

REPORT
OF THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING
—OF THE—
WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION
OF ONTARIO,
HELD IN TORONTO, OCTOBER, 23RD AND 24TH, 1878.

The following is the Report of the Second Annual Meeting of the "PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION," held in Toronto, in the Jarvis Street Baptist Church Sunday School room, on the 23rd and 24th days of October, 1878.

The question of a Provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union," representing the Christian Temperance Women of our Province, had been so thoroughly discussed at our first Annual Meeting, where, in answer to the call of the Toronto W. C. T. U., there came from the quiet fireside, from the sanctuaries of Christian homes, Women whose hearts had been touched by that Divine spirit of Love, and who, "For God and Home and Native Land," had long since learned that they as Christian Temperance Women had an interest in this cause of social and national reform—an interest, because this deadly, poisonous "*traffic*" with its snaky folds, and cunning devices, had crept into our homes, and coiled around and stung the noblest and best,—an interest, because the purity of home had suffered, and because the family circle found so many broken links, that these women, all with a common love for a suffering humanity, had by a Divine intuition, recognized the hand of God in this undertaking, and heard the voice of God in the call for a united effort, where we might glean and gather the best thoughts of our women for a *basis* on which we might stand. The women of our Country who have been moved by this divine spirit of royalty and love, to labor in the Temperance Unions are doing a wonderful work. To many the marvelous works of our women are not known; but God's mightiest influences are His silent forces. It is not the strong mighty river that with