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Letters of Incorporation.

Province of Ontario, County of York, to-wit:

We, Addie Chisholm, of the City of Ottawa, in the County of Carleton, married woman; Roberta E. Tilton, of Ottawa, aforesaid, married woman; Annie O. Rutherford, of the Town of Brockville in the County of Leeds, married woman; Mary Wiley, of the Village of Richmond Hill, in the County of York, married woman; Phæbe C. Brethour, of the City of Brantford, in the County of Brant, married woman; and Amelia M. Cowan, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, widow; all being persons of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare as follows:

1. That we desire and intend hereby to become incorporated under the Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies, being Chapter 167 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, under the name and for the purposes hereinafter set out.

2. The intended corporate name of the society is "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario."

The purposes of the society are as follows: To unitedly array the Christian Women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage; to educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue; to impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind or in any form; to gather statistics, facts and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of Temperance; to labor individually for the inebriate, the liquor seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns, hitherto unreached and uncared for; to give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influences with which they are surrounded; to heartily co-operate with other Temperance Societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other Society or Association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure more advanced and stringent legislation on this subject; to strive by every means in our power to secure the thorough enforcement of the Temperance laws we already possess.

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8. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, hereunto annexed, shall be in force until altered or amended as herein before or therein provided.

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Witness my hand this 15th day of January, A.D. 1887, at my Chambers in the Court House; Toronto.

JOSEPH E. MCDUGALL,
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Filed 15th of January, 1887, in the office of the Provincial Registrar.

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- Press—Miss C. Campbell, Collingwood.
- Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Watson, Everett.
- Franchise—Mrs. Lawrence, Orillia.
- Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. F. M. Smith, Barrie.
- Narcotics—Miss Watt, Orillia.
- Parlor Meetings—Miss M. Miller, Orillia.
- Purity—Mrs. Tracey, Minesing.
- Juvenile—Mrs. Stacey, Alliston.
- Sailors—Mrs. Bassett, Collingwood.
- Systematic Giving—Miss Mitchell, Alliston.
- Woman's Journal—Mrs. Richardson, Orillia.

STORMONT.

PRESIDENT—

COR. SEC.—Mrs. S. M. Warner.

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SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

- Evangelistic—Miss Duval, Newington.
- Lord's Day Observance—Mrs. (Rev.) Wright, Berwick.
- Fair—Mrs. M. M. Jardine, Newington.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. C. B. Bigelow, Cornwall.
Parlor Meetings—Mrs. D. A. McKenzie, Moulinette.
Juvenile—Miss B. Moss, Moulinette.
Narcotics—Mrs. (Dr.) Munro, Newington.
Franchise—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall.

TORONTO.

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Sailors—Mrs. Emory, 125 Baldwin st.
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Hygiene and Heredity—Dr. E. J. Sherrick, 176 Jameson ave.
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Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Walker, 10 Phœbe st.
Fair—Mrs. Carlyle, Cor. Bloor and Dovercourt Road, Mrs. Hilborn, 74 Brunswick ave.
Press—Miss N. Wilson, 5 Lowther ave., Miss L. Shepherd, 20 Lowther
Woman's Journal—Mrs. Fisher, 59 Dunn ave., Parkdale. (ave.)
Young Woman's Work and Work Among Young People—
Sabbath Observance—Mrs. Savage, 245 North Lisgar st.
Sabbath Schools—Mrs. Lytle, 42 Pembroke st.
Systematic Giving—
Flower, Fruit, and Delicacy Mission—Miss C. Cook, 1218 Young st.
Narcotics—Mrs. Mason, 42 Gloucester st.
Juvenile and Domestic—
Kitchen Garden—Miss Faircloth, 59 Blueker st.
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Band of Hope—Mrs. Ward, 258 Bathurst st. (Bloor st., East.)
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Gospel Tent Work—Mrs. Forster, 2 Carleton st.
Work Among Colored People—Mrs. Thompson, 317 Jarvis st.
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Mrs. Moffatt, 38 Metcalf st.
Miss B. Williamson, 21 Suffolk Place.
Miss L. Harris, 15 Bismark ave.

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Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

COR. SEC.—Miss M. Dixon, Galt.

TREASURER—Miss Bessie Elliott, Galt.

SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Evangelistic—Mrs. A. Cant, Galt.
 Fairs—Mrs. Wm. Cole, Galt.
 Legislation—Mrs. Bennett, Galt.
 Flower Mission—Mrs. Weaver, Berlin.
 Franchise—Mrs. Roat, Berlin.
 Narcotics—Mrs. Thomas, Ayr.
 Lumbermen—Miss Cant, Galt.
 Parlor Meetings—Miss Milroy, Galt.
 Press—Mrs. Wm. Elliott, Galt.
 Prisons and Police—Mrs. Dunke, Berlin.
 Juvenile Work—Mrs. John Adair, Galt.
 Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Hunt, Preston.
 Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Jas. Cavers, Galt.
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 Lord's Day Observance—Miss S. McNally, Blair.
 Sailor's Work—Mrs. D. P. Lee, Galt.

WELLINGTON.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Maddock, Guelph.

COR. SEC.—Mrs. Beatty, Fergus.

TREASURER—Miss C. Skinner, Guelph.

SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Juvenile—Miss Smith, Guelph.
 Flower Mission—Mrs. Mullen, Fergus.
 Narcotics—Mrs. Rogers, Guelph.
 Evangelistic—Mrs. Forster, Palmerston.
 Press—Mrs. Westervelt, Mt. Forest.
 Franchise—Mrs. Whalley, Arthur.
 Sabbath Observance—Mrs. Harris, Guelph.
 Scientific Temperance—Mrs. Bolton, Belwood.

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COR. SEC.—Mrs. J. E. Young, Niagara Falls South.

TREASURER—Mrs. F. J. Quinn, Port Colborne.

SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Unfermented Wine—Mrs. F. M. Hagar, Welland.
 Evangelistic—Miss Addie Teskey, Welland.
 Juvenile—Mrs. Eckhardt, Ridgeville.
 Narcotics—
 Education—

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Cardinal	" Geo. McArthur	Mrs. Peter Adams jr.
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	N. Hamilton	
Oakville	" (Rev.) John Kay	Miss Barbara Stonehouse.
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Foxboro	" A. Benedict	Mrs. Fred Rote.
Belleville	Miss M. Holden	" E. P. Murrell.
Tweed	" B. F. Comer	Miss McKelvie.
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Cayuga	" Annie Parker	Mrs. V. E. Brandreth.
Dunnville Y.B.	" J. A. Cook (convener)	
Hagersville	" Martin	" John Scott.
Oshweken	" White	Miss N. L. White.
HURON—	Mrs. (Rev.) Goffin, Wingham	Mrs. Alex. Ross, Wingham.
Goderich	" Watson	" Colin Campbell.
Wingham	" (Rev.) Goffin	" Alex. Ross.
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Clinton	" Biddlecombe	" Wm. Harland.
Blyth	" Miles Young	" (Dr.) Tait.
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		Wallaceburg.
Dresden	" Ribble	" W. Ward.
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Chatham	" Alex. Hall	" M. Cartier.
Salem	" Fauser, Tupperville	Miss Hattie Lynch.
		Wallaceburg.
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Thamesville	" E. Graves	" W. McKenzie.
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Homer.....	Mrs. John Wilson.....	" Nettie Cole.
Camden.....	" Mary Albright.....	Mrs. Anna Moyer.
LANARK—	Mrs. J. M. Clark, Smith's Falls	Mrs. S. S. Merrick, Carleton Place.
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Perth.....	Miss Riddell.....	" A. Devlin.
Playfair.....	" C. M. Playfair.....	Miss Maud Playfair.
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Almonte.....	" P. C. McGregor.....	Miss J. Ross.
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Wyoming.....	" W. Jones.....	" C. H. Smith.
Forest.....	" M. Govenlock.....	" J. K. Matken.
Alvinston.....	" L. I. Hunt.....	" Geo. Gillard.
Petrolia.....	" Jno. McHattie.....	Miss Janet Harley.
Sarnia.....	" E. J. Lawrence.....	Mrs. K. P. Watson
Watford.....	" W. McLeay.....	" B. Loury.
Sombra.....	" C. J. Green.....	Miss Laura Whitely
Copleston.....	" Parker.....	Mrs. R. Dupee.
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Lyn.....	" R. McReady.....	Miss C. S. Wilson.
Lansdowne.....	" (Rev.) Fairley.....	Mrs. T. A. Bradley.
Gananoque.....	" B. O. Britton.....	" D. C. Cowan.
Lake Elvida.....	" Lydia Barnes, Athens P.O.	" V. L. Mackie
Athens.....	" A. Blanchard.....	" C. C. Slack.
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London.....	Mrs. D. A. McDermid, 434 Dufferin ave	" Wm. Heaman, 461 York st.
Glencoe.....	" Hopkins.....	" McKinnon.
Wood Green.....	" Wm. Weekes, Glencoe.	" L. J. Cooke.
Napier.....	" Bowlby.....	" C. Calvert
Thorndale.....	" J. Dawson.....	" O. D. Cornell.
Strathroy.....	" J. Heard.....	Miss Henderson.
Mt. Brydges.....	Miss B. Pilkey.....	
Iderton.....	" Sara Allen.....	Mrs. A. C. Attwood, Vanneck
MUSKOKA—	Mrs. George Hutcheson, Huntsville.	
Windermere.....	" Forge.....	Mrs. Fralick.
Huntsville.....	" J. N. Boyd.....	" W. E. Hutcheson.
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Whitby	Miss Starr	" R. J. Mitchell.
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Verschoyle	Miss Gertrude Bell	Miss Sarah Nanckivell.
Embros	Mrs. G. McKay	" Grinton, Ingersoll
Norwich	" Alice Vonvalkenburg ..	" A. E. Polden,
Tilsonburg	" Anna Dean Brown	Mrs. Jos. Clark.
Tilsonburg "Y"	" B. D. Livingston	Miss C. Johnston.
Salford	" S. Gregg	Mrs. W. K. Newton.
Brownsville	" Annie C. Brown	" Wm. Foster.
Otterville	" Ware	" Parks.
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Listowel	Miss Edmunds	" W. M. Bruce.
Millbank	Mrs. Babb	
Mitchell	" J. S. Coppin	" J. Hurlburt.
St. Mary's	Miss Moscrip	" Hooper.
Stratford	" Jean Wilson	Miss Lizzie Ballard.
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Peterboro'		Mrs. W. C. Thomas.
Havelock	Mrs. Thorpe	" T. Haskill.
PEEL—	Mrs. Ida Lynd, Port Credit..	Miss Clara Neelands, Brampton.
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Brampton	" M. L. Center	" Clara Neelands.
Caledon East	" Sanders	" M. Parsons.
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Arnprior	" S. Caldwell	" S. A. McEwan.
Renfrew	Miss Burton	Miss Edith Airth.
Cobden	Mrs. J. R. Sproule	Mrs. Jas. Humphries.
Greenwood	" Hurst, Pembroke	" Whitmore, Alva.
Pembroke	" Fenton	" Angus.
Eganville	" McKenzie	Miss Eva M. Lowe.
Beachburg	" Jno. Brown	Mrs. Tredrea.
RUSSELL—	Miss Edith Pangborn, Rockland	
Rockland "Y"	" Edith Pangborn	Miss Emily Smith.
South Indian	Mrs. Church	
Vars	Miss Byrnes	
SIMCOE—	Mrs. S. G. E. McKee, Barrie	Mrs. R. Gibson, Barrie.
Barrie	" S. G. E. McKee	" S. L. Rogerson.
Orillia	" C. J. Miller	" S. J. Secord.
Collingwood	" H. Birnie	" E. S. Aylsworth.
Alliston	" Mary Stacy	Miss Jeanie Wilson.
Elmvale	" Shaw	Mrs. Greenlaw.
Minesing	" S. Jacobs	Mrs. Standen.
Midland	" J. Elliott	Miss Lula Patterson.
Wyebridge	" McRae	" Leila Gardiner.
STORMONT—		Mrs. S. M. Warner.
Cornwall	Mrs. R. Binnie	" C. B. Bigelow.
Moulinette	Miss Bella Moss	" D. A. McKenzie.
Avonmore	Mrs. Jas. McDiarmid	" D. McDermid.
Newington	Miss M. A. Duval	" M. M. Jardine.
Wales	Mrs. A. Grant	" J. R. Manning.
Aultsville	" Morgan	" A. F. Nash.
Gravel Hill	" J. A. McEwen, (Warina P.O.)	Miss Kate Marjerison, Gravel Hill.
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Central	" Spence, 351 Ontario st.	" Robertson, 35 Sussex ave.
Western	" Fletcher, 32 Lansdowne Ave., Parkdale	" Mrs. Bulman, 127 Gwinn st.
Parkdale	" Bascom, 1339 King st. West	" Abercrombie, 17 Cunningham ave.
Willard	" (Dr.) Chamberlain, 615 Spadina Ave.	" Pease, 50 Major st.
Bathurst	" Ward, 258 Bathurst st.	" Burns, 366 Bathurst st.
Gordon	" Vance, 143 Shuter st.	" Forfar, 212 Carlton st.
Deer Park		Miss Shepherd, 186 Coltingham st.

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Youmans.....	" Harris, Davenport P.O.	" Relf, 61 Perth ave.
Creighton	" Almond, 36 Olive ave..	" Cameron, 190 Ossington ave.
Eastern.....	" Ayers, 40 Bolton ave..	" Anderson, 720 Gerrard st. East.
Central " Y"...	Dr. E. L. Skinner, 492 Yonge st.	Miss McMullin, 7 Murray st.
Western "	Miss McKay, 57 Fenning st.	" Honnisett, cor. Crawford & Lobb sts.
Lytle Union.....	Mrs. Foster, 443 Sumach st..	Mrs. McFaul, 197 Carlton st.
Parkdale " Y" ..	Miss Odell, 162 Dunn ave...	Miss Griffin, 52 Beattie ave.
Bascom "	Mrs. Somerville, 493 King st. East	Mrs. Cahighan, 12 Sumach st.
Dovercourt " ..	Miss Bowman, 253 Delaware ave.	Miss A. Bowman, 253 Delaware ave.
Northern "	" L. Harris, 15 Bismark ave.	" G. Williamson, 60 Isabella st.
Bathurst "	" Stanton, 341 Bathurst st.	" J. Findlay, 374 Bathurst st.
Brock Ave	Mrs. (Rev) E. F. Paull, 633 Lansdowne ave.	" B. Bowman, 556 Ossington ave.
VICTORIA—	Mrs. E. Sharp, Lindsay.....	
Lindsay.....	" E. Sharp.....	Mrs. Peter Mitchell
WENTWORTH—	Mrs. Pratt, 6 East ave. N, Hamilton	" Byron Smith, 80 Robin- son st., Hamilton.
Central.....	" Pratt, 6 East ave. N, Hamilton	" Soper, 369 Bay st N. Hamilton.
Hamilton.....	" J. C. Bale, 255 Victoria ave. N.....	" B. Smith, 80 Robinson st.
Youmans..	" J. Waters, 57 West ave. N.....	" Henderson, 88 Merrick st.
Willard (African)	" (Rev.) Crosby, 116 John St. N.	" Lucy Doston, 95 Oak ave. N.
Central " Y" ..	" T. H Pratt, 6 East ave. N.	Miss Isabel Burrows, 78 Hunter st. W.
Eastern "	" Gordon, 164 Mary st...	Mrs. E. Moore, 33 James st. S.
Youman's " Y" ..	" Keagey.....	" (Dr) Smith.
Dundas	Miss Sadie Bowes, 42 Liberty st	Miss Jennie Harvey, 38 Wellington st. S.
Waterdown.....	Mrs. Ryckman.....	
WELLAND—	Miss Lillian Phelps, St. Catharines	Mrs. Young, Niagara Falls S.
Port Colborne...	Mrs. J. McCullogh.....	" F. J. Quin.
Welland.....	Miss A. Teskey	" O. H. Garner.
Fonthill.....	Mrs. Eckhardt, Ridgeville...	Miss M. E. Stone. Ridgeville.
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Mt. Forest.....	" Gilroy.....	" Reid.

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Belwood	" Currie	" Bolton.
Palmerston	" (Dr.) Forster	" (Rev.) Aull.
Guelph	" Kelly	" Musselman.
Fergus	" Templin	" G. Beatty.
Arthur	" Magee	
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Ayr	" G. E. Stewart	" F. Donaldson.
Blair	Miss Sarah McNally	Mrs. A. H. McNally.
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Oakwood	" A. Cant, Galt	" Grace Lee, Box 323 Galt.
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Waterloo	" Hagley	" M. H. Brough.
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Sutton	" Hagerman	Mrs. Rae.
Georgina Island (Indian)	" Hoidge	Miss Lizzie Big Canoe.
Bellhaven	" H. A. Winch	" A. Winch.
Newmarket	" B. Cody	Mrs. A. Cody.
Weston	" H. E. Irwin	" A. B. Moffatt,
Toronto Junction	" Wilkinson	" Bamber.
Richmond Hill	" Switzer	Miss French.
Stouffville	" Harland	Mrs. Flint.
Schomberg	" W. Pinkerton	Miss Etha Hughes.
Eglington	" Moore	" Garshall.
Bradford	" J. L. Bemrose	Mrs. Garrett.
Thornhill	" F. C. Keam	" C. E. Humberstone, .. Newton Brook
Keswick	Miss R. Gibson	" S. E. Morton.
East Toronto and Little York	Mrs. Davidson	Miss McClure.

MINUTES

—OF—

The Sub-Executive Meeting.

The Provincial Sub-Executive met in Toronto April 4th, 6th and 7th. Present: Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. Cavers, Mrs. Wiley and Miss MacArthur. On account of severe illness in the home Mrs. Saunby was unable to be present. Through the kindness of Mrs. Brownell the sessions were all held at 33 St. Mary St. In the absence of her sister, Mrs. Brownell was asked to act as secretary of the committee. Meeting opened with a season of prayer in which all present took part.

DOMINION SYSTEMATIC GIVING DEPARTMENT. The Dominion Systematic Giving plan was then taken up and thoroughly discussed. All communications upon it being read and carefully considered. The committee adhered to the opinion they had previously formed by correspondence, viz.: that while it did not appear to them a wise policy for the Dominion Union to appeal direct to local Unions, without the sanction of the Provincial, but as preparations had been fully made before the matter was mentioned to the Provincial Sub-Executive it was best for the scheme to go through this year, providing only that it be launched at a time when it would not interfere with the Lumberman's fund. The committee felt that the wisdom and validity of this method of appeal should be settled by convention, thus relieving the officers of future responsibility.

WORLD'S MISSIONARY. The President then read a letter from the Dominion President, Mrs. Rutherford, re Mr. J. H. Ramsay's plan for the support of a World's missionary. Mrs. Rutherford's thought was that a portion of the collection taken on the Day of Prayer be set apart for this object. The committee approved the idea but thought the date of the day should be changed on account of its proximity to the municipal elections. They suggested Miss Willard's Memorial day. Committee adjourned to meet in the afternoon.

DEPARTMENT HYGIENE AND HEREDITY. 2 p. m. Miss Murray, by invitation of the committee, called to talk over the interests of her Department. Many points were presented and discussed. It was decided to supply Miss Murray with \$1.00 worth of White Shield Manuals, to be distributed where she

thought them needed. At Miss Murray's request a set of Mrs. Wood-Allens small books and pamphlets were ordered for Miss Wiggins, to be used as samples in her organizing work.

THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL. A letter from the Dominion President, editor *Woman's Journal*, showed the paper to be in great need of wider support. After discussion it was decided to issue an executive circular, urging greater efforts in the extension of its circulation. Some necessary information re the Franchise petitions, etc, was to be included in the circular.

GERMAN LIQUOR BILL. The action of the President in sending the following telegram to the Premier, while Mr. Gorman's Bill to amend the License Act was before the Ontario House, was approved :

TO THE HON. A. S. HARDY :

"Ontario W. C. T. U. enters its earnest protest against the passage of Bill 235 re sale of liquors on election days, and to travellers on Sundays, and trusts that the measure will not receive the assent of the House."

RESOLUTION RE PLEBISCITE, calling upon Parliament to respect and obey the mandate of the electorate was ordered drafted and forwarded to Dominion House, newspapers, etc.

THURSDAY MORNING.—Opening exercises.

PROVINCIAL CIRCULARS were then taken up and several recommendations made concerning them.

Recommended :

1. That a regular order of succession be arranged and published at the beginning of the year. This would enable local unions to print their programs for some months ahead, if so desired. A draft, subject to future revision, was drawn up for consideration at convention.
2. That every Provincial Superintendent be urged to engage actively in the furtherance of her department in the local union to which she belongs, and to present, through her circulars, only such plans as have been tested and proved.
3. That when a Superintendent has no new plans or interesting information to impart, she be asked to stir up her fellow-workers by a letter in the *Journal*, instead of issuing a circular.

Pleasure was expressed at the marked improvement exhibited in the recent circulars.

NARCOTIC DEPARTMENT. This year's circular, containing far-reaching and important plans, was read in manuscript. During its consideration Mrs. Waters of Hamilton, Provincial Super-

intendent, arrived, and with the committee went carefully over the points raised. Some alterations and amendments were made. It was decided to recommend that anti-cigarette petitions be circulated next year, and that preparations for such campaign begin this year. As the suggestions are all embodied in the circular they need not be repeated.

Mrs. Pugsley, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Brownell of Toronto were named a committee to investigate the extent of the use of cigarettes by girls in their city.

Committee adjourned.

2.30. After opening exercises a letter from Mr. Rutherford, re account of Ontario Provincial with Woman's Journal, was read. On motion it was decided to continue the arrangement existing with Miss Scott, by which the Ontario Directory was published once a month.

FAIR WORK. Mrs. Hilborne's arrival introduced the question of a W. C. T. U. exhibit at the Paris Exhibition in 1900. The opinion prevailed that it was better to wait until after Dominion Convention and find what plans were there adopted before formulating any in Ontario.

Recommended—That Mrs. Hilborne write the Corresponding Secretary's of all County Unions, requesting that opportunity for the distribution of Franchise literature at Fairs, be brought to the attention of local workers. The use of a special leaflet for this purpose, was to be advised, if it could be procured for publication.

PROVINCIAL ORGANIZER. Three letters from Miss Wiggins, containing a number of plans and questions, were read and discussed. The committee considered that the arrangement made with Miss Wiggins at the Ottawa convention (see page 182 last year's report) had worked so satisfactorily they were justified in renewing it, according to permission given. The Organizers' trip to Manitoba was approved and its financial bearing on the Ontario engagement settled.

Recommended—That if found necessary, when the Franchise petitions are presented to the Ontario House, to have some one daily on hand to further the interests of the petitioners, the Provincial Superintendent be asked to undertake this work and her salary be not interrupted thereby.

Other questions were discussed and the Corresponding Secretary asked to communicate with Miss Wiggins.

TEMPERANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL. The arrival of Mrs. Wrigley introduced the above Department. Some very important

changes, not in the interest of temperance, were threatened by the approaching International Sunday School Convention. Mrs. Wrigley was requested to send official letters to the Canadian section of the Sunday School Committee, and to personally interview or write delegates to the Convention. In company with Mrs. Cavers, the Superintendent, was asked to visit the Secretary of the Provincial Sunday School Association and in other ways do all possible to prevent any retrograde step in her department.

After an examination of samples of Quarterly Temperance leaflets, prepared by the Connecticut Temperance Union, and receipt of a report from Mrs. Wrigley embodying the opinions of prominent Ontario Sunday School workers, the probable cost of publication, the sources of help in preparation, etc.

Recommended—that the publication of an Ontario Sunday School Temperance Quarterly leaflet be brought to the attention of the Guelph Convention.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS. Mrs. Pugsley, Provincial Superintendent Legislation, had been requested by Executive vote to act in conjunction with Mrs. Brownell in furthering a resolution passed by the Ottawa Convention. After interviewing Hon. Jno. Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr. Hodson, Superintendent Farmers Institutes, the committee reported that the plan would not be adopted for the present, but some valuable suggestions had been made by Mr. Hodson. The committee were asked to continue their work along the lines proposed by Mr. Hodson.

Mrs. Pugsley was requested to write Mr. Hodson, thanking him for his interest in woman's work.

FRANCHISE PETITIONS. A letter from Miss Wiggins, re the date of the returns of the petitions, resulted in a motion setting June 15th as the limit for rural sections and small towns and villages, but extending the time, for large towns and cities, through the summer.

Committee adjourned.

APRIL 7TH—Opened with prayer by the President.

A communication from the Provincial Superintendent of Soldiers' work took up considerable time. The project it unfolded in the interest of the Department was considered both timely and gravely important.

WORK AMONGST SOLDIERS. The Superintendent thought the time opportune for a movement against beer in the canteens of military encampments, and liquors of all sorts in military schools and the Barracks of the Mounted Police. The successful at-

tempt at their prohibition in the States would give an impetus to such an undertaking here. After discussion the following decisions were reached.

1. That a circular, in the form of an anti-canteen exercise, be prepared and sent to the unions.
2. That each Union be asked to write Hon. Fred Borden, Minister of Militia, appealing against the use of liquors on encampments, in schools, etc., and that they secure, if possible, the promise of a few similar communications from prominent men in their neighborhood.
3. That the Provincial Superintendent write all large gatherings of Church, Temperance or Missionary workers, asking co-operation in this warfare against the sale of intoxicants under military protection.
4. That to be in a position to present to the public the facts in the case, and the opinions of eminent military authorities, a brief leaflet be prepared for general distribution.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE. The receipt of some helpful literature for distribution amongst the unions was acknowledged.

DOMINION ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES were appointed. Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. Wiley, Mrs. Waters of Hamilton and Mrs. Pugsley of Toronto.

PRISON REFORM. A communication from the Superintendent resulted in a suggestion that the County unions be asked, at the County meetings, to pass resolutions favoring the establishment of a Provincial Inebriate Asylum and to forward copies of such pronouncements to the members representing the constituencies contained in the county, and the Government.

HIGH LICENSE. A consideration of the present standing of the Temperance question resulted in a decision to send to the Unions the following: Should High License or Government ownership of the Liquor Traffic become an issue, a strongly worded warning against these compromising delusions.

Committee adjourned.

Afternoon, 2.30—Opening exercises. Letters from Dr. Day Smith, Mr. Leckie and Mrs. McKee were read.

CURFEW BELL. Mrs. McKee's proposal to again write all Municipal Councils asking a better enforcement of existing legislation and urging action where none had been taken, was approved.

Arrangements for Guelph Convention were then taken up and occupied the remainder of the afternoon.

Committee adjourned at 4.30.

INTERIM MINUTES

—OF—

The Decisions of the Sub-Executive

BY CORRESPONDENCE.

November 14th, 1898.

Owing to a difficulty in securing anyone to act in the capacity of Co-President for Halton, Mrs. Pratt of Hamilton was officially requested to oversell the work in that locality.

November 16th.

At the close of Convention Mrs. T. S. Johnston of London and Mrs. Wrigley of Toronto expressed a wish to exchange departments, that they might each have charge of the work in which they had the most experience. Consent was given and Mrs. Johnston was appointed Superintendent of Sabbath Observance and Mrs. Wrigley accepted the department of Temperance in Sunday School.

November 18th.

Miss Wiggins Provincial Y Superintendent suggested the adoption of a Department of work amongst Young People. Three votes were taken, November 18th, again November 18th, and 29th.

The Sub Executive did not feel themselves competent to thus enlarge the field of Provincial workers, but concluded to ask Miss Forman of Stratford to be Miss Wiggins' assistant and turn her energies towards work through, and in Young Peoples' Christian Societies.

November 18th.

Mrs. Sproule of Vars was appointed President of Russel County.

November 26th, 1898.

The appointment of Convener of the resolution Committee was overlooked at Convention.

By vote of Sub Executive Mrs. C. B. Bigelow was appointed.

November 28th.

At Miss Wiggins' suggestion Miss Lilla M. Scott, of Toronto was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Franchise.

December 5th.

It was decided that the Provincial Union should pay the expenses incurred by Provincial District Superintendents in forwarding supplies to lumber camps, and that Miss Fisher be requested to emphasize throughout the year the fact that Local Unions should prepay their supplies and County Unions defray the expenses of County Superintendents.

December 5th.

That an allowance of \$25.00 be made to the two Superintendents of colored work, these funds are required that they might visit conferences and gatherings of colored people.

December 19th.

Recognizing the good work done by Dr. Youmans in Ontario, the Sub Executive unanimously decided to send her a testimonial witnessing to her ability as a Temperance and Social Purity Worker.

December 19th.

The Superintendent of Franchise was authorized to arrange for the publication of two leaflets, one setting forth briefly, objections to suffrage, and the other showing the disabilities under which Canadian Women labor for lack of the ballot.

December 19th, 1898.

Decided to get out an organization Circular stating clearly Miss Wiggins relationship to the work and recommending her to County Presidents Local Unions, ect.

December 19th.

The Provincial Superintendent of Franchise was authorized to get out two petitions, one for men, and one for women, both having the following heading: "We believe in equal suffrage for men and women"

On December 21st, February 3rd and 14th, votes were taken but the decisions arrived at are summed up in the minutes of the Sub Executive and therefore need not be repeated.

January 4th, 1899.

By unanimous vote it was decided that a circular addressed directly to the lumbermen and written by the Provincial Superin-

tendent would be a wise use of funds contributed to this department.

This suggestion originally came from the Provincial Superintendent Miss Fisher, but she was too busy to take advantage of this favorable vote.

January 10th, 1899

Miss Sproule was authorized to purchase with provincial funds some French and Italian portions of the New Testament, for distribution amongst mining camps in her district. Same not to exceed \$2.00.

January 10th.

Believing it would be a help to the Narcotic department if Mrs. Waters' pledge were circulated in connection with Union work; it was decided to send out a sample copy with Mrs. Waters' Narcotic Circular to each Local Union.

January 4th.

In regard to the suggested project that Ontario should unite with other Provinces to support Mrs Large as the Canadian World's Missionary, it was decided to postpone action until the Spring Sub Executive.

January 10th and 23rd.

Two votes were taken for Provincial Superintendent of Social Purity.

January 10th and 23rd.

Mrs. Switzer of Richmond Hill was elected, but declined to serve. It was February before this was known, and it was then thought too late to prosecute a further search for a Superintendent, the feeling being expressed that the department had better remain open than be unsuitably filled.

February 14th, 1899.

By vote it was decided to appoint a Commissioner for Ontario, Mrs. Hilborn was chosen. For this object a grant of \$50.00 from Provincial Funds was made to be divided in the following manner, viz. : \$15.00 for the World's Union, \$15.00 for the Dominion, \$20.00 for Ontario.

February 22nd.

It was decided to hold the Spring Sub Executive the first week in April in Toronto.

Four members of the Executive attended the York Co. School of Method held in Richmond Hill during the week.

April 12th.

An important Executive Meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance being called for April 21st, it was decided that our Provincial Superintendent of Lord's Day Observance should represent the Ontario W. C. T. U. in conjunction with Mrs. Pugsley, Provincial Superintendent of Legislation.

May 4th.

Mrs. McAlister of Watford was requested to reply to the local address of Welcome, and accepted.

January 28th.

It was decided to ask the four representatives elected by the recent Sub Executive to attend the Provincial Alliance Convention on July 11th ; their expenses to be paid.

August 23rd, 1899.

The Guelph friends expressed a desire to have Hon. J. G. Wooley for the Convention speaker. Unfortunately Mr. Wooley was otherwise engaged. A second vote left the choice between Mrs Rounds of Chicago and Mr. Samuel Dickie, editor Chicago Lever. Mrs. Rounds was unable to attend, and Mr. Dickie accepted.

September 25th.

The Dominion Convention Delegates.

It was decided to ask those counties contributing to the funds an amount of money, representative of one hundred local members, to nominate a delegate for the Halifax Convention.

September 11th.

Instead of having Provincial Superintendents send out their question forms individually, it was decided to have them printed uniformly, and despatched in one envelope from head quarters.

September 25th.

It was unanimously decided to write Mrs. Rutherford, our Dominion President, to be present at our Provincial Convention, and take part in the Tuesday night meeting.

October 4th, 1899.

Mrs. Gordon of Ottawa was requested to reply to the address of Welcome from the Mayor, Clergy, etc., and accepted.

Re Non-Alcohol Medication.

It was decided to recommend the adoption of the above department in connection with Scientific Temperance Instruction.

October 7th.

Re Schools Savings Banks.

Decided that it would not be wise to undertake this department of work at present.

Unanimously decided to drop the "Y" half-hour from the Tuesday night programme, leaving Miss Wiggins to present the question more fully at the Wednesday night prayer service.

It was decided to ask Mr. F. S. Spence of Toronto to be present on Tuesday evening and fill in the half-hour that had been intended for Y Work with an explanation of the present situation of the temperance reform.

ALICE C. SAUNBY, Secretary.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mrs. Stevens of Toronto gave notice of motion as follows:—
"I, or some one in my place will move at the next annual meeting that Article V. of the Local Constitution be changed to read thus—'The annual meeting of Local Unions shall be held not later than September 30th.'"

Miss Wiggins of Toronto gave the following notice of motion:—
"I, or some one in my place will move at the next Provincial Convention that Article II. of the Local Constitution be amended by adding these words—'Except in Y Unions where the honorary members may be given the privilege of the vote, but they shall not be eligible to office.'"

Mrs L. C. Hartley of St. Thomas gave notice of motion of the following—
"I, or some one in my place will move at the next Convention that Article IV. of the Local Constitution be amended to read thus—'Each Union shall pay to the funds of the Provincial Union, through the County or District Treasurer (in organized counties) the sum of 20 cents yearly per paying member, and to the County or District Union the sum of 10 cents per paying member,' and in Article VI. County Constitution—'Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the County or District Union at the rate of 10 cents per paying member, yearly.'"

MINUTES
—OF THE—
Meeting of Executive Board

GUELPH, OCTOBER 30, 1899.

Thirty-seven members of the Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in the parlors of the Norfolk Congregational Church at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Thornley, Provincial President, in the chair.

The meeting opened with singing, scripture-reading and prayer.

In the absence of Mrs. Saunby, the Recording Secretary, Miss Wiggins was requested to take the minutes.

The interim minutes of the Sub-Executive were read and approved.

The voting papers concerning the Systematic Giving Fund were carefully considered and the unanimous decision reached that while the motive back of the plan was highly to be commended, the Ontario Sub-Executive were wise in objecting to the principle involved in the method of its out-carrying. That calls for funds should not be made by the Dominion Union upon local unions without the consent of the Provincial Union, as otherwise the success of Provincial projects might be seriously endangered and confusion and loss entailed.

The minutes of the Sub-Executive meeting held in Toronto, April 4th—7th were read, and after a prolonged discussion of the far reaching plans they proposed were approved.

A review of the Convention program was then made. After the discussion the program was adopted subject to any necessary changes.

The Convention Committees were appointed as follows :

Credentials—Mrs. Wiley and Miss MacArthur.

Banner—Mrs. Britton and Mrs. Livingstone.

Courtesy—Mrs. Gordon Wright and Miss Laura Rose.

Resolutions—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall, convener; Mesdames McKee, Barrie; McCallum, Kingston; Waters, Hamilton; Lucas, Grimsby; Bennet, Spencerville.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Wheeler, Paris, convener; Miss MacArthur, Cornwall; Mesdames Cavers, Galt; Livingstone, Tilsonburg; Bryan, Lucknow; Stevens, Toronto; Lane, New Market; Acheson, Goderich.

Appropriation—Mesdames Pugsley, Port Dover; Lawrence, Sarnia; Wrigley, Toronto; McKee, Barrie.

Local Finance—Provincial Treasurer, Miss MacArthur, and Local Treasurer.

After a few appropriate remarks by the President, followed by prayer, the committee rose.

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MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
OF ONTARIO.

CONVENTION.
GUELPH, OCTOBER, 31st, 1899

The Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened in the Norfolk Street Congregational Church, at 9.30 a.m. The President, Mrs. Thornley, in the chair.

The Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, conducted the opening devotional exercises. After singing and the reading of the 103rd Psalm, prayer was offered by Mrs. MacCallum of Kingston, and Mrs. Gordon Wright of London.

A Secretary pro tem was called for, and Mrs. Bigelow of Cornwall was appointed.

At the roll call, all the Provincial Officers and 35 Superintendents of Departments and County Presidents answered to their names.

The Minutes of the Executive Meeting of the previous evening were read, and the motion adopted.

It was moved by Mrs. Gordon Wright, seconded by Mrs. Lucas, "that the interim minutes be taken as read."—Carried.

The following reports of departments were then read—

Work among Sailors; Juvenile work; Prison Reform and Police; Railway work; Schools of Method; Conference with Influential Bodies; Flower, Fruit and Delicacy mission; Legislation and Petitions; Curfew Bell; Press and the report of the organizer Miss Wiggins.

After an interesting, but brief discussion, of each report they were, on motion, adopted.

At this session the two little pages Misses Greta Crowe and Margery Goldie were introduced and greeted by convention.

Mrs. Fisher of Toronto was appointed convention reporter for the *Woman's Journal*, and Mrs. Acheson of Goderich for the *Montreal Witness*.

Reporters for the local papers were promised for the afternoon session.

Noontide prayer was then offered by Mrs. Asa Gordon and the meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:00 A conference on Scientific Temperance was conducted by the Superintendent Mrs. Bigelow, also one on Y work, Miss Wiggins the Superintendent in charge.

Convention assembled in the church at 2:30 the President in the chair.

The Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Gordon conducted a most helpful Bible reading. Subject "The Hands of Christ" An appropriate hymn and prayer concluded this uplifting service.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

A beautiful solo, with an inspiring chorus in which the audience joined, was rendered by Miss Ryckman.

The President then requested the Vice-President to take the chair while she delivered her annual address.

The address was listened to with profound attention and was frequently punctuated with applause.

At its close, a rising vote of thanks and prolonged applause attested to the approval with which it was received.

The annual report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiley, was read and adopted with applause.

The Treasurer's report was also read and evidenced a most careful showing of receipts and expenditures. On motion report was adopted.

Mrs. McKee moved that we place on record our appreciation of our most efficient Treasurer, Miss MacArthur. This motion was carried with a round of applause.

Rev. Mr. Weeks, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, was introduced and gave the Convention a few, well-chosen words of hearty cheer.

Announcements were made, and after a motion to adjourn had been carried the meeting closed by the the repetition of the Lord's Prayer in concert, Mrs. Cavers leading.

The Convention then repaired, *en masse*, to the basement of the First Baptist Church where a sumptuous repast was served by the ladies of Guelph.

EVENING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock the chair was taken, in the Congregational Church, by the President, Mrs. Thornley.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Waters of Hamilton, Rev. Mr. Cassidy of Guelph leading in prayer.

On behalf of the Guelph Union, Mrs. (Rev.) Weeks extended a cordial welcome to visiting delegates, to which Mrs. Lottie McAllister of Watford appropriately replied.

F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, briefly, but eloquently outlined the 20th century plan of the Alliance. A pledged league of 100,000 voters was asked for, and the help of the W. C. T. U. solicited.

Greetings were then extended by Mr. Nelson, Mayor of the city.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy, on behalf of the Ministerial Association.

Miss Hogskin, the Congregational W. M. S.

Mrs. Watt, representing the Presbyterian W. F. M. S.

Miss Baker, the Methodist W. M. S.

Mrs. Raymond, the Baptist W. F. M. S.

Mrs. Ryan, the Hamilton Branch of the W. M. S. of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. (Rev.) Harrison of Granton then gave an able address, which was listened to with marked attention.

Some rare music was furnished by two brothers whose instruments proved to be glasses partly filled with water.

The reception of greetings was then continued, Mr. Kelly representing the K. T. of T. and Dr. Ross, the Local Plebiscite League.

Mrs. Gordon of Ottawa tactfully and ably responded to all the greetings.

'Nearer my God to Thee' was played on the glasses and the meeting was dismissed by the Pastor of the Church pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY

EXECUTIVE, November 1st, 9 a.m.

The President in the chair. Opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Livingstone.

An official request from the Corresponding Secretary of the Manitoba Union, was received, asking that 50 copies each of ten of the Department circulars published by the Ontario Union, be sent as soon as issued, to her address, the same to be paid for by the Manitoba Union.

A letter of thanks for circulars sent them gratuitously was received from the British Columbia Union. Mrs. Thornley explained that some of the smaller provinces did not publish any department helps and at their own instance, and without expense to them, had been sent copies of those printed in Ontario. This could be done without additional cost to Ontario, because when the type was once set up the price was the same whether the order was for four or five hundred copies of the leaflets. It was further stated that the Dominion Union contemplated the publication of Dominion circulars. The past distribution of Ontario circulars beyond provincial borders was approved and the President authorized to continue it, unless the Dominion Union should take action at Halifax that would render this unnecessary.

CONVENTION, 9:30 a.m.

The President in the chair. Mrs. Cavers conducting the opening devotional exercises.

Minutes read and approved. A motion was made asking that the President's address be published. Mrs. Thornley objected, but as the Convention did not recede from the position, the motion was finally put and unanimously carried.

Moved by Mrs Bigelow, Secretary pro tem, and seconded by Mrs. Livingstone, that Mrs. Gordon Wright be asked to take the Secretary's work, because the mover's time was already too fully engaged. Carried. Mrs. Wright requested Mrs. Bigelow to continue till noon.

The new pages, Misses Annabel Musselman and Ettie Buchan were introduced and greeted by Convention.

The following reports of departments were then read :

Work among Africans ; Work among Soldiers ; Woman's Journal ; Unfermented Wine ; Temperance in Sabbath Schools ; Fair Work ; Systematic Giving.

After most interesting discussions each report in order was adopted.

Mrs. Britton and Mrs Fisher made appeals for Railway Men dwelling upon the great need of good literature for distribution among them. It was decided to send on their suggestions to the Dom. Plan of work through the Provincial Superintendent.

Mr. Leckie, missionary to lumbermen, was introduced and was greeted with the Chautauqua salute. He spoke briefly and retired amid applause.

The last half hour was devoted to an impressive Bible-reading given by Mrs. (Rev) Harrison of Granton.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bascome, Superintendent of the Dom. Literature Depository, thanking the Ontario W. C. T. U. for patronage.

A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Bascome for her efficient services. Announcements were made and on motion convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION

A Conference on Franchise was held at 2:00, Miss Wiggins Provincial Superintendent being in charge. At 3 p.m. the Convention proper opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs (Rev) Courtoise of Toronto.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

A communication was received and read by the Corresponding Secretary, from the Secretary of the Dom. Alliance, F. S. Spence asking that four members of the convention be appointed to act as members of the Dom. Alliance Council.

The Acceptance of this communication was moved and carried and action enjoined.

Mrs. Ryckman of Hamilton rendered in a sympathetic manner a solo entitled "I'll do what you want me to do Lord."

The following reports were then read —

Franchise ; Scientific Temperance ; Evangelistic Work ; Sabbath Observance ; Young Woman's Work ; Work among Lumbermen ; Narcotics : Parlor meetings.

After discussion these reports were adopted.

Mrs. Harrington of Guelph rendered a choice solo—"Tantum Ergo."

Miss Sproule, Missionary to Algoma, then presented her report. Her appearance on the platform was the signal for a round of applause, evidencing the appreciation in which her work is held. After an interesting discussion the report was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Donaldson of Ottawa a half-hour was devoted to the question drawer which was in charge of the President. This proved a most interesting exercise, and served to elicit much-desired information.

On motion the meeting adjourned by all joining in the Lord's prayer led by the Vice President.

Wednesday Evening.

A number of the officers and delegates spoke at the prayer services which were conducted in the different churches. The list is as follows :

1. Baptist—Rev. Dr. Weeks, pastor ; Mrs. Livingstone and Mrs. Hartley.
2. Disciples of Christ—Rev. Dr. Martin, pastor ; Mrs. McCallum Kingston, and Mrs. Waters, Hamilton.
3. Rev. McHay's Church—Mrs. Pugsley, Toronto.
4. Methodist—Rev. Mr. Cassidy, pastor ; Mrs. McKee of Barrie.
5. St. Andrew's Presbyterian—Mr. Leckie, missionary, and Mrs. Harrison of Granton.
6. Methodist—Dr. Ross, pastor ; Mrs. Gordon Wright, London, and Miss Faircloth, Toronto.

7. Congregational—Rev. Mr. Hindley, pastor; Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall, and Miss Sproule, Algoma.

8. Knox Presbyterian—Mrs. Cavers, Galt.

9. 1st Baptist Church—Rev. Mr. Nerrill, pastor; Mrs. Gordon, Ottawa.

The various Standing Committees were also in session.

THIRD DAY

EXECUTIVE. 9 a.m.

The President in the chair. Mrs. MacCallum of Kingston opened with prayer, after which the following recommendations were made:

I. That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send a note of sympathy, accompanied by a bouquet of flowers, to Miss Kaehler, the delegate who had, after coming to Guelph, met with a severe accident.

II. That the matter re supporting a World's Missionary be left to the Sub-Executive, as new plans were likely to be formulated at the Dominion Convention regarding the organization of the North-West Territory, and the financial responsibilities might be more than the Ontario Union could assume.

III. That the work done in Houses of Refuge be placed under the head of Evangelistic Work.

CONVENTION, 9:30 a.m.

Opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. (Dr.) Lucas of Grimsby.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting, and the recommendations of the Executive. The roll call of delegates was made preparatory to the election of officers for the ensuing year, 195 delegates responded; later this was supplemented by 10, making in all 205.

Moved by Mrs. Acheson of Goderich, seconded and carried—
“That the last clause of Article IV. of Provincial Constitution be altered in such a manner as to have the date of Convention to be decided by the Sub Executive.”

Miss Wiggins of Toronto gave notice of motion that she or some one in her place would, at next Annual Meeting, move that Article II. of the Local Constitution be amended by adding these words—“Except in Y Unions when the honorary members may

be given the privilege of the vote, but they shall not be eligible to office or as delegates to Provincial Convention."

Two pages were introduced, the Misses Jean Christie and Isabel Miller.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the President asking the Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, to take the chair. Miss Faircloth of Toronto led in prayer for guidance and direction.

The tellers appointed were as follows :

First Set—Mrs. Britton, Gananoque ; Mrs. Goffin, Wingham ; Miss Harris.

Second Set—Mrs. Frank White, London ; Mrs. Reid, St. Thomas ; Miss Pangborne, Rockland. There was an open count of the ballot for President, after which, as there was much business to be transacted, it was moved by Miss Wiggins, seconded and carried that the ballot count be a silent one and the business be proceeded with.

Miss MacArthur read the report on Indian Work, prepared by the Superintendent, Mrs. F. Edwards who was unable to be present. After discussion report was adopted.

Greetings were received and read by the Corresponding Secretary from the Glengarry W. C. T. U.

A letter of greeting was read from the President of the Ontario Agriculture College which also bore a kind invitation to the Convention to visit to the College. On motion this invitation was accepted, if practicable, for Friday p.m.

Miss Wiggins gave an account of the personal work performed by the Superintendent of Hygiene and Heredity, Miss Murray, who through illness could not gather her regular report. Report as given adopted, coupled with the request that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Miss Murray.

A telegram of greeting was read from Mrs. Starr of Montreal, Dominion Superintendent of Work among Soldiers.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary send Mrs. Starr, who is ill, a letter of sympathy.

Mrs. Wiley of Richmond Hill gave the report on Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion, there being no Provincial Superintendent of the Department.

After discussion it was adopted.

The result of the balloting was as follows :

President—Mrs. May R. Thornley, London.

Vice-President—Mrs. J. Cavers, Galt.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Mary Wiley, Richmond Hill.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Gordon Wright, London.

Treasurer—Miss Jennie MacArthur, Cornwall.

Mrs. Cavers was asked to give an account of the W. C. T. U. Rest Cottage at Grimsby Park. A brief, but interesting discussion followed.

Moved by Mrs. Almond and seconded by Mrs. Wrigley, that the hearty thanks of this Convention be tendered Mrs. Saunby, the retiring Recording Secretary. This was adopted by rising vote. Mrs. Saunby replied in an appropriate manner.

Moved, seconded and carried that Miss Skinner, Secretary of the Local Convention Committee, who, though burdened with serious illness in her home, had worked on under these untoward circumstances, be sent a letter expressive of sympathy, appreciation, and a bouquet of flowers.

Moved, seconded and carried, that a vote of thanks be tendered the Editors of the Mercury and Herald for the gratuitous distribution of their papers among the delegates.

The following notice of motion was given by Mrs. L. C. Hartly of St. Thomas—“I, or some one in my place will move at the next Convention that Article IV. of the Local Constitution be amended to read—‘Each Union shall pay to the funds of Provincial Union through the County or District Treasurer (in organized Counties) the sum of 20 cts. per paying member yearly, and to the County or District Union the sum of ten cents per paying member,’ and in Article VI. of County Constitution—‘Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the County or District Union at the rate of ten cents per paying member, yearly.’”

Rev. John Mc Laurin, returned missionary from India, was introduced and spoke cordial words of greeting.

After a motion to adjourn the meeting closed, Mrs McDermid of London offering prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

CONVENTION, 2 p.m.

A Conference on Lumbermen's work was held, presided over by Miss Fisher, Superintendent of this department.

Miss Sproule and Mr. Leckie, our missionaries, both took part.

