

W. C. T. U. Department.

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MEETINGS—Every second and fourth Tuesday in the month, in Somerset Hall, 240 Dundas street.

All contributions to this department should be sent addressed to HOME GUARD Office, London, Ont. Postcard items are desired from every Union throughout the Dominion.

Department of Parlor Meetings.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union has always two main objects in view, total abstinence for the individual and total prohibition for the state. Whatever lines of effort will lead up to these ultimate ends ought to engage our earnest attention and co-operation. It is a well-known fact, and much to be regretted, that among the better class of society, so-called, and even among those who profess to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, there is much ignorance of the evil effects of the use of alcoholic stimulants, and I presume the statement will surprise many when I say that I have heard of members of the W. C. T. U. who take a whisky sling to prevent taking cold. Of course they argue that it is only a medicine, and therefore they do not violate their pledge, but I believe that the sooner we, as White Ribbon women, come to realize that we must shun the very appearance of evil, the better it will be for our influence over others.

How shall we reach the large class of society not now in sympathy with our work, and educate them first to total abstinence, and from that to the desirability of having prohibitory law? I am thoroughly persuaded that the most successful way is by holding parlor meetings.

We fondly hope and expect that the coming generation, boys and girls who are now in our public schools, will have their minds so enlightened upon this question that they will from choice be total abstainers all their lives, but for the people who have not had the benefit of special instruction upon this subject, it is our duty to impart to them the knowledge we have gained through earnest investigation. There must be some special inducement to secure the presence of those we wish to reach, for they rarely attend our regular meetings. We must be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves," therefore must meet society in some respects upon its own level. To do this we need never lower our standard, in fact should we do so, we would defeat the very object we wish to attain. Let it always be remembered, we are total abstainers and Prohibitionists.

What I mean by meeting society upon its own level is that we may use some of the means they use for securing the presence of those we wish to have attend our "parlor meetings."

First of all, and chief in importance, is the place. In every community there are those whose position in society is such that their favor is coveted, and people are glad to accept their invitation to an afternoon or evening at their home. Sometimes we have these among our own members, if not, every union can count among its friends some woman who would be willing to open her house for such a meeting.

Send out invitations either printed or written, allowing the hostess to suggest in what form they shall be. The union should always bear the expense of sending the invitations and prepare and serve the refreshments. Let the latter be very simple; in warm weather wafers or cake and lemonade, and in cold weather coffee, cocoa or bouillon, with sandwiches or cake.

Have it always understood that the members of the W. C. T. U. in conjunction with the lady at whose house the meeting is to be held, are the hostesses, therefore they need no special invitation; send only to friends of the hostess and others whom you wish especially to interest in temperance work.

Have your opening exercises brief, but never omit the reading of scripture prayer, and hymn. Following these have one or two recitations, the subjects being in line with temperance teaching; one piece of instrumental music. If possible to have a speaker, either gentleman or lady, it will add interest to the meeting, and the name should be announced on the invitations, but if no one is available, have one of your members prepare a paper upon some phase of W. C. T. U. work. I would suggest as suitable subjects, "Scientific reasons for total abstinence"; "Dangerous results from using wine, brandy, cider or other alcoholic liquors as a beverage; as a medicine; or in our food." "Did Christ use alcoholic wine when he instituted the Lord's Supper?" Literature bearing upon all of these subjects can be secured at a very low price by sending to Miss Mary Scott, Women's Journal Office, 26 Albert street, Ottawa, Ont. As money-getting is not the main object of these meetings I would not advise an admission fee or a collection. However, I think there would be no impropriety in suggesting a voluntary offering, and this may be done by having a pretty basket or plate decorated

with white ribbon on a table in the reception hall, with a large card either printed or written plainly: "Voluntary Offering to W. C. T. U. Work."

Always have ready the constitution and pledge and plenty of white ribbon, inviting the ladies to become active and the gentlemen honorary members. Of course these meetings may be held in the afternoon or evening, as best suits your locality.

Avoid having a lengthy programme, so there will be ample opportunity for social converse, and for securing members.

I believe if these "parlor meetings" are wisely conducted, we may win many who are now indifferent to this subject.

EMMA WHEELER,
Paris, Ont.

Oxford County Convention.

Oxford county convention, W. C. T. U., convened in Ottaville, Sept. 18. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Newton, of Norwich. The convention was called to order by Mrs. Livingston, president. At the roll call the following officers responded: Mrs. Livingston, president; Miss Jacob, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Manson, recording secretary; Mrs. Rice, vice-president, was unavoidably detained at home. There was a full delegation from the following unions: Norwich, Ingersoll, Ottaville, Tilsonburg, Woodstock, Plattsburg, Burgessville. We are sorry that Princeton, Embro, Ratho, Verschoyle and Salford were not represented.

