

On December 27 a citizens' meeting was called. At the close of the meeting nine women remained, including Mrs. Cunningham of the New Westminster Union, who had accompanied Mrs. McDonald.

Late in the afternoon of December 29, on my return from collecting cakes for a social for the Y. M. C. A., I found a note on my table notifying me that a meeting of the W. C. T. U. was called for that afternoon to arrange the matter of Miss Bowes' salary. It was signed "with ALL kindness, very sincerely, Mrs. Gleason." Though it was long past the hour designated, I at once repaired to the place of meeting and discovered that a motion to expel me was in progress. I protested, asking the reason for such a proceeding and claiming the right to be heard in my own defense.

The President, Mrs. Gleason, left her chair, came to me, and with the edge of her hand, struck my arm again and again till it fell powerless to my side, saying, "You shall not speak here." Upon my still protesting, she beat with a pencil on the wall above my head.

Within ten minutes after my arrival I was expelled. As I was preparing to leave the meeting Mrs. S. H. Brown came to me and said "You can go now and tell your rescue work to the Rev. Hinson." Mrs. Gleason also came to me and asked me to wait and have prayers. Later that evening my young son attended a meeting of the Dominion Alliance and while there overheard Mrs. S. H. Brown joking about expelling me from the Union to one Mr. Arthur, who cautioned her that my son could hear her remarks.

Mrs. C. C. Eldridge, ex-President of our Union, was present at the meeting where I was expelled, and considering that I had not been fairly treated, she signed a circular inviting all the members to attend the regular meeting January 5, to allow me to make defense.

Mrs. Gleason, upon receiving her invitation, without the knowledge of the secretary, notified a limited number of members that the date of the regular meeting was changed to January 4.

On January 5 I went early to the meeting; eight women were there standing at the top of the stairs, including Mrs. Cunningham, of New Westminster. No one came