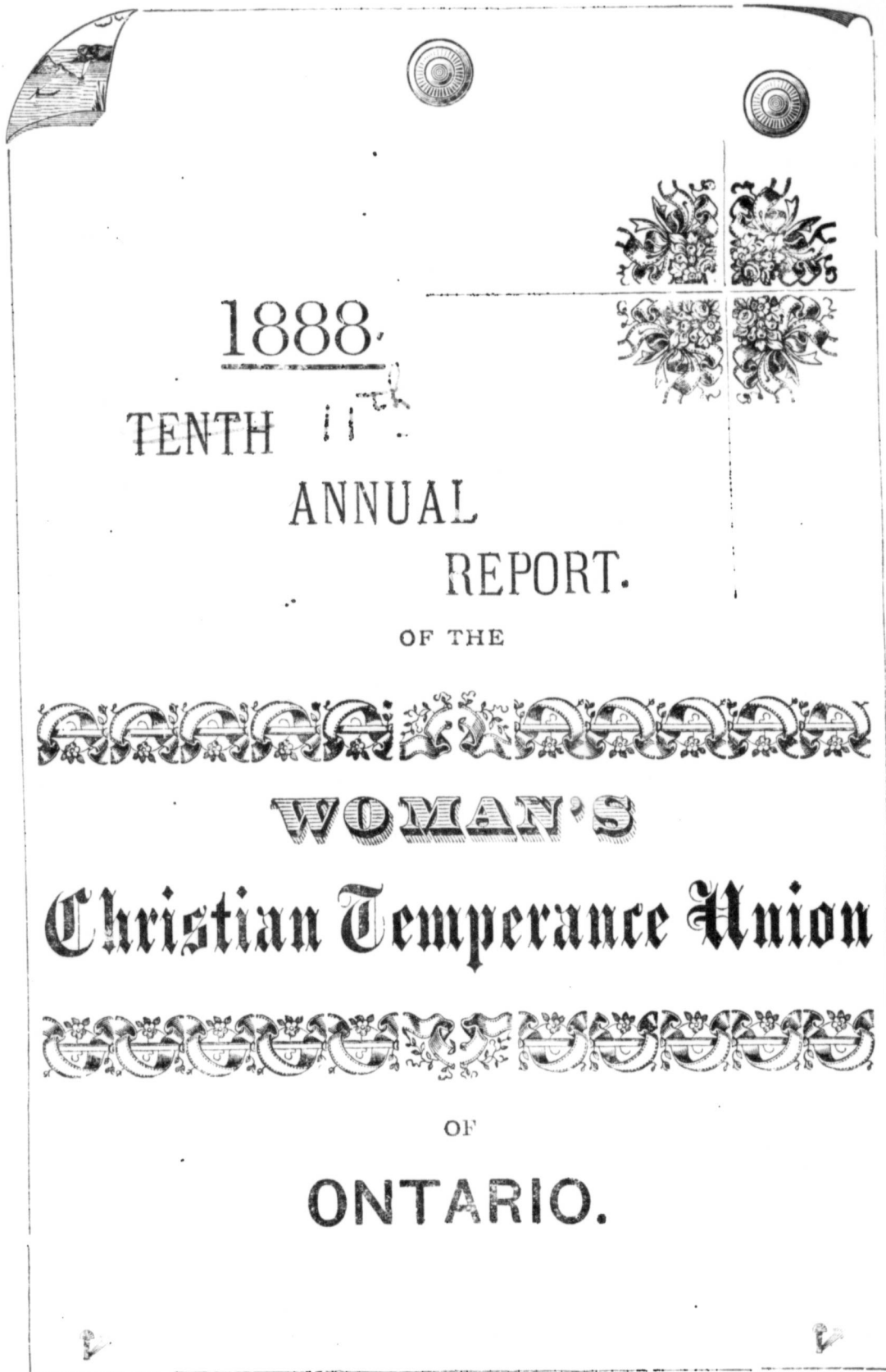


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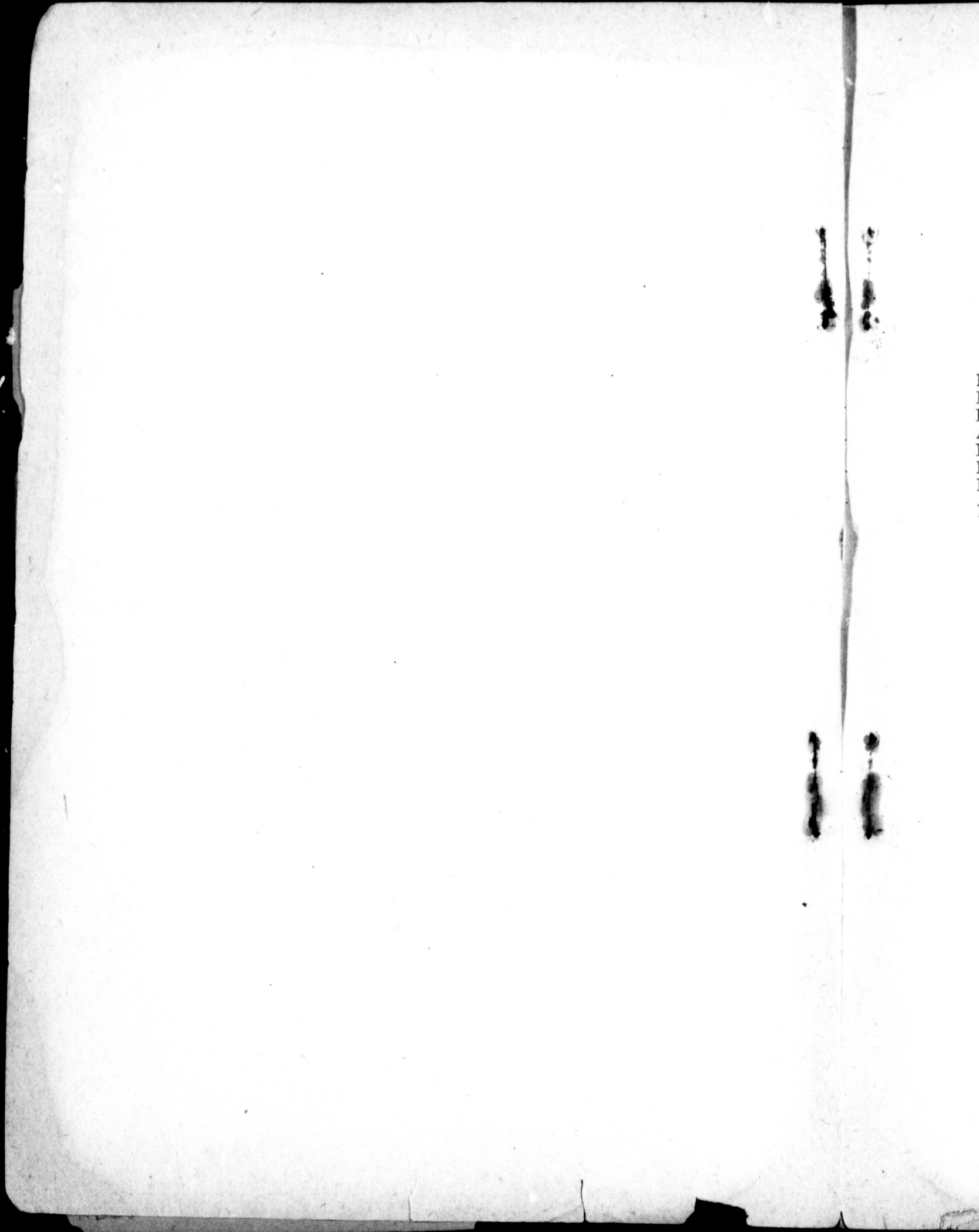
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Arthur	Mrs. Kilgour	Mrs. W. Peterkin.....
Rockwood	Mrs. C Pike	Miss Strachan.....
WATERLOO Co	Mrs. Wm. Graham, Galt....	
Galt	Mrs. Jas R. Cayers	Miss Cant.....
Berlin	Mrs. Roat	Mrs. Emma Dunke.....
Preston	Mrs. Cunningham.....	Miss M. Bennett.....
New Hamburg.....	Mrs. J. Kaercher	Miss R. A. Nash.....
Pine Grove	Mrs. A. M. Oliver, Branchton	Miss M. A. Harvie, Galt
Bloomington	Mrs. J. H. Shepherd	Miss R. A. Oberholtzer
Zion	Mrs. Jas Hunt, Preston....	Miss M. J. Brown, Preston
Oakwood	Mrs. A. Cant, Galt	Mrs. G. R. Barrie, Galt
YORK Co	Mrs. (Rev.) Fawcett, 103 Toronto	
Toronto Central	Mrs. (Dr.) Shaw, 57 Carlton St	Mrs. A. R. Carman, 244 Victoria St.
Toronto North	Mrs. Phillips, Avenue Place..	Miss E. McDonald, Oak- lands.
Toronto East No. 1...	Mrs. Vance, 630 Queen St. E	Mrs. Fox, 124 Leslie St.
Toronto East No. 2...	Mrs. Fudger, 119 Rose Ave..	Mrs. Hastings, '88 Oak Street.
Toronto West		Mrs. Meredith, cor Jame- son Ave. and Bloor St.
Bathurst (Toronto)..	Mrs. Wm. Carlisle, 179 Queen Street West	Mrs. Garbutt, 132 Bath- urst Street.
Willard (Toronto) ...	Mrs. Curzon, 41 Bellevue Ave	Mrs. Pease, 50 Major St
Parkdale	Mrs. Clement, 176 Dunn Ave	Mrs. Coxhead, 165 Close Avenue.
W. Toronto Junction	Mrs. D. W. Clendenan.....	Miss Marran.....
Newmarket	Mrs. McCracken	Mrs. H. Caue.....
Aurora	Mrs. Kline	Mrs. G. W. Johnston...
Richmond Hill	Mrs. (Dr.) Langstaff.....	Mrs. G. Tyndall.....
Malvern	Mrs. Pearson.....	Miss H. Thompson.....
Woodbridge	Mrs. (Rev.) Wilmot, Pine Grove	Miss Frances Jeffery...
Toronto District	Mrs. R. McDonald, 14 York Chambers, Toronto	Mrs. Troutman, 369 Spadina Ave.

Directory of Y. W. G. T. Unions.

Counties and Unions	Presidents	Cor Secretaries	Emblems and Mottoes
BRANT	Miss J. Lowes...	Miss Tutt.....	1 Cor. xvi, 13.....
Brantford	Miss M. Butchard	Miss K Thomas...	"Maple Leaf," Psalms cxxiv, 8
BRUCE	Miss Scott.....	Miss Cumming, Cumming's Bridge	"Pansy," 2 Cor. v, 14
Mildmay	Miss E. Barber...	Miss A. Pascoe ..	Ex. xv, 2.....
CARLETON	Miss R. B. Pettit	Miss E. Petit	
Ottawa.....	Miss L. J. Renton	Miss H. L. Cham	"Cedar & Fuchsia" Eph. vi, 7
ELGIN	Mrs. A. K. Bishop	Miss Kate Miller	"Easter Lily," Jer. xxiii, 6
Aylmer	Miss W Holden	Miss Higginbotham	"Chinese Primrose"
Alma College, St. Thomas.	Mrs. R. Henderson	Miss L Stewart ..	"Red and White Rose," John iv, 35; 1 Cor. iii, ix
FRONTENAC.....	Miss Martin	Miss Anderson ...	"Mignonette," James iv, 17
Kingston	Mrs. J. Fairbairn	Miss E. Giles	"Rose," Jer. xxxi. 16
GREY	Miss Hughson ...	Miss N. McRae...	"Heliotrope," Phil ii, 13
Owen Sound			"Lily of the Val- ley," Eph. vi, 11
HASTINGS			"White Geranium." "Through faith we conquer"
Belleville.....	Miss Davis.....	Miss F. Moore ...	"Defile not the Temple of God"
HURON.....	Miss M. Cogswell	Miss B. Cogswell	"Wood Violet," John ix, 4
Goderich			
LANARK			
Almonte			
Smith's Falls.....			
LEEDS			
Brockville			
LAMBTON			
Sarnia			
LENNOX			
Napanee			
MIDDLESEX.....			
London			
ONTARIO			
Demill College, Oshawa.			
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PRINCE EDWARD... Picton	Miss Anning.....	Miss N. Hart	"Sweet Pea." "In His Name"
RENFREW	Miss M. G. Millar	Miss E. Grant.....	"Scarlet Gerani um," 1 Cor. x, 31
Pembroke			
SIMCOE	Miss A. Myers...	Miss L. Scott	"Narcissus," John xv, 5
Barrie			
WATERLOO	Miss H. Cant....	Miss P. Rayfield..	"Wild Daisy." " "The battle is the Lord's; be of good Courage"
Galt			
Hespeler	Miss Jennie Rife	Mrs. Chappel	"White Lilac," 1 Thess. v, 22
WELLAND	Miss Millar.....	Miss Dougan	"Marguerite," Neh. iv, 20
Thorold			
WELLINGTON	Miss Moore.....	Miss C. Moore ...	"Snowdrop"
Guelph.....			
WENTWORTH	Miss Moore.....	Miss C. Moore ...	'Azalia,' Rev.ii,10
Hamilton.....			
YORK	Miss Ida Griffin...	Miss M. Cowan,77 Melbourne Ave	'Chrysanthemum,' Ex. xxxiii, 14
Parkdale			
Toronto Central...	Miss Tilly,78 John Street.	Miss Finch, 70 Gerrard St	"Water Lily," Gal. vi, ix
Toronto East.....	Miss Carrie Amb- rose, Leslieville.	Miss Nellie Hagey, 109 Degrassie St	"Camelia," Prov. iii, 6

Officers and Delegates Present

AT ANNUAL MEETING, SARNIA, OCTOBER, 1888.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

Mrs. Chisholm	Ottawa	Mrs. P. Rutherford.....	Brantford
Mrs. M. Wiley.....	Richmond Hill	Mrs. Brethour.....	Thorold

DELEGATES.

