

into the room and presently Mrs. Gleason notified Mrs. Eldridge and myself that there was to be no meeting, the regular meeting having been held the day before. We objected to this as being irregular, but to no purpose. Mrs. Gleason informed me that I had had all the hearing she intended I should.

As I was leaving the room I encountered Mrs. S. H. Brown, who came up and struck me in the face, exclaiming, "You characterless woman, coming here among us godly women without credentials to kick up a row." I was informed in a day or two by some of the reliable members that as they came filing up-stairs to attend the meeting they were met by Mrs. Gleason and eight ladies, including Mrs. Cunningham, who informed them that there was to be no meeting that afternoon, it having been held on the afternoon of the preceding day.

Within a week forty of those members, learning the truth of the matter, had left the Union.

I might say here that owing to their connivance against Miss Bowes a committee of citizens interested in the matter engaged her as city missionary. When this was reported by the Rev. Mr. Scott at the citizens' meeting January 9, 1900, Mrs. McDonald proposed her re-engagement at a salary of \$120. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gleason. She was still a member of the Union through her membership fees, and therefore was legally entitled to retain all the appointments conferred upon her by consent of the Union. At the first regular meeting in February she was notified to be present to receive the arrears of her salary. At this meeting her appointments were taken from her and conferred on others. She was ordered to apologize to Mrs. Gleason for requesting her to not take the chair at the Sunday meetings owing to the scandal raging against her, and to also write the apology. At the close of the meeting her salary was given her in small change.

At this meeting a Miss Ostrom, a stranger in the city, was engaged as city missionary at a salary of \$800 per year. The reports of the W. C. T. U. for 1900 show that over \$800 was collected (part of this in Miss Bowes' name); of this Miss Ostrom received \$10.00.

In the summer of 1900 Miss Murcott, a personal