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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

VANCOUVER, Aug. 4th, 1891.

*Meeting of the Executive Committee, at 9.30 a.m., in Homer Street
Methodist Church.*

After devotional exercises, led by the president, the reconsideration of the programme for convention was taken up and, on motion, decided to hear reports from local unions immediately after reports of superintendents of departments. On motion, the president of provincial union, with the presidents of local unions and the provincial recording secretary, were appointed a committee for preparing specimen forms for local union reports, and submit the same to this convention immediately after the hearing of local union reports. On motion, the election of officers was placed on the first business for Thursday afternoon. Report of social purity to be

taken up at 11 a.m. on Wednesday. Mrs. Spofford to conduct a parliamentary drill immediately after the reading of the rules of order from the chair in the afternoon session. Report of committee on resolution to be taken up on Wednesday at 3 p.m. On motion, it was decided to place the question box on the table at each session, the following committee to take charge of and answer as the first business at each morning session: Mesdames Scouler, Johnstone, Street and Siddal. The president and Mrs. Andrews a committee to select and present to convention suitable passages of scripture from which to select a convention motto.

On motion, the meeting adjourned, as the hour for opening convention had arrived.

B. S. McDOUGALL,

Secretary.

Convention called to order and opened at 10.30 a.m. by prayer by the president. Roll-call of officers and superintendents, to which 10 responded. President nominated Mesdames Spofford, Scouler and Street as committee on credentials, who, after retiring a few minutes, presented the following report: Victoria entitled to 9 delegates; Vancouver, 11; New Westminster, 11; Chilliwack, 3; North Arm, 2; the Y.W.C.T.U. of Vancouver, entitled to 3, but as they had not paid the affiliation fee ere the closing of the treasurer's books, their delegates could not be given a seat in convention. After a short discussion as to the advisability of suspending the rules of order in their favor (as the delegates were present), it was decided unconstitutional, and, on motion, the report was received and the committee discharged. On motion of Mrs. Spofford, the members of Vancouver "Y" were made visiting members of convention. With consent of convention, Mrs. D. McNaughton's name was substituted for that of Mrs. B. Wilson on the Vancouver delegation, and Mrs. C. Chadsey and Mrs. Hughes for those of Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. C. E. C. Brown on the New Westminster

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delegation. The roll-call of officers and delegates was then given, to which the following responded :

OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. Jas. Cunningham, New Westminster.

Rec. Secretary—Miss B. S. McDougall, New Westminster.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Mrs. W. H. Spofford	Mrs. D. Robson
Mrs. J. Johnson	Miss A. Empey
Mrs. Sexsmith	Mrs. C. L. Street
Mrs. D. McNaughton	Miss S. Bowes

DELEGATES—VICTORIA.

Mrs. Humber	Mrs. Andrews
Mrs. McGregor	Mrs. J. W. Moore
Mrs. Siddal	Miss Leake
Mrs. Weir	Miss Spencer
Mrs. Shakespeare	

DELEGATES—VANCOUVER.

Mrs. Tretheway	Mrs. Clements
Mrs. Thain	Mrs. Betts
Mrs. Shearer	Mrs. Cosman
Mrs. P. McNaughton	Mrs. Maitland
Mrs. W. McCraney	Mrs. Morrison
Mrs. Evans	

DELEGATES—NEW WESTMINSTER.

Mrs. T. Cunningham	Mrs. Whiteside
Mrs. Corrigan	Mrs. Vass
Mrs. (Rev.) Scouler	Miss Wells
Mrs. C. G. Major	Miss Major
Mrs. Hughes	Miss Pearson
Mrs. C. Chadsey	

DELEGATES—CHILLIWHACK.

Mrs. G. Chadsey
Mrs. Wane

Miss Marshall

DELEGATES—NORTH ARM.

Mrs. Mellis

Mrs. F. McCleery

In response to the call for new unions, the island and mainland organisers presented their reports, which, on motion, were received. President nominated Miss Bowes and Mrs. Thain committee on courtesies. The following committee on nominations was appointed: Mesdames Spofford, Robson, Wane, Mellis and Thain, and allowed to retire and prepare their report. Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. and Miss Hewitt, of Riverside, Cal., introduced to convention, and spoke a few words of counsel and encouragement, also giving some valuable hints regarding their modes of conducting parlor meetings, etc. Miss Goodrich introduced to convention and signified her willingness to act as reporter for the local press.

After noontide, prayer was observed. Committee on nominations presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and committee discharged:

Committee on Resolutions—Mesdames Scouler, Siddal, Street, Johnson and Sexsmith.

Devotional Exercises—Mesdames Maitland and Shakespeare.

Memorials—Miss Bowes and Mrs. D. McNaughton.

Evening Meetings—Mesdames Munro, Shearer and Fraser.

Press Reporters—Victoria, Mesdames Weir and McGregor
New Westminster, Mrs. Major; Chilliwack, Mrs. Wane;
Vancouver, Miss Goodrich, Mesdames Betts and Vermileyea.

Convention adjourned for luncheon, to meet again at 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P.M.

After singing and prayer, the minutes of executive meetings held during the year were read by the secretary and, on motion, adopted.

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Roll-call of officers and delegates, to which 40 responded. After the reading of the rules of order from the chair, Mrs. Spofford conducted a parliamentary drill, which, in addition to the valuable information given by the superintendent, afforded a great deal of amusement to all present in listening to the lively discussions held on the different motions and amendments. On motion, the discussions closed, and 5 p.m. was set as the hour for adjournment.

The corresponding secretary's report read by Mrs. Scouler, of New Westminster, and, on motion, received and adopted. Mrs. Street gave notice of amendment to Article IX. of Provincial Constitution and Article II. By-Laws for local unions. Treasurer's report read by the secretary and, on motion, adopted. The question of order books for provincial union was left in the hands of the committee on blank forms. On motion, the press reporters were requested to add the totals of the treasurer's report to the corresponding secretary's and make an effort to have the report printed in full in all the local papers. Report of chairman of finance committee received. After the committee on courtesies introduced several ladies to convention, a short discussion on the publication of the minutes was held and arrangements made for the evening meeting.

Convention adjourned to meet at 8 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting opened with singing, reading and prayer by the Rev. R. R. Maitland.

An address of welcome from Vancouver W.C.T.U. was read by Mrs. Maitland and responded to by Mrs. Weir, of Victoria. Addresses of welcome were presented by the clergy, I.O.G.T., R. T. of T., Sons of Temperance and the press, and replied to by the president. A recitation by Master Neville Smith, followed by a collection amounting to \$16.90. President's annual address was read and, on motion, received and referred to committee on resolutions.

Convention adjourned to meet at 9.30 a.m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. D. McNaughton, of Victoria. Minutes of previous sessions read and adopted. On motion, Miss Bowes was requested to wait on Hon. J. W. Ross, minister of education for Ontario, and ascertain if it was possible to have him give an address at the evening session. On motion, Mrs. Major was appointed treasurer *pro tem*. Convener of question box committee reported that they had been unable to meet to prepare the replies or arrange the questions. On motion, it was decided to have the questions read in convention and discussed by the different members. Miss Bowes, returning, introduced Hon. J. W. Ross, who spoke a few words of cheer, regretting his inability to be present in the evening, but gave convention some good advice regarding the introduction of temperance text books in public schools, and how to obtain their general use where such was not compulsory. On motion, it was decided to postpone unfinished business and take up the report of the refuge home committee. Report read by secretary of refuge home committee and, on motion, adopted. Committee of management for refuge home, nominated by superintendent of social purity, appointed. Mrs. Spofford gave notice of amendment to Article V. of Provincial Constitution.