Miss E. Curdie.....	Almonte	Mrs. Symington.....	Napanee
Mrs. Cline	Aurora	Mrs. Kent	Norwich
Mrs. H. Hill.....	Aylmer	Mrs. Cay	Norwich
Miss Pascoe	Aylmer	Mrs. Caton	Oil City
Miss E. A. Gould.....	Belleville	Mrs. Redman	Oil City
Mrs. Holden.....	Belleville	Miss Hamilton.....	Oil City
Mrs. (Judge) Jones..	Brantford	Mrs. Young	Ottawa
Mrs. McGregor.....	Brantford	Miss Thompson.....	Ottawa
Mr. U. E. Mann.....	Brantford	Miss Scott	Ottawa
Mrs. J. B. Weaver.....	Berlin	Mrs. E. O'Dell	Orono
Miss R. Weaver	Berlin	Mrs. W. McCraney	Oakville
Miss Windruno	Beachville	Mrs. D. McCraney.....	Oakville
Mrs. Lafferty	Chatham	Mrs. G. D. Platt.....	Picton
Mrs. Brisbane	Essex Centre	Mrs. Fraser.....	Pine Grove
Mrs. Broley.....	Fergus	Mrs. Oliver.....	Pine Grove
Mrs. J. R. Cavers	Galt	Mrs. Geo. Paton	Peterboro'
Mrs. Williams.....	Galt	Mrs. Coates.....	Prescott
Mrs. Graham	Galt	Mrs. Hitchcox	Paris
Miss Whiting	Galt	Mrs. Hunter.....	Pembroke
Miss Cant.....	Galt	Mrs. Dunlap.....	Pembroke
Miss A. Cant	Galt	Mrs. Clement.....	Parkdale
Mrs. Naftel.....	Goderich	Miss Kate Miller.....	Owen Sound
Mrs. Leach	Goderich	Miss Wiley.....	Richmond Hill
Mrs. D. C. Cowan	Gananoque	Mrs. J. H. Sanderson...	Richmond Hill
Mrs. J. C. Budd	Guelph	Mrs. Keefer.....	Richmond Hill
Mrs. G. Skinner	Guelph	Miss Eddy	Renfrew
Mrs. Boulton.....	Guelph	Mrs. Burdette.....	Ridgetown
Mrs. Green	Ingersoll	Miss A. Tweedale.....	Ridgetown
Mrs. Kerr	Kerrwood	Mrs. Roiston.....	Shelbourne
Miss Miller.....	Kerwood	Mrs. M. D. Smith.....	Seaforth
Mrs. Irvine	London	Mrs. W. Marshall.....	Stratford
Miss Slight	London	Mrs. Carruthers	Strathroy
Mrs. Robertson	London	Mrs. Houston.....	Sarnia

OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

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Mrs. Abraham.....	Sarnia	Mrs. F. S. Spence	Toronto
Mrs. Lawrence	Sarnia	Mrs. Jacob Spence	Toronto
Mrs. McAlpine	Sarnia	Mrs. Shortreed.....	Toronto
Mrs. M. J. Clark ..	Sarnia	Mrs. D. Savage	Tilsonburg
Miss Moscript.....	St. Mary's	Mrs. Munro	Thorold
Mrs. Farley	St. Thomas	Mrs. McFarlane	Thorold
Mrs. Edward.....	St. Thomas	Mrs. Chant.....	Tupperville
Miss Phelps	St. Catharines	Mrs. Perry	Tupperville
Mrs. Richards	Tara	Mrs. Bascomb	Uxbridge
Miss Skinner	Toronto	Mrs. Hilborn.....	Uxbridge
Mrs. (Dr.) Shaw	Toronto	Mrs. Dickenson.....	Woodstock
Mrs. McDonnell	Toronto	Miss Syer.....	Wyoming
Miss Cook.....	Toronto	Mrs. White	Wyoming
Miss Tilley	Toronto	Mrs. Cowan.....	Wyoming
Mrs. Keefer.....	Toronto	Mrs. Smith	Wingham
Mrs. Fawcett	Toronto	Mrs. Ritchie.....	Wingham
Mrs. Jarman.....	Toronto	Mrs. McKay	Walkerton
Mrs. Troutman	Toronto	Mrs. Cook.....	Wallacetown

FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

Miss Mildred Major.....New Westminster, B. C.

OFFICERS, 1888-9.

- President,*
- MRS. P. C. BRETHOUR.....Thorold
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- Vice-President,*
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- Corresponding Secretary,*
- MRS. M. WILEY.....Richmond Hill
- Recording Secretary,*
- MRS. A. O. RUTHERFORD.....Brantford
- Treasurer,*
- MRS. J. CAVERS.....Galt

MINUTES
— OF THE —
ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
— OF THE —
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
OF ONTARIO.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

SARNIA, OCT. 9th, 1888.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, convened in Victoria Hall, Sarnia, Oct. 9th, 1888.

Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Addie Chisholm, who conducted the responsive devotional exercises, assisted by Miss Tilley, Toronto, and Mrs. Hitchcox, Paris.

The Recording Secretary then called the roll of officers and members, when the following responded: President, Mrs. Addie Chisholm; Recording Secretary, Mrs. P. Rutherford; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. Wiley; Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Brethour. Superintendents of Departments: Mrs. J. Symington, Napanee; Mrs. W. Marshall, Stratford; Mrs. J. R. Cavers, Galt; Mrs. Shortreed, Toronto; Mrs. Jarman, Toronto; Miss Scott, Ottawa. County Superintendents: Mrs. T. Richards, Tara; Mrs. Thos. Coates, Prescott; Mrs. Leach, Goderich; Mrs. Abraham, Sarnia; Mrs. D. Cowan, Gananoque; Mrs. (Dr.) Bascomb, Uxbridge; Mrs. W. A. Hunter, Pembroke; Mrs. W. Graham, Galt; Mrs. J. C. Budd, Guelph; Mrs. Fawcett, Toronto.

Moved by Mrs. Jarman, seconded by Mrs. Fawcett, that we send greetings to the British Columbia W. C. T. U., now in session in Victoria. The Cor. Sec'y to prepare the message.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Brethour, that loving greetings and sympathy be sent to Mrs. Letitia Youmans. The Cor. Sec'y and Mrs. Shaw to prepare the message.—Carried.

The Rec. Sec'y then read minutes of the Executive Meeting held last evening which, on motion, were adopted.

As it was Twelve O'clock, according to our usual custom all heads were bowed in silent prayer, followed by Mrs. Shaw leading audibly. The session then closed.

FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M.—Mrs. Cowan, of Gananoque, conducted Devotional Exercises, being assisted by Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Budd and Mrs. Graham.

At 2.30 the President took the chair.

Minutes of the forenoon session were then read and adopted.

The President then introduced five young girls as "Pages" for the Convention.

The Recording Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Cunningham, President of British Columbia W. C. T. U., introducing Miss Mildred Major, of New Westminster as fraternal delegate.

Miss Major then being introduced by the President, the convention standing received her and were pleased to hear her greetings.

The Cor. Sec'y then read her report which on motion was adopted.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Brethour read her financial statement for the year, and on motion it was adopted.

The report of Bruce Co., was then read by Mrs. Richards, Co. President and was adopted.

Miss Phelps then gave her report as organizer which was adopted.

Reports were then read from counties of Huron, N. Ontario, Wellington and York, by Mrs. Leach, of Goderich, Mrs. Bascom, of Uxbridge, Mrs. Budd, of Guelph, and Mrs. Fawcett, of Toronto, all of which on motion were adopted.

After singing one verse of "Rock of Ages," Mrs. Fawcett took the chair while the President gave her annual address.

On motion of Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Cavers a vote of thanks was tendered the President for her able address, and the suggestions therein contained were referred to the committee on "Plans of Work."

The absolute silence that reigned when Convention understood by her address that she who had been our beloved leader for six years was about to retire, was a more fitting tribute than rounds of applause, expressing, as it did, the love and sorrow of all present. The silence was only broken when Mrs. Chisholm

requested Convention to sing "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

A telegram was read from Mrs. S. Ward, Secretary of the Bathurst Street Union, Toronto, conveying greetings.—"Col. 2-5." On motion the Cor. Sec'y was instructed to reply to same.

On motion of Miss Phelps, the question of Sabbath Observance on the Welland Canal, was referred to the Resolution Com.

Mrs. Thos. Coates, Prescott, presented the report for Grenville Co.; also Mrs. Hunter, Pembroke, for Renfrew Co., both of which were adopted.

Mrs. Richard Colten, of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the original Crusaders, was introduced, and received by the Convention standing. Her short address was listened to with much attention.

After singing a versè the session closed.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Oct. 10th, 1888.

10.30 A. M.—Devotional Exercises were conducted by Mrs. Jarman, assisted by Mrs. Fawcett and Mrs. Judge Jones.

11 A. M.—The President took the chair.

The Recording Secretary read a Telegram from the British Columbia W. C. T. U., conveying greetings.

The President introduced the Rev. Mr. Cullen, Methodist Minister of Sarnia, also Mr. Doutney.

The minutes of previous session were then read by the Rec. Sec'y and approved.

Reports of Superintendents of Departments were then taken up in the following order:

Unfermented Wine at Communion,	Mrs. J. Cavers, Galt.
Work among Sailors,	Mrs. D. Morrison, Owen Sound.
Scientific Temperance Instruction,	Mrs. J. Symington, Napanee.

It being after the hour for closing, it was moved we adjourn and resume the report of Scientific Temperance instruction first thing in the afternoon.

The morning Session closed with Doxology and Silent Prayer.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M.—A most impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Fawcett, assisted by Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Wiley, Mrs. Brethour, Mrs. Rutherford and Convention in unison. The very impressive responsive service, "He Giveth His beloved Sleep" by Mrs. S. M. J. Henry being used.

The Rec. Sec'y read the following list of names of those who had "gone home" since last convention.

Mrs. James Johnson, Ottawa; Mrs. Hugh Ross, Ottawa; Miss Louise Bailey, Toronto Central "Y"; Mrs. Bone, Gananoque; Mrs. Pemberton, Uxbridge; Mrs. (Rev.) A. C. Baker, Sarnia; Miss Adams, Goderich "Y"; Mrs. Alex. Coote, Oakville; Mrs. Aherm, Ottawa "Y"; Miss Clara Russell, Ottawa "Y"; Miss Jennie Shearer, Ottawa "Y"; Mrs. James Coates, Prescott; Mrs. Nash, Tara; Mrs. Odlum, (Missionary to Japan) Pembroke; Mrs. McAdam, Strathroy.

2.45.—The President took the chair.

The Rec. Sec'y read the minutes of morning session which were approved.

The report of "Scientific Tem. Ins.", was resumed. Considerable information was elicited on this most important Dept. of our work and the following was carried

Moved by Mrs. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Coates, that the Supt. of this Dept. be requested to gather information as to the number of schools in which this subject has formed part of the school curriculum according to the regulations issued by the Ed. Dept. and forward the same to the Minister of Education. Also representing to him the difficulties presented by not having graded text-books and Departmental Examinations.

Reports of Departments were then continued.

Temperance Literature,	Mrs. Alexander, Ottawa.
The Press,	Miss Jennie Harrison, Georgetown.
Evangelistic,	Mrs. W. Marshall, Stratford.
Work among Lumbermen,	Mrs. Shortreed, Toronto.
Provincial & County Fairs,	Mrs. H. Cane, Newmarket.
Prison and Police,	Miss Inkster, Kingston.
Legislation, Franchise and Petitions,	Mrs. Rockwell, Kingston.
Hygiene and Heredity,	Mrs. Anderson, Burlington.
Railroad Work,	Mrs. Jarman, Toronto.
Work among Soldiers,	Mrs. Greenhill, Prescott.

On motion of Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. Coates, the reports were adopted as printed subject to necessary additions.

As the reports from Toronto District Union had failed to reach the various Superintendents it was moved by Mrs. Brethour, seconded by Mrs. Cavers and carried, that the report of the District Union be read. It was then given by the Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Troutman and formed a valuable addition to the reports.

previously heard.

The President introduced Mrs. Rice, President of the Fifth Ward Union, Port Huron.

At half-past five the session closed.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Oct. 11, 1888.

9:15.—Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. D. L. Brethour.

10 a. m.—The President took the chair and the Recording-Secretary read the minutes of previous session, which were approved.

The following telegram was read by the Recording-Secretary.—

TORONTO, Oct. 10.

‘We would offer ourselves to you for temperance evangelistic work among your unions.’

WHITE & IRISH,
Temperance Evangelists.

On motion, it was referred to the Executive Committee. Also one from Miss S. Bowes :—

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 11, 1888.

To Mrs. Addie Chisholm,
W. C. T. U. Convention,—
“Accept love and greetings, Luke XII, 32v.”

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was instructed to send a reply.

Mrs. Wiley, for the Credential Committee, reported 107 delegates and members present.

Reports of Superintendents of Departments with Question Box, were then taken up.

“Young Women’s Work,” by Miss Scott, Ottawa.

On a motion the vexed question of allowing young ladies who change their names to retain membership with the “Y’s” was settled by allowing them to do so as long as they wished.

“Sabbath School Work,” in the absence of Miss Ovens, was taken up by Mrs. Cavers. The following resolution was carried :—

Whereas, As the last Sunday of each quarter, in connection with Sunday school work, is set aside for Review, Missions or Temperance, and, Whereas the two first-mentioned are considered so important that the last is very often entirely overlooked.

Resolved, That this Convention suggest to the International Sunday School Lesson Committee the advisability of having the first Sunday of each quarter devoted to a lesson on temperance.

“Juvenile Work,” Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Hamilton.

"Flower Mission," Miss Eloise Smith, Ottawa.

"Kitchen Garden." Under this department a suggestion was referred to the "Plan of Work Committee" to change the name to "Domestic Kindergarten."

Just here the following telegram was received and read :--

TORONTO, Oct. 11.

DEAR SISTERS,—

Pray for me. See Philippians, first chapter; eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh verses.

L. YOUMANS.

The President called on Mrs. Judge Jones, who led the Convention in earnest prayer, on behalf of our suffering sister.

"Conference With Influential Bodies," Mrs. Wiley.

"Woman's Journal." Under this department the following motions were carried :—

"That the delegates take the matter home to our Unions and ask them, as a duty to the Temperance cause, to encourage them as much as possible by taking the "Citizen" as well as the "Journal." Also that Miss Scott, Ottawa, Mrs. Young, Ottawa, and Mrs. Fawcett, Toronto, be a Special Standing Committee on the "Journal." The following committee was also appointed on the "Canada Citizen," as to ways of assisting to increase the circulation:

MISS SKINNER, Toronto, MRS. BASCOM,
Uxbridge, and MRS. McCRAVEY, Oakville.

The noon-tide silent prayer was observed, and the session closed by singing the Doxology.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

1.30—A Bible reading was given by Rev. W. W. Carson, of the Dominion Church, Ottawa, from Psalms XXVII; first six verses.

At half-past two the President took the chair.

The Recording-Secretary read minutes of previous session, which were approved.

Mrs. Wiley read the following letters, in recognition of the address sent our Most Gracious Queen last year, which were received by Convention standing:

"BALMORAL, Nov. 10, 1887.
"Sir Henry Ponsonby presents his compliments to Mrs. Wiley, and begs leave to inform her that he has handed the address of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union to the Secretary of State, who will lay it before the Queen."

"OTTAWA, Dec. 7, 1887.
"MADAM,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor-General to inform you that he has received a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, stating that the address from the 5,000 women of the Ontario

Women's Christian Temperance Union has been laid at The Foot of The Throne, and requesting that an expression of Her Majesty's thanks may be conveyed, through you, to the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, for their loyal congratulations and good wishes.

I have the honor to be Madam, your obedient servant,
 HENRY STREATFIELD, Captain,
 Governor-General's Secretary.

The Corresponding-Secretary also read a letter of greetings from the Maritime Union.

Mrs. Frane Cook presented her report, as Provincial Organizer, which was accepted. The Recording-Secretary read the following telegram:—

“Trenton Union sends affectionate and Christian greetings. Joshua 1 chap.; 9th verse.

MRS. AUSTIN,
 President.

Preparatory to the election of officers the Recording-Secretary called the roll of officers, members and delegates. One hundred and one responding. After which, as is our usual custom,

Convention spent a few minutes in silent prayer, followed by Mrs. Jarman leading audibly.

The President appointed Mrs. Cavers, Miss Scott, Miss Skinner and Miss Thompson, “tellers,” the secretaries acting as scrutineers.

The result of the informal ballot for President put three candidates in the field, Mrs. D. L. Brethour, Mrs. P. Rutherford and Miss Tilley.

It was moved by Mrs. Rutherford, seconded by Miss Tilley, That Mrs. Brethour be elected unanimously --Carried.

The Recording Secretary then cast the formal ballot for Mrs. Brethour.

The retiring President, Mrs. Chisholm, in the following words, introduced Mrs. Brethour.—

“Allow me to introduce to you your new President. I have known this dear sister for many years, and each year has but added to the respect and to the love which I have cherished for her. She has served you faithfully and well in the past, as Treasurer, and I know she will serve you as faithfully and as well in this new position. Again I ask you to stand by her, and to work bravely and loyally with her in all the work undertaken by the Ontario Union. I leave you in her hands, and I leave her in your hands with a feeling of perfect safety and content, knowing that the work will surely prosper.”