A conference on Y Work was also held at the same hour, led by Miss Wiggins, Y Superintendent.

At 2:45 the Convention resolved itself into a School of Method. At the request of the President the Vice President occupied the chair.

Mrs. Pugsley of Port Dover was in charge of the devotional exercises.

A solo was rendered by Miss Stevens of Guelph, entitled "A Song of Thanksgiving."

An address on "Bacteria" was given in an interesting manner by Miss Blanche Maddock of Guelph.

Mrs. J. Waters of Hamilton gave a five minutes paper on 'The County Superintendent,' Mrs. G. Wright of London on 'The Local Superintendent,' Mrs. G. Acheson of Goderich on "The Educational Half Hour." These papers were succeeded by helpful discussions.

A Franchise Drill followed, conducted by the President. This proved to be an exercise of unusual interest, as well as highly educational in character.

Mrs. Gooderham of Toronto, who has spent some years in the "Sunrise Kingdom" spoke of the work of the W. C. T. U. in the Orient, detailing its rapid progress.

Miss Preston, returned missionary from Kofu, Japan, was then introduced and briefly addressed the Convention.

The answering of the Question Drawer was taken up by the President until time for adjournment.

Dr. Ross of Guelph dismissing the Convention by pronouncing the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

CHALMER'S PRSBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The President in the chair. Mrs. Gordon, Evangelistic Superintendent, conducted opening devotional exercises.

Miss Wiggins of Toronto in a bright, little speech presented the prize banner to the District of Nipissing. Mrs. Detlor, the County President, receiving it with apt and appropriate words of thanks.

After a beautifully rendered solo by the Tenor Soloist of the choir, the lecturer of the evening, Mr. S. Dickie of Chicago,

President of the National Prohibition League, U. S., was introduced by the President in her usual felicitous manner.

Mr. Dickie's subject was 'Militant Christianity,' and he handled it in a logical and all-convincing style, and gave forth no "uncertain sound" as to what should be the attitude of the Christian towards the legalized Drink Traffic. Said Mr. Dickie, "There never comes to the Christian the question of choice between two evils. With him there should be no debatable ground. So there should *never* come to him the question of high license, or low license *or any compromise whatsoever*, for they all alike savor of the sulphurous pit."

Rev. J. McLaurin, late of India, followed with a brief recital of Temperance work in India, outlining a projected plan for the establishment of a Home for Inebriates.

Music of a high order furnished by the organist of the church and choir (in part) served to brighten and enliven the evening.

The meeting was dismissed by singing the doxology and the pronouncing of the benediction.

FOURTH DAY

EXECUTIVE, 9 a. m.

The new Sub Executive and the County Presidents met in Executive, when the following recommendation was suggested.

That in view of the fact that during previous years, the giving of the reception tea at our annual convention, tho' most enjoyable, has proved a severe tax upon the time of our hostesses thereby depriving them of the opportunity of attending the meetings of the Convention the first day, the Executive recommends that in future the annual reception tea be dispensed with.

The Superintendents nominated for the various departments were the same as previous years with the following exceptions: Hygiene and Heredity (including Physical Culture, White Shield, and Domestic Science) Dr. Skinner, Toronto.

Purity and Mother's Meetings, Mrs. (Rev) Hartly St Thomas.

Prison Reform and Police Work, Mrs. Pugsley, Port Dover.

Lecture Bureau—Mrs. M. Brownell, Toronto.

Press, Miss McEvoy, London.

Assistant Franchise, Mrs. M. Brownell, Toronto.

Legislation and Petitions, Mrs. T. Urquhart, Toronto.

Systematic Giving, Mrs. Tennant, London.

Juvenile, Mrs. (Rev.) Reed, St. Thomas.

The former nominations for county Presidents in unorganized Counties were likewise ratified, with the exception of the following:

Norfolk, Mrs. (Rev.) Pugsley Port Dover.

For Peterboro two names were suggested, Mesdames Matheson, Havelock, and Kendry, Peterboro, and the Secretary was requested to write these ladies and find out whether either would accept the responsibility.

CONVENTION, 9:30 a. m.

The session opened with Mrs. Detlor of North Bay leading in devotional exercises. After reading and adoption of previous minutes, and the recommendations of the Executive Mrs. (Rev.) Courtice of Toronto moved the following: with the consent of the Superintendent of Hygiene and Heredity, we couple with the name of that department—Domestic Science.

Seconded and supported by Mrs. G. Wright of London and after a most interesting discussion, carried.

Mrs. (Rev.) Lucas, Secretary of the Resolution Committee presented partial report of said Committee. Adopted.

The little pages for the day were introduced, by name Iris Armstrong and Pearl Noyce, and received by Convention.

A delightful break in Convention routine was made by the presentation of a couple of books to Mrs. Paton, County President for Peterboro, who is about to leave the Province.

Mrs. McKee of Barrie in a few appropriate words expressed the high esteem in which Mrs. Paton is held by her White-Ribbon sisters. Mrs. Paton, who had been received with the Chautauqua salute, expressed her thanks in her usual happy manner.

Moved by Mrs. (Dr.) Bascome of Toronto, seconded and carried that as there is no Provincial Superintendent of Literature, and Local Unions are continually ordering supplies: the address of the Depository be printed at foot of page containing list of Superintendents.

Report of Plan of Work was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. Acheson of Goderich, on motion and after some discussion it was adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Brown of Picton moved that the invitation from the Agricultural College be accepted for one o'clock.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. (Dr.) Bascome of Toronto that though the Convention feels most thankful for the invitation so graciously extended by Dr. Mill in view of the imperative necessities of our work we do not go until after Convention closes.

The amendment prevailed.

Mrs. Wrigley of Toronto gave notice of motion as follows—
"I, or some one in my place will move at next Provincial Convention that Article V. of the Provincial Constitution be amended to read, 'The Local Union pay to the County or District Union the sum of 10 cts., to the Provincial 25 cts., and Local Unions 25 cts.'"

The report of the Appropriation Committee was given by Mrs. McKee, Secretary of Committee. Adopted.

After a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Beatty of Fergus led in the noon-tide prayer service, remembering in special manner our brave soldiers in the Transvaal.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p.m.

An interesting conference on Anti-Narcotics was conducted by the Superintendent, Mrs. Waters of Hamilton.

At 2:30 o'clock the regular session opened, the President in the chair.

Rev. F. A. Cassidy, of the Lord's Day Alliance, led in prayer, after which he gave a brief talk on the aim and work of the Alliance inviting the further co-operation of the W. C. T. U.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes, invitations were received for the next annual meeting from Smith's Falls and New Market for 1900 and from Stratford for 1901.

Moved by Mrs. Britton of Gananoque and seconded by Mrs. Dously, that the Convention accept the invitation to Smith's Falls.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. Cain of New Market and seconded by Mrs. Crosby of Uxbridge that the Convention go to New Market.

The amendment was lost, the main motion prevailed.

The final report of the Resolution Committee was read, and on motion adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Crosby of Uxbridge, seconded and carried, 'that invitations for next meeting be received immediately after the election of officers take place.'

Moved by Mrs. Acheson of Goderich, seconded and carried, 'that all unfinished business be left to the Executive.'

Miss Kelly of Guelph favored the Convention with a choice selection entitled 'The Children's Home.'

The Question Box was then reopened, Mrs. Thornley in charge. A number of interesting points were taken up; time did not permit of a reply to all the enquiries made, but the President promised that important questions remaining over should receive attention in the Journal.

Moved by Mrs. Lucas of Grimsby, and seconded by Mrs. Acheson of Goderich, 'that the Convention adjourn to meet in Smith's Falls one year hence.'

By request of the President, the Vice President, Mrs. Cavers, conducted the closing exercises, the delegates clasping hands, and all joining in "God be with you till we meet again." Mrs. Gordon Wright led in prayer, and Rev. F. A. Cassidy pronounced the benediction, after which one of the most successful and most largely attended Conventions ever held by the Ontario W. C. T. U. adjourned *sine die*.

At the close of the Convention the Sub Executive named Miss Pangborne of Rockland, as County President for Russell.

SARA ROWELL WRIGHT, Recording Secretary.



President's Annual Address.

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, LONDON.)

NEARLY a century ago a little quivering beam of light shot up through the inky blackness of the starless night. Alcohol was king. His cruel sway had bowed to the very earth, the souls and bodies of his vassals. The few who dared stand upright, with faces God-ward, saw this courier of a new day and rejoiced:—but the despairing, or besotted, or indifferent multitude, struggled on through the mire beneath and the murky darkness about and knew not that an hour of destiny was at hand.

Time has passed. The light has grown by almost imperceptible degrees. The horizon is aglow with it. It is creeping upon and scattering the darkness: yet the words of the book are true—"Men see not the light which is bright in the skies." The muck-rakes of toil and care hold the senses earthward and the miracle of change that is in progress is but dimly perceived. Past customs and maxims are losing cast: even the dullest admit it. What they fail to see is that present conditions are only transitory—part of a great progressive whole, whose perfect fruition will mark Time's most wondrous revolution.

"The watchers for the dawn" say one to another, "Be hold, the day cometh." If the King and his minions have seen it also, and have "come down in great wrath, having but a little time," is it not a prophesy of their approaching doom?

Is this your creed, my sister? Have you seen the light which is bright in the skies? If not, the power that propels your prayer heavenward is wanting; devoid of faith and hope, how can you do your best? Turn your face toward the east and though the darkness yet encompasses, the harbingers of the day will rout your doubts and fears and you will almost feel as though your future walk might be by sight and not by faith.

What are the beams of light, that in the aggregate make so bold a promise of the Prohibition morning?

ALCOHOL EXPOSED.

Let me place first the marvellous spread of knowledge concerning the nature, and effects upon the human system, of alcohol. Rev. Mr. Upton, of Colorado, who has made a special study of this subject, says: "We are the last generation of drunkards. We are teaching, in our Public Schools, Sunday Schools and Lyceums, the dangerous character and evil effects of

alcoholic drink. Surely those who come after us must be better than we."

More than seventeen million school children, on this continent alone, are under temperance instruction. Not only here and in the British Isles but in every European state of any note. Scientific Temperance as a study has a foot-hold. To know that in eight nationalities, including Bulgaria, Russia, Turkey, and China, the text book after which our own is modelled has been translated and is being introduced, is one small item that seems to bring home to us the mental regeneration in progress. And when we pick up an October number of the Union Signal, our World's organ, and read that our round-the-world Missionary, Miss Clara Parish, has just succeeded in introducing Scientific Temperance into twenty-five Burmese Schools and hopes to make the movement national, we realize that the advancing generation is rapidly unlearning the false theories upon which the pernicious drinking customs of all lands have been based.

THE LITERARY WORLD.

Turning to the world of letters we find it astir with the temperance problem. Who that reads the current magazine and newspaper literature has not noticed the increasing frequency of articles on the financial, physical, social, moral or political aspect of the traffic? Independent, often semi-hostile, investigators are digging up the truth from beneath the rubbish heaps of ignorance and prejudice.

The Scientist, Educator and student of Social and political economy has scorned the Prohibitionist's facts and figures; they were the hysterical ravings of a half-demented idealist; yet, moved by the persistent reiteration of them, they began to look about, uneasily. Right under foot was proof presumptive. It would not do to accept—no, nor even notice that. They will become independent investigators, and they do, and their more cold-blooded and liquor-biased statements and statistics have great weight. The cynical business man, little moved by questions that reach beyond the tangible, gives respectful heed to the anti-prohibitionist's arraignment of the Liquor Traffic. Paupers, criminals and unatics to be supported? Enormous loss of wages for the employer and time for the employed, through incapacitated workmen? Fires, accidents, involving millions as a direct outcome? An all-pervasive, expensive, legal machinery, largely maintained because of it? This is indeed a serious view of the case, and threatens the destruction of one of the main foundations of the license system. For if, after all the tomes written upon the money-value to a community of the high toned hotel bar and its twin brother, the so-called "working man's resort," otherwise the low down groggery, these places are but cost-ly and offensive parasites, feeding upon the physical endurance

and business thrift of their patrons and running up a dizzy bill of costs, personal, municipal and national, who of our citizenship, aside from those who make or drink the stuff, or have political reasons for protecting it, are left to defend it?

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

Turning from the traffic to its patrons we find that the purely selfish interests of employer and employees are combining to drive the tippler from the labor market.

The results of the six years re-search of the "Committee of 50" are now public property and are the latest striking examples of the old adage "all roads leads towards Rome!" The section devoting itself to the "economic side of the liquor problem" made a report in the early Spring. The New York Outlook says, "This report gains exceptional value from the standpoint from which it is written . . . The spirit is purely scientific. The investigator, Mr. Koren, manifests no sympathy whatever with total abstinence and he is the defender, rather than the critic, of the saloons." Yet his gleanings read like a somewhat modified, statistical temperance address. Mr. Koren received replies from over 7000 employers, having under them 1,700,000 employees. They were almost unanimous in declaring that they did not engage new hands without ascertaining their habits, so far as liquor was concerned. About one fourth demanded total abstinence, either when on duty or altogether.

On the part of the laborers, be it said, that associations of working men now admit the drinking man unreliable and his habits a fair reason for his discharge. Some associations have shut their doors against him and the tendency to do so is growing.

What Prohibitionists early perceived, and in some instances engrafted upon their policy through their insurance degrees, some regular insurance societies—to whom a risk is a risk, standing on its merits, and who have no philanthropic ends to be served—are now taking advantage of. No longer blind to the "wages of death" earned by those who violate physical law by the beverage use of a narcotic poison, several English and some American Societies have "Abstainers Sections" and one Canadian Association, if I am correctly informed, deals in this kind of risk alone. A September issue of the London (England) Lancet, commenting on the figures put forth by one of these corporations, wherein the startling difference in longevity between abstainers and non-abstainers, is set forth, remarks. "If this experience continues to prevail, abstainers will have justice on their side if they claim that they should pay a lower premium than those who habitually take alcohol, even though in small quantities." A May issue of the Paris Figaro says—"According to English statistics,

abstainers live, on an average, fourteen years longer than drinkers, and fourteen years is worth thinking about."

The funny thing in the past history of the Canadian Society is, that in its early days a controlling interest was held by one of Toronto's great distillers! He was evidently of the opinion that a man's convictions and a man's business need not be upon even bowing acquaintance.

SOCIETY LIFE.

Society life too is being permeated by the new thought. It is growing popular for public bodies to discountenance intoxicants at their banquets. Some exclude them entirely. Others omit them from their general service, allowing those who *will* have them to order for themselves. Recent striking illustrations mark a rapid advance in this direction. The Provincial Health Board meeting in London; the Canadian Order of Knights of the Grip meeting in Toronto, and several large Masonic gatherings have helped to point the changed attitude. Editors, migrating to fresh fields and bidding adieu to their friends and co-laborers: Reeves, Mayors, Chairmen of School Boards and other civic dignitaries, tendering good-bye or how-do-you-do suppers: besides many private individuals—receiving or fare-welling, are helping to ostracise the wine glass and the beer tumbler. Any one of these is but a grain of dust on the balance, but in volume they are not to be despised. To be sure we have to set over against this social improvement such items as that contained in the Auditor General's report, re the re-furnishing of Rideau Hall, wherein we find that 916 liquor glasses, tumblers and goblets of divers sorts were purchased, at an expense of nearly \$600, in order that "champagne, claret, port, sherry, punch" and various other drinks, might be dispensed in proper style to the nations notable guests. High-toned ecclesiastical and political bodies generally bring up the rear-ward end of reform processions. They move when they must.

Are not these cheering facts?

While the Prohibitionist fight on the skirmish line, there are agencies, not a few, preparing for the final conquest by depleting the ranks of the enemy. Take heart, my sisters, a vast rear-guard is coming this way. By the logic of every-day living they are being blindly pressed forward towards the standard of the Prohibitionist, who long ago found *his* creed and hope in the teachings of Jesus.

THE MASSING HOSTS.

Nothing is more encouraging than the thought that we are only one small battalion in the King's Temperance Host. Well to the front we are keeping, but the columns behind are moving up.

If I were in possession of facts, and had the ability to weld them into one harmonious whole, exhibiting a bird's eye view of the temperance work of the world, we might be elated to careless-

ness. The black, back-ground of debauchery, crime and death would have to be kept in sight. The best I can attempt however, is a brief reference to a few noteworthy facts gleaned from my all too-limited reading.

Instead of the assured calm of indifference once all prevailing—when ridicule was the only reply to argument—every English speaking country is rocked in the throes of the conflict.

Germany—whose best-known national emblem is a beer mug—is much disturbed about the ravages made by her pet vice. Her paternal ruler has been busy framing bills along somewhat antiquated lines: still almost any move is better than none.

Russia, stolid and unprogressive upon any but military lines, has, through the St. Petersburg journals, been thrashing out the question of a remedy for the shocking drunkenness existing among her peasantry. The national-awakening seemed to come by way of the bloody terminal of the dissipations indulged in at the coronation of the present Czar.

But the light is brightest where least expected—in France.

When some of us began temperance work, France was the stop-gap argument. The cultured and travelled opponent of Prohibition cited her sober millions as proof positive it was not the *use*, but the abuse, of alcohol, that need be feared. This eye witness assured you that, while the mercurial, excitable Gallic used wine as we do water, drunkenness was a rare vice: did not need to be reckoned with industrial pursuits: could not be counted a serious Social evil. This looked well for the rule of Bacchus. You might disbelieve it, but you could not answer it, for the facts were across the seas and out of reach.

How many times have I retired from such a controversy, non plussed, flinging as my last shot something like this—"Well, wait and see. When fathers and mothers drink wine like water, their children will drink whiskey like sots." We have not had long to tarry for the *denouement*. All the world knows that, Belgium excepted, France is an unparalleled illustration of what alcoholism can do. With a drinking shop to every 30 electors, or every 82 inhabitants the country over, the curse has fastened itself upon the very vitals of the nation and the erst-while Anti-prohibitionist's trump card has become the Prohibitionists horrible example. Better so than to drift on in fancied security, deceiving and being deceived.

A recent French writer says "the development of alcoholism in France is appalling . . . the next storm centre of France is already in sight."

Ten years ago, France held her first temperance Congress. It recommended that duties be removed from non-alcoholic and fermented drinks and increased upon brandy, gin, absinthe and all spirits. In April of this year another congress convened. Temperance agitators had had a full decade of growth and their deli-

berations and conclusions showed it. Temperance teaching in the schools was approved: a bill to lessen saloons to one for every 300 inhabitants was endorsed: and plans were suggested for the creation of a national sentiment adverse to prevailing customs. With the able assistance of such widely known journals as *Le Temp*, *Le Journal des Debats*, *Le Signal*, *Le Figaro* and many noted educationalists and parliamentarians, the outlook is hopeful. To be sure the leaders are groping away among the elemental remedies we long ago discarded as insufficient, but their faces are towards the light and experience is a great teacher.

Who can tell how much this means, in the world-wide fight against Alcohol? France has been Alcohol's most plausible defender. She is discovering the poison of asps in the depths of the vine-wreathed chalice, so long held to her lips. A revolution in thought and practice is imminent, bringing physical salvation to the nation and adding another cohort to the right side of the world-wide Rum—Armageddon. Need I say more?

As a small part of a great whole our cup of encouragement brims over. Let us raise our anthems of praise, give our banners to the breeze and with the thrilling battle cry—"in God we trust"—march on to our next engagement.

POLITICAL:
THE PLEBISCITE.

For seven years—since 1893—we have been marching towards the Prohibition goal along Plebiscite highways. The first of these took a straight course for the Provincial Legislature and ended in a license-amendment blind-alley, choked with unredeemed pledges, and marked "No Thoroughfare." The second wended its way towards Ottawa. The pilgrims that undertook this journey were fewer in number. Disheartened and disgusted by the first fiasco, many bade us a cynical "God speed," as we marshalled our companies of workers, but declined to be fooled a second time and gave neither aid nor comfort to what they looked upon as a forlorn hope. This time it was a veritable Jericho road. If we did not quite share the fate of that ancient unfortunate, who was left for dead, it was not the fault of the thugs who swarmed out of the drink shops and political caucuses, ambushing themselves behind every mean political dodge and corrupt and dishonest method, known to the machiniest of "the machines." Nevertheless, against almost impossible odds, victory was achieved, and once more we were asking the representatives of the people who carried this country for Prohibition, to give the cause "right of way" through Legislative Halls.

What followed? A year of wearying delay. A lengthy Parliamentary Session crowded with party bickerings and unsavory discussions. The Washington Commission: Corrupt Election Enquiries: the Redistribution Bill: the Yukon

Scandal—not the Yukon liquor scandal, which goes merrily on by permit, \$2 per gallon being the Government's share of the spoils—and other routine business, absorbed the time. A few hours of the rag end of the session were all that could be obtained for the discussion of an issue, greater in the eyes of the people of Canada, according to the ballot box returns, than was the election of the present Liberal Government. The former carried the country by nearly 14,000 of a majority: the latter took power with a *minority*, on the whole vote cast, of more than double Prohibition's majority. The spiritless discussion of August—ended in absolutely nothing—not even the glittering generality of a high sounding resolution of sympathy with the policy.

Prohibition Plebiscites have had their day. They have been followed to the bitter end. The direct results have been nothing; the indirect are not to be despised. Of these we may place first the diffusion of knowledge and the crystallisation of it into conviction. The child can be taught with text book and chart. For the adult, with hardened tissue of brain and conscience, truth must be forged in the white-heat of stormy public discussion. There are in Canada to-day, many rock-bed Prohibitionists who, prior to the Plebiscite of 93 or 97 were "temperance people" of the non-descript quality, recently described by an American politician—"as the men who let the other folks monopolize the courage and common sense, while they confine themselves strictly to high principles and good intentions."

The second outcome is a corollary of the first, viz, the strengthening of patriotism at the expense of partyism.

"Shall he be called a patriot who takes
A party's watchword blindly for his own,
Although his sense of right be overthrown,
And all that high resolve and purpose wakes?
Or shall the name be that man's who forsakes
The once familiar ranks now recreant grown,
Indignant that integrity lies prone,
And place is diced for like the gamester's stakes?"

"Honor to him who at the crucial hour,
When issues ominous with ill arise,
Disdains to be a zealous partisan?"

Again and again this year, have I heard with a very thrill of joy, manly, courageous utterances from the lips of men who, for years, have been (perhaps unconsciously) mere party satellites. The man who takes as his motto. "What ought to be, can be: and what can be, shall be," will move heaven and earth to the rescue: and will never be found sitting down supinely in the midst of tolerated wrong.

The third result is the legitimate offspring of the other two, viz, the enunciation of a more vigorous and determined policy by the Alliance Council. Let the W. C. T. U. take up a position *at least* as advanced.

PROVINCIAL.

Provincially, the year has been a quiet one. There appeared to be nothing to do, so long as there was no change in the personnel of the Government. The slim majority with which it took office, undoubtedly the result of lost interest and confidence on the part of Ontario's christian men—was not strengthened by the revelations of disgraceful election tactics and the failure to mete out summary punishment to the principals in these outrages. This dishonest and shameless abuse of the means by which popular government is secured, cannot be too vigorously condemned, or drastically punished. The man who gives or takes *any* consideration for a vote ought to be imprisoned or disfranchised. The man who corruptly manipulates an election ought to be as severely dealt with as his less prominent accomplice and subordinate, to whom he has delegated the actual fraud and bribery. The nation has no greater enemy than the political boss. We might well wish that one or other party had a monopoly of him, in which case he could be cornered and despatched. Such unfortunately, is not the case. With the *Globe* of August 25th we must concur in believing that the purity of our elections can never be restored while each party hypocritically pretends to be the headquarters of virtue and integrity, and refuses to recognize and remedy its own shortcomings. It will take the combined force of the good men of both parties to save the nation from the gulf of Crokerism towards which it is drifting.

The one redeeming feature in the dark picture is the courage displayed by a few stalwart Liberal papers, that have persisted in openly demanding the punishment of "the machine."

INCREASED LICENSE FEES.

One important move, inimical to Prohibition, was made by the late Provincial Legislature. Owing to the loss of revenue from Crown lands, money had to be raised from other sources. Banks, Loan Societies, Insurance Companies, etc., were taxed, but the burden of the *deficit* was replaced by an increase of license fees for brewers, distillers and hotels in large cities.

"Business"—a mercantile paper—for March 30th—says, "Those interested in the trade will kick at the increase in the license tax, but what article of consumption is more useless than intoxicating liquors, and if anything is to be taxed the people generally will say 'tax whiskey.'" A large portion of the expenditure of the Province is due to the sustaining of public institutions, the existence of which, to the extent of 75 or 80 per cent, so careful statisticians tell us, is due to the results of the liquor traffic. Entirely aside from any moral or sentimental view of the question there is a business phase of it here that it will not be easy for those concerned to rebuke in a real business way."

These words are encouraging, in that they reveal the changed

estimate of the liquor traffic held by business men. To the surface thinker it might appear that a gain had been made, but the old campaigner knows that for every dollar the traffic invests in this direction, it gets back ten by the way of increased protection. Every such dollar, therefore, is an added bar to Prohibition. If you want an indisputable proof of this, compare the two Plebiscites. In the first we heard nothing of the money value of the traffic: the provincial revenue from it was not worth considering. In the second, the eight millions of liquor money flowing into the Dominion coffers was the politicians' plea and the liquor man's prime argument.

THE NEW PREMIER.

We may, however, offset the above loss by the change of premiership. With a Vice-President of the Provincial Alliance at the head of the Ontario government, what may we not expect? Having accepted, year by year, this official relation to a body organized for the one purpose of obtaining legal prohibition we may reasonably hope to see the larger power now held by the premier, used to secure favorable legislation. Hon. G. W. Ross has been an avowed prohibitionist for a score of years. He it was who assured us, prior to the Provincial Plebiscite, of fair and honorable treatment if the cause were victorious. That we did not receive it we have always hoped was no fault of Mr. Ross'. Nevertheless, in view of the unfair and faith demolishing treatment accorded to us in '97, and never since repudiated or palliated, we think it only right that the olive branch be extended before full confidence is fully restored.

THE DOMINION.

Turning to the Dominion arena we find a platform adopted by the Alliance—a body composed of representatives from all churches and temperance societies—demanding, as the least measure of reasonable concession to the victorious campaigner of '98, prohibition in all the Provinces and Territories except Quebec. It is the least we could ask, and hold faith with God and the crushed hearts and the defrauded childhood awaiting the day of emancipation. The Government does not appear to take us seriously. Having failed to make provision for the carrying out of its own program, we find its Leader at the Bowmanville Meeting, trying to throw the onus of the blame upon Prohibitionists who, it is claimed, have failed to make their wishes known. This is an amazing position, after the pronouncements of the Dominion and Provincial Conventions and the announced conclusions of the temperance parliamentary committee. But even if Mr. Flint's poor little bill received no grace whatever, what could be expected for something really satisfactory to the temperance people?

The need now is some bond of union in a policy open to men of all creeds and political beliefs. This we hope has been found in the 100,000 voters plan, to be more fully explained to-night by

Mr. Spence, Sec. of Dominion Alliance. In every campaign the nervous system of the temperance worker is kept pretty evenly balanced by alternate shocks that employ the opposite poles of the surprise battery. "Oh! *he* is alright" you confidently assert: and then feel as if the solid ground were slipping from beneath your feet, when you discover that, despite high religious and temperance pretensions, he is all wrong. Fortunately the vacant place is filled by the man you never counted on and whose offer of help sends you away with the doxology in your heart. "Such unlikely people are in sympathy" said a Plebiscite canvasser. He might have added—"and such likely people are out of sympathy." This is the common experience. A year ago last September we discovered the enemy, to his rear-most ranks. Now we want to locate and definitely define our own host. No better plan than the one just referred to, has yet been suggested. I hope it may have your best thought.

Let me leave with you a quotation from a ringing speech, made this summer before an audience of thirteen thousand people, at Ocean Grove, N. J. The speaker was Theodore Roosevelt, Governor of New York State, upon an anti-Tammany ticket. He said,

"If the good people are afraid to assert themselves, if they shrink from the hurly-burly of politics, if they won't go to the caucuses and the poles, and confine themselves to lamenting the amount of evil there is scattered about through the world, they are not going to make much progress *and the politician who has neither fears nor scruples will always beat the men who have scruples, but who also have fears.* To beat him as he should be beaten you have got to marshal the men who are scrupulous in their morals, who believe in decency and right, and who, so far from having any fear, are ready, if need be, to smite with the sword of the Lord of Gideon."

DRINKING CLUBS.

A word about the drinking club. It is a new phase of the evil and has caused much anxiety to our workers, yet it is really a token boding ill to the business of which it is an offshoot.

Breast a fiercely opposing current and you churn the waters into violent motion, throwing up muck and hidden refuse that will eddy off into by-ways and quiet nooks and corners. This is the *raison d'être* of the Club. A vigorous sentiment is stemming the tide of a long-established custom. The social habits of our grandfathers are getting off color. Afraid or ashamed to frequent the common bar as of old when representatives of every profession, not excepting "the cloth" dropped in for the morning dram, the drinkers form clubs with high sounding titles quite foreign to the business to be transacted, and meet in secret, to indulge where their excesses will not provoke comment. The drinking Club is the last resort of the abashed, discredited tippler and is in itself a prophesy of the better day. The reported doings of some of these

make one remember the words of St. Paul—"For it is a shame to even speak of the things that are done of them in secret." That a certain class of fast young men should tread in the footsteps of their elders, it is to be expected and generally argues nothing more than that the homes from which they came are yet outside the ever-widening circle of temperance influence, either by total lack of church relationships, or connection with bodies that welcome the saloon keeper to their altars and pronounce his business morally legitimate.

An incident may illustrate how the drinking habit has lost prestige, leading the drinker to dread public comment. Some time ago I was entertained, while at a convention, by the Sheriff of the county. The gentleman was not a total abstainer and of course not a Prohibitionist, but frankly admitted the benefits conferred upon the country by temperance workers and Societies. He thought there was not much more to be done. The changed sentiment now springing up every where would in time wipe the business out. To prove his position he told me the following:—The town was the outgrowth of a certain industry involving large capital. A change in tariff, threatening loss, brought together to this place a number of men of like pursuits, most of whom had been born there or in the vicinity. After their business meeting they sauntered together down the principal street of the town. Ben, the owner of the most popular drinking resort, spied them coming and with hospitable intent hurried out to greet them. They had been school mates of his and after saluting them as "How are you Tom, old boy?" and "Glad to see you George," etc., he invited them into his bar, for old-time sake, to be entertained at his expense. My host said—"The invitation was manifestly embarrassing. We looked at each other and hesitated, but Ben was so persistent he carried the day and we filed across the road and into his bar. I came last and I noticed that every man of them looked over his shoulder as he went in." At this point I was stupid enough to interrupt him with "what did they do that for?" He laughed rather shamefacedly and explained—"Why to see if anybody was looking of course." Continuing he said—"When we got in, most of us took a soft drink or a cigar. A few years ago we would have said "see here Ben, it is too hot to go in there, bring a few tables and chairs out under the trees, in the front, and we'll take your good cheer where we can be cool."

Let a habit become disreputable and it will not take many more blows to kill it. The green swing door, the side entrance and the club, are all evidences of declining popularity.

THE YEAR'S UNION WORK.

The year's work opened out in gloom and depression of spirit. It was hard to see beyond the almost certain conclusion that no action would be taken as a result of the Plebiscite. To have lived three years in preparation for, or participation in a great

contest and then find the well-earned, clean, honest victory obtained, nullified by casuistic interpretations of it, clips the wings of hope : and a hopeless worker is a worse than a useless one, for the atmosphere they carry with them is soul-deadening to others.

One of the principal duties of my office for the past six years, has been to encourage the disheartened. I have written thousands of letters to low-spirited Unions : to officers and superintendents, county, local and provincial who needed a word of cheer ; and even to private W. C. T. U. women, who have poured out to me through the mails, their tale of discouragement. In the early weeks of this year, for the first time since taking office, these appeals for heart help were hard to answer ; the treasury of hope was at a low ebb. It was not long till the cloud lifted. When it became clear that the haunting depression it was so hard to conquer, was really doubt of God and his eternal word : then I fell back on the promises and found again sure footing. Yet the experience was not without its compensations. It gave me a fellow-feeling for those in like case, and their name was legion. Sighs had taken the place of prayers and apathy of wholesome, energetic activity.

About January the tide turned. The work took on an upward trend that has not since ceased to travel in that direction. The County Conventions, as a whole, were well attended and enthusiastic and we are closing this year of grace 1899 and entering the century that is to eclipse in power and achievement all former ones, with united ranks and brightening prospects.

The Provincial Union has more than kept pace with the Locals, as an organization. It used to be a helpful and encouraging bond of union and medium of report : but not much more. Only a small minority of the superintendents took a provincial grasp of their duties, or thought themselves responsible for anything beyond a brief circular of greeting and the compilation of the annual report. To-day more than one-half are doing active provincial work. They are gathering statistics and facts : influencing bodies of christian workers : appealing to the Provincial and Dominion Government for reforms in line with their departments : and in general, making themselves centres of influence, and bureaus of information. The improvement has been most conspicuous this year. You will need only to note the record of personal work, appended to the reports, to find confirmation of this. The circulars also have excelled in number and quality. Five years ago one of my suggestions to the superintendents was that they prepare a program for a regular union meeting. No one complied. If my memory serves me, two adopted the plan the year following ; and because I heard more words of approval for their letters than all the others combined, greater stress was laid on the recommendation. This year, eleven superintendents

have outlined exercises and in some cases given, almost in full, the material needed for them.

Through the School of Method report it has been ascertained that in eight counties all the Unions made use of the programs. In three counties they were generally, though not fully taken up. Two County Presidents neglected to make enquiry at Convention and were not in position to answer the question. The remainder, with two exceptions—Toronto District and Wellington County—reported a partial use. Many kind and commendatory words were spoken and the idea most heartily endorsed.

Twenty-three circulars containing ninety-one pages of printed matter, besides five lengthy type-written circulars and the petition forms, were prepared for circulation under my supervision. I have sent out this year more than twenty-five thousand circulars and leaflets.

The action of last year's convention in electing a Provincial Organizer has borne excellent fruit and been a great comfort to me. The Unions have had at their disposal, for a very moderate sum, the services of a trained worker and I have been relieved of the pain of incessantly refusing calls it was impossible to answer. My correspondence has been steady throughout the twelve months without the overburdening rush experienced in the campaign of last year. Have sent out 1,343 letters and seven hundred and eighty-nine cards and prepared twenty articles for the press. Seven conventions have been attended.

THE DEPARTMENTS.

One of these must needs claim unusual space: this will crowd the others pretty well out.

Before touching upon any, allow me to say a word for the Journal. Its improved appearance and wider scope of news need no comment. Yet it still lacks a paper's greatest desideratum—readers. May I make the suggestion that each County President ascertain if the Officers and Superintendents of her County are subscribers and if not that they be urged to become so. If our official members, Local and County, were Journal readers interest in the paper would soon spread.

CIGARETTES.

J. R. Miller says:—"There is a story of an abbot who coveted a piece of ground. The owner consented to lease it for one crop only. The abbot sowed acorns which took three hundred years to ripen. Satan begs for one crop only, and then sows seeds whose harvest will fill all the life to the end." If Sir Walter Raleigh had borrowed a seer's vision and followed the destroying track of the tobacco habit, for whose introduction into England, in Elizabeth's reign, he was responsible, he might have wished his valet's fears realized. It is said that the servant up-

on first perceiving smoke issuing from his master's nostrils and mouth, supposed him the victim of internal combustion and loudly lamenting his perilous condition, dashed a pitcher of water over him. More than four hundred years have passed. The bitterest fruit on this tree of Sodom is only now ripening.

A few weeks ago, a London White-ribboner, was accosted by a little six-year-old, the child of a neighbor. He had found a lot of bright bits of paper, had cut them in strips and fastened them together in a chain of rings. Holding this up for her inspection he proudly claimed to be the owner and manufacturer. She said:—"He had a lisp and just a real baby face that made me stop and please him by admiring his childish efforts." Think of her feelings upon learning later, that this little mite of humanity was an inveterate cigarette smoker! A brother of twelve had set the example. The distracted mother wondered if her boys could have inherited the taste from their father, whose addiction to his pipe was proverbial.

The cigarette victim is the despair of his parents and teachers: the sport of his own uncontrolled passions: a piece of useless drift wood on life's currents of real purpose or endeavor. Where a few years ago you could count these by the dozens, today, you must reckon by hundreds and the end is not yet.

The danger is becoming apparent and in this lies our hope. When our canvassers for signatures to the Franchise petition came across a doubting mother, the suggestion that the ballot might be used to banish the cigarette, usually carried the day.

Our Provincial Superintendent is to deal with this department by Conference and report. Her year's work has proved her eminently capable of doing so and I will not further occupy your time with it except to say—No measure of relief from this pest of child-life can be too radical. Extermination, through prohibition of manufacture, importation and sale, is the one satisfactory solution.

PRISON REFORM AND POLICE.

The Ontario and Dominion Medical Associations have adopted resolutions favoring the Scientific Medical treatment of pauper inebriates, according to the plan proposed by the Prisoner's Aid Association and long approved by the W. C. T. U. Like action has been taken by one Methodist Conference and some smaller church organizations. In a September issue of the *Globe*, it was intimated that the Government proposed to consider the question. The plan is, instead of repeated committals to jail, to open the General Hospitals of the Province to these unfortunate victims of their own appetites and their fellows greed. By medical treatment the craving thirst will be allayed and through an agency for providing work at a distance from saloon temptation, the discharged patients will be afforded an opportunity to regain their lost footing in society. While we are more interested in pre-

venting the manufacture of inebriates than in reclaiming them, we must bid God-speed to a plan with so benevolent an aim.

PURITY.

From a legislative standpoint we cannot be said to have made much progress in this department. Mr. Charlton's amendment to the criminal code, raising the age of consent, for girls, from sixteen to eighteen, was carried in the Lower House by two to one, but thrown out in the Senate. Unfortunately the Senate not only refused to advance, but actually receded. Two amendments, making convictions for immorality more difficult, were adopted. One raises the age at which males become legally responsible for criminal acts, from sixteen to "above eighteen."

Until women vote, laws for their protection will be insufficient and unstable. No matter how concrete and forceful may be their appeals, their opinions will be brushed to one side by the dominant male, who doles out legal consideration in doses, mixed and weighed to avoid future complications for his sex. One senator stingingly remarked that the changes were suggested "at the instance of organizations who knew nothing, practically, and were swayed by caprice."

Whether the circulation among school children, of vicious and obscene literature is increasing, or only becoming better known, I am not prepared to say. It is certain there is a not inconsiderable traffic in such vile stuff. Early in the year the President of one of our eastern Unions sent me samples of printed matter, coming into her neighborhood through the mails. The pictures and sentiments were disgusting and degrading. The W. C. T. U President of the state in which the House issuing these publications is situated, was communicated with. Later the State Inspector of Post Offices opened up a correspondence and we hope that this particular source of impurity may be at last hampered in its work of moral death.

Pamphlets and leaflets advertised by this firm—some of them headed "Rare, Rich and Spicy," "Keep this under lock and key"—were floating about some of the London schools, spreading their moral contagion. And what child may be certainly said to be immune to this danger?

The wonderment to each mother who finds a parcel of such literature addressed to her boy of twelve or fourteen, is how the child's name came to be known to these purveyors of vice. The mystery is easily solved. Do you not remember when that same boy came in, brimming over with interest in a plan—always alluring to poor, grasping, human nature—whereby he hoped to get "something for nothing?"—"Why mother, all you have to do is to send the name and addresses of twelve boys between the ages of twelve and eighteen: six newly married couples and ten invalids and you'll get your choice of a *real gold scarf pin* or a diamond ring" and his eyes blazed with the anticipated glory of starring

it amongst the other boys; the recently donned stand up collar and the Kipling tie would be quite crushing with the addition of that scarf pin. Did you question then why this apparently valueless information was to be paid for at all?—even though you knew the diamond would be glass and its surroundings brass? By the tens of thousands, names are in this way, procured and classified, to be re-sold at so much per dozen or hundred, to vendors of all sorts of nostrums and advertisers of legitimate and illegitimate wares. There are "Bureaus of Information" of this character in Chicago, Washington and other American cities. The trafficker in childhood's purity and virtue may collect his own addresses or purchase them from a Bureau—in any case the children are used to gather them: and this, mother, is how the innocent boy becomes the recipient of these "evil communications" which St. Paul says, and experience has demonstrated, "corrupt good manners" and morals.

Do not think that a glance at the reading matter is always enough. One of these periodicals had, on the front page, an article on the "Higher Christian Life;" the advertising section reeked with the foulest incentives to evil.

The arrest made in Hespeler, early in September, by Anthony Comstock, U. S. Post Office Inspector, and our own commissioner of the Ottawa Police Department of Justice, was important, not only in view of the nefarious business it brought to an end, but because it opened the eyes of some lazy, good people who are always complacently hoping that the worse of everything floats on the surface. Immediately prior to this capture, a letter from New Jersey brought a warning that a man of like character was probably opening up business in a cross-roads village in my own County. At the Grey County Convention, indisputable proof of the distribution of lewd pamphlets in very small villages was furnished the delegates. The danger is widespread. Because it is designedly hidden it is the more to be dreaded.

What can be done to combat it? Public School teachers may materially help and as a body they are in hearty sympathy with every effort to preserve, or to elevate, the moral tone of their pupils. Already in some places, by Mother's Conferences and personal work with the children, they have tried to off-set the evil. But the teacher is too far from the source of it to be the most competent worker. It is the *Mother* who is the child's natural confidant, and while the Teacher may be a most valued co-worker, on the parents must fall the heavy end of this struggle for purity of mind and manners.

Can we not help more than we have done? Have we, at our Mother's Meetings, presented this side of the Mother's duty as faithfully and fully as we should? It may be that few Unions could answer "Yes" and perhaps the Provincial would have to bear a share of the blame, in that the Dept. of Social Purity was

last year without a Superintendent, and our Mother Meetings have never been provincially mothered. These points should be thoughtfully considered at this Convention.

SOLDIERS DEPARTMENT.

Up to this year the above department has been one of our least influential. In a very unexpected manner it has leaped into prominence. While some of you have been kept informed of the *modus operandi* by which this has been accomplished, to the majority a brief review of the rather unusual incidents of the year's work may be acceptable.

The drinking and drunkenness associated with military camps have long been matter for anxiety and regret. In the early nineties I was much exercised over the dissipation amongst the volunteers who lately gathered on Carling's Heights, London. Not knowing where the liquor was procured or under what authority sold, enquiries were made to ascertain if local license officers had power to prevent or curtail the sale. When it was known that by government enactment and under government supervision, the young men who each year thronged to that place were subjected to the fiercest temptations to indulge in alcoholic drinks, I felt hopeless of any immediate change. But unknown forces were at work, and in 1894 a regulation passed the previous year, and excluding all kinds of liquor from military canteens, came into force. Our city papers made mention of the change. At the close of the camp it was eulogized as the best disciplined and most efficient yet held: giving the absence of liquor as the cause for the improvement.

In 1896—the year the present minister of Militia took office—we learned through the press and by ocular demonstration, of the overthrow of the reform brought about by the regulations. Supposing that military law—like that of the Medes and Persians—must be obeyed or somebody's head would drop into the basket, we took it for granted that the regulations of '93 had been repealed and decided to urge immediate effort for their re-establishment. This intention came to naught. The tangled state of the temperance question, provincially, absorbing all the time and thought at our disposal.

At the convention of 1897 resolutions condemnatory of the liquor-selling canteen were introduced, but not carried. A prominent worker read us a communication, direct from the Militia department at Ottawa: Of its wording I am in doubt. The thought we supposed conveyed was that regulations, to the effect desired, had been passed and were about to be put into operation. Some one suggested a resolution of thanks. A cautious friend advised delay in expressions of appreciation until after the Spring encampments.

It is needless to say that the Spring encampments were watched with anxious eyes. The same old drinking and drunken-

ness prevailed. Not a discernable whit of improvement was visible. The reluctant conclusion was reached that either the letter had been misunderstood or that its writer must have been referring to *anticipated* legislation which for some reason had not matured. No one suggested or apparently thought that the regulations of 1893 were yet on the statute books and the sale complained of, illegal.

At the convention of 1898 a resolution condemning the sale of liquor under military sanction and specifically dealing with the canteen phase of it, was again introduced. When under discussion a County Superintendent of Soldiers' work intervened with a bit of information almost identical with that which side-tracked the same motion the previous year. The delegates would have none of it. The resolution carried and was sent by our corresponding Secretary to Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, who acknowledged its receipt but made no comment upon the law violation it unintentionally pointed out.

At the Spring Sub Executive held in April, a letter from our Provincial Superintendent of Soldiers' work, Mrs. Acheson of Goderich, sketching plans for aggressive action, was received. The Sub Executive heartily approved, and leaflets, and personal interviews began forthwith to pave the way for the revival of the supposedly repealed ordinance.

Upon the basis of facts in our possession a number of ecclesiastical bodies passed a resolution in favor of the prohibition of liquor sales under military sanction. No sooner were these made public than certain prominent journals came to the rescue of the liquor craft—some of them no doubt in ignorance of the real facts—by declaring these expressions of opinion unnecessary, nay, even ridiculous, seeing that the law importunately asked for was in existence and was being faithfully enforced. Our Provincial Superintendent wrote me in much distress. "What did it all mean? There was no use pushing the campaign farther till we had authority to deny these untruthful statements."

Just at this juncture, the London Camp opened. With redoubled interest I watched its proceedings. It was *not* necessary to employ a detective or make any elaborate enquiries. With nine saloons running night and day, in the midst of 3000 young men, all crowded into a radius of less than a quarter of a square mile, the liquor selling and its results were discernable on every hand. On the night of the arrival of the Soldiers, the carousals indulged in were so disgraceful, that about nine o'clock an order peremptorily closing the canteens, was issued. The City papers gave Gen. Hutton credit for this. Such seemed likely. What other officer would have authority to control the doings of the whole nine battalions? The London Advertiser headed its account of the opening of the camp—

"Can't Rush The Growler."

"Major General Hutton Closes Up The Camp Canteens."

Below it said—"All day Gen. Hutton rode through the lines and over the fields inspecting the movements of the several battalions. Perhaps the most interesting thing to the soldier is the loss of his beer. The Canteen privilege is one that as a rule has been greatly abused. A rushing business was done on Tuesday night, the first night in the camp, and General Hutton as usual, was around taking in the sights. The commander-in-chief issued an order to have every canteen closed at once, which was done to the great surprise of those brave defenders who were afflicted with a deep thirst."

Now on the very face of things it is manifest that whoever promulgated that order, knew the relations existing between the canteens and the abounding disorder. Men do not get wildly drunk on boot-blackening or pipe-clay and the intoxication prevalent could not be laid to the door of the pastry and lemonade goods supposed to be the canteen's stock in trade. Again, I say if General Hutton issued that order, then General Hutton knew that liquors were being obtained at the canteens.

There was blank dismay among the nine saloon keepers who had purchased from the several battalions and the artillery company, to the tune of somewhere about \$75 apiece, the privilege of retailing intoxicants. If, at the very outset of the camp they were to be restricted to what had been looked upon as little etceteras as of the business, necessary to hold trade, but not very remunerative, how were they to re-emburse themselves? and how dispose of their liquor supply? What representations were made and to whom: what wires were pulled, we are not prepared to say, but by noon the following day every canteen on the ground was again doing a flourishing trade in its staple article of commerce.

After an investigation that left not so much as the shadow of a doubt, I determined to write to the Militia Department and find out in what part of the woods we were. Had officers, men, or canteen-proprietors made any attempt to hide what was being done, the illegality of the sale would have been suggested; but with an absolutely unhindered and unconcealed traffic in beer and other liquors, who could suppose that regulations, demanding total prohibition and threatening violaters with civil and military penalties, hung like the sword of Damocles, above their devoted heads? My first letter to Dr. Borden was a hastily dictated account of the above conditions and of the contradictory rumors afloat, and concluded with a request for definite information.

To this came, in reply, a courteous letter, enclosing the regulations, assuring me that they were yet of binding force; and giving extracts from a correspondence between the writer and General Hutton, prior to the opening of the camp, in which the latter was briefly reminded of the regulations, informed that complaint of their non-enforcement had been received and asked to see that

they were carried out. General Hutton's reply promised compliance. Dr. Borden assured me I must be mistaken and informed me that my letter had been passed on to the "Military Authorities. (Between ourselves, let me say that had I had any doubt about the facts, that closing sentence would have been quite terrifying. Like the average woman I have always stood in some awe of the sanguinary arm of governmental service).

Close on the heels of Dr. Borden's reply came General Hutton's.

General Hutton was not troubled with doubts or misgivings. I read, with an astonishment it is difficult to find words to express, his unflinching denial of the sale of liquor, in any shape, upon the grounds. Accompanying this was a curt request from Dr. Borden, that I either substantiate or withdraw my statements.

The testimony in my possession was largely from civilians. Thinking that military evidence would be necessary, a quest for it was at once entered upon. There were many hindrances. We were in the midst of the dog days: the local street car strike made travel difficult: interviews had to be mutually arranged and two conventions called me from the city. Delay in reply was unavoidable.