Noontide prayer was observed, after which convention adjourned for luncheon to meet at 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P.M.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. Browning, of Vancouver. Minutes of morning session read and approved. On motion, Mrs. Sevevright was requested to wait on Miss Scott, lately returned from the mission field in India, and, if possible, get her to give an address at the evening meeting. The reports of superintendents of social purity and scientific instruction in public schools were read by the secretary and, on motion, adopted. Report of superintendent of literature read by Mrs. McGregor, of Victoria, and, on motion, adopted. Superintendent of press work gave a verbal report, which, on motion, was received. Superintendents of

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work among sailors, lumbermen and miners and railroad employees sent no report, but the delegates from the different unions gave a verbal report of the work being done by them in these departments. Report of superintendent of unfermented wine at the Lord's table read and, on motion, received. Mrs. Seveuright, returning, reported Miss Scott willing to speak at the evening meeting and would wear the native dress. Mrs. Maitland was instructed to attend to the notices in the evening papers. Superintendent of prison work read her report, which, on motion, was adopted. Several ladies introduced to convention. Superintendent of hospital work read her report and, on motion, was referred to committee on resolutions for suggestions regarding the maintaining of a temperance bed in the Jubilee Hospital. Superintendent of young women's work read her report; on motion, adopted. Mrs. Johnson gave notice of amendment to Article VIII of Provincial Constitution. On motion, 10 a.m. was set as the hour for receiving the report of committee on memorials. Departments of Indian work, juvenile and kindergarten, and parlor meetings sent no report. Report of flower mission read and, on motion, adopted. Fair work not reported. Superintendent of narcotics read her report, which, on motion, was adopted. On motion, the session was extended fifteen minutes, so as to finish hearing the reports. Committee on resolutions asked leave to retire, which was granted. Reports of Victoria and Vancouver local unions read and, on motion, received. Presidents of New Westminster, Chilliwack and North Arm unions gave verbal reports of their unions, which, on motion, were received. Report of young ladies' committee of New Westminster local union read and, on motion, received.

Convention adjourned to meet at 8 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

A union prayer meeting conducted by the president, Miss Scott giving an address on mission work in India, which was listened to with great attention by all present. After a vote of thanks to the speaker, convention adjourned to meet at 9.30 a.m.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Street, of Chilliwhack. The secretary being late, a short discussion on loyal legion work ensued, taken part in by most of the members present. The secretary arriving, minutes of former session read and approved. Roll-call of officers and members, to which 39 responded. The following report of committee on memorials read and, on motion, adopted :

MEMORIAL REPORT.

This convention deeply regrets the occasion of having to put on record the demise of three estimable members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and one most valuable honorary membr.

Chilliwhack was the first this year to have her ranks invaded by the "ruthless hand of death" by the removal of Mrs. McDonald, one of the union's regularly enrolled members.

Rev. Donald Fraser, of Victoria, passed from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, July 9th, greatly lamented, not alone by his own immediate followers, but by all Christian people and earnest workers. The W. C. T. U. has lost, by the death of Mr. Fraser, a wise counsellor, a genial helper and a true friend.

Victoria union has again been called to mourn the loss of another willing and active Christian worker in the death of Mrs. O'Neil, who was suddenly called to exchange earthly service for heavenly fruition on July 29th.

The New Westminster union has also been touched by the Angel of Death, who most unexpectedly claimed for his prey, on July 30th, Mrs. Milligan, who was appointed a delegate to this convention. It may justly be said of this cheerful and thorough union helper, "She ceased at once to work and live."

In all the above illustrations we have the literal verification of the words of Holy Writ, "In the midst of life we are in death." The thought to be emphasized by the sudden removal

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of our beloved sisters and brother is expressed by the following scripture :

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might ; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest."

The committee on resolutions being prepared to report, on motion, it was decided to consider the resolutions separately.

Resolutions I., II., III., IV., adopted as read ; Resolution V., as amended ; VI., referred back to committee ; VII., VIII., IX., X., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., adopted as read.

Noontide prayer observed, after which convention adjourned for luncheon to meet at 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 P.M.

Devotional exercises led by Miss Leake, of Victoria. Minutes of morning session read and approved. Roll-call of officers and delegates, to which 43 responded. It being decided unconstitutional to proceed with election of officers before unfinished business, it was agreed to set the hour for election at 4 p.m. Miss Bowes and Mrs Fraser appointed a committee to get all bills standing against convention and present for payment. Committee on resolutions continued their report : Resolution VI., as amended ; Resolutions XVI., XVII., XVIII., adopted as read. The report of committee on resolutions was then read as a whole and, on motion, adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

I. That we express our most hearty thanks to Almighty God for the protection and blessings of the past year, and humbly pray that the year on which we have entered may be "crowned with goodness," and that the work of the local unions may be greatly assisted and stimulated by this our eighth annual convention.

II. That this convention accepts the day appointed by the Dominion union as a day of prayer in all unions ; also the 28th of September as Membership Crusade Day.

III. That this union most earnestly expresses its belief in the extension of the electoral franchise to women, and urges our members to secure the proper registration of all women who may be entitled to the franchise.

IV. That this convention, in view of the protection due to womanhood, irrespective of class, desires that the age of protection (consent) be raised to 18 at least, in place of 16 as it now exists.

V. That this convention deplores the opening of liquor saloons on the Sabbath day and the unnecessary railway and steamboat travel, also the opening of grocery, fruit and cigar stores and delivery of milk, and that we are in hearty sympathy with all organisations seeking to promote Sabbath observance.

VI. That this convention urge the necessity of procuring the appointment in each city of matrons for police stations and jails.

VII. That the hearty thanks of this convention are due to those members of our legislature who assisted in procuring the present law in regard to the selling of tobacco to minors, and also important amendments to the license law.

VIII. That the thanks of this convention be tendered the Provincial Government for grant to the W.C.T.U. refuge home; to friends for donations; to physicians for kind attentions; and the local press for courtesies extended to them.

IX. That we continue to endorse the *Woman's Journal* as the Dominion W.C.T.U. organ, and *Home Cheer* as our local temperance paper, and that we recommend the *Union Signal* as an invaluable assistance to our workers.

X. That we use every effort to secure an amendment to our school law by which scientific temperance instruction shall be made compulsive in our public schools.

XI. That we urge our ladies to discourage by their example the wholesale slaughter of song birds to be used in millinery.

XII. That as the Royal public hospital is not a provincial institution, and as similar hospitals exist in New Westminster and Vancouver, this convention take no action in the matter of providing beds in said hospital, but refer the subject to the local unions in these cities.

XIII. That all matter to be embodied in our printed report of this convention be condensed as much as possible without detracting from its usefulness as a book of reference, and that this and all reports of departments and of local unions be compiled and inserted in the report of corresponding secretary.

XIV. That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the C.P.N. Co. for reduced fares to delegates, also to trustees of Homer Street Methodist Church for free use of same; to Dr. Potts and others who so kindly assisted us in our evening meetings; to the ladies of Vancouver who have so hospitably entertained us; and the Vancouver press for the kindly notices of our work.

XV. That this convention urge the organisation of honorary members into auxiliaries wherever practicable in connection with the local unions.

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XVI. That the name of the department known as Heredity and Hygiene be changed to Health and Heredity in order to conform to the Dominion union.

XVII. *Resolved*, that this convention recommends the supervision by the teachers of school children during recess, and to this end advises the introduction of exercises in physical culture.

XVIII. That as the W.C.T.U. is undenominational, this convention do not recommend formation of church Loyal Legions, but refer the matter to the local unions.

Text of scripture chosen as motto for provincial union: "Through God we shall do valiantly; for He it is that shall tread down our enemies." Committee on blank forms recommended leaving the matter in the hands of the executive; recommendation adopted. Committee on convention expenses presented printing bills to convention; on motion, the bills were laid over until after the consideration of amendments to constitution. Amendment to Article IX. of Provincial Constitution, lost; amendment to Article II., By-Laws for local union, carried; amendment to Article V. of Provincial Constitution, carried; amendment to Article VIII., lost.

On motion, Miss Bowes was elected delegate to the World's Convention to be held in Boston in November, travelling expenses from Toronto to Boston and return to be borne by provincial union.

