

4.—The provisions of this act shall not apply to Indians.

5.—This act may be cited as the "Minor's Protection Act."

At the last session of the legislature the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the province, became an incorporated society and capable of holding property.

During the past year 194 new members have joined our ranks, which means greater facilities for work in the future.

We are pleased to note in looking over the resolutions, which were carried at last convention, that action has been taken on more of these (and with satisfactory results) than on any previous year, which shows that our women are becoming more alive to the importance of the work.

The day set apart for prayer and thanksgiving, and New Crusade Day were faithfully observed by most of our unions. A number of new members were reported, many pages of literature distributed, and best of all, marked answers to prayer offered on that occasion, have been received.

The petition to extend the political franchise to women was largely signed, but the bill was lost. A number of prominent men signed that petition who were not in favor of prohibition and we look for victory in the future.

The Board of Education has very kindly consented to allow the Barnes' series of text books to be introduced into the public and high schools, which is, however, left optional with the teachers. We are pleased to state that most of these are in favor of temperance and the number is constantly increasing. Our local superintendent at New Westminster, waited upon the Mainland Teachers' Association at their last gathering, and presented a plea for the Pathfinder series. A long discussion followed, with the result that a number of teachers became convinced of the importance of temperance instruction and determined to introduce it into their schools as soon as practicable. It has been suggested by one of the head teachers, that the local superintendent, residing in the city where the Mainland or Island Association meet, should visit the teachers there assembled and urge the subject upon their consideration. If this course were faithfully pursued we have every reason to believe, that in the near future, the subject of temperance would be brought before every public and high school in the province.

The importance of laying before the city authorities the necessity for a police matron in each city, and urging the procurement of the same, was patent to all who considered the matter at last convention. Would it not be well to reiterate the resolution, and see that something is done this year? It is vain for us to assemble, frame and carry resolutions, insert them in our minutes and there let them rest. I would suggest, when any resolution does not come under the head of a particular department, that a committee be appointed to attend to the same.

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