

TORONTO.

This Union held its first annual meeting on October 1st, 1885. Our year has been one of blessing and of success. The report of the secretary of Band of Hope showed that the interest is growing more and more. We have two Bands of Hope which have a membership of over two hundred. One of our Bands of Hope gave a musical entertainment last winter which was a great success, financially and otherwise. In June we gave the children a pic-nic which was much enjoyed by children and teachers. Last November we sent invitations to those girls employed during the day and invited them to come and attend a social evening. We had a very large attendance and twenty expressed the wish to become members of our Union, and eight kindly consented to assist in the Band of Hope. We assisted the Temperance Electoral Association in canvassing the city with petitions against the Senate's amendment of the Scott Act. In collecting for the Scott Act, which we hope to place before the people next February, we have also been very busy. In this our new year we go forth with the prayer that God may use us this winter in rescuing the perishing.

A. J. SCOTT, Cor. Sec.

PRESCOTT.

Our Y. W. C. T. U. was formed by Mrs. Chisholm, Provincial President W. C. T. U., on 17th June, 1885. President, Miss Alice Kirby. We carried on our meetings till we closed for the summer, forming a girls' sewing class which met once a week. We re-opened on Sept. 2nd with the addition of two new members, the sewing class numbering about 50. On 12th Sept. we called the children together to form a Band of Hope which now numbers 63. On the 19th Sept. we entered the names of 8 gentlemen as honorary members. Four more ladies have promised to join us at our next meeting. Our treasurer has received from an entertainment given in aid of a Band of Hope before we formed, the sum of \$13.00, donations from friends, and monies collected at meetings, amounting in all to \$23.00. We have already distributed 160 tracts. The President of the W. C. T. U. very kindly presented us with a blackboard and numerous illuminated texts to help in furnishing our room. We have been able lately to hire a small organ, and have purchased red bunting enough to drape the walls with in order to make the room more attractive. The children are very quick in catching up the airs in "Ripples of Song," and already sing two or three of the songs delightfully. Altogether we feel that God is especially helping us in our work, and by next year we sincerely hope to be able to send a glowing account of the Y. W. C. T. U. of Prescott.

ALICE KIRBY, (*pro. tem.*) Cor. Sec.

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