In the meanwhile, having jumped to the conclusion that silence meant defeat and being goaded into speech by the serious *personal* allegations of Major Campbell of Collingwood, the Minister of Militia took the house into his confidence with regard to his London correspondent. "Mrs. Thornley has written the Department, alleging that drunkenness had existed in the camp to a greater extent than ever before in any Camp in Ontario, etc." (And by the way I said no such thing. The London Camp was compared with itself in former years, and with none other). "He had communicated with General Hutton and received a flat denial. etc., etc. On receipt of this letter, a copy was forwarded to Mrs. Thornley, with a request that she either withdraw the charges or name witnesses who could confirm them: but no reply whatever had as yet been received"—(These extracts are taken from the *Globe* of July 13th)—The day after Dr. Borden made these announcements, my letter of evidence, under registry and special delivery stamps, and accompanied by a telegram, arrived in Ottawa, just seventeen days after the demand for evidence reached me—under the circumstances a not very astonishing delay.

What did Dr. Borden receive, in response for his appeal for the names of witnesses? Not merely the *names* of those who could testify, but their specific unhesitating *testimony* that the London Camp canteens sold liquor unrestrainedly and without disguise of any kind, throughout the ten days of camp, except during the few hours when they were closed by General Hutton's order. Nine pages (commercial note) of fact and testimony were forwarded as a first instalment. Dr. Borden was told that

more names and additional evidence could be had for the asking.

The gentlemen whom I interviewed were all officers of battalions, camping on the Heights. They were men of unimpeachable character, and—listen to this—*not one of them knew any law had been infringed by the running, on the grounds, of the nine saloons doing business there.*

Did Dr. Borden ask for the further testimony I offered? No.

Did he let the House know that the accusation he had publicly made against me was now disproved? No. Although earnestly urged to at least relieve me of the charge of discourtesy his answer was "If opportunity offered he would do so," but he allowed the House to close without a word of explanation.

Later, a second letter from General Hutton was forwarded to me as a reply to the evidence. It consisted of decidedly less emphatic denials, though the General still declared me in error. In this was offered the first and only name, (aside from the General's own) given in rebuttal. Be it mentioned to this witnesses' credit, that he did not deny liquor sales at the canteens but said—"I never, during the whole time, saw a militiaman under the influence of liquor in the camp, and only heard of one having been so, and was informed that he obtained the liquor, in the town." What induced this particular toper to travel past the nine Camp saloons and the one in the Military School, to slake his thirst at a city bar is not mentioned? Nothing is proved by this testimony except that the testifier was not of an observant turn.

CORROBORATIVE TESTIMONY.

In the progress of my search, I came across the editor of one of our City dailies—The London News. He read the regulations with surprise; asked for a copy; expressed his amazement and amusement over the denials received from Ottawa and bowed me out. I had a fervent hope that the matter would not end there, knowing that the staff on this and every other daily in the city must be fully cognizant of the true state of things. On July 6th the News published the regulations in an editorial and said, in part, "These regulations are good and it is to be regretted that they were not carried out. Liquor was freely and openly sold in the canteens at the London camp and much drunkenness resulted. In fact to such an extent has the evil grown that thousands of young men—the flower of Cañada physically—will not join the Canadian Militia. "The camp is nothing but a long drunk," said one young man in the hearing of the News."

Probably this would have closed the episode, so far as the News was concerned, had not the Ottawa Citizen questioned the authenticity of its statements. A second editorial on July 15th answered these criticisms. From this we take an extract:—"The Citizen thinks that our 'sweeping assertions' were based on misinformation, but in this also, the 'Cit' is in error. They were based on personal knowledge and indisputable evidence of

privates, officers and civilians. We repeat that liquor was openly and freely sold at the London Camp canteens this year and that much drunkenness resulted. We have evidence to prove it and defy contradiction. Major General Hutton says this is not so. Now we have every respect for Major General Hutton, as a gentleman and a soldier, but if he were to tell us that we did not have coffee for breakfast this morning, we would not feel bound to believe him as against the evidence of our own palate."

Here is a witness that offers personal testimony and defies contradiction.

THE CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN.

The letter of evidence sent Dr. Borden was forwarded to the editor of the Christian Guardian. A strong editorial followed. This stirred up the Ottawa authorities and brought out a statement, through the Associated press despatches, that, is an edifying specimen of contradiction and admission. Allow me to quote this paragraph:—"Enquiry at the Department of Militia elicits the information that it is not the intention to hold an enquiry. The evidence, so called, is regarded as of the flimsiest character, being chiefly hearsay. The headquarters' staff say that, taken on the whole, the camps were never better conducted than they have been this year. It is a difficult matter to prevent volunteers from bringing liquor into camp, but so far as public sale of it is concerned, it is forbidden by the regulations. At headquarters the view is held that it would be utterly impossible to enforce absolute prohibition, and that a well-regulated canteen is far better than a system of prohibition, which would encourage the establishment of a number of unlicensed grogeries on the outskirts of the camp."

This reminds us of the old common law method of pleading that went out with the Judicature Act. Years ago a young relative of mine when preparing for the legal profession, was given a paper to copy, the contents of which sent him in hot haste to the senior partner. "A grievous error had been committed by somebody. Unless corrected it would give their client's case away completely, etc." The admissions that had astonished the young man were contained in the client's "answer" and were as follows:—

1st—That he never made the note referred to in the plaintiff's complaint.

2nd—That there were no stamps on that note.

3rd—That the stamps on the note were not cancelled according to law.

4th—That anyway he had paid the note.

The senior partner calmed my young friend's agitation by explaining that these legal paradoxes were understood in a Pickwickian sense and as they were not sworn to, the client had only lied and not perjured himself.

The Editor of the Christian Guardian in reply said. "The statement (in this paragraph) that the evidence for the sale of beer in the canteens of the London Camp is of the flimsiest character, being chiefly hearsay," is a statement that we take the full responsibility of denying, and re-assert that the evidence is "sufficiently serious and conclusive to call for immediate and careful investigation!" It is not hearsay but direct unequivocal assertion of those who saw and knew."

The London News also commented on the Ottawa interview, and in a lengthy editorial re-iterated, in most positive language, all previous statements: added many interesting details and concluded with an offer to supply the Ottawa authorities with full and specific data. Later, the Kingston Whig and three or four other papers took a hand in the battle, all of them approving the regulations and demanding their faithful enforcement.

The only reply to all these spear thrusts was—silence.

There was a feature in the management of this year's London Canteens that was unusual and particularly shameful and injurious. The beer vendors were not content with serving those who lined up before their bars. They sent runners out through the grounds, soliciting custom and advertising their goods to passers-by. What chance had the tempted man, who, knowing his weakness, purposed to avoid the canteen? The temptation was thrust upon him at every turn, and it would require a fixed principle and strong will to resist it.

Sunday was the canteen proprietor's big day. The beer waggons rolled back and forth every day in the week and many times a day, but on the seventh their trips were doubled. What were they doing? Perhaps General Hutton would tell us they were watering the parade ground. At any rate they went in full and came out empty.

At one canteen, during the afternoon of the Lord's day, an Indian—a ward of the Government, forbidden liquor under heavy penalties to the seller—was one of the steady line of drinkers. He became engaged in an altercation with a fellow drinker, a civilian. The end of it was that the Indian stabbed the civilian so seriously it was feared the latter would die. An incipient riot followed. I had a talk with the Captain who quelled this. He did not know that the drinking out of which it grew, was illegal, but heartily agreed with me in thinking it detrimental to the efficiency of the service.

Let me give you a few suggestive items.

A Canteen proprietor told a London gentleman that after paying all expenses he cleared \$600. The camp lasted ten days. His average gain was \$60 per day. The soldiers received, per day, 50 cents and their rations. It consequently took, each day, the full day's pay of 1200 men to make this man's canteen profit (leaving out of count his necessary expenses) *and there were eight other*

canteen-saloons to share the patronage. I am told that another canteen owner boasted that his Sabbath earnings were \$200.

The friends of one young man in the Huron division, told our Provincial Superintendent, Mrs. Acheson, that he spent at the canteen, all the money he received and was \$6.50 in debt when the camp closed. One of the officers in this battalion set the pace for his subordinates by taking them, in a body, to the canteen and treating all who would, to liquors. At least one other battalion was similarly entertained. How few, under such circumstances, would have the courage to make themselves singular by declining?

When it is remembered that this is the fourth year of law-violation—for no notice has been taken of the regulations since 1895—the sum of the evil done can hardly be computed! A couple of months ago a lady-caller referred to the death, by heart-failure, of a gentleman with whom she mistakenly supposed me acquainted. The home of my caller, as also that of the deceased gentleman was in an Elgin county town. I inquired if any cause for the disease was known. Her reply was that it was thought to have originated in the deep sorrow experienced over the ill-doings of a son, who fell into drinking habits. How had the boy contracted his taste for liquor, coming, as he did, out of a christian temperance home? She promptly answered—"At the Soldier's Camp here in London." He came up with a group of other boys from the same neighborhood. Everybody was treating and being treated and he took his first glass, setting on fire the appetite that ruined his life and broke his father's heart. I could give you other instances but I dare not take time to do so.

The London Camp has been particularized, not because it was alone in wrong doing, but because the facts are accessible to me. Quite a budget from Niagara is in my possession. I am told that one company there had liquors supplied with the regular rations, an even more *iniquitous* thing than the canteen sale. A London boy who went with the Artillery Company, said on his return—"Its a tough place. Its the last time I go unless I can get into the Engineering Corps."

We used to think these Camps of Instruction a kind of national millinery, ornamental but useless. The maintenance of the dignity of the state might call for some such institutions, but as nothing more serious than our dignity was likely to be invaded, the public was little interested in the embryo soldiers who strutted about, for ten days of each year, in the Queen's regiments, and then returned to office or shop or plow. But since our neighbor to the south has developed into a military power, and Imperial relations have grown closer, the people of Canada know it *may* matter, very seriously, what class of citizens respond to the call for military services, and how they are trained. Are the respectable, law-abiding citizens of Ontario going to permit their sons to run the risk of destroying manhood, in order that they may

things? For the sake of the service, if the Military authorities are indifferent to higher considerations, it behooves them not only to revive and enforce the regulations but to get at the root of the evil, which will be found in the officer's mess-rooms. What the man of multitudinous decorations, gold braid and straps, thinks well to do, his admiring subordinates will imitate. Ten days of abstinence ought not to be a great infliction to any one. Surely the majority of our officers would be willing to follow the example of Lord Wollesley, Lord Kitchener and other English notables, who have not only commanded abstinence but, at least when on duty, exemplified it. . . . In conclusion.

"If thine eye be single thy whole body shall be full of light." A single eye—an unmixed purpose to serve God at any hazard or loss: no matter who is displeased or inconvenienced: every day in the year and down to the latest breath. To such is this promise made and the depths of it are fathomed only when light is the soul's extremest need. When we cry, out of a despair of all human knowledge or council, "tell me what to do and I will do it if I die for it," then have we a faint conception of the spiritual meaning of that saying—"they need no candle, neither light of the sun, for the Lord God giveth them light."

Light?—what is it? The knowledge of that great and holy thing—*God's will*. God's will for our home life? Yes, or we will mar every day with missteps and failures "turning the lame out of the way." God's will for our Social life? Yes, or the false customs and maxims we sanction will lure the unwary to destruction. But when we dare help carry the ark of God's purpose for church or state, how deep and broad and limitless is our need! The keenest suffering, life can hold for one who has had close fellowship with Jesus, lies in the thought that he or she has blindly hindered His loving plans or tried to frustrate His divine purposes. Why do I speak thus seriously? My sisters, we have come to the place where we need to know clearly and do courageously.

A mistake will be almost a crime, for it will delay the extermination of the curse we are fighting. And oh! the untold agony bound up in even one day of the direful rule of the licensed saloon.

For a bit of information about the London Camp canteens I called on a woman whose husband was a frequenter of them. She was not much older than her caller but her hair was snowy white, her face colorless and seamed with tear-furrows. We sat on her pretty vineclad verandah with the sweet breath of flowers and the thrill of bird life about us, but her hopeless face borrowed no sunshine from her surroundings. When her story was told I rose to go and she to re-enter the home, upon whose early wealth of love and promise the saloon had set its relentless foot. But before we parted, longing to coax even a stray gleam of hope into the sunny calm of her almost lifeless face I said—"I will send the facts

to Ottawa. When they know what a curse it is, something will be done. There are good men there. They will not let this woeful havoc go on."

"They wont do anything" she asserted: then turning on me, the stranger whom she had seen that day for the first time, she cried out fiercely—" *You* don't know anything about it. I tell you this drink is the very devil himself." The sum of the sorrows of even one day of such a life would tie a weight to the neck of every joy and sink it in the ocean of forgetfulness!

Shall past purposes, or party prejudices, or worldly councils darken the eyes that look for God's light, when we are dealing with a curse like this? May He deliver us from such a dire calamity and lead us, by His Spirit, into *His Way*.



Corresponding Secretary's Report

(MRS. MARY WILEY, Richmond Hill.)

Dear comrades of the Ontario Union.—Since we last assembled in Convention, a year, laden with its golden opportunities, has gone to join the preceding ones in the ocean of eternity.

Some of our beloved comrades who met with us then have "crossed the bar," clasped the strong, tender hand of the Pilot, and been safely guided into the harbor.

In looking over the reports sent from the Unions we are satisfied that the general outlook is good. Our women are not disheartened by the experience of the past year, but seem to be filled with the spirit of the great apostle. "We can do all things through Christ."

A portion of that true British pluck and persistence which will not be daunted by opposition, joined to the knowledge that the "battle is the Lord's," will place the earnest, devoted women of the W. C. T. U. in the vanguard, until victory crowns the work of the united temperance forces of Canada.

In gleaning from the reports we found one sorrowing Union. In reply to the question, "What special work has your Union taken up this year?" These pitiful words came "Lamenting bitterly the insincerity of Laurier." (Rather doleful work that must have been.)

Then there were other references to the wrong-doing of those in "high places," but the general feeling is the necessity of work and prayer and persistency. A little story which came in the illustrations of last Sabbath's Sunday School "lesson" bears out the spirit of our workers as gathered from the forms. "One early spring morning a band of sowers went out to sow seed. At first it was pleasant work, but as the day advanced it grew more difficult. Some said "We'll never finish;" others said "What's the use," but the faithful ones among them cried out "Keep on and be patient, our Master promised us the sheaves if we would sow, and we must scatter His own seed as He said." But even these faithful, hopeful ones often found the work hard, and many a tear dropped by the way until at last the weary day ended. Then there was a long waiting time, but at last the sowers were called to be reapers and every faithful one came back with sheaves and with singing for the word was verified, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

We will close this introduction to the statistical report, by quoting a verse or two which we think is applicable to the present situation.

"Why fret thee soul
For things beyond thy small control?
Do but thy part and thou shalt see
Heaven will have charge of these and thee,
Sow thou the seed, and wait in peace
The Lord's increase.
Canst thou divine
The miracle of shower and shine
The marvel of recurrent spring
That from the thorn can roses bring,
The ebb and flow of tides that keep
Time through thy sleep?
Not one of these
But mocks thee with its mysteries.
Give then thy labor to an end
Thou canst not clearly comprehend,
Content that God who knoweth best
Shall do the rest."

ALGOMA—There are seven Unions in Algoma—Port Arthur, Fort William, Dryden, Sudbury, Beaver Mills, Thessalon, and Chapleau; 127 active and sixteen honorary members; Twelve public meetings have been held during the year; one Band of Hope reported with ninety-one members; total amount of money received \$103.76; 21,300 pages of literature distributed, besides temperance papers and magazines; thirteen departments of work taken up. Special work in Fort William—a Crusade against a new census and extra licenses being granted. Port Arthur reports reducing the number of licenses by one.

BRANT—Four Unions reported in this County—Brantford, Paris, St. George, and Mount Pleasant or Mohawk; 110 active and eleven honorary members; eleven public meetings held during the year; two Bands of Hope reported with 380 members; total amount of money received, \$302.37. 10,000 pages of literature distributed, besides a large quantity of which no record was kept. Twelve departments of work taken up.

Mohawk reports as special work—circulating a petition against a tavern license being granted in the villiage, have been successful in keeping it out for the past two years. St. George and Brantford report the reduction of licenses, one each through Union efforts, Brantford, Paris, and St. George kept Crusade Day, and Day of Prayer.

Brantford reports gaining twenty-five signatures to the pledge, and St. George a "large number."

BRUCE—There are thirteen Unions in this County—Elmwood, Lucknow, Teeswater "Y," Teeswater, Chesley, Cape Croker, Walkerton, Paisley, Kincardine, Hepworth, Wiarton, Mildmay, and Cargill; 242 active and forty-five honorary members; eight

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Bands of Hope, with 416 members; total amount of money received, \$222.18; pages of literature distributed, 19,341; also seventy pounds. Every department of work taken up, and successfully carried on. Work in this County seems to have been thoroughly done in the past year. A large number of Unions kept Crusade Day, and Day of Prayer. In many Unions the poor have been helped, and the sick visited. It can truly be said of them they have done what they could.

CARLETON—There are eleven Unions in this County—Ottawa, Ottawa Central "Y," Richmond, Carp, Emmanuel "Y," Thornley "Y," Manotic, Rutherford "Y," New Edinburg, Kinburn and Metcalf; 419 active and forty-five honorary members reported. As reports were received from Ottawa and Central "Y" Ottawa, only, we are unable to give a full report of the work in the County. The Ottawa report is very full and shows a most successful year's work. The Central "Y," which is the Banner Union of the Province, having an affiliated membership of 200, also reports a year of activity in all lines; one Band of Hope with eighty members; money received, \$345.00; fourteen public meetings held during the year; 6,000 pages of literature distributed; ten departments of work taken up. Special work undertaken—closing two saloons.

DUNDAS—One Union reported—Iroquois, thirty active and seven honorary members; two public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$49.45; two departments of work taken up. As special work an anti-treating pledge circulated by ministers and members of the Union.

ELGIN—This County reports ten Unions—St. Thomas, Corinth, Vienna, Port Stanley, Staffordville, Rodney, St. Thomas "Y," Port Burwell, Aylmer, and West Lorne; 167 active and twenty-five honorary members; fifteen public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$226.68; pages of literature distributed, 5,484; sixteen departments of work taken up; one Union kept Crusade Day and Day of Prayer. In St. Thomas special work was done among the poor, providing quilts and clothing.

ESSEX—There are seven Unions in this County—Essex, Windsor, Amherstburg, Leamington, Kingsville, Gesto and Harrow 143 active and fifty-eight honorary members; nineteen public meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope with twenty members; total amount of money raised, \$178.80; literature distributed, 1,900 leaflets; fifteen departments of work taken up; nine signatures to the pledge. As special work Essex, helped to enforce the local option law, and did a goodly amount of charitable work. Leamington supplied a nurse for a sick woman.

FRONTENAC—There are two Unions in the County—Kingston and Elginburg; forty-two active members and one honorary; three public meetings held during the year; total amount of money

raised, \$98.60; one Band of Hope, with eight members; 7,700 pages of literature have been distributed, and forty-five signatures to the pledge have been secured; nineteen departments of work taken up.

GREY—This County reports five Unions—Owen Sound, Meaford, Durham, Thornbury and Markdale, also one Youmans' Band; ninety-two active and three honorary members; one Boys' Brigade at Owen Sound, with fifty-four members; eight public meetings have been held; total amount of money raised, \$350.61; 700 pages of literature distributed; \$9.50 worth of edibles, besides Christmas letters to each person in the jail and hospital; twelve departments of work have been taken up; and fifty-two signatures to the pledge, have been obtained. In special work Owen Sound provided thirty-five copies of the Northern Messenger (for the year) for members of the Boys' Brigade; in Markdale, on petition of the W. C. T. U., the License Commissioner passed a resolution compelling hotel-keepers to keep their blinds raised during Prohibition hours; two Unions observed Day of Prayer.

GRENVILLE. There are eight Unions in this County—Ventnor, North Augusta, Algonquin, Merrickville, Kemptville, Spencerville, Prescott and Cardinal; 169 active and twenty honorary members; fifteen public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$218.89; pages of literature distributed, 3,482; twenty departments of work taken up. A reduction of three licenses through Union efforts is reported; two in North Augusta and one in Prescott. One Union observed Day of Prayer. Prescott, as special work, tried to prevent gambling and drinking, and to break up a house of questionable character. Prescott also sent a petition to Inspector Captain Chapman, and License Commissioners asking them to reduce the number of licenses. They wrote letters December 2nd, 1896, to their representative urging him to use his influence to secure legislation in fulfilment of the promises made. The Union requested the Sons of Temperance to do the same.

GLENGARRY.—This County reports six Unions—Dominionville, Maxville, St. Elmo, Picnic Grove, Lancaster, and Vankleek Hill. 101 active and fifty-eight honorary members; twelve public meetings held during the year, and eight departments of work taken up; total amount of money raised, \$171.00; pages of literature distributed, 4,200; one Band of Hope with eighty members.

HALDIMAND—There are three Unions reported in this County—Caledonia, Hagersville, and Cayuga, with forty-four active members; two public meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope with seventy-five members; total amount of money raised, \$46.72; nine departments of work undertaken and 1000 pages of literature distributed. Cayuga worked hard to check the sale of cigarettes, and secured several signatures to the pledge.

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HALTON—Reports three Unions—Oakville, Port Credit, and Milton: with fifty-three active and eight honorary members; six public meetings held during the year, and eighteen departments of work taken up; total amount of money received, \$94.18. Milton observed Day of Prayer, and as special work requested the license commissioners to enforce the law preventing hotel keepers from shading the bar-room windows: also relieved the poor of their town by making clothing and buying fuel, etc.

HASTINGS—There are three Unions reported in this County—Foxboro, Belleville, and Tweed; ninety-five active and six honorary members; six public meetings have been held, and eleven departments of work taken up; total amount of money raised, \$81.40. Tweed circulated a petition among the mothers to do away with the pool room licenses. It was presented by them to the Council and their request was granted.

HURON—There are five Unions reported in Huron—Goderich, Wingham, Seaforth, Clinton, and Blythe; 119 active and 20 honorary members; thirteen public meetings have been held during the year; total amount of money received, \$306.25; one Band of Hope with, 40 members; eighteen departments of work taken up, 19,100 pages of literature distributed. Special work: Seaforth and Clinton assisted the sick and poor, and Goderich helped to pay the debt on the temperance hall.

The Secretary ends her report in these words, which give a definite idea of the progress of the work in the county: "Although our membership has increased but nine in number, our increase in knowledge and usefulness has been much greater. Our local Unions have not been added to but have been strengthened and edified through the school of methods and County Conventions, which have been well attended. The Unions in the County are all working harmoniously."

KENT—This County reports eight Unions—Salem, Dresden, Blenheim, Wallaceburg, Ridgetown, Thamesville, Tilbury, and Chatham; 477 active and thirteen honorary members; nineteen public meetings have been held; eighteen departments of work taken up and 15,089 pages of literature distributed; one Union kept Crusade Day and one Day of Prayer; fourteen signatures to the pledge have been secured. Salem circulated a petition against a Tupperville hotel. Wallaceburg, through the appeal of a mother, tried to stop the gambling in the billiard hall. Chatham sent a petition to the Council asking that the brewery plant be not exempted from taxes. Total amount of money raised, \$255.58.

LAMBTON—There are eight Unions in this County—Alvinston, Copleston, Forest, Sombra, Sarnia, Petrolia, Watford and Wyoming; 167 active and sixty-six honorary members; ten public meetings have been held, and two Unions have observed Day of Prayer; total amount of money raised, \$238.04; four signa-

tures to the pledge were secured; 20,166 pages of literature distributed, and eighteen departments of work taken up. Sarnia established a Children's Aid Society.

LINCOLN—This County reports five Unions—Grimsby, St. Catharines, St. Catharines "Y," Campden and Homer; seventy-nine active and fourteen honorary members; five public meetings have been held; 1,300 pages of literature distributed and twelve departments of work taken up. St. Catharines gave two barrels of clothing to the poor, and the Northern Messenger for the Rockway Union. Total amount of money raised, \$77.77.

LEEDS—This County has eight Unions reported—Lake Elobida, Lansdowne, Lyn, Gananoque, Delta, Brockville, Brockville "Y," and Athens; 137 active and twelve honorary members; thirteen public meetings have been held; four Bands of Hope with ninety-five members; 17,040 pages of literature distributed, and eighteen departments of work taken up. Athens helped to elect temperance men for school trustees, and assisted the poor. Total amount of money received, \$274.45.

LANARK—There are six Unions reported in this County—Smith's Falls, Lanark, Almonte, Carleton Place, Perth, and Playfair; 147 active and five honorary members; fifteen public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$229.04; one Band of Hope with seventy members; 17,000 pages of literature distributed and twelve departments of work taken up; two Unions observed Day of Prayer and one Crusade Day. Smith's Falls sent to Muskoka for distribution in outlying districts, among farmer's wives, a large case of literature. Carleton Place circulated a petition to do away with a license at the Park.

MUSKOKA—One Union in Muskoka—Huntsville; twenty-two active and three honorary members; twenty-one public meetings have been held during the year; a Band of Hope with eighty members; total amount of money raised, \$63.68; eight departments of work taken up and 3,000 leaflets distributed; observed Day of Prayer, and tried to stop Sabbath labor at the tannery in the town; also petitioned to have the stores closed early on Saturday nights.

MIDDLESEX—Eight Unions reported in Middlesex County—Glencoe, Ilderton, Napier, Thorndale, Woodgreen, Strathroy, Mount Brydges and London; 567 active and 101 honorary members; eleven public meetings held during the year; four Bands of Hope with 205 members; total amount of money received, \$2,078.42; pages of literature distributed, 19,480; four Unions observed Day of Prayer and three, Crusade Day. London Union put forth a strong effort to secure early closing of stores on Saturday night, wrote a leaflet on the subject, which was distributed throughout the churches.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Three Unions in this County—Campbellford, Cobourg, and Brighton; forty active and six honorary

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members; thirteen public meetings have been held and three departments of work taken up; total amount of money raised, \$12.75; one Union kept Day of Prayer. Brighton did special work in the distribution of local charity.

NIPISSING—Four Unions are reported in this district—North Bay, North Bay "Y," Sturgeon Falls and Sudbury; ninety-three active and twenty-three honorary members; five public meetings were held and nine departments of work taken up; two signatures to the pledge have been secured; total amount of money received, \$86.65. Sturgeon Falls stopped the sale of some objectionable weekly papers. North Bay "Y" as special work made quilts for the "Shelter" in Toronto.

ONTARIO—There are six Unions in this County—Prince Albert, Port Perry, Whitby, Seagrave, Uxbridge and Oshawa; 111 active and sixteen honorary members; twenty-four public meetings were held; four Bands of Hope with 552 members; total amount of money received, \$53.97; pages of literature distributed, 2,556; fifteen departments of work taken up; four Unions observed Day of Prayer and two, Crusade Day. Port Perry contributed light to the reading-room. Oshawa circulated a petition to prohibit a shop license. Seagrave petitioned the Council to reduce the number of licenses.

OXFORD—There are eight Unions in this county—Ingersoll, Embro, Norwich, Woodstock, Brownsville, Salford, Tilsonburg, and Tilsonburg "Y"; 139 active and thirteen honorary members; twenty-three public meetings; Two Bands of Hope with seventy-five members; 1,817 pages of literature distributed; total amount of money raised, \$185.55; seventeen departments of work undertaken; three Unions observed Day of Prayer; Salford held a public exhibition of temperance mottoes and exercises by the Band of Hope on the day of voting; Norwich petitioned for early closing of stores and strict attention to the keeping of license laws.

PRINCE EDWARD—There are two Unions in this County—Picton, and Picton "Y" with thirty-three active and three honorary members; one public meeting held during the year; a Band of Hope with 232 members; three departments of work taken up; total amount of money raised \$117.24.

PERTH—There are four Unions in Perth County—St. Mary's, Stratford, Listowel, and Mitchell; eighty six active and six honorary members; fourteen public meetings have been held; 27,000 pages of literature distributed; total amount of money received, \$168.63; one Band of Hope with sixty-five members; secured twenty signatures to the pledge and report the reduction of one license through Union efforts; Stratford circulated a petition against hotel license; one against cigarette selling, and prevented one hotel from obtaining a license. Mitchell made quilts which, with the others donated by a member of the Union, were given to

needy families. A sewing machine was also given to a poor woman to enable her to do sewing to help support her family.

PETERBORO'—One Union in this County—Peterboro'; twelve active and four honorary members; held one public meeting; kept Crusade Day, also Day of Prayer; total amount of money raised, \$20.00; distributed 1,409 pages of literature, and did work in twelve departments.

PEEL—This County reports one Union—Brampton; forty-two active and eleven honorary members; held two public meetings; kept Crusade Day and Day of Prayer, and distributed 975 pages of literature; total amount of money received, \$50.75.

RUSSELL—One Union in this County—Rockland "Y"; there are sixty active and fifty honorary members; total amount of money raised, \$177.00; has held two public meetings and done work in eight departments.

RENFREW—There are six Unions in this County—Renfrew, Arnprior, Pembroke, Cobden, Beechburg, and Greenwood; ninety-seven active and twenty-eight honorary members; twenty-two public meetings were held; one Band of Hope with sixty members; total amount of money received, \$283.82; three Unions observed day of Prayer; 1000 pages of literature distributed, and eleven departments of work taken up; one Sunday school had fifty members sign either the triple or temperance pledge; prevented a license being granted to a hotel.

SIMCOE—This County reports ten Unions—Barrie, Orillia, Collingwood, Gravenhurst, Minesing, Alliston, Elmvale, Midland, Bradford and Wyebridge; 209 active and six honorary members; 13 public meetings have been held; three Bands of Hope with 411 members; total amount of money raised, \$229.59; thirteen departments of work taken up, and large quantities of literature distributed. Midland collected \$44.00 to help the Lord's Day Alliance in their work; also exerted themselves to have early closing of shops on Saturday night, to allow clerks to attend church on Sunday morning. Orillia circulated a petition and succeeded in having one license withheld. Alliston did a charitable work in caring for a poor unfortunate girl. Bradford is a new Union, but has taken up the work energetically, and will make a good record for next year.

STORMONT—There are six Unions in this County—Aultsville, Cornwall, Newington, Gravel Hill, Moulinette, and Wales; 133 active and twelve honorary members; fourteen public meetings have been held; two Bands of Hope with 440 members; total amount of money raised, \$278.20; eleven departments of work taken up; 24,200 pages of literature distributed; one Union observed Day of Prayer. Cornwall had printed large copies of Band of Hope pledge and sent to all the schools in the County.

TORONTO.—Reports 18 Unions—Central, Western, Parkdale, Willard, Bathurst, Gordon, Northern, Deer Park, Youmans, Creighton, Eastern, Central "Y", Western "Y", Parkdale "Y", Bascom

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"Y," Northern "Y", Dovercourt "Y", and Bathurst "Y"; 643 active members and 82 honorary members; four Bands of Hope with 336 members; 44 public meetings have been held; total amount of money received, \$1184.77; literature distributed at the fair 9,555 pages. Sailors Department distributed 447 papers; 9,789 leaflets; 364 booklets and 55 magazines. Through the efforts of the Willard Union assisted by other societies, two licenses were refused. Gordon Union protested against indecent posters and did relief work. Northern Union wrote letters to the Dominion Government and members of Parliament re Plebiscite Vote, joined a deputation to License Commissioners and Police Commissioners to protest against transfer of license. Creighton Union notified inspector of violation of Sabbath Observance law. Central "Y" did special work among school girls. Bascom "Y" held evangelistic meetings in the Mercer Reformatory.

VICTORIA—This County reports one Union—Lindsay with 34 members; two public meetings were held; 200 pages of literature distributed and five departments of work taken up; total amount of money raised, \$29.43.

WENTWORTH—There are seven Unions reported in this County; Dundas, Hamilton, Hamilton Central, Eastern, Central "Y" Youmans, Youmans "Y"; 363 active and 27 honorary members; 19 public meetings have been held and 20 departments of work taken up; 664 members in the Band of Hope; total amount of money raised, \$1,807.30. Special work—Reformation of drunkards by special treatment.

WATERLOO—Ten Unions in Waterloo County—Ayr; Ayr "Y"; Blair, Berlin, Central Dumfries, Galt, Oakwood, Preston, Pine Grove and Waterloo; 242 active and 28 honorary members; 42 public meetings have been held; 6 Bands of Hope with 406 members; total amount of money raised, \$403.93; 18 departments of work taken up; the amount of literature distributed has not been properly recorded. Several Unions report having done so but no record kept. Ayr, \$7.00 worth; Galt \$7.00. Sabbath Reading for general distribution and 25 Anti-Tobacco Gems. Oakwood, 118 lbs. Pine Grove, 5 lbs. and 500 pages; a donation of money was also sent to Berlin Orphanage. The management of the Fresh Air Fund, was entrusted to the Galt Union, and was used in giving an outing at Grimsby Park to twelve friends who would otherwise have had no holiday. Pine Grove sent \$3.00 to Lumbermen's Work and \$1.50 to Dominion Lord's Day Alliance. Central Dumfries have started a library in the Sunday School. Ayr Y's are preparing for an apron sale.

WELLINGTON—This County reports nine Unions—Guelph, Mt. Forest, Palmerston, Rockwood, Mt. Forest "Y", Bellwood, Arthur, Fergus and Harriston; 130 active and 13 honorary members; one Band of Hope; 7 public meetings held; total amount of money

raised \$255.82; pages of literature distributed 14,400; 15 departments of work taken up. Palmerston kept up a reading room in the town, paid rent, etc., and did good work generally. Guelph Union was the means of having a sparring match stopped. Fergus kept up good interest in all the departments taken up. Bellwood and Fergus held a united public school examination and gave rewards to pupils for best answers. Mt. Forest "Y", held four interesting medal contests, giving medals for elocution and music.

YORK—There are thirteen Unions in York County—Toronto Junction, New Market, Richmond Hill, Weston, Belhaven, Sutton, Stouffville, Georgina Island, Eglinton, East Toronto, Schonburg, Keswick and Thornhill; 230 active and forty-eight honorary members; three Bands of Hope with 141 members; 91 public meetings have been held; 6,500 pages of literature distributed; 21 departments of work taken up; total amount of money received, \$210.64 two Unions kept Day of Prayer. Schonburg secured thirty signatures to the pledge, and did good work Departmentally. Thornhill circulated a petition against the opening of a hotel and were successful. New Market visited two families on account of inhuman treatment to their children. Belhaven had a pound offering for the poor, and aided Sutton in their liquor trial and also sent help to the Girl's Shelter, Toronto, Lord's Day Alliance and Lumbermen. Toronto Junction circulated a petition against a shop license. East Toronto petitioned for the Curtew Bell. Sutton has had a hard struggle with the liquor traffic. They tried to reduce the number of hotel licenses from four to two but were unsuccessful. They also made an effort to fine one hotel-keeper for selling on Sunday, they also lost this case and have had costs to pay.

SUMMARY.

From the foregoing we find the following summary

Unions,	244
Members,	5,759
Honorary Members,	913
Public Meetings,	571
Bands of Hope,	56
Children,	4,978
Amount of money received for all purposes,	\$11,638.91
Pages of Literature distributed,	307,308.

A number of new Unions have been organized during the year.

The following may not be a correct list, additions will be in order before sending report to the press.—Madoc, East Toronto, Schonburg, Thornhill, Keswick, Eglinton, Bradford, Ventnor, Cardinal, Jasper, Picnic Grove, Elginburg, Beachburg, Eganville, Tweed, Harrow, Tilbury, St. Thomas "Y", West Lorne, Waterdown, Sudbury, Sturgeon Falls, Beaver Mills, Gravel Hill.

During the year nearly fifty of our Union workers have passed over the river and entered into rest.

Your Secretary has written 637 letters, 610 post cards and sent out 3,760 circulars.

Treasurer's Annual Report

(MISS JENNIE MACARTHUR, Cornwall.)

RECEIPTS.

AFFILIATION FEES.

ALGOMA—		
Dryden.....	\$ 4 25	
Chapleau.....	3 25	
Beaver Mills.....	2 75	
Fort William.....	6 00	
Thessalon.....	3 00	
Sudbury (Nipissing).....	6 00	
Port Arthur.....	6 00	
	\$ 31 85	
BRANT—		
Brantford.....	12 50	
Paris.....	5 00	
St. George.....	4 50	
Mohawk.....	3 00	
	25 00	
BRUCE—		
Elmwood.....	8 25	
Lucknow.....	7 50	
Teeswater.....	6 25	
Teeswater "Y".....	6 50	
Chesley.....	6 00	
Walkerton.....	5 25	
Paisley.....	4 00	
Cape Croker.....	3 50	
Lucknow "Y".....	3 25	
Kincardine.....	2 50	
Hepworth.....	2 50	
Warton.....	2 25	
Mildmay.....	1 50	
Cargill.....	1 25	
Mrs. Burchart.....	25	
	60 75	
CARLETON—		
Richmond.....	2 00	
Ottawa.....	18 00	
Carp.....	4 75	
Manotic.....	3 00	
Ottawa Central "Y".....	50 00	
" Emmanuel "Y".....	5 00	
" Thornley "Y".....	5 00	
" Rutherford "Y".....	5 00	
New Edinburg "Y".....	5 00	
Kinburn.....	4 00	
Metcalfe.....	3 00	
	\$104 75	
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$222 35</i>	

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$222 35
DURHAM—		
	Bowmanville.....	5 85
	Orono.....	7 25
	Port Hope.....	4 25
		<hr/> 17 35
DUNDAS—		
	Iroquois.....	6 75
		<hr/> 6 75
ELGIN—		
	Corinth.....	3 50
	Aylmer.....	2 00
	St. Thomas.....	20 75
	Vienna.....	4 50
	Port Stanley.....	2 50
	Staffordville.....	1 50
	Rodney.....	3 75
	St. Thomas "Y".....	1 50
	Port Burwell.....	1 00
	West Lorne.....	75
		<hr/> 41 75
ESSEX—		
	Kingsville.....	8 00
	Windsor.....	7 75
	Essex.....	6 50
	Leamington.....	5 50
	Amherstburg.....	3 00
	Gesto.....	1 75
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GREY—		
	Owen Sound.....	7 75
	Thornbury.....	2 75
	Meaford.....	4 00
	Markdale.....	4 00
	Durham.....	3 50
		<hr/> 22 00
FRONTENAC—		
	Elginburg.....	1 50
	Kingston.....	9 00
		<hr/> 10 50
GLENGARRY—		
	Dominionville.....	2 75
	Maxville.....	6 75
	St. Elmo.....	4 55
	Picnic Grove.....	3 75
	Lancaster.....	2 50
	Vankleek Hill.....	2 40
		<hr/> 22 70
GRENVILLE—		
	Merrickville.....	6 00
	Spencerville.....	5 00
	Ventnor.....	1 50
	Kemptville.....	5 00
	Prescott.....	9 25
	North Augusta.....	3 75
	Cardinal.....	5 00
	Algonquin.....	6 25
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	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$417 65

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$417 65
HALTON—		
Oakville.....	7 25	7 25
HASTINGS—		
Foxboro'.....	3 25	
Belleville.....	15 75	
Tweed.....	4 75	23 75
HALDIMAND—		
Caledonia.....	5 00	
Hagersville.....	2 75	
Cayuga.....	3 25	11 00
HURON—		
Goderich.....	10 50	
Wingham.....	6 75	
Clinton.....	4 75	
Seaforth.....	4 75	
Blyth.....	3 00	29 75
KENT—		
Chatham.....	9 75	
Blenheim.....	5 50	
Dresden.....	4 35	
Ridgetown.....	5 00	
Thamesville.....	3 50	
Wallaceburg.....	1 75	
Salem.....	2 25	
Tilbury.....	4 00	36 10
LINCOLN—		
Grimsby.....	4 75	
St. Catharines.....	6 50	
St. Catharines "Y".....	1 75	
Campden.....	3 25	
Homer.....	1 75	18 00
LANARK—		
Smith's Falls.....	17 75	
Lanark.....	2 50	
Almonte.....	2 25	
Carleton Place.....	5 50	
Perth.....	4 75	
Playfair.....	2 00	34 75
LAMBTON—		
Alvinston.....	7 25	
Copleston.....	1 50	
Forest.....	3 00	
Sombra.....	4 75	
Sarnia.....	7 50	
Petrolea.....	9 25	
Watford.....	2 50	
Wyoming.....	6 25	42 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$620 25

	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$620 25
LEEDS—		
Gananoque	5 00	
Delta	1 25	
Lyn	3 25	
Athens	5 00	
Lake Elvida	1 50	
Brockville "Y"	4 75	
Lansdowne	3 00	
Brockville	7 25	
	<hr/>	31 00
MIDDLESEX—		
London	65 00	
Glencoe	6 00	
Strathroy	2 50	
Woodgreen	1 50	
Thorndale	2 50	
Iderton	3 00	
Mount Brydges	1 75	
Napier	5 00	
	<hr/>	87 25
MUSKOKA—		
Huntsville	5 50	
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NIPISSING—		
Sturgeon Falls	3 75	
North Bay	10 25	
North Bay "Y"	2 00	
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NORTHUMBERLAND—		
Campbellford	4 00	
Cobourg	3 25	
Brighton	2 75	
	<hr/>	10 00
ONTARIO		
Prince Albert	3 75	
Port Perry	5 50	
Whitby	5 50	
Seagrave	2 75	
Uxbridge	5 00	
Oshawa	4 25	
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OXFORD—		
Ingersoll	5 75	
Embro	2 25	
Norwich	5 00	
Woodstock	9 25	
Brownsville	2 50	
Salford	1 75	
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PERTH—		
Stratford	7 00	
Mitchell	2 75	
St. Mary's	6 75	
Listowel	5 00	
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	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$844 75

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	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$844 75
PETERBORO'		
	Peterboro'	3 00
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PEEL—		
	Brampton	10 50
		10 50
PRINCE EDWARD—		
	Picton	4 00
	Picton "Y"	4 25
		8 25
RUSSELL—		
	Rockland "Y"	15 00
		15 00
RENFREW—		
	Renfrew	4 00
	Arnprior	6 50
	Pembroke	7 75
	Cobden	2 00
	Beachburg	2 00
	Greenwood	2 00
		24 25
SIMCOE—		
	Orillia	9 00
	Gravenhurst	3 25
	Alliston	6 50
	Collingwood	9 75
	Minesing	3 75
	Barrie	5 00
		37 25
STORMONT—		
	Aultsville	1 50
	Cornwall	15 00
	Moulinette	2 00
	Newington	3 75
	Wales	1 00
		23 25
TORONTO DISTRICT		
	Central	23 00
	Bathurst	10 50
	Parkdale	18 75
	Willard	7 75
	Northern	19 00
	Eastern	5 25
	Youmans	4 00
	Bathurst "Y"	3 75
	Northern "Y"	6 50
	Central "Y"	11 00
	Deer Park	3 00
	Creighton	10 75
	Dovercourt	1 75
	Gordon	17 25
	Western	8 00
	Parkdale "Y"	3 75
	Dovercourt "Y"	2 00
	Western "Y"	4 25
	Bascom "Y"	2 50
		162 75
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,129.00

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

	Amount brought forward.....	\$1,129 00
VICTORIA—		
	Lindsay.....	8 50
		8 50
WENTWORTH—		
	Hamilton.....	15 00
	" Central.....	35 00
	" Eastern "Y".....	10 00
	" Central "Y".....	5 00
	" Youmans.....	13 50
	" Youmans "Y".....	5 25
	Dundas.....	7 00
		90 75
WELLAND—		
	Port Colborne.....	4 37
		4 37
WELLINGTON—		
	Mount Forest.....	6 00
	Bellwood.....	5 00
	Arthur.....	3 25
	Palmerston.....	3 75
	Rockwood.....	2 00
	Guelph.....	10 50
	Fergus.....	3 50
		34 00
WATERLOO—		
	Galt.....	11 00
	Oakwood.....	3 25
	Waterloo.....	4 00
	Ayr.....	12 50
	Central Dumfries.....	3 75
	Berlin.....	10 00
	Preston.....	5 25
	Pine Grove.....	5 00
	Blair.....	1 25
		56 00
YORK—		
	Toronto Junction.....	7 75
	New Market.....	5 88
	Richmond Hill.....	7 00
	Weston.....	4 50
	Belhaven.....	4 27
	Sutton West.....	3 25
	Stouffville.....	3 25
	Georgina Island.....	4 75
	Eglinton.....	1 25
	East Toronto.....	4 50
	Schomberg.....	1 75
	Keswick.....	1 87
	Thornhill.....	1 75
		52 25
	Fees received after books closed last year.....	24 50
		\$1,399 37
LUMBERCAMP MISSION.		
ALGOMA—		
	Thessalon, \$2.50 ; Fort William, \$2.80 , Dryden, 90c....	\$ 6 20
	Amount carried forward.....	\$ 6 20 \$1,399 37

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	Amount brought forward	\$ 6 20	\$1,399 37
BRANT—	Paris	2 00	
BRUCE—	Walkerton, \$1; Chesley, \$1.60; Cargill, \$5; Paisley G. T. Executive, \$3; Loyal Legion, 50c; W. C. T. U., \$3.10; Mildmay, \$1; Teeswater, \$3	18 20	
CARLETON—	Ottawa	10 00	
DURHAM—	Bowmanville, \$2; Port Hope, \$2.50; Orono, \$3	7 50	
DUNDAS—	Iroquois	5 00	
ELGIN—	St. Thonas	3 00	
ESSEX—	Kingsville, \$1; Windsor, \$5	6 00	
FRONTENAC—	Kingston	3 00	
GREY—	Thornbury	1 00	
GLENGARRY—	A friend, Martintown, 50c; Maxville, \$4; St. Elmo, \$3; Lancaster, \$4; Williamstown W. F. M. S., \$1.25	15 75	
GRENVILLE—	Spencerville, \$5; Merrickville, \$3; Prescott \$1; North Augusta \$2	11 00	
HALTON—	Milton, \$2.50; Oakville, \$6	8 50	
			97 15
HASTINGS—	Foxboro	5 00	
	Belleville	4 00	
	Belleville W. F. M. S.	5 55	
			14 55
HALDIMAND—	Cayuga	1 20	
	Caledonia	1 11	
			2 31
HURON—	Wingham	6 85	
	Redgrave	1 25	
	Seaforth	5 00	
	Goderich	5 00	
	Clinton	3 00	
			21 10
	Amount carried forward	\$1,534	48

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	<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,534 48
KENT—		
	Chatham.....	2 50
	Blenheim.....	2 00
		<hr/> 4 50
LINCOLN—		
	Grimsby.....	2 00
	Campden.....	1 00
		<hr/> 3 00
LANARK—		
	Carleton Place.....	5 00
	Playfair C. E.....	1 00
	Almonte B of H.....	1 64
	Smith's Falls.....	3 49
	Playfair W. C. T. U.....	3 00
		<hr/> 14 13
LAMBTON—		
	Sombra, \$8.60; Petrolia, \$3; Sarnia, \$7.30; Wyoming, \$4; Forest, \$2.50; County W. C. T. U. \$5.....	30 40
LEEDS—		
	Lyn, \$3; Gananoque, \$5; Lansdowne, \$3.50; Lake Elويد \$5; Brockville "Y," \$5.....	21 50
MIDDLESEX—		
	County, \$35; Strathroy, \$1; Monnt Brydges, \$1.50; Glencoe, \$4; London, \$26.15.....	69 65
MUSKOKA—		
	Huntsville.....	2 00
NIPISSING—		
	North Bay.....	10 00
NORTHUMBERLAND—		
	Campbellford.....	2 00
ONTARIO—		
	Seagrave, \$2; Port Perry, \$5.30; Uxbridge, \$2; Prince Albert, \$2.....	11 30
OXFORD—		
	Norwich, \$7; Brownsville, \$2.40; Tilsonburg, "Y" 50c Ingersoll, \$5; Embro, \$4; Woodstock, \$5; Versch oyle, \$1.....	24 90
PERTH—		
	Stratford.....	5 00
PETERBORO—		
	Peterboro.....	1 00
PEEL—		
	Brampton.....	6 00
P. EDWARD		
	Pictou.....	2 60
RENFREW—		
	Arnprior.....	2 00
		<hr/> 188 35
	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,744 46

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	Amount brought forward.....	\$1,744 46
RUSSELL—		
	Rockland, "Y's", \$6; South Indian, \$1.20.....	7 20
SIMCOE—		
	Orillia, \$5; Gravenhurst, \$1; Elmvale, \$1.40; Alliston, \$2; Barrie, \$5; Minesing, \$1.55; Mrs. Mickle, \$2.50	18 45
STORMONT—		
	Mrs. Pringle, \$2; Cornwall, \$5; Avonmore, \$1; Mouli- nette, \$2.....	10 00
TORONTO—		
	Creighton, \$3; Central, \$5; Northern, \$12; Willard, \$3; Bathurst, \$2; Deer Park, \$4; Parkdale, \$3.50; Dovercourt, \$1; Gordon, \$3; Youmans, \$1; Central "Y", \$2; Rev. E. Harris, \$10; Miss Wiggins, \$5.	54 50
VICTORIA—		
	Lindsay.....	23 00
WENTWORTH—		
	County and Hamilton City Unions, \$20; Dundas, \$4.95	24 95
WELLINGTON—		
	Guelph, \$5; Mount Forest, \$5.50; Mount Forest, "Y" \$2.50	13 00
WATERLOO—		
	Galt, \$10; Pine Grove, \$3; Ayr, \$3.10; Oakwood, \$2..	18 10
YORK—		
	County, \$5.50; Mrs. Fotheringham, 50c; Weston, \$2; Stouffville, \$7.25.....	15 25
ALGOMA MISSION—		
	Mrs. Thornley, \$100; Arnprior, \$1; Mildmay, \$1; Mit- chell, \$1; Galt, \$3.50; Cobourg, \$1; Dryden, 90c.	108 40
WORLD'S AND DOMINION MISSION—		
	Prince Albert, \$2.25; Ottawa, \$1; Grimsby, \$1; Corn- wall, 75c.; St. Thomas, \$2.85; Strathroy, \$1.65; Toronto District, 42c.; Napier, \$1.50; Owen Sound \$1.50.....	12 92
DEEP SEA MISSION—		
	Vankleek Hill, \$1.25; Collingwood, \$1; St. Elmo, \$1; Lancaster, \$1; Brampton, \$1; Port Stanley, \$1.50 Sarnia, \$3; Kingsville, \$1; Fort William, \$1; Cor- inth, \$1; Windsor, \$1; Prescott, \$1; Watford, \$1; Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, \$2; Maxville, \$1; Durham, \$1; Forest, \$1; Smith's Falls, \$2; Vienna, \$1.....	24 75
		330 52
	Amount carried forward.....	\$2,074 98

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Amount brought forward.....\$2,074 98

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE—

Dundas, \$2; Mrs. Schryer, soc.; Guelph, \$5; Athens, \$2;
Sarnia, \$2; Picnic Grove, \$2; Fergus, \$8.50; Fort
William, \$3; Seaforth, \$9 15; Weston, \$1; Richmond
Hill, \$2.65; London, \$5; Lindsay, \$1.25; Merrick-
ville, \$2; Mount Brydges, \$2; Toronto Northern, \$2;
Prescott, \$1; Cornwall, \$5; Iroquois, \$5; Kingston,
\$5; Rockland, \$5; Belhaven, \$2; Stratford, \$5;
Durham, soc.; Arnprior, \$5; Huntsville, \$1.75; Car-
gill, \$1; Mrs. Rutherford, \$2; Galt, \$1.20.....

