

ance Union," remembering always that "the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men." Some, perhaps many, will differ with me in opinion, but I feel it my duty to let you know where I stand on this question, and to tenderly warn you of the difficulties that might be ours unless carefully and prayerfully guarded against. Let our "zeal be according to knowledge," and let us endeavor to show the fruits of the spirit. I would be glad if something could be done at this Convention in regard to a reformatory or industrial school for youthful offenders. The subject has been agitated again and again by our women, but a great apathy is evidenced on the part of those who should move in the matter. About all that we can do is to agitate. "Agitation is the engine that has drawn many trains." We cannot let this matter rest while there is no other place for boys of tender years than the common jail or the penitentiary, where they are brought in close companionship with hardened criminals, and fitted for deeper depths of crime when released from prison. We need an "open door" for the children where they may be tenderly gathered in. May every mother's heart go out in sympathy for those little waifs that have never learned the meaning of the words mother, home and heaven. The Maritime W. C. T. U. has cause for gratitude to God for the great advance in public sentiment in regard to teaching scientific temperance principles in the public schools. The superintendent of that department will have an encouraging report to give of our work in that direction. It is eight years since we began to *agitate* that subject, and I carried a resolution to Convention, year after year, until my sisters dubbed it "the Sir Wilfred Lawson Bill." After many days our prayers have been answered, though we sometimes feared "the Father had forgot." The subject of hygienic living is one that should receive more careful attention. It is astonishing how careless the majority of people are and how ignorant in regard to the laws of health. The W. C. T. U. believes in the "do everything policy," and we believe that it is just as important to have a knowledge of what we should eat as of what we should drink. Mothers and housekeepers should understand more

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