The informal ballot for Vice-President placed Mrs. Jarman, Miss Tilley, Mrs. Tilton and Mrs. Fawcett in nomination before the Convention. On the fourth ballot Mrs. Fawcett was declared elected

Mrs. P. Rutherford, Recording-Secretary; Mrs. M. Wiley, Corresponding-Secretary; Mrs. J. R. Cavers, Treasurer; were elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Chisholm, our retiring President, was made a life-member of the Executive, and feeling that a vote of thanks could not express the feeling of the Convention, Mrs. Jacob Spence and Mrs. Wiley were appointed to prepare a short address.

The Session then closed.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONTARIO W. C. T. U.
FOURTH DAY--MORNING SESSION.

9:30 a. m.—Mrs. Budd, Guelph, conducted the devotional exercises.
10 a. m.—Mrs. Chisholm took the chair.

The programme was altered by the consent of Convention, and the question of Provincial Headquarters was introduced by Miss Skinner, Toronto. After a lengthy and full discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Abraham, Sarnia, seconded by Mrs. McDonnell, Toronto, That as the Provincial Union is not in a position financially to support headquarters, the matter be dropped.—Carried.
Mrs. Brethour took the chair, and Mrs. Chisholm read the following Convention Letter to the Sarnia Union, which was adopted by a standing vote of the Convention.

"DEAR FRIENDS,—Before we go out from this beautiful town of Sarnia, and before we say good-bye to those who have so hospitably entertained us during this "Eleventh Annual Session of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union," we desire to convey to you some expression of our gratitude and of our great enjoyment of your hospitality and courtesies.
To the many friends who are not members of the Sarnia W. C. T. U., but who have "received us gladly" into their homes and given us the welcome of friends, we extend our heartiest thanks and our grateful remembrance.

Dear Mrs. Hoster, President, and sisters of the W. C. T. U., who have so carefully and successfully planned for our comfort and for our enjoyment, who have made your homes to be our homes, and although a small band have yet cheerfully made great sacrifices that we might have a happy week—to you our hearts turn at this hour with a new gratitude and a new love.
To the Reception Committee who met us on our arrival, who watched day and night at train and boat for belated delegates; to the Entertainment Committee who placed us in such delightful homes; to the Decoration Committee which has made the platform of this hall attractive and beautiful; to the Committee who served to us such a bountiful repast on Tuesday evening, a feast at which kings and queens might be proud to sit; to the pastor and trustees of the Baptist and Methodist Churches to which we have been so heartily welcomed; to the little girl pages whose willing feet have done our bidding all through these days; to the Choirs of the different Churches who have assisted us by carrying parcels and valises to and fro; to one and all we say: hand to "start the tunes" in our daily services; the Press for notices and commendations both before and since our arrival; to the little boys who so kindly assisted us by carrying parcels and valises to and fro; to one and all we say: We brought you only ourselves and our work; we carry away that which will enrich our whole lives. We leave you much of our hearts, and some time, God blessing our efforts, we will send you entire Prohibition of the liquor traffic."

Signed } The Ontario W. C. T. U. in Convention assembled.

Mrs. Coates, Convener, reported for the Resolution Committee.
The Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following reports:—

1st. Whereas the Provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union in its Eleventh Annual Convention assembled, That we acknowledge our gratitude to God, another year has rolled away, we once more clasp hands and look into

each others faces, we have again left our homes to hold counsel together, to encourage each other in the various branches of our work, and that we continue to look to God for strength and guidance. We deeply appreciate the untiring zeal, and the helpfulness of our Provincial officers during the past year; and extend to them our sincere thanks for their faithful services,

2nd. Resolved that we place on record our Tribute, of love, honor and esteem, to our beloved President now retiring from office. The past year's heroic service of our noble, true-hearted and gifted President we have no words to adequately express our appreciation.

Every Union knows what a tower of strength she has been to our work, and how the hearts of her co-workers have trusted in her

She has aided us most-efficiently by her gifted pen, when such influence was needed to win the support in favor of those in places of authority, and ably presented to them the work and aims of the W. C. T. U. Ever vigilant, wise, prudent, prayerful, she has done done for Ontario a work that will only be known in eternity. May the Lord abundantly bless and sustain her, is the most earnest prayer of the Convention.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

3rd. Resolved, That the tendencies of our times, to ignore the sanctity of the Sabbath and to deprive man of his God-given day of rest, and, as the Sabbath lies at the very foundation of all morality and religion, resolved that we depreciate the opening of the Welland Canal for traffic, and all running of excursions on the Lord's Day,

And that we do all in our power to guard against any encroachments on our Sabbath, and that ministers be requested to speak on this subject from their pulpits.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

4th. Resolved, Believing that the use of alcoholic wine, at the Communion, furnishes a moral support to the liquor traffic; and is a stumbling-block in the way of many, and not in accordance to Divine teaching, can we pray lead us not into temptation, and still leave the temptation in the way of our weaker brother; that we earnestly recommend prayerful and judicious effort to secure the use of unfermented wine at the table of the Lord.

PROHIBITION.

5. Resolved, It is with feelings of extreme regret, that the Convention learn that Lieut. Governor Royal has determined to issue permits in the North West Territories for the sale of beer, it is the duty of this organization to protest most strongly against this action of the Lieut. Governor, and to use its utmost influence, to retain and enforce the present prohibitory law in these west territories, peopled, as they are, by hundreds of our sons and brothers, and by thousands of the half civilized wards of the nation.

FRANCHISE

6. Being persuaded that the way out of the captivity of drinks is close by the side of womens ballot box, and that his chosen leaders will be found along among those who are prepared to place the question of pure morals and peaceful homes above the country's revenue, be it resolved, that this Convention continue to work until women receive equal rights of citizenship with their brother men." In addition we would recommend the following:—Recognising the fact that many of our women from a false sense of delicacy are unwilling to accept the ballot, we, as a Convention must combat this false sentiment. While we mourn

for the thousands slain we will in view of those now being offered, accept as a sacred obligation what we would not covet as a privilege.

7th. Resolved, That we use more earnest effort among the children. We feel we ought to redouble our effort and seize every opportunity for their safety and feeling that the star of Bethlehem stands over the school house, every year some are passing beyond our reach; others are taking their places. We pray God may greatly bless our efforts and increase our zeal in trying to protect our children and our homes from this giant evil—the Liquor Traffic.

Moved by Messrs. Coates, seconded by Messrs. Keefer, That they be adopted.

Moved, in amendment, That the resolutions be referred back to the Committee to add one in regard to the attitude of the Dominion Alliance and Prohibition Convention held in Montreal last winter.—Carried.

The Recording-Secretary then read minutes of two executive meetings held. On motion they were adopted.

Mrs. Spence and Mrs. Wiley, the Special Committee appointed yesterday, reported they were prepared with the address.

The Convention rose to receive it.

DEAR MRS. CHISHOLM,—

SARNIA, Oct. 12th, 1888

In attempting to pen words of farewell to you, our much beloved President, the thoughts that surge through our hearts fail to resolve themselves into expression that will fitly convey to you all we feel in this, to us, sad moment when we realize that you will no longer go in and out among us as our leader.

Therefore, our words must be few—but we cannot let you go without saying that you have been to us a bright and noble example of patient, untiring energy in the cause you love and we love, and that to the influence and power of that energy we attribute (under God) the important position we hold to-day. Six years of such faithful, unremitting labor as you have given to our beloved work, six years of wise and thoughtful guidance, six years of the example of your pure and holy life have endeared you to us by ties that cannot be severed—your name is and will be, a household word among us and your remembrance enshrined in six thousand loving hearts—and this is your reward next to "His favor which is better than life."

May the blessing that "maketh rich and addeth no sorrow" ever be yours—pray always on behalf of this Convention.

Yours Lovingly,

E. S. SPENCE,

MARY WILEY,

Committee appointed by Convention.

RESPONSE.

MRS. SPENCE, MRS. WILEY and DEAR SISTERS OF THE CONVENTION,—

I thank you for your loving words of appreciation, even though I know I do not merit half of them.

During all these years I have received nothing but kindness at your hands, nothing but the most generous forbearance and co operation in the work. Even when my plans ran counter to your own you have been ever ready to renounce the one and embrace the other. A nobler, grander, more unselfish band

of women never lived. My heart turns to you at this hour with a new, and, if possible, an increased interest, and it is because I love you so much and because I know that I could not serve you during the coming year as I have tried to do in the past, that I have asked you to relieve me from the duties and responsibilities of President of the Ontario W. C. T. Union. Again let me thank you for all that you have been to me in the past and for all that you are to me in this hour.

The Lord bless you and keep you and cause His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

A communication from W. W. Buchanan, Dominion Councillor of the Royal Templars, conveying greetings, was read by the Recording-Secretary.

The Corresponding-Secretary read the following letter from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church :—

455 Ontario Street, Toronto, Oct. 4th, 1888.

DEAR MADAM,—

I have to apologize for delay in answering your kind letter of invitation addressed to the ladies of our society in May last, but trust this note may not be too late for your meeting. Our Board regrets that we shall not be able to send a representative to the annual meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, having decided at our June meeting to confine our interchange of greetings to missionary societies only, on account of the very limited time at our disposal for this purpose.

At the same time the Board desires me to assure you of our sympathy in the objects of your work and our hope that your society may be the means in God's hands, of accomplishing great things for His honor and glory and for the up-building of His Kingdom upon earth.

For all the signal marks of Divine favor bestowed upon you as a society in the past we give thanks and rejoice with you in the fruit of your earnest Christian labors and prayers.

I am, very sincerely, yours,
(MRS.) A. F. ROBINSON,
Recording-Secretary,

Board of Management of the W. F. M. S. of the Presbyterian Church.

After silent prayer Convention joined in singing, and the Session closed.

FOURTH DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P. M.—Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Marshall, of Stratford.

2 30. Mrs. Coates took the chair and the Question Drawer was opened.

3 30. Mrs. Chisholm took the chair, Mrs. Coates presented the Additional Resolution, that we heartily endorse the action taken by the Dom. Alliance at the late Montreal Convention and pledge ourselves to render all the assistance that it is possible for us to do. That we also express our sympathy and appreciate the christian courage and fortitude of our Brothers and Co-workers in this temperance movement.—Adopted.

On motion the resolutions were then adopted as a whole.

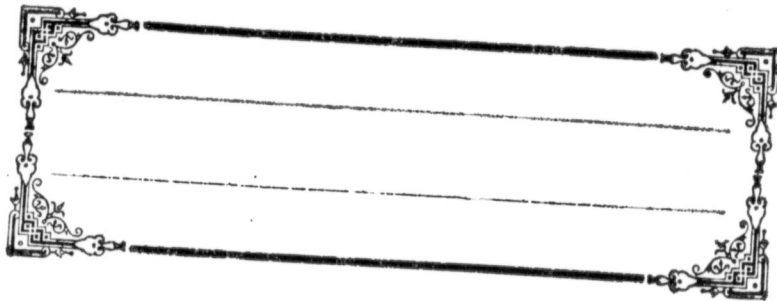
Report of Convention Finance Committee was then given by Mrs. Cavers, Treasurer.

On a motion the amount awarded to caretaker of the Hall was increased to Five dollars. The report was then adopted as amended.

On motion all unfinished business was left to the Executive.

The Convention joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds" &c, and Mrs. Chisholm closed it with prayer.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD, Recording Secretary.



Proceedings of Executive Committee.

TORONTO, Mar. 21st, 1888.

A meeting of the Sub. Com. of the Executive of the Ontario W. C. T. U., was held at the residence of Mrs. F. S. Spence.

The President, Mrs. Chisholm, opened the meeting with prayer.

The following resolution was read, which was passed by a meeting of the York Co. Executive and District Union.

Resolved, "In the opinion of this meeting that a building for head quarters for Provincial work to be located in Toronto is necessary and request Provincial Executive to consider the advisability of such, and if favorable issue circulars asking local Unions for their opinions as soon as possible. Final action to be deferred till Convention."

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. Wiley, that we consider the resolution.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Youmans, that the President and Corresponding Secretary prepare a circular to be sent to the local Unions.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Wiley, seconded by Mrs. Rutherford, that the Treasurer be instructed to issue forms for affiliation fees.—Carried.

It was decided not to send a delegate to the 'International Council of women' to be held in Washington, D. C.

The meeting then adjourned.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD, Recording Secretary.

SARNIA, Oct. 8th, 1888.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Ontario W. C. T. U., was held in the school room of the Baptist Church at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Chisholm, President, in the chair.

Twenty three members were present. The 91st Psalm was read by the President and Mrs. Fawcett led in prayer, remembering especially Mrs. Youmans, who is lying dangerously ill in Toronto.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The minutes of the Sub. Executive meeting held in Toronto March 21st were read by the Recording Secretary and adopted.

The programme of the Convention was taken under consideration.

Moved by Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by Miss Skinner, that the prize banner be presented by Mrs. Chisholm.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Wiley, seconded by Mrs. Leach, that the Presidents' address be given at the afternoon session Tuesday, instead of the morning.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by Mrs. Bascom, that the program be adopted with any necessary alterations deemed advisable.—Carried.

The following committees were then appointed:—

Credentials—Mrs. Wiley, Richmond Hill, and Mrs. Le Seuer, Sarnia.

Resolutions—All the County Presidents.

Finance.—Mrs. Brethour, Thorold, and Miss McGregor, Sarnia.

Courtesies of Convention.—Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Lawrence, Sarnia, Mrs. Bascom, Uxbridge.

Moved and seconded that the "Plan of work" be left to the Executive Committee.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, That a committee be formed to award the prize banner, consisting of Mrs. Fawcett, Toronto, Mrs. Wiley, Richmond Hill, Mrs. Synington, Napanee, and Mrs. Cowan, Gananoque.—Carried.

The meeting closed by singing the Doxology.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD, Recording Secretary.

WEDNESDAY, 1.30 p. m.

A meeting of the Executive was held in Victoria Hall. The President in the chair.

Miss Skinner, at the request of the meeting acted as Secretary.

The following resolution was presented from the Toronto District Union:—

TO THE EXECUTIVE OF THE W. C. T. U.—

The Toronto District Union assembled in annual session respectfully request the Provincial Executive to make such amendments in their constitution as will enable a number of Unions formed into a district inside a county to affiliate with the Provincial Union direct, and that to such District Union be accorded the same privileges as to an organized county.

T. TROUTMAN, Secretary.

THURSDAY, Oct. 11th, 1888.

The new Executive met at 5 p. m.

The Recording Secretary read the minutes of the last Executive which were adopted.

The following Superintendents of Departments were appointed:—

- Organization*—Mrs. Carrier, Richmond Hill.
- Scientific Temperance Instruction*.—Mrs. G. D. Platt, Picton.
- The Press*.—Miss Jennie Harrison, Georgetown.
- Unfermented Wine*.—Mrs. Hoiden, Belleville.
- Lumbermen*.—Mrs. Shortreed, 218 Jarvis St. Toronto.
- Provincial and County Fairs*.—Miss Slaght, London.
- Prison and Police*.—Miss Inkster, Kingston.
- Legislation*.—Mrs. Rockwell, Kingston.
- Railroad Work*—Mrs. Frank Frost, Smith's Falls.
- Hygiene and Heredity*—Mrs. (Dr.) Anderson.
- Work Among Soldiers*—Mrs. J. Greenhill, Prescott.
- Social Purity*—Mrs. Jarman, 49 Simcoe street, Toronto.
- Sabbath Observance*—Mrs. Curry, St. Catherines.
- Young Women's Work*—Miss Scott, 26 Albert street, Ottawa.
- Sunday School Work*—Miss Jennie Ovens, Galt.
- Juvenile Work*—Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Hamilton.
- Flower Mission*—Miss Eloise Smith, Ottawa.
- Kitchen Garden*—Miss Tilley, 78 John street, Toronto.
- Conference With Influential Bodies*—Mrs. Wiley, Richmond Hill.