Appointment of delegates to Dominion Convention left in the hands of provincial executive.

Bills presented for printing, gas, etc., amounting to \$30.85, ordered paid. On motion, it was decided to reserve the centre seats at the evening meeting for members of convention, seats to be marked with white ribbon. The hour for election of officers having arrived, after a few moments spent in prayer for divine guidance, the roll was called, to which 43 responded. Misses Spencer and Marshall appointed as tellers by the chair. Election resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. T. Scouler, New Westminster.

Recording Secretary—Miss B. S. McDougall, New Westminster.

Treasurer—Mrs. D. McGillivray, Sumas.

The newly elected executive, after retiring a few minutes, nominated the following as superintendents of departments, nominations confirmed by convention :

Scientific Instruction in Schools—Mrs. H. G. Hall, Victoria.

Literature and *Woman's Journal*—Mrs. Townsend, Victoria.

Work among Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners—Mrs. Yondall, New Westminster.

Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table—Mrs. Johnson, Vancouver.

Legislation, Petitions and Franchise—Mrs. Gordon Grant, Victoria.

Work among Railroad Employees—Mrs. Bannermann, Kamloops.

Health and Heredity—Mrs. F. McCleery, North Arm.

Press Work—Mrs. A. Sexsmith, North Arm.

Evangelistic Work—Mrs. Browning, Vancouver.

Hospital Work—Mrs. D. McNaughton, Victoria.

Prison Work—Mrs. D. Robson, New Westminster.

Young Women's Work—Mrs. Schooley, Vancouver.

Indian Work—Mrs. C. Tait, Chilliwack.

White Cross and White Shield—Mrs. D. Spencer, Victoria.

Juvenile and Kindergarten—Mrs. C. Watson, Victoria.

Parlor Meetings—Mrs. N. Shakespeare, Victoria.

Flower Mission—Miss Amy Humber, Victoria.

Conference with Influential Bodies—Miss B. S. McDougall, New Westminster.

Fair Work—Mrs. McCraney, Vancouver.

Narcotics—Mrs. C. L. Street, Chilliwack.

Parliamentary Usage—Mrs. W. H. Spofford, Victoria.

The following were appointed conveners of standing committees for the coming year, and instructed to be prepared to report to next convention :

Plan of Work—Mrs. C. G. Major, New Westminster.

Finance—Mrs. Humber, Victoria.

Mrs. McCraney, of Vancouver, appointed convener of committee to prepare provincial banner for the World's Convention, and choose her own committee.

The following were elected board of managers for the refuge home for the coming year: Mesdames Robson, Flett, Hayward, McGregor, Spofford, Beckford, (Capt.) Grant, Humber, Burkholder, Shakespeare and M. Grant.

Committee on courtesies presented their report, which, on motion, was received and committee discharged.

Invitation from the New Westminster union for the next annual convention was read by the secretary and, on motion, accepted. Minutes of afternoon session read and adopted.

Convention closed with the Aaronic blessing.

BARBARA S. McDOUGALL,

Recording Secretary.



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

MRS. M. A. CUNNINGHAM.

BELOVED SISTERS AND FRIENDS:

In response to an invitation given at our last year's convention, we are assembled in this the terminal city of our province, for the first time in the capacity of a provincial union, and it is with a peculiar feeling of satisfaction we note the progress made by the Vancouver W.C.T.U. simultaneously with the marvelous commercial growth of the city.

Memory recalls the original townsite, known but a few years ago as Granville, vulgarly as Gastown, with its one street near the water's edge; the most conspicuous business being that of drunkard making and the chief buildings saloons. Here, one dark and stormy night, a few earnest Christian workers, accompanied Miss H. G. Moore, United States national organiser, to a room over a saloon, kindly furnished for our use by the proprietor, Mr. Blair. The place was lighted by coal oil lamps and the audience seated upon backless benches; the gospel prohibition for the individual and the nation was proclaimed; and at the close of the lecture, a Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organised, Mrs. Rev. J. Hall being chosen as president. Under circumstances so different to the present, surrounded by so much to discourage, these heroic women struggled on till the great fire, which consumed all traces of the former town, scattered them for a season.

The present indefatigable president, our own Miss Bowes, deserves the credit of reorganising and establishing the union in its now prosperous condition, composed as it is of loyal, true-hearted women of whom any W.C.T.U. president might be proud.

The past year has been one of progress in all departments of Christian effort. The churches have had times of revival and refreshing, not only during the special services conducted by the evangelists, Hunter and Crossley, but continuously as the result of unremitting gospel activity. The temperance societies too have employed noted revivalists, Messrs. Smith and Webb and Major Hilton in turn proclaiming to large audiences God's law of total abstinence from all that tends to destroy the souls and bodies of men. As a consequence the membership increase has been large and the different organisations are in a better position to work together for the overthrow of a common foe.

Since last convention many of us have become practically acquainted with the W.C.T.U. school of methods then brought to our notice, by being privileged to attend the instructive all day meetings, conducted by Mrs. Buell and Miss Pugh, in Victoria and New Westminster, last June.

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Although prevented by distance from mingling with the workers in the eastern provinces and the States in their great conventions, we have been fortunate in having frequent visits from some of the foremost leaders and speakers among them, which has greatly strengthened the bond of union existing between us.

DOMINION CONVENTION

which met in St. John's, New Brunswick, June 18th to 23rd, was well attended by delegates from the provinces; the N.W. Territories and British Columbia alone being unrepresented. The corresponding secretary, Miss Tilley, of Toronto, in submitting her report said:—"Again we are called upon to test the strength of our white ribbon cable, which stretches from ocean to ocean; therefore, without any preliminary remarks, I would unbraid the closely wound rope and give it to you in the six strands of Ontario, Quebec, Maritime provinces, Manitoba, British Columbia and the North West Territories." From this report we find an increase of 300 members for the year, with a total of 335 unions, 9343 members, 206 bands of hope, 19537 members and 38 young women's unions, containing nearly 1000 members.

Miss Willard, as president of the world's W.C.T.U., was again present to inspire and counsel her Canadian comrades and when she brought to their notice the fact that as many as five millions of song birds were sacrificed yearly to furnish decorations for bonnets and hats, and asked if they would join their sisters across the line, in a pledge to discourage the use of such ornaments, an almost unanimous "we will" was given. It may be worth our while to do likewise. The Princess of Wales and her daughters have for sometime been an example in this particular to the British women.

The convention adopted Psalm 46: 7 as the text for the Dominion Union, viz:—"The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Mrs. Judge Steadman of Fredericton, N. B. was elected president, Mrs. Judge Foster of Knowlton, Quebec, vice-president, and the other officers were re-elected for another year's service.

PROHIBITION IN CANADA.

Never has public sentiment been so strong for national prohibition as now. The evangelical churches have, as a unit, pronounced themselves in unmistakable terms, resulting in the great prohibition petition, presented to the Parliament and Senate this spring, signed by 900,000 church members and adherents. Supported by such a petition one might have thought Mr. Jamieson's resolution, "that in the opinion of this house, the time has arrived when it is expedient to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes," would have found a strong majority of affirmative votes among the members, but instead, as we all know, a Royal Commission on the liquor traffic has been substituted.

In the discussion which took place in the Commons, the mover of the resolution argued that the diminution in revenue, caused by the abolition of the license system, would be temporary, and that if the money wasted on the traffic was employed in other channels, giving employment to the people and increasing their purchasing power, the duties on the dutiable goods consumed, would, from the increased consumption, more than bring about an equilibrium in a short time.