86 45

DOMINION ALLIANCE—

Alliston, \$1.50; Merrickville, \$2; Cornwall, \$15.....

18 50

DOMINION THANKOFFERING—St. Thomas, \$11.60; Dryden,
\$1.70; Peterboro, \$2.20; Smith's Falls, \$10.25; Cobourg,
\$1.75.....

27 50

SUNDRIES—

Balance from last year.....1325 96
Convention receipts.....139 38
Donation Campbellford.....50
Donation World's Union Fort William.....1 00
Refunded by Mrs. Bell.....5 00
Donation Mrs. Ella C. Acheson.....5 00
Sale of Annual Reports.....94 80
Advertisements in Reports.....49 70
Interest (balance of).....12 88

1634 22

Total.....\$3,841 65

EXPENDITURES

PRESIDENT—

Stenographers Salary and Incidental allowance.....200 00
Travelling.....18 85
Postage, Telegrams, etc.....76 27

295 12

VICE PRESIDENT—

Allowance.....10 00
Travelling.....5 00
Postage.....2 80

17 80

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—

Allowance.....100 00
Postage, etc.....26 36

126 36

RECORDING SECRETARY—

Allowance.....20 00
Telephone.....20 00
Postage and supplies.....6 65

46 65

TREASURER—

Allowance.....20 00
Travelling.....16 45
Postage, draft charges, etc.....19 41

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Amount carried forward.....\$541 79

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Amount brought forward.....\$541 79

COUNTY PRESIDENTS—

Grenville.....	3 85	
Northumberland.....	2 00	
Kent.....	8 00	
Elgin.....	2 35	
Hastings.....	50	
Stormont.....	2 00	
		18 70

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS—

Curfew Bell.....	5 00	
Lord's Day Observance.....	11 00	
Systematic Giving.....	5 26	
Organization Postage.....	47 50	
Franchise Postage.....	18 32	
"Y".....	6 10	
Soldiers.....	3 68	
Colored People.....	12 50	
Prison and Police.....	1 35	
Evangelistic.....	2 80	
Fairs and Exhibitions.....	5 46	
Legislation and Petition.....	2 25	
Railway Employees.....	3 00	
Parlor Meetings.....	1 40	
Scientific Temperance.....	5 38	
Unfermented Wine.....	2 76	
Flower, Fruit and Delicacy.....	7 56	
Temperance in Sabbath Schools.....	6 06	
Anti-narcotic.....	5 13	
Hygiene and Heredity.....	5 08	
Algoma, salary and expenses.....	223 00	
Lumbercamp Mission—		
Salary.....	500 00	
Express, etc.....	10 00	
Freight prepaid.....	1 25	
Mrs. Mickle.....	4 66	
Miss Fisher.....	4 91	
		520 82
		901 41

SUNDRIES—

Accounts paid after books closed.....	234 39	
Convention Expenses.....	196 71	
Mrs. Saunby for preparing report.....	20 00	
Directory in "Woman's Journal".....	15 00	
Refund Northumberland County fees.....	95	
Repairs to typewriter.....	10 70	
World's Union.....	1 00	
Paris Exposition fund.....	30 00	
World's and Dominion Missions.....	12 92	
Deep Sea Mission.....	24 75	
Lord's Day Alliance.....	86 45	
Dominion Thankoffering.....	27 50	
Dominion Alliance.....	18 50	
Advertisement in "Journal".....	1 10	

Amount carried forward.....\$679 97\$1,461 90

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$679 97	\$1,461 90
Literature U. C. Tract Society.....	3 81	
Literature F. S. Spence.....	2 50	
Literature Dominion W. C. T. U. Depository.....	64 53	70 84
Printing and Stationery.....	483 09	
Dominion Union affiliation fee.....	279 85	1,513 75
Total.....		\$2,975 65

STATEMENT.

Total assets.....	3841 65
Total disbursements.....	2975 65
Balance	\$ 866 00

JENNIE MACARTHUR

Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

LAURA BINNIE, Auditor.

CORNWALL, October 26th, 1899.

NOTE.

Owing to the severe illness of the Treasurer, convention receipts, expenses, fees sent and bills paid after convention, have not been entered in this report.

Reports of Departments.

EVANGELISTIC.

MRS. A. GORDON, Superintendent.

"Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body."—1 Cor. 6: 19, 20.

"The three requisites for success are ability, availability, and responsibility. The first is native, the second acquired, the third conferred."—E. WILLARD.

AGLOMA EAST—No report.

ALGOMA WEST—Has an evangelistic Committee, held public meetings, and prayer meetings of much interest and power, distributed literature.

BRANT—Held Gospel temperance meetings after Sunday evening service in various churches with good success. Other work done, not reported.

BRUCE—Evangelistic services held regularly in the jail, monthly union prayer meetings in the different churches, cottage prayer meetings and much personal work done, visited the sick, clothed the poor, distributed 1500 pages of literature.

CARLETON—Held regularly the devotional meetings, hospital and jail visited, and services faithfully attended to, one bible reader reports over 800 visits, many souls blessed, about \$250 spent in relieving the destitute, besides quantities of food and clothing donated. Unions outside the County have assisted by sending fruit and flowers, distributed literature and marked New Testaments.

DUNDAS—No Report.

DURHAM—Principal work, visiting sick, poor and aged, supplying delicacies, food, and raiment. Prayer service held.

ELGIN—No report.

ESSEX—No report.

FRONTENAC—The faithful Superintendent reports good work accomplished. Prayer services, and devotional hour observed. Much personal work with the lost and erring, sick visited, poor comforted and relieved, literature distributed.

GREY—No report.

GLENGARRY—No report.

GRENVILLE—Owing to the removal of the County Supt.

the President supplies the following: Held one weeks special services conducted by the Provincial Evangelistic Superintendent which were productive of much good. Cottage prayer meetings, Mother's meetings, and meetings with the "shut in" ones. Distributed literature.

HALDIMAND—The Superintendent writes: The spirit of willing workers has been with our members. In monthly devotional meetings nearly all have taken part, meetings well attended. In the "silent mission" of visiting the sick and poor, much has been done that cannot be tabulated. Temperance sermons preached, large quantities of literature distributed, much encouraged for future work.

HURON—Work difficult but much good accomplished. Distributed temperance and religious literature, arranged for special meetings of various kinds. House to house visiting and personal work.

HALTON—No report.

HASTINGS—No report.

KENT—The Lord has prospered the work, blessed the prayer meetings and visits to the sick and poor. Regular services held in hospital. Temperance sermons preached, literature distributed. Superintendent very enthusiastic.

LINCOLN—Visited sick and poor, distributed tracts, books, and temperance literature. Hospital regularly visited and comforts given to the patients. Superintendent very energetic and hopeful of good results. Have a lending library to be used in evangelistic work.

LAMBTON—Held services regularly in house of refuge, Union and public prayer meetings, Mother's meetings, evangelistic visits, and sermons preached. The members have taken care of the sick and dying, and given away clothing and delicacies to the poor with text-cards attached. Seven hundred pages of literature distributed, besides tracts and Christmas cards.

LANARK—Letters written, sermons preached, prayer meetings and consecration services, also crusade meetings. Visited regularly the jail, much time spent with the sick and suffering. Distributed literature, pamphlets and books.

LEEDS—Services in hospital and homes, while laboring for others our own hearts were refreshed. Literature distributed.

MIDDLESEX—London has this work well established. A Superintendent in charge. The city has been districted and committees appointed for each. The sick are visited, and tempting delicacies or dainty nourishment sent to those who could not procure such, while the spritual side of the work is constantly kept uppermost. Much good has been accomplished through this department.

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MUSKOKA—No report.

NORFOLK—No report.

NIPISSING—No report.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Contributed Memorial Thank Offering, visited the sick and aged and supplied them with reading matter. Held public meetings, and prayer meetings, cottage meetings, temperance sermons preached. Good work done by the few.

OXFORD—The Superintendent says "work encouraging." Devotional hour strictly observed, and temperance lessons taught in Sunday Schools. Gospel temperance meetings, special temperance sermons, prayer meetings held with sick, aged and poor. Much stress laid upon the power of prayer. Services held in jail and house of refuge, where Bibles, hymn books, literature, and tracts were given to the inmates.

ONTARIO—No report.

PEEL—Held regular services in jail and house of refuge, visited the sick, aged and needy and ministered unto them. Gave Christmas gifts. Distributed cards and 1224 pages of literature.

PETERBORO—Superintendent writes, good work has been done. The sick and dying visited and helped spiritually. 170 papers distributed.

Perth—Superintendent visits every Sunday morning the livery stables, electric plant building and fire hall stations, giving to the men Gospel literature, thus carrying the Gospel to them when they are unable to attend Divine Service, and doing personal work. Visited the aged, sick and infirm besides holding services in the hospital, jail and poor house. Held Mother's meetings, mission sewing classes for children, when gifts were made for the poor. Taught the Chinese, some of whom have professed conversion. Sunday School for colored children. Distributed 2,545 pages of literature. Superintendent hopes to do *even* more next year.

PEEL—No report.

PRINCE EDWARD—No report.

RENFREW—No report.

RUSSELL—No report.

SIMCOE—The Corresponding Secretary writes: "We have not taken up the Evangelistic Department." One Union reports weekly house visiting. Held public meetings, Bible readings, prayer meetings and consecration services, deep interest in spiritual things.

STORMONT—Special Prayer Meetings, Mother's meetings, and Evangelistic meetings were held with great blessing attending each.

TORONTO DISTRICT—The Superintendent greatly impressed by the breadth of the work and reports fully from nearly all the

unions as follows:—Monthly devotional prayer meetings, Bible readings, instructive and interesting lectures, and Mothers' meetings of great profit were held. To the mothers, blankets, flannel and print sold, paid for in weekly instalments. A picnic for mothers and children. Mercer Reformatory faithfully visited house to house visiting to reclaim the lost, sick visited, gifts of bedding and clothing, pledge signed, and literature distributed.

VICTORIA—No report.

WELLAND—New Superintendent. Report:—Meetings held in jail every Sunday during the winter, good work going on.

WENTWORTH—No report.

WATERLOO—Very aggressive in this department. Regular Gospel meetings held at house of industry and jail. Also observed special days of prayer in the union, besides public prayer services and monthly devotional meetings. Have visited the sick, poor and aged and given them the gospel. Distributed tracts, texts of scripture and other reading matter.

YORK—All Unions have taken up the work. Held 76 Gospel Temperance Meetings. Many young men interested. 37 lectures and addresses, 16 temperance sermons, besides Bible meetings Mother's Meetings and services with Epworth Leagues and Christian Endeavours. One hotel closed through efforts of the union. Sick and sorrowing visited, children cared for and many have signed the pledge. The schools supplied with literature besides 900 pages distributed.

TREHERN—Few Unions have worked in this department, yet much as been accomplished by the faithful few. Services held at "Door of Hope," hospital, jail and fair grounds, also Bible study and prayer meetings. Grand work done in up-lifting humanity and bringing souls to Christ.

SUMMARY.

The year has been one of advance for the evangelistic department. The usual lines of work earnestly carried on. Twenty-five counties have reported and feel there are good prospects for another year.

Your Superintendent has issued one circular letter and programme for consecration meeting which was sent to every local Union. Written 63 letters and 55 post cards; Lectured, given Bible expositions and Evangelistic addresses to the number of 2,102, besides weeks of special services in several counties and cities.

At the Provincial convention held in Ottawa a consecration service every morning was owned and blessed of God, many testifying during the year to blessing received in those sacred morning hours.

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SUGGESTIONS.

"Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest." Please!

For the success of our work it seems imperative that a local Superintendent be appointed in each Union at the beginning of the year, to carry out the second word in our name and which comes before "Temperance". That at least one series of Evangelistic meetings be held during the year.

That Evangelistic Temperance work be presented in Christian Endeavour and Epworth League Societies.

That a woman's Sunday be observed to include services on the work of the W. C. T. U.

That, that part of the press column be devoted to the interests of this department.

That in view of the comparatively few boys reached by our Band of Hope, and the increase of crime among the youth in our Dominion together with the excessive use of cigarettes among young children that recreation rooms be opened by every Union and managed by the same with the assistance of the "Y's" and honorary members.

Dear fellow workers—

"The time is short
If thou wouldst work for God it must be now;
If thou wouldst win the garland for thy brow,
Redeem the time."—N. DOWAR.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

(MRS. A. JOHNSTONE Superintendent.)

Last year your Superintendent came to Convention light-hearted and comparatively care-free. She returned to her home weighed to the earth with responsibility for the most important department within the gift of the Society.

Though she realized the tremendous importance of the undertaking, with her, however, hope was high—this was her first department, and she never dreamed of defeat. So with care and much prayer she prepared her circular letter to the 250 Unions, which was sent before the close of 1898.

Appreciative letters from the President and Secretary of the Provincial, Lord's Day Alliance and others, led her to hope it was not such a bad circular. Maybe some little complacent pride was born. The mails were watched fondly and eagerly, for return messages, telling of increased interest; new Unions formed, old Unions adopting the department, etc., etc. Shortly a letter came from one Union saying they had been roused up; had adopted the department, appointed a superintendent and con-

tributed \$9.15 to L. D. Alliance. They also asked for plans of work, Sabbath keeping pledge, shoppers pledge, etc., which were sent. There, said your Superintendent is a child of my very own. How well she walks, will soon run alone. Alas! when the reports came in we found she was tongue-tied. No report.

Another Union reported much the same during the early part of the year. The Superintendent was full of enthusiasm, exceedingly anxious to work but wanted help as to methods. A long, personal letter was returned calling attention to department circular, and as replete with information as your Superintendent was able to make it. Two weeks ago the report came in of "nothing done" not even the subject considered at Union meetings and the Superintendent still asking for plans of work.

THE OTHER SIDE.

That much good work has been done during the year I am assured, that much more may be done by the white-ribbon sisterhood I am convinced. To arouse our citizens from the paralyzing apathy that has settled upon them in some cases, and lift others from the forlorn hopelessness that engulfs them in regard to the Lord's day, is a work to which our workers may well lend themselves.

In our Prov. Lord's Day Act we have a wall of protection and defence strong and high surrounding our Sabbath rest. In some parts it may be weak, in some places even crumbling, while in others it has given way altogether, though not everything to be desired it certainly is in intention a righteous law.

When we find the mighty foes of avarice and pleasure, hurling their missiles and boulders against our God-given Sabbath day let us make use of this wall of protection.

Again, let us not be faint-hearted as was Ezra—for then like him we are weak—let us encourage one another with the blessed truth that on our side is the strong and mighty One—the Invincible. Though the enemies of all good shall for a time apparently prosper, let there be no doubt or distrust in our hearts for the Lord Jehovah reigns and he has sworn to bring all enemies in complete subjection under his feet.

COUNTY REPORTS

ALGOMA—Thessalon sends a good report. They take up the work without a Superintendent. Secured an evening during the week of prayer and conducted the service themselves, President reading a paper on Sabbath Observance—only weakness. No collection.

They report an effort to prevent the boys securing cigars on Sunday, but not having the press on their side nothing came of it.

BRANT—St. George and Paris report want of success in efforts to do away with local infringement of the Lord's Day Act.

ESSEX—Windsor reports a meeting addressed by Rev. J. G.

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Shearer, literature distributed, and Branch Alliance formed.

ELGIN—Literature distributed in two Unions, four sermons or addresses.

FORT WILLIAM—Works with Lord's Day Alliance.

FRONTENAC—Kingston distributed literature, listened to three addresses from local clergymen, submitted educational program at Union, and gave \$5.50 to Lord's Day Alliance.

GRENVILLE—Cardinal, Spencerville and Merrickville work heartily with the local Lord's Day Alliance. At Cardinal work in factory and on canal has been greatly lessened.

GLENGARRY—Held a meeting addressed by ministers

GREY—Owen Sound works with the Lord's Day Alliance, Meaford notified Inspector, and three hotels were fined.

HASTINGS—Belleville is much interested in this department. Distributed 1000 leaflets from house to house; newly organized.

LINCOLN—Grimsby unorganized, but reports two addresses during week of prayer and subject discussed at Union meeting. St. Catharines without a Superintendent; reports addresses during week of prayer and department discussed at a parlor meeting.

LAMBTON—Sarnia held a meeting during week of prayer, addressed by ministers. Alvinston secured three sermons in as many churches also had barber shops closed on the Sabbath.

MIDDLESEX—Iderton reports Sunday evening sermon. London carried out to the full, suggestions of department circular. Prepared and distributed throughout the churches a leaflet on early closing. Tried through Ministerial Association to do away with cinematograph performances in the opera house on the Lords day. No success. Criticism.

MUSKOKA—Huntsville reports a public meeting and an effort made to stop work in the tannery. Ten men fined.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Campbellford reports no success in enforcing Sabbath laws. Considered meddlesome.

OXFORD—Norwich induced council to pass a by-law for early closing of places of business on Saturday night. Through sermons from the pulpit Brownsville cheese factory is closed on Sunday.

RENFREW—Pembroke secured week of prayer, the first in eleven years also at their earnest request a Ministerial Association was formed to whose care they appear to have delegated the care of public morals.

STORMONT—Cornwall held a meeting during week of prayer while Moulinette had a law-suit which was lost, but the offence was not repeated.

WENTWORTH—Department Superintendent addressed County School of Method on the subject, also two other meetings.

YORK—Four Unions report having paid some attention to department circular, also two Toronto Unions report the same. Weston considered the subject at Union meeting also at a parlor meeting. They distributed literature, and asked ministers to preach sermons, which they did. They are agitating to form a Lord's Day Alliance.

PERSONAL WORK.

Circulars sent out, 317.

Letters to County Superintendent, 15.

Letters to Department Superintendent, 24.

Other letters, 11.

Cards, 5.

In May, attended Executive meeting of Lord's Day Alliance in Toronto, also various other meetings of branch alliance in London.

SUMMARY.

Number of Counties organized, 16.

Counties reporting through Superintendent, 6.

Unions reporting, 16

Unions organized, 47.

Amount contributed to Lord's Day Alliance, \$103.05.

Unions that contributed, 31.

Only seven of whom sent through the proper channel—our own Treasurer.

SUGGESTIONS.

1st.—I would make use of an old suggestion viz. that during the year every Union whether organized in this department or not will obtain a copy of the Lord's Day Act and acquaint themselves with it, that they may know when the law is violated.

2nd.—Instead of asking ministers to preach on Sabbath Observance (when they will most likely dwell on the moral side of the question.) ask them to deal with the imperilled Sabbath and provide each one and yourselves with a copy of the Lord's Day Act and other literature which you may receive gratuitously by applying to Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance.

3rd.—Do not rest satisfied by calling the attention of the Ministerial Alliance, or even local Lord's Day Alliance to certain breaches of the Act but interest other responsible citizens and be forever on the alert yourselves. Eternal vigilance is the price to be paid, but the eternal boon to our country and our homes, infinitely out-weighs the price.

HYGIENE AND HEREDITY.

(MISS EDITH H. MURRAY Superintendent.)

When Convention days came this year it found the Superintendent of this department too ill to even gather her report, but a

statement of the work she had been endeavoring to accomplish was made by Miss Wiggins at Convention. Miss Murray had aimed to stimulate the mothers and teachers to a sense of their privileges and corresponding responsibilities along the line of her special work, and although we have no tabulated statistical report to present of the work accomplished, still we know much good was wrought through this department.

A number of the "Y" Unions have taken up White Shield work. We are hoping to hear of still "greater things" accomplished through this agency by our young women.

PURITY AND MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

Arranged by the Corresponding Secretary.

The Executive being unable to secure a Superintendent for this department it has fallen to me to arrange the report. It is imperfect indeed and not at all in keeping with the importance and great needs of the work.

In response to a paragraph in the convention call, and a note in the Journal some half dozen reports were sent me, other items have been gathered from the Annual Report forms.

Following is a report of the work by Counties:—

ALGOMA—Two Unions have done work in the departments, Port Arthur and Fort William, details not furnished.

ELGIN—Two Unions took up the work, St. Thomas and Vienna. No special report.

Frontenac—KINGSTON reports work done.

GREY—The County Superintendent sent letters to all the Unions in the County. Work taken up by Owen Sound, Thornbury and Meaford.

Owen Sound bought several of the "Wood-Allen" books for distribution.

GRENVILLE—Work taken up in two Unions, Spencerville and Prescott.

HASTINGS—Work taken up by the Belleville Union. No special report given.

LAMBTON—Four Unions took up the work. Alvinston, Copleston, Sarnia, and Petroléa.

Alvinston devoted one meeting to Social Purity, and the Secretary speaks of an excellent paper on the subject given by Miss Clark.

LINCOLN—St. Catharines took up the work, no special report.

LEEDS—Three Unions in this County took up the Work, Athens, Lyn and Gananoque. Athens distributed 300 pages of literature, added several books on Social Purity to the Union library, and did other work along the same line, Lyn distributed leaflets of the White Cross series through the Band of Hope.

MUSKOKA—Work done in North Bay Union, no special report.

OXFORD—Three Unions took up the work, Woodstock Norwich, and Salford. The Secretary writes "A Committee from Woodstock waited upon the Mayor, to ask that he would use his efforts and influence to prevent a play coming to the town, which, judging from the pictures on the bill-boards, was immoral, he promised to look into the matter, and telephoned to Toronto, where the company had previously performed, and was told that there was nothing *so very* objectionable about the play or performers. So they came, whether good or bad they were not denounced in our press."

Salford purchased books suggested by the Superintendent of Purity Work, which are being read by the members. A White Shield Society has also been organized with eighteen members.

ONTARIO—Two Unions in this County took up the work. Oshawa and Uxbridge.

In Oshawa the work was introduced by holding a public meeting at which Miss Edith Murray of Toronto gave an address. The Church in which the meeting was held was filled to overflowing and all present were delighted with the earnest, careful talk given.

Weekly meetings followed, for women and girls, with a public meeting once a month, for which a special speaker from Toronto was secured. The result of the winter's work was very gratifying. Many realized that purity in heart and life must be attained before we can "see God," and sought and found that Gospel purity which makes all pure within and without. Surely we should all strive for this purity. "For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

TORONTO—As Toronto District has sent in a full, and yet concise report of work, we have inserted the entire report as sent by the Secretary, and compiled by Dr. Gray, Superintendent of Purity.

"Central "Y" reports good work done, there being a decided increase this year, in the amount of literature distributed. The books "Almost A Man," "Almost A Woman" and "Teaching Truth" have been loaned to 132 families; one year and six months' numbers of "The New Crusade" have entered 48 families; "The Marvels of Our Bodily Dwelling" have been read

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by 13 families; "What A Young Woman Ought To Know" by 15 families; the "Manual of Purity," by Miss Willard, has been in 44 families, and 140 leaflets have been given away, always on condition that these should be passed on to at least one other family. Three addresses on Purity were given under the auspices of this Union. Two by Miss Hughes and one by Miss Murray. These were highly appreciated and well spoken of by those who heard them. The collections taken at these meetings were used to purchase books on this subject. The President (Dr. Skinner) of this Union gave a course of lectures on Purity to a class of girls, while monthly talks have been given to a class in the city schools, and eight addresses have been given by as many Public School teachers to their pupils."

Northern Union reports two well-attended and very interesting lectures given on Social Purity, both taking largely the educational stand-point. The first was by Mrs. Hughes and the second by Dr. E. L. Skinner; Miss Murray the Superintendent also brought the subject before the Union for discussion several times and several books were circulated in the Union.

WILLARD—The *Crusade* has been circulated among the members, and has been loaned outside the Union also. Mrs. Chamberlain spoke to the "Y's," at one of their meetings most acceptably.

PARKDALE—Reports good work done with literature and a lively interest in this Department of work. The books, "What A Young Man Ought To Know," "What A Young Girl Ought To Know," "Marvels of Our Bodily Dwelling" and "New Crusade" have been purchased and largely circulated.

NORTHERN "Y"—White Shield Department report a membership of ten in the W. S. Circle. The Department purchased one book, "Confidential Talks With Young Women," which was read by all the members. The Department took charge of two regular meetings, and during the year four papers were given on the work. We are glad to report so much done by means of books dealing with this subject. We hope this plan will be followed another year by more of the Unions.

PRISON REFORM AND POLICE WORK.

MRS. MARY BROWNELL, Superintendent.

We are pleased to note that the subject of Prison Reform is receiving considerable thought and attention at the present time. Conferences, Synods and other organizations are using their influence along these lines, and a number of the addresses at the "Conference of Charities and Correction" strongly emphasized the necessity of these reforms.

The Dominion Government at its last session passed an act providing for the conditional liberation of prisoners in the penitentiaries of Canada. The Ontario Government are now carrying out the changes proposed at a late Session of Parliament for bettering the condition of the weak and dependent classes, and we hope the parole system for prisoners will soon be introduced into the penitentiaries and prisons of Ontario.

Soon after last Provincial Convention copies of that part of the plan of work relating to Prison Reform were sent to Hon. Mr. Hardy, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Mr. Davis, Provincial-Secretary, to which Mr. Davis replied, "Your favor of the sixth just received and I sincerely thank the W. C. T. U., for their expressions of approval in connection with the changes we are making in our reformatory work and can assure you it is the object of the Government to do everything they possibly can, to better the condition of the weak and dependent classes in the Province."

On March 8th, Mr. Noxon, Inspector of Prisons told your Superintendent that a complete change has been made in the Refuge department of the Mercer Reformatory, and now instead of having one person manage every department, they had five, so as to teach the girls the various branches of domestic economy, necessary to fit them for the homes where they may be employed after leaving the institution. Namely, 1st, a first class cook thoroughly competent in every respect; 2nd, a first class Normal School teacher; 3rd, a thoroughly competent dressmaker; 4th, a laundress, and 5th, Miss Elliott, who is still general manager of the whole. The girls are encouraged in their work and behaviour and where found worthy of commendation, are allowed privileges, such as choosing material for their dresses and how they are to be made, etc. In the Reformatory there are changes also being carried out. The corridors are being arranged so each individual will have a separate room and will not be able to see anyone, except it may be while at work, and this is especially so, among the more hardened ones. They are arranged in classes, and each class is not allowed to see the other. For some there seems no reformation, but others, especially those in for first offences, are glad to receive help and attention, and are anxious to reform.

The number of Houses of Refuge is slowly increasing, and we hope that ere long the aged poor and insane will no longer be confined to jails.

Last March, letters were written by Mrs. Thornley and others, to the Hon. Mr. Ross urging the great need of provision being made, either by the Government alone, or by Government aid in co-operation with voluntary effort, for the treatment of inebriates, in accordance with the recommendation of the Ontario Prison Reform Commission, made a few years ago. Also endorsing the scheme for the economic treatment of inebriates as proposed by

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the Prisoners' Aid Association. Hon. Mr. Ross replied, "that this matter had been before the Government for many years; in fact, as far back as twenty years ago, a building was erected in Hamilton for this purpose, but the pressure upon the asylums for the insane for accommodation, rendered it necessary to avert the Hamilton building to the ordinary purposes of an asylum for the insane. At various times the Government has been asked to erect a separate institution, partly for the scientific treatment of inebriates, and partly as a hospital for the detention of confirmed drunkards with a view to their reformation. So many calls, however, have been made upon the treasury for public institutions of different kinds, that the Government has not seen its way to set apart the necessary buildings. He said in a general way, they favored the proposed scheme under Government supervision, and it is because of the insufficiency of the revenue that they hesitated to take action."

On June 2nd, a deputation from the Prisoners' Aid Association accompanied by representatives from other organizations including the W. C. T. U. obtained an interview with the Minister of Education and the Provincial Secretary regarding the question of prison reform and the treatment of inebriates. At the request of the Prisoners' Aid Association, your representatives spoke particularly of the sympathy and interest the W. C. T. U. had always taken in the question of the treatment of inebriates, of resolutions adopted from time to time by them bearing on the subject; and that practical aid by the Government to promote the scientific treatment of inebriates would be gratifying both to the official and non-official members of the W. C. T. U. In reply to the deputation they expressed themselves as being in sympathy with such a movement and though they could not promise that a Hospital would be at once established, they favored some arrangement with the existing hospitals, for the above treatment, and if successful, a hospital would eventually be built. They would bring the question before their colleagues and Mr. Ross said he was quite sure something would be done very soon.

In June, circular letters were sent to the County Unions, regarding the treatment of inebriates, asking their annual conventions to consider the scheme proposed by the Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association, and if approving of the same, to adopt resolutions to that effect, forwarding one copy to the Provincial Secretary, Honorable Mr. Davis, and one to each of the members of the Ontario Legislature representing their County.

REPORTS OF COUNTIES.

CARLETON—Reports visiting the jail regularly. Total commitments of female prisoners 44, including a number of insane. Evangelistic services have been held all the year, but without any very visible results.

FRONTENAC—The female prisoners have been visited every week. Gospel services have been held and literature distributed. The matron is a christian woman and does much to help the women.

GRENVILLE—In this County the prisoners are sent to Brockville jail. The Superintendent reports having visited the lockup and providing many necessaries for the prisoners. The County Convention passed resolutions endorsing the scheme for the treatment of inebriates as suggested by the Secretary of Prisoners' Aid Association and copies were sent to Honorable Mr. Davis and the local M. P. P.

HURON—Reports eight visits to the jail and the distributing of temperance literature, reading the scriptures and holding personal conversations with the prisoners. The ministers of the town hold religious services on Sabbath afternoons assisted by the young people of the Christian Endeavors. Total number of prisoners during the year 44, besides one insane woman and a number of old people who were sheltered during the winter. Distributed 500 pages of literature besides a number of religious papers and tracts.

KENT—Has visited the House of Industry and held religious services regularly. The jail is being remodelled and when finished the prisoners will be kept in separate cells. 17 services have been held and 2,343 pages of literature distributed.

LAMBTON—Superintendent reports 44 evangelistic services have been held during the year with a good attendance of prisoners. Ministers assisting in services 29. 13,590 pages of literature distributed. Number of prisoners admitted 160, males 150, females 7. Number of insane 8, pledges signed 7. At the annual convention resolutions were adopted endorsing the scheme for treatment of inebriates and copies of the same forwarded to the Provincial Secretary and the local members of the County.

MIDDLESEX—At the annual convention resolutions endorsing the scheme for treatment of inebriates were adopted and copies of the same were sent to the Provincial Secretary and the Provincial Members for the County.

PERTH—The County convention unanimously adopted resolutions endorsing the scheme for treatment of inebriates and sent copies of the same to the Provincial Secretary and the Provincial Members of the County.

PETERBORO—Has visited the jail regularly, and distributed 80 papers and 39 magazines, also flowers, on flower mission day. There have been 20 women prisoners and 4 insane women during the year and a number of aged poor have been sheltered for want of a House of Refuge. The resolutions suggested by the Provincial circular were endorsed and forwarded to the Provincial Secretary and the local M. P. P.

TORONTO DISTRICT—A number of Unions visited the jail regularly, holding evangelistic services and distributing literature.

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One Superintendent recommends the opening of an inebriates home for old people who are addicted to drink and who seem powerless to withstand temptation when discharged. The General Hospital, Central Prison, Mercer Reformatory and Girl's Refuge are all visited, religious services held and literature distributed. The district executive adopted resolutions endorsing the scheme for the treatment of inebriates as proposed by the Secretary of Prisoners' Aid Association, and have forwarded same to Honorable Mr. Davis and the Members for Toronto.

WELLINGTON—County convention also endorsed the scheme for the treatment of inebriates and forwarded resolutions to the Provincial Secretary and local M. P. P's. The Superintendent reports regular visitation at the jail, and secured a grant from the County Council to provide literature for the prisoners.

The enclosed letter is submitted by the Secretary of Prisoners' Aid Association.

Mrs. M. M. Brownell, Toronto:—

Dear Mrs. Brownell.—As you will very shortly be holding the annual meeting of the Provincial W. C. T. U. allow me to call your attention to the following:

1st. During the last twelve months the Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction has been organized and two successful meetings have been held, namely, one in November and one in June last. In future these meetings will probably be held in the month of June. If this new society be sustained as we hope and trust it will be, it will undoubtedly become an important factor in awakening public interest in all philanthropic and benevolent works and questions. Allow me to bespeak for the Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction the practical sympathy of the members of the W. C. T. U.

2nd. At the last session of the Dominion Parliament an Act was passed to provide for the conditional liberation of prisoners in the penitentiaries of Canada. This is we trust, the first step in the direction of obtaining what we have long advocated, namely, the parole system for the reformatories and prisons of Ontario.

3rd. We regret to find that the police magistrates still send chronic female inebriates to jail on short sentences. The result is that these miserable creatures spend about half of their time on the streets. It is not only a mistaken kindness to commit to jail on short sentences, but it is directly opposed to the interests of both civilization and good morals. Drunken women are no more fit to be at large than are insane persons, they should be sent to the Mercer Reformatory for a full term of two years, and in case of relapse, to be returned for another period of the same length.

4th. Allow me to remind you of the interview with the Honorable G. W. Ross and the Honorable E. J. Davis which was attended by you and other members of the Dominion and Provincial W. C. T. U. regarding the treatment of inebriates and that at this interview we were given to understand that some steps would probably be taken in the near future with a view of giving practical effect to the recommendations made by the members of the delegation. Since then changes have been made in the Ontario Cabinet and the Honorable Mr. Ross has become premier. These changes in the Cabinet may cause some postponement in carrying out the proposed programme but we do not fear that either the cause of temperance or the question of the treatment of inebriates will suffer on account of the changes that have been made. In the meantime allow me to suggest that you ask the members of the Provincial W. C. T. U. firstly, to sanction the action taken by the Sub-Executive Com-

mittee on this question, and secondly, to ratify the action taken in interviewing the Government, and thirdly, to authorize the Sub-Executive Committee to take such further action in the matter as they deem best and also to take such action as the circumstances seem to require in case of arrangements being made by the Government before your next annual meeting, for the treatment of alcoholic and other inebriates.

Permit me to thank you, and through you the members of the Ontario W. C. T. U., for kind co-operation in the cause of prison reform.

I am,

Yours fraternally,

A. M. ROSEBRUGH,

Secretary.

SUMMARY.

20 Houses of Refuge, many of which are regularly visited. Eleven Counties have reported work.

Total number of prisoners reported 224. 10,433 pages of literature distributed, besides a large quantity of religious papers and magazines.

Seven Counties adopted resolutions re scheme for treatment of inebriates and forwarded copies of the same to the Provincial Secretary and members of the Provincial Legislature.

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.

MRS. S. W. HILBORN, Toronto, Superintendent.

This is the Department from which a full report can never be obtained. Most of the Exhibitions and Fairs are held too late in the season to enable the work done to be reported.

Circular letters are sent out in July urging the Unions to emphasize Temperance and Franchise work at the fairs. In addition to these, fair circulars were issued in August calling attention to the fact that no better opportunity was afforded for the distribution of literature than in connection with the various fair centres of the Province. Responses to these appeals have come in but slowly. Below is a brief synopsis of mailed reports from various counties:—

BRUCE—Paisley reports 4,000 pages of literature distributed. Chesley had no fair but distributed Plebiscite literature and Gospel Temperance leaflets, while Cargill posted up 150 copies of "Save the Boys" and distributed 3,000 leaflets before the Plebiscite vote. At Pinkerton Fair about thirty of the children marched into the grounds wearing badges "Vote for Prohibition for my sake;" this was done also at Teeswater. Walkerton reports the distribution of about 600 pages and Lucknow 300 pages of literature, tied with white ribbon.

DURHAM—Orono had a lunch tent on the grounds, serving tea, coffee and sandwiches, and distributing several hundred pages of literature.

ELGIN—One thousand leaflets on Gospel, narcotics, suffrage and crusade themes were distributed at the fairs of Aldboro and Oxford.

FRONTENAC—At Kingston Fair a lunch booth, richly decorated with bunting and flags, served hot coffee and tea, ham sandwiches, cake, pie, fruit, candies and peanuts. After defraying all expenses \$41.00 was realized. 500 leaflets were distributed and thread and pins furnished to needy ones. Mrs. Dr. Nicholls was in charge of an Emergency Department where a stretcher, an invalid chair, sheets, blankets, bandages, lotions, medicines, etc. were kept in case of accidents.

GRENVILLE—Kemptville Fair, being held on the day of the Plebiscite vote, was posted throughout with cartoons. Here too as at Spencerville a large amount of literature was distributed, while at Prescott it exceeded 6000 pages.

LAMBTON—Wyoming reports the distribution of a large amount of literature. At Sarnia the W. C. T. U. ladies had a very attractive, well patronized lunch counter and candy stand. The sale of intoxicants, by their efforts, was prohibited on the grounds.

LEEDS—The members of the Band of Hope distributed literature at Delta Fair.

MIDDLESEX—London reports a commodious and convenient W. C. T. U. dining hall at the Western Fair Grounds capable of seating 250 persons. Members and friends wait on the tables without charge. 1,500 Temperance leaflets were distributed and several thousand people provided with hot meals served twice, daily.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Reports nothing done this year at Fair Grounds, Cobourg, as the members did not ask permission in time to take up the work.

ONTARIO—At the Port Perry Fair some 1,250 pages of literature were distributed by Port Perry and Prince Albert Unions.

STORMONT—Cornwall Union had a refreshment booth on the grounds during the Cornwall Exhibition, and served hot meals, realizing \$65.00. They reported also the distribution of a large quantity of literature.

YORK—New Market reports the distribution of 1,300 pages of literature.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Good work done and interest unabated. Every member undoubtedly feels the Fair work her own, and although the work had grown to such large proportions the District has grown with it. They have this year inducted another Superintendent.

This year a large soap stone griddle (heated by gas) for making pancakes was put in at a cost of over fifty dollars. This proved to

be a profitable investment. The receipts were not as good as last year but the gate receipts were less by ten or fifteen thousand dollars. The building is found to be too small to accommodate the people that would patronize them.

The W. C. T. U. building becomes more popular every year.

The Gospel tent, adjacent to the W. C. T. U. building was ably managed by Madams Forster and McLellan. 7,255 pages of literature was distributed and gospel meetings held daily as well as devotional exercise every morning. At the cottage 2,300 pages were distributed; total 9,555.

SUMMARY.

Thirty-one counties; two report no Fair work undertaken; six distributed literature only; and six Counties have both distributed literature and served refreshments. Nearly 30,000 pages of literature were distributed, according to reports that stated the numbers. Yet more than half the reports simply say "literature distributed" or "a large amount of literature distributed", so that no conjecture can be formed as to the actual amount. The year 1898 was Plebiscite year, which accounts largely for what appears to be a falling off from the distribution of last year as compared with this.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

MRS. BIGELOW, Superintendent.

The reports received from every part of the Province give us the assurance that the year has been one of progress in this Department. We have reason to believe that more work, and more thorough work has been done than ever before. Instruction in Scientific Temperance occupies a larger place and holds a more assured position in the routine of the school room than ever before. We note with thankfulness every indication approaching compliance with the regulations of the Education Department.

There were 482,777 names entered upon the school registers last year. We would like to believe that all of these had received the desired instruction from the "familiar conversations with the whole school" as the regulations provide.

We presume that the 215,343 pupils studying temperance, according to the Educational Report is intended to mean only those who are using the textbook. We would suggest to our local workers to see that their proportion of the difference existing between these two numbers receives due attention.

We are pleased to say that during the year other Temperance Societies besides the W. C. T. U. have been giving the weight of their influence in favor of this instruction for which the W. C. T. U.

prepared the way. Many utterances both from press and platform clearly indicate the upward trend of public opinion as regards the position Scientific Temperance Instruction should occupy in the work of the schoolroom and the thought of the teacher.

Over and over again, in the public prints teachers are being called upon to be what they must teach their pupils to be.

That their practice may not conflict with their teaching, they must hold themselves aloof from all alcoholic or narcotic taint.

Teachers' institutes have been declaring themselves, by passing favorable resolutions, for which we proffer our gratitude, with the earnest hope that in every instance they may be crystallised into action.

We hear a great deal about practical education and it is well.

But we ask, is not the education that creates the difference between a tramp on the highway or a criminal in jail, and a respectable citizen filling well all the offices of life both in the common wealth and the home a practical one? Is not the education that saves a man, head, heart and hands to the state and family eminently practical?

ALGOMA—Has been doing effective work. Placed charts and Scientific Temperance books for reference in the school and have been assured that good use was being made of them.

BRUCE—As in former years the workers in this County have been actively at work. Literature extensively circulated. Useful books have been awarded pupils as prizes for careful study and their intelligently written papers have shown that the evils of alcohol and narcotics were well understood by them.

BRANT—Every Union has a Superintendent. Scientific Temperance taught in all schools, teachers in sympathy. Leaflets distributed and other usual work done.

CARLETON—Schools supplied with Temperance lesson manuals containing questions and answers, review lessons, pledge and notes for the teacher, also recitations. These manuals received the approval of the school inspector.

DURHAM—Literature distributed and other usual work done.

DUNDAS—The one Union in this County distributed literature.

ESSEX—Literature has been supplied the schools. The teachers are all temperance men and women therefore the subject is faithfully taught throughout the County and takes rank with other subjects at examination.

ELGIN—County well worked. Literature distributed. Good meetings were held at which some excellent papers were read. Teachers commended as exemplary. The N. Messenger given out in sabbath schools.

FRONTENAC—Kingston Union distributed literature. Con-

ducted a very profitable meeting and believes teachers to be worthy and doing their duty.

GREY—

GRENVILLE—Distributed literature. Conducted a meeting according to programme. Superintendent regrets lack of interest.

GLENGARRY—Pursued the lines of work according to circular. Held one very successful meeting in the home of the County President where addresses and papers were given and an interesting discussion on the subject conducted.

HALDIMAND—Usual work done along circular lines.

HURON—Reports vigorous work. 868 leaflets given out; 28 teachers visited; three meetings held according to circular programme; pledge cards circulated. Teachers requested to impress the danger of the cigarette habit upon the boys. Scientific Temperance discussed in the teachers' association at the request of the Union. Junior pupils faithfully taught, but only in one school does it rank with other subjects for promotion.

HALTON—

KENT—Literature distributed. Teachers visited and so far as known, set an example of abstinence from liquor and tobacco. Letters written and meetings held. Scientific Temperance ranks with other subjects for promotion.

LINCOLN—Thorough work done along all the suggested lines. Teachers faithful and ready to co-operate.

LANARK—Work carefully done. An interesting item—A teacher taught a most instructive lesson from a chart at a public meeting.

LEEDS—Unions all at work in this department. Teachers supplied with literature. An appeal to mothers distributed. Junior pupils carefully taught. Evils of cigarettes emphasized. N. Messenger distributed through Bands of Hope.

LAMBTON—Literature supplied according to circular. County Superintendent addressed a gathering of teachers at Sarnia with good effect. N. Messenger generally taken in sabbath schools.

MUSKOKA—Teachers supplied with leaflets. Schools visited. Subject ranks with others for promotion. Teachers example considered safe for their pupils to follow.

MIDDLESEX—As usual has kept the work of this department well to the front. Literature freely distributed and teachers appreciate it. Junior pupils carefully taught; greetings sent to teachers association and a courteous reply received with the assurance that they would put forth their best endeavour to teach temperance both by precept and example. Anti-cigarette agitation vigorously carried on.

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NORTHUMBERLAND—Literature distributed according to circular plan. Subject taught, teachers exemplary. No examination for junior classes.

ONTARIO—Usual work carefully done along suggested lines.

OXFORD—Earnest workers are looking after the work and W. C. T. U. plans are to some extent being carried out. Teachers commended for their principles and practices. N. Messenger given out in sabbath schools.

PETERBORO—Leaflets distributed. The usual public meeting for the award of prizes to those passing the most successful examinations in Scientific Temperance was held and great interest manifested in its purposes.

PEEL—

PERTH—Scientific Temperance taught in every school with promotion; test from second class up. Literature distributed and teachers interviewed. Prizes awarded. An excellent paper prepared by one of the pupils was read at a public meeting.

RUSSELL—Some effort made with promise of more in the future.

RENFREW—Literature supplied and pastors written to when there were no Unions, asking them to give teachers the literature forwarded and to recommend E. O. Taylor's book "Short studies on Scientific Temperance."

SIMCOE—Scientific Temperance is taught in all schools and nearly all departments. Leaflets thoroughly distributed and "School Physiology Journals" furnished a number of teachers. Anti-cigarette clubs in four schools, doing successful work. Teachers are total abstainers and receive encouragement from frequent visits by members of Unions.

STORMONT—Gave out to its teachers 7,618 pages of literature. Teachers were interviewed and schools visited. The triple pledge printed on a large sheet, in type that could be read across the room was sent to each school to be placed on the wall in a conspicuous position, with the request that the teacher occasionally use it as the basis of a lesson, and if advisable, pledge the pupils. One meeting according to the circular programme was held.

TORONTO DISTRICT—An almost incredible amount of work has been done here under the supervision of the capable energetic Superintendent in which this district rejoices. It would seem as if every possible door had been opened and entered. Literature extensively distributed. N. Messenger circulated. Schools visited. Teachers interviewed. Classes taught. Meetings for mothers, teachers, children, etc. Special efforts to save the boys from the tobacco habit. The Superintendent held a conference of local workers for explanation of the best ways and means of carrying on the work. Addressed schools of method and young peoples meetings on the subject.

VICTORIA—Meetings held, addresses delivered, teachers and school boards generally favorable.

WENTWORTH—Leaflets distributed. Meetings held. Juniors taught according to regulations. Examinations duly held. Gold and silver medals, also prizes in money have been given for highest marks and best essays in Scientific Temperance. A deputation waited on the school board, and asked to have special attention given to teaching the evils of cigarette smoking. Request was granted. We think of the seven or eight thousand children receiving regular instruction in Scientific Temperance in this County and our hopes for its future rise high.

WELLAND—Literature distributed. The Superintendent says "the Inspector kindly carried our literature to the teachers."

WELLINGTON—The W. C. T. U. had an hour devoted to Scientific Temperance at the teacher's convention. The subject is taught to juniors where teachers are interested. Meetings were held according to programme. N. Messenger circulated. Superintendent recommends that children be induced to study the lessons in the messenger and pass examinations on them. This County also gave prizes and promised more

WATERLOO—The Superintendent presents a model report—Leaflets supplied, meetings held, addresses delivered by Superintendent and others, awakening deep public interest.

Ayr Union says, every family represented in the school, gets N. Messenger from Union and 100 pupils took the triple pledge. A public meeting in Galt at beginning of year awakened wide spread interest and did much good.

YORK—Leaflets distributed, schools visited, meetings held and good work well done.

SUMMARY.

44,894 pages of the literature recommended in the circular was ordered from the literature depository this year. This shows the very gratifying increase of 24,395 on last year, or more than twice the quantity. We are indebted to Mrs. Bascom for list of Unions ordering leaflets and number of pages ordered. Wide spread and far reaching must be the results of such liberal seed sowing.

34 Counties have reported. Several reports came to me for which I could give no credit as no name or place was mentioned.

So much has been done and of such a varied character that we cannot give an estimate in figures, but we assure you that very many of our County and Local Superintendents have bestowed time and thought, prayer and effort, in unstinted measure upon this work. We would refer them, one and all for encouragement to Ps. 126 : 6.

