

selected as our place of meeting for this year, giving our workers the rare opportunity of seeing the good results accruing from the operation of the "Canada Temperance Act,"—an Act however imperfect it may appear to some, if honestly administered, must commend itself to all sincere workers in the cause of Temperance. When our responsible representatives having placed it upon the Statute Books, and the highest legal authority in England have pronounced it constitutional, it becomes the duty of a law-abiding people to aid its adoption and effective working. As workers and citizens of the Dominion, who would like to have the country freed from intoxicants, we accept the best law Canada has yet possessed, for the control of the liquor traffic, looking with hope to the future for further legislation, having for its final aim, prohibition. When our Queen's influence as a wife and mother has so powerfully entered into the "hearts and homes" of the world, we cannot but lament the reproach cast upon the nation she so lovingly governs, by the reply of the Zulu King to the request of the Temperance deputation that waited upon him during his recent visit in London. He was asked to use his influence in prohibiting the sale of liquors in his domain, Cetawayu. Through his interpreter, he replied, "When England allows it to be brought into my country I cannot prevent the sale," and we feel similarly situated, when such quantities are imported and manufactured in our fair Dominion. But, as Christian Women, we believe there is a power able to do far above what we can ask or think; to that power we are looking, and to the faithfulness of His church and people. Cannon Farrar says, "If Buddhism has succeeded in making China a sober nation; if Islamism has succeeded in making Mahomedan lands temperate, surely the Church of God should blush that she had not done so much." We appeal to all who profess the Christian faith, not only to exercise a living faith in a living Father in this work of rescuing our country and our countrymen from intemperance, but to use the best means put into our hands for a deliverance from this serfdom. Every blessing will rise upon efforts made to eradicate intoxicants from our midst. Let us discountenance the use both in and out of our homes, and above all educate our children to shun the evil. The importance of the introduction of reliable Temperance text books in our public schools cannot be over-estimated, and may this Union seek every opportunity of impressing upon our educational authorities the necessity for this step. Your words of encouragement to "go forward," are cheering to our hearts. Similar organizations in England and the United States have far more to contend with than we have. England possesses no "Sunday Law," no early closing restrictions—the customs of society are very different; their drinking saloons, with doors always ajar, are the resort of men, women and even children. Yet the President of the British Women's Temperance Association, in her Annual Address, says she sees much to con-

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