

On account of the absence through illness of Miss Willmott, a paper prepared by her on "Unfermented Wines" was read by Miss Bowes, who also presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SACRAMENTAL WINE.

Your committee have great pleasure to report the increasing interest manifested on this subject.

In the early part of the summer circular letters were addressed to all the unions in Ontario (80), asking each union to bring the subject before all the churches within the range of its operations; and earnestly to influence not only the ministers, but all the leading members of said churches, to co-operate with the union in removing from the "Lord's Table" that which has proved morally injurious to the communicant.

Twenty-three unions replied, all expressing entire sympathy in the work; each reporting that several churches did use unfermented wine, and those that did not, promised to give the subject their earnest consideration.

Miss WILLMOTT, Convenor,
Mrs. J. HARRISON,
Mrs. CAMERON.

Milton, Oct. 13th, 1884.

The report was adopted on motion of Miss Phelps, seconded by Miss Orchard.

A motion was also adopted ordering that Miss Willmott's paper on "Unfermented Wines" be printed and added to the Union's stock of literature.

After singing a hymn the Convention adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 a. m.

The Convention re-opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Coates, of Prescott.

The Recording Secretary read the minutes of the previous session, which were confirmed.

On motion all delegates were requested to occupy seats in the centre of the hall leaving the side seats for visitors.

Moved by Mrs. Cowan, seconded by Mrs. Tilton, and carried, "That Convenors of Committees be invited to take places on the platform with the Executive."

Moved by Miss Orchard, seconded by Mrs. Cowan, and carried, "That the sale and literature tables be prepared as soon as possible, and to be open only during recess."

Greetings were received from a new union at Tiverton.

Moved by Mrs. Andrews, seconded by Miss Bowes, "That we acknowledge the greetings of our Tiverton sisters, and extend to them our hearty sympathy and earnest prayers for the success of the Scott Act agitation they are now engaged in." Carried.

Mrs. Fawcett then presented the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The following is a list of delegates present with the Unions they represent:

Mrs. Addie Chisholm.....Ottawa	Mrs. Andrews.....Harriaton
" Tilton	" Hunt.....Zion
" Cowan.....Toronto	Miss J. Brown....."
" M. S. Fawcett.....Maple	Mrs. Johnston.....Derham Centre
Miss A. Orchard.....Galt	" Butler....."
Mrs. P. C. Brethour.....Milton	" Powell.....Edgar
" Lawrence.....Sarnia	Miss Allen.....Kingston
" Houlten....."	Mrs. Rutherford.....Toronto
Miss Bowes.....Milton	" Wm. Kennedy.....Owen Sound
Mrs. T. Henderson....."	Miss M. Meir....."
" Johnson Harrison....."	" F. Earley....."
" Hocking....."	" Brown....."
" Bowes.....Hamilton	" W. Doyle....."
" Kneeshaw....."	Mrs. Doyle....."
Miss Gartmell....."	Miss B. Trevarthen....."
" Van Norman....."	" M. Howitt....."
" Lou Pcat....."	Mrs. Wm. Graham.....Galt
Mrs. J. Orchard.....Brantford	" Goldie....."
" R. Shenston....."	" J. B. Keagey.....Dundas
" Thompson.....St. Thomas	" Somerville....."
" A. B. Youmans....."	" Drury.....Listowell
Miss Scott....."	Miss Ward.....Niagara Falls
" Reddick.....Chatham	Mrs. Walker.....Port Credit
Mrs. Troutman.....Toronto	Miss Myrtle Shaw....."
" Rose....."	" Cavan....."
" McFarlane.....Toronto	Mrs. Pendergast.....Seaforth
" Jarman....."	" Wm. McIntyre.....Tiverton
" Farley....."	" Brook.....Campden
" Purkiss....."	" Smith....."
" Kellock.....Spencerville	" Chrysler.....St. George
" Switzer.....Richmond Hill	Miss Elliott....."
" Wylie....."	Mrs. Wait....."