Hon. G. Foster, Finance Minister, defended his position, and declared his views on the subject of prohibition to be the same now as they were fourteen or fifteen years ago, and added, "I do not count a gold dollar one single moment in the balance against one single ray of light or happiness that comes into the humblest home in this country; I do not count your handful of dollars against the happiness or well-being of one single man, if it is attacked and in danger, and I am here to-night to state that I do not look at the \$7,500,000, as worth one moment's argument if it is put in the balance against the strong demand of the people to-day, to do away with what I consider to be an evil, and to bring about a state of things, which I consider would be better for the home, the happiness and the material prosperity of the country." Admitting that the loss of revenue was a serious difficulty, he added:—"Sir, if this country and this Parliament agree to it, I am here to state, that no better thing could be done in this country than to exchange \$7,500,000 of revenue to the country for a country blessed with sobriety and peace and consequent plenty that I believe would come from a well ordered and well enforced prohibitory law."

Surely these are not the utterances of an enemy to our cause? yet hindrances strew all the way, and "believing in the feasibility of prohibition under certain circumstances, these circumstances being a preponderating public sentiment in its favor which would tend to its maintenance and enforcement," he proposed that a Royal Commission be appointed, and as an amendment to Mr. Jamieson's resolution, moved the following resolution, which was carried by 107 to 88:—"That it is the opinion of this house, it is desirable, *without delay* to obtain for the information and consideration of Parliament, by means of a Royal Commission, the fullest and most reliable data possible, respecting:

- 1st. The effects of the liquor traffic upon all interests affected by it in Canada.
- 2nd. The measures which have been adopted in this and other countries with a view to lessen, regulate or prohibit the traffic.
- 3rd. The results of these measures in each case.
- 4th. The effect the enactment of a prohibitory law in Canada would have in respect of social conditions, agricultural, business, industrial and commercial interests, of the revenue requirements of municipalities and the Dominion, and also as to its capability of efficient enforcement.

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5th. All other information bearing on the question of prohibition."

Before leaving Canada, Miss Willard expressed the opinion, that in view of the fact that the relation of the liquor traffic to the home is the crucial test of its character, and in view of woman's devoted interest in the home and temperance work, the Royal Commission, ought to count at least one woman among its members by government appointment.

Senator Vidal, president of the Dominion Alliance, referring to Mr. Foster's amendment, gave it as his opinion, during the debate in the Senate, that, under the circumstances, the wisest course had been chosen, and he encouraged the temperance people to entertain the firmest faith in the Finance Minister's loyalty and integrity, and called their attention to the words "*without delay*" in his amendment, as furnishing proof that the prayer of the churches' petition would be regarded.

May we not take courage and cherish a well-grounded hope that as God's time for doing his creatures good is always "now" and the Christian temperance workers are united in believing "that the time has arrived," and the Dominion Finance Minister has secured a Royal Commission, which, "*without delay*," is authorised to procure all possible evidence for and against the liquor traffic, that "not many days hence" the final judgment shall be pronounced, the prisoner at the bar shall be condemned to utter banishment from this fair Dominion, and "a preponderating public sentiment" shall declare the sentence just?

The Woman's National Council of the United States first organised in 1888, held its triennial meeting in Washington. D.C. last February. Nearly forty different societies of women were represented by delegates, regular or fraternal. Their declared object, is "to conserve the highest good of the family and the state" and they have banded themselves together "in a confederation of workers committed to the overthrow of all forms of ignorance and injustice, and to the application of the golden rule to society, custom and law."

In the July number of our Woman's Journal, our Canadian W.C.T.U. organ, it is stated that a committee was appointed by the last convention to correspond with all organised associations of women throughout the Dominion, for the purpose of calling a Council of women previous to, or immediately after, the next meeting of the Dominion W.C.T.U. in Ottawa, "that all women co-operating for religious, philanthropic or educational work may join hands for all branches of good works on which all can agree."

A WORLD'S W.C.T.U. CONVENTION

will be held next November, in Tremont Temple, Boston, the day preceding the national W.C.T.U. Convention. The general officers of the Dominion Union have been elected delegates, and in addition each provincial union is entitled to send one representative. Lady Henry Somerset, of England, presi-

dent of the British Woman's Temperance Association, which numbers thirty thousand members, will be present, also Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, who has just returned from her eight year's missionary journey around the world. During that time she has organised eighty-six W.C.T. Unions; twenty-four men's temperance societies, mostly in Japan, India and Madagascar, and twenty-three branches of the White Cross; has held over 1600 meetings; has travelled nearly 100,000 miles and has employed 229 interpreters in 47 languages.

Those who are privileged to attend this World's Convention will, it is expected, behold in that Temple a pyramid made up with copies of the world's great petition, heaped one upon another, which shall have been sent in from all parts, containing the signatures of hundreds of thousands of women.

Miss Willard writes:—"The petition itself will become a noted historical relic and when the rounds of the world have been made, and each civilised government visited with our prayer and our petition that the liquor trade, the opium trade and the legislation of social vice may be put away, we will deposit the petition, perhaps in the British Museum."

Largely owing to the influence exerted by the Christian temperance women of America and England, in every sphere of the world's activities to-day, women are taking a more prominent place, and even the most conservative of the orthodox churches are now delighting to do them justice. A case in point has been recently reported, viz.:—the admission of women to the Episcopal College at Windsor, Nova Scotia, also that the Episcopal Synod of Montreal (including the Province of Quebec) has voted to allow women to be members of its parish vestries. In their Synod debate one Doctor of Divinity objected to women being permitted in the councils of the church, giving as his reason that they could then ask to be made members of the Synod, of the church court and even of the priesthood. The Rev. Dr. Morton replied, that he regarded the exclusion of ladies from all church administration as "mean, ungenerous and narrow-minded, in view of all the good and valuable work they have performed." A strong report from the committee on temperance was unanimously adopted by the members of this Synod, proving, as Miss Willard puts it, "a significant fact that hand in hand, through Episcopal Synod and Methodist Conference, through Sunday School council and political convention, go the white banners of woman's liberation and the saloon's prohibition; for now and evermore, in God's great plan, these two are parts of one tremendous whole."

CRUSADE MEMBERSHIP DAY.

September 28th, Miss Willard's birthday, has been fixed upon by the United States national as the most appropriate and convenient time for a house to house crusade, and the Dominion Convention has resolved to keep step and time with them as nearly as possible.

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The day of prayer will likewise be observed simultaneously on both sides of the line. The sense of comradeship is growing stronger each year between the white ribbon women of the United States and Canada.

Dear sisters, we women are waging a terrible warfare against a terrible foe. The odds may seem against us, but let us press on, employing every means at our command and taking advantage of every God-given opportunity.

To this end I would again strongly urge upon you the wisdom of organising or getting organised in connection with each local union, a men's auxiliary, the members of which shall be secured from among our honorary members. I have been told on reliable authority that such auxiliaries have done good work for W.C.T. Unions in the United States. There are legal and legislative aspects of our work in which we could accomplish more if we had a body of men working with us upon whom we could depend and whom we could call together for consultation and advice. These men would be just as loyal to us and as proud of our work as the ladies auxiliary are of the work of the Y.M.C.A. and also prove a source of great financial strength, in times of need.

In Memoriam.