The meeting then adjourned.

Friday, Oct. 12th, 9 a. m.

The Executive Committee met in the committee room.

The President, Mrs. Brethour, in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

In addition to the address to be presented to our retiring President, the sum of \$100 was voted as a slight testimonial.

Miss Skinner was nominated Assistant-Superintendent of "Young Women's Work to be a member of Executive for the year.

Moved by Mrs. Chisholm, seconded by Mrs. Marshall, That the Literature Department be placed under the supervision of the Corresponding-Secretary; and that the Corresponding-Secretary be allowed a salary of \$200 per year.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Cowan, seconded by Mrs. Leach, That our President, Mrs. Brethour be a delegate to the National W. C. T. U., to be held in New York.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Cavers, That Miss Phelps receive credentials as fraternal delegate to the National W. C. T. U.—Carried.

The Committee then adjourned.

Friday, Oct. 12th.

The Executive Committee met at 1:15 p. m.

Mrs. Chisholm in the chair.

The question of organization came up, and, on motion, it was decided that we have no Provincial Organizers this year, but leave the matter in the hands of the County Presidents.

Moved and seconded, That County Presidents be allowed \$5 for every union organized in her county, in addition to the \$5 already allowed them for expenses.—Carried.

Moved, seconded and carried, That no money be paid out for organizing till the Unions have affiliated.

Moved, seconded and carried, That in future the prize-banner be awarded on the basis of affiliated members.

A letter was read from Mr. Doutney, but no action taken.

On motion, Mrs. Wiley was appointed to prepare 1,500 annual reports, and to receive \$15 for her trouble.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Executive met at 4:30.

Friday, Oct. 12th.

Mrs. Chisholm in the chair.

The resolution that had been sent in by the Toronto District Union was brought up and ably presented by Mrs. Jacob Spence.

Moved by Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. Marshall, That, as the request embodied in the resolution could not be granted without an amendment to our constitution, and, as the constitution cannot be amended without a majority vote of the whole Convention; that the matter be laid over till the first meeting of the Executive next year.—Carried.

A letter from Mrs. Rockwell, in regard to the Department of Legislation and Franchise, was read. Moved by Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by Mrs. Rutherford, That the efforts of this department be confined to correspondence to influence members opposed to the extension of the franchise to women.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Wiley, seconded by Mrs. Cavers, That Mrs. McCammon, of Kingston, be a representative from this Union to the Provincial Sunday School Association.—Carried

The following were appointed delegates to the Alliance which meets in Toronto in January :—Mrs. Fawcett, Miss Tilley and Mrs. Wiley.

The meeting then adjourned with prayer

ANNIE RUTHERFORD,

Recording-Secretary.

Public Meetings.

TUESDAY EVENING

RECEPTION TO DELEGATES AND INVITED GUESTS.

At 6:30 an adjournment was made to the lecture hall of the Baptist Church where an elegant repast was laid. The table glittered with silver and crystal, and the air was sweet with the perfume of lovely flowers which were arranged in groups and clusters down the centre. The ladies of Sarnia, with hearty goodwill shining in their faces, waited on the table, and full justice was done to the eatables.

A public welcome was given in the church, which was full to the doors. Rev. R. Leitch, of Point Edward, occupied the chair, and on the platform were Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Wiley, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Shortreed, Mrs. Brethour, Mayor Symington and Mr. Thos. Houston. After the Chairman's address the Mayor welcomed the ladies on behalf of Sarnia, paying, at the same time, tribute to the energy, zeal and earnestness of the local union, whose work he admired. Mrs. Budd, Guelph, in her reply, spoke of woman's work being like that of the coral insects; silently, little by little it grows, until one day the sea meets a barrier that it cannot pass; so some day the coral reef of Prohibition will present a barrier strong and stout enough to defy every wave against it.

Mrs. Abraham, on behalf of the Sarnia Union, presented the following

Address of Welcome,

MRS. R. ABRAHAM, SARNIA.

MADAM PRESIDENT and DEAR SISTERS,—

One year ago it was my privilege to convey to you the invitation to hold the meeting of 1888 in this, our town of Sarnia, and to-night I deem it an honor to have been chosen, by the Sarnia Women's Christian Temperance Union, to express to you the glad and hearty welcome with which we greet you. All through the year, which has so swiftly glided by, we have been anticipating this meeting with pleasure, and with the hope that great good may attend and

results follow which will hasten the glad day for which we are all working ; the day when a law entirely prohibiting the importation, manufacture or sale of all alcoholic beverages shall be recorded on the statute books of our Dominion. We have been disheartened as we heard of the repeal of the Scott Act in county after county, but, again encouraged by the thought that a Higher Power is directing and controlling all things for His own glory, and that eventually the legalized liquor traffic *must* be suppressed, because it is *wrong*. We are proud to belong to the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and allied with those who are doing so much for the uplifting of humanity and the happiness of our fellow-beings. We are aware that there are those who only accord us sneers for sympathy and opposition instead of encouragements, but whom would they expect to be earnest if not those who bear the burdens imposed upon them by the drink ? Whom, but the women ? Must they suffer in silence ? Sit quietly looking on while husbands waste—nay—worse waste, that which should make them and their little ones comfortable ? Shall woman not offer her protest, when she sees her hopes being ruthlessly dashed to the earth in the ruin of her sons ? Or can she calmly contemplate the possibility of her daughter becoming a drunkard's wife ? And who is safe ? Not one of us. While the licensed liquor traffic is tolerated, our husbands and fathers, brothers and sons, must fall the victims of its greed. Yes, it is time we were aroused. It is time we remembered that "the night cometh when no man can work." And that our work may be most productive of good, let us constantly realize that daily we must look to our Heavenly Father, for wisdom to direct us, for courage to undertake the duties presented and for grace to sustain us to the end. "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. Yes, verily "He that is for us is more than all that can be against us." We are glad also to welcome the representatives of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Unions. It gives us bright anticipations of the future to know that there is such an organization of young women among us, training themselves in the habit of influencing others for the right, and of helping and cheering the unfortunate. Many of us who are older might have been more efficient workers if we had cultivated the talent when in our youth. What a mighty influence and how far-reaching, lies in the hands of our Christian young women united to work "for God and home and native land ! Young ladies we welcome you as fellow-workers, and bid you "God speed."

But with the gladness of our greeting there mingles the deep sorrow for the absence of her who for so many years has been the leader of the women of Canada in this great temperance work. God bless Mrs. Youmans ; we miss her, and pray for her restoration, if our Merciful Father sees that it is best for her and for us. May she "rest under the shadow of the Almighty." "Dear sisters, we welcome you not as strangers, but as friends. We hope your stay among us may be profitable, and that the remembrance of it may always bring pleasant recollections of your visit to Sarnia.

Mrs. Shortreed, of Toronto, responded.

J. G. McRae extended greetings from the Good Templars, and Rev. Mr. Feitch from the Lambton Scott Act Association, to both of which Mrs. Hitchcock, of Paris, replied. The church choir gave beautiful renderings of a number of suitable pieces during the evening, and the collection was taken up by the ladies, which is always a feature of the Convention.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

On Wednesday evening the hall, and platform even, were uncomfortably

crowded, on the occasion of the meeting of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union. Senator Vidal, the veteran temperance worker, occupied the chair. Rev. Thomas Cullen read the scriptures and lead in prayer. Miss Scott, Ottawa, then read her address, in the course of which she stated there were thirty-five unions with a membership of almost 1,000. Miss Skinner, Toronto, Assistant Superintendent, spoke words of cheer, in a bright speech, full of encouragement and hopefulness. Mr. Fraser, an honorary member of the Toronto "Y's" followed on the importance of the work done by the young ladies in the social sphere, and spoke of the duties of the honorary members. In introducing Miss Tilley, Senator Vidal gave a glowing tribute to her father, Sir Leonard Tilley. A statesman, he said, on whose table wine was never seen.

Miss Tilley's address was the gem of the evening, and touched upon almost all the work taken up by the Y. W. C. T. Unions. She spoke of the influence of young women, and counselled them to be guided wisely in their work. Her address was most helpful, and needed to be heard to be appreciated. Mrs. Fraime Cooke gave a recitation, entitled "Katie," which was very pathetic. Miss Minnie Phelps closed the evening with one of her masterly arguments to the electors. The hymn-singing was hearty and spirited throughout the evening, and the collection was taken up by the young ladies.

THURSDAY EVENING.

At 7 p. m. a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Young Woman's Union in Sarnia. Mrs. Chisholm presided, and was assisted by Misses Scott, Skinner and Tilley. The meeting was very enthusiastic, and in a very short time forty-one young ladies signed the membership roll. Miss Hughson was elected President; Misses Mudie, Beattie, Black and Hill were elected Vice-Presidents; Miss Nellie McRae, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Lake, Recording-Secretary; and Miss King, Treasurer. After which a largely-attended public meeting was held in the beautiful Central Methodist Church, which was filled to the doors. Rev. T. Cullen presided, and on the platform were Rev. R. Leitch, Point Edward; Rev. R. K. Black, Sarnia; Hon. A. Vidal, Mrs. Brethour and Mrs. Chisholm. An able address was delivered by Rev. W. W. Carson, on "The relation of drink traffic to crime." At the close of the address, Mrs. Chisholm, on behalf of the Provincial Union, presented the prize-banner to Mrs. Richards, Superintendent of Bruce County, her county having the best record for the year. The banner was painted by Miss Galbraith, of Bowmanville, for the Convention, and is of beautiful design and exquisite finish.

NOTE—Owing to an error in the statistics of Bruce County, which was discovered by Mrs. Richards, on her return home, the prize-banner has since been re-awarded to Waterloo County.

President's Annual Address.

MRS. ADDIE CHISHOLM.

It is told of one of the bravest generals of modern times that, no matter where the tents of his army might be pitched, at a certain hour in the day the door of his tent was down, while a white handkerchief, resting on the ground outside, told the passers-by that God and Gordon were alone together.

I would that, in the opening hours of this Convention, our tent doors might be down, shutting away from us the disturbing cares and perplexities of the outside world, while the little knot of white ribbon should tell of the loving, helpful presence of the Father in our midst, and should be to all a sign that in this great battle between right and wrong, the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union were seeking inspiration and guidance from their Divine Leader.

We have had conflicts and defeats, struggles and victories, but to-day we are resting; our tent has been pitched in a pleasant place, and we are gratefully recalling and recounting the past, while we gather from its experience many useful lessons to take with us on our onward march through the opening year.

When we planned for this Convention we fully expected to have with us our beloved Ex-President, Mrs. Youmans. Indeed, we had never thought a Convention complete without her presence. I am sure that everyone present will hear, with the deepest regret, that her continued illness will prevent her from doing more than thinking of us to day, while, amid all the pain of body, her heart goes up to God for a blessing on this Convention. Her cheery words and wise counsels have been of great value. Even her presence was a help to us less gifted and more-timid ones, and now we miss that helpfulness and cheer. I know that, as I speak, from every heart here the silent white-winged messenger is ascending with earnest petitions for the speedy recovery and restoration to health of this grand, heroic woman, who is to us not only a worthy leader, but a dearly-loved friend.

Although we shall receive a public welcome to-night from the friends of Saruia, who have already shown us so much kind attention and hospitality, still it is in my heart to speak a few words of greeting to you, dear co-workers, in this temperance cause.

I welcome to-day the general officers, with whom, for many years, I have been associated. Each one is dear to me as a sister, and I trust nothing but sisterly feelings will ever find place among us. The duties of the Corresponding-Secretary and Treasurer, especially, have been very heavy during the year, and I know many hours have been taken from needed rest and from pleasant social intercourse, in order that we might be faithfully represented in their yearly reports, and our interests cared for at this Convention.

The Vice Presidents (our County Presidents) are welcome, doubly welcome, for in addition to bearing many responsibilities and doing patient work through the year, I remember that many of them have made more sacrifice than most of us in coming to this Convention, in that they have paid their travelling expenses out of their own pockets, no way being provided by our constitution or by-laws to meet this lack.

To the delegates from every direction in this Province do I extend a loving welcome. They have wrought hard during the year and they have had the courage that dared where dangers threatened, and slander, insult and persecution followed each other with rapid strides. Trusting in God they have stood for the right, and He has suffered no harm to come to them. We are here, dear co-workers, to inscribe upon our banners, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," and for every blessing and success of the past we give Him all the praise. Since "to err is human," and W. C. T. U. women are not more than human, no doubt we have made many mistakes, yet even our mistakes may be to us the most valuable part of our experience and may be transformed by the Divine forgiving touch into rich blessings for others as for ourselves. However, now,

All the past things are past and over,
 The tasks are done and the tears are shed,
 Yesterday's errors let yesterday cover;
 Yesterday's wounds, which smarted and and bled,
 Are healed with the healing which night has shed,
 Yesterday now is a part of forever:
 Bound up in a sheaf, which God holds tight,
 With glad days, and sad days, and bad days which never
 Shall visit us more with their bloom and their blight,
 Their fulness of sunshine or sorrowful night.
 Let them go, since we cannot retrieve them,
 Cannot undo and cannot atone;
 God in His mercy receive, forgive them,
 Only the new days are our own.
 To-day is ours, and to-day alone.

I welcome to-day, also, fraternal delegates from Quebec Provincial Union, and from the Provincial Union of British Columbia. From what has been, until lately, the far-away Province, we have never before had the pleasure of receiving a delegate, and so our welcome is given, if possible, with a greater emphasis, as we look for the first time into the fact of a representative from the W. C. T. U., of British Columbia. We are very glad, too, to meet our sisters from Quebec. Younger than we, by some years, they are yet keeping well up with us and considering the peculiar difficulties to be encountered in a Province where two religious bodies struggle for supremacy, their record is as full and as fair as our own. We are very glad to have their presence and their interest, and we trust that our meeting may be to them, as to us, an abundant blessing.

Some of our members are not here to day because the money they would have taken from their private purse for this object was so sorely needed for the work at home. Duty seemed very plain, and they obeyed, yet they cannot keep their hearts from following us, and the daily papers will be eagerly scanned by them for mention of our doings. Some are not here because deep sorrow has come to their homes and wrapped them in its heavy fold. Others have been kept away by the claims of home and little children, claims which are first in the life of every true woman. To all these we send our loving greeting, and for all these our noontide prayers ascend.

In this hour of remembering we do not forget *our dear departed ones* who, during the year have gone from their places beside us. Together we prayed over this work, as dear to them as to us, together we planned for its successful

prosecution and for its greater helpfulness to those around us, together we circulated petitions, interviewed those in authority, sought out the erring and endeavored to lift some of the burden from weary lives. From this busy round they have dropped out. In our meetings, their places are vacant, their voices are stifled, earthly service has been exchanged for the heavenly, and we have felt that in losing them we were, indeed, poorer and weaker than ever before. We miss them, we thought the work needed them, God called them, the work is still His and must go on. While our heads may be bowed, and our hearts may be sad, do not we see that there are some lessons for us to learn, even here? Not only to be more faithful and earnest in our work, but to be more tender and considerate for each other, quick to say the kind word, to give the approving smile, ready to bestow the praise and repress the blame. The obituaries we write are filled with good things of the dear silent ones, but

What use for the rope, if it be not flung
 Like the swimmer's grasp to the rock has clung?
 What help in a comrade's bugle blast
 When the peril of Alpine heights is passed?
 What need that the stirring paean roll
 When the runner is safe beyond the goal?
 What worth is eulogy's blandest breath
 When whispered in ears that are hushed in Death?
 No! No! if you have but a word of cheer,
 Speak it while I am alive to hear!

