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## Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union

BADGE—A Knot of White Ribbon

TIME OF PRAYER—Noontide

METHODS—Preventive, Educational, Evangelistic, Social and Legal

WATCHWORDS—Agitate—Educate—Organize

"Laws forbidding the sale to minors are encouraged by a mythical society which seems to exist only in the elaborate letter heads which have named San Francisco, St. Paul, and other cities as headquarters. As long ago as 1897 a Chicago morning paper assisted the editor of 'Boy' in investigating this pretended organization, which continues to send to legislatures and others most specious arguments and many absolutely false statements, and found it a fraud. 'The Society for the Suppression of the Sale of Tobacco and other Narcotics to the Youth of the Nation,' is a name that carries weight when the fraud has not been exposed."

The members of this House who proposed an age-limit, under which sale would be illegal, could not have been aware that the worthlessness of such legislation has been abundantly proved by existing provincial laws, in which the limits set are 18, 17 and 16 years. So long as the Cigarette is in the market, unprincipled dealers will sell and uninformed, or habit-bound young men, will buy.

### UNWORTHY TACTICS.

In the same issue of 'The Boy' from which the previous quotation was taken, appears this editorial paragraph.

"The easiest method of disposing of an Anti-Cigarette bill in a legislature, by the trust representatives, is to treat it as a huge joke, and to laugh it out of court. This has been done in one or more States this year, but the matter is being taken too seriously in most of the States to make this safe or effective."

Articles in the Canadian press of April 2nd and 3rd show a concert of effort along this very line. Ridicule is a potent weapon, but when wielded for wholly selfish purposes, it is a despicable one and ought not to move manly men.

With the hope that the next vote may show an increase over the last, as a result of enquiry into the merits of the case by some who voted 'Nay' April 1st, we remain,

On behalf of the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union,

Yours for the preservation of the Canadian Home,

Annie O. Rutherford, President.

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Anti-Narcotics.