temperance training to fortify them against temptations away from home.

## MISS BARBER SAID.

Mothers, take your girls, and tell them all they have got to know—all they will know—and your boys, too. Take them alone, teach them, and kneel with them in prayer to God, and when they go to school and mix with their fellows they will remember your prayer and your trembling hand on their head and will keep themselves pure. I am not a mother, but I have acted the part of a mother to hundreds of sorrowing ones, and have again and again been laid on a sick bed through the weight of their sorrows. And, oh, if you could know what I know, you would at least protect your own.

Next in importance to the work by the mothers was that which might be done by young men in forming White Cross Societies among the small boys.

The devotional hour was presided over by Mrs. Ewing, and Mrs. Middleton led in the noontide prayer.

## EXERCISE YOUR VOTES.

Miss J. E. Bliss of Compton opened the afternoon meeting with a report of the "Y's" work giving a detailed account of the work of each society. After which a long discussion ensued.

Mrs. Henderson of Danville, representing the Quebec Grand Lodge of I. O. G. T., was introduced to the meeting.

Mrs. Judge Foster spoke earnestly of the importance of the women of the province using the franchise as far as it had been extended to them. Widows and spinsters had now the right to vote in municipal matters and for school boards, but so far few had taken advantage of it, and she feared that unless more did so the power would be withdrawn. There remained only two months in which to secure the votes of women at the next municipal elections, and they could not afford to waste any time. "Do not put it

off," she urged, "because your Council is now good enough. It may not always be so. In our village last year two of our good temperance men went out of the Council, and lost re-election because the women did not vote. And now, as a consequence, our Council is recommending the Legislature at Quebec to grant a liquor license where there has been none before for years. I am going home from here to canvas every widow and spinster in the municipality, and I want you to go and do the same. If you choose you can

## REGENERATE YOUR COUNCIL

in three years. See that every woman entitled to vote has her name on the voters' list. You will meet with opposition in this but do not let that deter you. Have a head centre where the women can go. Let every W. C. T. U. organize a committee which will, on polling day, gather the women in groups and take them to the polls—They will not go alone. Look out for your school committees too, and get the right men on them."

Mrs. Putney, of East Hatley, urged the necessity of women having their names registered on the voters' lists. One man in Stanstead had refused to put down the names of single women. She had got the names of all the single women in Hatley, and found that he had not half of them on his list. They must not wait for the men to help them in this. Every woman must stand upon her own feet. Some women thought it unwomanly to vote, but every year she saw those same women go to fairs and horse trots and sit upon a high stand and clap their hands for the winning horse. Personally she did not approve of horse-racing, but she thought it a noble work to vote for a good man. Many women yet needed to be educated up to their privileges. She did not think there was any danger of the present privileges being withdrawn, but she was sure that if they did not use what they had they would get nothing further. But their aim for the future was full franchise, and they intended to have it.

Mrs. Middleton led the closing hour, devoted to a memorial service for those who had died during the year.

## THE "Y'S" EVENING.

The evening meeting was devoted to the "Y's" who provided an excellent programme interspersed with good musical selections.

Dr. Minnie Leavitt, of East Hatley, gave a bright address on "What the Y's are doing." The chief work being done by the young women, Dr. Leavitt said, was training the children in temperance principles by teaching them the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human body. "See these charts," she said, "they show in a moment what otherwise would take days to teach as well. See how alcohol dries up the tissues, see the irritation and often cancer of the stomach which it so often induces, and the 'drunkard's eye,' that sign being out in the windows of the body to tell what is going on inside, see the drunkard's consumption, the fatty degeneration of the heart and liver and many other organs. All through our public schools where so many of our 'Y's' are teachers, these things are being taught to our little ones as regularly as their other lessons. Think you, when these boys grow to manhood that they will cast their first vote for any but a temperance man? These little fellows fought battles she assured them, just as brave as any of their elders. Never could she forget one boy of only eight, who was being teased by a young man to smoke. He bore it patiently for some time, then his eyes filled with tears and he stamped his foot angrily as he again and again said no, and at last, unable to stand more he ran sobbing to his mother, crying, 'Mamma, kiss me, quick!' for he had been taught that only lips untouched by tobacco and liquor were pure enough for his mother to kiss.