The corresponding secretary gave a very encouraging report, showing a large increase in membership—much larger than ever before. Three new unions have been organized since last Provincial convention. Many more reports and more journals were reported being taken than last year. Brownsville Union alone taking twenty journals. The treasurer, Mrs. Manson, was as bright and piquant as ever. She said she was proud to be a treasurer in a county which was bankrupt—proud to be a White Ribbon woman. She was delighted to present so favorable a report, notwithstanding the hard times.

The superintendents reported much progressive work done during the year. The evangelistic superintendents reported that only a few unions had done any work, but some active work had been done. The work was being quietly pushed. The superintendents suggested that mothers' meetings be held the ensuing year. The literature superintendents reported considerable literature scattered, Tilsonburg and Brownsville standing well to the front. The juvenile superintendents' report failed to reach us in time. However, several unions have this department. There are six Bands of Hope in the county. Ingersoll conducts an industrial school, also clothes and sends to school at Belleville a mute. Three new Bands of Hope have been organized by the county president since last convention. The juvenile superintendents requested that local unions hold mass meetings for the children once a quarter, and that the Demorest contest be taken up and the triple badge be adopted. Some unions who do not sustain Bands of Hope have worked for the children through the Sunday schools, have induced Sunday school superintendents to have a pledge book, and have suggested the distribution of the Anti-Tobacco "Gem" to the scholars. The hygiene superintendents reported good work done by herself, but very little by local superintendents. The flower superintendents reported a slight increase along this line. Many visits to the sick had been made and a good many bouquets, texts and leaflets been distributed.

The delegates were unanimous in thinking our county superintendents just the right woman in the right place. The press superintendents had written every local union in the county twice during the year, and when reports of work were asked for nearly every W. C. T. U. in the county had done some work. Some unions reported having kept a column filled in the local papers. Others sent items or short articles. Some press superintendents gave it as their own practical experience that they thought this to be one of the best educative agencies in our work. They also thought it quite a stimulative to some workers to read of the attempts, the failures and successes of other local unions. The narcotic superintendents reported having written to every union in the county for their work, but only seven out of thirteen responded. What was the matter with the others, namely: Ottaville, Ratho, Plattsburg, Woodstock, Verschoyle, Tilsonburg.

Several unions had distributed the Anti-Tobacco "Gem", some the Tobacco Act and literature. Another

had had an address from the Provincial superintendent of narcotics, Mrs. Wright, of London. The lumberman superintendent is a grand woman, who was thoroughly imbued with the love of her fellowmen. Nearly every union had done something in this department. Ingersoll leads the workers in this department, Brownsville following close on her heels. The superintendents of unfermented wine reported having written to seventeen ministers in the county, and out of this number fifteen replied favorably; two, however, did not approve of the unfermented wine. There was a slight increase in the number of churches using unfermented wine. The superintendents of school teachers' instruction failed to report, which was very much regretted, but on account of being absent from home her report did not reach us. However, much good work is being done in the public schools, still, we think White Ribbon women should encourage teachers by giving receptions at homes, or parlor meetings, and especially invite the teachers. Have a good, instructive programme at the receptions.

The president gave her annual address, which was a condensed report of the World's W. C. T. U. Convention, held in Chicago; also a synopsis of Chatham and London Conventions. Then she ran over the work done in the county during the year and referred to the increase of interest among the workers and the progress generally in the work in local unions. She summed up the past, told of the present, and looked out into the future. She suggested many ways and plans for pushing the great work "for God and home and native land" to the goal. During the past year three new unions and three Bands of Hope had been organized, every union had been visited, eleven public talks were given and letters and postals written.

At the close of the annual address the president left several tabulated suggestions which were adopted.

Several ministers came in during the session and were introduced by the courtesy committee. They gave us words of cheer and complimented us on our business-like methods of conducting our meeting.

Previous to the election the president read a grand paper on "Consecration." Tellers were appointed, and on motion the retiring president kept the chair, conducting the election, there being no superior officer present. A short prayer was offered previous to balloting. The officers elected were as follows: President, Mrs. B. D. Livingston, Tilsonburg; corresponding secretary, Miss Jacobs, Norwich; recording secretary, Mrs. (Dr.) Brown, Ottaville; treasurer, Mrs. John Manson, Burgessville; vice-president, Miss Poldon, Norwich.

