

W. C. T. U. Notes

Women's Christian Temperance Union first organized in 1874. Aim—The protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law. Motto—For God and Home and Native Land. Badge—A knot of White Ribbon. Watchword—Agitate, educate, organize. Let us not judge one another any more, but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way, RM. 14:81. OFFICERS OF WOLFVILLE UNION: President—Mrs. J. G. Elderkin. 1st Vice President—Mrs. W. O. Taylor. 2nd Vice President—Mrs. G. W. Miller. Recording Sec'y.—Mrs. Ernest Redden. Cor. Sec'y.—Mrs. Annie Murphy. Treasurer—Mrs. H. Pineo. SUPERINTENDENTS Evangelistic—Mrs. William Chipman. Parlor Meetings—Mrs. Stanley Robinson. Labrador Work—Mrs. J. W. Vaughn. Fishermen and Lumbermen—Mrs. W. E. Fielding. Anti-Narcotic—Mrs. W. O. Taylor. Flowers, Fruit and Delicacies—Mrs. D. G. Whidden. Christian Citizenship—Mrs. B. O. Davidson. Press—Mrs. M. P. Freeman. Willard Hall—Mrs. M. P. Freeman. Temperance in Sabbath Schools—Mr. C. A. Patriquin. Supt. Tidings—Mrs. T. Hutchinson. Business meeting of the W. C. T. U. the last Monday of every month.

WORK FOR ENFORCEMENT

I should like to suggest a few ways in which we, as temperance workers, should double our diligence. The first is in educational work, in the creating and strengthening of a sentiment that has as its foundation a knowledge of the true nature and effects of alcohol; and the results will be greater in proportion to the effort in work with children. When Frances Willard became the leader of the Women's Temperance Movement, her splendid vision led her in the beginning to turn her attention to the establishment of work with children. As a result of her conviction, she travelled through every state and territory, and it was not long before nearly every state had a law requiring Scientific Temperance Instruction in public and private schools. It was only seven or eight years before there was a decided lowering of the per capita consumption of alcoholic liquors in the United States, sufficient to make the per capita consumption less than that of any other large nation. Those who are following the progress of the world movement against alcohol today, must see that the nations that are making rapid progress toward prohibition are those nations whose children are taught the scientific facts in the schools re the nature of alcohol. Are our Nova Scotia schools doing all they ought toward the end for which we work? If not, why not? How many of us who are members of temperance societies know what our law is? Is it as good a law as we need? Or is the lack in its enforcement? Or in the text book? Teachers can be found who are doing their whole duty, using the book as a basis and extending the work. Teachers can also be found who are working for examinations only, and who have no time for moral training. Neither are our Sabbath Schools doing all they might with regard to scientific teaching about alcohol. Most lesson helps have a temperance lesson every quarter. How many teachers can teach these lessons from a scientific standpoint? The importance of this work in day and Sabbath Schools would not be so urgent if parents did their duty in this respect. Too often it is the case that the influence of the home is in danger of undoing the teaching of the school and Sabbath School. Parents who would not think of giving wine to their children do not understand that cider is merely apple wine and that we who live in an apple country and use cider, are doing simply what grape growers are doing who use wine. It is easy, too, to find mothers who think that because wines are home-made they are harmless. Then there are those who use patent medicines containing alcohol, forgetting that many an alcoholic appetite has been created by this practice. Important, too, is to make clear that even a small quantity has a harmful effect on the mind and nerves. Everyone has heard of Armour of Chicago and his great wealth. Many will recall how, perhaps twenty years ago, he offered \$10,000 to any surgeon who could make his little daughter walk. One hip bone was without joint. All the doctors in this country said it could not be done.

There came a great doctor from Venice who said he could do it. The others did not believe him. Few men had the fine control of nerve and muscle for so delicate a piece of work, even if they could see how to do it. He had to make a ball and socket joint. It must be tight and yet it must move easily. It must fit to the minutest fraction of an inch. Fifty doctors watched faithless, but the operation was perfectly successful. Then the American doctors made a great dinner in honor of the great European doctor. As was customary at that time choice wines were served. The great surgeon said: "Not one glass for me. If I drank only ONE glass, it would be six weeks before I could trust my hands to perform another delicate piece of work." The fight is on! We are told that for the next five years we must use all our powers to keep what we have won and put it on safe and permanent ground. Mrs. E. S. HANKINSON, Weymouth, N. S.

W. C. T. U. Supt. Moral Education

PARTY ADVANTAGE

Seems the One Aim and Object of Administration of Nova Scotia (From our Special Correspondent) Press Gallery, House of Assembly, Halifax, April 20th: The roads question was under consideration when Mr. Corning of Yarmouth called attention to the persistent policy of doing general road work in mid-summer with an intermission for hay making. Mr. Corning said that this could not be justified on economic grounds. At a time when the roads should be at their best, they were often made impassable, and before they were packed down again the fall rains came on and much of the work was destroyed. Mr. Corning made a strong plea for early roadwork. He pointed out that if this work were done in the early summer the surface of the roads would be well packed and in good shape for the increased general travel of middle and later summer season, and would stand up better during the fall and winter. The present system of tearing the roads up in the height of the summer season was not good business. Mr. Corning again plied the Premier with demands for an answer to his questions concerning promises of a bridge connecting Cape Island, Shelburne County, with the mainland, in accordance with repeated promises. In the local general election of 1920 when Mr. Irwin the present speaker of the House, and Mr. Frank E. Smith were elected by good majorities, the promise was for a railway to Lockport; but when the Premier, Mr. Armstrong, ran his by-election the promise was a bridge for Cape Island. Then in the federal

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general elections the year following the Cape Island Bridge again loomed large on the political horizon.

Now with the Speaker and the Premier of the Province in the House of Assembly and the Minister of Finance in the House of Commons from Shelburne, what about this railway and bridge for these two important districts of that industrious and faithful county? Mr. Corning has been pushing for a reply but can get none. The Premier becomes suddenly tongue tied whenever it is mentioned.

MY FAVORITE HYMN

- 1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry, Everything to God in prayer! 2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer. 3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Saviour, still our refuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer, Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer, In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there, One of my favorite hymns, or my oldest favorite, and one that seems to mean so much. E. R. F.

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