

Bay, our host and hostess at New Westminster during the Provincial convention and Mrs. Cunningham during our trip to Seattle in October that she had seen Mrs. Gleason walking through a crowded thoroughfare in a semi-nude state, for fully 400 yards, in a sleeveless, low-necked tunic, without a cloak, boots or stockings; remarked and condemned by respectable young men, jeered at by men and boys on her way to and from bathing; that she was seen to misconduct herself while in the water with "Nigger Joe," a bartender and "Candy Jack," a well known character to the police and whose boast is the ruin of women.

On the strength of these reports, I said to Mrs. Gleason that she was unfit to be the President of our W. C. T. U. I let the matter drop after this, although I was censured by some for being lax in my duty as Superintendent of Rescue.

On October 28th Mrs. Gleason came to ask me to vote against Miss Bowes' re-engagement as City Missionary, her term of office expiring January 10th, 1900. Mrs. Gleason alleged that Miss Bowes had gone about through the city collecting money and appropriating it to her own use and that she was untruthful. I refused to vote against Miss Bowes, observing to Mrs. Gleason that her charges against Miss Bowes must be told her, in order that she be permitted to defend herself.

At the meeting called to consider Miss Bowes' re-engagement my name was replaced in the roll by that of a stranger. A committee was formed by Mrs. Gleason of six women, opposed to Miss Bowes, to call upon the different churches by letter, to ask what they would contribute toward supporting Miss Bowes as City Missionary for another twelve months; although Mrs. Gleason and committee refused to say how they intended to further her engagement, or what salary the Union would give.

Being able to discern the meaning of this action, I asked that Miss Bowes' engagement should go on the lines of truth and justice, but my remarks were treated with derision. At the next meeting of the Union only one or two churches had responded to the letters, and Mrs. Gleason professed to being greatly surprised, especially mentioning the neglect of the First Baptist church. Soon after this I was fortunate in meeting the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hin-