GENERAL PROGRESS.

The general progress of the temperance cause, the world over, appears to have been satisfactory. The efforts put forth in the line of education and moral suasion were never greater and cannot but have been attended with marked success. Temperance organizations girdle the globe and the W. C. T. U. has its white ribboned bands in every quarter of the civilized world.

Though no legislative advance has been made in the British Parliament yet the constant agitation of the Alliance and kindred organizations is ripening public opinion for more stringent legislative enactments, foremost among which will undoubtedly be the closing of drink shops on Sunday in England, as they are now closed in Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

In the United States the Third Party movement is vigorously continued and with General Fisk, as its Presidential candidate, is looking for a largely increased popular vote in the coming November elections. High license is on trial in various States and it may be now stated as a result of the experiment, that, though a decided revenue success, as a remedial measure, it is a failure. The traffic is more concentrated, has a greater incentive for pushing its business and is strengthened by the so called respectability which high license throws around it. The Prohibition States hold their ground and with an increasing effectiveness in the enforcement of the law, while local option has its continual widening victories. In the great conflict being waged in this sister country the W. C. T. U. has an acknowledged and foremost place. With its strong, official organ, its wide organization, its christian devotion and the great ability developed by its leaders and workers it is recognized under God, as the first division in the grand army which is there doing valiant battle for God and Home and Native Land.

In our own Canada a good work has been done during the past year, though our progress has not been equal to our desires, and mingled with our general onward march have been some serious and sad retreats. In the Dominion Parliament legislation was obtained in the way of amending the Canada Temperance Act which on the whole has materially widened the scope and strengthened the working of the Act.

For several years these amendments have been passed in the House of Commons, last year they were passed by both Branches of the Parliament and received the Governor General's assent. The Prohibition resolution, though introduced by Mr Jamieson in good time, was not successful in reaching a final vote; still we have the vote of 1887 which is an index of the feeling of the present House on the question of immediate prohibition. This, I need not tell you, is far from showing a majority in favor of such a measure.

The Canada Temperance Act has made no new conquests during the year but, on the contrary, has been repealed in every county in Ontario and Quebec in which a vote has been taken. The majority for repeal was in some cases, very large, and in most showed that while about as many as supported its adoption, voted to maintain it, yet the sentiment which had remained dormant or neutral at the first vote came out strongly for its repeal on the second vote.

Aside from all that can be urged as Governmental or municipal causes for the defeat of the Act, the lesson is most emphatically set us to learn viz :—that even in most favorable sections of the country there is a wide belt of half and half prohibition sentiment which needs most diligent and careful cultivation by all the methods of moral suasion and education at our disposal. It is in vain to expect maintenance of the law unless we have, not the half and half sentiment, but the solid, entire, unalterable conviction of a majority of the people in favor of the enforcement of the law. Enthusiasm may carry the Act in a county; nothing but the profoundest conviction of duty practically embodied in action will be able to maintain it. Let us double our diligence, and in the family, the school, the church and society lay the broad, deep foundations of intelligent and thorough conviction.

Pursuant to a call of the Dominion Alliance, in the month of July, a Convention of temperance-workers was held in the city of Montreal. It was well-attended, thoughtful in its deliberations, and fairly unanimous in its conclusions as to future political action. These conclusions were, that it was not best at the present time to form an independent third party with prohibition as its principal plank; that prohibitionists should, in each electoral contest, ask the adhesion of the party nominees to the cause of legislative prohibitory enactment and that, if such adhesion was given by the nominees of both parties, then the prohibitionists should be free to work within the lines of their respective parties. If only one party nominee gave satisfactory answers then prohibitionists, without regard to party, should support him; and that if neither party nominee would pledge himself for prohibition then the prohibitionists should nominate and support a third candidate of their own choice. Since that time contested elections have been held in Cumberland and Colchester, N.S., in Halton and Montreal East. In each case a pledged prohibitionist has been elected, though it is but fair to say that in Halton, while both men were prohibitionists, the unsuccessful candidate gave the full pledge asked by the Alliance while the successful candidate refused, but referred them to his previous record on the question. In Cumberland and Colchester a section of the prohibitionists ran a third candidate, but as the nominees of the old parties were pledged to prohibition the third party candidate in each of those counties polled but a small vote. With the conclusions of the Alliance your President and Correspondent-Secretary, as delegates from the Ontario W. C. T. U., agreed, Mrs. Youmans dissenting therefrom. The results will be shown in the honesty, fidelity and unanimity with which prohibitionists in each electoral district carry out the conclusions arrived at in Montreal. Let us contribute our best efforts toward their practical embodiment.

The W. C. T. U. and all temperance people have been startled by the announcement that Lieut-Governor Royal, under the powers given by the North-

West Prohibitory Act, passed in 1875, has determined to issue permits in the North West Territories for the sale of beer, not manufactured in the North West, and of a strength not greater than four per cent. of alcohol. It appears that power to do this is conferred upon the Lieut. Governor by the Act named, but it is equally true that it is not the spirit of the Act, and was not contemplated by Parliament when the enactment was made that public sale under license should be allowed even to a limit of kind or alcoholic strength. It is the duty of this organization to protest most strongly against this action of the Lieut. Governor, and to use its utmost influence to retain and enforce the present prohibitory law in these vast virgin territories, peopled, as they are, by so many thousands half-savage wards of the nation.

WORLD'S W. C. T. U.

We remember in our gathering here to-day that we are but a small company in the great army of white-ribboned women, whose voices are heard nearly the whole earth around. The World's W. C. T. U. is now in the third year of its existence. Mrs. Margaret Bright Lucas was its first President, and as her term of office has expired (two years being the limit provided for by the constitution), Miss Williard has now taken the position, and has sent out her inaugural address to the representative W. C. T. Unions in every part of the world. Mrs. Leavitt, the round-the-world missionary, has been followed by other workers, and in Australia, Japan, China, India, with the islands of the sea, W. C. T. Unions have been organized. Very soon Mrs. Leavitt will be in Africa, then will probably visit Siberia, and so the circle is ever-widening, the interest ever-increasing and the influence of women for all that is true and pure and right growing stronger and stronger day by day.

The Dominion Union is to meet in Toronto during next January, if the continued illness of the President does not prevent.

Our Ontario Union has come to be a recognized power in our Province, doing not only its own work on lines peculiarly its own, but giving its active co-operation in work undertaken by other temperance societies, both church and secular. Our

ORGANIZATION AND LECTURE BUREAU

has made a good beginning under the supervision of Mrs. Currier. Although you did not think the state of our finances would warrant the payment of salaries to our organizers, as suggested in my address of last year, still the arrangements made were probably the best that could be made under the circumstances, and very many unions have been added to our number during the year. Miss Bowes, one of our valued organizers, did not return from British Columbia, having taken a position as city missionary in Vancouver City, so that Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Cooke, Miss Phelps and Mrs. Keefer have done all the work in that line. Mrs. Cooke has been indefatigable in the work of organization, more particularly, and has devoted her time more to this and the building up of Unions, than to lecture work proper. Miss Phelps, besides visiting many places in Ontario and Quebec, has made an extended trip to Manitoba and the North West where her services were greatly appreciated. Mrs. Keefer has been speaking to large audiences in various parts of the United States, and more recently in the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion. Mrs. Youmans has been here, there, and everywhere, in labors abundant, in speech eloquent and in convincing power increasingly strong. Let us strengthen this department and place it on a firm financial basis for the coming year.

The study of

HEREDITY AND HYGIENE

has not been entered upon so heartily as we hoped. We expected that, at

least in the Unions where the complaint is so frequently heard "we have nothing to do." there a club would be formed for the better information and help of the members, that when opportunity was given, this help, in turn, might be imparted to others. Every Union where there are wives and mothers should have a club of this kind, and every Young Women's Temperance Union should form such a club in order that they might avoid the errors into which many of us older ones have been led. We hope the faithful, but discouraged Superintendent of his department will forgive all of us our delinquencies in regard to this matter, and try us again.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

is a branch of the work to which we have given very much of our attention during the last year and during many years. Evidently the position of the schools in relation to the law on the subject is still not understood, for not many days ago a letter was received by me stating that the inspector thought of introducing this subject (scientific temperance instruction) at the beginning of the year 1889. For the benefit of the delegates from our new unions, whom we are glad to greet at this Convention, and who may not have given to this subject as much attention as the members of older unions have given, I may state that in the spring of 1887 the Ontario Legislature passed an act providing for scientific temperance instruction to be given in the public schools of the Province. Shortly afterwards a text-book on the subject was authorized by the Hon., the Minister of Education, and the new school regulations issued in the autumn contained a provision for the proposed teaching. This regulation provided that the subject "should be taught as set forth in the authorized text-book," and as this book was compiled largely from Dr. Richardson's text-book on temperance, whose authority as a medical man cannot be questioned, we felt that sound teaching would be given. Even were any teacher not a total abstainer and opposed to prohibition still while such a one retained the position he or she would feel bound in honor to teach according to orders. The word "should" occurring in the regulations which tried us so much at our last Convention, and tried the honorable minister as well (at least our interpretation of it) we find is the same word used in regulations as to other subjects on the *curriculum* and so must carry the same meaning. If history and arithmetic "should" (must) be taught, then temperance "should" (must) be taught, for the wording is the same. It may have been that we had heard and read so much of vague resolutions on the part of politicians, saying so much and meaning so little, that we were over-suspicious and did not give to those in authority full credit for their honesty of purpose and for their sincere desire to carry out the wishes of the temperance people. If we thus sinned, we are here and now ready to express our regret and to promise a fuller measure of justice for the future.

While the study of this subject is made compulsory the use of the text-book by the pupil is not compulsory, and it remains at the option of the trustees whether this book shall be put into the hands of the children or not. Hence the importance of having a Board of Trustees in sympathy with this temperance work. These trustees are elected annually by the people, and, at these elections, every woman duly qualified, married or unmarried, has a vote. So that, after all, the temperance people have this matter largely in their own hands. If in any place the temperance people are so small in number as not to hold the balance of power in such election, it would be a good plan to begin a campaign at once, and before January a sufficient number would be won over to the right side to put in temperance School Boards all over our Province.

While examinations on this subject are required at the close of each session in the county model schools, in the Provincial Normal Schools and in the Training Institutes it is a matter for regret that no provision has been made for

such examination of the pupils of the public schools in this study. To us this seems a very great mistake and one which we hope may be rectified before very long. In this connection it is as well that we remember for the use of others this statement, publicly made by the Minister of Education, viz: "Any school refusing to comply with these regulations renders itself liable to be deprived of the Government grant."

The Superintendent of this department will report what has been done by the schools in this line of work during the year and we will see, no doubt, that a satisfactory beginning has been made, but I think we can give more active help than we have hitherto given. If I were president of a local union I would ascertain at what hour in the week temperance instruction would be given in the different schools and I would endeavor to have one or more of our members present at that hour every week during the year. Then I would endeavor to have prizes offered in every grade of the schools for best essays on some phase of the temperance cause or on the general question. Many Unions have adopted this latter plan and have seen its advantage in former years. Suppose we test both these schemes more thoroughly during the coming year.

Juvenile work shows an increase in Bands of Hope and Loyal Legions, and work in Sabbath Schools has been well cared for. The superintendents of these departments, however, have only heard from about one third of the Unions. Their report will no doubt be supplemented at this convention.

THE PRESS,

has shown additional interest in the work of this organization and you will notice in the report of this department the gain made during the year. While many of the leading papers publish temperance news and items, the Toronto Mail supplies each week in the Saturday edition a column or more of temperance reading, much of which is specially in connection with our Provincial work. The sales of

TEMPERANCE LITERATURE

have increased somewhat, but we cannot refrain from echoing the wish of the superintendent, that all our Unions were loyal in their support of the work. Any thing you may need will be ordered for the Unions by the superintendent if it is not in stock.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

has been carried on in some form by nearly every local Union, and, we believe, very much more work has been done in this department than has been reported. This is the basis of all our endeavor. It is the foundation on which every other department rests, and, as we are faithful and earnest in this, so will every other work prosper. It is because this element has entered so largely into our work, that we have, to so great an extent, the sympathy and help of the various religious denominations in different localities. While we sometimes hear "if the churches would do their duty, we could have prohibition," we must not forget that all the gospel temperance work has been done by members of the churches, and the W. C. T. U. women who have been the most active as such, have been also the most earnest and faithful to their duties of church membership. The church is God's right hand of power in this world—we are but helpers in this home mission work.

We would take this opportunity of thanking christian ministers everywhere in our Province, who have announced our meetings from time to time, who have put themselves to inconvenience, many times, in order to be present and give the word of cheer, and who have obeyed the apostolic injunction "Help those women" in all that the Lord had given these sisters to do.

SOCIAL PURITY

Owing to the illness of the superintendent of this department, in the early part of the year, and sickness and bereavement in her home, very little has been done as emanating from the Provincial Union, but in several of the cities and towns of the Province, White Cross Literature has been distributed and White Cross and White Shield Pledge circulated.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS

has been entered into with spirit by those Unions in the vicinity of Volunteer Camps, donations of money and of supplies being freely given by Unions even at a remote distance. This has also been the case in the

WORK AMONG SAILORS

and captains of steamboats and other vessels, as well as the sailors, in very many cases have thankfully acknowledged the kind attention of the White Ribboners. Mrs. Shortreed has been faithful to her trust during another year, and has sent out to

THE LUMBERMEN,

thousands of suitable leaflets, besides many books and magazines given for this purpose by friends interested in this branch of work. We repeat here what we said last year. The Ontario Union ought to have a paid missionary to visit these camps in the winter, and follow up the good impressions made in so many instances by the printed word.

We find that during the year, the use of

UNFERMENTED WINE

at the Lord's table has become more general. We are glad to know that in addition to decisions in its favor, given frequently by the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian bodies, several bishops of the Church of England, both in England and Ireland have given this measure their sanction.

Railroad work, and work in the Prisons has not been neglected, and interesting reports of both will be presented. We have been glad to notice that work at Provincial and County Fairs has been prosecuted with renewed energy, and with a greater measure of success. The plan of having Gospel Temperance meetings in the W. C. T. U., tent, adopted by our members at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, is a very desirable one, and one which we heartily commend to all our organizations. Although many fairs have been held so recently that the superintendent of fair work may not have the cheering news embodied in her report, still we know many of the delegates present have just come from "serving," and can tell us very interesting facts in connection with this branch of work.

Young Women's Work is making steady progress, and under the able leadership of its superintendent and assistant, this department bids fair speedily to come up with if not to out do its elder sister.

LEGISLATION, FRANCHISE AND PETITION.

Mrs. Rockwell has looked after this department faithfully and well, and her report will show encouraging results. We are cheered by the fact that, on the presentation of the Woman's Franchise Petition to the Ontario Legislature last session, it was found that the feeling in its favor had considerably increased, being defeated by a much smaller majority than that which voted against the bill the previous year. It is hoped, with some degree of confidence that when the bill is again brought up, not only will the opposing majority be still smaller, but that it may "silently steal away" altogether, or become converted

to the belief that women are responsible beings, intelligent and loyal subjects, whose voice and vote are both needed at this hour in our country's history for the protection and safety of the common home.

