

learn that in Kansas during the eighteen months of prohibition that the population has increased a hundred thousand, and Governor, St John, declares that this increase is mostly made up of the very best citizens that have ever come to the state. The only decrease in population are to be found in the jails and reformatories. We are also delighted and encouraged that the Temperance cause is growing more and more popular, when such as Ex-President Hayes and Lady, of the adjoining republic had the courage to banish intoxicants from the White House, during their presidency, and it was said that never were such brilliant banquets given their before; also our own Prime Minister's Lady has had the courage to ignore those social usages of society which lead to ruin so many precious souls. Just here we would like to impress every wife and mother that each drop of liquor used in their homes whether as a beverage, or in cooking, or for any of the many ailments which flesh is heir to, is helping on this traffic. We feel thankful that the Temperance agitation is not confined to our own Dominion and the adjoining Republic, but also in Europe some of the brightest and most influential minds are becoming aroused to the importance of this great question; only last month the third International Conference of Temperance workers was held in London England. The delegates represented England, France, Germany, and Italy. The main topic of discussion was the best methods of conducting the Temperance Reform on the Continent of Europe. The King of Belgium returned thanks to the Conference for the Temperance Literature that had been presented to him. Our loyal hearts have been stirred with gratitude to God for the success in Egypt of our British troops. The old Lion has again returned victorious. We trust, dear Sisters, we are marshalled under the standard of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, "who will break every chain and give us the victory again and again."

Mrs. Tilton, of Ottawa, on behalf of the delegates responded as follows:

*Mrs. Harrison, and Ladies of the Woman's Christian Union, of Milton:*

On behalf of the Provincial Union now assembled at its Annual Meeting, I thank you for your cordial and hospitable reception extended as it is, not only to each delegate, but to all whose privilege it is to be present. We thank you for that greeting to your "hearts and homes" so pleasantly referred to in your address—a greeting which at once unites us—recognizing, as it does, the oneness of sympathy and love which the "Author and Finisher" of the faith, grafts in the hearts of all true believers. With you, we earnestly trust that the stimulating power of the "Christian's vital breath," may be the means in a greater degree of promoting the success of the work in which this Union is engaged, and that not only this, but every annual meeting of temperance workers may bear abundant evidence of the increase, throughout the world of total abstinence. Your County Town has been wisely