An event has recently transpired which has cast the shadow of death over our present gathering. Only last Saturday the members of the New Westminster Union were standing around the cofined form and gazing upon the familiar features of our dear sister, Mrs. D. S. Milligan, who but the Wednesday of the previous week was with them in their meeting, and whom they had chosen as vice-president of the union, and one of the delegates to this convention. The following Wednesday, quite unexpectedly to everyone, she heard the message "child of my love, come home," and within twenty-four hours, without an opportunity of speaking a word or giving a sign, "she was not, for God had taken her." She had been looking forward to this occasion and with pleasure anticipated being with us. We shall miss her here, we shall miss her more in Westminster, for she was an active spirit, and, as she used to say, never undertook anything she did not determine to see through. She was one we could depend upon, when entrusted with a commission. I am glad we made her an officer in our union again (she had before held the office of treasurer), and also a member of this convention. She has left us an honored W.C.T. U. woman and her body was laid away in the grave still bearing upon its breast the little knot of white ribbon. Sisters beloved, let us be very tender of each other's feelings, always, then as one by one the workers fall we shall have no regrets. "Let love be without dissimulation." "Let us love, not in word only, but in deed and in truth." Let us who remain take up the

work our translated comrades have laid down, and do it with our might.
Then we might think of

Dying,
As 'passing out of the shadow
Into a purer light;
Stepping behind the curtain,
Getting a clearer sight;

Laying aside a burden,
This weary mortal coil:
Done with the world's vexations,
Done with its tears and toil:

Tired of all earth's playthings,
Heartsick and ready to sleep,
Ready to bid our friends farewell,
Wondering why they weep:

Passing out of the shadow
Into Eternal day,
Why do we call it dying?
This sweet going away.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

When a few of our sisters in Ohio, set on foot the first temperance crusade, December 23rd, 1873, in the distant skirting of the horizon, we caught a glimpse of the incoming tide of prohibition. Since then we have watched the flow of waters slowly, but steadily advancing, until to-day as we meet in convention we can almost hear the breakers as they approach the shore, and know that ere long many a gallant vessel with her precious human freight will be carried safely over the sand bars, where in former years so many have been wrecked and left stranded upon the beach. As we, with satisfaction behold the steady progress of prohibition, our hearts ascend in thankfulness to the Creator of the Universe, that just as He uses the Solar System in producing the tidal wave, so He uses us in educating public sentiment whereby many a pit-fall has been removed and shoals of temptation made less dangerous.

In reviewing the work of the past year, although there may have been discouragements much has been accomplished. Our heavenly Father has permitted us to see some results, to gather some sheaves, but the bulk of the harvest has been reserved for us to enjoy in the "Sweet bye-and-bye."

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Of the twenty departments taken up by the provincial union in none has there been more progress than in that of legislation. Through the influence of strong temperance men, some of whom are our honorary members, an act was passed at the last session of Parliament, declaring that in municipalities where a hotel license is applied for, as well as soloons and grocery stores, a two-third's vote of householders, and their wives, as well as property owners in the vicinity, where the license is desired, is to be obtained in favor of the license, before it can be granted, also, that no application for a license when refused can be made again for twelve months. So that you will see it is exceedingly difficult to obtain a license.

At our last convention we resolved to memorialise the provincial government, asking that they prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors, and that a penalty be attached to the smoking of the same. Our president and recording secretary, accordingly presented the memorial. With scarcely a dissenting voice, the following bill was prepared and carried,

BILL.

An act to prohibit the sale or gift of tobacco to minors in certain cases.

Her Majesty by, and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

- 1.—Any person who shall sell, give or cause to be sold or given any cigars, cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco, snuff or any other form or preparation of tobacco or opium for smoking, to any person, having reasonable cause to believe such person to be under the age of fifteen years, shall on conviction thereof, upon information under oath, in a summary way, before any two Justices of the Peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be liable to a fine not greater than the sum of twenty dollars.
- 2.—Any person who shall accept any money or other valuable consideration to act as the agent of any person, under fifteen years of age, in procuring for such person any cigars, cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco or snuff, or any form or preparation of tobacco or opium, for smoking, or who shall supply to any person under fifteen years of age any such cigars, cigarettes or other form or preparation of tobacco, or opium for smoking, on the promise of any money or other valuable consideration, shall on conviction thereof, upon information under oath, in a summary way, before any two Justices of the Peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be liable to a fine not greater than the sum of twenty dollars.
- 3.—It shall not be lawful for any person under the age of fifteen years to use tobacco in any form, in any public street, road, highway or building, and any such person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable, upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace, to a fine not exceeding five dollars.

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4.—The provisions of this act shall not apply to Indians.

5.—This act may be cited as the "Minor's Protection Act."

At the last session of the legislature the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the province, became an incorporated society and capable of holding property.

During the past year 194 new members have joined our ranks, which means greater facilities for work in the future.

We are pleased to note in looking over the resolutions, which were carried at last convention, that action has been taken on more of these (and with satisfactory results) than on any previous year, which shows that our women are becoming more alive to the importance of the work.

The day set apart for prayer and thanksgiving, and New Crusade Day were faithfully observed by most of our unions. A number of new members were reported, many pages of literature distributed, and best of all, marked answers to prayer offered on that occasion, have been received.

The petition to extend the political franchise to women was largely signed, but the bill was lost. A number of prominent men signed that petition who were not in favor of prohibition and we look for victory in the future.

The Board of Education has very kindly consented to allow the Barnes' series of text books to be introduced into the public and high schools, which is, however, left optional with the teachers. We are pleased to state that most of these are in favor of temperance and the number is constantly increasing. Our local superintendent at New Westminster, waited upon the Mainland Teachers' Association at their last gathering, and presented a plea for the Pathfinder series. A long discussion followed, with the result that a number of teachers became convinced of the importance of temperance instruction and determined to introduce it into their schools as soon as practicable. It has been suggested by one of the head teachers, that the local superintendent, residing in the city where the Mainland or Island Association meet, should visit the teachers there assembled and urge the subject upon their consideration. If this course were faithfully pursued we have every reason to believe, that in the near future, the subject of temperance would be brought before every public and high school in the province.

The importance of laying before the city authorities the necessity for a police matron in each city, and urging the procurement of the same, was patent to all who considered the matter at last convention. Would it not be well to reiterate the resolution, and see that something is done this year? It is vain for us to assemble, frame and carry resolutions, insert them in our minutes and there let them rest. I would suggest, when any resolution does not come under the head of a particular department, that a committee be appointed to attend to the same.

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The following reports have been received from the various unions:—

VICTORIA.—Organised July, 1883; original membership 37, present membership 160, an increase of 88 over last year. During the year a Loyal Legion has been organised with a membership of 156; meetings Thursday of each week. When practicable, temperance literature and the pledge is presented at public meetings there having been 14 held during the year, including 2 Demorest Contests. Nearly \$1200 has been raised for local work. Provincial dues \$19. Reports of regular meetings are published and the work of the union brought more prominently than ever before the public through the press. Six churches use the unfermented wine on sacramental occasions. Jail and hospitals visited regularly, also mothers' prayer-meetings and parlor-meetings held. The local Board of Education has voted to introduce temperance text books into the public schools, this subject being now taught partially. Five petitions have been circulated. Officers, Mrs. C. Spofford, president; Mrs. Humber, vice-president; Mrs. MacRae, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Dr. E. Hall, recording secretary; Mrs. J. W. Williams, treasurer.

VANCOUVER.—Re-organised October, 1887; present membership 102, an increase of 48 over last year. Meetings held in the Y.M.C.A. parlors on the first and third Friday in each month. Two Loyal Legions with 100 members enrolled. \$905.45 raised for local work, \$25.50 paid into the provincial treasury. The unfermented wine is used in eleven churches, all excepting the Episcopal and Roman Catholic. 23,042 pages of temperance literature circulated. This live union is the happy possessor of a paper of its own, *Home Cheer*. Meetings held regularly at the jail and hospital, where the pledge is always presented. Special work is done to some extent among the foreign population of the city. Three petitions circulated. The Y. is in a very flourishing condition, under the leadership of Miss Bowes, with a membership of 20. Officers, Miss Bowes, box 547, president; Mrs. Thos. Davidson, box 646, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Johnstone, recording secretary; Mrs. David Evans, treasurer.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—Organised September, 1883; original membership 19, present membership 122, increase over last year of 58. Meetings held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at their headquarters, Royal Avenue. The young ladies' committee has a membership of 33. They visit the hospitals regularly, leave bouquets tied with white ribbon and texts of scripture attached. One Loyal Legion, 50 members; Boys' League, 20 members. \$273.75 raised for local purposes, \$25.50 paid into provincial treasurer. Unfermented wine used in all the churches, excepting Episcopal and Roman Catholic. Services held regularly in the jail, of which the provincial superintendent will give a full report. Our work has been brought before the Educational Board. Scientific temperance taught verbally in the schools. Nearly 7000 pages of literature distributed. Four petitions circulated, over 700 signatures secured. Officers, Mrs. James Cunningham, president; Mrs. C. S.