Last year the question was asked "Why do you women in Ontario want the ballot? A great part of the Province is under Scott Act, and this state of things has been secured without the vote of women, so the temperance cause does not need your vote, you see." That is true, at least the first part of that remark is true. Three years ago the women prayed and wrought, and the men voted in the Scott Act. This year women prayed and wrought hard, and the men voted out the Scott Act. The prayers and influence of women have been the same, but we have found out that the power lies in the ballot. The Lord never promises to do for us what we can do for ourselves, and we have come to the conclusion that this stone of woman's disability is to be rolled away before prohibition will come to this country. Prayer is of great avail, faith is of the utmost importance, but the Lord requires faith, prayer and work. Brothers, the women of our Unions are doing all they can do for temperance, we are hesitating at no sacrifice, we falter before no difficulty, we quail before no danger—you can put the power in our hands to rid this country of a greater evil than war, pestilence and famine combined, you can arm us with a weapon which, going with the prayer and with the faith, shall give to this fair land peaceful, happy homes, shall save to communities thousands of useful lives, and shall, in time, make a richer, grander, freer country than the most ardent imagination has yet pictured. Will you do it? Remember that this cause is not our cause alone. It is yours also. For evermore.

"The woman's cause is man's,
They rise and sink together,
Dwarfed or God like, bound or free.

THE FLOWER MISSION

has been "a thing of beauty" in our midst and a perpetual blessing to those engaged in it.

KITCHEN GARDENS,

are carried on in Toronto and Ottawa especially with marked success.

THE "WOMAN'S JOURNAL"

has not been forgotten in the multiplicity of work of the local Unions and an increased subscription list is the satisfactory result. The editor would be very much like to issue this paper fortnightly at least, if not weekly, but has not yet received sufficient encouragement to warrant her in making the necessary changes. Every member ought to have a copy of this, our woman's paper, coming each month into the home, no matter how many other papers are taken. And every "Y" should have a copy, in order that she may read all the bright, wise and loving suggestions given them by their own superintendent on the page devoted more especially to their work. If each W. C. T. U. that had any thing interesting to say would condence it on a postal card and send before the first of each month it would appear in the next issue, in almost every case.

I desire here to thank the local and county superintendents of the *Journal* who have so cheerfully and successfully interested themselves in its behalf. That this venture has not been a failure, is owing greatly to your effort, my sisters, and knowing the difficulties in the way, in many places, I would thus publicly acknowledge your faithful and continued co-operation in the interests of the *Woman's Journal*, expressing at the same time the hope that you may not grow weary of the good work. Our

COUNTY UNIONS

have held more conventions this year than in any previous year and a greater number are getting into line. More money ought to be placed at the command of our county presidents, especially in such counties as Renfrew, Lennox and Adlington where much of the travelling is done by carriage or "spring wagon," and there are heavy livery bills to pay.

TOBACCO.

In view of the prevalence of the use of tobacco, especially among the boys of our country, it would only be wise and right to take some steps further than have been taken for the suppression and ultimate eradication of this evil. Quite recently I realized, in a more marked degree than ever before, the hold this habit was gaining upon our boys when a mother said to me "Oh, my boy gave up tobacco three years ago." And when I asked "how old is your son now?" she replied. "He is *almost twelve*." This may be an exceptional case. I trust it is, but you will all agree with me that the boys of our land are being injured mentally and physically, yes, and morally, too, by the use of this poison. And though many fathers and husbands may say we are going too far and too fast when we seek to banish from *them* the pipe and cigar, they will at least second and support our efforts to keep them out of the hands of their boys. In several of the United States a law has been passed forbidding the sale of tobacco to minors. Such a law is needed here and I trust our W.C.T.U. workers will take steps to secure it.

DISBANDING.

Do you know the saddest message that comes to the ears of a president, county or provincial? It is this, "Our Union is dead," or "We are barely alive—doing nothing." The message is sad in view of the great work there is to do, and of the great necessity for warm, active, living sympathy and help. We are asked sometimes: "What *can* a W. C. T. U. do in a small village where there are no 'lumbermen,' no 'jail,' no 'soldiers,' no 'sailors,' no 'influential bodies,' no 'fairs?' If there are none of these, and so these particular lines of work are not needed, there are still the children to be gathered in and taught that they may go out from the village into the world when the right time comes, prepared and strong to meet and conquer their greatest enemy. A lecture course may be planned and carried out, perhaps in connection with a church organization in the village, temperance literature may be regularly distributed and the cause of scientific temperance instruction advanced in the school. Temperance books may be placed in the Sabbath school libraries and in the library of the village, petitions sent out from time to time, by county or provincial officers, may be circulated, and prayer meetings may be held regularly to pray specially for the spread and growth of the temperance cause. It will be strange, too, if there is not one or more cases in the village needing your prayers and your earnest attention. A club might be formed for the study of literary subjects, hygiene and temperance, and where copies of the "Woman's Journal" and "Canada Citizen" would be taken. Thus the society might be kept alive and ready for whatever further work might come to hand—not organizing just when a contest is coming on and going down when the election is over.

INDIVIDUAL WORK.

Again, as in former years, would I seek to impress upon every heart here the importance of this line of action. We talk about "reaching the masses," but it is as Miss Cleveland says, "We cannot touch humanity at large except as we touch humanity in the individual." If each one of our members, now

numbering about six thousand, took one case in hand during the coming year, to pray for, to talk with, to win for temperance and for Christ, what a grand addition would we have to this army this time next year. And what an added power to place in the hands of Christ's church upon the earth! Can it not be done? Never let the most timid among us say, "I have no influence," for it is true that

"No stream from its source
Flows seaward, how lonely sever its course,
But what some land is gladdened; no star ever rose
And set, without influence somewhere. Who knows
What earth needs from earth's lowest creature? No life
Can be pure in its purpose and strong in its strife
And all life not be stronger and purer thereby.
The spirits of just men made perfect on high,
The army of martyrs who stand by the Throne
And gaze into the Face that makes glorious their own,
Know this, surely, at last."

Dear sisters, let us think well over this suggestion, made with a longing, loving thought towards many of our own dear ones who are in danger from this blighting, withering, destroying power.

REPORTING.

Will you suffer a word in regard to reporting? Many superintendents have written letters and spent time and money in connection therewith, but in so many instances no response comes. Now, I submit we are not quite civil when we thus ignore the letters sent us, printed or written. We may be sure they are necessary, or they would not be sent, and the least we can do is to send a postal in reply, even if we can report no work done.

Many Unions complain of the many blanks they must fill out at the end of the year. Each superintendent sends one and the corresponding secretary sends one besides. This makes work and creates expense.

Perhaps this could be remedied by having the corresponding secretary send out the blanks of departments with her own, during the last quarter, these blanks to be returned to the corresponding secretary and sent by her to the respective superintendents. Also the times for reporting or for holding annual meetings will need to be arranged on a better footing. The Provincial Convention will need to be held later, or county and local meetings held earlier, for it has been found quite impracticable to get the reports in to be printed before this Convention met.

What shall we do to increase the attendance at the meetings of our local Unions is a question that comes up again and again. There are many answers given. I would give just two directions that may, perhaps, be of use. Separate your members into groups of threes, and make each one responsible for the attendance of the others. If No. 1 is absent, let Nos. 2 and 3 find out why before the next meeting, and so with the other members of the group. It may be there is sickness, or sorrow worse than any sickness in that home, and your sympathy and prayers may be just what is needed. Sometimes, my friends, we pay all our visits to the poor homes of our towns and cities, forgetting the sorely tried and weary burdened ones in elegant mansions, who need just as much our love and our prayers.

The second thought is "call the roll at each meeting and make each meeting so interesting, that no one will want to stay away." Your own judgment and ability will compass this matter and bring this about with a little effort and experience. Sunday next, Oct. 14th, is the World's W. C. T. U.

DAY OF PRAYER.

Let us not forget to request that temperance sermons be preached, and to arrange for special appropriate exercises for that day.

We are asked to send delegates to the Dominion Union called to be held in Toronto in January, 1889. We have also received a kind invitation from the National Union to send fraternal delegates to their convention in New York, Oct. 19-23.

Also, we are entitled to elect four delegates to the next meeting of the Dominion Alliance.

HEADQUARTERS.

During the year much has been said and written on this subject. The Toronto W. C. T. Unions under the leadership of Mrs. Colin Skinner, Secretary-Treasurer of the building fund, have secured a very eligible site for a building and have already in hand over one thousand dollars towards paying for it. Last spring a meeting of the Ontario executive was called to discuss the matter and to advise what could be done to make these headquarters Provincial, as well as local. After some discussion the Cor -Sec. was instructed to issue a circular letter to local Unions explaining to them the advantage of having Ontario headquarters and asking them to talk it over, take a vote on the matter, and be prepared to give their decision at this convention. That subject will come before us for consideration, therefore, and I need hardly say will be one of the most important with which we shall have to deal. With some of us it has "a castle in the air" for a long time, and now we think the time has come when it may rest on a more substantial foundation.

DELEGATES FUND.

In view of the multiplication of our societies, extending to the extreme east and far west, and the distances many of the delegates will travel to each convention it may be well to follow the example set by the Richmond Hill Union and establish a delegates fund to meet this yearly expense.

Delegates who are willing to bear the fatigue of travel and the weariness of constant attendance at the meetings that they may take home a full and faithful report of the proceedings ought not to be expected to bear these expenses of travel to and fro, expenses which local Unions would gladly pay were there funds in hand to meet them.

You will observe that while I have named improvements that might be made to facilitate the work of local, county and provincial societies, still I have not given, as usual, a table of suggestions for work during the coming year. These recommendations will fall to the lot of my successor in office, with the new executive, and I know will be wisely chosen. As increased responsibilities compel me to retire from this position, the duties of which for six years I have tried faithfully to perform, I am glad to leave the work in a more flourishing state than when we took it up together, six years ago. At that time we had thirty-six Unions, with a membership of between six and seven hundred. One solitary Young Woman's Temperance Union, composed of thirty of the brightest and best of the young ladies of Hamilton, cheered our hearts. Now our Unions number two hundred and thirty-six, with a membership of nearly six thousand, while in our ranks are thirty-five Y. W. C. T. Unions, with more than one thousand members. At that convention in Milton, in 1882, thirty delegates were present. To-day not less than two hundred are in attendance. At that convention the treasurer reported the receipts of the year previous to be \$157. At the close of last year the receipts amounted to \$1,534, and the statement of the treasurer, which will soon be presented to you, will doubtless

show a still greater increase. At the Milton Convention we had a report from only one department—the plan of work committee,—this year we shall hear from twenty-three departments, the work of which extends to every need of humanity and reaches with guarding, purifying and uplifting touch, the children, as well as the men and women of our Province.

At that time it was with difficulty we obtained in the newspapers of the day, anything like a fair report of our annual meeting, and the number of papers publishing items supplied by our local Unions was small. To-day some of our best and most influential papers are represented at our conventions, and temperance items are published in a large proportion of our local papers. In other branches of our work, equal progress has been made, upon all which I congratulate you, and, with you, give thanks to our Divine leader, without whose presence and direction no true success could have been gained.

Coming, as I did, after our beloved queen in this cause, Mrs. Youmans, and at her earnest request, I felt painfully my lack of almost everything necessary for this position. In one quality, however, I was not very deficient, perhaps, and that was earnestness, amounting at times to enthusiasm in this work. Through the varied duties of these years this element has helped me much, the experience of each year has been of use to me, but the greatest of human helps, my sisters, has been your confidence and co-operation, your loyalty and your love. Had any of these aids been wanting our society would not have stood where it does to-day, and without these any effort I might have put forth would have been of little use. I thank you for your never-failing consideration, for your unwearied kindness, and for your cheerful willingness to accept suggestions for the general good which must have interfered very often with your pre-arranged plans.

We have never had an unkind word spoken at our conventions, and so far as I know, no bitterness of spirit has ever marred our happiness. For this I am grateful to you and doubly grateful to the Father of us all who has given us, to so great an extent, the victory over self.

We are on the eve of great conflicts, more than ever do we need to stand by each other in this fight, more than ever do we need to trample under foot any prejudice, jealousy or hostile criticism that may be just ready to creep in and embarrass us in our work. "We are doing a great work, we have no time to come down to these things, "the King's business requires haste" and our attention cannot be diverted from the object in view. Therefore I ask (yet it is hardly necessary to ask it) that you will stand by my successor as you have stood by me and that you will work with her as faithfully and courageously in the years to come as you have wrought with me in the years that are past.

In the path upon which we enter to-day we will find trying hours and perplexing days,—for some of us there will be the weariness and want of the wilderness—for some of us the Red Sea of difficulty and discouragement, with no Moses to stretch out a strong arm in our behalf. Yet, as christian women we shall stand as we have stood in the past for the arm of the Omnipotent is still our support and our strength, His light we ask for our wisdom and in His love we find our refuge and our rest.

We look back from the height on which we rest to-day, and we see that the way over which we have passed has not been an easy one. The increasing strength of the foe at some points has, for a moment, disheartened us. We have been hurt by the hostile criticism of some, and have been chilled by the indifference of others, while very often, we have been hindered by the selfishness of friends who loved us. There were dark hours, too, in our path, when we seemed to stand alone and strained our ears in vain for the sound of another footstep.

At this hour, however, we look not only back but around us and we see that

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on hill tops, near and far, in every direction, the temperance tents are pitched, their banners of white and blue and gold waving in the breeze.

Here to the east are the Church Temperance Societies, with bishops, priests and ministers at their head; in the west are camped the "Sons of Temperance," a mighty host and veterans in this service; northward the Good Templars are taking up their line of march, while the "Royal Templars," of Temperance, with their rapidly increasing companies are to the south of us. As we look again there breaks upon our ears the sound of many voices. We lower our gaze and looking down the valleys we see coming up long lines of little children. In and out among the rocks they wind, the tramping of their feet keeping time to the songs they sing. "Juvenile templars," "Bands of Hope," "Temperance Cadets," "Loyal Legions," all are one glad army—the triple pledge is inscribed upon their banners, and upon every flag is stamped the Cross of Christ. Ever and anon, as a stronghold of the enemy comes in sight, the challenge of this new army is rung out "Tremble, King Alcohol, we are growing up." Our eyes fill and our hearts rejoice as we look and listen.

And now, let us look forward. What do we see? We see there is very much land yet to be possessed and we see the giants in the way. But we look farther on and there we behold a land, our land, the fairest and richest that God ever gave to the children of men. We see this land coming up out of the darkness which so long has shadowed it and shining bright and beautiful in the sunlight of Prohibition. We see its people, who have been for so many years in sorrow and captivity, now glad and free and coming nearer to the stature of perfect manhood and womanhood, and we see innocent children, no longer with the pinched look on their faces, "old before their time" but happy as God would have them. To this land and to every land we believe that time shall come. Now, sending out our voices to the hosts on every height, we ask with a longing heart and with a new faith. "Brothers, sisters, do you believe that glorious time will come?" "Hark, from every hill-top comes the answer, from every valley echo the voices, "That glorious time will come."



Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 4TH, 1888.

UN-ORGANIZED COUNTIES.

Counties of Lennox and Addington report a membership of 76, 3 Bands of Hope, with 120 children. Unions reported—Napanee, Odessa, Newburgh and Enterprise. Several other unions were formed in these counties during the early part of this year, viz:—Deseronto, Camden East, Bath, Centerville and Tamworth. These have not reported to the Cor. Sec., but may possibly have done so to the treasurer.

BRANT.

Brant reports 3 Unions, membership 183; 3 Bands of Hope, with 502 children. Unions reported—Brantford, Paris and Brantford "Y's."

BOTHWELL.

Bothwell reports 2 Unions, Bothwell and Ridgetown, membership 29; no Bands of Hope reported, but 250 children said to be on the roll.

CARLETON.