Then followed a short school of methods. The papers included "Dress Reform," "Narcotics," "What constitutes skillful workers, or Consecration." After these able (and bristling with hints for work) papers had been given, a parliamentary drill was given by the president. Many of the women thoroughly enjoyed it. I heard one woman say: I just wish we could have a drill every little while. Why, we are so ignorant that is all that ails us.

The resolution committee prepared several resolutions which were left to the executive committee, time being so limited. They are as follows:

1. Resolved, that we hereby offer our hearty congratulations to Sir Oliver Mowat on his return to power, and respectfully urge an effective redemption of his temperance pledges, should the decision of the courts admit of his doing so.

2. Resolved, that we censure those reform politicians and papers that are seeking to belittle the aid given by temperance people to restore the Government.

3. Resolved, that we adopt the reception service prepared by Mrs. Thornley and suggest that local unions do the same.

4. Resolved, that we ask each local union to devote one meeting during the year to the study and discussion of woman's suffrage.

5. Resolved, that we urge local unions to take up reform dress, hold a meeting once a quarter devoted to this subject, and that tracts be distributed bearing on this department.

6. Resolved, that we bring all the pressure to bear that is possible on the Government that they give us women factory inspectors, and that mercantile establishments be under Provincial inspection instead of local.

Then followed the usual resolutions of courtesy. The evening programme was very full. Rev. Mr. Treleaven gave the address of the evening. Some from a distance assisted in programme. The local Band of Hope gave some very nice selections.

The Toronto "Y's."

The tenth annual meeting of the Central Y. W. C. T. U. was held at their rooms, headquarters, on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 19. After devotional exercises the reports from the various departments were read and adopted. There has been a large amount of work done during the year, and the members have every reason to believe that much lasting good will be the result. The several reports were as follows:

Golden League—A meeting has been held every Tuesday evening; attendance and attention both good; interest in the work increasing, and we

hope to be able very soon to report all on the roll total abstainers.

Evangelistic—Nine meetings have been held.

Lumbermen's Camps—Literature has been supplied weekly to two camps. Kitchen Garden—Classes have been held regularly in the Protestant Orphan's Home and in Sackville Street Mission Hall.

Press Work—Sixty-three contributions have been sent out, consisting of letters, articles and items, scientific temperance instructions; lessons, have been given weekly to a class of between 40 and 50 boys and girls in St. John's ward. A flourishing Band of Hope is also conducted in Mission Hall, Mission avenue, with 150 pledged members on the roll. Flower mission report: Through the last year there have been distributed, 10,790 bouquets, with Scripture texts attached; glasses of jellies, 876; large baskets of fruit, 35; small baskets of fruit, 50; large loaves of bread, 505; eggs, 18 dozen; oranges, 10 dozen; tea, 5 pounds; baskets of provisions, 25; soup tickets from Salvation Army, 80 quarts. Clothing was supplied to 40 families, and a bountiful Christian dinner to 33. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand.

The officers for the year are: Hon. presidents, Miss Tilley and Miss L. Wills; president, Miss McConnell; first vice-president, Miss S. Johnston; corresponding secretary, Miss Garrett; recording secretary, Miss E. Spence; treasurer, Miss Clark. Superintendents of departments: Evangelistic, Miss Faircloth; scientific temperance and Band of Hope, Miss L. Wills; Golden League, Miss Spence; kitchen garden, Miss Johnston; press, Miss B. Williamson; flower mission, Miss Cook and Mrs. Malcolm; Journal, Mrs. Watson; lumbermen's work, Miss McClelland; headquarters, Miss M. Bennett.

W. C. T. U. Notes.

A W. C. T. U. was organized at Roseville, Waterloo county, by Mrs. J. R. Cavers, Galt, county president, Friday, Sept. 21. Mrs. John Bricker, president, Miss Grace Graham, corresponding secretary.

Miss Jessie A. Ackerman, second round the world missionary, expected to arrive in Boston the first of October. She will have been twice around the world in her work for the W. C. T. U.

A non-sectarian Temperance day celebration will be held in Chicago, Oct. 10, in the auditorium. Miss Willard, Bishop Watterson and John G. Woodley will be the speakers, with Rev. Dr. Henson and Bishop Kand, as alternates.

The annual session of the Maritime W. C. T. U. was held at Fredericton, N. B., last week. The official report gave the following statistics regarding work done during the past year: Literature distributed during the year, 130,698 pages; meetings held, 2,612; total membership, 1,943, being an increase of 343 during the year. Total amount raised during the year by 48 unions, \$12,844.

He has not learned the lesson of life who does not every day surround a fear.—R. W. Emerson.

About Women.

