

almighty God for wisdom to direct us, to the Holy Spirit to inspire us. We may all enjoy such a phase of Christian fellowship as will be a foretaste of the joys of heaven. The stimulating memories of our last convention are, I trust, still animating us. My first work, with the aid of my friend Mrs. Merry, was to organize a W.C.T. Union in Stratford on the 21st of October. 32 ladies were present, 20 enrolled their names as members, and I am glad to see three delegates are representing them to-day. On the 17th November my husband drove my friend Miss Bilbrough and myself to Algonquin. After a most adventurous ride through a cedar swamp and jumping a ditch, to our great delight, we found ourselves once more on the road and received a very warm welcome from dear Mrs. and Mr. Bissel, where we remained all night and spent the evening in considering the advisability of starting a Union there. Mrs. Bissel was afraid they were too much scattered, but she promised to speak to the ladies and to let me know what the prospects for organizing would be. She became very much interested and said to one of her daughters she must write to Mrs. Coates to come out, but before the letter was written, the family, one after another, were seized with that dreadful disease, diphtheria. She, too, fell a victim, with constant anxiety unceasing and loss of rest, and was ushered speedily into the palace of her King, to reap the reward of an active Christian life, full of philanthropy; and we hope before long, a W.C.T. Union will flourish in the small, but pretty little village of Algonquin, shaded by the beautiful maple grove, still fragrant with the honored names of Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, as a memorial of this beloved and estimable lady. It was nearly noon when we arrived at North Augusta. At two o'clock we repaired to the Presbyterian church. A few ladies soon assembled. Miss B. presided at the organ and opened by singing "Rescue the Perishing." Rev. Wm. Craig led in prayer, read the Crusade Psalm, and told them of the band of earnest Christian women of Hillsboro and explained work. We organized with ten members. Some of the ladies gathered in the house of one of the sisters to give Miss Bilbrough an opportunity of speaking of her work. She said if this drinking traffic could be abolished there would be little need of orphans' homes, and the evening was pleasantly spent in discussing the leading topics of the day. The next day we returned to Prescott, leaving a large parcel of temperance literature at all the school houses and extracting a promise from the teachers to see that it was faithfully distributed, also at the toll gates, and my dear friend went back to Belleville quite enthused in the temperance work, and began to stir up the other ladies and soon after, a W.C.T.U. was organized in the city of Belleville. December 4th, I took the cars and a parcel of literature and joined dear Mrs. Youmans in Cardinal where she delivered a delightful lecture, speaking with great earnestness and power. The church was packed and crowds outside. At the close I urged the members to be more faithful in attending the meetings, as some of the officers had been discouraged, and invited others to give in their names and bind themselves together for prayer, and work for the success of the Scott Act. It was wonderful how absorbed every Union in the united counties became in the Scott Act campaign, more especially as the day approached for voting. Meetings were held every night in one of the villages or towns. At the close of one of our grand meetings in Prescott we obeyed the scriptural command in Rom. 12, 20, and fed our enemies and our friends from a distance, with sandwiches, coffee and cake. The memorable 18th of December spent by the Union in earnest prayer will not soon be forgotten, nor the names of Judge McDonald and Rev. T. G. Williams, champion veterans, who did such noble service in the united counties of Leeds and Grenville, also the Rev. Mr. Bailly, who so fearlessly confronted our bitter opponent, King Dodds. Many were the congratulatory tidings received next day, and our hearts were jubilant on account of the victory, over King Alcohol and sin. Our dear sisters across the river sent such a beautiful letter of praise and rejoicing. Gathered contributions to the amount of ten dollars, and sent to Rev. J. D. Chown for Grenville War Notes. Feb. 4th attended with our president, Mrs. Blair, the Dominion W.C.T.U. Convention

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