Carleton reports 2 Unions, Ottawa and Ottawa Y's, membership 128. We were very much surprised at finding no mention of Bands of Hope in Ottawa.

DUNDAS COUNTY.

Dundas County reports 4 Unions, Iroquois, West Winchester, Morrisburg and South Mountain, 86 members; 3 Bands of hope and 234 children.

DUFFERIN.

Dufferin reports 2 Unions, Orangeville and Grand Valley, 55 members; 1 Band of Hope and 145 children.

DURHAM.

Durham reports 2 Unions, Bowmanville and Orono, 61 members; 2 Bands of Hope, and 232 children.

FRONTENAC.

Frontenac reports 3 Unions, Portsmouth, Kingston and Kingston Y's., 106 members; 1 Band of Hope and 80 children. I may state that the Y's. of Kingston report 6 Bands of Hope, but do not give number of children.

GLENGARRY.

Glengarry reports 1 Union, Maxville, with 38 members.

HALDIMAND.

Haldimand reports 2 Unions, Dunnville and Hagersville, 35 members; 1 Band of Hope and 130 children.

HASTINGS.

Hastings reports 3 Unions, Belleville, Trenton and Belleville Y's., 106 members; 1 Band of Hope and 100 children.

HURON.

Huron reports 8 Unions, Gorrie, Goderich, Brussels, Wroxeter, Dungannon, Clinton, Seaforth and Goderich Y's., membership 176; 5 Bands of Hope, 711 children.

LAMBTON.

Lambton reports 4 Unions, Sarnia, Wyoming, Oil City and Brigden, 104 members; 2 Bands of Hope, 188 children.

LANARK.

Lanark reports 3 Unions, Smith's Falls, Perth and Almonte, 80 members; 2 Bands of Hope, 150 children.

LINCOLN.

Lincoln reports 3 Unions, Campden, St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie, 71 members; 2 Bands of Hope and 150 children.

MUSKOKA.

Muskoka reports 1 Union, Parry Sound, 45 members; 1 Band of Hope, with 215 children.

MIDDLESEX.

Middlesex reports 2 Unions, London and Kerrwood, 75 members; 1 Band of Hope and 100 children.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Northumberland reports 2 Unions, Cobourg and Campbellford, 46 members; 1 Band of Hope and 125 children.

NORFOLK.

Norfolk reports 2 Unions, Brownsville and Simcoe, 52 members; 2 Bands of Hope and 269 children.

OXFORD.

Oxford reports 10 Unions, Ingersoll, Strathallan, Embro, Norwich, Kintire, Burgessville, Cody Corners, Princeton, Beachville and Thamesford Y's., 193 members, 9 Bands of Hope and 318 children. There are 4 Unions in Oxford from which no report has been received.

ONTARIO.

Ontario reports 4 Unions, Uxbridge, Port Perry, Prince Albert and Whitby, 101 members; 4 Bands of Hope, and 980 children.

PETERBOROUGH.

Peterborough reports 1 Union, Peterborough, 20 members; 1 Band of Hope and 50 children.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

PERTH.

Perth reports 4 Unions, St. Mary's, Mitchell, Stratford and Listowel, 112 members ; 2 Bands of Hope, with 334 children.

PRINCE EDWARD.

Prince Edward reports 3 Unions, Picton, Milford and Wellington, 60 members ; 3 Bands of Hope, and 310 children.

RENFREW.

Renfrew reports 4 Unions, Pembroke, Renfrew, Cabden and Arnprior, 220 members ; 4 Bands of Hope, and 444 children.

STORMONT.

Stormont reports 3 Unions, Aultsville, Cardinal and Cornwall, 75 members ; 3 Bands of Hope, with 445 children.

SIMCOE.

Simcoe reports 4 Unions, Stayner, Orillia, Angus and Barrie, 98 members ; 1 Band of Hope, and 500 children.

VICTORIA.

Victoria reports 3 Unions, Fenelon Falls, Lindsay and Bobcaygeon, 107 members ; 2 Bands of Hope, and 182 children.

WELLAND.

Welland reports 4 Unions, Niagara Falls South, Thorold, Niagara Falls Centre and Fonthill, 78 members ; 3 Bands of Hope, and 152 children.

WENTWORTH.

Wentworth reports 1 Union, Hamilton, 80 members ; 1 Band of Hope, and 1,900 children

PRESCOTT COUNTY.

Prescott County reported 1 Union, Vankleek Hill, 18 members ; but were so disheartened that the Secretary wrote that she thought they would disband. We urged upon them the duty of patiently working and waiting, and hope that the Union in that place will still go on.

ORGANIZED COUNTIES.

HALTON AND PEEL

Halton and Peel report 6 Unions, Streetsville, Port Credit, Georgetown, Milton, Oakville and Burlington, 282 members ; 2 Bands of Hope and 260 children.

LEEDS COUNTY.

Leeds County reports 5 Unions, Brockville, Gananoque, Farmersville, Lyn and Brockville Y's., 135 members ; 3 Bands of Hope, and 407 children.

WATERLOO COUNTY.

Waterloo County reports 9 Unions, Galt, Berlin, Preston, Oakwood, Pine Grove, Bloomingdale, New Hamburg, Galt Y's. and Hespeler Y's., 290 members ; 10 Bands of Hope, and 964 children.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington reports 9 Unions, Guelph, Mt. Forest, Arthur, Drayton, Fergus, Rockwood, Palmerston, Harriston, and Guelph Y's., 165 members; number of Bands of Hope not given, but 815 children.

YORK COUNTY.

Young County reports 17 Unions, 9 of which are in Toronto, viz:—Toronto Central, North, East No. 1, East No. 2, West, Willard, Bathurst, Toronto Y's., and Eastern Y's. Outside of the city we have, Aurora, Parkdale, Malvern, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Parkdale Y's., Aurora Y's and Newmarket Y's., 613 members; 18 Bands of Hope, and 1621 children.

GRENVILLE.

Grenville reports 7 Unions, Prescott, Oxford Mills, Spencerville, Kemptville, Cardinal, Merrickville and North Augusta, 106 members; 4 Bands of Hope, and 284 children.

We find 33 Unions in un-organized counties not reported this year, and 3 organized counties, viz.—Bruce, Elgin and Grey, from which no report has been received. From those reported we find a membership of 4,200, 101 Bands of Hope, and 13,596 children. There is not a doubt about a large increase in membership during the past year, if we could just have the report supplemented by those missing counties and Unions. We hope that these may all be heard from before the close of this convention.

NOTE.—Reports from these counties will be found among the County Reports.

MRS. WILEY, COR. SEC.



Treasurer's Report.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCES OF THE ONTARIO W. C. T. U., FROM
OCTOBER, 1887, TO OCTOBER, 1888.**

INCOME.

Affiliation fees.

Allenford	\$ 2 15
Almonte, Y. W. C. T. U.	5 50
Aultsville	5 25
Aurora	3 25
Aylmer	5 00
Arthur	3 00
Aylmer Y. W. C. T. U.	5 00
Arnprior	8 25
Ailsa Craig	1 69
Avonmore	4 25
Barrie	5 00
Bothwell	1 25
Brantford	13 00
Brockville	10 25
Berlin	8 32
Bowmanville	7 76
Bobcaygeon	2 50
Beaverton	2 50
Belleville	18 25
Belleville Y. W. C. T. U.	4 00
Bloomington	1 75
Brigden	1 75
Bathurst (Toronto)	1 50
Brantford Y. W. C. T. U.	10 00
Brockville Y. W. C. T. U.	10 75
Brampton	5 00
Brussels	2 50
Brownsville	4 50
Beachville	7 00
Barrie Y. W. C. T. U.	4 00
Cornwall	7 00
Campden	4 13
Cobourg	3 75

EXPENDITURE.

Oct. 15—Travelling Expenses of Officers to Convention in Napanee, 1887....	\$ 32 45
Stationery, Telegrams, Express, etc.	11 10
Electric Light used in Churches	8 50
To Caretakers	5 25
To Miss Phelps, for Address and travelling expenses...	13 25
Oct. 14 — Donation from Provincial Union to President	150 00
Oct. 14—To Mrs. Graham, Galt, postage in connection with county department work	3 75
Nov. 2—Freewill offering from Ont. W. C. T. U. to the World's Union	44 62
Nov. 2—To Mrs. Youmans, President of Dominion Union, for organizing 9 Unions in 1887	45 00
Nov. 20—To Mrs. Fotheringham, postage account, rendered Oct. 10, re Provincial and County Fair Work	4 73
Nov. 20 — Mrs. Bennett, Georgetown, postage etc, as County Sup't.	2 75
Nov. 29—Mrs. Jennie Cav.	

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

INCOME.

EXPENDITURE.

Consecon.....	\$ 2 00
Campbelford	6 50
Clinton	4 00
Collingwood.....	5 00
Cardinal.....	4 75
Cornwall Y.W.C.T.U.....	2 50
Cobden	3 75
Deseronto.....	87
Drayton	8 00
Dungannon.....	83
Dundalk	5 50
Dutton.....	2 50
Embros	1 88
Enterprise	2 40
Farmersville.....	7 24
Fergus.....	4 75
Fenelon Falls	15 00
Fonthill	5 25
Flesherton.....	2 63
Gananoque	7 00
Goderich	5 00
Gorrie	1 50
Galt	5 00
Guelph	6 75
Georgetown	9 12
Galt Y.W.C.T.U.....	6 40
Goderich Y. W. C.T.U.....	5 25
Grand Valley.....;	5 00
Harrison	88
Hamilton	15 00
Hamilton Y.W.C.T.U.....	10 00
Hillier	1 75
Hespeler Y.W.C.T.U..	1 50
Hagersville.....	4 00
Hanover.....	2 50
Ingersoll	5 50
Iroquois	2 50
Iona	3 62
Jarvis.....	3 00
Kerwood	1 00
Kingston Y.W.C.T.U.....	5 25
Kincardine	2 00
Kingston	14 25
Kemptville	3 00
Keene	3 14
Kintore.....	5 75
Lucknow.....	2 63
London.....	16 19
Little Britain.....	2 40
Lindsay	14 12
Listowel.....	2 75
Lynn.....	8 75
London Y.W.C.T.U.....	1 50

ers, Galt. Travelling Exp's to Convention, ordered by Express	\$ 9 00
Nov. 20—To Corresponding Secretary. Railway Certi- ficates, telegrams, postage, etc.....	10 91
Dec. 20—Harris & Camp- bell, for Standards.....	8 25
Feb. 7—Freight and express on Provincial Union. Pro- perty to and from Con- vention	2 20
Feb. 7—To Supt. of Litera- ture Depart., Literature supplied New Unions, as per acct. rendered Jan. 7.	10 61
To Prop. of Free Press, Kingston, for printing pe- titions and circulars for department of Legislation and Franchise.....	15 00
To Supt. of Franchise De- partment, postage acct. to Dec 21st, 1887	6 00
March 28—To Recording Secretary, postage and telegrams from Oct 1887 to date.....	3 06
March 28—To Recording Secretary, expens. attend- ing meeting of Sub Com. of Ex. in Toronto March 21st.....	8 75
March 28—R. D. Warren, Georgetown, for printing, per Supt. of Press Dep't..	7 55
March 28—President's Ex attending Sub Com of Ex. in Toronto March 29.....	13 40
March 20—President's post- age acct. from Sept. 17th to date.....	28 19
March 29—To Journal, for advertising directory from Oct. 1887 to Oct. 1888....	15 00
April 9—To Miss Phelps, or- ganizing Unions per bill..	20 00
April 9—Mrs. Gordan, Georgetown, post stamps furnished Superintendent of Press Department.....	8 00
To E. Knowles, for printing	

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Milton	\$ 22 00	per Unfermented Wine	
Morrisburg.....	5 00	Department	\$ 9 10
Mount Forest.....	6 75	May 1—E. Knowles, Galt,	
Mitchell.....	3 93	printing for department	
Malvern.....	2 75	Unfermented Wine.....	3 07
Maxville	4 75	May 29—Mrs. Shortreed, To-	
Niagara Falls.....	2 50	ronto, postage and supplies	
Newcastle.....	2 75	as per acc't rendered Mar.	
Newmarket.....	7 70	9th, Department Work	
North Toronto.....	6 00	among Lumbermen.....	19 95
Newington.....	3 25	May 29—Cor. Sec. postage	
Niagara Falls South.....	2 50	from Nov. 17th, 1887, to	
New Hamburg.....	1 50	April, 1888.....	6 87
Napanee.....	4 00	Corresponding Sec, Expens-	
Ottawa.....	12 50	ses, attending meeting of	
Ottawa Y. W. C. T. U.....	10 75	Sub Committee of Ex. in	
Orono.....	6 75	March.....	3 75
Oakwood.....	1 25	May 29—To C. W. Mitchell,	
Odessa.....	2 13	for printing 2,000 annual	
Owen Sound Y. W. C. T. U....	4 75	reports.....	315 00
Oakville.....	6 75	To Same, for printing leaf-	
Orangeville	3 25	lets, as per acct. rendered	
Oil City	4 75	April, 1888	70 30
Prescott	5 50	To Same, for printing for	
Pictou	14 25	Superintendent of Y. W.	
Pembroke Y. W. C. T. U.....	9 76	C. T. U. Department....	3 50
Parkdale.....	6 50	May 29—To Literature De-	
Port Credit	4 00	partment, for Literature to	
Prince Albert.....	3 00	New Unions, and Supt's.	
Peterboro.....	3 70	of Dept's for 3 months	
Pine Grove.....	4 75	ending March 31st	20 80
Preston.....	2 00	July 22—To Mrs. Bessie	
Paris	6 12	Starr Keefer, for organiz-	
Perth	6 63	ing Unions	10 00
Pembroke	6 00	To Editor of Telegram,	
Port Elgin.....	4 25	Brantford, for printing	
Parry Sound	4 00	500 cards for Treasurer...	6 50
Paisley	2 50	July 29 — Corresponding	
Peterboro' Y. W. C. T. U.....	1 75	Secretary, expenses to	
Port Perry.....	4 75	Montreal Prohibition Con-	
Port Dalhousie.....	4 00	vention, July 2nd to 5th..	15 90
Princeton.....	1 37	August 10—To Editor of	
Ridgetown.....	7 25	Georgetown Herald, print-	
Richmond Hill	7 00	ing per Supt. of Press De-	
Rockwood	1 38	partment	6 40
Renfrew.....	8 25	Aug 11 — Corresponding	
St. Catharines.....	5 00	Secretary's acct. from	
Seaforth.....	5 13	April to date.....	13 95
Sarnia	8 00	To Superintendent of Fran-	
Spencerville.....	2 13	chise department, postage	
St. Thomas.....	7 75	from Jan. 13 to July 15...	4 75
Streetsville	2 61	August 13—To Superinten-	
Stratford.....	4 00	dent of Literature De-	