Miss Sanderson	"	Mrs. Parlow....."
" Trench....."	"	" Smith.....Burlington
Mrs. Hough.....Thorold	"	" Crosby....."
" Dalglish....."	"	Miss H. Foster.....St. Catharines
" Hindley.....Barrie	"	" M. Phelps....."
" Bremner....."	"	Mrs. J. C. Budd.....Guelph
" Shortreed....."	"	" Raymond....."
" Alex. Morrow....."	"	" Kidner.....London
" Bingham.....Berlin	"	" J. Darch....."
Miss Weaver....."	"	" W. D. Ballantyne.....Pembroke
Mrs. Ross.....Brockville	"	" Gray.....St. Catharines
" Duffin.....Fonthill	"	" Fulford.....Teeswater
" Comfort....."	"	" Ross.....Bluevale
Miss Chappell....."	"	" Gray.....Eglington
" Stone....."	"	" Stibbard....."
Mrs. Blair.....Prescott	"	" Abbs.....Georgetown
" Coates....."	"	" Bennett....."
" Keating.....Newburg	"	Miss Harrison....."
" Freeman.....Listowell	"	Mrs. Pratt.....Hamilton
" Stouffer.....Stouffville	"	" Cowan.....Gananoque
Miss Willmott....."	"	" Byers....."

A message was received from Mrs. L. Youmans, sending greetings, and stating that she could not be present till Thursday as she was engaged in Scott Act work. The message was received by the Convention standing.

Mrs. Fawcett, the Corresponding Secretary, then presented the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

The rapid flight of time has brought us again together in Convention. We are here to review the work of the year, to strengthen and encourage each other for future work.

In presenting the seventh annual report it is most gratifying to know that the interest has been steadily increasing during the year, and that those actively engaged in the work have been untiring in their efforts to promote its advancement, and as a result of all this activity and energy more work has been undertaken and accomplished than in any previous year.

The work began early in the year by sending out petitions for circulation by the local unions, asking the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education of the Province, that "Scientific Temperance instruction be introduced into the Public and High Schools of the Province."

These petitions were widely circulated by the local unions, and 4,433 names were secured.

Two copies of report of last year were beautifully bound in morocco and sent, one to the Marchioness of Landdowne, the other to Mrs. Peverley Robinson, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, both of which were promptly acknowledged, with kindly expressions of sympathy in our work and thanks to the Executive.

A Floral Basket was presented to the mover and seconder of the resolution in favor of Total Prohibition. Replies will be read from each of them acknowledging the gift.

Later in the year the medical profession were again approached, and memorials were sent to the Ontario Medical Association and the Toronto Medical Society. Replies were received from the secretaries of these associations (which will be read in report of Committee), but the result was not all that was desired.

Our work as Christian women was brought before the different denominations of Christian ministers in their yearly Assemblies, Synods, Unions and Conferences. Replies were received from the Presbyterian Synod of Montreal and Ottawa; from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada; from the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec; from the Anglican Church Diocese of Niagara and the Diocese of Ontario, (this last accompanied by a copy of "Journal of Synod") also from the London and Guelph Conferences of the Methodist Church. These replies were all most cordial assuring the Ontario W. C. T. U. of their thorough appreciation of the work being done and promising them their hearty sympathy and co-operation.

We come now to the work of the local unions. At the last annual meeting it was decided that each local union should report quarterly. Accordingly Schedules were prepared and sent by the Corresponding Secretary each quarter. The year began with thirty-six unions, but before the close of the first quarter there were forty-one, and that number of Schedules were sent out, twenty-six sent returns.

During the second quarter forty-three were issued, and returns came from thirty-three. A larger number were sent the third quarter and forty-six were heard from. The number kept steadily increasing, and the last quarter nine-five were sent to as many unions and fifty-four sent returns.

It will be seen from these returns that several auxiliaries have been organized during the year. We rejoice in the addition to our number, and the widespread influence this addition gives us, and to-day we gladly welcome the newly organized to our number, and bid them "God speed" in the work they have undertaken.

The year began with thirty-six auxiliaries, now we have ninety-five. Our membership then was seven hundred, and now at the close we are able to report over two thousand.

Much of this increase is due to the County Superintendents, who many of them have good reports to present. However, in more than one instance ladies have written for constitutions and organized without assistance from their County Superintendents.

One thousand seven hundred and twenty meetings have been held, with an average attendance of twelve.

One hundred and sixteen thousand, one hundred and five pages of literature have been distributed.

Last year there were twenty-nine Bands of Hope and Juvenile unions reported. Now only thirty are reported. This is to be regretted, as the children of to-day are the men and women of the future.