SUGGESTIONS GLEANED FROM REPORTS.

One Superintendent says "We need perseverance along present lines." We all agree.

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Another, "That every white-ribboner should study Scientific Temperance and teach it everywhere and anywhere she can find opportunity." We commend this thought to all concerned.

"Teachers who smoke do not care to teach on this subject." Comment is unnecessary.

"That we try to interest teachers in Band of Hope work and ask for their formation in connection with the schools wherever possible. And—that the triple pledge printed in large clear type be placed upon the walls of our school-rooms. We believe very great benefit may be received from both those plans."

After all that has been done there still exists in many places the necessity of arousing the parents and enlightening school boards, and still we need more conscientious, consistent teachers devoted as all teachers should be, to this reform, and as one Superintendent remarks "the things that remain to be done are dependent upon the tireless efforts of our christian temperance workers."

UNFERMENTED WINE.

Provincial Superintendent.

The recommendation of the "Plan of Work Committee" engaged the attention of your Superintendent, and largely occupied her time throughout this year. In pushing the work along the line of the first suggestion made by the Committee—"That the Provincial Superintendent of this department secure, from the Conference Secretaries of the several denominations, the status of these bodies upon the unfermented wine question, in order to ascertain approximately the number of churches using non-alcoholic liquors at the sacrament." I met with great encouragement and was surprised beyond measure by the progress already made in this department. I have also seen great mountains impeding the pathway of further progress, but your Superintendent begs leave to remind you that the blessed Lord who called us to the work, is saying to us: "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place and it shall be removed, and nothing shall be impossible to you."

When I entered upon the duties of my office, I had very hazy ideas of the scope of the work undertaken by our Union in this department, and very little faith that much could be accomplished by our efforts, but the year's education has enabled me to see not only what God had wrought, but it has given me the faith and the knowledge that in this department of our work alone, God is leading a great reform through the christian women of this country. He is leading them to cleanse the very Holy of Holies in His Temple and to knock the last prop of respectability from under the vile traffic in strong drink, for the day is at hand

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when no servant of Christ will place on the Lord's table the wine of which the Holy Ghost through the mouth of Solomon, warned men, to not even look upon. "For at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

From correspondence with Secretaries of Dioceses', Conferences and Synods, we are able to present the following :

REPORT OF DENOMINATIONS.

METHODIST—There are four Conferences in the Methodist Church of Ontario. Bay of Quinte Conference Secretary wrote in substance as follows:—Our Conference has not taken any special stand on this question.

The General Conference which is the legislative body of our Church, has made the following recommendation:—"In the public administration of the Lord's Supper, non-alcoholic wines shall be used wherever possible." Section 4, page 40 of the Discipline. We have no statistics. I think there is very little fermented wine used. I am in cordial sympathy with the W. C. T. U. in this good work.

LONDON CONFERENCE.—The Secretary wrote that no especial stand has been taken on this question of unfermented wine. While always endorsing the work of the W. C. T. U., we have no resolutions to report. There are 467 churches in the Conference. After further inquiries I was led to believe that the London Conference is a unit in favor of the use of unfermented wine at the Lord's Table.

TORONTO CONFERENCE.—The Secretary wrote, I am not aware of any deliverance of our Conference on the subject of unfermented wine in the churches. I may say however, that I believe that our churches use only the unfermented wine. There were 185 circuits and missions, including altogether 521 preaching places at its last meeting. I believe as I said before, the churches are a unit on this question.

HAMILTON CONFERENCE.—The Secretary wrote, I have no record within the past ten years of any Conference action on this matter, I presume because all the churches use only unfermented wine. In our Conference there are 182 circuits and 454 churches. I have no statistics concerning the matter, but I believe there are none of our ministers or churches using fermented wine at the Sacrament.

ANGLICAN—There are in Ontario five dioceses in the Anglican church. Belonging to these there are about 600 clergymen. There are no doubt many more churches than ministers. From the different Secretaries of these dioceses were received replies, kind, courteous and breathing a christian spirit, but reporting no sentiment, no resolutions and no churches in favor of unfermented wine. Two Secretaries sent copies of a resolution opposing the introduction of unfermented wine at the holy communion. I will give the resolution in full.

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At a meeting of the Provincial Synod in Montreal (which synod includes the civil provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island) held in 1886 a motion was introduced by the Rev. Dr Carry, which read as follows—

“That whereas of late years, in different quarters, and under various pleas, other liquids than wine have been employed in the sacrament of the holy communion and the lawfulness of wine, as usually understood, denied for the same, thereby affecting the reality of the sacrament and greatly endangering the peace of the church, this provincial synod feels bound to express its strongest disapprobation of such unauthorized acts, and does thereby admonish clergy of this ecclesiastical province to make no innovation, in so sacred a manner as the elements divinely ordained in this holy sacrament, and to adhere faithfully to the customs and tradition of the catholic church in the same.”

At the same session, a memorial was presented from a society of ladies deprecating the motion. This memorial was referred to a committee which committee reported as follows.—

“With reference to the memorial regarding the proposed resolution of Dr. Carry, we beg leave to say that we thank them for their prayers that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in our deliberations, who, we trust will lead us to a right judgement in all things.”

“To the memorial regarding the work of the W. C. T. U. the Secretary should state that this Synod deeply sympathizes with the efforts of the W. C. T. U., so far as they accord with the interests of true temperance, and heartily pray that its work will be blessed.”

Dr. Carry's resolution was adopted and was confirmed by the House of Bishops.

A casual reading of my report lends the idea that the Anglican church is a unit in favor of fermented wine at the holy communion and that in our work we have come sharply up against a gate of brass. We are glad to report, though not able to support our statement with figures at present, that this is not the case. When the resolution was before the synod, from official records we learn that “a society of ladies,” not W. C. T. U., who deprecated the motion, had memorialized the synod and were in prayer while the synod was in session. There are a number of the ministers who feel that it would be better if alcohol could be got out of the church and a large number of the laity who hold the same view.

PRESBYTERIAN—My report will not do justice to the great Presbyterian body that has taken such advanced ground on the Prohibition question and I believe also is making good progress in this matter of the use of unfermented wine in the churches. There are three synods in Ontario, but that of Montreal and Ottawa

overlaps Quebec to some extent. There are about 677 ministers in Ontario, but there will be a great many more churches. The Secretary of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston replied in substance as follows: Our Synod has not taken any stand in regard to the use of unfermented wine at the dispensation of the Lord's supper as it is a matter which is left to each session and is a part of the internal administration of each congregation. There are between 500 and 600 churches within the bounds of the synod, but for the reasons stated I cannot send any statistics, but it is my impression that a large number of the churches use unfermented wine and many others use a very weak fermented wine. He also expressed himself in favor of the use of unfermented wine. For the same reason I was no more successful in getting statistics from the other two synods.

In a communication from Rev. W. Frizzell, of Toronto, he said, "I am not able to state definitely the number of congregations throughout the Presbyterian church using unfermented wine at the sacrament. The proportion I am satisfied is large, and is annually increasing."

BAPTIST—The Secretary of the Baptist Convention reported 430 churches within the bounds of the Convention which covers the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. In Ontario there are about 311 ministers. It is well known that the Baptist church gives no "uncertain sound" on Prohibition, but I could get no statistics re the use of unfermented wine from the Secretary. However, we know from reports of local workers that a large majority of the churches must be using it.

CONGREGATIONAL—The Secretary of the Toronto District Association of the Congregational church reports 15 churches in the Association and gives us the opinion of both himself and predecessor in office that they all use unfermented wine at the sacrament. The Secretary of the western association writes the same in substance and gives the number of churches as 32.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Congregational Unions of Ontario and Quebec says there are 90 or 100 churches within the bounds of the Union and he thinks that they nearly all use unfermented wine. He extends personal sympathy to the W. C. T. U. in their efforts.

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION—The Evangelical Association has 95 churches in Ontario. The Annual Conference in 1896 gave expression and direction as follows: Resolved that for the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we strongly urge and direct that only unfermented wine be used by our congregations. The presiding elder of the east district says that the use of unfermented wine has been urged upon all the churches, and some of the leading congregations have used it for many years with very satisfactory results.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN—The Evangelical Lutheran church stands firmly for the use of fermented wine at the Lord's Supper, claiming good and scriptural reasons for so doing.

DISCIPLES CHURCH—Has used unfermented wine since its organization.

PERSONAL WORK

Your Superintendent has written 47 letters and 40 post cards, and talked with ministers of different denominations re information to be used in furthering the interests of my department.

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF DENOMINATIONS.

ANGELICAN CHURCH—About 600 clergymen, nearly all using fermented wine. One resolution against the use of unfermented wine at the holy communion.

METHODIST CHURCH—About 1,200 ministers, all using unfermented wine. One resolution from the General Conference directing the churches to use unfermented wine.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—About 677 ministers. No statistics that can be tabulated. From prominent ministers and other sources we infer that a large and annually increasing percentage uses unfermented wine. No resolutions.

BAPTIST CHURCH—There are 300 ministers in Ontario. No statistics could be obtained from church records. No resolutions have been passed, but the reports of local workers give Baptists in favor of unfermented wine. I also received on the 23rd. of October a letter from Professor J. H. Farmer, L. L. D., President of "The Baptist Convention of Canada," in which he said that the independent polity of their church was the reason that no resolutions were passed in favor of unfermented wine. It had been repeatedly mentioned in their association gatherings, and there is practically a consensus of opinion among us in favor of unfermented wine. After recalling his own experience among the churches and consulting with Chancellor Wallace and Professor Goodspeed with regard to them he said, "You are safe in saying that our people are practically agreed in avoiding fermented wine."

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION—62 ministers and all in favor of unfermented wine. One conference resolution in its favor.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN—About 36 ministers in Ontario. All use fermented wine.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—57 ministers nearly all using fermented wine. No resolutions.

FREE METHODISTS—30 ministers. No report.

DISCIPLES—Have 29 churches in Ontario, and have used only unfermented wine at the Lord's table since the organization of their society.

Total number of Protestant clergymen in Ontario, about 2,934.
Number reported who favor the use of unfermented wine, 1,648.
Approximate number that might fairly be added, 350.

The above makes a total of 1,998 ministers in Ontario who use, or are in favor of the use of unfermented wine at the Lord's supper. The number of churches largely exceeds the number of ministers.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

That local workers take courage and push the work along the same lines. We have been building better than we knew for God has been with us.

That copies of the best literature the Union has on unfermented wine be given to the Presidents or Secretaries of ministerial associations, with the request that they give one meeting to a discussion of the subject.

DEPARTMENT OF ANTI-NARCOTICS.

MRS. JENNIE F. WATERS, Superintendent.

It is encouraging to a Superintendent to feel that her workers are supporting her, and that an awakening is creeping into the souls of our women who saw no danger. Sometimes it requires almost volcanic action to arouse a nation to action, and none are more capable than the persistent forces of the W. C. T. U. It is comforting to relate that the work in this department has been more than doubled during this past year, although there is room yet for improvement in some counties. Let us, therefore, during this coming year go forth strong in the power of God's might, and fight for the emancipation of our boys from the accursed cigarette habit.

EAST ALGOMA—Used the Anti-cigarette exercises; sent a protest to Hon. Sidney Fisher; two sermons preached against the tobacco habit; Tobacco Act placed in every store in town. Town Council passed a by-law placing a license fee on all who sold cigarettes.

WEST ALGOMA—Forwarded the resolution to member Parliament.

BRUCE—Circulated 57 pledges; 1,550 pages literature distributed; taught the Band of Hope the evils of alcohol and tobacco. Had articles from circular printed in local papers; age of youngest smoker known, 16 or 17; two Unions in County taken up the work; read a paper; distributed 100 pages literature.

BRANT—Sent protest to Hon. S. Fisher resolutions in circular passed and copy sent to M. P.; Band of Hope pledged; used the exercises at a Parlor Meeting; distributed a great deal of literature; several pledges obtained; had Tobacco Act placed in every store.

CARLETON—Took up the exercise at a Parlor Meeting; four opinions of cigarette habit given.

DUNDAS—No work done.

DURHAM—Taught the subject to two Bands of Hope, also a catechism class ; had the Tobacco Act published in local papers.

ELGIN—No report.

ESSEX—70 leaflets distributed.

FRONTENAC—200 leaflets distributed ; 100 pledge cards circulated ; did personal work.

GREY—Distributed 650 pages literature ; gave a copy of Tobacco Act to all stores and drug stores where tobacco was sold ; two addresses given to Epworth Leagues.

GLENGARRY—Used exercises at a parlor meeting ; resolution sent to M. P. ; taught the Band of Hope the evil ; 225 leaflets distributed ; 27 pledges circulated ; also 10 copies of the Tobacco Act ; triple pledge in three schools ; three papers read.

GRENVILLE—Distributed 484 leaflets ; 300 pledge cards ; three exercises used ; two ministers preached against the habit ; triple pledge used in two Sabbath schools ; also talks given by teachers ; gave five Tobacco Acts to stores ; sent a protest to Hon. S. Fisher and two resolutions to M. P. from three Unions ; five meetings held on the street with good results ; five Unions have taken up the work, but only two reported. With God's help intend to do better next year. Have known of a child four years of age who first commenced the cigarette habit ; opinions sent from seven prominent citizens.

HASTINGS—No report.

HALDIMAND—No report.

HURON—Distributed considerable literature ; took up cigarette question at Parlor Meeting ; distributed Tobacco Act ; interviewed public school teacher ; read a paper at the W. C. T. U. meeting ; introduced exercises into three other societies ; subject referred to from pulpit ; also used in Sabbath School on Review Sunday.

KENT—A Superintendent just appointed ; hoping for better results ; two opinions sent.

LEEDS—Interest on the increase ; a Union meeting of W. and Y. discussed the subject, hoping to have a Band of Hope ; took up exercise at a parlor meeting ; distributed 1,847 pages of literature ; memorialized Montreal conference ; placed a triple pledge in Y. M. C. A. ; tried to interest teachers at Teachers' Association ; resolution sent to M. P. with most satisfactory results.

LINCOLN—Distributed literature no record kept ; took up subject at a Parlor Meeting ; also had an address from a physician ; forwarded resolution to M. P. ; sent protest to Hon. S. Fisher ; tried to have the pledge circulated in the schools.

LANARK—Had the Tobacco Act enforced ; taught the subject to Band of Hope ; distributed about 50 pages of literature ; clergymen denounce the habit without asking.

LAMBTON—Warned dealers against selling to minors ;

made use of the exercise; sent a protest to Hon. S. Fisher; resolution passed but not sent to M. P.; one boy died from cigarette smoking; distributed a large number of leaflets; 17 copies of Tobacco Act circulated; one opinion sent in.

MIDDLESEX—A promise from the M. P., Thos. Beattie, to support any measure that will suppress the traffic; subject taught in one school; gave a paper; taught the Band of Hope the evil; visited the schools; wrote to the Epworth League; published the Tobacco Act; tried to have pledge circulated through schools; did personal work; circulated 450 pages literature; discussion at a parlor meeting; interviewed President of Children's Aid Society; a resolution passed by the Board of Education to make the prescribed lessons more effectual and sent a written protest to Hon. Sidney Fisher.

MUSKOKA—No report.

NIPISSING—Used the exercises at a regular meeting; sent a protest to Hon. S. Fisher; distributed literature.

NORFOLK—No report.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Sent \$1 worth literature to the public schools; tried to introduce the Anti-cigarette exercise into other societies; received a promise from a clergyman to preach; literature sent to school teachers, also to Sunday School Superintendent.

ONTARIO—Supply four schools and Unions with leaflets monthly, also a Band of Hope with a triple pledge.

OXFORD—Secured 25 signatures to pledge as the result of agitation on the subject; also brought the subject up before a Sunday School Convention and Epworth League; distributed a great deal of literature; several Unions sent protests to Hon. S. Fisher also to Sir Richard Cartwright, M. P. for their constituency, reply not encouraging; used the exercise sent with circular; taught Band of Hope; had the pledge introduced into 25 Sabbath Schools; one sermon preached and 21 pledges obtained; offered three prizes for best essays.

PERTH—Sent protest to Hon. S. Fisher; taught Band of Hope; distributed 150 pages literature; two sermons preached; secured 50 pledges at Band of Hope; tried to have the Christian Endeavors and Sunday Schools take up the work.

PETERBORO—Distributed 400 leaflets on tobacco and opium; did personal work; gave five prizes; two girls received \$4 each; one boy received a ticket for Y. M. C. A.; one girl received a ticket for Y. W. C. A.

PEEL—Used the exercise at W. C. T. U. meeting, also at Sons of Temperance, intending a protest to Hon. S. Fisher; resolution passed and forwarded to M. P.; had an entire school pledged except one child; had talks with mothers, whose prayers are united with ours for the abolition of the traffics; tobacco cultivated about three miles from here.

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PRINCE EDWARD CO.—Taught Band of Hope; circulated pledges there, also literature

RENFREW—Took up the subject at the W. C. T. U. meeting, also Epworth Leagues on different occasions; intend taking it up at Sunday Schools; also intend to forward resolutions to M. P.; circulated the Tobacco Act wherever tobacco was sold; interviewed officials with reference to enforcing the law and agitated it in various ways; wrote and read an impressive paper at County Convention; use the triple pledge at the Band of Hope; took up subject at a Parlor Meeting; distributed 60 pages of literature; three pledges obtained; distributed one hundred Tobacco Acts where tobacco is sold; one young man became nearly blind from the cigarette habit; prepared and read a paper at County Convention; four opinions sent.

RUSSELL—Rockland "Y" used the Anti-cigarette exercise; taught Band of Hope; tried to have the pledges circulated through the public schools; 25 pledges secured.

SIMCOE—Distributed literature; discussed the subject at Parlor Meetings; some pledges received; sent Tobacco Act to dealers; eight Anti-cigarette leagues formed; six Anti-tobacco Gems circulated; entertained leagues, with refreshments, etc., also Teachers Convention; 20c. worth literature circulated; 50 pledges obtained; 30 signatures received; sent protest to Hon. S. Fisher; intend to ask clergymen to preach against the evil; opinions sent from eight prominent men.

STORMONT—Held a public meeting; sent a protest to Hon. S. Fisher; taught subject to Band of Hope; tried to circulate pledges through the public schools; distributed literature to twelve public schools; entreated clergymen to preach against the evil; distributed 1,800 copies of "Anti-tobacco Gem;" 300 of "The Baneful Cigarette" and 77 pledges obtained; distributed Tobacco Act to groceries and called on the chief of police urging law enforcement; knew of children six years old who contracted cigarette habit and could not give it up.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Exercise used at a meeting of the "Y's" taught the evil to Band of Hope; has an anti-cigarette league of 200 members; discussed cigarette question at a Parlor Meeting; distributed 5,000 pages; entreated clergymen to preach; memorialized conventions; used the exercises at a W. C. T. U. meeting; distributed literature; three addresses given to children; one Anti-tobacco league, 197 members.

WELLAND—No report.

WATERLOO—Five opinions given; taught subject at Band of Hope; tried to have pledges circulated through the schools; exercises used in our Sabbath schools and intend passing it on to the others; had two successful meetings of boys from public schools addressed by physicians on evils of narcotics; resolutions from Galt

sent to mayor and council with reference to law violation, respectfully asking them to take the necessary steps to insure strict enforcement; personal work done and literature distributed.

WELLINGTON—Distributed literature; memorialized conventions; used the exercises at one Union meeting; sent protest to Hon. S. Fisher and resolution passed and sent to M. P.

YORK—Taught the Band of Hope the evil; tried to secure pledges; entreated clergy to preach; several Methodist ministers responded; have interested teachers on the subject; received the opinions of seven prominent men; intend using the exercises at a Gospel tent meeting during the coming year; have purchased Narcotic pledge cards for next year's work; distributed 50 leaflets among teachers; Superintendent read an essay to Gospel T. N. clubentitled 'A plea for the boys;' an honorary member is circulating the triple pledge cards; personal work done; new Union organized; the Superintendent successful in having two stores closed who sold cigarettes to minors; sent protests to Hon. S. Fisher; resolution passed and sent to M. P.; interviewed clergy and obtained a promise to preach against the evil; obtained 29 pledges; Epworth League took up the subject and held a Narcotic meeting; distributed literature at district meeting in East Toronto; at a conference held here, resolutions were passed condemning use of cigarettes; took up exercises at Union meeting and discussed it.

WENTWORTH AND HALTON—Youmans "Y" discussed the exercises at a large public Parlor Meeting of young people; used the exercises in Methodist Sunday schools on temperance Sunday; sent protests to Hon. S. Fisher; sent resolutions to M. P., many pledges secured; memorialized conventions; placed large posters in every store in one town with Tobacco Act printed on; visited the public schools; resolutions put in the local papers, also sent to M. P.; took up the question at Parlor Meetings; three opinions secured; 24 signatures to pledges; 274 pledges secured; had a Narcotic evening with address from Miss Wiggins, invited all the public school teachers and Board of Education; was successful in having the subject receive special consideration from the teachers.

PERSONAL WORK.

Interviewed internal management of Board of Education, also Chief of Police and Police Commissioners accompanied by Superintendents of Narcotics; addressed Boys' Brigade, Royal Templars, Bethel Missions and four W. C. T. U's; sent five resolutions to five branches of Womens' Missionary Society, to Baptist Associations, Congregational Unions, Presbyterian Assembly, Methodist Conference and Dominion Alliance; sent out 10 cards; 60 letters; 23 County reports and 350 circulars.

SUMMARY.

18 protests to Hon. S. Fisher; eight prizes awarded; 15 resolutions sent to M. P.; 1,186 pledges circulated; 141 Tobacco

Acts distributed; 13,586 pages literature distributed; five public meetings held on the street; nine Anti-cigarette leagues and one Anti-tobacco league; an annual ticket given to attend the Y. M. C. A. and one for the Y. W. C. A.; 10 sermons preached by clergymen; the opinions of 46 prominent citizens sent in; having two stores closed that persisted selling to minors.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1st. That every Union in the Province also "Y's" unrepresented by this work, take up the Anti-narcotic department this coming year. The smaller places who have not the same amount of evil to contend with can strengthen the hands of the more populated cities.

2nd. Appoint your best woman as Superintendent.

3rd. That we concentrate our forces into a general, active crusade for the total abolition of the cigarette traffic by petitioning the Dominion Government to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of this most pernicious form of vice.

3rd. That we create public sentiment by enlisting the co-operation of all other christian organizations in one under-taking.

4th. That we enlist the co-operation of the Lord's Day Alliance in sending circulars to drug stores, etc., cautioning them against selling tobacco in any shape on the Sabbath.

5th. That we enter this conflict in the name of the Lord of Hosts and that the God of Jacob be our refuge who only can crown our efforts with success and cause His Kingdom to come.

FRANCHISE.

MISS CHARLOTTE E. WIGGINS, Superintendent.

This department was to be energetically pushed along educational lines during the year. It was hoped that the failure of the Government to enact the prohibitory measure called for, by the voters of Canada would mean the calling up of the "Reserves"—the women of the home; the church and the school to the help of the Lord against the forces of the liquor traffic. There seems to have been a misunderstanding in the minds of some of our women about the ballot, that made them reluctant to agitate and circulate petitions. The fact that women are going to vote is very certain, and the purpose of the agitation is not only to influence the Legislature, but to educate men and women, regarding the privileges of citizenship, and the sacred trust of the ballot. We must therefore continue to bring enlightenment to those who are in darkness, enthusiasm to the apathetic, and more consecrated zeal for all of us that we may build more wisely for the improvement of the customs of society, and the laws by which we are governed.

THE WORK IN VARIOUS COUNTIES IS SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE :

COUNTY.	LOCAL UNIONS	NO. REPORT INC.	LOCAL SUPT'S	EDUC. PROC'M	REC. MTGS. DISCUS' SED.	PARLOR MTGS.	PUBLIC MTGS.	LIST.	LOCAL UNIONS CIRCULATED PETITIONS.	SIGNATURES.	
										MEN.	WOMEN
Algoma.....	7	2	1	1	6	1	5	1900	2	94	94
Brant.....	4	2	0	0	4	0	0	....	1	10	43
Bruce.....	14	7	2	1	11	2	0	562	3	154	219
Carleton.....	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	100	1	0	0
Durham.....	3	2	1	0	2	0	0	19	0	160	330
Dundas.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	20	1	57	....
Elgin.....	10	1	1	1	3	0	3	5000	623	1342	....
Essex.....	6	3	0	1	1	0	2	50	0	0	0
Frontenac.....	2	2	2	1	6	0	1	2600	2	311	503
Grey.....	5	3	2	0	1	0	1	2000	2	106	209
Glengarry.....	6	4	3	3	10	4	2	1625	3	734	986
Grenville.....	8	7	5	4	6	2	1	499	3	159	227
Halton.....	2	2	1	0	5	2	2	3000	2	277	502
Hastings.....	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	....	3	18	41
Huron.....	5	1	0	1	2	0	0	250	1	445	602
Kent.....	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	250	1	81	106
Lincoln.....	5	3	1	0	3	0	0	....	1	64	193
Lanark.....	6	3	0	0	1	0	0	....	1	0	0
Lambton.....	8	5	3	1	0	1	1	2000	3	558	980
Leeds.....	8	5	2	2	6	3	2	800	3	204	338
Middlesex.....	8	6	4	2	11	2	0	4200	3	1116	1197
Muskoka.....	1	1	0	1	3	1	2	1000	1	131	188
Nipissing.....	4	2	1	0	5	2	2	....	1	148	253
Northumberland.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	41	66
Ontario.....	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	....	1	81	171
Oxford.....	8	3	2	0	5	1	0	....	1	8	25
Perth.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peterboro.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Peel.....	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	200	0	0	0
Prince Edward.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renfrew.....	6	2	1	2	2	1	2	50	2	0	50
Russell.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	100	1	29	37
Sincoe.....	6	6	2	1	8	1	3	340	4	152	404
Stormont.....	6	3	1	2	5	2	0	3000	0	0	0
Toronto.....	19	8	5	1	14	5	2	3000	5	95	176
Victoria.....	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	125	262
Wentworth.....	6	4	3	2	8	8	3	6000	1	....	...
Welland.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wellington.....	8	6	0	1	5	0	0	2000	2	472	1131
Waterloo.....	9	7	2	1	3	0	4	1000	1	9	13
York.....	13	6	1	1	9	4	4	200	2	125	125
Summary.....	237	120	47	32	163	43	45	41760	60	6587	10813

PERSONAL.

I have plotted and planned in the interests of this department, written 580 letters (this includes letters to County Superintendents) and 275 post-cards, sent out 400 suffrage leaflets. I have delivered twenty letters on the "Home Ballot," besides giving a broadside on it in nearly every other lecture. I have also conducted a Franchise Drill in 40 different places, besides lending a

copy of this Drill to several Unions who wrote asking for it. Have canvassed six members of the Legislature in relation to woman's ballot.

SUGGESTIONS.

1—That we continue the educational campaign.

(a) By educating our white ribboners to the value of the ballot in relation to the legislative side of moral reform.

(b) By agitating the question on every possible occasion in Parlor Meetings and public gatherings.

(c) By continuing the canvas for signatures to our Petition. "We believe in equal suffrage for men and women."

(d) By personally "talking up" to overcome the prejudices and misunderstandings that surround this most important subject.

2—That the Legislature be approached by a preliminary campaign of literature and personal letters.

3—That the Petitions should be thoroughly signed before presenting to the Legislature, as we ought to have at least 100,000 names to our Petition.

PARLOR MEETINGS.

EMMA A. WHEELER, Superintendent.

Your Superintendent of Parlor Meetings has no cause for discouragement as far as the work in this department by the local Unions is concerned.

For more full and complete returns, I am under obligations to our indefatigable President, for the very excellent plan adopted this year for gathering reports. There is not much new to be said in regard to the question as to whether the holding of Parlor Meetings is a benefit to our work. Almost without exception, every Union reporting, endorses this department in the very highest terms. Our Superintendent writes; "After years of experience in Parlor Meetings, I attribute much of our success as a Union to this department. Many have come to the business meetings and have joined, who became interested at our Parlor Meetings." Another writes; "The work of the Union is better understood and sympathized with, and the interest of members deepened."

COUNTY WORK.

ALGOMA.—East and West. Three Unions reported. Two have Superintendents, Mrs. Gibbs, Port Arthur; and Mrs. A. Thompson, Fort William. Two Parlor Meetings were held.

BRANT.—Superintendent Mrs. Judge Jones, Brantford. Five Unions reported; Three have local Superintendents; Mrs. Judge Jones, Brantford; Mrs. J. W. Cooley, St. George, and Mrs. Charlotte Sippi, Paris. Five Parlor Meetings were held.

BRUCE.—Superintendent, Mrs. Alice Hiscox, Teeswater. Six

Unions reported; three have local superintendents, Mrs. T. Agar and Mrs. N. J. Smith, Lucknow; Mrs. A. McGill, Paisley; Miss Sheffield and Miss Graham, and two honorary members joined.

CARLETON—Three Unions reported; eight Parlor Meetings.

DURHAM—Three Unions reported; three Parlor Meetings; one local Superintendent, Mrs. Kate Tourpie, Orono.

DUNDAS—One Union reported; one Parlor Meeting; six honorary members joined; one local Superintendent, Mrs. M. Redmond, Iroquois.

ELGIN—No report.

ESSEX—Three Unions reported; eight Parlor Meetings held; one local Superintendent, Mrs. Marcotte, Leamington.

FRONTENAC—Two Unions reported; one Parlor Meeting; one local Superintendent, Mrs. Dr. Sparks, University Avenue, Kingston.

GREY—Three Unions reported; one Parlor Meeting; one local Superintendent, Mrs. W. Calder, Durham.

GLENGARRY and PRESCOTT—Superintendent, Mrs. N. Morrison, Monkland. Five Unions reported; seven Parlor Meetings; honorary members secured, nineteen.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. V. Beaman, Kemptville, Superintendent. Four Unions reported; four Parlor Meetings held; one honorary member joined; two Unions have local Superintendents, Mrs. Jennie Brown and Mrs. Sheen, Prescott; Mrs. M. A. Bennett and Mrs. Rhoda Fairbain, Spencerville.

HALTON—Two Unions reported; six Parlor Meetings; twenty active and eight honorary members joined; two local Superintendents, Mrs. Dr. Robertson, Milton; Mrs. Charles Carson, Oakville.

HASTINGS—Three Unions reported; one local Superintendent, Mrs. E. Tuttle, Tweed.

HALDIMAND—Superintendent, Mrs. Mary Grant, Cayuga. One Union reported; one Parlor Meeting; \$1.20 collected.

HURON—Superintendent, Mrs. Charles Gillespie, Wingham. Two Unions reported; one local Superintendent, Mrs. S. E. Hick, Goderich.

KENT—Superintendent, Mrs. W. D. Samson, Blenheim. Four Unions reported; five Parlor Meetings.

LINCOLN—Superintendent, Mrs. C. O. Borrowman, St. Catharines. Three Unions reported; four Parlor Meetings held; two honorary members joined; collected \$2.00.

LANARK—Four Unions reported; one Parlor Meeting held; six active and two honorary members joined; two have local Superintendents, Mrs. R. Craig, Smith's Falls; and Mrs. R. Young and Mrs. Jameison, Almonte.

LAMBTON—Superintendent, Mrs. L. E. Anderson, Wyoming. Three Unions reported ; one local Superintendent, Mrs. John Bickle, Petrolea.

LEEDS—Superintendent, Mrs. D. C. Cowan, Gananoque. Four Unions reported ; six Parlor Meetings held ; seven active and two honorary members joined ; three Unions have local Superintendents, Mary E. Stone, Athens ; Mrs. R. K. Farrow, Brockville ; and Mrs. D. C. Cowan, Gananoque.

MIDDLESEX—Superintendent, Miss S. Pilkey, Mt. Brydges ; three Unions reported ; nine Parlor Meetings held ; fifty-five active and one honorary member secured ; three have local Superintendents, Mrs. A. Bowlby, Napier ; Mrs. H. Ashplant, 466 King St. London ; and Mrs. Rathburn, Glencoe.

MUSKOKA—Two Unions reported ; two Parlor Meetings held ; two honorary members secured.

NIPISSING—Two Unions reported ; department not taken up.

NORFOLK—No report.

NORTHUMBERLAND—One Union reported ; department not taken up.

ONTARIO—Superintendent, Mrs. Martha Philip, Prince Albert ; three Unions reported ; three Parlor Meetings held ; one local Superintendent, Mrs. Bertha Lewis and Mrs. Philip, Prince Albert.

OXFORD—Superintendent, Mrs. Alice M. Van Valkenburg, Norwich ; nine Unions reported ; fifteen Parlor Meetings held ; \$61.10 collected ; five Unions have local Superintendents, Miss Klive, Tilsonburg ; Mrs. Sarah Macauley, Ingersoll ; Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Norwich ; Mrs. B. Livingstone, Tilsonburg " Y ; " Mrs. James Hoare, Woodstock.

PERTH—Four Unions reported ; two Parlor Meetings ; one honorary member secured ; one Union has Superintendent, Mrs. T. Roberts, Elizabeth Street, Stratford.

PETERBORO—Superintendent, Mrs. George Paton. One Union ; held one Parlor Meeting.

PEEL—Superintendent, Mrs. Mahan, Brampton. One Union reported no work on account of sickness. Local Superintendent, Mrs. Austin, Brampton.

PRINCE EDWARD—One Union reported no work done.

RENFREW—Two Unions reported ; three Parlor Meetings ; six active and four honorary members secured ; two Unions have Superintendents, Mrs. A. W. Reid, Arnprior ; and Miss May Bromley, Pembroke.

RUSSELL—One Union reported four Parlor Meetings ; twenty active and fifty honorary members secured. Norma Campbell, Rockland, local Superintendent.

SIMCOE—Superintendent, Miss Maggie E. Miller, Orillia. Nine Unions reported; sixteen Parlor Meetings were held; ten active and three honorary members were secured, and \$15.00 collected; three Unions have Superintendents, Mrs. J. K. Floss, Barrie; Miss Maggie Miller, Orillia; and Minnie Fletcher, Alliston, Box 203.

STORMONT—Superintendent, Miss Lizzie Shampine, Wales. Two Unions reported; five Parlor Meetings; six active and four honorary members joined; one local Superintendent, Mrs. J. P. Watson, Cornwall.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Superintendent, Mrs. W. H. Orr, and Mrs. Daniel Rose, Toronto. Eight Unions reported; thirty-five Parlor Meetings held; eighteen active and twenty-six honorary members were secured; four Unions have Superintendents. Gordon Union, Mrs. Webster; Northern "Y" Miss Ada Rundle; Northern Union, Mrs. Daniel Rose and Central "Y," Mrs. B. Williamson.

VICTORIA—One Union reported; two Parlor Meetings; two honorary members secured. Local Superintendent, Mrs. T. Armstrong, Lindsay.

WENTWORTH—Superintendent, Mrs. McBride, Hamilton, 168 Main St., W.

Six Unions reported; twenty Parlor Meetings held; seven active and eight honorary members secured; \$19.55 collected.

WELLAND—Superintendent, Miss Martha E. Schofield, Port Colborne. One Union reported; four Parlor Meetings.

WELLINGTON—Six Unions reported; four Parlor Meetings held; six active and four honorary members secured; two Unions have Superintendents. Mount Forest "Y," Miss Gertrude King. Arthur, Mrs. Beer.

WATERLOO—Superintendent, Miss Annie Milroy, Galt. Seven Unions reported; five Parlor Meetings; fifteen active members secured; four Unions have Superintendents. Pine Grove, Miss L. Bond, Galt. Berlin, Mrs. J. B. Weaver. Central Dumfries, Mrs. Will Elliott, Galt. Preston, Mrs. T. Shantz.

YORK—Superintendent, Mrs. W. R. Proctor, Richmond Hill. Seven Unions reported; thirteen Parlor Meetings; \$29.70 collected. Three Unions have Superintendents. Mrs. L. G. Jackson, New Market, Mrs. Hume, Richmond Hill. Mrs. A. Harland, Stouffville.

SUMMARY.

Of 43 Counties, reports were received from 41, only two Counties failing to send something. This is ten more than reported last year. Reports were received from 141 Unions, as against 59 last year. 218 Parlor Meetings were held, which is 61 more than last year. 168 honorary members, (28 last year) and 181 active

members were secured through Parlor Meetings, of the latter 160 were reported last year. Only six Counties report money raised, the amount is \$118.55.

SUGGESTIONS.

I think I cannot do better than give some of the suggestions which have come from our workers:—Many Unions have followed the suggestions of last year, and held Parlor Meetings with Franchise, Scientific Temperance and Narcotics as prominent parts of their programme. All report very interesting and successful meetings. Addresses have been given by Miss Wiggins on Franchise, by Mrs. Waters on Narcotics, by Dr. Stowe Gullen on Franchise. In Smith's Falls, the Principal of the public school gave an exercise with the Anatomical Chart showing how Scientific Temperance is taught in the schools. In St. Catharines an address from a physician on narcotics, led one young man to give up the use of tobacco. In Cornwall a Parlor Meeting was held while the Presbyterian Assembly was in session, or just at its close and many of the ministers attended, some of them taking part.

The Northern "Y" of Toronto had a debate on Franchise as part of our programme, one young lady and one young gentleman on each side. The subject was, "Resolved, that women should be enfranchised." The affirmative won. I consider all of these methods educational, and with light refreshments, music and social converse cannot fail to interest in our work, all who attend. I would therefore suggest that any or all of these methods be tried by the local Unions.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

MRS. J. C. SEYMOUR, Superintendent.

In this the twenty-fifth year of our organization, and just on the threshold of the new century, let us take a great step forward in regard to our giving to God, what He has intrusted to us as his stewards.

Could we take this Pledge and try it for one year?

"I hereby promise, God helping me, to contribute one tenth of my income to religious and benevolent objects, for the year 1900."

And we shall hear the Master say: "Ye did it unto me."

ALGOMA.—Has no Superintendent, but the program printed in the circular letter was carried out at one meeting, and many questions asked, not many systematic givers; interest on the subject is increasing.

ALGOMA WEST.—Union heard from. Have not taken up this department.

BRANT.—One local Superintendent of Systematic Giving; four communications sent.

BRUCE.—One Union in which nearly all the members are systematic givers. Two local Superintendents in two Unions took up the subject, and followed the suggested program, and found it helpful. Subject was discussed. Three members in one Union give systematically. Three sermons preached; literature has been distributed, and interest in the department growing.

CARLETON.—Literature has been distributed; interest in the department is on the increase.

DUNDAS.—No Superintendent of Systematic Giving, but feel that there should be more interest taken in the subject.

ELGIN.—One County Superintendent; three local Superintendents; one Bible reading, five sermons preached. The subject taken up at a Parlor Meeting—a discussion followed; over 100 leaflets distributed; and one writer says, "the subject is worn thread bare in the pulpit," but does not say how many give systematically.

ESSEX.—One local Superintendent of Systematic Giving who intends to do her best this coming year.

FRONTENAC.—A Superintendent was appointed, but through illness has not been able to take up the work, she says we intend to have the circular read and discussed in the near future, several of our members practice systematic giving. Hope to have more to report another year.

GREY.—A Superintendent of Systematic Giving, but reports no work done this year.

GLENGARRY.—Two Unions heard from. Work not taken up.

GRENVILLE.—One Superintendent; two Unions carried out the program and were pleased with it, and several took part in the discussion. Three members give systematically. One Union where there was no superintendent, bought literature and distributed it, and took up the program. Each Union reports interest in the department is increasing.

HALTON.—One Superintendent; one Union reports program carried out, the meeting was helpful. Ten of members give systematically; leaflets have been distributed. The interest in the subject is on the increase, and the subject looked upon more favorably by most christians.

HASTINGS.—Three Unions heard from. Though this subject is not taken up, yet several of our leading members are in sympathy with it, and give fully a tenth, some more up to a fifth. Six of the executive.

HURON.—One local Superintendent. One Union where there is no superintendent, the program was carried out and made a very helpful meeting.

KENT.—One Union heard from. Department not taken up.

LINCOLN.—One Union had two meetings with Bible readings and original papers, program in circular carried out. The meeting was helpful; twelve leaflets distributed—"The Lord's Tenth." Six members give systematically.

LANARK.—The program carried out in one Union, it was found helpful. One Union thinks this is work that the churches ought to look after, not Temperance Societies.

LAMBTON.—Three local Superintendents of Systematic Giving. One Union took up the program and found it a benefit; 19 members give systematically; two Unions report interest growing in this department.

LEEDS.—One County Superintendent. Five Unions take up the work; 20 members give systematically; a good deal of literature has been distributed but no account kept. Sermons preached on the subject; the program in the circular letter was carried out and was found helpful. The County Superintendent wrote each Union. A good report was sent to County Convention; six letters and five cards were sent local Unions.

MIDDLESEX.—One County Superintendent who reports sending three letters and eleven cards, distributed over 1000 tracts for the Women's Missionary Society, and hopes some of them fell into the hands of Union Members. Five local Superintendents; Circular read at three Unions and the subject taken up, and was found decidedly helpful; 178 pages of literature distributed. About 100 members give systematically. Many of the members are being aroused to the question of individual responsibility. This work is steadily progressing in our midst.

NIPISSING.—Two Unions heard from, and report not having taken up this department this year.

MUSKOKA.—One Union reports not having taken up this department.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Two Unions heard from. One member gives systematically, thinks this work is on the increase. One Union says, we had a general discussion but did not find any one of our sisters willing to take up the work.

ONTARIO.—One local Superintendent of Systematic Giving, received no circular on the subject; prepared a program for one meeting; three members give systematically, and think the subject is certainly on the increase.

OXFORD.—One County Superintendent; three local Superintendents; about 50 give systematically; each Union reports interest in the subject increasing, and the Superintendent if appointed at next Convention, will try and stir up the Unions in this department.

PERTH.—Four Unions heard from; two local Superintendents; sixteen members give systematically; three sermons preached;

more interest is taken in this department ; literature has been distributed ; sent a paper on subject to Convention ; always talk it up when opportunity presents itself.

PETERBORO'.—One Union heard from. Program in circular letter carried out and found helpful. One Union visited : reports doing personal work ; bought literature and distributed it.

PEEL.—Program carried out at one meeting, and hope it will be the means of winning some to give systematically ; had one address on the subject, literature distributed,—“Rob's Tenth” and “Save your Pennies.”

RENFREW.—Two Unions heard from. Nothing done in this department.

PRESCOTT.—Two local Superintendents of Systematic Giving ; about 80 pages of literature distributed ; thinks the interest in the subject is on the increase. One Superintendent is greatly interested, and prays that the eyes of christians of all denominations may be opened to see the beauty of the system.

RUSSELL.—One Union heard from. Have not taken up this department.

SIMCOE.—Three local Superintendents. Seventeen members give systematically. In one Union a paper was read on the subject. Another Union hopes to do better work next year. Still another distributed mite boxes, and passed a resolution pledging weekly contributions. Responsive readings were purchased ; the interest is increasing.

STORMONT.—One Union is sorry the program was not received sooner, will take up the subject next meeting.

TORONTO.—One District Superintendent and three local Superintendents. Thirty-three members give systematically. A good report was sent to Convention. Talked up systematic giving on all suitable occasions, gave one address on the subject. The subject taken up at five different meetings and discussed. One Union reports distributing nineteen leaflets ; one Superintendent says “We who have tried this method do not consider it any sacrifice, as we are fully satisfied that we are more than recompensed both spiritually and temporally. This department impresses me as being of the greatest importance.”

YORK.—Four Unions heard from. The program taken up in two Unions ; Circular letter read and discussed ; have distributed some leaflets, could not tell the number.

WELLINGTON.—One local Superintendent who used the program and found it helpful, and thinks the interest is increasing.

WENTWORTH.—One Union heard from. No report.

WATERLOO.—One County Superintendent, four local Superintendents ; 38 members who practice Systematic Giving ; three meetings held ; interest is increasing, and we shall try to do more

in this department. About 20 leaflets—"A Thank offering" have been distributed.

PERSONAL WORK.

Sent circular letter to all local Unions, and all Provincial Officers and Life Members, also Dominion circular letter with over 5000 Thankoffering envelopes for the Dominion Thankoffering Fund, distributed literature, and spoke encouragingly of systematic giving whenever an opportunity presented. Sent out blanks to be filled in for Provincial report, to all County Superintendents.

SUMMARY.

County Superintendents of Systematic Giving, 7; Local Superintendents of Systematic Giving, 38; Members giving systematically, 267; pages of literature distributed, 1,384; sermons preached, 10; Bible readings, 4; programs carried out, 16; discussions, 10; addresses, 6; letters sent, 11; post cards, 18.

SUGGESTIONS.

That County Presidents urge Unions to appoint a County Superintendent where this has not already been done. Let each Union have a local Superintendent, as this is a most important branch of our work. Everything invites, encourages, *commands* us to victory. Past failures but emphasize the value of present faithfulness.

That local Superintendents ask their Pastors to preach at least once a year on Systematic and Proportionate Giving. The preaching of the Gospel is, "Mighty to the pulling down of the strongholds of sin."

That the Provincial Executive provide the Provincial Superintendent of Systematic Giving, with some leaflets to enclose with the Provincial circular sent out, to be used in each local Union.

GOD'S WORD TEACHES.

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2nd. Cor. 9, 6 and 7.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

MRS. ELLA C. ACHESON, Superintendent.

The work of this Department during the past year has assumed a more important aspect than ever. The crusade instituted against the sale of liquor in canteens and places of military instruction, has opened up considerable discussion and controversy with those at the head of military affairs; and while we have not yet secured our aim and object, viz,—the proper enforcement of the law prohibiting the sale of liquor in such places, yet we have strong faith that our late efforts have helped to reveal existing evils, and to secure better conditions in the near future.

A report circular, containing a special set of questions, was sent to every county and local Superintendent of this department, also to every local Union. Although many of the Unions have not yet adopted this Department, yet had every Union carried out the suggestions in the Department circular, as we hoped they would, our work would have received valuable aid and a fuller report given. However, all honor to those who fulfilled our request.

BRUCE—One Union, Lucknow, adopted the resolution *re* liquor in canteens, Military Schools and Mounted Police Barracks, and forwarded it to the Minister of Militia, F. W. Borden, also had it published in one newspaper.

BRANT—One Union, Paris, adopted and forwarded resolution, and published it in one paper.

CARLETON—In Ottawa the Military Camp and also the Dominion Rifle Association Encampment was visited. 2,972 pages of literature was distributed and kindly received.

DUNDAS—Each year the Dundas Union provides for the battalion on its return from camp a good substantial repast, and in this way secures an influence with the men that has proven beneficial.

ESSEX—Windsor Union carried out the program given in Press and Soldiers circular. The County and Local Union adopted and forwarded resolution and caused it to be published in one paper.

FRONTENAC—Kingston adopted the resolution but did not forward it.

GRENVILLE—Spencerville and Merrickville carried out the suggested program, adopted and forwarded the resolution and secured other societies and men of influence to do the same, also secured a reference to the matter in the press.

GLENGARRY—Maxville adopted and forwarded the resolution, and had it published in two papers. On request the Royal Templars and two Christian Endeavor societies did the same, and several local temperance men wrote to Dr. Borden *re* the matter.

HASTINGS—Tweed Union carried out suggested program.

HALDIMAND—Caledonia adopted the resolution and forwarded it.

HURON—Goderich Union has a Superintendent of Soldiers work. The suggested plan carried out. The resolution was adopted and forwarded to F. W. Borden. The resolution was published in two papers, also various other information concerning the crusade against the sale of liquor in canteens, etc. was published. Local temperance men were requested to write to Dr. Borden. The Press Superintendent also referred to the subject in the papers.

LINCOLN—Grimsby carried out suggested program, adopted the resolution and forwarded it, also requested the Epworth League to do so.

LANARK—Perth Union referred to the work in the papers.

LAMBTON—Wyoming and Sarnia carried out the circular program and suggestions, forwarded the resolution, had it published in local papers and secured the co-operation of two ministers, the Reeve and others.

LEEDS—Athens Union adopted the resolution and forwarded it.

MIDDLESEX—London has a Superintendent of Soldiers work. They carried out the suggested program, adopted the resolution and forwarded it, also distributed literature and held very successful meetings at camp. Quite a number of soldiers signed the pledge.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Campbellford partially carried out the suggested program, adopted the resolution and forwarded it, also donated 50c. to assist the work.

OXFORD—Norwich Union assisted in providing a supper for the volunteers on their return from camp, in this way counteracting the temptation to go to the hotels.

STORMONT—Cornwall and Alliston carried out the prescribed programme and adopted and forwarded the resolution. Cornwall had it published in two papers, also the Press Superintendent referred to the matter in the papers.

SIMCOE—Barrie Union adopted and forwarded the resolution, also had it published in three papers. Major Campbell of Collingwood wrote Dr. Borden, also discussed the matter in the press.

TORONTO DISTRICT—The District Union. Northern and Central Unions report having adopted and forwarded the resolution. The District Union has kept literature placed in the officers mess rooms at the armoury and also two sergeant mess rooms. A few thousand leaflets were distributed at camp. 200 leaflets on "Liquor sales under military sanction" also were distributed. A large bouquet was sent to the Garrison dinner, for which thanks were

received. \$4.60 has been expended on the work. In all cases your Superintendent has been well received and helped in her work by those in command.