Look at that long black line, you all know it. Is it not a disgrace that the United States allow every year twice as

## WASTED ON LIQUOR

as is spent on bread? The Government gets a big revenue from it! Of course it does. But what has it to do with that revenue? Support in its jails and penitentiaries and asylums the victims made by that money so spent. What were the Christian churches doing? When would men vote for principle instead of for party? Wooden men would be infinitely better than some of the men now in that Government gin palace. They would at least do no harm. What were the girls

doing? Years ago the funny papers used to employ themselves with sketches of 'the girl of the period.' That time had passed. The girl of the period now was doing pretty much the same work as the man of the period. To be sure she was getting just about half the pay that the men were getting for it—Give the women the franchise, men, she urged. Don't continue to class them with Indians, infants and idiots.

After a song by Mrs. Ewing, Miss Isa Monk, of Montreal, read a paper of much interest, written by Miss Capel, of Montreal, on the work of the

## "GOODWILL CLUB,"

of that city. Some of the attractions of the Club last winter were the tri-weekly meetings and the practical talks then given. One series on "The Home," started from the commencement, when John and Mary furnished on \$84; and the interest reached its climax when a real live baby was washed and dressed before about forty future mothers of Canada, the baby's reward, or rather the mother's, being a complete new outfit. The Domestic Circle was composed of the married members of the Club. There are now fifty members of the King's Daughters in connection with the Club, and during the absence of the officers in the summer, a committee carried on the little evangelistic services held every Monday evening.

On June 17, the famous Holiday House at Berthier was opened. It was furnished by different societies and groups of girls. Others went down to put and paper and upholster. The forty guests who were entertained there from time to time last summer, spent the happiest of holidays, at the smallest expense. A boat was bought. The house was closed in September without a hitch, the furniture stored and insured and paid, a balance declared over, and all without asking anyone to contribute a cent. This is a lesson in household science and trust in God that will come amiss to none.

Miss Bliss, the Superintendent of the 'Y's,' read an excellent paper on thoughts of '94,' after which Mrs. Middleton in a few earnest motherly remarks urged all young women to join the 'Y's,' and build up the future homes of Canada on sound temperance principles.

## CLOSING SCENES.

On Thursday morning, on the re-assembling of the members, Mrs. Stockwell and Mrs. Macdonald bearing greetings from Ernest Lodge, I.O.G.T., were introduced.

Mrs. Middleton said they were meeting in the best prohibition spot in a prohibition county. The best work had been done in Danville.

Mrs. Sanderson said this honor must be reflected back on Mrs. Middleton, who had stood in the breach when no one else would. When no one could be found to prosecute, Mrs. Middleton had signed her name to seventy-five complaints.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Honorary President: Mrs. Middleton.  
President: Mrs. (Rev.) J. G. Sanderson, Danville.

Vice-President-at-large: Mrs. S. W. Foster, Knowlton.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. R. W. McLaughlan, Montreal.

Recording Secretary: Miss Meikeljohn, Knowlton.

Treasurer: Mrs. S. P. Leet, Montreal.

Mrs. R. C. Smith superintendent of the purity in art literature and fashion department, presented a lengthy report, the adoption of which closed the proceedings.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs. McIndoe presented the report of the Flower Mission workers, after which an able paper was read on the 'World's Temperance Missionary Cause,' by Mrs. (Dr.) Kellock, of Richmond.

Mrs. Lathom, of Point St. Charles, superintendent of the work amongst the railway employees gave an interesting report.

## THE EVENING MEETING

was held in the Town Hall, Mrs. S. W. Putney, of East Hatley, read an excellent paper on 'Woman Suffrage,' and Mrs. Foster, of Knowlton, wife of Judge Foster, President of the Dominion W.C.T.U. gave a graphic account of the World's W.C.T.U. at Chicago, at which she had been a delegate.

Friday saw the close of the conference, when at the morning meeting several resolutions were passed, including one in favor of the prohibition of the sale of stimulants and narcotics to juveniles.

The next convention will be held at Point St. Charles.

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Ontario's drink bills, as given from various official blue books by Thomas W. Casey in the 'Christian Guardian' of September 13, are as follows: Ontario's total revenue during last year from licenses and fines was \$965,684. Total number of licenses issued, 3,464. Less than two or three previous years. In the prisons of Ontario there are 11,144 prisoners. These figures do not include the large number of lock-ups and police cells. Ontario's prisons cost annually over \$404,721. The cost of hospitals, charities, asylums and the administration of justice is \$805,224. Inspectors' salaries, expenses of license commissioners, etc., amount to \$75,517. Where then is the profit from revenue? And Sir Oliver Mowat says that fully three-fourths of the poverty, crime and wretchedness throughout our land arises from the licensed drink traffic.