

monthly, even at those meetings the average attendance is small; in addition we have held one mass meeting, which was very largely attended and at which we realized a collection of \$20.

Since the dreadful fire, which in the course of half-an-hour's time, swept our city of Vancouver out of existence, our meetings have not been resumed till this month. Before that event we were making arrangements for opening a temperance reading-room and coffee house in October, and had been ably assisted in our efforts by large contributions of literature towards our library, which with all other things perished in the flames. However, we hope to be able to carry out our plans in the near future. Our field of labor is a singularly hard one, for in Vancouver alone there are over forty licensed liquor saloons.

Mrs. Trimble and Miss Harte were appointed to organize a Band of Hope there, but for some reasons not known they were not successful.

The Moodyville Band of Hope is in good standing condition, and meets regularly every month.

On account of the many duties of the superintendent and assistant Mrs. Thain, the meetings cannot be held oftener.

We have appropriated \$10 for literature during the past six months.

There seems a want of interest among the members. We trust new interest and sympathy will be enlisted through the eloquent appeals of the talented lecturer, Mrs. Youmans, whom we expect to have with us for a few evenings ere her departure from this province.

Temperance and religious literature has been distributed among the logging-camps and on the ships.

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REPORT OF THE YEAR'S WORK OF THE W. C. T. U., OF MAPLE RIDGE.

In reality our work is incomplete; it not yet being twelve months since our last report. Still we have not been idle these last ten months but have earnestly tried to exert our puny strength against the tide of intemperance; and though we sometimes feel as though we had changed places with the old lady, who with her broom, endeavored to sweep back the waves of the Atlantic, yet we have kept up interest and hope in the knowledge that we have at least swept one or two tiny drops into oblivion.

Our meetings are held regularly on the first Wednesday of each month; and though the attendance is not always what we might wish it to be, it is not owing to lack of interest in our work but rather to long distances to be traveled, and to home cares and duties that cannot always be put aside for an afternoon. Many of our members are mothers of small children; and while we are sure of their sympathy and earnest co-operation, we can not be certain of their regular attendance at the meetings.

Our membership at present numbers 15.

Six Gospel Temperance meetings have been held and well attended; as the result of these meetings 14 signed the pledge; and if all did not find the strength to keep inviolate this promise, we know that under all they are friends of the temperance cause and would gladly see its success.

We entered a complaint to the Licensing Court against an illegal license at Port Haney, which eventually resulted in the abolishment of the saloon.

No more licenses have been granted.

It is much to be deplored that liquor is so extensively sold from the steamers on boat nights; also that enemies of the temperance cause are selling without license, secretly of course—or openly "giving away" liquor at all times.