WATERLOO—Galt carried out the suggested programme, and forwarded the resolution to the Minister of Militia. Fergus inserted the article *re* liquor in military camps in the town paper.

YORK—New Market adopted and forwarded the resolution, also had it published in two local papers.

PERSONAL WORK.

June 1st. Sent out 390 soldier's department circulars, and 1,442 military leaflets.

June 2nd. Wrote to all the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Conferences and Synods, Woman's Missionary Conventions, Epworth League, Christian Endeavor and Y. M. C. A. conventions asking for co-operation in our effort to secure the enforcement of the law against the sale of liquor in canteens and places of military instruction.

June 3rd. Pasted on official paper two editorials from London "News" and sent to twenty-four members of parliament, ten prominent, provincial newspapers and many prominent people.

June 4th. Dr. Borden's statement in the House created an erroneous impression of the situation, leaving even our membership in doubt of the actual facts. It seemed necessary to enlighten them. The least expensive way was by enclosing a clipping. About 150 such letters were sent out.

June 5th. Later, as other (press) comments and Major Campbell's open letter appeared, the same method was followed. Prominent men, newspapers and our own official workers were provided with the additional testimony.

June 6th. Much correspondence was carried on with temperance workers, military men and others that cannot be tabulated with any certainty.

June 7th. In the latter part of September, 327 report calls were sent out to local and county workers.

SUMMARY.

In response to report calls 112 replies were received. 12 Unions carried out the circular programme. 25 Unions adopted the resolution praying for the enforcement of the law against the sale of liquor in canteens and other places of military instruction. The resolution was published in twenty-five different papers.

A goodly number of influential men and societies were reported as having written to Dr. Borden *re* the resolution, but concerning that and various other items, it is not possible to tabulate. Three Unions held services at military camps. Two Unions prepared

a reception in the form of refreshments for their battalions on return from camp. Total amount of literature distributed 5,172 leaflets.

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GOVERNMENT ANALYST'S REPORT.

LONDON, SEPT. 20TH, 1899.

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The Provincial Officers would like to call the attention of all White Ribboners to the above advertisement. The question of Health Foods has been deemed worthy of sufficient importance in the World's W. C. T. U. as to be adopted as one of the departments, with a Superintendent installed in charge.

This subject received the support of such great leaders as beloved Frances Willard, and the celebrated scientists, Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, M.D., F.R.S., and Dr. F. R. Lees. They recognised that a scientific knowledge of food will help to prevent much disease and tend more than any other single cause to diminish the craving for alcoholic stimulants.

Sir William Crookes, F.R.S., stated in his Presidential Address to the British Association, that the question of the food supply is "of interest to the world, to every race, to every human being, and is of urgent importance to-day, and it is a life and death question for generations to come."

Provincial White Ribboners would do well to give this question their practical consideration.

WORK AMONG SAILORS.

MRS. E. J. LAWRENCE, Superintendent.

Although the work done in this Department does not compare favorably with what was accomplished last year, yet it is quite as good as could be expected.

We were quite encouraged last year, though the idea of inland Unions doing sailor work was quite new, many Unions were becoming interested, particularly in the Labrador Mission.

We attribute this decrease in interest to two reasons. First, the prominence given the Lumbermen's work and the special appeals made for the Department. Second, to the reaction that set in after the Plebiscite campaign. All may not have suffered from it. I believe in some cases the result of the campaign proved an incentive to greater zeal and earnestness.

We cannot estimate the results of the work done in this Department. We are reminded that we may plant and water, but "it is God that giveth the increase." If our part has been done in His name we are safe in leaving the results with Him.

COUNTY REPORTS.

ALGOMA WEST—Beaver Mills Union has supplied boats on the Rainy River with literature. Fort William hopes to undertake this work another year.

BRUCE—Chesley Union reports 12 comfort bags given valued at \$6.00, also 300 papers.

ESSEX—Supt., Mrs. Brownell, Windsor. Windsor placed 2 comfort bags and 400 pages of literature on boats calling there, also sent 6 comfort bags to Rev. Mr. Bone for distribution at Welland canal and gave \$1.00 to the Labrador Mission. Essex sent 6 comfort bags to Windsor, which were forwarded to Mr. Bone. Harrow Union sent 6 comfort bags to Windsor which were forwarded to Mr. Bone. Kingsville contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador Mission.

ELGIN—Superintendent, Mrs. May, St. Thomas. St. Thomas contributed \$2.00 to the Labrador Mission. Corinth and Vienna \$1.00 to the same mission.

GREY—Superintendent, Miss Showell, Owen Sound. Owen Sound distributed a large number of papers and temperance leaflets on the Windsor and C. P. R. boats, also among bargemen. No figures given.

GLENGARRY and PRESCOTT—Superintendent, Mrs. Lothian, Monklands. Maxville sent a box containing 39 useful articles, clothing, 17 rolls bandages, 1 skein of yarn and 20 lbs. of literature to the Labrador Mission, also contributed \$1.00 to the same

mission. Vankleek Hill, St. Elmo and Lancaster each gave \$1.00 to the above Mission.

GRENVILLE—Superintendent, Mrs. Coates, Prescott. Prescott held a public meeting in the interests of sailors, which was largely attended, also contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador Mission. Spencerville took a collection in aid of Rev. Mr. Potter's mission at Kingston.

HURON—Superintendent, Mrs. Holland, Goderich. Goderich reports seven comfort bags, 5,000 pages of literature, 78 temperance leaflets and 24 magazines placed on boats calling there, and \$1.00 contributed to the Labrador Mission.

KENT—Superintendent, Mrs. Lafferty, Chatham. Chatham reports 3 well-filled bags and some literature placed on boats calling there.

LINCOLN—Grimsby sent 3 comfort bags to Welland canal.

LAMBTON—Superintendent, Mrs. Lawrence, Sarnia. Sarnia placed 10 comfort bags, 490 papers and 65 leaflets on boats calling there, and contributed \$3.00 to the Labrador Mission, also placed 10 comfort bags, for Petrolea Union. Watford sent 6 comfort bags to Rev. Mr. Bone and contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador Mission.

LANARK—Smith's Falls distributed 1,100 pages of literature and 62 tracts, also sent a large parcel of literature to Mr. Potter's Sailors' Rest at Kingston and contributed \$2.00 to the Labrador Mission. Carleton Place contributed \$2.00 to the Labrador Mission.

LEEDS—Superintendent, Mrs. Davis, Gananoque. The Superintendent has not been able to do anything on account of illness and bereavement in the family.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Cobourg sent 70 comfort bags and 75 papers to the Sailors' Institute, Montreal.

PETERBORO'—Peterboro' sent 11 comfort bags and 5 scrap books to the ocean steamers. They received two letters thanking them.

SIMCOE—Superintendent, Mrs. Gregg, Collingwood. Collingwood distributed 322 papers, 568 tracts and leaflets, 118 magazines, and 8 literature bags, also sent to the G. and M. Hospital 594 Gospel and temperance tracts.

TORONTO—Superintendent, Mrs. Emory. Distributed 1,450 leaflets, 135 booklets and 200 poems.

WATERLOO—Superintendent, Mrs. D. P. Lee, Galt. Waterloo County contributed 570 papers, 9 books and 7 comfort bags to this Department, also sent some clothing to the Labrador Mission. Names of Unions contributing not given.

PERSONAL WORK.

Your Superintendent has very little work to report owing to the Department circulars being sent out from London this year. 76 Deep Sea Mission leaflets and 57 copies of "Dan's Comfort Bag" were enclosed with the circulars. Apart from that about 70 post-cards would cover all the correspondence I have done in this Department.

SUMMARY.

The amount of literature distributed is about the same as last year. The falling off is in the comfort bags and money contributed to the Labrador Mission. 1,853 papers, 2,752 leaflets and tracts, 135 booklets and 9 books have been distributed and 52 comfort bags given. One large parcel of literature sent to Rev. Mr. Potter's Sailors' Mission at Kingston, and 2 boxes containing clothing and literature, and \$24.75 in cash have been contributed to the Labrador Mission.

SUGGESTIONS.

That literature be counted according to the number of papers, leaflets, magazines, etc., instead of pages, as we think this would give a better idea of the amount distributed.

That County Superintendents give names of Unions contributing and state where contributions are sent.

That contributions in money for the Labrador Mission be sent to the W.C.T.U. Provincial Treasurer with a distinct statement of the purpose for which they are designed, and that clothing for the same mission be sent the last week in April to the following address:—Miss Greenshields, Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, care of Y. W. C. Association, Elm St. Toronto.

WORK AMONG RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

MRS. B. O. BRITTON, Superintendent

In presenting my first report as Provincial Superintendent, I realize how much good could be done in this department if we were all alive to our opportunities. In a great many places it is impossible to do much, except to keep boxes at railway stations filled with literature. But in centres where there are numbers of men in the employ of Railway Companies who are in a measure isolated and deprived of the privileges we enjoy, much more might be done along the line of personal work. Few are so overworked as a class as railway men. Let us in future take a deeper interest in the work of this department.

ALGOMA—Miss Sproule, Missionary in Algoma, reports a large amount of work done for the men in the construction camps, of whom there are thousands. 564 papers, 1,058 tracts, 14 comfort bags

and four Testament portions in French and Italian have been sent to the construction camps in this district. Boxes in the stations at Wabigoon and Fort William are kept supplied with literature. Dryden reports no Superintendent, but a box at the station is kept supplied with literature.

BRANT—Brantford, no Superintendent, but boxes supplied with literature at stations. A bracket at Fire Hall is also supplied every week. Three special sermons have been preached during the year.

BRUCE—Seven Unions—Elmwood, Paisley, Teeswater, Cargill, Wiarton, Chesley and Walkerton, report work in this department. 7,485 pages of literature and 455 papers were distributed. Chesley Union, during the plebiscite campaign, made a house to house distribution of literature, of which no record was kept.

CARLETON—All stations in the County of Carleton are kept supplied with literature. No report.

ELGIN—St. Thomas, Superintendent reports visiting among the families of those employed on the railroad.

ESSEX—Racks at Windsor station are kept supplied with literature. No record kept. One man who lost a foot in the G. T. R. yard was visited at the hospital and at his home.

FRONTENAC—Two stations kept supplied, 800 tracts, besides papers and magazines thus distributed.

GREY—Owen Sound and Markdale Unions keep boxes at stations supplied with literature and religious papers.

GRENVILLE—Spencerville, Prescott and Kemptville Unions are the only ones taking up this department. All report keeping boxes at stations supplied with good literature. Kemptville also reports keeping a table supplied with reading matter.

HALDIMAND—Hagersville Union keeps boxes in the railway stations supplied with literature.

HURON—One thousand pages of good literature have been placed in the box at the G. T. R. station by the Goderich Union. At Clinton a bracket at station is kept filled with literature and a number of tracts and leaflets in caboose and cabs, about 1,500 pages in all.

KENT—Only one Union, Dresden, reports work in this department. Box at station is kept supplied with papers and pledge cards.

LAMBTON—Sarnia Union keeps two boxes at the Tunnel station filled with literature. 7,917 pages and 218 leaflets have been placed during the year. Alvinston Union has placed 1,800 pages in box at station. Watford, 2,270 pages. Forest reports boxes stolen from station, and work dropped. Sombra placed 60 papers in rack at station.

LANARK—Smith's Falls not allowed to use station, but bank room, boarding houses and homes of employees are kept supplied

with literature. 14,626 pages and 510 tracts have been distributed, also personal work. Almonte, 60 pages of literature distributed.

LEEDS—Only two Unions, Brockville and Gananoque take up this work. Stations, fire halls, lock-ups and barber shops kept regularly supplied with literature, in all, 2,200 pages.

MIDDLESEX—London has not a Superintendent of this department, but the work is carried on through the Literature Department with hopeful results, the men eagerly accepting the literature left for them. About 5,000 papers, etc., are thus distributed annually.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Cobourg Union placed 800 pages in box at station, and report one sermon preached. At Campbellford a box is kept supplied, and kind words spoken to employees when opportunity offers.

ONTARIO—Oshawa, Port Perry and Prince Albert Unions keep boxes supplied with literature at their respective stations. A number of Bibles were also placed in the rack at Oshawa.

PETERBORO—At Peterboro 1,159 papers and 52 magazines were put in the rack at G. T. R. and C. P. R. stations, also a large cake was given to the men at Christmas.

RUSSELL—Rockland "Y's" attend faithfully to a box at station and keep it well supplied with literature.

WATERLOO—Berlin, Galt, Ayr, Central Dumfries and Pine Grove Unions keep boxes at their respective stations supplied with literature. Central Dumfries (134 pages) is the only one, of the work of which a record has been kept.

YORK—Six Unions reported work in this department, viz:—Toronto Junction, Richmond Hill, Sutton West, Weston, New Market and Belhava. All keep boxes well supplied with literature. Toronto Junction last winter did good work among the railway employees. The Union gave three socials at the homes of members, sending special invitations to railway employees. The event being much appreciated by the men.

SUMMARY.

Counties reporting, 22; tracts distributed, 46,826; papers, 4,500; magazines, 82; Testaments, 4; comfort bags, 14; Bibles, no number given. Six special sermons, three socials to employees. A number of employees' homes visited and personal work, such as speaking a word in season, presenting the pledge, etc.

PERSONAL WORK.

In March sent department circulars, wrote 25 letters and 12 post cards. In August sent out a letter to 150 local Unions and had notice inserted in the Journal.

SUGGESTIONS.

That local Superintendents keep accurate account of work done. That County Superintendents send condensed reports instead of separate local ones. That Superintendents give more care to the

work of filling out their reports. (A number received bore neither Post Office or name, and of course, had to be laid aside) and that we as a Province take more interest in this department of work.

WORK AMONG AFRICANS.

MRS. B. D. LIVINGSTONE, Superintendent.

The summing up time is here again. How are we prepared for it? This has been the query, over and over again during the past months; for the reports are like a few drops in a bucket.

I have faith in the women to believe that much careful seed sowing has been done; but unfortunately there has been careless record-keeping in many places. This is to be regretted; but perhaps the work has been sent to the Evangelistic Department.

The following Counties have been heard from:—

Perth—Stratford maintains a colored work. A weekly school is in operation; many articles of clothing, and some quilts were donated, and \$8.00 in money was expended for various purposes.

WELLINGTON—Hamilton has one colored Union. They have induced a few to sign the pledge; but regret that no more work has been done this year; hope to have a full report next time.

TORONTO DISTRICT, which has a Superintendent, has done some work in this Department, by way of visits, distributing literature, etc., but no definite report has been sent to me.

WELLAND reports this Department still in existence.

LINCOLN—Miss Phelps wrote me recently that she had sent me a report, but I did not receive it.

While interviewing one of the colored Bishops, he said: "Madam, I would advise you not to use the word Prohibition to my people; for while they will take to the word Temperance they do not like the word Prohibition." He said, the Anti's come to them and say "Do you want your liberty prohibited?" So he said, draw their attention to the word Temperance. They will know that strong drink is their enemy. He assured me they were shoulder to shoulder with us for the protection of home and the children from intemperance.

PERSONAL WORK.

Sent out 10 parcels and one box of literature and 200 pledge cards. Have written 29 letters and 45 post cards. Sent a letter of protest to Woodstock against an entertainment, which was objectionable. Owing to having met with a severe accident, which laid me aside from work for some time, I was compelled to cancel

two different engagements where I was to address meetings in the interests of this Department.

SUGGESTIONS.

That this Department be called the African Department.

That voters' clubs be formed. That Superintendents of this Department visit the colored S. S. once a quarter and distribute pledge cards. That wherever practicable, mothers' meetings shall be conducted among the women by the local Superintendents.

What is the most essential requisite in this work? Union from the Holy One is undeniably the very first and the most important, the indispensable essential to power in Christian work. The conditions of our receiving this is waiting upon God in believing and expectant prayer. What is the cause of our failures? On one occasion the disciples of Christ failed to overcome the power of a demon, and when they asked their Master why they failed, His answer in substance was, "Ye failed because of your lack of faith, and your lack of faith was due to your neglect of prayer." This is undoubtedly the explanation of our failures, of our powerlessness in Christian work. May God forgive us and help us to do better in the time to come.

WORK AMONG AFRICANS.

MRS. ASA RIBBLE, Superintendent.

The work of this department has suffered this year, I believe from the reaction caused through the treatment of the plebiscite vote.

Our African friends hold very dear the token of their manhood and their freedom—the ballot, and they always like to be on the winning side and since the plebiscite has suffered such ignominious usage at the hands of our legislators, they are reluctant to touch the subject of temperance at all. Our hope then is in the youth, I visited a number of the day schools which they attend and spoke to them, also left pledge cards with the teachers for them to sign after consulting their parents. Placed pledge rolls in four of their Sabbath schools. Secured the services and co-operation of a lady evangelist of their own color and had her do missionary work in Kent and Essex for two weeks, as a result of which forty-three men signed the pledge besides many women, also a Youman's band of fourteen members formed.

Attended the A. M. E. Conference, also the Baptist Association and urged the co-operation of ministers and laymen with all organized temperance effort, was received most kindly, and was assured that their churches were open at all times to W. C. T. U. workers. At the latter meeting I asked what was the highest salary any of

their ministers received and was told that Rev. So and So was their "shining light" and that his salary was \$25 per month without parsonage, and yet these men are laboring most faithfully in the Lord's vineyard at a salary of from \$10 to \$25 per month.

I have written the President of each County but have received but one reply.

KENT—Reports a number of public meetings held, at which ninety-seven (97) total abstinence pledges were signed. Distributed single and double pledges in Sabbath Schools and day schools, fifty-four being reported as signed, and placed four pledge rolls in Sabbath Schools but do not know how many names have been placed thereon. Distributed a great deal of literature, chiefly on narcotic subjects.

PERSONAL WORK.

Visited three Sabbath Schools on temperance Sunday and reviewed the lesson with them; have addressed six public meetings; received 13 letters and four post cards and wrote 35 letters and 43 post cards.

SUGGESTIONS.

That each local President visit one of their Sabbath Schools each temperance Sunday and either review the lesson with them or give an address along the line of the lesson.

That Mother's Meetings be held and the question of Social Purity be firmly and urgently dealt with at those meetings.

WORK AMONG INDIANS.

MRS. FRONDA EDWARDS, Superintendent.

The Indians suffer more from a lack of morality than from strong drink. I have therefore this year endeavored to work especially along the lines of Social Purity. I have written a large number of missionaries and their wives trying to impress upon them the thought that many of the Indians transgress the laws of chastity entirely through ignorance, and that careful instruction on some of these delicate points might be the means of saving many.

From answers received I find that some of the missionaries are doing good work in this direction.

I also sent several Social Purity leaflets to them. Not for distribution among the Indians, but to help them in the work of teaching chastity. Our Purity literature would hardly be safe in the hands of the Indians, as but few, if any, would fully understand, and thus it might do more harm than good.

How far we can reach these dark people with our work I do not know. By far the greater number of them are entirely under the control of the Romish Church. There seems so much to do and so few to do it, that I feel sometimes like giving it up in despair.

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Some among those, professedly engaged in Indian work, have not even troubled themselves to answer the letters I sent.

There are two places, where I have written three or four letters each, and not one of them were answered, even the Indian Agent in three places failed me. I am rather surprised that W. C. T. U. women should not attend to their work better than they have done.

But I have learned in work for the Master that it is not always for me to know the result of my work, and I am assured that not one single thing that has been done with "an eye single to His glory" but shall result in good to some one.

This year I will give a synopsis of the reports sent me by Indian Agents instead of missionaries as I did last year.

SIX NATIONS—E. D. Cameron, Agent. Population 3,960. About two-thirds understand English, and about one-third read and write, about 900 are Pagans. Drunkenness on the decrease, very little at the present time. Social Purity will compare favorably with other localities.

ALNWICK RESERVE—John Thackery, Agent. Population 288. All speak English. All read and write with few exceptions. Considerable drinking, and a great lack of chastity.

GEORGINA AND SNAKE ISLANDS—John Yates, Agent. Population, 123; nearly all read and write and speak English well; a few drink; but as a tribe are most sober in their habits. Social Purity—there might be improvement along this line. No Pagans on these Islands.

MANITOULIN ISLAND—Chas. Sims, Agent. Population, 1,612; Religion, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism both represented; among the former considerable drinking is reported. As regards morality they could hardly be expected to rise above the level of the whites and it is a matter of sad truth, that degraded white men on the Island hold the Indian women as common property.

THESSALON—Four reserves. Samuel Hagan, Agent, reports population 12,000; a good deal of drunkenness, much impurity among them, principally Roman Catholics, not many Pagans, might better be Pagans than taught by Jesuits.

GARDEN RIVER—Wm. Abbot, Agent, reports a good deal of drinking, liquor mostly obtained from American side; many fined and imprisoned during the year, chiefly Roman Catholics. Immorality prevalent.

MORAVIANS OF THE THAMES—A. B. McDonald, Agent, reports population, 360; very little drunkenness; fairly good morality.

CARADOC RESERVE—Arch. Sinclair, Agent, reports population 1,375; about three-fourths understand English; seven teachers; three missionaries; considerable drinking; most of them decidedly immoral.

TYENDINAGA RESERVE—George Anderson, Agent, reports Episcopalian, five teachers; their morals will compare favorably with the whites.

LAKE SUPERIOR INDIANS—Six Reserves, J. F. Hodden, Agent, reports population, 1,596; Roman Catholics, 1,077; Pagans, 236; fairly temperate; few complaints of immorality.

PARRY SOUND RESERVE—W. B. McCallum, Agent, reports six bands on this reserve, population, 790; but little drunkenness; a high standard of morality in this reserve; Pagans, 21.

RAMA RESERVE—D. J. McPhee, Agent, reports population, 239; Methodists; Ojibway tribe; a few addicted to drink; the standard of morality not high.

GARDEN RIVER RESERVE—Wm. Abbot, Agent. A good deal of drinking. This reserve is on the Sault Ste. Marie, and the liquor is mostly obtained from the American side. Many are fined and imprisoned during the year. Their morals might be much better.

COBURN ISLAND AND WEST BAY—James H. Thorburn, Agent. Population, 553; temperance and morality good; their isolation from any town or village where liquor is sold, partly accounts for this favorable state of affairs.

MISSISSAUGAS OF THE CREDIT—Hugh Stewart, Agent. Population, 246; about two-thirds can read and write; considerable drinking; morals bad.

SUMMARY.

Agents heard from 15; population under their care, 13,006; eight report little drinking on their reserves; 6 report a good deal of drinking; morality, three report good, four, fairly good, two, not very high, six, decidedly immoral.

PERSONAL WORK.

In connection with my work have written 35 letters, eight post cards, sent 22 packages of literature.

SUGGESTIONS.

That Unions near reserves make a strong effort to hold gospel temperance meetings on the reserve and try to interest the missionaries in our Purity literature.

That Unions near reserves also appoint a local Superintendent.

That Counties having reserves near, or within their boundaries, appoint a Superintendent.

That some of our sisters who hold the pen of ready writers write some short and simple leaflets on strong drink, tobacco and purity, for distribution among the Indians; as very little of our literature is simple enough to be generally understood by them.

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YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

MISS CHARLOTTE E. WIGGINS, Superintendent.

The work of enlisting young women in temperance and moral reform moves slowly. There are "so many things" and "we are so busy" are the constant cries on every side: and these will be the excuses till we realize the overwhelming importance of the reforms for which the white-ribbon stands in relation to the home and national life. When that conviction burns itself into our hearts and consciences, we shall leave some of the "many things" that will seem unnecessary in the light of the larger visions of duty which will dawn for us; and we shall find time amid the busy cares for this one thing, which effects home, church and national life.

COUNTY REPORTS.

BRUCE—Two societies on the roll, Lucknow and Teeswater. No reports received.

CARLETON—Five societies, four did not report. Central Ottawa reports 200 members and 45 honoraries; conduct a Band of Hope; raised \$545; held 14 public meetings; departments worked are Flower Mission, Band of Hope, Evangelistic, Press, Fair, Hygiene and Heredity; distributed 6,000 pages of literature; closed up two saloons.

ELGIN—One new Union organized at St. Thomas.

LINCOLN—St. Catharines "Y" disbanded.

LEEDS—Gananoque disbanded; Brockville "Y" reports 19 members for last year, but have just been re-inforced for the coming year's work with 17 members; raised \$109.62; departments worked are Parlor Meetings, Lumber Camps, Flower Mission and Medal Contests.

NIPISSING—North Bay, eight members and twelve honoraries; raised \$57; departments taken up are Parlor Meetings, and Flower Mission, also assisted W's in circulating Franchise Petitions and helped the Girls' Shelter, Toronto

OXFORD—Two Unions. Otterville, no report. Tilsonburg made comfort bags and distributed literature.

PRINCE EDWARD—Picton "Y" reports 17 members and three honoraries; a splendid Band of Hope with 232 members raised \$117.24; departments are Franchise, Lumbermen, Flower Mission, Narcotics, Evangelistic, Scientific Temperance and Railroad.

TORONTO—Seven societies, four of them sent no report. Northern, reports 26 members and 26 honoraries; raised \$37.05; departments are Kitchen Garden, White Shield and Flower Mission; 300 pages of literature distributed. Central, 43 members raised \$339.05; Purity, Flower Mission, Scientific Temperance, Hygiene and Heredity, Narcotics, Lumbermen, Kitchen Garden, Evangelistic, Parlor Meetings; distributed 7,332 pages of literature.

Dovercourt emphasizes Sewing Circle and Lumbercamp work.

WENTWORTH—Hamilton has three societies, 40 members, conduct seven Bands of Hope with 500 members; three Sewing Schools and News Boys' Club. Youmans organized this year, doing good work along educational lines.

WELLINGTON—Mount Forest—departments, Medal Contests, Lumbermen, Parlor Meetings—do good press work, keeping quarter column filled each week, with temperance news.

WATERLOO—Ayr has been working against some discouragement, but are increasing their membership; help the W's conduct a Sewing School and Band of Hope.

WORK IN YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The work in Young People's Societies was given into the care of the "Y" department. Toronto is the only place where this work was done through the Local Unions of the W. C. T. U. Their report is as follows:—

Northern Union reports visiting six societies, all of whom hold quarterly or half-yearly temperance meetings. Speakers were sent by the W. C. T. U. to these churches. A Union meeting of three Young Peoples' Societies were held and addressed by white-ribboners.

Willard Union reports having visited one Epworth League where they have a Temperance Committee, and are holding regular temperance meetings and securing signatures to the triple pledge.

Central, visited one society. Through the direct suggestions of your Superintendent and assistant, Miss Forman, six County Unions of Christian Endeavor were induced to appoint good citizenship Superintendents, and these stirred up the local societies to greater diligence in holding regular meetings and distributing literature. Your Superintendent has addressed nine public meetings under the auspices of the Young People's Societies. Out of three of these, the outcome has been the organization of a Local Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

SUMMARY.

There are 25 "Y" Unions in Ontario with 671 members and 135 honoraries. These "Y's" conduct 10 Bands of Hope and carry on the the following departments of work, Flower Mission, 7; Lumbermen, 5; Parlor Meetings, 4; Evangelistic, 3; Medal Contests, 2; Franchise, 2; Narcotics, 2; Scientific Temperance, 2; Hygiene and Heredity, 2; Kitchen Garden, 2; Press, 1; Fair, 1; Relief Work, 1; Railroad, 1; White Shield, 1; Purity, 1; Press, 1.

PERSONAL

Have written every "Y" Union in the Province a letter giving suggestions for departmental work and manner of conducting the meeting. Have written 230 letters and 105 post cards.

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SUGGESTIONS.

1st That more thought and effort be given to educate the young people to a deeper interest in the temperance reform.

(a) By suggesting lines of work, and programs for Young People's Societies.

(b) By enlisting the young women as a "Y." committee where a "Y" Union cannot be organized.

2nd. That the young men be allowed a vote and a voice in discussion but they shall not be eligible to office or as delegates to W. C. T. U. Conventions.

JUVENILE WORK.

MRS. COGHILL, Wyoming, Superintendent.

We have been delighted during the year with the enthusiasm shown by the workers in this department, the reports secured have been most encouraging, exceeding my expectations beyond expression.

I sent report calls to thirty-one organized counties and eleven unorganized. Twenty organized and four unorganized have responded to the call, as follows:

County,	Seven	Bands of Hope.
Oxford	Five	" "
Leeds	Five	" "
Carleton	Five	" "
Lambton	Five	" "
Lanark	One	" "
Simcoe	Seven	" "
Middlesex	Three	" "
Wellington	Two	" "
Waterloo	Six	" "
Perth	Three	" "
Wentworth	Seven	" "
Toronto District	Eight	" "
Ontario County	Four	" "
Brant	Six	" "
York	Three	" "
Glengarry and Prescott	Six	" "
Prince Edward County	One	" "
Muskoka	One	" "
Algoma	One	" "
Haldimand	One	" "
Stormont	One	" "
Durham	Two	" "

Making a total of eighty-nine Bands, an increase of thirty-eight. Eighteen only report being organized this year. I do not think this can be correct, for in looking over last year's work I find a number of Unions reporting only one and two, who are reporting an increase this year, and then a number of counties reported last year have not been heard from this. There must have been

a great deal of work done in the Province concerning which we have received no report. We regret not being able to give the number of children in each Band, only a few having sent the number of Band members.

MEDAL CONTESTS HELD—Eighteen, do not state whether they were Silver or Gold.

BANDS OF MERCY.

Seven in connection with Band of Hope; a number outside Public Schools, etc., no doubt organized through the efforts of the W. C. T. U.

BOYS' CLUBS—Five, and one men's club.

SEWING SCHOOLS—Nine.

KITCHEN GARDEN CLASSES—Four.

Members gained through crusades, two hundred and nine. A great many mention having held successful crusades, but do not state the number of members gained.

This Department sent out two hundred communications, and answered all correspondents.

SOME INTERESTING FEATURES IN THE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

Middlesex offered prizes for regular attendance at Band of Hope; they also made scrap-books, and sent money to the Sick Children's Hospital.

At the Industrial School, children were taught all kinds of plain sewing.

Toronto District gave a concert, a tea social and four prizes for regular attendance and well prepared lessons. Also taught temperance lessons every two weeks at the Orphan's Home, Dovercourt Road. They sent at Christmas a beautiful box of literature, two handsome scrap-books, and five dollars worth of books to our Missionary, Mr. Leckie.

Simcoe County held a Blue Ribbon Tea, and visited the Public Schools regularly. Have worked individually against the cigarette habit. They also report a Wild Flower Show.

Hastings held a successful public meeting with an address to children on cigarette habit.

Perth, special work, girls make quilts for Girl's Shelter. Teach the boys to make paper pillows and scrap-books for Children's Hospital.

Waterloo gave a Thanksgiving entertainment when the children donated groceries, clothing, pillows, quilts, etc., to Berlin Orphanage and Night Shelter in Toronto.

Lanark, taught Hygiene in Band of Hope; held two successful entertainments, and the large sum of eighty-one dollars

and sixty-one cents was sent to Mr. Leckie. They also report the Junior C. E. taking the Band of Hope pledge.

Lambton awarded prizes for regular attendance during the year, also held a very successful concert and sent money to Children's Hospital.

Oxford held successful meetings in the Industrial School every two weeks, conducted by Superintendent of Band of Hope.

Bruce reports many features of Juvenile work done; successful entertainments; flowers, fruit and literature sent to the sick.

Haldimand held a successful entertainment, donating proceeds to Children's Home, Hamilton.

DAY NURSERY REPORT.

Youmans W. C. T. U., 1899. Hamilton—247 children cared for during day; 15 day and night, whose mothers were in hospital; 46 young girls and women boarders and lodgers; total, 308. Receipts, \$501.61; expenditure, \$474.95; balance on hand, \$26.66.

There is also a labor bureau for women and girls and cast-off clothing is left for distribution among the poor.

Prayer meeting weekly to reform drunkards and pray for Lord's blessing on the work.

There is a Board of Directors of nine ladies which meets once a month to transact business.

C. CHADWICK, Supt.

SUMMARY.

Eighty-nine Bands of Hope; five boys' clubs; one men's club; nine sewing schools; one cooking class; four kitchen garden classes; making a total of 110 Juvenile organizations conducted through the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

My report has been somewhat lengthy, but I ask the forbearance of the dear sisters, as I did not feel justified in scanning over a department so full of grand work for the children of our Province. I earnestly beseech you to push forward in this noble endeavor and may thanksgiving ascend to the Almighty for the rich harvest he has bestowed upon us.

TEMPERANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

MRS. SARA E. WRIGLEY, Toronto, Superintendent.

The report I have to present this year is in many respects a cheering one. The number of Unions and Counties from which reports are returned has doubled, and more than twice as many scholars have been pledged. The number of schools using the Temperance lessons has also been doubled.

There are, nevertheless, phases of the work that have been neglected. I have presented my report in a tabulated form, as well as by Counties in the usual way. Comparisons are helpful and inspiring, and a tabulated report enables every worker to see at a glance where is their strength and also where any weakness exists.

I would rather utter a cheerful word than voice any complaint; yet in view of the responsibility resting on those who guide the footsteps of young people, I desire to direct special attention to the many blanks in my report where none ought to exist, and to the smaller figures in very many places where larger ones should be found. May we not hope that in the near future a report will be presented showing a superintendent in every County and in every Union, and indicating also that no branch of the work undertaken has been neglected by any superintendent.

SUMMARY OF COUNTY WORK.

ALGOMA—Fort William, Port Arthur, and Thessalon reported. In Port Arthur, open meetings were held quarterly and papers on "Effects of Alcohol" read by the older pupils; 5,000 pieces of temperance literature distributed.

BRANT—Brantford, Paris, and St. George reported. The special feature is pledge signing. In this, Brantford is the Banner City of the Province.

BRUCE—Cargill, Elmwood, Lucknow, Walkerton, and Warton reported. Walkerton has four schools in which excellent work is done; one rally was held; in one school all scholars are pledged; a Band of Hope and a Boys' Brigade organized.

ELGIN—St. Thomas, Rodney and Vienna reported. In St. Thomas, 8 schools are doing good work, 7 of which are preparing for the silver medal contest.

ESSEX—Essex, Gesto, Kingsville, Leamington and Windsor reported. Temperance lessons taught in nearly all the schools. A Windsor clergyman has promised to use the triple pledge card. One Sunday every month devoted to temperance at Essex.

FRONTENAC—Edinburgh and Kingston reported. In Kingston a large rally of schools was held, and addresses and choruses were delivered.

GLENGARRY—Maxville, Picnic Grove and St. Elmo reported. Progress is promised.

GRENVILLE—Cardinal, Merrickville, Prescott and Spencerville reported. In Cardinal on temperance Sunday, friends were invited and children of the Junior League provided program. Pledge signing is popular.

GREY—Owen Sound is the only place reported in this big County. Boys have been successful in securing pledges from friends.

HASTINGS—Belleville, Foxboro and Tweed reported. Pledge signing in Belleville a success; one or two of the largest schools are discarding library and will use papers, cards, etc. for scholars.

HURON—Blyth sends report. Wingham has no superintendent. Goderich has appointed a superintendent.

KENT—Blenheim and Chatham reported. The temperance lessons are taught in nearly all the schools.

LAMBERTON—Alvinston, Copleston, Petrolea, Sombra and Wyoming reported. Sombra has a union school and a Band of Hope; has added some good books to library. Pledge signing successful in Alvinston. Sarnia has no superintendent.

LANARK—Almonte, Carleton Place, Lanark, Perth and Smith's Falls reported. Seven temperance addresses delivered. In Almonte and Smith's Falls, pledges are numerously signed.

LEEDS—Athens and Gananoque reported. No superintendent but one now appointed.

LINCOLN—Campden, Grimsby, Homer and St. Catharines reported. Pledge signing well sustained. A Band of Hope established in Grantham Township.

MIDDLESEX—Glencoe, London and Napier reported. Temperance lessons regularly taught. Pledge work well attended to. About 60 temperance sermons and addresses delivered. Strathroy has no superintendent.

MUSKOKA—Huntsville sends a good report and has pledged many children. Gravenhurst also reported.

NISSING—North Bay and Sudbury reported. This breaks new ground in this work.

ONTARIO—Temperance lessons are taught in most of the schools, but no work is done by the W. C. T. U.

OXFORD—Brownsville, Norwich, Tilsonburg and Verschoyle reported. Woodstock and Ingersoll are silent. Tilsonburg reports faithful work; superintendent is. Bible class teacher in Methodist church.

PERTH—Mitchell and St. Mary's reported. Pledge signing in Mitchell a success.

PETERBORO'—From this big County comes a cheering report from the Taylor school. A lady teacher there is an enthusiastic worker for Temperance in Sunday Schools.

PRINCE EDWARD—The Picton "Y's" do individual work as teachers. No report from W.C.T.U.

RENFREW—No superintendent this year, but two for Arnprior and Pembroke are appointed for next year.

SIMCOE—Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Collingwood, Minesing and Orillia reported. This County stands high among the pledge signers and temperance workers.

Stormont—Cornwall, Moulinette and Newington send initial reports and promise better work next year.

TORONTO—Bascom "Y," Bathurst, Central, Creighton, Deer Park, Eastern, Northern, Parkdale, and Western Unions reported. In Bathurst Union pledge cards are successfully used. Central Union had ten addresses delivered. Deer Park Union reports each of 4 schools using quarterly lessons; the Anglican school co-operates heartily; but specially good work is done by the Methodist S. S. Secretary who has prepared several excellent programs for Temperance Sundays. Creighton Union has introduced pledge rolls in 3 schools. Northern and Parkdale Unions are the Banner City unions this year. Parkdale Union reports 3 temperance sermons and one school having 800 pledged scholars and expending \$400 annually for good literature.

WATERLOO—Berlin, Central Dumfries, Galt, Preston and Waterloo reported. In Central Dumfries, a good library has been established. Galt takes high rank among the pledge signers.

WELLINGTON—Fergus, Mt. Forest and Palmerston reported with Palmerston leading in pledge signing. Guelph has no superintendent.

WENTWORTH—Dundas answers one question. Hamilton is silent on the topic.

YORK—Belhaven, New Market, Richmond Hill, Schomburg, Stouffville, Sutton and Thornhill reported. A school in Belhaven uses blackboard lessons and has a Band of Hope. Sutton, recently organized, has also a Band of Hope.

TABULATED REPORT.

COUNTY.	NO OF UNIONS RE-PORTED	TEACHERS MTGS. VISITED	SUPTS. INTER-VIEWED	USING TEMPERANCE LEAFLETS	NO OF SPEAKERS SUPPD.	SCHOOL PLUGGES	NO OF SCHOLARS PLUGGED	NO OF BOOKS PLACED	NO OF TEMPERANCE PAPERS	NO OF LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED.
Algoma	3	4	3	5	1	4	75	..	2	3
Brant	3	3	8	18	3	17	2400	..	..	3
Bruce	5	3	6	14	5	8	232	..	10	3
Carleton	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundas	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..
Durham	1	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	..	..
Elgin	3	..	5	10	..	..	..	..	5	..
Essex	5	..	10	10	..	..	..	2	1	2
Frontenac	2	..	..	13	..	4	45	..	4	..
Glenarry	3	..	3	6	..	6	120	..	6	1
Grenville	4	..	1	..	..	2	95	..	..	..
Grey	1	2	1	6	..	3	48	..	6	..
Haldimand	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Halton	2	..	..	4	..	3	150	..	..	2
Hastings	3	..	..	4	1	8	400	..	4	6
Huron	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	2	2	2
Kent	2	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lambton	5	..	..	8	..	2	137	1	2	..
Lanark	5	..	7	7	4	4	575	28	21	..
Leeds	2	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..
Lincoln	4	3	5	4	2	8	355	..	2	..
Middlesex	3	12	5	35	5	3	500	..	14	13
Muskoka	2	..	..	5	2	3	250	..	..	..
Nipissing	2	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Northumberland	1	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	3	1
Oxford	4	1	7	7	..	4	..	4	2	2
Peel	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..
Perth	2	..	9	5	..	4	200	..	3	2
Peterboro	2	..	..	2	..	2	24	..	2	..
Renfrew	2	..	1	9	..	3	..	..	4	..
Russell	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Simcoe	6	3	12	21	5	15	785	..	5	1
Stormont	3	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	6	..
Toronto	9	..	40	10	17	6	1764	..	1	..
Waterloo	5	..	20	19	..	5	865	1	4	..
Wellington	3	..	4	9	..	3	300	..	4	..
Wentworth	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
York	7	1	5	16	3	11	152	..	1	1
Total this year..	111	32	154	298	50	40	9469	38	118	42
Total last year..	..	214	..	130	55	13	4196	175	..	..

PERSONAL WORK.

TEMPERANCE LEAFLETS—Early in the year I interviewed Thomas McGillicuddy, President of the Ontario S. S. Association, regarding the use of temperance leaflets in the schools. His reply was not official, but he said:

“We would be pleased if the W. C. T. U. would use its

great influence in bringing temperance literature more prominently before the S. S. workers of the Province."

Regarding the compilation of such leaflets, F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, said he would be glad to compile, or aid in compiling, a lesson leaf, or to give any aid to those having it in charge. To publish a leaflet with Canadian facts therein would be most advantageous to the cause of temperance.

QUARTERLY TEMPERANCE LESSONS—It was feared that these lessons might not any longer be endorsed by the International S. S. Convention after its meeting in Atlanta, Ga., on April 26th. and I personally interviewed and wrote to Rev. Dr. Potts, Chairman of International S. S. Lesson Committee, S. B. Jacobs, Chairman of International Executive Committee; Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts and Mrs. Annie J. Rogers, World's and Dominion W. C. T. U. Superintendents Temperance in Sunday Schools, and John A. Patterson, Alfred Day and Dr. J. J. McLaren, members of the Executive of the Ontario S. S. Association. From all these I received assurance of assistance in the effort to retain the lessons as adopted at the Pittsburg Convention of the International Association in 1890, and ratified at the subsequent conventions at St. Louis in 1893 and at Boston in 1896; and our hearts were filled with gratitude to Him who governs the actions of His people everywhere when we learned that the action taken at Atlanta was an additional endorsement of the Quarterly Temperance Lessons.

OPEN TEMPERANCE SUNDAY—At various times during the year I interviewed leading S. S. workers in reference to the holding of an Open Sunday in all schools in the Province on the last Sunday in November in order that the sentiment everywhere in favor of Temperance might be increased. I recommend that clergymen be requested to preach in the morning of that day in all churches on the subject of Temperance, and that open S. S. meetings, as far as possible Union meetings be held, with parents as well as children in attendance to hear temperance addresses, choruses, recitations, etc., and as far as possible all present being induced to sign a temperance pledge. I recommended further, that on the evening of that day the subject of temperance be further discussed at meetings attended by Young People's Societies, and that it be also made a subject of prayer at Union Prayer meetings after the evening services.

CORRESPONDENCE—Local Superintendents in some Counties have requested my influence through correspondence to secure the use of Quarterly Temperance Lessons in schools not yet using them, and I have written a number of letters to clergymen and S. S. workers as requested. I have during the year written 112 letters and 19 post cards and mailed 345 circulars in connection with my work.

ADDRESSES—I addressed two Toronto Unions personally on the subject of Temperance in Sabbath Schools during the year.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

My report is less perfect than it ought to be because I began my work several months after my appointment. No Provincial Superintendent, hereafter, should make the mistake of allowing time to be lost that ought to be employed by early correspondence with County Superintendents, or with officials in Counties where no Superintendent has yet been appointed. It is most important to begin early and right.

Having a Superintendent in every County, no rest should be taken until every Union has a Superintendent appointed. And having a Superintendent in every County and Union, each one should then be encouraged by circular or letter, (1) to present a better report than was presented for the previous year, and (2) to make it a report that will compare favorably with reports from other Unions or Counties.

Superintendents should personally visit every Sunday School, or its Superintendent, and either address the school herself or arrange for a ten or fifteen minute address by some speaker, a lady preferred; and this should be done every year. Superintendents should also recommend the appointment of a Temperance Secretary or Recorder in every school for pledge signing and other temperance work.

No Superintendent, Provincial, County or Local should allow any month to pass without having done something to complete a satisfactory report at the end of the year; and one of my most emphatic suggestions is that Superintendents should never forget for one moment the blanks and smaller figures in the tabulated report herewith presented.

Too many Superintendents do not read the report of proceedings of the Provincial Convention. Suggestions are useless unless they are read by the persons interested. It is, therefore, important that every Superintendent should purchase a copy of the Annual Report as soon as published. In some cases, possibly, the Unions should present a Report to Superintendents unable to purchase a copy themselves.

LEGISLATION AND PETITIONS.

MRS. PUGSLEY, Superintendent.

The past year reminds us of the weary months which pass between seed-time and harvest. The enthusiasm of last year has been succeeded by comparative inactivity in this department. Much was expected to result from the Plebiscite, nothing is yet apparent. Thus we cannot report all we would have desired in the way of

direct legislation nevertheless there has been done "here a little and there a little" which causes us to look hopefully into the future.

REPORT OF COUNTY WORK.

ALGOMA WEST—Sent a resolution asking for an Anti-cigarette Law.

ALGOMA EAST—Memorialized the Government *re* Prohibitory Law, and petitioned a town council twice with good results.

BRUCE—Superintendent reports, this County has three local Superintendents, all of whom reported. Franchise petitions circulated; memorials were sent *re* Prohibitory Law; and states that the Anti-tobacco laws are not enforced.

CARLETON—No Superintendent; Ottawa Superintendent writes, one local Superintendent; Ottawa circulated Franchise petitions; sent memorials *re* Prohibitory Law, wrote a letter to the City Council asking for a continued trial of the Curfew by-law for another year; corresponded with Mr. Kelso concerning the better enforcement of this law in cities; printed copies of the Act *re* the sale of tobacco to minors, were placed in shops. Ottawa city authorities have several times prosecuted violaters of *this* law.

One Union prevented the granting of a hotel license by petition.

DURHAM—Superintendent reports two local Superintendents; Franchise petitions circulated; Anti-tobacco laws enforced; copies of the act hung in all the stores and in other public places. Orono Union in conjunction with other temperance workers petitioned successfully for the removing of the bar from one hotel.

ESSEX—Windsor wrote Ministers of Militia *re* canteen sales.

ELGIN—Circulated Franchise petitions; resolutions and memorials were sent the Dominion Government through Hon. David Mills and Hon. Israel Tarte *re* expected Prohibitory Law by Unions and honorary members. St. Thomas appealed to the Mayor to stop immoral shows.

GLENGARRY—Circulated Franchise petitions.

GRENVILLE—One local Superintendent; circulated Franchise petitions, tried to enforce the Anti-tobacco law; one hotel kept out by petitions.

HALTON—Sent out one memorial; circulated Franchise petitions; Milton continued the Curfew bell by-law with very fair results; Oakville circulated a petition to secure the curfew bell, which was presented to the council, by an honorary member, accompanied by a deputation of white-ribboners. It was referred to a committee and has never since been heard of.

HALDIMAND—Memorials sent to the local members *re* legislation following the plebiscite—prohibition by Provinces, and sale of liquor in military canteens.

HURON—

KENT—One Union circulated Franchise petitions, three sent protests to Hon. Sidney Fisher, *re* cultivation of tobacco; one petitioned against the granting of a license but was defeated. This was reported by the County Superintendent.

LAMBTON—Circulated Franchise petitions with good results; enforced the Curfew bell by-law; sent a protest to the Premier and local members *re* prohibition.

LANARK—One Union wrote a letter asking for a prohibitory law.

MIDDLESEX—Circulated Franchise petitions; three Unions sent memorials *re* prohibition; London wrote the local M. P. asking him to vote favorably on this question and to support a prohibitory cigarette measure, should it come up in Parliament, and received a favorable answer. They also influenced prominent citizens to write similar letters, and sent a telegram, to the Provincial House when the German liquor bill came up *re* furnishing guests with liquor on Sundays. Other organizations were influenced by them to do the same. A petition was circulated in the Union against late Saturday night shopping. Glencoe has a local Superintendent. Thorndale held several mass meetings and through this means, influenced the Young People's Societies to write the M. P. protesting against the stand taken by the Government *re* prohibition. A resolution was secured from representatives of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal Churches, asking prohibition for the Provinces. London through the press agitated strongly against the canteen in military encampments.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Circulated Franchise petitions.

ONTARIO—Sent memorials, circulated Franchise petitions. Oshawa petitioned successfully against a shop license thus keeping the town free from license. Port Perry worked successfully for a local option by-law.

PEEL—Sent memorials *re* prohibition.

RUSSELL—Circulated Franchise petitions and sent memorials to local member.

SIMCOE—Sent memorials; Orillia petitioned successfully against license and for the better enforcement of Curfew by-law; Midland endeavored to secure early Saturday closing and compliance with the Lord's Day Act by the C. P. R. Minesing protested against the cultivation of tobacco.

TORONTO—Circulated Franchise petitions; sent memorials *re* prohibition; cultivation of tobacco and canteen sales of liquor!

two meetings were held by the District, endeavoring to secure the best results for the franchise work. The W. C. T. U. induced other temperance societies to co-operate in an attempt to secure better enforcements of the law *re* against the sale of liquor to minors and to obtain a by-law to remove the blinds from bar-rooms. Two meetings were held and representatives laid the matter before the authorities. Extensive correspondence was carried on *re* Curfew by-law. Repeated attempts to secure tavern and shop license were prevented, the W. C. T. U. co-operating with others. Three Unions have Superintendents. Four reported.

