

against selling rum, it would be called a crime. Why should it not be called a crime? What mother would rather have her son become a drunkard, than have her home pillaged or burned? There is not one! I need not ask the question. Is there a mother who would not sooner see her pure and innocent boy borne home dead than have him become a drunkard? In the first question, the mother might hope to meet her boy in heaven, but if he is a drunkard, she cannot expect to see him again in heaven, for "no drunkard will inherit the kingdom of heaven." If, then, mothers dread burglaries, arson, and murders, less than the doings of rumsellers, why should it not be ranked as a crime with the others? Let us then band together more closely; let nothing separate us until the work is done. She said she would not be long in the field to help, for she felt herself failing; but was happy in the knowledge that others, young and energetic, were growing up to take her place and make the work invincible.

Mrs. Frances Willard, of Chicago, was then introduced and made a short and energetic address, congratulating the Union on the work it was doing. She said she had just arrived from the "Prairie State," and the Temperance Convention in its capital. There they had taken the same grounds occupied by the convention here. Though the temperance workers of Canada and the United States were separated by distance, and national lines, yet they were one in the many ties that united all lovers of humanity—all those who strove to make better the degraded, and to raise the fallen. They had the same Christian charity for their motto, and a common love for a common Lord, and indeed were one in heart and purpose. Let us stand by the "Women's Christian Temperance Union" steadily, with our hands outstretched to help the needy and distressed.

The Recording Secretary's report was called for, but the lady was absent and no report sent,

The Corresponding Secretary reported for the past year's work, as follows:

*The first Annual Report of the Provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union, presented at the Second Annual meeting of the "Women's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Ontario."*

It was in this "Queen City," Toronto, one year ago to-day, that many of us met by invitation of the "Toronto Union" to propagate