

For the "giving" there is no law; for the selling, *knowing* is not *proving*; particularly where the law requires so much for proof. The whiskey ring blame the Union for this state of affairs, saying, "if we close the saloons we force them to subterfuge and illegal means;"—but we well know how dearly the Devil loves a Christian for a shield, or a good deed for a flimsy excuse.

The Band of Hope meetings are held regularly, and all done that can be to make them entertaining and of interest to the younger ones; still the Band is not so prosperous as it should be; many have moved away—and then again, parents are indifferent to the influence thus brought to bear upon the minds of the coming men.

It would be well for mothers to remember that if we can not go out and reform drunkards, we can raise and educate temperance men for the future. Not a mother amongst us doubts that her son is a future Statesman; let her educate him then so that he will legislate for temperance.

At the annual election of officers, Mrs. W. B. Seccombe was succeeded by Mrs. Geo. Howison as President, Mrs. Seccombe being chosen Vice-President.

(Mrs.) ELLEN R. C. WEBBER, Cor. Secretary.

Maple Ridge, August, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHILLIWHACK W.C.T.U.

During the past year this Union has made steady progress. Our monthly meetings have been held regularly, besides several special meetings. We have been visited by four lecturers, the last was Mrs. Youmans, who delivered two lectures, also an address to the Band of Hope children. Mrs. Youmans is a lady of great ability; her lectures were largely attended and highly appreciated, and have aided materially the temperance cause here.

We have also a Good Templar's Lodge here with a large membership and still increasing.

It is obvious to the commonest observer, that temperance principles are destined to prevail here, when we take into consideration the basis we are laying with the rising generation.

We have four Bands of Hope in active operation, and with God's help, the seed sown in comparative weakness, shall yield a mighty harvest.

CAROLINE McCUTCHEON, Cor. Sec. W.C.T.U.
Chilliwhack and Sumas.

VICTORIA BAND OF HOPE REPORT.

Mrs. President and Sisters of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union:

In bringing before you to-night the report of our Band of Hope School for the past year, I regret that it is necessarily somewhat meagre, as it is only about four months since this most important branch of temperance work was placed in my hands. During the former portion of the year the frequent change of leadership and the fact of its having been left for some weeks without anyone to look after it, caused a great falling off of interest among the children; consequently, although there have been over four-hundred names placed upon the roll, at the present time the attendance fluctuates, ranging from thirty to seventy-five.

The work is very interesting and cannot fail to profit both teachers and taught. A large number have signed our pledge during the year, and although we miss the faces of many of the older ones, particularly the boys who have