WENTWORTH—Superintendent reports, Franchise petitions circulated ; ten memorials sent *re* prohibition, one *re* tobacco, two Anti-cigarette; Anti-tobacco laws well enforced ; convictions against violaters were secured in Dundas, Hamilton and Saltfleet. Binbrook obtained the local option law. Hamilton Union petitioned the council on behalf of the Day Nursery and collected \$75 for it.

WELLINGTON—Guelph petitioned successfully against a sparring match to be held in the city hall. Fergus petitioned a rebate of license and protested against the cultivation of tobacco.

WATERLOO—Superintendent reports one local Superintendent. One Union circulated Franchise petitions ; two memorials sent *re* prohibition and one *re* liquor in military canteens. A resolution was sent to the Retailers' Association in Galt *re* early closing on Saturday night. Anti-tobacco laws not enforced but Galt W. C. T. U. petitioned the council *re* the better enforcement of the Anti-cigarette law.

YORK—Superintendent says eight local Superintendents, seven of whom report. Memorials sent *re* prohibition ; Franchise petitions circulated ; Anti-tobacco laws reported enforced in four municipalities. New Market secured enforcement of by-laws twice *re* social purity, and circulated two petitions *re* license. East Toronto successfully petitioned council to stamp out shop license ; also unsuccessfully *re* Curfew Bell. Richmond Hill enforced license law. Sutton unsuccessfully petitioned for the reduction of licenses which was refused on the grounds of a new census which was taken while summer boarders were at Jackson's Point, thus increasing the population by 334. Conviction for selling liquor on Sunday was refused, because the offender swore he did not violate the act. Attempted enforcements of Anti-tobacco laws with fair results.

PERSONAL WORK.

This has been fragmentary. By request suggestions were sent to all County Superintendents to assist in Franchise petition work. A digest of Provincial Laws controlling the liquor traffic was sent to Dominion Superintendent. The Minister of Agriculture was interviewed concerning the best method of teaching

Domestic Science, which resulted in securing a movement through the woman's branch of the Farmer's Institutes. About eighty-five letters and 150 cards have been written by means of which all Unions were asked to report.

SUMMARY.

All Unions were asked to protest against the cultivation of tobacco, the canteen in military encampments, to petition for Woman's Suffrage, to memorialize Government for a prohibitory law for the Dominion, and later prohibition Provincially. An increase of sixteen County reports of work can also be reported for this year.

SUGGESTIONS.

Let us not fear to be aggressive. Study existing laws to secure better enforcement.

Look well to the law makers and law breakers. To both of these sections may the name of the W. C. T. U, continue to be a synonym for power if we will but commit our way "unto the Lord, trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass."

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PRESS.

MRS. VICTORIA HELLEMS, Superintendent.

In reviewing the work of the year, we find that in Ontario we have the privilege of using fifty columns of space every week in the most influential publications; also that we have eighty-five Press Superintendents to gather items of interest from the leading temperance papers; to chronicle the temperance measures that are being considered by our representatives as they convene in the legislature; to look up and bring before the people the laws that have already been enacted, whether they are being respected or infringed; to show the evils of intemperance, and to point to the star of hope—the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor; or as we learn the purposes of our society in the letters of incorporation, "To educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue; to impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind or in any form; to gather statistics, facts and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of temperance." Certainly we who are privileged to be Press Superintendents should understand that we have opportunities that should not be neglected. May God help us to do our work faithfully and well. We have much to encourage in the Press report. Local and County Superintendents have been prompt in sending their reports; and although there is much room for improvement, yet in the work done and the expressions of earnest desire to accomplish more in the future, that we have received, we are inspired to take courage.

COUNTY WORK.

ALGOMA DISTRICT—Has two Superintendents; two papers supplied; 20 original articles published; 18 clippings reprinted; union meetings were nearly all reported; record books kept; nearly all department work kept before public. Helps are: Journal, Signal, New Crusade, besides leaflets on all different lines.

BRANT—Two Superintendents; two papers supplied. Original articles—some. Clippings reprinted—some each week. Forty union meetings reported; one record book kept; Helps—Journal, Camp Fire, Messenger, Signal, Templar and New Voice. Part of department work kept before public.

BRUCE—Three Superintendents; three papers supplied; 13 original articles published; several clippings reprinted. Annual

meeting, Paisley convention, parlor meetings, medal contests, besides many of the regular meetings were reported. No record kept. Helps—Messenger, Journal, New Crusade, Witness.

CARLETON—One Superintendent; three papers supplied; original articles, one; clippings reprinted, 102 columns; twenty-seven union meetings reported; record partly kept. Helps—Signal and Camp Fire; part of department work kept before public.

DUNDAS—One Superintendent; one paper supplied with half column weekly. Helps—Journal.

DURHAM—Three Superintendents; three papers supplied. All regular meetings, parlor socials and other entertainments reported, besides regular quarter column supplied. No record kept. Helps—Journal and Witness.

ESSEX—Four Superintendents; six papers supplied; 60 union meetings reported; condensed items from long articles, also reports of public and special meetings published, 1,600 lines in all. Departments kept before public are Work Among Lumbermen, Franchise, Lord's Day Alliance, Press, Soldiers, Narcotic and Evangelistic; record kept. Helps—Journal, Witness, Messenger, Camp Fire and New Voice.

ELGIN—One Superintendent; one weekly paper supplied with temperance clippings.

FRONTENAC—One Superintendent; two papers supplied; 200 clippings reprinted; 14 original articles; besides, the convention, Miss Wiggins' lecture and all the regular meetings were reported. The departments were kept before the public in reports of meetings. No record, excepting the work was done regularly. Helps—Journal, Witness, Ram's Horn.

GREY—Thinks Press work is very important, and they have been generously treated by publishers, and expect to do good work in the future; 35 columns have been published.

GRENVILLE—Five Superintendents; five papers supplied; 15 original articles. A large number of clippings sent to publisher but not all reprinted. Twenty-one regular meetings reported. No record kept except by Prescott Superintendent. Helps—Journal, Witness, and Ram's Horn. The County Press Superintendent will aim to have a Press Superintendent in each union and more work done along that line.

GLENGARRY—One Superintendent lately appointed. Hope to hear good work done next year.

HURON—One Superintendent; and one paper supplied three original articles; 40 clippings reprinted; two union meetings reported.

HASTINGS—Two Superintendents; three papers supplied; some clippings reprinted; two union meetings reported; no record. Helps—Union Signal, Journal, Witness and Camp Fire.

HALTON—Two Superintendents; three papers supplied; two original articles; a number of clippings reprinted; 15 regular meetings reported. Expect to do better work. Helps—Camp Fire, Journal, Signal and Witness.

HALDIMAND—One Superintendent; one paper supplied and some work done of which report cannot be obtained; one original article; no record.

KENT—Three Superintendents; three papers supplied; four original articles; 50 clippings reprinted; eight union meetings reported, and there were others—but no record kept. Helps—Journal and Signal.

LANARK—Two Superintendents; two papers supplied; 55 columns contributed; all special meetings and "at homes" written up; editors generous and show an interest in the good work. Helps—Camp Fire and clippings from other papers.

LINCOLN—Two Superintendents; four papers supplied; one original article; 100 clippings reprinted; ten union meetings reported; keeps envelope of clippings ready to insert two or more each week. Helps—Camp Fire, Signal, Montreal Witness.

LAMBTON—Four Superintendents; three papers supplied; five original articles; 150 clippings reprinted; over 60 regular meetings announced, besides reports of public, social and other meetings; some towns kept record. Helps—Christian Guardian, Endeavor Herald, Journal.

LEEDS—Five unions report; regular meetings announced; six papers supplied, also reports sent to Journal. Helps—Woman's Journal.

MIDDLESEX—Three Superintendents; six papers supplied; nine original articles; 75 clippings reprinted; 45 regular meetings reported, besides several others. Helps—Journal, Signal, Camp Fire, Gospel News and others.

NIPissing—Has two papers in which space could be obtained. Three union meetings reported.

NORTHUMBERLAND—One Superintendent; space in two papers secured; nine original articles; eight clippings reprinted; twelve regular meetings reported; record kept. Helps—Woman's Journal and Watchman.

OXFORD—One Superintendent; two papers supplied; six original articles, 45 clippings reprinted. Helps—Journal and Signal.

ONTARIO—Twelve papers supplied with items; efforts have been made to keep the W. C. T. U. work before the public and have tried to improve the opportunities given through the kindness of the editors.

PERTH—Eight Superintendents; five papers supplied; several original articles; 15 regular meetings reported, besides locals, about meetings of interest. Helps—Contributions from members of union.

PEEL—Three papers published; one original article; seven clippings reprinted; several meetings reported.

RUSSELL—One Superintendent; two papers supplied; 23 original articles; two union meetings reported. Helps—Journal.

STORMONT—One Superintendent; two papers supplied; local and county items published; nine clippings reprinted; ten meetings reported; kept a record. Helps—Witness, Camp Fire, Voice, Messenger, Journal and Signal.

SIMCOE—Eight Superintendents; large amount work done; several columns weekly being supplied, besides local and county items of interest being kept before the public. Helps—Journal and Signal.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Seven Superintendents; 74 papers supplied; 21 original articles; five clippings reprinted, besides a large number that was not counted; local and county work published; 27 regular meetings reported. Helps—Journal and Signal. Some records kept, others will do so in the coming year.

VICTORIA—One Superintendent; one paper supplied; fifteen original articles; five parlor and public meetings reported; many clippings reprinted besides local notices; full record kept. Helps—Royal Templar and selections from other sources.

WATERLOO—Five Superintendents; three papers supplied; 12 original articles published; 17 clippings reprinted; notices of union meetings published; one record book kept, others depended on memory. Helps—Journal, Signal, Temperance Banner.

WELLINGTON—Four Superintendents; eight papers supplied; many articles condensed and clippings only used to finish out space allotted, 25 items in all; 15 meetings reported in one union and all the meetings in two others. Helps—Journal, Templar and Camp Fire. Reports good work done.

YORK—Five Superintendents; seven papers published; as much space as desired secured in papers; 14 columns original matter, 25 clippings reprinted; 64 notices of meetings; also reported public meetings, and anything special. Helps—Journal, Witness and Guardian.

PERSONAL WORK.

Prepared circular, a copy of which was sent to every local Union in Ontario. Also prepared Press program which was published in *Woman's Journal*, to be used for one of the educational half hours of local W.C.T.U. meetings. Prepared a list of questions as aids to the local Superintendents in formulating their reports. These questions were printed and sent to every local Superintendent. I also sent these questions together with a report call to every County Superintendent. Wrote 38 letters and 14 post cards.

SUMMARY.

Eighty-five local Unions who have Press Superintendents; 121 publications have received contributions; 172 original articles, 749 clippings reprinted; 450 notices of meetings; 27 Press Superintendents have kept record books. 58 Press Superintendents have not kept record books; 13 unions report having used Press program given in *Woman's Journal*; 29 unions report having read the part of the Press circular devoted to *Woman's Journal*.

SUGGESTIONS

- 1—That we retain suggestions 1, 2, 4 and 5 in Press circular.
- 2—That we continue the request that one educational half hour be devoted to press work.
- 3—That the Superintendent of each department represented in the local Union contribute something bearing on her department to be published in the press. This will have a two-fold advantage; it will advance her own department, and assist the Press Superintendent.
- 4—That laws bearing on moral reform be made a study by Press Superintendent, and inserted in space allotted in publications, as for instance, the regulations against the sale of intoxicating liquor in military camps, our license law, etc.
- 5—That we make an effort to have the reports given in lines as "article" may mean five lines or that many columns.
- 6—That we call attention to the fact that only 27 Superintendents kept records and 58 kept no records, and that we look for improvement next year.

WORK AMONG THE LUMBERMEN.

MISS K. M. FISHER, Superintendent

In the history of our work for Lumbermen I do not know that there has ever been a year so abundant in reports, and results, as your Superintendent has had the privilege of recording the present year.

The *returns* from the blank reports sent out are much in advance of former reports in point of information gained, and hitherto lost sight of. Eight Counties, more than last year have reported. Several Unions have taken up this department for the first time during the past year, others are making a beginning, public meetings have been held, outsiders being awakened and interested. Contributions have been cheerfully given for the mission, and many sheaves have been gathered to lay at the Master's feet, that eternity alone can estimate. Our missionaries and District Superintendents have worked hard and faithfully, and the sincere thanks of your Superintendent is due to Mrs. Mackie of Athens for her valuable assistance in gathering the reports from some of the Eastern Counties.

ALGOMA—Miss Sproule, Superintendent, Fort William, reports eight comfort bags, 24 books, papers and magazines, five Testaments and hymn books, cash for missionary's salary \$5.15. Three Unions held public meetings in the interest of this department with suggested program. Two Unions have adopted 10 or 25c. subscription fund.

BRUCE—No Superintendent; Local Unions report sending 20 comfort bags, eight Testaments, leaflets, etc., one box of clothing for women and children, 85 lbs. literature, one box literature, two Unions adopted 10c. subscription fund. Paisley held a meeting in the interest of the department, led by Provincial Superintendent and addressed by Mrs. Mickle of Gravenhurst, who also gave the Band of Hope a pleasing talk on work among Lumbermen. Cash remitted to Provincial Treasurer, \$16.60.

BRANT—Reports six comfort bags, with letter and Testament in each, more comfort bags ready to send. Remitted for missionary's salary, \$2.00

CARLETON—Miss Tillie Stevenson, Superintendent. Arnprior and Carp, reports 19 comfort bags. Cash for missionary's salary, \$10.00. Personal work, wrote four letters, made a comfort bag, shipped supplies to Miss Sproule. (Note :- Superintendent thinks her locality not suitable for County Superintendent, Ottawa more central.

DUNDAS—No Superintendent. Reports no work done. Cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$5.00

DURHAM—Mrs. Tucker, Superintendent. Reports 29 comfort bags, 29 Testaments, 16 letters, 72 leaflets, 69 lbs. literature. Two Unions adopted 25c. subscription fund. Personal work, kept a correct account of correspondence, sent a good report to County Convention. Cash for missionary's salary, \$3.00, forwarded to Miss. MacArthur.

ESSEX—No Superintendent. Local Unions report, 18 comfort bags, 18 Testaments with leaflets sent to Mr. Leckie. One Union held a splendid meeting with suggested program.

ELGIN—Mrs. C. L. May, Superintendent, St. Thomas, reports 17 comfort bags with Bibles, letters and leaflets in each, 200 lbs. literature. One Union has adopted 10c. subscription fund, cash for missionary's salary, \$2.25.

FRONTENAC—District Superintendent, Mrs. Mackie, Athens, reports 25 comfort bags with a letter and Testament in each, cash for missionary's salary, \$3.00. Regular meeting held in the interests of the department.

GREY—Mrs. Wilcox, Owen Sound, Superintendent. Local Unions report, 12 comfort bags with 12 books and 12 letters, Cash for missionary's salary sent to Miss Sproule, \$3.00.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. Mackie, District Superintendent, reports 21 comfort bags, papers, etc. Cash for missionary's salary \$11.10.

HALDIMAND—Mrs. M. McGregor, Superintendent, Caledonia, reports nine comfort bags, nine Testaments, nine letters and hymn books and leaflets enclosed, sent to Mrs. Mickle, cash remitted \$2.36, sent to Miss MacArthur. Held a good meeting with suggested program, outsiders invited. Personal work done, wrote three letters in the interest of the department, attended a County convention; interested a few outsiders.

HALTON—Milton reports having sent to Hamilton seven comfort bags with letter in each. Cash remitted to Miss MacArthur, \$2.50

HASTINGS—Mrs. P. L. Connor, Superintendent, reports nine comfort bags with nine Testaments and seven letters enclosed, 43 lbs. literature. Special work done by the Local Unions; held meetings and distributed literature to the men on the drives; cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$9.00.

HURON—Mrs. Biddlecombe, Superintendent, Clinton, reports 20 comfort bags, 19 Testaments, 30 leaflets and seven letters, 2,470 pages literature, 68 periodicals, 200 lbs. literature sent to Mrs.

Chapman of Warton. Three Unions held meetings, with suggested program. Cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$20.25.

KENT—Mrs. A. M. Lafferty, Superintendent, reports sending 15 comfort bags, two Testaments, leaflets and letters in each, sent to Mr. Leckie also 30 lbs. literature; cash for missionary's salary, \$7.00. Personal work, wrote 12 letters and cards; attended County Convention with fairly good report.

LINCOLN—Miss Julia B. Huff, Superintendent, St. Catharines, reports five comfort bags (one extra large,) four Bibles, 180 lbs. books, magazines and papers, shipped to Mrs. Mickle, Gravenhurst cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$4.00. Personal work, wrote to all the Unions and otherwise contributing to the interest of the work, to the best of my ability while under the care of the physician, (Miss Huff has our sincere sympathies.)

LAMBTON—Mrs. C. Green, Superintendent, reports 48 comfort bags, 39 Bibles and Testaments, 10 letters, 117 lbs. literature, five scrap books, 25 books. Three public meetings were held with suggested program, followed by good results. One Union adopted 10c. contribution fund. Personal work, wrote each Union in County for reports; attended County Convention, gave good report; cash for missionary's salary, \$24.35.

LANARK—Superintendent reports, 36 comfort bags, 29 Testaments, 215 leaflets and letters, 120 magazines, 360 papers sent to Algoma and Muskoka; cash remitted \$14.13. Personal work, wrote 12 letters and cards; attended County Convention, fairly good report.

LEEDS—Mrs. Stone, Superintendent, Athens, reports, 37 comfort bags, 10 Testaments, one box literature, 41 copies "Pleasant Hours." Three Unions held meetings with suggested program; 10 or 25c. subscription fund adopted by two. Interest in the work is on the increase, throughout the County; cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$30.15.

RENFREW—Miss L. Logan, Superintendent, reports sending, 34 comfort bags, 19 Bibles and Testaments, 10 letters, 70 leaflets, 23 hymn books, 216 papers, 199 magazines, 15 letters, nine parcels literature, one scrap book; two meetings held in the interests of the department, with suggested program; two Unions adopted 10 or 25c. subscription fund; cash remitted for the missionary, \$9.00.

MUSKOKA—Mrs. F. A. Sealy, Superintendent, Huntsville, reports, four comfort bags, four Testaments, 10 parcels sent to camps and some books. Held one meeting with suggested program; cash for missionary, \$2.00, sent Provincial Treasurer.

NIPISSING—Reports having sent 15 comfort bags, 12 Testaments, 12 letters, 72 leaflets sent to camp owners in Nipissing;

two meetings were held in the interest of the department with suggested program, good results; cash for missionary's salary, remitted to Miss MacArthur, \$11.90.

OXFORD—Mrs. Wilkeson, Superintendent, Ingersoll, reports; 60 comfort bags, 50 lbs. literature, 12 Bibles, one box literature, cash for missionary's salary; \$19.50.

ONTARIO—Mrs. Tamblin, Superintendent, Oshawa, reports, 32 comfort bags with literature and Testaments in each, 350 lbs. literature, 30 leaflets, one parcel, two dozen hymn books; much interest is taken in the work; one meeting held with suggested program, with satisfactory results; cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$12.35. Personal work, have written 24 letters and cards to local Unions; attended County Convention, gave report; have tried to collect for missionary's salary and work up as much as possible an interest in my department. (Signed Mrs. Haysmith, Uxbridge.) (Whitby sent comfort bags, number not stated.

PRESCOTT AND GLENGARY—Mrs. A. Fraser, Superintendent, reports, 17 comfort bags, eight parcels literature, two boxes literature, six Testaments. Three public meetings were held in the interest of the department; cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$17.50. Personal work, kept a correct record of all correspondence, wrote eight letters, attended a Woman's F. M. Meeting at Williamstown, three papers were read on the Lumbermen's Mission, \$1.25 collected for missionary's salary.

PERTH—Mrs. J. Chapman, Superintendent, Mitchell, reports, 17 comfort bags, nine Testaments, 30 leaflets, 79 lbs. literature, one parcel books, \$5.00 worth of bedding. One meeting held with suggested program; cash remitted, \$9.00.

MIDDLESEX—Mrs. D. McIntyre, Superintendent, reports, 31 comfort bags, enclosing 32 Testaments, 445 leaflets and religious stories. Two Unions held good meetings in the interests of the department, with suggested program; 60 lbs. literature, one box clothing for the poor; cash for missionary's salary, \$33.15. Personal work, wrote all the Unions in County, endeavored to obtain a Superintendent in each Union, wrote also for reports; attended County Convention.

NORTHUMBERLAND—No Superintendent. Sent 19 comfort bags, 19 Testaments inclosed, 219 leaflets, 400 pages literature in back townships; Sailors' Institute in Montreal supplied with literature. One Union adopted 10 or 25c. subscription fund; cash remitted to missionary's salary, \$3.00.

RUSSELL—Miss. Em. Smith, Superintendent, Rockland, made 10 comfort bags in which 10 letters and 70 leaflets were enclosed. Had a good meeting with suggested program, adopted the 10 or

25c. subscription fund. For missionary's salary, remitted cash to Miss MacArthur, \$6.00.

STORMONT—No Superintendent. Cornwall local Unions reports one good meeting with suggested program; \$5.00 for missionary's salary subscribed among friends, sent to Miss MacArthur.

SIMCOE—Mrs. Scott, Superintendent, Barrie, reports, 33 comfort bags with seven Testaments, seven letters, one box of clothing, 937 lbs. literature, two parcels literature, 2,255 Gospel Temperance papers and tracts, a number of magazines (sent to camps.) One Union held meeting with suggested program and adopted 10 or 25c. subscription fund. Cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$17.05. (Additional 20 rolls of papers, 36 magazines.)

WELLINGTON—Mrs. Small, Superintendent, reports, 37 comfort bags, three letters, 32 Testaments, 50 leaflets; cash for missionary's salary, \$13.00. (Two large sacks were received by your Provincial Superintendent from Guelph with a large number of good magazines, as well as comfort bags, forwarded to Mrs. Leckie.)

WENTWORTH—Mrs. Turnbull, Superintendent, Hamilton, reports, 16 comfort bags, one extra large comfort bag from Grimby to Mrs. Leckie, five Testaments. Two Unions held public meetings in the interest of the department with suggested program; two Unions adopted the 10 or 25c. subscription fund; cash for missionary's salary, \$13.00.

HAMILTON DISTRICT—Reports, 35 comfort bags, 45 lbs. literature to Mulock, Muskoka, 34 literature lbs. to Algoma; cash to missionary's salary, \$21.66. Total cash from Wentworth, \$32.66 and 51 comfort bags. The County as a whole are deeply interested in this mission.

WATERLOO—Mrs. Cante, Superintendent, reports, 48 comfort bags, Testaments and leaflets in each bag, 12 letters, 10,356 pages literature, 160 magazines, 116 periodicals, 15 books, one picture roll, 140 lbs. literature, one bale clothing for destitute to Mr. Leckie. (One box sent to Mrs. Mickle.) 21 cloth bound books, 20 hymn books; have adopted 10c. contribution fund; remitted \$18.10. Personal work, wrote 21 letters and cards in the interests of department; wrote each Union for reports; attended County Convention.

VICTORIA—Mrs. S. McGill, Superintendent, shipped 25 lbs. literature to Mr. Leckie, a quantity of clothing to Haliburton. Collected for missionary's salary, and remitted to Miss MacArthur, \$23.25.

YORK—Mrs. C. M. Hughes, Superintendent, reports sending 21 comfort bags with 25 Testaments, 19 letters, 60 lbs. literature, 160 leaflets, 1,400 pages literature, papers and magazines. Three

Unions conducted meetings in the interest of the department, using suggested program. Subscription fund supplies sent to Mrs. Geo. Montgomery, North Bay. Cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$20 25.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Mrs J. Christie, Superintendent, reports, total number comfort bags sent, 21, Testaments, 24, hymn books, 12, letters, 10, gospel tracts, 818, number pages literature, 8,732, one bale clothing; for missionary's salary cash, \$15.00. Personal work, wrote each of the Unions for reports, etc. Kept correct record of correspondence; visited three Unions; sent report to County Convention; invited all the Superintendents of district to my home to discuss plans of work.

If the work of the W.C.T.U. is needed anywhere, it is doubly needed among the lumbermen, as they are cut off from the educational influences of the more populated sections of the Country. The work of the W.C.T.U. is needed wherever the hydra-headed monster of the still makes its hideous appearance, and we regret to say that the most-remote parts of the lumbering districts has felt the blighting, soul destroying effects of the drink traffic.

"Do not the lumbermen pay your missionary's salary?" has been asked, no not a cent. As far as your Superintendent understands the principals of the W.C.T.U. we believe in giving the Gospel "Free."

The work of our missionaries is to preach the gospel, distribute literature bearing upon the religious, political and commercial aspect of the liquor traffic, and place the comfort bags as far as possible in camps.

To say that the outlook for this work both in the local Unions and upon the field occupied by our missionaries is encouraging, gives but a faint idea of the prospects that lie before us. The Lord is doing great things for us, "Whereof we are glad." in this department.

40 Counties have reported as follows:—

Total number of Comfort bags made and sent out	770
" " Bibles and Testaments enclosed	514
" " Letters	273
" " Leaflets sent	21,450
" " Books sent	108
" " Hymn books sent	259
" " Lbs. literature	2,916
" " Magazines	818
" " Papers and tracts	2,912
" " Parcels	19
" " Boxes clothing	5
" " Scrap books	19
" " Pages literature	21,706

\$5.00 worth of bedding sent by the Seaforth Union.

Total number of meetings held in the interest of this department carrying out the suggested program, twenty-eight.

Total number Unions adopting the 10 or 25c. subscription fund, forty-three.

Total amount of cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$532.21.

PERSONAL WORK.

The personal work of your Superintendent consisted chiefly in directing supplies, and sending the word of cheer and encouragement along the line to our missionaries and district Superintendents and in instructing newly appointed Superintendents, (there were no less than twenty-seven appointed during the year.)

We sent circular letters, and mission slips to each Superintendent, also wrote 213 letters and received \$4.00 from Belleville Union and \$2.00 from Oakwood, for missionary's salary, which was forwarded by first mail to our Provincial Treasurer.

Received six parcels for comfort bags, which were also forwarded, after looking them over carefully, adding thereto what was lacking and taking from, what would be better not sent.

I would like to remind our Superintendents that money should never be sent to anyone for this mission, but to the W. C. T. U. Provincial Treasurer. Supplies should not be sent to myself. Every local Superintendent (unless otherwise advised) should send to *her own County Superintendent* who makes a careful survey of the contents, adding whatever is lacking, then one large bale is made up and sent direct to her District Superintendents.

Complaint has been made by two or three Unions, that their supplies were *not acknowledged* by the *receivers*. This is not to be expected, although a short epistle direct from the camp is always acceptable, at the same time we must not forget that when a man chops wood in the bush all day he does not feel much in the mood of writing "what he thinks of a comfort bag," and besides he is usually fifteen, twenty or even forty miles from a Post Office. Some beautiful letters of gratitude have been sent to our District Superintendents.

SUGGESTIONS.

Your Superintendent would note from the reports, the effect of the *programs* sent out this year. Many of the Superintendents failed to hold a meeting, even with their Union, but others that gave expressions of satisfaction, such as being "good" or "very interesting" but the public meetings held were said to be "splendid."

One of the "W's" in Toronto, writes that few know anything about this mission, but when told about it are willing to help, and this may be said of every community. If you want your department to prosper, hold public meetings with a *good program*, let the Superintendent of the department occupy the chair, she can give out a certain amount of life and light to an audience about her own

department, that is not possible for one, however gifted or trained in oratory; whose heart is not given to the work.

Our District Superintendents are grateful for the improvement in the quality and quantity of supplies sent. Also for the *early* arrival of the same, still there is further room for improvement. I saw by a Sept. Journal that Mrs. Mickle, Gravenhurst, was destitute of supplies as the following part of her report indicates. "The year in this department opens in *August* (the men go into camp 1st. August,) I had no supplies until September and then only a very small parcel. October was really the start, as you are aware, I had asked for supplies to be sent as early as August. My supplies came chiefly in *November* and December," etc., etc.

When making up comfort bags we would advise one lady providing bandages, another the salve, another buttons, needles, thread, etc. By following out this simple plan overlapping will be avoided, and most necessary articles will not be conspicuous by their absence.

SIDE LIGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS.

Mrs. Mickle, Gravenhurst, writes,—"I have no way of finding out how many men I supplied this past year, but a rough but safe estimate made by my husband was in the neighborhood of 1,400. As to the comfort bags, will the dear sisters remember to please make good-sized bags, not less than one-half yard long, sew needle-book on side, put buttons in little bag attached, send needles, pins, buttons, bandages, salves, thread, yarn, Bible, hymn-book, leaflets, and good reading matter. You can scarcely send too many bandages, but please do not put in stockings or old clothes. The latter things are picked out and given to the poor, nothing is wasted."

Mrs. L. Mackie of Athens after giving a full statistical report, the substance of which is embodied in Miss Fisher's report adds this little plaintive note. "I am so sorry that my district did not pay more cash for our missionary's salary: just think of it, we have the city of Ottawa, Pembroke and other large centres; we must try and do better next year."

Mrs. Maybee, Belleville also sends in a full statistical report but takes a moment to tell how she and two other white-ribboners visited the men on the "drive" had some singing, then talked to the men of the safe guards found in total abstinence.

For one consignment of comfort bags, Mrs. Maybee found it necessary to purchase 12 yards of cotton which she made up into bandages. (Will the dear sisters kindly remember this.)

Mrs. E. E. Thorpe of Lindsay says, "I am just beginning to realize the importance of this work. I have endeavored to keep it constantly before the public through the medium of our local newspaper. You can rely upon this District doing a greater work during the incoming year."

MISSION WORK IN ALGOMA.

MISS AGNES SPROULE, Superintendent.

A year has passed since we met in Ottawa, gone with its record to the judgment bar of God. I thank Him for the privilege He has given me of working for Him during the year. I believe my efforts have not been in vain. I have gone to my work strong in the thought, that what is done for God can never fail.

PERSONAL WORK.

In returning home after Convention I at once took up work for the Lumbermen. They had already been some time in camp. A large number of camps all over the District were corresponded with and supplies sent to them. Sometimes supplies were sent through one person to five or six camps, of course some of my letters were never answered, but most of them received most courteous replies, and my efforts in that line received many warm words of appreciation.

Coupled with my work for Lumbermen is Railroad work and work for Miners. At present there are thousands of men in railroad construction camps in Algoma, and some of the mines which have been long closed are beginning to work again. On June 1st I began my western trip through the Rainy River District; visited twelve different places; travelled about 1,000 miles by boat and railroad; gave ten public addresses, at which about 400 people were present, besides speaking at Church services, Sunday Schools and Young People's Society meetings; visited about 150 families, and gave a large amount of Gospel and temperance tracts; was successful in organizing three Unions, two of which are doing splendid work. The third is weak. Perhaps it was a mistake to organize. Some who would like very much to help in the work are hindered by members of their own families, but there are one or two noble workers there, who are doing good work. I hope, if it be the Lord's will, to visit them again and to be able to strengthen the "things that remain." I enjoyed the trip very much. The greatest barriers to successful work were—rainy weather, bad roads and myriads of flies. The Rainy River railroad which is being constructed will be a great blessing to this country.

July, August and September were spent at home. During these months the greater part of the time was engaged in trying to strengthen my Western work, and in getting ready for my Eastern trip which I began September 29th. Most of this trip was by boat, first crossing Lake Superior from Fort William, to Sault Ste Marie. Six places along the branch line of the C.P.R. were

visited by boat and train. Spanish Mills, on one of the small islands, was visited, besides St. Joseph's Island and the Great Manitoulin—11 places in all; 11 public addresses given, at which about 600 people were present; two meetings for women were held; one Union and two Youmans Bands were organized; and I spoke in Church services, Sunday Schools, day schools and other meetings; visited about 300 families and gave away a large amount of literature.

The chief drawback on this trip was the awful indifference of the people. In some places the minister is the only christian worker, and he very often is discouraged and is not able to do his best work.

SUMMARY.

Have sent out during the year 311 letters and cards, 9,000 tracts, 4,500 papers, 59 comfort bags, 9 New Testament portions, French and Italian; 25 reports, 10 books; visited 450 families; addressed 21 public meetings, at which about 1,000 people were present; conducted four ladies' meetings, besides speaking whenever the Lord gave opportunity; travelled about 200 miles by railway, by boat or on foot.

THE NEEDS OF THE WORK.

Time—the District is so large that to cover it, at least three or four months should be spent in touring. I am hoping to visit along the main line of the C. P. R. and part of the branch line on my way home. Three months spent in the field would furnish abundant material for nine months' work at home. The requirements of the work are great. Drink is the great curse of the District. I have been told in places, that nobody ever came there before to speak on temperance. The people as a rule are an intelligent, independent, noble class, who thoroughly appreciate any efforts that are being put forth for their well-being. Many of them long with all their souls after the privileges they once enjoyed in the East. Of course, in the large places the people have many oppositions, but in the smaller places the religious life is difficult to maintain. Your Missionary has been welcomed wherever she has gone, but to meet the requirements of the work she ought to be able to give her whole time to it, which at present she is not able to do.

I do not think that a grander nobler work could be undertaken by any people than the work of Christian temperance in the District of Algoma.

MR. LECKIE'S REPORT.

MISSION WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

This has been a year crowned with much encouragement, God has graciously permitted us to see some of the results of our seed sowing. We are thankful to God for the privileges we have had for He has blessed us with many tokens of His divine approval.

I have received a hearty welcome wherever I have gone. The men seem willing and anxious to listen to the Word, paying good attention. One week last September three persons professed to a saving faith in Christ, causing our hearts to greatly rejoice.

The literature sent this year as a rule has been good, so that we have not found it a very difficult task to look it over and assort it.

The "comfort bags" have proven themselves so in more than name and are greatly appreciated by the men. May they also receive comfort in their souls is our prayer.

The clothing which the Galt Union sent was greatly appreciated by those who received it. A number of them sent letters of thanks which we forwarded to the donors.

A great deal of the literature we receive comes by mail or express, we have found that it reaches us safely by freight, and costs much less. I hope all the different Unions and individuals who so kindly remember us and the needs of our work, will bear this point in mind.

Many of the men write regarding the letters sent in the bags, we can assure the dear women who send them that they are sources of comfort and of help.

Our work this year has been pleasant. If there has been obstacles and discouragements there has also been many bright spots and much to encourage and cheer. The men have been kind to us. In the last two weeks I have visited 19 camps and held services in them all. Sundays were my heavy days, but the men seemed pleased to meet and hear me.

They now come up and shake hands when I come—quite different from days gone by. Through the preached, or spoken word occasionally, a soul is saved, God thus graciously setting a seal upon our work. We feel that this return alone, abundantly repays us for all the hardships involved.

The work among the poor families of our men has been looked after by Mrs. Leckie. With the articles sent us we have been able to bring cheer and comfort to different homes. We, however, have only had four barrels sent—one of these contained two warm blankets, and came from Stratford. One large bale arrived from Galt, another from Thorndale, but the best bale of all came from Mr. and Mrs. Frank White of London, who seem much interested in our work.

This is the season when we need to be much in prayer, for the men are just now making a change from the bush to the river work, and in the few intervening days spend most of their money in whiskey.

We received supplies from the following Unions: Richmond Hill, Mt. Forest, two Toronto Unions, Uxbridge, Barrie, Petrolea, Mt. Brydges, Brockville, Richmond, Ingersoll, Lansdowne, Port Perry, Heathton Que, Seaforth, also a parcel of literature from Miss Fisher, Wingham; and Unions Carluke, Paris, Almonte, Creighton Branch, Toronto and Listowel.

We also received three boxes of cast-off clothing, which were disposed of with good results.

SUMMARY.

	Comfort Bags.....	300
LITERATURE	Papers from 8 to 12 pages.....	9,635
	Magazines.....	664
	Tracts.....	4,000
	Leaflets.....	20,000
	Song Sheets.....	1,000
	Bibles and Testaments.....	400

PERSONAL.

Letters written,	150
Cards	125
Miles travelled, about	3,000
Meetings held, about	200

With our Gospel-carriage trip included we have held many more, since commencing on the 15th of October last. We have spoken to about 50,000 people. Have had a great many sign the pledge, especially among children on our summer trip.

I visited about 200 camps in all, some very large (300 men); others containing as few as 12 men. In addition there is the mill and river work, where the most men are met.

SCHOOLS OF METHOD.

MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, Superintendent.

Some W. C. T. U. workers would do well to take to heart David's indignant refusal to offer the Lord that which cost him nothing. If our sacrifices of service are just what we happen to have on hand, and not procured at the expense of patient study and earnest prayer, they are likely to be little worth. To do our best we must know what that best ought to be. The School of Methods should aim to give this information. Then, having put into our work intelligent, thoughtful preparation, we may dare trust God for the outcome.

"That trust is sweetest and that faith the best
Which, having done such share
As human life demands; then leaves the rest
To the dear Father's care."

COUNTY REPORTS.

ALGOMA—Superintendent has made special point, during her tours through the district, of teaching methods of work to the Unions under her care. No school; district unorganized.

BRANT—Held two partial schools; five subjects and a question box.

BRUCE—Held one partial school; three subjects.

CARLETON—No report.

DURHAM—No report.

ELGIN—Two full schools—one in East and the other in West Elgin; fourteen subjects, two drills and two question boxes.

ESSEX—Held one partial school; six subjects. Three drills were given and three question boxes opened and answered.

GREY—Held one partial school; three subjects, one drill and one question box.

GLENGARRY—Held one partial school; three subjects; one drill and a question box. Recommended that in the local Unions short talks be substituted, wherever possible, for papers on department topics.

GRENVILLE—No school.

LANARK—Held one partial school. No particulars given.

HALDIMAND—No school.

HURON—Held one full and one partial school; nine subjects and two question boxes.

KENT—Nine local schools under County auspices; nineteen subjects, two question boxes and three drills.

LINCOLN—Held one partial school; two subjects, one drill and two question boxes.

LAMBERTON—Held one full school; four subjects, one drill and a question box.

LEEDS—Held one partial school; seven subjects, one drill and two question boxes. At two brief local schools two subjects were taken up.

MIDDLESEX—Held one partial school; three subjects and a question box.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Held no school.

ONTARIO—Held one full school; five subjects and two question boxes.

OXFORD—Held one full school; seven subjects, a drill and a question box. Held one local school; five papers.

PERTH—Held one partial school ; three subjects, one drill and two question boxes.

PEEL—Has held no school this year.

RENFREW—No school but Miss Wiggins gave four drills during her lecture tour under County auspices.

SIMCOE—Held one full school ; thirteen subjects, one drill and one question box. Held two local schools on Narcotics.

STORMONT—Held one local school ; three subjects. Held through County three drills and answered five question boxes.

TORONTO—Held one full school ; six subjects, a drill and a question box. Held one local school ; three subjects, and question box. Gave two other drills.

WENTWORTH—Held one full school ; three subjects, one drill and two question boxes.

WELLAND—

WELLINGTON—Has never adopted the Department.

WATERLOO—Held one full school ; six subjects, one drill and two question boxes. Decided on a County banner to be given Union showing largest per cent. of increase.

YORK—Held one full school ; four subjects, one drill and two question boxes.

SUMMARY.

We have 31 organized Counties. Of these three—Carleton Durham and Welland—made no reply to report-form or subsequent cards. Lanark replied but failed to enclose report-form. Wellington has never adopted the Department ; Grenville, Haldimand, Northumberland, Peel and Renfrew were unable to hold schools. The remaining 21 Counties held eleven full, twelve partial and sixteen local schools, making a total of thirty-nine. At these schools forty topics were taken up in 140 papers or addresses. The Departments receiving the greatest attention were Franchise and Narcotics—the former was considered in seventeen papers and the latter in twelve. Juvenile Work and Scientific Temperance Inst. came next with nine and eight papers, respectively. The duties of officers received attention in nineteen papers ; of Superintendents, in four ; while the Educational Half-hour was treated of in all. Eighty-one of the papers were upon Department work. Twenty-eight parliamentary drills were given and thirty-seven question boxes opened and answered.

Thirty-six crusades for new members, made by local Unions, are reported. The record is very incomplete, only a few of the Presidents having definite information. Seventeen County Presidents arranged, between them, twenty lecture tours, containing in all 97 dates. Twelve County Presidents had carried, or sent, greetings, to Conventions of christian workers.

The usual half-day School of Methods was held at last Provincial Convention. To re-awaken interest in the Department work, suspended in many places during the Plebiscite campaign, a circular was issued in December and sent to all the local Unions, County and Provincial Superintendents.

SUGGESTIONS.

What would you think of a public school principal who insisted on dispensing, in the primary classes, with spelling and arithmetic and substituting Latin and the higher mathematics? The result would be a life long handicap to the pupils. They would turn out ignorant little prigs.

There is a very serious danger of a like mistake in some of our County schools. Elemental W. C. T. U. subjects are being passed over for more advanced and perhaps more interesting but less needed topics.

The most serious faults of method, in connection with our work, are to be found in the performance of its very simplest duties. With this in thought, the following suggestions are made :

1st. County Presidents will ease their own pathway and lift a weight of discouragement from the heart of Provincial Superintendents, if they place, as one item upon each school program, "The duties of a County Superintendent." The bones of these will be found in the County Superintendent's letter, sent out this September by every Provincial Superintendent. With the muscles and tissue of illustration and exhortation added, this could be rounded into a five-minute paper. Follow with discussion. Ask County Superintendents present to give their methods of work. If they have none, the fact will become patent to themselves and recognition of an ill is a long step towards its cure.

2nd. The local Superintendent needs almost as much attention. The report-blanks circulated for the collection of this year's Department work, prove that few in any line of effort keep "a record book," with a methodical outline of what has been accomplished. Quite a number have contented themselves with holding the official fort and had not a scintilla of work to report.

If each school would take up the duties of a general Superintendent, also the specific duties of some two or three Departments, an improvement would soon be visible. Urge the holding by each local President of a Superintendent's meeting at the beginning of each new year. Advocate the reading in each Union, of section 2, article 3, local constitution, at the conclusion of the election of local Superintendent's. This will bring the women face to face with the responsibility they have assumed and prevent the waste of much valuable time.

3. In arranging school programs do not forget the "Educational Half-hour." The Union that omits it, comes to grief in short order. More societies die of hopelessly dull meetings than from any other cause. Make particular enquiry about the use to

which the "programs," suggested by Provincial Superintendents, are put. Let the women who prepare the Educational Half-hour paper, have a set of the Department letters, issued up to date, that she may have a practical application of her theme.

Follow with specific questions directed to local Superintendents. If they know that, at great expense to the Provincial, a circular letter, usually containing a program, goes out on an average every two weeks from November to July, they are likely to be convinced of the wisdom of at least looking them over. Some improvement is sure to follow.

Two other themes that need attention are the Membership Crusade and the Union Report Day.

Let us hope that the Schools of 1900 may eclipse, in practical helpfulness, all former ones.

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

MRS MARY WILEY, Richmond Hill.

The work of this department has been carried on along much the same lines as in former years. Greetings were sent the Church conferences, meetings of Provincial Temperance Societies and other bodies of christian workers. In many cases, these were as usual courteously acknowledged.

A pleasing feature of the year's work, is the kindly spirit shown by our sisters of the missionary societies of the Baptist and Methodist churches. We were notified of their meetings and asked to send greetings. These were tendered personally by Mrs. Gordon of Ottawa, to the Baptist convention which met in her city, and by Mrs. Waters of Hamilton to the board of the Methodist W. M.S. which convened a short time ago in that city.

The resolutions passed by our last convention, were sent on to members of the Government and others, as ordered. Most of these were briefly answered. In some cases merely an acknowledgement of the receipt of the communication.

The resolutions on the Plebiscite were of this number.

An exception should be made in the answer which came from the leader of the opposition. It was most courteous and expressed sympathy with the disappointment of the temperance people of Canada.

It has often occurred to me that the opposition no matter which party that may be, is always favorable to the Prohibition of the liquor traffic; or any other moral reform. Strange what a sad falling away comes, when they cease to occupy the benches of "Her Majesty's loyal opposition."

TORONTO DISTRICT—Reports work in this department. The officers visited the Board of Control in the City Council, and secured an increase in the grant to the Girls' Shelter, increase being from a grant of \$200 to one of \$350 per annum. Also interviewed License Commissioners in reference to enforcing License Laws.

In reply to a communication sent the Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America *re* their text pronouncement on the temperance question, the Secretary stated, "While the members of the G. O. L. put themselves on record anent the liquor question, it has not as yet become a part of the constitution of our Body."

In May, greetings were sent to the Baptist W. M. S. asking co-operation along the lines of Franchise, Anti-Narcotics, Lord's Day Observance and Anti-Canteen work. A favorable resolution was passed, but no reply sent.

The London, Toronto, Hamilton and Bay of Quinte Branch meetings also received similar greetings, bringing before them the above mentioned departments. Replies were received from two which are as follows :

21 Grenville St., Toronto.
October, 7th. 1899.

Dear Madam,

Your letter of September 27th, conveying greetings to the Toronto branch of the W. M. S. was duly received, and read to the convention.

I was requested to thank you for your kindly expressed wishes for our prosperity and to send you the following resolution, "that as members of our W. M. S. we express our sympathy with and interest in the work of the W. C. T. U.

We particularly wish to express the willingness of all our delegates (the majority of whom are members of the W. C. T. U.) to do all in their power to further the interests of the work through their own local Unions."

Yours sincerely

MRS. W. BRIGGS,
Cor. Secretary.

London, Oct. 17th. 1899.
368 King Street.

Dear Madam,

In response to the kind letter of greeting to the London branch of the Woman's Missionary Society I beg to forward a copy of the resolution passed.

"Following out the suggestions of the Provincial Vice President of the W.C.T.U. we, the London Conference Branch, in convention assembled, desires to place itself on record as being in hearty accord with the forward movement now inaugurated in the W.C.T.U. *re* the preservation of the Lord's day, and the Anti-cigarette campaign now being waged.

Resolved. That we as a sister society recognising the benefits that would accrue to us through a successful issue to their efforts, express our hearty sympathy with them in their work, at the same time assuring them of any support it is possible to tender."

Yours very truly,

ANNIE G. McMECHAN,
Recording Secretary,
London Branch, W. M. S.

The Vice-President of the Ontario Union presented greetings to the Provincial S. S. Convention on Tuesday, October 24th, and was most cordially received and a resolution of hearty endorsement in the aims and methods of the Provincial W. C. T. U. was carried almost unanimously.

FLOWER, FRUIT AND DELICACY.

MISS H. H. WILEY, Superintendent, Richmond Hill.

In no other sense is the couplet

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these it might have been"

better exemplified than in reviewing work connected with our various Departments. We have realized, in studying the merits of this Department that it is not the number of bouquets and delicacies distributed that is of first importance—the helpful word to the sorrowing; the visit to the sick-room; the loving smile; the sympathetic text attached to the beautiful flowers—these are some of the *little things* that throw sunshine on the darkened lives, and bring the visited and visitor nearer to God.

ALGOMA—There has been good work done in this District, but no correct report kept; the reason for this, in one case at least, was illness of the Superintendent.

BRUCE—Mrs. G. Grant, Paisley, Superintendent. 352 bouquets distributed, 297 texts, 25 tracts, 14 quarts of canned fruit, 357 visits to private homes, \$17.11 expended. Clothes were made and given to a needy family, also a Xmas dinner was prepared and given to a family in poor circumstances. Paisley did menial service, such as washing, scrubbing, etc., etc., for those who were ill. They also wrote ten letters of condolence, besides visiting and speaking to others of the Saviour. Have seen these labors blessed to the conversion of three precious souls, who have given their hearts to God. They held prayer meetings in the homes of the afflicted besides reading and praying with individuals. Quantities of groceries and delicacies have likewise been given.

CARLETON—All the hospitals in Ottawa have been visited every week, and one hundred visits have been made to private homes. Fruit, milk, beef-tea and all delicacies required by sick folk have been provided by the Unions in Carp, Kinburn, Richmond, Ottawa W's and "Y's."

DURHAM—Miss Roche, Port Hope, Superintendent. "Large number" of bouquets with texts given to the sick and aged. Actual number not given.

ELGIN—Miss Brown, Vienna, Superintendent. St. Thomas distributed 30 bouquets, clothed a number of boys for school, and

supplied them with necessary books ; also made quilts, clothing, etc. for poor families. Vienna donated quilts, etc. to Children's Hospital and Old Ladies' Home in Toronto, besides distributing flowers, fruits, jellies, bread and groceries. Rodney made 109 visits to the sick.

FRONTENAC—Distributed twenty texts, six bouquets, six Testaments and 45 pledges. In Kingston the Superintendent receives much help from Miss Baker, their Victorian nurse. Their President also assists, making visits to all the charitable institutions in the city and (the Superintendent says), "taking with her, besides other things, sweet smiles and loving words of sympathy and christian comfort."

GLENGARRY—Mrs. Neegar, Maxville, Superintendent. Distributed 310 bouquets, 77 quarts canned fruit. \$1.60 receipts and sold \$10.00 worth of goods for Mrs. Paul of Toronto.