Young, corresponding secretary; Mrs. (Rev.) Scouler, recording secretary; Mrs. C. G. Major, treasurer.

Again it is our sad duty to record the death of another of our number, Mrs. D. S. Milligan, who was suddenly called home with scarcely a moment's warning. On Wednesday morning last, at ten o'clock, she was smitten with paralysis and died at ten o'clock on Thursday morning, having never recovered consciousness. She was treasurer of our local union, and always a willing and faithful worker. A fortnight ago she was elected vice-president and a delegate to convention. Truly in the midst of life we are in death.

CHILLIWHACK.—Organised June, 1884; original membership 27, present membership 20. Meetings monthly. Three Loyal Legions. \$5 paid into the provincial treasury. The Methodist, Presbyterian and Indian churches use the unfermented wine. Literature has been circulated, but no account kept of the amount. This union still has the pleasure of reporting no license.

NORTH ARM.—Organised 1887; membership 15. Meetings monthly. The Methodist church uses the unfermented wine. Scientific temperance taught in one school. 2000 pages of literature circulated. This union with its 15 courageous members has had a hard fight to keep out a licensed hotel and thus far have been victorious. There is talk of starting a temperance house. Three petitions circulated and largely signed. \$41.55 raised for local purposes, \$5.87 sent to provincial treasurer.

Dear sisters, though sometimes tempted to fear and tremble, when we think of the strength of the foe, let us ever remember, "He that is for us is greater than all they that can be against us." Jesus said upon one occasion, "This kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." Prayer, winged with faith (stronger than the wings of an eagle) will soar far above the highest obstacle that may assail us, e'en unto the Throne of God. "Is not this the fast, that I have chosen: that ye loose the bands of wickedness; that ye undue the heavy burdens; that ye let the oppressed go free and that ye break every yoke." This is the work of our Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Let us pray more, fast oftener. Taking as our motto,

"For right is right, while God is God,
And right the end must win:—
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE M. ROBSON.

As it was deemed desirable at the recent convention to condense the annual reports as much as possible, the greater part of the work mentioned in the corresponding secretary's report, and the refuge home report, is not farther stated.

LEGISLATION, PETITION AND FRANCHISE.

During the year progress has been made in this department of work. In the legislative branch improved amendments to the Municipality Act have been gained, largely through the influence of some of our honorary members. In Victoria the W.C.T.U. has, at each licensing court, opposed through their legal adviser, every application for license, and while one license was legally granted, it was through the signature of a so-called temperance person, who little thought that on their name depended the granting of that license, because without it, the requisite number of names would not have been had. In Westminster and Vancouver petitions have been circulated against the increase of licenses, and in the North Arm our women have been persistent in fighting against the granting of licenses; on the Vancouver Road new licenses were desired, but two petitions were circulated, and although the contest was close, victory was on our side.

MARIA GRANT.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

This very important subject has been brought before a large number of the teachers and has their sympathy and support. When it is remembered that the thousands of children in our schools will in a few years be eligible as voters, the importance of this branch of study cannot be overestimated. I would suggest that the local unions offer prizes to the different classes in our public schools when the subject is taught: this would doubtless prove an incentive to study: the prizes to be temperance books, many of which are excellent.

M. G. HALL.

LITERATURE.

From returns sent in, some 22,000 pages of literature have been distributed during the year in the following different ways: At public meetings, from house to house, in hospitals, jails, barracks, on the streets on Sabbath and by mail. Your superintendent recommends that another grant be made from the treasury: so as to circulate through clergymen and school teachers a good supply of literature where no W.C.T.U. exists. In this way the ground might be prepared for good work in the near future.

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SOCIAL PURITY.

The work of social purity is one of the most delicate and difficult of all the departments of W. C. T. U. work and yet one of the most important. During the past year this work has been taken up under its threefold head—preventative, reformatory and legal. We trust seed has been sown which shall bring forth grand results for good. Mothers' meetings in homes have been held, at which leaflets have been read and talks given, discussions always following. A series of public addresses on this subject was given in Victoria by Miss Beeton, who was, when in England, associated with Mrs. Josephine Butler. The boys of the Y.M.C.A. were also addressed on the subject of the White Cross Pledge, and after talking and explaining fully, many were persuaded to take the pledge. In the other cities the work has been mainly that of reform. In New Westminster, a young girl rescued from a life of shame, who professed conversion, desires to work among the Chinese, and is now on her way to China. In Vancouver, all the houses of ill fame have been visited, and a few have been led to abandon their evil life: one married, and is comfortably situated in the city. We praise God for His blessing on the weak efforts of His children.

EMMA SPENCER.

HOSPITAL WORK.

The work in Vancouver is carried on by Miss Bowes, who reports thirty-two gospel meetings held on Sundays, 4600 pages of literature and Christmas letters distributed, four conversions.

In the Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, a service is held every Sunday by one of the city Ministers. Christmas letters were distributed as well as other suitable literature.

In New Westminster Christmas letters were also distributed, and in other ways the patients were remembered.

JAIL WORK.

In Victoria there were made 237 arrests, 24 were for assault, 45 for drunkenness, 10 for selling liquor to the Indians, and 139 caused directly through liquor. The Superintendent visits the jail, converses with the prisoners and distributes literature, 17 have taken the pledge and several genuine conversions believed to have taken place.

Vancouver.—Miss Bowes (with other helpers) has held 52 services up to the end of July. 4747 pages of temperance and other literature were distributed. Six conversions reported.

New Westminster.—A committee arranges for services three months in advance, which the Ministers and other Christian workers conduct every Sabbath. Once a quarter there has been held a children's day, a service conducted almost entirely by Christian children, who sing, repeat texts, and so provide an interesting service. Christian literature is distributed, and five prisoners have been at one time seeking the Saviour.

FLOWER MISSION.

In Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster this work is carried on. The Loyal Legion of Victoria distributes flowers with texts to the prisoners in the jail, which are much appreciated, also in the Hospital and Refuge Home. Vancouver and Westminster prepare bouquets tied with white ribbon for hospitals, and the jail of the former city. These tokens of kindly feeling have touched hearts hardened in sin, and by even such humble efforts souls may be saved.

YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK.

The "Y." in Vancouver reports over twenty members. It is composed largely of young ladies attending the High School who have not much time for outside work. There meetings are conducted on the line of self improvement, such subjects as house-keeping, how to cultivate conversation in the Home being taken up.

In new Westminster the Young Ladies take up Loyal Legion and Flower Mission work, both of which are successfully carried on by them. Membership, thirty-six; meetings held monthly. A Gospel Temperance meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Committee, in February last, which was well attended.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

In submitting the report of this department I have much pleasure in stating my belief that the temperance sentiment in this Province is on the increase, and that we have the sympathy and co-operation of the Churches.

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J. JOHNSTONE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President and Members of the Provincial W. C. T. U.

DEAR SISTERS,

I beg to submit my report for the past year :

1890	RECEIPTS.	1890	EXPENDITURE.
Oct. 18.	To Balance of last Year . . . \$ 98 50	Oct. 18. By	Amt. Superintendent of Literature, for Literature and Stationery (by order of Executive in absence of Treasurer) \$15 00
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" 17.	" Amt. Victoria Affiliation Fees 19 60	" "	" Amt. P. O. Order & Postage 0 18
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Yours respectfully,

JULIA MCGILLIVRAY,

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REPORT OF PROVINCIAL W. C. T. U. REFUGE HOME.