Miss Millicent Fawcett, the brilliant senior wrangler of 1890, is about to begin a business career as a civil engineer. Chicago has her counterpart in Miss Anise De Barr, who is a duly accredited and practising engineer.

The habit of writing, if not the genius, runs in the family to which Mrs. Humphrey Ward belongs. Her sister, Ethel W. Arnold, has just published a novel entitled "Platonics." It is evidently not a "Robert Elsmere" or a "Marcella."

Here are some of the "planks" in the platform of the W. C. T. U. of New Zealand, where women have the franchise equally with men. They ought to be adopted by all electors: "That women be urged to vote for pure men before party men for Parliament." "That the women of this colony demand that their law-makers be law-keepers."

Miss M. E. Braddon, who has written 54 novels, quails before the camera. One hundred dollars and a royalty on every picture sold have been offered to her if she will consent to be "taken," but she is not tempted. She knows and fears the resources of the snap shot, and when she is abroad, is constantly on the alert to protect herself from a possible, indeed a probable kodak. In these days of ubiquitous buttons to be pressed, however, Miss Braddon cannot hope to escape much longer.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says: "The custom of having women pallbearers at funerals will probably soon be permanently established. There have been several funerals of that kind in the past year. The pallbearers who bore the remains of Miss Huber to her grave were eight young girls, dressed from head to foot in white. Miss Huber lived at Preston and Broadway. The young ladies wore white caps, gloves, dresses, and shoes, the emblems of purity. Naturally, they attracted a good deal of attention, it being so unusual for females to act in the capacity of pallbearers; but many were heard to commend it as a beautiful departure from the old custom, particularly in the case of the death of young women."

The Temperance Orders

Sons of Temperance.

Every division in Canada is invited to appoint a live, active agent to canvass for the HOME GUARD. It ought to be well circulated in every locality, both among the members and outside the ranks. A good correspondent is also wanted in every division who will send us short, crisp items of all the temperance news of each locality. Address all such to T. W. Casey, associate editor, 17 Elm street, Toronto.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The next annual session of the grand division of Nova Scotia will be held at Halifax, commencing on Tuesday, Oct. 30. The railways will grant the usual reduced fares to all members attending. Full particulars obtained by addressing W. S. Sanders, grand scribe, Halifax.

The subordinate divisions of the province are raising voluntary contributions and sending them in to help the grand division agency fund. This is as it should be. The agency work ought to be so well sustained as to keep the whole order well stirred up regarding the great work to be done.

A REAL VETERAN.—Mr. H. A. Taylor, one of the oldest and best-known business men in Halifax, is also one of the oldest and best-known Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia. He was for many years grand treasurer of the order in the Province. Every one knew "the babbees" were all right and safe in his careful Scottish keeping. He is now past 80 years of age, but has the cheerful spirit of a young man yet. He well remembers when Sir John Thompson was a juvenile member of the division and had to stand on a chair to recite his pieces, so that his head could be seen by all the audience present. Mr. Taylor has been quite ill for some time, but is in health and in the harness again.

ONTARIO ITEMS.

W. Z. Watts, special D. G. W. P., organized a new division at Courtland, Norfolk county, with twenty charter members. The new division will be known as Courtland Division, No. 173; W. H. Byerly, W. P.; George Stone, R. S.; W. A. Byerly, D. G. W. P., Courtland P. O.

J. B. Brooks, G. W. P., assisted by John Patience, D. G. W. P., organized a new division, No. 246, at Howard's, Lyn P. O., on the Sept. 18; Richard McCready, W. P.; Miss Nellie Billings, R. S.; R. A. McCready, D. G. W. P.

Avon Division, No. 381, was organized at Avon, Middlesex county, by Rev. D. Lucas Huff, with 23 charter members; J. W. Atkinson, W. P.; Miss Anna Parsons, R. S.; John W. Atkinson, D. G. W. P., Avon P. O.

Zephyr Division, Zephyr, Ont., proposes holding an entertainment on Oct. 16. Lowville Division, Lowville P. O., Joseph Nicholson, W. P., Miss Gertrude Langton, R. S., reports good progress and growing interest.

Maple Grove Division, Bowmanville P. O., has instituted a mock parliament as a means of entertainment and improvement in division meetings.

Mount Carswell Division, Courtice P. O., held a first-class entertainment on the Sept. 28.

Peel District Division will be held at Meadowdale on Oct. 5.

South York District Division will hold its next regular meeting at Agincourt on Oct. 8.

Cooksville Division held a very successful social entertainment on Sept. 19.