GREY—Miss Fleming, Owen Sound, Superintendent. Distributed 101 bouquets, 57 texts, 68 Xmas letters, sent to jail and hospital one dozen eggs, 52 pledges. 67 visits to private homes, clothing and food given to the poor, and supplied to a sick young woman daily during the hot weather.

HALTON—Mrs. A. Roach, Milton, Superintendent. Distributed 15 bouquets, 15 texts, 75 pledges, visited two institutions and 18 visits to private homes. Expended \$2.00. Milton Superintendent said they just revived this Department about three months ago, and are determined to do good work next year. Oakville has done nothing this year, but has decided to take up this Department next year.

HALDIMAND—Mrs. Nayel, Cayuga, Superintendent. Distributed 50 bouquets, 40 texts, 50 pages literature, seven books, 1½ dozen oranges, 10 pledges. 40 private homes visited, 90 cents expended, 12 little dresses given away, one pint of oysters, one pound grapes, shoes, etc., etc. Many accounts of kindness and donations by members of the Unions have been reported.

KENT—Mrs. R. P. Wright, Dresden, Superintendent. Distributed 368 bouquets, 301 texts, 35 pages of literature, 10 books, 50 quarts canned fruit, 34 pecks fresh fruit, 5½ dozen eggs. 55 visits to private homes. Receipts, \$30.90. Expended, \$42.70. 220 articles of clothing given away, 30 loaves of bread, 3½ bushels of potatoes, 58 quarts of milk, 13 quarts of cream, seven pounds butter, one pound cheese, three pies, three bottles sweet wine, 46 pounds meat, 10 quarts soup, 5½ pounds tea, two pounds of coffee, 50 pounds of flour, eight pounds sugar, 10 quilts and 92 yards flannelette. Excellent work has been done by all the Unions in this County. One Superintendent says, "We hope to make a much better record next year, by conveying to the sick and destitute our love to them by the same means that God shows His love to all." Chatham held a F. M. day. About 60 were present, and

a good program was carried out. Wallaceburg appointed a day for receiving donations. These gifts were distributed about Thanksgiving time and were gratefully received. Blenheim Superintendent says, "We had the pleasure of bringing some brightness into sick chambers, and cheering those who were shut in." Dresden also did good work.

LAMBTON—Mrs. Harris, Petrolea, Superintendent. Distributed 550 bouquets, 329 texts, 1,743 pages of literature, one book, 46 quarts canned fruit, four dozen eggs, four dozen oranges, three dozen bananas, 5 pledges. 433 visits to private homes. Receipts, \$6.80; expenditure, \$5.55. 46 pounds meat, 200 pounds flour, many articles of clothing, a number of quilts and, milk, cream and groceries in abundance.

LANARK—Mrs. Gillies, Carleton Place, Superintendent. Distributed 162 bouquets, 139 texts, 10 books, 79 quarts canned fruit, 11 pecks fresh fruit, 2½ dozen eggs, 10½ dozen oranges, 110 visits to private homes. \$26.80 received and \$26.30 expended. Smith's Falls clothed one family completely to go to the North-West, supplied a nurse for one case at an expense of \$10.00, also paid board and lodging for a sick person at a cost of \$5.25. Perth visits County jail once a month, holding devotional exercises. Playfair clothed and kept in necessaries for the winter one poor family. Lanark clothed a poor sick boy and supplied him with everything he required for eight weeks. This Union has done good work, but has not kept a strict report. Carleton Place clothed one family.

MIDDLESX—Mrs. Wright, Strathroy, Superintendent. Distributed 50 bouquets, 12 texts, 6,300 pages literature, three quarts canned fruit, 60 visits to private homes, eggs, oranges and other delicacies were sent out, but no account kept, 12 articles of clothing given away. Ilderton says, "We have found that a general interest in this sort of work has been founded in our neighbourhood. Strathroy gave a pound offering and distributed 18 baskets of groceries, etc. at Xmas time. London kept the hospital constantly supplied with choice reading and flowers during the summer months. Their efforts to bring a little cheer into some poor sufferer's life were appreciated by both patients and nurses.

NIPISSING—North Bay "Y" distributed 25 bouquets, 10 texts, 12 quarts canned fruit, 2½ dozen eggs, two dozen oranges, 35 visits made to private homes. Receipts, \$14.00; expended, \$14.00, and purchased medicine for some sick people.

NORTHUMBERLAND—No work done in this County. Mrs. Wilson wrote each Union urging them to take up the work, but as yet no Union has signified its intention of doing so.

ONTARIO—Mrs. Crosby, Uxbridge, Superintendent. Distributed 275 bouquets, 20 texts, 50 pages of literature, 50 quarts canned fruit, 26 pledges. Much more work was done, but no report kept.

PRINCE EDWARD—Picton "Y" distributed 78 bouquets, 78 texts, 16 quarts canned fruit and 16 glasses of jelly.

PETERBORO'—Peterboro' Union distributed 11 flowers in pots, 49 bouquets and 98 cards. Flowers were distributed to the patients in the Nicholls Hospital, to the inmates of the Protestant Home, and to the sick of the town. The police force and the press were also remembered, and they say the thanks of all who were benefitted by the delicately expressed generosity of the W.C.T.U. are due and heartily extended to the ladies of that organization.

RENFREW—Distributed 141 bouquets, 98 texts, four quarts canned fruit, one dozen eggs, one dozen oranges. 24 visits to private homes. \$5.60 receipts. A large quantity of meat, bread, milk, etc., etc. were also distributed.

RUSSELL—Rockland "Y" distributed 71 bouquets, 132 texts, 12 books, eight quarts canned fruit, three dozen oranges, 487 visits to private homes. \$6.00 expenditure. 50 pounds flour, 16 pounds meat, 10 pounds rolled oats, one box biscuit, three pounds rice, one package corn starch were given to a poor family, that were starving. Beef tea, gruel, rice, fluid beef and other nutritious food was given out to the sick and poor.

SIMCOE—A. R. Thompson, Superintendent. Distributed 206 bouquets, 122 texts, two dozen eggs, 30 pledges, 40 visits to private homes, eight articles clothing. Midland got up a tea for about 20 poor, neglected children, also clothed four children in order to send them to Sunday School. The other Unions have done good work, but no record kept.

TORONTO—Miss Cook, Superintendent. Distributed 2,832 bouquets, 5,348 texts, 15,429 pages of literature, 115 quarts canned fruit, six pecks fresh fruit, 38½ dozen eggs, 15½ dozen oranges, two pledges, 32 visits to institutions and 1,340 visits to private homes. \$282.02 receipts; \$288.61 expended. 313 articles of clothing given away, potted plants, ham, oysters, beef tea, groceries, bedding, 50 pounds tea, invalid chair for indoors and one for outdoors. The material for Xmas dinners for 75 families in their homes. Some of the sick are taken to church when ever able; homes are procured for the homeless who are not able to work. Our workers read, sing, pray, sew, write letters, run errands, in fact do anything and everything to make these unfortunate people happier and more content. A reader is engaged for the Eye and Ear Infirmary at the General Hospital.

WELLINGTON—Mrs. Mullan, Fergus, Superintendent. Distributed 133 bouquets, 75 texts, five quarts canned fruit, four pecks fresh fruit, three dozen eggs, one dozen oranges, 20 pledges, 93 visits to private homes. Receipts \$4.50, expended \$2.00. 12 articles of clothing given away. Bellwood besides visiting the sick, nursed a poor woman through a long illness.

WATERLOO—Mrs. Weaver, Berlin, Superintendent, distributed 455 bouquets, 430 texts, 13 quarts canned fruit, two packages fresh fruit, three institutions visited, \$7.16 expended and several articles of clothing given away.

YORK—Mrs. Gilchrist, Toronto Junction, Superintendent. Distributed 3,201 bouquets, 1,597 texts, 3,586 pages of literature, 55 books, 170½ quarts canned fruit, 25½ dozen eggs, 20½ dozen oranges, 23 pledges, 59 visits to institutions, 310 to private homes, \$35.41 expended and 271 articles of clothing given away. 54 meals, 79 loaves of bread, besides beef tea, potatoes, soups, custards, etc., etc. Books lent 20 times, wall scroll three times, gave \$2.00 to Jews, 33 large pictures to sick poor, 11 institutions visited. Owing to the dry season flowers were scarce consequently fewer bouquets were distributed.

PERSONAL WORK.

Your Superintendent sent out 396 circulars, suggesting plans for work and a program for one meeting. Enclosed with these, leaflets containing valuable hints. Wrote to each County Superintendent asking her to try and enthuse the local Unions in her County. In Counties where there were no Superintendents, wrote the County Presidents, asking that a Superintendent be appointed. In September sent out the blank forms for reports and again wrote the County Superintendent requesting them to send in, full and complete reports; endeavored to find out how many Unions use the program suggested on the circular letter; very few Unions reported this; also wrote ten letters bearing on the work.

SUMMARY.

Twenty-six Counties heard from; 9,464 bouquets distributed, 9,225 texts, 33,218 pages of literature, 85 books, 673 quarts of canned fruit, 168 pecks fresh fruit, 88½ dozen eggs, 59 dozen oranges, 836 articles of clothing, 288 pledges, 93 visits to institutions, 3,638 visits to private homes, \$372.22 receipts, \$544.74 expended. Under the miscellaneous column comes the amount of bread, meat, flour, groceries, milk and many other articles of which no estimate can be given.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

- 1 That every County and local Union be urged to appoint a Superintendent of this department. A County or local Cor. Sec. cannot be expected to take the interest in the work that a Superintendent would.
- 2 That local Superintendents keep a *full record* of work done, no matter how small the items may seem. It is the *little things* from which the summary is gleaned.
- 3 That more definite reports be made, for example we know of no means by which to reduce "some" "a great deal" "a large number," etc., etc. to correct terms for showing the actual work done.

4 That as we consider this to be one of the most important departments in our work, a department which brings us very near to the sick, the sorrowing, the afflicted and the erring of God's creatures, we would urge on the part of the Superintendents, both local and County, a more complete consecration of themselves to the Master.

CURFEW BELL.

MRS. S. G. E. MCKEE, Superintendent.

The report of your Superintendent of Curfew Bell Department is not given in the regular way, as my efforts for the extension of this work during the past year have been exerted among the Municipal Councils of Ontario and not among the Unions.

A circular letter addressed to the clerk of 250 Municipalities as to the benefit and good results of the Curfew ordinance elicited only 18 replies. This small number is rather remarkable, for we have, as a rule, been treated with more courtesy, but this is due we think to the fact that our circular was sent out in holiday time. The replies, with two or three exceptions, are favorable, and some have the highest praise for the work the W. C. T. U. is trying to do for the young. We find in the United States a large number of the towns and cities, both north and south and from east to west are copying our example with profit, and speak very strongly of the need of the *Bell* as a monitor to remind both parents and children of the dangers that lurk in the secret corners of the streets.

We have been pained and also discouraged at the attitude of some who should be the friends of this measure, claiming that it is hard to enforce and difficult to administer. But this is a case of a poor excuse being better than none. The simplicity of the clause in the Act is one of its strong points and only needs a friendly eye to watch and see that there is no carelessness or flagrant violations of the By-law, and by making a few examples of first offenders, cause the rest to have a wholesome fear and respect.

It seems a pity that what is intended to be a benefit and blessing to the young, should occasionally be spoken of as a failure simply because nobody seems to care whether the By-law is enforced.

Then we must not forget that the enemy that is always on the watch and the foe whom we fight, is the enemy of the small children, seeking to train their feet towards the saloon and be in time the victims of their vile business. And where can they better look for recruits, than among those who are allowed to roam the streets at night. And so, we claim, that any agency, that will

help to save the "little ones" from such a danger, should receive the heartiest support of all right thinking people.

I would cordially invite a discussion on the possibilities, difficulties or encouragements of this work and would like to be advised as to what may be the best course to pursue in furthering the work of this Department.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

MRS. ANNIE O. RUTHEREFORD, Editor and Superintendent.

The number of Unions that were reported by the Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wiley last year were 256. Out of this number we find the Journal was going to 134.

The number of active members reported for Ontario were 6,560. At the present time the number of subscribers to the Journal in Ontario is 636.

We have not the figures of Ontario's membership at hand but the number of places in which are Unions taking the Journal on Oct 1st. this year were 139.

During the year we sent sample copies to every Union three times with special notices to Secretaries *re* Journal subscriptions, the general policy of the paper, etc.

Toronto heads the list with 90 subscribers ; Middlesex County comes next with 42 ; Lambton County follows with 41.

We would suggest as a help to the increasing interest of the Journal, that each Union would hold a Journal evening, the program to consist of selections from different issues of the Journal, etc., and a genuine effort be made at the meeting to secure subscriptions. In some Counties, as you know, Journal Superintendents have been appointed, but we think a live Superintendent should be appointed who would canvass every member in her Union, and those outside of the Union, to become subscribers to the Journal, but particularly invite every member to subscribe. Mrs. (Rev.) McAllister has sent us an outline of a plan which has been adopted by Lambton County, which we think would be excellent. It is as follows: "That each Union where no Journals are taken, should subscribe for some copies out of the funds of the Union, and give them where they would do the most good."

The management of the Journal thanks the Provincial officers for the circular sent to all the Unions, during the past summer, but is sorry to say, that while there has been some fruit from it, there has not been the amount that such an appeal coming from your Executive should demand. Many kind words have been received for the Journal during the year, commenting on its neatness,

attractiveness, the brightness of the matter and the usefulness of the information published therein, and there have been no severe criticisms.

There has been a marked improvement in the sending in of local items of interest for publication, but there are yet too many lengthy newspaper clippings which the editor does not have time to re-write, and not being acquainted with the local circumstances, she is likely to leave out just the very points that you would desire emphasized. Apart from this the newspaper clipping does not give your Press Superintendent a chance to develop along that line. No matter how brief, the editor would like in all cases where practicable to have the Press Superintendent—or those appointed to do so—to contribute "original" matter.

We append herewith a comparative table showing the number of Journals taken by each Union during last year and the present year, and also a recapitulation of the Unions showing the subscription list by Counties.

With a membership of over 6,000, Ontario ought to have, for the work's sake (to say nothing of it from the point of a success financially for the publishers) 2,500 to 3,000 subscribers at least. If this could be the case, and we believe it could be with a vigorous canvass in your Province, the success of the Journal would be assured, its usefulness would be enhanced, and the publishers could make improvements and developments that would be of great interest and benefit to all concerned.

Will you not try during the next two or three months, as a Province, as Counties, as Unions and as individuals, to raise the subscription list to where it ought to be, to make it a more useful organ and put it on the financial basis it must be to insure the continuance of its publication?

We will gladly send sample copies and blank receipt forms to all desiring them and trust that each member will take the development and growth of the Woman's Journal as a "personal affair."

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD.

ORGANIZATION.

MISS CHARLOTTE E. WIGGINS, Superintendent.

I have worked in 29 Counties of Ontario during the year. There are ten Counties in which I have not been able to do any work.

Eighty-one local Unions have been visited, 15 new Unions organized and two "Y's." There were added to the roll 392 new members and 199 honoraries. In the new Unions organized there were 288 members enrolled and 94 honoraries, making a total of 680 members and 293 honoraries.

I have attended seven County Conventions and one County School of Methods. Have delivered 360 addresses, including afternoon addresses on "Child Study," addresses to children, and evening addresses on general topics of moral reform.

My difficulties have been many—one of them, to get work done at the point most in need. Some Unions are so weak that they cannot even admit of a call from the Organizer to stay over a train when she is going through. Another difficulty is to get prompt replies to correspondence, so that the trip can be satisfactorily arranged. In spite of these and other difficulties your Organizer has managed to be busy during the year, and the financial returns has equalled the amount guaranteed, so the Provincial Treasurer has not been called on to make up a deficit—the only bill for this Department being for postage and stationery.

The help of the County and local officers is gratefully acknowledged as well as the sympathetic and wise counsel of all the Provincial officers.

REPORT OF W. C. T. U. GIRLS' SHELTER.

HEADQUARTERS AND SHELTER COMMITTEE, TORONTO.

District President—Mrs. E. A. Stevens, 200 Cowan Ave.

Mrs. Brownell, 22 St. Mary's St.	Mrs. Moffatt, 38 Metcalf St.
Mrs. Hilburn, 74 Brunswick Ave.	Miss Harris, 15 Bismark St.
Mrs. Wilson, 5 Lowther Ave.	Miss Williamson, 21 Suffolk Place.
Mrs. May Fletcher, Treasurer, 32 Lansdowne Ave.	Mrs. J. M. Redmond, Secretary, 190 Cowan Ave.

Mrs. Wrigley, Authorized Collector, 293 King St. West.

Surely but swiftly have the months followed each other and another year with its privileges and possibilities of work for God and home has passed silently into the great beyond, and we present to you the fourth annual report of the W. C. T. U. Girls' Shelter, and while there may be "lost opportunities" registered against us, yet we are satisfied God is in the work, and we are content to await His own commendation—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these ye have done it unto Me."

The object and aim of the Shelter is to afford a temporary home for the homeless until employment can be secured, a place of safety and means of prevention from temptation, and perhaps ruin. 196 girls have been taken in and cared for during the past year. The average time in the Shelter, apart from special cases, is 23 days, and since the establishment of the home, four years ago, nearly 700 have been received into its hospitable doors and brought

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under the influences of a christian home. The majority are in domestic service. In cases where it could be done, railway passes have been procured and some sent home or to friends. Two deaf mutes, wards of the city, have been kept during the summer vacation. This was the only home suitable for these little girls. Our matron, Mrs. Crawford, is always ready at the call of duty, striving to exert a christian influence over the girls, teaching them habits of cleanliness and economy, keeping in touch with them after she has secured situations for them, visiting the police court, meeting the railway trains, besides many other things that will naturally arise in an institution of this kind.

The necessity of providing this Shelter and caring for the homeless was urged upon us four years ago, and believing it to be God's work, we, as christian women, have given our time and strength, without remuneration, to this service, and will gladly do so as long as the christian public will stand by us.

A large percentage of these young women come from different parts of the Dominion, therefore we feel justified in appealing to the public in general for assistance—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty." We cannot think that there is an individual or society who has contributed to the maintenance of this "Girls' Shelter," whose treasury or storehouse is less bountifully supplied.

We wish it clearly understood that the W. C. T. U. Shelter for girls does not overlap or conflict with any other institution or home. It is for pure girls over 16 years of age whose only crime (?) is to find themselves penniless and alone in a large city. Not for fallen girls or criminals. We provide the "ounce" of prevention rather than the "pound" of cure. We have been much encouraged by the prompt responses to our appeals for help and not merely as a matter of form but in sincerity do we thank our many friends every where who by their generous financial support, have shown their continued confidence in our work, of whom we would like to mention the Y's., W's., King's Daughters and Young People's Societies.

And while presenting to you our heart-felt thanks, we ask for more extended support, so that when together we shall meet to hear the grand report of the redemption work of our Heavenly Father, we shall find that through this agency we have had some part in bringing this world back to God.

Reports of Committees

APPROPRIATIONS.

Your Committee recommends :

1. That the President be allotted the sum of \$200.00 for a stenographer, and " incidental allowance."
2. That the Vice-President be allowed \$10.00.
3. That the Corresponding Secretary be allowed \$100.00
4. That an allowance of \$20.00 each be made the Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
5. That the Recording Secretary receive \$20.00 for preparing the Annual Report.
6. That the Recording Secretary be provided with a telephone.
7. That County Presidents in organized counties be allowed the actual expenses incurred in endeavoring to organize Unions, and a sum not exceeding \$2.00 for incidental expenses, specified to Provincial Treasurer.
8. That \$100.00 be allowed for missionary work in Algoma.
9. That the Superintendent of the Lecture Bureau Department receive \$25.00.

MRS. MCKEE,
MRS. WILSON,
MRS. MADDOCK,
MRS. ACHESON,
MISS MACARTHUR, } Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

OUR POLICY.

RESOLVED, That we re-affirm our policy as total abstinence for the individual and legal prohibition for the State. And our reliance for success in our work upon the never-failing promises of God and the expressed purpose of the life of Christ, that "He might destroy the works of the Devil."

POLITICAL ACTION.

Whereas, The Parliament of our country having failed to crystallize into law the will of the people as expressed in the Plebiscite, thereby showing their disregard for the principles of responsible government therefore,

RESOLVED That we pledge ourselves to use all the influence we possess in our homes and with the electorate to secure the defeat of any candidate who will not pledge himself to support the enactment of a *total prohibition law for all* the provinces of the Dominion, except Quebec.

Further RESOLVED, That the scheme proposed by the Dominion Alliance for the furthering of the cause of Prohibition has our hearty endorsement and will have our support.

DEPARTMENTAL WORK.

LITERATURE.

Whereas, The literature department of the W. C. T. U. could be made a mighty factor in the education and enlightenment of the masses.

RESOLVED, That our Unions do all in their power to scatter broadcast the different department leaflets, and literature bearing on the different lines of work which can be secured from Mrs. Bascom, 56 Elm St., Toronto; also that we try and introduce temperance books into all libraries and more especially into public and Sabbath schools.

SAILOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Whereas, The need to which our attention has been called in the past still exist in this department.

RESOLVED, That we commend its claims and especially those of "The Deep Sea Mission" to those Unions that may be able in any way to render assistance.

LIQUOR IN MILITARY CANTEENS.

Whereas, We are assured by unimpeachable testimony that the military regulations, prohibiting the sale in canteens, of any kind of alcoholic liquors, have for years back been persistently and flagrantly violated in the camps of this province: And,

Whereas, When the facts concerning this year's London camp were brought to the attention of the Minister of Militia, he did nothing but attempt to discredit the author of the charges.

RESOLVED, That while Dr. Borden was doubtless ignorant of the conditions existing at London until they were reported to him, we cannot now consider his silence and inaction other than most blame-worthy, and believe the public will hold him directly responsible should there be any repetition of the offence.

FRANCHISE.

RESOLVED, That we declare ourselves in favor of full suffrage for women on the same conditions on which it is given to men.

Whereas, in common with all others who have the good of this Canada of ours at heart, we have had to deplore the dishonesty and intrigues practiced in election contests, and believe representative government, even the measure of it that we now possess, to be endangered thereby.

RESOLVED, That we personally use our influence to instil into the minds of those around us a correct conception of the duties of christian citizenship.

THE PRESS.

RESOLVED, That we record our appreciation of the value and influence of the Press of Ontario in furthering the interests of our work.

RESOLVED, That we commend "The Woman's Journal," our own Canadian W.C.T.U. paper to the patronage of Ontario White-Ribboners, urging them to work up its subscription list that the new management may be materially helped and encouraged in their efforts to provide an organ measuring up to the advanced and advancing demands of our work, also that this convention strongly recommends the circulation in our homes and sabbath schools of the "Northern Messenger" issued by John Dougall and Son, Montreal.

CIGARETTES.

Whereas, Scientific research and every-day experience has proven, beyond contradiction, that nicotine, the active principle in tobacco, is a deadly poison and cannot be taken into the human system without injury. Further that it is more hurtful to children than to adults: and in the cigarette may be found in its most pernicious form. And,

Whereas, The use of the cigarette amongst children is becoming so common, little ones scarcely out of the nursery are amongst its victims: it is known to be a well-defined and most serious cause of interference with school life, and is a source of great moral and physical degradation.

RESOLVED, That the only effective remedy for these conditions lies in the prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes or the materials for their preparation.

Further RESOLVED, That the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Ontario pledges itself to work towards this end, by spreading information and seeking suitable legislation.

PURITY.

Whereas, The Divine laws of purity are equally binding upon men and women, and the man made laws that discriminate against the woman are in defiance of God's righteous mandates and a great injustice to both sexes.

RESOLVED, That we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts towards securing better protection for the innocent or unwary and more adequate punishment for the guilty.

PRISON REFORM.

RESOLVED, That we view with satisfaction and gratitude the very perceptible progress recently made in public opinion *re* Prison Reform, and that we assure our friends of the Conference

of Charities and Corrections, of our readiness to co-operate with them in any plans for the comfort and salvation of our unfortunate fellow creatures for whom imprisonment has become a necessity.

TEMPERANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

RESOLVED, That this Convention renews its recommendation that the last Sunday in November be observed as an Annual Temperance Sunday for the Province, and that the suggestions of the Superintendent of Temperance in Sunday Schools be followed out as a programme for the the day.

THE SABBATH.

Whereas, The desecration of the Lord's Day is a growing evil in our midst, and Sunday excursions by boat and train, with all the demoralizing influences that attend them are on the increase.

RESOLVED, That we assist, as far as in our power both by contributions and influence the Lord's Day Alliance in its efforts to secure and maintain legal protection for the day of rest.

Further RESOLVED, That as W. C. T. U. workers, we eschew Saturday night shopping so destructive to the Sabbath rest of those who serve us.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, We have reason to believe that very great evils have resulted from the inconsiderate use of the various medicinal preparations containing alcohol and opium with which the country is flooded ;

RESOLVED, That we urge our W. C. T. U. sisters to inform themselves as to the composition of these medicines, or to discountenance their use altogether, And

Further, That we may be able to give a satisfactory reason why, both to ourselves and others, we would recommend the study of "The Monitor of Health" by Dr. J. H. Kellogg, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Whereas, We believe that teachers throughout our land wield a powerful and life-long influence over their pupils.

RESOLVED, That we urge them to endeavor more earnestly to inspire those under their charge with exalted ideals of purity, nobility and integrity of character, and

Further, That in the teaching of physiology and hygiene we ask them to lay special stress upon the evil effects of alcohol and tobacco upon the human system, also their debasing power over mind and soul.

And that still further, We would emphasize our belief that no person addicted to the use of any of these narcotics should ever enter the schoolroom as a teacher.

HOME-MADE WINE.

Whereas, home-made wine, if it has undergone the process of fermentation, contains alcohol.

RESOLVED, That we lose no opportunity of protesting against its use.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

RESOLVED, That whereas the W. C. T. U. stands for the education and elevation of home life in all its departments, we express our appreciation of the progress made in the subject of Domestic Science, and also that we do all in our power to increase its popularity and spread its broad principles.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIQUOR IN THE YUKON.

Whereas, It is apparent from newspaper reports and government statistics, that the Yukon Country is still the dumping ground of the liquor trade, and that the evils and the perils to the miners and others are intensified by the presence of this enemy.

RESOLVED, That we respectfully urge our government to safeguard those who are thus exposed and not only enforce existing laws but banish the permit system.

Further RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Hon. Clifford Sifton.

NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

RESOLVED, That we record our satisfaction with, and endorsement of the work of Mr. Kelso and the Children's Aid Society in behalf of the neglected and dependent children of Ontario.

HOMELESS GIRLS.

Whereas, Sometimes young women who come to our cities and towns in search of employment, and do not find it as easily as they had been led to expect, become discouraged and their virtue is endangered because of their homeless condition.

RESOLVED, That we suggest to local Unions the advisability of establishing homes wherever practicable, in which protection may be given to these girls who come and go in our large centres.

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

RESOLVED, That we approve of the domestic technical schools that are being inaugurated in Ontario and recommend our young women to avail themselves of the advantages afforded thereby.

WOMEN ON SCHOOL BOARDS.

Whereas, We believe the best interests of both the girls and boys, who make up the pupils in our public schools, demand the presence of women as well as men on our School Boards.

RESOLVED, That we urge our women to take advantage of and enter every open door in this direction.

SISTER SOCIETIES.

RESOLVED, That we desire to express hearty sympathy and union of sentiment with the various sister organizations of Women's Missionary Societies of this and other lands and would kindly urge them to make the temperance cause a part of their work and to remember the needy at home while working for the heathen abroad.

WOMEN IN SALOONS.

Whereas a Hamilton saloon keeper still continues to bring English women into this country to serve in the capacity of bar-maids.

RESOLVED, That the W. C. T. U. protest most vigorously against this most degrading and demoralizing occupation for women.

PEACE.

RESOLVED, That we the W. C. T. U. of the Province of Ontario place on record our deep regret that our country has deemed it necessary to engage in war; that we earnestly recommend the women of our Union to proclaim the principles of peace, and that we do all in our power to discourage the fostering of Military spirit in our families, in our schools and in our churches, and also

RESOLVE that we strongly favor the settlement of International disputes by means of arbitration instead of war, thereby hastening the day for the realization of Christ's mission proclaiming "Peace on earth and good will toward men."

RESOLVED That the Provincial Union in Convention assembled places, on record its high appreciation of, and thanks for, the generous opening of so many of the city churches for the accommodation of the Convention. In this connection we would desire to especially thank the trustees of these churches for their cordial tendering of the same; the city pastors for their kindly greeting and manifest interest in our work; the sextons of the different churches who have thoughtfully contributed to the comfort of the Convention; the press for its full and sympathetic accounts of our work; the Rev. Mr. Harris who cordially offered to attend to the mail for the delegates, and who has so faithfully performed his office; the soloists, who brightened the different sessions with their choice selections; the different church choirs, who by their service of song helped to make our evening meetings the great success they were; the musical glass players, who, to our enjoyment "discoursed sweet music" from unthought of instruments; the pages who so ceaselessly flitted to and fro with their tiny missives from the different delegates; and lastly to our kind hosts and hostesses who so graciously threw open their homes for the accommodation of the Provincial White-ribboners; and to the entertaining Union who generously provided the choice reception tea, on the evening of our assembling; and to *anyone* and *everyone* who contributed in any form to making this, our twenty-second gathering, the great success it has been.

Further RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the trustees of the different entertaining churches.

SYMPATHY FOR INDIA.

Whereas, We have heard through their representative, of the purpose of our Sisters of the W.C.T. Union in India, to establish one or more "Inebriate Homes" in that land, And,

Whereas, They are few, and therefore appeal to us for financial help in their undertaking, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we heartily recommend this purpose and Mr. John McLawrin, their representative to the helpful consideration of our Unions throughout the Province.

PLAN OF WORK.

ORGANIZATION.

Recommended, That we indorse last year's Plan of Work re this department.

DEPARTMENTS,

UNFERMENTED WINE.

Recommended, That a leaflet be prepared containing testimonies concerning Unfermented Wine, Canadian statistics concerning churches and resolutions passed by religious bodies.

Recommended, That Non-Alcoholic Medication be added to the Scientific Temperance department and that Mother's Meetings be added to the Purity department.

PRISON AND POLICE.

Recommended, That we heartily approve of the work of the "Prisoners' Aid Association" in endeavoring to secure hospital treatment for inebriates.

Also recommended that the Sub. Executive be authorized to act with the Prisoners' Aid Association as occasion may arise or require.

JOURNAL.

Recommended, That either a Parlor Meeting or the educational half-hour of a local Union meeting be devoted to the consideration of the Journal and that the Journal Superintendent present the claims of the paper and solicit subscriptions.

ANTI-NARCOTICS.

Recommended, That steps be taken to secure a law making it an offence for minors to use tobacco, and that if they refuse to state where they obtained it they be compelled to appear before the magistrate and give name of person who furnished the tobacco, cigarettes, etc.

Recommended, That we co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance in sending circulars to all druggists cautioning them against selling cigars, cigarettes or any other unnecessary articles on the Sabbath.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

Recommended, That as last year, we assist the Lord's Day Alliance, financially and in any other practicable way possible, in the preservation of the Sabbath, and that all money be sent to the Provincial Treasurer.

FRANCHISE.

Recommended, That we continue our crusade in the interests of Woman's Suffrage during the coming year,

1st. By educating the members of the W. C. T. U. as to the value of the ballot.

2nd. By personal canvass with our petition in favor of equal suffrage for men and women, making a most thorough canvass in every community.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

Believing that the future of the temperance reform depends upon the enlistment of the young people.

Recommended, That we make some effort to interest the Young People's Societies in studying the temperance reform, by suggesting plans of work and programs for temperance committees.

2nd. That we enlist the young women as a "Y" committee in connection with the "W" Unions where an efficient "Y" Union seems impossible.

WORK AMONG AFRICANS.

In view of the action the Dominion Alliance is likely to adopt, Recommended, That Prohibition Clubs be formed among the colored voters and that Superintendents of "Work among Colored People" in this way enlist them as pledged supporters of prohibition candidates.

PRESS.

Recommended, That we retain suggestions 1, 2, 4, 5, in Press circular.

2nd. That we continue the request that one educational half hour be devoted to the Press work.

3rd. That the Superintendent of each department represented in the local Union contribute something bearing on her department to be published in the Press. This will have a two-fold advantage; it will advance her own department and assist the Press Superintendent.

4th. That laws bearing on moral reform be made a study by Press Superintendents and inserted in space allotted in publications, as for instance, the regulations against the sale of intoxicating liquor in the military camps, our license laws, etc.

LUMBERMEN'S WORK.

Recommended, That Mr. Leckie be re-engaged and that last years plan for raising the necessary funds for missionary purposes be again adopted.

2nd. That the name of this fund be changed to Missionary and Lumber Camp Fund.

PARLIAMENTARY DRILL.

Recommended, That the Parliamentary Drill given in Convention be printed for use of local Unions in Parlor Meetings.

LESSON LEAFLETS.

Recommended, That a lesson leaflet for the use of schools, on temperance Sunday be compiled, the details of this plan to be carried out by the Sub. Executive.

PROVINCIAL CIRCULARS.

Recommended, That a regular order of succession be arranged and published at the beginning of the year. This will enable local Unions to print their programs some months ahead if so desired.

Recommended, That circulars containing programs be sent to Presidents of local Unions, in order that they may prepare their programs in advance.

REPORT FORMS.

Recommended, That we highly approve of this mode of gathering annual reports and suggest that it be continued.

BILLETING FUND

In view of the increased attendance at Provincial Convention and the difficulty in finding sufficient homes.

Recommended, That each delegate contribute the sum of 50c. as a fund to meet possible expense in paying for entertainment, such money to be paid to the Provincial Treasurer.





IN MEMORIAM

JENNIE MACARTHUR

PROVINCIAL TREASURER OF THE ONTARIO W. C. T. U.

BORN IN DALESVILLE, QUEBEC, MARCH 8TH, 1851.

DIED IN CORNWALL, ONTARIO, DEC. 3RD, 1899.

“ IN the hush of the early hours of the Sabbath she who had been engaged in incessant activities for the extension of Christ's Kingdom on earth, entered into “Everlasting Peace.”

“ What then ? Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard ;
Wait till thou too hast fought the noble strife,
And won, through Jesu's Christ, the Crown of life ?
Then shalt thou know the glory of the word,
Then as the stars forever—Ever shine,
Beneath the King's own smile—perpetual Zenith thine.”

Our Promoted Comrade.

The practical business woman, the indefatigable local W.C.T.U. worker, the efficient County President, the ideal Provincial Treasurer, the beloved Sunday School Superintendent, the true daughter of the King and the staunch and ever faithful friend were all combined in the *personnel* of her whose removal we now so deeply mourn.

It would seem as if God himself had fashioned and fitted the environments of Miss MacArthur's early life so as to qualify and equip her for her chosen life work. Her father was one of the pioneer merchants of Dalesville, and as a little child Jennie loved to "help father." One who knew her well and loved her faithfully thus writes. "Even as a child she was quick, prompt and exact in everything she did. Her inherent activity, accuracy and business despatch were so developed under a careful father's supervision as speedily to become fixed habits."

It was but natural that she who had been faithful in "little things" as a child, should do her best when the responsibilities and privileges of college life awaited her. At the Baptist College, Woodstock, she won high honors and left her Alma mater in the flush of her womanhood with the fixed determination not to spend her days in selfish pleasure-seeking, or in aimless living, but to be and do all that God intended she should. Those who knew her best and longest, know how well she fulfilled her life purposes. In the spirit of Him, "who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister," she cheerfully, uncomplainingly thrust self in the background and over and over again took up uncongenial tasks and unpleasant duties.

Need we add that these traits made her the power she was in the ranks of the W.C.T.U.; fearless, and with the spirit of the old Spartans' she was ever to be found in the thickest of the fight, as she was among the first to join its forces, identifying herself with the active work of the Cornwall Union as its Corresponding Secretary when its was organized in 1883.

In 1890 she was called to the position of Provincial Treasurer, which she filled so ably and acceptably that in all the ranks there seems none who can take her place.

She was so loyal to the tenets of our W.C.T.U. how she loved the busy convention days; and what warm greetings she ever extended to her comrades in arms!

It is over now, but her memory will live on and her works will praise her in the gates, while up yonder the freed spirit sees "face to face." She is "*with Christ, which is far better.*"

In Memoriam

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

MRS. I. MICKLEBROUGH, ST. THOMAS.
" D. McINTOSH, ST. THOMAS.
" A. BROWN, OWEN SOUND.
" McAULEY, OWEN SOUND.
" OVERBURY, OWEN SOUND.
" BENNET, OWEN SOUND.
" (DR.) CURLETT, BELLEVILLE.
" MEACHEM, BELLEVILLE.
" FINDLAY, LANSDOWNE.
" GEO. MATHESON, EMBRO.
" DAY SMITH, HAMILTON.
" (DR.) ROSEBRUGH, HAMILTON.
" PEREGRINE, HAMILTON.
" LELARD, HAMILTON.
" J. M. BRISBIN, PORT PERRY.
" JAMES HARRISON, MILTON.
" LIBBIE FAITH, NEWINGTON.
" C. ARMINGTON, ST. GEORGE.
" GEO. WAIL, ST. GEORGE.
" E. J. STONE, ESSEX.
" L. J. NEIL, ESSEX.
" HEPBURN, PRESCOTT.
" HENRY, PRESCOTT.
" BEAN, PRESCOTT.
" E. HOLLINGSHEAD, NEW MARKET.
MISS MARY MAJOR, SARNIA.
MRS. JAS. FRASER, SPENCERVILLE.
" JEMIMA EVANS, LONDON.
" MABLE COWLEY, LONDON.
" MARY J. HEAMAN, LONDON.
" ISABELLA RIDDLE, LONDON.
" SIFTON, STRATHROY.
MISS F. G. MACDONALD, GANANOQUE.
MRS. PROCTER, BLENHEIM.
" MILLS, BLENHEIM.
" ANDREW CAVERS, GALT.
MR. WILLIAM RAY, GALT.
MRS. A. BEACH, STURGEON FALLS.
" F. A. CASSIDY, ST. CATHARINES.
" R. MORRIS, ST. CATHARINES.
" L. BONE, ST. CATHARINES.
" BESSY, ST. CATHARINES.
" M. STEWART, KINGSVILLE.
" NUTH, KINGSVILLE.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

CONSTITUTION.

PLEDGE.

I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors (including beer, wine, and cider) as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Women of the Province of Ontario, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and danger of, and commiserating the misery caused by the liquor traffic, believe it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extermination.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, on this the 24th day of October, 1877, band ourselves together for the following special objects, and to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Ontario.

OBJECTS.

To unitedly array the Christian Women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

To educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue.

To impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind, or in any form.

To gather statistics, facts and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of temperance.

To labor *individually* for the inebriate, the liquor-seller, the fallen of our sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns, hitherto unreached and uncared for.

To give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influences with which they are surrounded.

To heartily co-operate with other temperance societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other society or association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

To strive by every means in our power to secure the thorough enforcement of the temperance laws we already possess.

For the accomplishment of these objects we shall faithfully and conscientiously employ all the means God has placed within our reach, and we shall continually seek His direction and blessing upon our work.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), together with the County or District Presidents (who shall also be Vice-Presidents of Provincial Union), and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Board, with full power to control and provide for the general interests of the work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. These officers with the exception of County or District Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected on the third day of the annual meeting, and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the greatest number of votes cast; except where one nominee shall receive three quarters of the vote cast when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 3 Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the officers including Presidents of organized counties, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

INEFFICIENCY.

SEC. 4 If at the expiration of three months any officer or superintendent shall be found, inefficient or for any reason unable to perform effectually the duties of her office or department, the office or Superintendency shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the Sub-Executive.

ARTICLE III.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board for the speedy transaction of business, with power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year; three of whom shall form a quorum. This committee shall meet at such time and place as the President may direct.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board, one delegate from each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of such Union. The exact date of this meeting shall be settled by Sub-Executive vote, and shall be held in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting.

ARTICLE V.

AFFILIATION.

Each local Union shall contribute to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of twenty-five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE VI.

LIFE MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Any person may become a life-member of Provincial Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$25.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. Any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge, and paying the sum of \$1 annually.

BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at annual meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee, and perform all duties pertaining to her office.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President, in case of illness or death of the President shall perform all duties pertaining to her office.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union and in organized counties, shall send to the County or District Corresponding Secretary, not later than September 1st, yearly blank forms for reports of Local Union, and from information thus received shall summarize her Annual Report. Where no County or District Union exists she shall send blank forms to the Local Unions. She shall provide a directory of Unions for Provincial Report.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Union. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive and Sub-Committee meetings and shall send to each member of said committees proper notice of such meetings, and designate in said notice, the topics which are to be specially considered at the meetings. At the first session of each annual meeting she shall call the roll of delegates; she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting, and all papers ordered to be read. She shall apprise committees of their appointment at the first session of each annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof, properly audited, at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on orders signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate two weeks previous to the annual meeting.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS.

SEC. 6. Each County or District President in organized counties shall visit the Unions of the county or district in which she presides, and shall secure the organization of new Local Unions. The annual county or district meeting shall be held, where practicable, not later than September 30th. In unorganized

counties, she shall in addition to visiting Unions and forming new societies, seek to organize unorganized counties, a sum not exceeding \$5 annually shall be allowed her for expenses by the Provincial Union. Any city having an affiliated membership of 300 may, by adopting the County Union Constitution become a District Union with all the privileges and responsibilities of a County Union.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 7. Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their departments, and shall make known the same to the County or District Superintendents of their departments, through whom they shall receive reports of local Superintendents. In unorganized counties they shall send direct to Corresponding Secretaries of Local Unions: they shall annually, when the interests of their departments require it, send circulars, plan of work, blank forms, petitions, etc., which have been previously submitted to the Sub-Executive of Provincial Union, to County and District Superintendents. They shall have power to name a Committee from the Local Union or member of Provincial Executive resident in their own district, to call upon influential bodies when the interests of their department demand it. All necessary expenses shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8. Necessary expenses of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board in travelling to and from the annual meeting and special meetings, also for postage, stationery and printing, shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 9. The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall govern the Union in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Union.

CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT CONSTITUTION.

PLEDGE.

I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors (including wine, beer and cider) as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of _____ County or District.

OBJECT.

The object shall be to strengthen the Local Unions, and assist them in carrying out the plans of the Provincial Union, and to arouse the women of the county or district to an organized effort for the banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (except the Auditor), together with the Presidents of the Local Unions (who shall also be *ex-officio* Vice Presidents) and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Committee, with full power to provide for the interests of the work. In District Unions, Secretaries of the Local Unions shall be members of the Executive. The officers with the exception of Local Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected at the annual meeting and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 2. Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the County Sub-Executive and the Presidents of the Local Unions, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered.

INEFFICIENCY.

SEC. 3. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable to perform energetically the duties of her office or department, the office or superintendency shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the Sub-executive.

ARTICLE III.

SUB-COMMITTEE

The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, for the speedy transaction of business, with power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year, three of whom shall form a quorum. The Committee shall meet at such a time and place as the President shall direct.

ARTICLE IV.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board and one delegate for every five paying members of each affiliated Local Union. This meeting shall be held not later than the 30th September, if possible, in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS

The President and the Corresponding Secretary of a County or District Union, with the President of the Union where the meeting is to be held, shall be a Committee of Arrangement, selecting topics for discussion and devising means to make the meetings interesting and profitable.

ARTICLE VI.

AFFILIATION.

Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the County or District Union at the rate of five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the County or District Union.

ARTICLE VII.

LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a life member of a County or District Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$10.00 ; also any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and paying the sum of \$1.00 annually.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

(a) The President shall preside at the annual meeting and meeting of Executive Committee, and may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of that Committee when such are required; visit the Unions in County or District, and organize new Local Unions. She shall also perform all other duties usual to such office.

(b) The Vice-President shall preside at the meetings in the absence of the President. She shall also, when required, assist the President in organization and general management of the work.

(c) The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Union. One month before the annual meeting she shall send back forms to the local Corresponding Secretary of each Union for their report, from which she shall prepare her report for County or District Union and Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

At the close of the annual meeting she shall provide a printed or written directory of each County or District and Local Union officer and Superintendent.

A copy of this directory shall be sent to the Provincial President and Corresponding Secretary and all Provincial Superintendents of Departments; also to the President of the County or District and each local President, Corresponding Secretary and Superintendent within the County or District. She shall notify County or District Superintendents and Committees of their appointment.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of County or District Unions. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee, and shall send to each member of the Committee notice of its meetings.

At the first session of each annual meeting, he shall read the the minutes of each Session of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

(e) The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed account thereof at each annual meeting.

She shall not pay any bills, except on receipt of written order from the President and Recording Secretary.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

She shall collect all unpaid *County or District affiliation* fees before annual meeting, and endeavor to secure contributions for County or District Union work. She shall also forward to the Provincial Treasurer the yearly Provincial affiliation fees received from Local Unions.

(f) Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their Departments, and shall make known the same to Local Union Superintendents, from whom they should secure, as far as possible, returns for County or District Union reports, all necessary expense to be borne by the County Union. These in turn shall be given to Provincial Superintendents, from which they may make up complete reports for Provincial Union. The County or District and Local Superintendents of any Department shall form a *Committee* to carry on its work when united action is essential.

(g) The Executive Committee shall appoint special committees, and in case of vacancies Superintendents of Departments.

(h) The expenses of the five general officers in travelling to and from meetings of the Union, also for postage, stationery and President's expenses in visiting Local Unions, shall be paid from the funds of County or District Union.

(i) This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Provincial Union, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting of the Provincial Union.

LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SEC. 1. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of ——— Auxiliary to the Ontario Provincial W. C. T. U.

OBJECT.

SEC. 2. The object of this Union shall be to meet together for prayer and conference to educate public sentiment to the standard of total abstinence, to train the young, save the inebriate, to secure the complete extinction of the liquor traffic, and to enter into any Christian work to which the Lord may call.

PLEDGE.

SEC. 3. I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors (including wine, beer and cider) as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the pledge, and by the payment of sixty cents per year. Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge, and by the payment of a fee, the amount of which shall be settled by each Union. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of members except the vote and holding office.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1 The officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents (one for each church where practicable), a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), with the

Superintendents of the different Departments, shall constitute the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members shall then proceed to vote for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except when one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot. The Superintendent of Departments shall be nominated by the Sub-Executive (including the Vice-Presidents), and elected by the Union. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 2. If at the expiration of three months any officer or superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable properly to perform the duties of her office or department, the office or superintendency shall be considered vacant. Should the retiring member be an officer the Union shall elect her successor; if a Superintendent the Sub-Executive shall nominate and the Union elect.

ARTICLE IV.

AUXILIARSHIP.

Each Union shall pay to funds of Provincial Union through the County or District Treasurer (in organized counties) the sum of twenty-five cents per paying member, and to the County or District Union the sum of five cents per paying member, yearly. This amount to be taken from the membership fee. In unorganized counties this sum shall be sent direct to the Provincial Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Local Unions shall be held early in September for the election of officers and superintendents, also for delegates to County or District Union and Provincial annual meetings. At this meeting reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer and Superintendents of Departments shall be read and confirmed before being sent to the County or District Corresponding Secretary and Superintendents.

BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the organization, and to supervise its general interests, and she may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to preside in her turn in the absence of the President, and to enlist women of her own church in the work.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and to report to the Corresponding Secretary of the County or District Union yearly on receipt of blank form (having first submitted her report to the Local Union), giving such items of general interest as will enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union. She, with the Recording Secretary, shall also prepare the report for the

annual meeting of the Local Union. They shall also, in unorganized counties, prepare a condensed report for the Provincial Convention, sending to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary two weeks before the date of the Provincial meeting. In small Unions, the work of the Secretaries may be done by the Recording Secretary, if desirable.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Union, and notify members of meetings.

TREASURER.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all membership dues, and to devise means to increase the funds of the organization. She shall receive and hold all money collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and making a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and the Recording Secretary. She shall forward regularly, in organized counties, to the County or District Treasurer, the yearly fees for the Provincial and County or District Unions.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

Sec. 6. If the demands of the work justify it, there shall be Departments of Work to correspond with the Provincial Departments, and such others as the needs of the locality seem to call for.

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Sec. 7. Each Superintendent of a Department shall avail herself of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in her Department, and report to Superintendent of same Department in County or District Union, on or before the 17th day of September.

Where no County or District organization exists, the report should be sent to the Provincial Superintendent of that Department.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 8. The regular meeting of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting of the month shall be largely a devotional meeting. If possible, mass-meetings shall be held quarterly. The Executive and other committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

QUORUM.

Sec. 9. A quorum shall consist of such members as shall be present at a regular or special meeting, due notice of such meeting being given to the members.

DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

Sec. 10. Delegates to the Provincial Union are received on the following basis:—One of each Union and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of each Union. The expenses of general officers and superintendents of Departments, for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling expenses of delegates to annual Convention shall, where at all practicable, be borne by Union sending those delegates.

CONSTITUTION.

Sec. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any Annual Meeting of the Provincial Union, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous Annual Meeting of the Provincial Union.

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