

are encouraging. Of one hundred and ninety-three churches reported in New Hampshire, one hundred and seventy-four use unfermented wine. In Massachusetts, about four-fifths of the Protestant churches use the unfermented wine. In Rhode Island, one hundred and fifteen out of one hundred and seventy churches, and so on through the list. A large and increasing number use unfermented wine.

Of the valuable work done by the department of influencing the press, of work among R. R. employees, among lumbermen, prison and police work, southern work and all the rest, in which so much valuable and aggressive work has been done, time fails me to tell.

When Mrs. J. Ellen Foster came upon the platform to report on the department of legislative work, the Republican element of the convention came to the throne, and before the session closed, the interest and excitement were at white heat. At the close of her report, she opened numerous papers on which questions had been written and sent up to her. One question asked, "Why do you advise us as a Union to be non-partizan and yet talk for Blaine yourself?" Mrs. Foster replied that she did not see how anybody could be non-partizan, that the National W. C. T. U., in its organized capacity could pass no resolution. A perfect rain of questions followed, all written, all asking an explanation of Mrs. Foster's position as advocate of Blaine. These she answered with warmth and energy, until her answers seemed to be merely a defence of herself, at the bar of the convention of women. One lady in the height of the excitement, protested against their personal arraignment of Mrs. Foster, but the latter did not consider it as such.

Her speech in the evening in the Pickwick Theatre closed with a powerful defence of her position as a Republican advocate, but was a great affliction to many of the third party members. One gentleman from Iowa rose and asked several questions at the close evidently differing with her on the question, particularly in regard to some statements she had made in regard to the work in Iowa. The audience, each evening in Pickwick Theatre was immense, fully five hundred people being turned away the first evening. An overflow meeting was held each evening except the first in a lower room of the theatre building.

The Union numbers sixty-six thousand paid members. \$20,000 have been received as membership dues since the organization of the Union, being five cents per member, of which amount nearly one-fourth was paid in during the past year.

The personal of the convention revealed nearly all both of members and visitors, as women above forty years of age. Few were young ladies and all were womanly, earnest, intelligent and energetic. The liquor traffic has cause to tremble at this great army of consecrated destructive force.—*Chicago Lever*.

QUEBEC.—The first annual meeting of Quebec Provincial W. C. T. U. was held at Stanstead, Que., last month. About eighty delegates were present at the opening meeting, which was held in the Methodist Church. Mrs. McLaughlin, of Boston, and Mrs. Hadden, of Vermont, were present as invited guests. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Blodgett. Mrs. Dalkin, of Quebec, gave the response on behalf of the delegates.

The President's address touched particularly on the importance of Temperance work among the children. Temperance textbooks had been introduced in the schools for the use of the older pupils, and a more simple one was required for the smaller children. Sabbath School Temperance work and work in Bands of Hope was specially needed. The subject of "Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table" had been brought before religious bodies. Bible reading and devotional meetings had been held by many of the Unions, while good work had been done by the Literature Department and by the Department of Heredity and Hygiene. The need of Young Women's auxiliaries were specially urged and all were encouraged to make entire Prohibition their aim.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary showed the total membership to be 2,750 they had held 593 meetings; 2,780 signatures had been obtained to the pledge; 4,384 signatures to petitions; 27,490 tracts distributed; 31 Bands of Hope organized; \$188.50 paid by Local Unions to Provincial Union. The report by Mrs. Morton, Superintendent of Scientific Instruction, was most interesting, and urged the necessity of having compulsory temperance instruction in the schools. The report of Mrs. Knowles, the Superintendent of Evangelistic work of the Union, was given by Mrs. Dal-

kin. Bible reading leaflets, prepared by Mrs. H. W. Smith had been recommended for the use of Local Unions, special prayer meetings and cottage meetings had been held and tracts had been distributed at one encampment of soldiers. Miss Barber reported on prison and police station work. Mrs. Lucas, Superintendent of the Department of Heredity and Hygiene, reported that the subject under her care had been brought before the notice of the Unions, and literature on the question distributed. She read a memorial to the physicians which is to be sent from the Unions asking for greater care in alcoholic prescriptions, or that a substitute be used. The report of the Superintendent of the Department of Temperance Literature and influencing the Press was prepared by Mrs. Jack, and gave interesting details of this work. Miss Rhynas, for S. S. and Band of Hope work reported 31 Bands of Hope with from 20 to 100 members in each.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. Middleton; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Dunkin; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Walker; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lamb, Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. W. McLaughlin; Corresponding Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Cowles, Foster, Lindsay, Cotton, Whitefield, Jordan, McPhee, Bumpas, Sanderson, Scriver, Stevens, Cornell, Miss Dougall; Superintendent of Departments of Work, Mesdames Lucas, Morton, Webber, Jack, Knowles, Barber, Dalkin, Greggie, Ewing. The invitation from St. Andrew's was accepted and the Convention will meet there next year.

The public meetings were addressed by Mrs. McLaughlin, Boston, Mass.; Mrs. Hadden, Vermont, and D. N. Lucas. A paper was also read by Dr. Cowles, of Stanstead, on the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human system. News of the victory in Stanstead County reached the Convention during the evening, the church bells sounded a peal of joy and a service of praise was held during the evening.—*Woman's Journal*.

MONTREAL.—Miss Ella J. M. Williams writes as follows to the *Woman's Journal*:—

Montreal Union is the largest in Canada, numbering 1,285 members. The fee is optional and is paid by about two-thirds of the membership. A police matron will shortly be appointed who will search and attend to the needs of the female prisoners. Visits are made by the Superintendent of that work, to the gaols and, when released, assistance is given to many of the prisoners. The Hospital is visited regularly, and Cottage Meetings are also carried on. The Secretary of this Union writes:—Temperance Text Books are in use in the Public Schools, and a Young Ladies' Auxiliary has been organized in our Girls' High School. Bands of Hope have been formed in three of the benevolent institutions; and many others, not connected with the Union, exist as Church or Sunday School organizations.

It will perhaps interest your readers to know that at the present time there are 144 hotels, 233 restaurants, and 432 retail grocery stores where liquor is sold, in this city alone. Besides this, there are 15 wholesale groceries where it is sold, making a total of 824 places where the accursed liquor traffic is carried on. Is it any wonder that our efforts often fail, and that sometimes our heads grow weary and our hearts faint when we think how firmly the enemy is entrenched? God grant that we may all be more fully consecrated to His service.

TORONTO.—On Tuesday evening of last week a large and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of temperance was held in Worms' Hall, village of Brockton, to take into consideration the advisability of forming a Ward Association for the new Ward of St. Mark's. The members of the West End Christian Temperance Society, with their excellent choir were present in full force, the president, Mr. A. Farley acting as chairman of the committee, Mr. Munns as secretary. The speakers were Rev. John Smith, Mr. Jas. Thompson, and Mr. Farley. The former gentleman spoke for upwards of an hour on the general features of the Scott Act. Mr. Thompson followed in a short but effective speech, and concluded by urging upon residents of St. Mark's Ward who were present in the hall to form themselves into an association, which was readily acceded to with the following result: President, Mr. Manning; 1st Vice-president, Mr. Wm. Moore; 2nd Vice-president, Mr. Hopkins; 3rd Vice-president, Mr. Dean; Sec'y., Mr. F. Yeung; Treasurer, Mr. Shepherd; Chaplain, Mr. Van Horne.