J. B. Brooks, G. W. P., visited Burnhamthorpe Division on Sept. 20.

The following D. G. W. P.s have been recently appointed by the G. W. P.: viz: W. H. Hurd, Calton Division, Calton P. O.; Richard A. McCready, Lyn P. O.; J. C. Shier, Udonia Division, Udonia P. O.; W. A. Byerly, Courtland Division, Courtland P. O.; W. J. Boynton, Baldwin Division, Baldwin P. O. Special D. G. W. P.s: W. Z. Watts, Tilsonburg; E. White, Delmer; G. F. Kay, Zephyr.

Sand Bay Division, Sand Bay P. O., is in a prosperous condition. Led by its energetic D. G. W. P., John Patience, it seeks to extend the principles and influence of the order to all points within its reach.

ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS.

The next annual session of the Grand Division of Western New York will be held with Lake Erie Division, Buffalo, on Oct. 23 and 24. Bro. J. S. F. Pentelov, the grand scribe of our sister Grand Division, extends a cordial invitation to Ontario members to be present at their session.

W. F. Stanton, P. G. W. P. of the G. D. of N. S. W. and Sons of Temperance, editor of the Australian Times, writes that the temperance people are greatly pleased with the result of the elections in that colony, more reliable prohibitionists being elected than ever before.

The regular quarterly papers, together with the annual report form, the G. D. representative's credential form, the address of Bro. M. M. Evenson, the newly-elected most worthy patriarch, and a special circular from the grand scribe, have been sent to every division D. G. W. P. in Ontario. Divisions and deputies are urgently requested to see that the returns and the per capita tax for the quarter ending Sept. 30, together with the annual report and the credentials of representatives to the Grand Division, are sent to

the grand scribe, W. H. Bewell, early in October. Promptness in this respect will be alike creditable to those concerned, and of great benefit to the order. The addresses by the M. W. P. and the grand scribe should be read to the division at its next meeting.

THE FALL CAMPAIGN

in Ontario is opening up with much promise. Several new divisions have been recently organized. Divisions are showing signs of increasing activity and vigor. To be hard at work early in the season gives promise of success, and if continued insures a prosperous fall and winter's work. Many divisions have sustained a high degree of interest and activity throughout the summer, and have already done much to arouse attention elsewhere, as well as benefit their immediate communities.

The Good Templars.

NAVY GOOD TEMPLARS.—At a recent meeting of the South Hants (England) District Lodge of Good Templars, Miss Agnes Weston, "the Sailor's Friend," as she is so popularly called in England, was present and gave an address. Among other things she said that all those who thought a great deal of our first line of defense would be glad to know that the great temperance cause was making giant strides in the navy. It was calculated roughly that one out of every six men in the navy was an abstainer. That was, of course, taking into account the coastguard service and the boys in her Majesty's service. She emphasized the need for unity and Christian sympathy in their work of counteracting the evil influence of alcohol, which was more destructive than the force of dynamite.

POLITICAL ACTION.—The Manchester Alliance News of the 7th inst. says: "The Grand Lodge of Good Templars in England are making arrangements to secure the return of total abstainers at the forthcoming parish and district councils' elections. It is possible these councils will have something to do with licensing matters and questions, and hence the special attention with which the elections are regarded. The appointment of 1,400 new chairmen, who, by virtue of their office, become Justices of the Peace, will place in their hands a means of exercising licensing authority. A special appeal is being made to all lodges to support only those candidates who may be in favor of the direct local veto."

IN CENTRAL AFRICA.—An English exchange says: "The Good Templar Order has been planted in Mashonaland, where, unfortunately, intoxicating liquor had previously been introduced, and Mr. Malins, grand chief Templar, has received a petition from Malaysia for the formation of a Good Templar lodge to work in the Tamil language."

The Speech of Piety.

One of the great problems of the religious life is the problem how to preserve naturalness with piety. We are in danger either of being unnaturally or unduly reticent of our religious feelings. If we give utterance to them the habit is apt to end in mere talkativeness. If, from a desire to be scrupulously honest with ourselves, we check our speech, we may lose the opportunity of the influence which speech bestows; we may blunt our spiritual perceptions and render ourselves incapable of those very emotions to which we have refused to give utterance. The happy art of preserving the mean between overmuch talking and an unfruitful silence is hard to win. The aim of all should be that their religion should be so really their own that their utterances on religious subjects should be neither forced nor fluent, but just simply natural. The speech of piety should be like the voice of song, sweet because irresistible, and irresistible because real.—[The Bishop of Ripon.]

Judge—If, as you say, you found this woman so violent and headstrong even during the engagement, why did you marry her?

Abused Husband (meekly)—I—I didn't marry her. She married me.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out, know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength is gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferer. They feel as though there is nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

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