

STRAFORD.

It will be one year on the 21st of this month since our Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized. We had a large interesting meeting, conducted by Mrs. Coates, Prescott, 19 ladies enrolled their names that afternoon, but our numbers have steadily increased, at the present time we have 51 members, and have 34 regular meetings for united prayer, allowing a few minutes at the end of each meeting to transact business, &c.

In April we sent \$10 to Provincial Union, and about the same time a visiting committee was appointed to visit the homes of the poor drunkards, relieving their bodily needs, and pointing them to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. We have introduced the finance card and pledge book, and we hope soon to see results.

The Treasurer's report of moneys received and expended from Oct. 1884 to Oct. 1885.

Cash received from various sources, . . .	\$78 33
Expended in various ways, . . .	70 80
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Balance on hand, . . .	7 53
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Total, . . .	78 33

MRS. MARSHALL, Secretary.

ST. MARY'S.

The St. Mary's W. C. T. U. was organized May 29th, 1885, by Mrs. Youmans. We have at present 68 members, with an average attendance of 40. Meetings were held weekly until the defeat of the Scott Act, June 18th. Since that they have been held each alternate week, part of the time being spent in devotional exercises, part in transacting business. A large amount of Scott Act literature was circulated before the Act was voted on. Lately, little has been done in that line, owing to a lack of funds. To remove this difficulty, our Union secured the services of Mr. J.R. Clark, financially his lecture proved a failure, owing to other attractions. It has been thought advisable to place temperance papers in the reading room of the Medical Institute, but, as yet, we have not heard whether it will be allowed or not.

MARY M. HENDERSON.

ST. THOMAS.

During the year we have held 18 meetings for business; from 6 to 8 has been the regular attendance, with a membership of 31. Distributed 1,000 copies of the Canada Temperance Act, 8,000 Scott Act Leaflets, 4,000 War Notes, 500 Catholic tracts, 2,000 copies Scott Act Banner (published in the county), 1,000 of own Appeal to the Electors. Paid to the Literary Department of the Ontario W. C. T. U. \$26.25; collected for Halton, \$29.00. The Scott Act was submitted on the 19th of March, which resulted in a majority for the Act of 13. It sounds small, but we consider it a grand victory, considering the very great opposition we had to do battle with. On the day of voting we held prayer service from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., the women of the different churches assisting. We felt before we left the church God had given us the victory. The Sabbath previous we held a mass meeting for children which was largely attended; addresses by Mrs. Youmans and Rev. Mr. McKay, of Woodstock. The local papers granted us space during the campaign. Three of our churches use unfermented wine at the Sacrament. Three of our Sabbath Schools have the triple pledge card. Several gospel temperance meetings were held under our auspices during the winter. Whatever of success has attended our efforts the past year, we gratefully acknowledge to the guiding of our great Leader.

ANNIE YOUMANS, Rec. Sec.