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In submitting this third annual report of our refuge home, we do so with gratitude and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for His leading, and

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kindly dealings with, us in another year's work. For surely He has been with us, and we have verified His promise, "Before ye call I will answer, and while ye are speaking I will hear." Of a truth, we can look back over our year's work and see many instances when we have had difficulties and perplexities, and while we have been counselling together how best these might be overcome, even then God has been opening ways before, and providing means which we knew not of, by which His own work could be carried on, and when we called upon Him, He did answer by revealing to us the way which He had provided. Our work through the year has been hard, self-sacrificing work, not only because of the peculiarities belonging to it, but because those who bear the burden of it are not women of leisure, but women of toil, whose hearts and hands are already full of Christian work or home cares and duties. Indeed, this is a work in which it is impossible for one to be engaged without feeling that you are growing old, not so much because of the labor it involves, but because of the peculiar experience which you pass through, the amount of sin and suffering with which you come in contact, and "the ways of the world" which one learns of and of which, without the experience of this work, one never dreamed. Still, we can truly say we are glad of all weariness, the heart-sickness, the trials, if, as Christian workers, it helps us more fully to realize how much the Saviour loved the sinner, notwithstanding the wilfulness and vileness of the sin, and if it be the means (as undoubtedly it is) of bringing the heart of the worker in closer touch with that of the blessed Master, and above all, if it be the means, as we know it has been, of winning some back from walking in the way of wickedness to walk in newness of life, we are glad, as the workers to whom you have committed this trust, of the privilege of working with the Lord and of being used as an instrument by which He accomplishes this work.

During the year the board of management has met regularly the second Tuesday of each month for the transaction of business and for laying plans for furthering the interests of the home. The internal management being overlooked by a monthly committee consisting of two ladies of the board; to this committee all business in connection with the home is referred, except matters of particular importance, which are referred to the board. There has been admitted to the home during the year in all twenty-three inmates, nine of whom entered the maternity ward. Of these, one belonged to Sooke, one woman and two children to Cobble Hill, one to Saanich, one woman and child came from Tacoma, two from Vancouver, two from New Westminster and ten from Victoria and vicinity. Five of these have returned to their homes, four have had places found for them where they are earning their own living. One woman with her two children have gone to house-keeping, while another, a woman, sent by the mayor to be kept at the home for the time, being without friends, has also found a home for herself. One has married, one entered a Catholic home, one left after being only one day in the home, while four, with one girl admitted last year, still remain. In January the services of Mrs

McMillan (a woman of experience and rare Christian qualities, who preferred Christian work with less remuneration to more lucrative positions) were secured as assistant matron, which the decease of Miss Howse had left vacant. The board of management feels that two women better fitted for this work it would be hard to find. In the same month, at the request of the Victoria local union, Mrs. Siddal, the first matron, was allowed to devote two afternoons a week to city mission work for that union, for which services they pay to the board the sum of \$5 per month. In February it was decided to open a work room. Three ladies were appointed as a committee to purchase material, the funds for which were generously donated by members of the board. The inmates of the home to make up this material, offer it for sale, receive a percentage for their work, the balance going into the treasury. Goods to the amount of \$3.05 were procured. Received for work sent to the home to be done, \$3.85; balance due on work, \$7.50; work on hand, valued \$25.00; on hand of this fund, \$20.25.

The regular weekly prayer meeting is held on Wednesday evening, conducted by members of the board and other Christian women, also a Sunday afternoon Bible-class. Several women in the home have professed conversion, and while with some it is a fearful struggle, and the fight has sometimes to be renewed after failure, we believe it is an honest struggle to overcome the evil habits which have become a second nature. Our home, from time to time, finds many friends, among whom should be mentioned the following gentlemen who have given their services gratuitously through the past year: Drs. Duncan, Leach and Ernest Hall in cases of confinement, and Dr. Lewis Hall for dentistry; the *Times* and *Colonist* for daily papers, members of the police force for assistance given the matron by notifying her of cases within their knowledge, and the many friends, impossible to mention by name, who have from week to week donated provisions, clothing and articles of furniture, and last, but not least, to the government for their munificent grant of \$1000, which has been of great assistance to the work.

It has been found during the past year, as the work has been increasing, that the present property is not by any means suitable either with regard to location or style of building. The present building is so public as to make it impossible for the inmates to have any outdoor exercise except when taken out on the street, which is a great drawback. In the house itself the sleeping rooms are larger than necessary and not enough of them, the matrons being compelled to have one and sometimes two of the girls with them, which certainly should not be. It is, therefore, the opinion of the board that, sometime during the present year, while property is at a good figure, the present place should be sold and a more conveniently located home secured. After careful consideration, it was decided to draw \$1000 from the treasury, borrow \$500 (which a friend has kindly loaned on a joint note signed by members of the board), pay off the \$1500 debt on the property, and have it in the hands of the W.C.T.U. that it may be disposed of, if it meets the views of that body.

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REFUGE HOME REPORT.

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This has been the conclusion arrived at by the whole board, and it is hoped this will meet with the approval of the provincial union. In conclusion, we would say that we believe the work to be one which God is owning and blessing, and with His zeal set upon it, it cannot but prosper.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF REFUGE HOME COMMITTEE.

July, 1891.	DR.	CASH.	July, 1891.	CR.	CASH.
To Cash on Hand		\$ 117 41	By Furniture		\$ 98 00
" from Victoria		659 00	" Butcher, Grocer and Milk.		244 05
" from New Westminster		70 00	" Fuel		62 00
" from Vancouver		10 00	" Water Tax \$12, Municipal Tax		
" for Board and Nursing		187 00	(2 years) \$62.80		64 80
" for City Missionary		26 00	" Interest on Mortgage for 18 mos.		157 50
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" Loans from Miss Logan		500 00	end of June		375 00
			" Drugs and Sundries		25 85
			" D. Spencer for Mortgage		15-0 00
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E. R. MCGREGOR, *Treasurer.*

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
W. C. T. U.
PROVINCIAL REFUGE HOME

I. This institution shall be known as the W.C.T.U. Refuge Home.

II. The object of the W.C.T.U. Refuge Home shall be to afford shelter for friendless women, or women desiring to forsake a life of shame, to provide for them while inmates of the Home suitable employment, as well as the ministration of the Gospel, and on leaving the Home to put them in the way of securing an honest livelihood.

III. The management of the Home shall be vested in a committee of twelve ladies, nominated by the Provincial Superintendent of Social Purity, and elected at the annual meeting of the Provincial W.C.T.U. [notice of whose election shall be forthwith forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Managers]. The same to be known as the Board of Managers of the W.C.T.U. Provincial Refuge Home. The Provincial Superintendent of Social Purity to be a member, *ex-officio*, of the Board of Managers.

IV. The Board of Managers of the W. C. T. U. Provincial Refuge Home shall have power to appoint an advisory committee, consisting of the resident pastors of all the evangelical churches in the city, and six laymen elected by the Board of Managers, [these last to be total abstiners].

V. The Board of Management shall hold stated meetings at least once a month.

VI. The annual meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held during the third week in the month of August in each year, at which time full and accurate reports shall be presented of the work

and proceedings of the previous twelve months, and the same forwarded by the Secretary to the annual meeting of the Provincial W.C.T.U.

VII. At the regular meeting next following the annual meeting of the Provincial Executive, and up to which time all officers and committees shall hold office and be responsible for the discharge of their duties, the Board of Managers shall elect the officers for the ensuing year, the same to consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. At the same meeting, and thereafter at every monthly meeting of the Board, the Managers shall also elect from their own number a committee of three ladies, to be known as the "Committee of Management." Such committee, subject to the rules and by-laws enacted by the Board, shall have charge of the internal management of the Home, determine, according to the spirit of this constitution, the persons to be admitted, and at each monthly meeting present a report of the needs, the work, and the condition of the Home.

VIII. The Board of Management shall have power from time to time to make, vary, and alter by-laws and rules for the government of the Home, and for all matters and things relating to the management and conduct of affairs, provided always that the same be consistent with this constitution, and that one month's notice of any proposed alteration be given at a regular meeting of the Board.

IX. The Board of Management shall have power to fill vacancies in its own body that occur during the year, by the resignation, removal or death of any of its members.

X. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, excepting by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Provincial W.C.T.U.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Province of British Columbia, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by intemperance, believe that it has become our duty, under the Providence of God, to unite our efforts for its extinction.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, this 16th day of October, 1883, adopt the following as the objects of our Provincial Union, also the following Constitution and By-laws:—

OBJECTS OF THE PROVINCIAL UNION.

To unitedly array the Christian Women of the Province of British Columbia 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.

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To heartily co-operate with Temperance Societies in combatting 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.

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.



CONSTITUTION.
BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER
OF THE
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
(PROVINCIAL).

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of the Society are to educate public sentiment up to the standard of Total Abstinence, instil Temperance principles into the minds of the young, save the inebriate, and to engage in works of a charitable and philanthropic nature.

ARTICLE III.

The officers shall be a President, a corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and a Superintendent for each department of work. These general officers shall be elected by the members of the Convention at each annual meeting. The President of all Local Unions now or hereafter to become auxiliary to this Society, shall by virtue of their office, be Vice-Presidents to the Executive Board, and shall be entitled to a vote.

These general officers shall constitute an Executive Board to control and provide for the general interests of the work, with power to fill vacancies in its own body. The Superintendents of departments shall not be expected to sit with the Executive at the meeting where such Superintendents are nominated.

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ARTICLE IV.

The President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer may constitute a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of special or important business, except during the general meetings of the Society. They shall have power to call annual and special meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting of the Society shall consist of one delegate from each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every ten paying members, or fraction of ten, of half or over; and one delegate from Committee of Management of Provincial Refuge Home, to be elected by the Committee. Expenses of such delegate to be borne by Provincial Union.

ARTICLE VI.

Each Local Union contributing to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents per member quarterly, shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Union, and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Each auxiliary Union shall make to the Corresponding Secretary, yearly, a report as per blank form provided.

ARTICLE VIII.

A general meeting of the Society shall be held annually in the month of August, in such place as shall be appointed at the preceding annual meeting. At each of such annual meeting new officers shall be elected to fill the offices of President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendents of each department of work for the ensuing year. Such elections shall be by ballot, and retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE IX.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, due notice having been given the previous day.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW NUMBER I.

The President may call special meetings through the Recording Secretary when she may deem it necessary, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to that office.

BY-LAW NUMBER II.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and send to each auxiliary Union, not later than June 30th, a blank form for the report of that Auxiliary for the current year. From the information thus received she shall prepare her annual report.

BY-LAW NUMBER III.

The Recording Secretary shall be Secretary of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, and shall attend all the meetings of the Union and the Executive Committee, and shall keep a correct record of their proceedings. She shall call the roll of delegates at the annual meeting, and read all papers which may be ordered to be read. At the first session of each she shall read a synopsis of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting, and shall perform all other duties usually belonging to the office.

BY-LAW NUMBER IV

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all the receipts and disbursements of money, and to present a detailed report thereof at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and shall close the books a fortnight before the annual meeting.

REVISED RULES OF ORDER.

- I. Every session for business shall open and close with prayer.
- II. The order for business shall be as follows:
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2. Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Courtesy.
3. Roll call of Delegates.
4. Call for new Unions.
5. Address of Welcome to Delegates.
6. Response to Address of Welcome.
7. President's Annual Address.
8. Reading rules of order from the chair.
9. Appointment of committees on resolutions and special business.
10. Report of officers.
11. " " superintendents of departments.
12. " " Local Unions.
13. " " Standing committees—(a) finance, (b) plan of work, (c) declaration of principles.
14. Report of Committee on resolutions and special business.
15. Election of officers.
16. New Business.
17. Appointment of standing committees.

III. No member of this Convention shall absent herself from any session without leave from the President.

IV. No subject shall be discussed except upon motion, and no debatable motion shall be entertained until a written copy of it shall be placed upon the table.

V. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave from the convention.

VI. Any person about to speak shall rise, address the President, confine her remarks to the question and use courteous and Christian language.

VII. If any resolution or motion shall contain two or more parts, it shall be divided, upon the request of any member, and the vote taken upon each part separately.

VIII. The minutes of each day's proceedings shall be read the session following, except those of the last day, which shall be read immediately before adjournment.

IX. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep on file all the annual reports of Local Unions, and the business correspondence of the Convention; and the Recording Secretary shall keep six complete files of the Convention's minutes, all of which shall be held with the manuscript record book as the property of the Convention.

X. All reports offered to the Convention shall be written on legal cap paper, on one side of the leaves only.

XI. The names of the President and Corresponding Secretary of each Local Union residing within the limits of this Convention, with the post office address of each, shall be published annually in our minutes.

XII. All new Unions seeking admission to the Convention shall send to its annual session with their delegates, the records of their organization.

XIII. All committees, except as the Convention require, shall be nominated by the President, and confirmed by the Convention.

XIV. In all cases not provided for by these rules, the Convention shall be governed by the Parliamentary practices laid down in Roberts' Rules of Order.

XV. These Rules of Order may be amended at any annual meeting of this body, by two-thirds vote of the delegates present at the annual session.

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CONSTITUTION,

BY-LAWS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

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Woman's Christian Temperance Union

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ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be known as the WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF ———, AUXILIARY TO THE W.C.T.U. of THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Union shall be, to meet together for prayer and conference, to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young and save the inebriate.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of the Association by signing the pledge and constitution, and by payment of ——— per year into the treasury.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by the payment of the regular fee. Honorary members are entitled to all the privileges of members, except the vote and holding office.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICE.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, 1st Vice-President, and a Vice-President for each church (when practicable) a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.

The officers (excepting the Auditor), with the Superintendent of department, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—AUXILIARYSHIP

Each Local Union shall pay to the funds of Provincial Union a sum equal to six-and-a-quarter cents per member quarterly, this amount to be taken from the—membership fee.

ARTICLE VI.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of July each year, at which reports of all officers and superintendents shall be presented. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be published afterwards, if possible, in the daily newspapers.

At this meeting, officers, committees and superintendents shall be elected for the ensuing year, and such services held as shall tend to promote the objects of the Association.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.—President.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the organization, and supervise its general interests, and she may with any three members, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

Sec. 2.—Vice-Presidents.—It shall be the duty of the 1st Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President, while the Vice-President of each church shall endeavor to enlist women of their own church in the work.

Sec. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial 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 shall prepare the report for the annual meeting of the Local Union.

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Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Union, and to notify members and the public of its meetings.

Sec. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all membership dues, and devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Association. She shall receive and hold all money collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and if practicable, make a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. She shall forward the yearly fee to the Treasurer of the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be elected by ballot. Nomination shall be made either by informal ballot, or on motion of any member. If there be more than one person nominated for any office a ballot shall be taken, tellers having been appointed for that purpose. The one having a full majority of all the ballots cast shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE III.—DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

If the demands of the work justify it there shall be the following departments of work:—Juvenile Work, Temperance Literature, Influencing the Press, Evangelistic Work, Parlor Meetings, Heredity and Hygiene, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Kitchen, Garden, Flower Mission, Unfermented Wine, Inducing Physicians not to Prescribe Alcoholic Stimulants, Relation of Intemperance to Capital and Labor, Prison and Goal Work, Young Woman's Work, Work among Railroad Employees, Work among Soldiers, Work among Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners; Legislation Petitions and Franchise, Hospital, Fairs, and such other as the needs of the locality seem to call for and the Provincial Union recommends.

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting shall be largely a devotional meeting. Mass meetings shall be held as frequently as possible. The Executive and other committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE V.—QUORUM.

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.

ARTICLE VI.—EXPENSES OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

The expenses of general officers for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling expenses of delegates to annual Convention shall, when at all practicable, be borne by the Union sending those delegates.

ARTICLE VII.

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, providing due notice has been given the day previous. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Devotional exercises.

Reading minutes of last meeting.

Treasurer's report.

Unfinished business.

Reception of communications.

Report of committees.

Reading of Paper on temperance question.

Discussion.

Regular course of reading.

Discussion.

Miscellaneous business.

Adjournment.