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methods. Having made inquiries, I discover there is a school already
 in operation in Vancouver and also one in this city. There was former-
 ly one in Victoria, which for want of funds had to be closed. I am
 of opinion, and I think the Convention will agree with me, that during
 the past year we have not been in a position to successfully carry on in
 any of our localities a kindergarten school.

Yours for God, Home and Country,

MARIA KING.

First Annual Report of the Refuge Home.

At the Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance
 Union, held in September, 1888, it was decided that, if practicable,
 during the year a Home of Refuge should be opened to reclaim the fal-
 len and shelter the friendless of our own sex, who have been less for-
 tunate and oftentimes less favored than we have been; those whose
 places some of us might have occupied were it not for the grace of God;
 were it not for the goodness of God in placing us with different sur-
 roundings, in giving us different education, and perhaps inheriting dif-
 ferent natures. Immediately following the Convention the need of such
 a home became so apparent that we appealed to our President, in
 whose charge the work had been left, for help. She at once suggested
 that we ask Colonel Woodford, who was visiting our Province at the
 time, to give the last evening in each place he lectured to raising money
 for this work.

Mrs. Spencer, the Superinteneent of Social Purity, threw her whole
 energy into the suggestion, and it was largely through her efforts that
 it was arranged to carry out this idea in Victoria so successfully.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The sum of \$1,200 was subscribed at the meeting, which was after-
 wards increased to \$1,774. Vancouver also followed this plan and for-
 warded \$200 to the treasury of the Refuge as a result of the evening's
 subscriptions. In New Westminster it was not thought advisable at
 that time to ask for subscriptions, and since that time the opportunity
 has not presented itself to raise funds for this work. A very nice bed-
 room set was sent from there, however, which helped in furnishing the
 home. In North Arm the ladies canvassed and raised \$84.25, which
 effort the ladies fully appreciated. From Kamloops we received \$6.00,
 a donation from the treasury of the local Union. At a meeting of the
 Provincial Executive of this society it was decided that Victoria was
 the most desirable place for the Refuge, and a pleasant central home
 was bought. It was opened in May, Mrs. Luker kindly taking charge
 for three weeks until a matron was found in Miss Cogswell, from Nova
 Scotia, but at the end of two months she sent in her resignation and
 married. We were, however, most fortunate in securing an elderly
 matron, who is a real mother to the girls, and just suited for the pos-
 ition. She has the many qualifications which you rarely find in one
 person—education, energy, tact, patience, and a thoroughly consecrated
 heart. The home is managed by a committee of twelve ladies, selected
 from the different churches, appointed annually by the Convention of the