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
St. Mary's.....	\$ 6 75	partment, salary in part..	\$ 50 00
Smith's Falls.....	4 46	August 13—L. N. Shannon,	
Stayner.....	2 50	Kingston, for printing, as	
Southampton.....	6 38	p r acct. rendered.....	19 00
Simcoe.....	5 00	August 16—Miss Skinner,	
Sheibourne.....	5 00	Assist. Supt. of Y. W. C.	
Strathallan.....	4 00	T.U.'s, postage from Sept.	
South Mountain.....	4 75	1887 to May 1888.....	3 15
Toronto Central.....	33 75	To Supt of Literature Dept,	
Toronto Y. W. C. T. U.....	14 52	supplies sent new Unions.	4 87
Teeswater.....	2 00	August 25—To Supt of	
Tilsonburg.....	5 00	Literature Dept, for Liter-	
Thorold.....	5 00	ature supplied Supt.'s	
Thorold, last year.....	2 50	work among Sailors Dept.	10 00
Trenton.....	3 75	President's expenses to Pro-	
Thornbury.....	5 25	hibition Convention Mont-	
Tara.....	6 79	real, July 3—5.....	6 25
Toronto E., Y. W. C. T. U....	2 57	To T. F. McMahon, for	
Thorold Y W C. T. U.....	2 85	printing, as per account	
Tamworth.....	3 00	rendered, for Correspond-	
Thamesford Y. W. C T. U....	2 75	ing Secretary.....	10 50
Toronto (Willard).....	3 25	August 31—To Prescott	
Uxbridge Y. W. C. T. U.....	2 50	Telegram, circulars for	
Uxbridge.....	2 50	Mrs. Greenhill, Supt. of	
Vankleek Hill.....	3 50	soldiers' department.....	4 50
Whitby.....	6 44	Sept. 7—M. H. Keebler,	
Wyoming.....	6 75	Richmond Hill, for print-	
Woodstock.....	6 00	ing for recording sec'y..	13 00
Wingham.....	3 75	Sept. 7—Miss Jennie Ovens-	
Wilbur Station.....	1 65	gall, Supt. S. S. Dept	
Warton.....	3 00	circulars, postage, etc....	10 50
Walkerton.....	11 13	Sept. 7—Alice P. Morrison,	
Waterford.....	4 00	postage for dept. of work	
Zion.....	4 50	among sailors.....	95
		Sept—Mrs. Mary Cane,	
		postage per Dept. of Pro-	
		vincial Exhibition and	
		county fairs.....	3 50
		Sept 7—To L G Jackson, for	
		print'g circ's and pamph's	
		per supt. dept. fairs.....	9 65
		Sept. 27—To Mrs. You-	
		mans, St. Catharines,	
		postage, etc., as countysupt	
		Sept. 28—To Mrs. Sym-	
		ington, expenses as per	
		acct. rendered.....	4 30
		Sept. 28—To supt. of litera-	
		ture dept. balance on	
		salary.....	50 00
		Postage, wrapping twine, etc.	
		in sending out reports ...	29 50
		Mrs. G. Pratt, Hamilton,	
Total Affiliation fees.....	\$ 914 58		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Total Income.....	\$ 914 58	expenses as supt. of juvenile dept.....	\$ 11 60
		Sept. 28—President's postage from April to date...	19 73
		Sept. 29—To Treas. for postage, and commission on letters up to date.....	18 96
Total Income.....	\$ 914 58	Total Expenditure.....	\$1,281 22

Summary of Income and Expenditure of the Ontario W. C. T. U., for the year ending Oct. 1st, 1888 :

Income.—Balance from last account	\$ 553 01	chell	\$ 50 00
Receipts from Napanee Convention	142 06	Interest on bank deposits...	9 82
Affiliation fees for year.....	814 58	Total Receipts.....	\$1,808 77
From sale of reports.....	139 30	Total Expenditure.....	1,281 22
Donation from C. W. Mitchell		Balance on hand.....	\$527 55

MRS. D. L. BRETHOUR, Treasurer O. W. C. T. U.

I take pleasure in stating that I have examined the books of Mrs. Brethour, treasurer of the Ontario W. C. T. U., compared the vouchers with the different items of expenditure, and have found them correct in every particular.

Thorold, Oct. 2nd, 1888.

ALFRED J. SHIELDS, Auditor.

Received after Books were Closed.

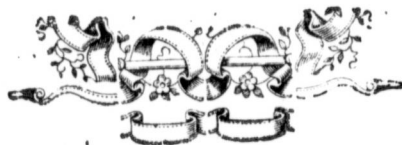
INCOME.		INCOME.	
Georgetown (additional)	\$ 9 13	Essex Centre	\$ 2 00
Peterboro (additional)	2 50	Chatham	5 00
Newburg	2 00	Strathroy	1 00
Uxbridge (additional).....	3 25	Wroxeter	1 00
Brussels (additional)	6 00	Malvern	2 25
Toronto East No. 2	3 90	Avonmore	65
Hazelton	2 25	Smith's Falls	69
Norwich	6 00	Gravel Hill	88

Report of Convention Finance Committee.

OCTOBER 12TH, 1888.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENSES.	
Collections at Baptist church...	\$17 23	Express charges	\$ 1 55
“ “ Victoria Hall...	17 81	General officers travelling ex-	
“ “ Methodist Ch ...	22 63	penses.....	37 66
Proceeds from Sale Table.....	24 38	Telegrams	1 55
		Caretakers	7 00
		Rev. W. W. Carson, expenses.	30 00
		Mrs. Chisholm	100 00
Total	\$82 05	Total	\$177 76

Mrs. JENNIE CAVERS, Treasurer



Reports of Superintendents of Departments.

ORGANIZATION.

MRS. OLIVE D. CURRIER, RICHMOND HILL.

Your superintendent of organization begs to submit the following report for the past year :—

During the year we have had several organizers in the work, who, with the county presidents have organized fifty-six Unions, and re-organized two. We find that Mrs. Fraine-Cooke, has been the principal organizer, having formed thirty-one and re-organized two; Miss Phelps reports four; Mrs. Youmans four, and Mesdames Keefer and Symington, eight. The remaining nine were organized by county presidents, six, by Mrs. Coates, of Prescott. When your superintendent took this department it was with feelings of hesitation, caused not by a lack of interest in the work, but by a lack of knowledge of what was required. We began the year's work by writing forty-one letters to ladies in Oxford county, whose names were furnished by Mr. Cody. Arrangements were made and Miss Fraine, made a very successful tour of the county, organizing a number of Unions. We also wrote the eastern counties, in reference to Miss Phelps and Mrs. Keefer, but were not very successful. In April and May we wrote fourteen letters in Mrs. Peck's behalf, but the season of the year seemed unpropitious, and we were not successful even in one instance. In August and the first of September we communicated with every county president, asking for any information in regard to the prospects for organization during the coming season. From some of these we received encouraging replies. During the year we have written nine postals and one hundred and forty-five letters. We think we may consider the past year quite successful, in regard to the number of Unions organized, and wish that we could feel sure all the fifty-six Unions reported were doing good work. We would particularly impress on our organizers the duty of clearly instructing the Unions formed by them, as to what lines of work would be best adapted to their special locality. Trusting the coming year will be even more successful than the past, I will close this brief report.

The following list contains the names of the new Unions organized during the past year :—

Lucknow,	Deseronto,	Beachville,	Bathurst,
Mildmay,	Camden East,	Princeton,	Aurora Y's,
Orangeville,	Bath,	Burgessville,	Maxville,
South Mountain,	Centerville,	Kintore,	Hempworth,
Oil City,	Lyn,	Durns,	Big Bay,

Alvinston,	Port Dalhousie,	Cody Corners,	Beaconfield,
Iona,	Kerwood,	Keene,	Oxford Center,
Dutton Station,	Strathroy,	Renfrew,	Kingston Y's,
Brigden,	Brownsville,	Cobden,	Belleville Y's,
Shelburne,	Salford,	Gravel Hill,	Sand Hill,
Hanover,	Goodwood,	Oakwood,	North Station Mills.
Hagersville,	Uxbridge Y's,	Rockwood,	RE-ORGANIZED.
Jarvis,	Strathallen,	Palmerston,	Oshawa College,
Dunnville,	Sweaburg,	Harriston,	Teeswater.
Wingham,	Innerekip,	Willard,	

As one of the organizers for the Provincial Union, I beg leave to present the following report:— During the year I have visited 22 counties, given lectures, 78; organized 4 W. C. T. U.'s in this Province. A part of the year I spent in Manitoba and Dakota, giving 27 speeches in the west and organizing 2 W. C. T. U.'s and one "Y" in Winnipeg. I have travelled in the interest of the W. C. T. U.'s 10,000 miles, from the most easterly part of the Province and in Quebec to the last town in the west of Manitoba. The greater part of my work has been as an agitator, to stir up, and to present the arguments for the W. C. T. U.'s. During the recent campaigns in the interest of the Scott Act, I was in the united counties of Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry. In nearly every town I have visited I have held afternoon meetings to meet the members of the W. C. T. U., and have found it a good way to push the interest of our organization. By an appeal after the lecture in this way in Grenville county 60 new members were added to the various local Unions.

I have to express to this Convention my deep-felt thanks to the various local Unions and temperance organizations, under whose auspices I have spoken during the year, for kindness shown me in many ways, and above all to the Divine Guidance, that has been mine giving me strength, time and intellect for the furtherance of this great reform. Let us not be discouraged under the trying circumstances of to-day, but remember the battle is the Lords, and with God there are no *Minorities*.

Yours in the interests,
"God, Home and Native Land,"

MINNIE L. PHELPS.

During the year I have been able to organize 37 Unions, held 31 Sunday Gospel Temperance meetings, spoke under the auspices of 49 Unions, held 30 afternoon and 147 evening meetings, and addressed 15 Bands of Hope.

MITTIE F. COOKE.

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

MISS JENNIE HARRISON, GEORGETOWN.

"The pen moves the world."

Looking from our present standpoint the outlook is pleasingly hopeful. The press going its ceaseless round is each year becoming a more and more devoted friend to the W. C. T. U. While seemingly little, in comparison with what we anticipated, has been accomplished, yet in viewing the strongholds

secured, the sympathy aroused and the assistance vouchsafed us, the discouragement and regret fade away and we are conscious of this fact our work has not been in vain.

During the year 640 letters and circulars had been sent out. No new lines have been taken up, the time being exclusively spent in getting the Unions to fall into line. Until the workers in each local Union became alive to the necessity and importance of this work, your superintendent thought it useless and unwise to attempt any thing more. The number of Unions making use of the press has very greatly increased, which should be a cause for gratitude and encouragement. The following Unions use it freely, most of them weekly, others as often as they can :-

Galt 2 papers used by Union.				Perth 1 paper used by Union.			
Belleville	1	do	do	Fenelon Falls..	1	do	do
Meaford	2	do	do	Brownsville ...	2	do	do
Tilsonburg	1	do	do	Spencerville ..	2	do	do
Collingwood ...	2	do	do	Newmarket ...	2	do	do
Guelph	2	do	do	Ingersoll	2	do	do
Stratford	1	do	do	Cardinal	1	do	do
Paris	2	do	do	Owed Seund...2	do	do	do
Coburg	2	do	do	Trenton	2	do	do
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Seaforth	1	do	do	Hamilton	2	do	do
Paisley	1	do	do	Excelsior	1	do	do
Brockville	2	do	do	Parkdale	1	do	do
Barrie.....	3	do	do	Farmersville ...	1	do	do
Aurora	2	do	do	Niagara Falls...2	do	do	do
Beaverton	1	do	do	Richmond Hill.2	do	do	do
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Burgessville ...	1	do	do	Orillia.....	2	do	do
Aylmer	1	do	do	Smith Fal's	2	do	do
Parry Sound...1	do	do	do	Thornbury.....	2	do	do
Oakville	1	do	do	Brantford	3	do	do
Niagara Falls s.2	do	do	do	Hagersville	2	do	do
Uxbridge	2	do	do	Brussels	1	do	do
Whitby	1	do	do	Milton	1	do	do
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Ottawa	1	do	do	Bowmanville ..3	do	do	do
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Peterboro'	1	do	do	Walkerton.....	1	do	do
Sarnia	1	do	do	Georgetown ...	1	do	do
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Angus	3	do	do	Mitchell	3	do	do
Myrtle	3	do	do	Wiaraton	1	do	do
Mt. Forest.....	2	do	do	Listowell	2	do	do
Jarvis	1	do	do				

The following have been unable to do anything in this line, because in some cases no space has been granted, in others no papers published in their locality but are hereafter going to do something :- Pine Grove, Port Credit, Burlington, Picton, Enterprise, Drayton, Milford and Bloomingdale. These are the only Unions heard from. The wail coming from some of the workers is this.

“Though granted space, our articles are either not published or else so changed as to be scarcely recognizable.” From others “space is granted us, but our articles must not savour of Prohibition, Scott Act or unfermented wine.” This is certainly slightly discouraging, but as W. C. T. U. workers we must soar above the cloud land of discouragement. Let us keep pushing on and as the mighty rock yields to the constant dropping of water, so will the rocks of opposition and indifference yield to the earnest and kind pleadings of christian womanhood. Let me suggest just here, that while we push our claims and advocate our rights and while imitating the serpent in wisdom let us not forget to imitate the dove in harmlessness. As W. C. T. U. workers we want to gain no vantage ground by stealth much less by an unwomanly act.

The editors have all again been interviewed. If space permitted the publication of some of the many letters received from our editorial friends assuring us of support and sympathy, the workers hearts would be both cheered and encouraged. Some who were formally opposed or indifferent are this year with us. From the following kind and courteous replies have been secured. Some of them are not in a position to grant space but will accomodate us whenever possible, while many of them week after week, and day after day lend their columns to this movement their only plea being “keep this space occupied.” Those in sympathy with us and those granting space as follows:—

The Liberal.....	Richmond Hill	Advocate	Trenton
The Review.....	Paris	Tribune.....	Welland
The Herald.....	Richmond Hill	Pleasant Hours.....	Toronto
Herald & Record.....	Wallaceburg	Post	Thorold
Advocate.....	Fergus	Independent.....	Smith's Falls
Courier.....	Perth	Independent	Grimsby
Evangelist.....	Everton and Erie	Windsor Record.....	Windsor
Standard.....	Bridgetown	Enterprise.....	Chesley
Herald.....	Campbellford	Standard.....	Cornwall
Herald.....	Thamesville	Advocate.....	Paisley
Dufferin Advertiser.....	Orangeville	Workman	Orillia
Star Transcript.....	Paris	Statesman.....	Bowmanville
News Argus.....	Stirling	Mail	Toronto
Expositor.....	Manitowaning	Christian Guardian.....	Toronto
Herald.....	Stratford	Era.....	New Market
Gospel Banner.....	Berlin	Essex Liberal.....	Essex Centre
The Post.....	Leamington	Times	Hagersville
News.....	Orono	Herald.....	Georgetown
Farm Journal.....	Hamilton	Despatch.....	Strathroy
The Packet.....	Orillia	Times	Brampton
Transcript.....	Glencoe	Pioneer.....	Sault Ste. Marie
British Lion	Hamilton	Ensign.....	Brighton
Expense.....	Beaverton	Journal.....	St. Mary's
Review	Park Hill	Budget	Toronto
Advocate	Woodville	Echo	London
Standard.....	Port Perry	Barnes	Gravenhurst
News	Rat Portage	Topic.....	Petrolia
Mirror	Meaford	Star	Oakville
Conservator	Brampton	Saturday Night	Toronto
Times.....	Dresden	Banner.....	Chatham
New Era.....	Clinton	Times	Bothwell
Telescope	Walkerton	Cardwell Sentinel	Tottenham
Free Press.....	Acton	Presbyterian Review	Toronto
Confederate.....	Mt. Forest	Standard.....	Markdale

Representative	Mt Forest	Gazette.....	Parkhill
Advertiser.....	Mitchell	Carpenter and Patron.....	Owen Sound
Enterprise	Dutton	Reformer.....	Milton
World	Cobourg	Home and School.....	Toronto
British Whig.....	Kingston	Post.....	Brussels
Argus.....	St. Mary's	Freeholder.....	Cornwall
West Elgin Mercury.....	Rodney	Forester.....	Brantford
The Gazette.....	Picton	Champion.....	Milton
Sun.....	Ingersoll	Ladle Leaf.....	Port Dover
Independent.....	Toronto	True Banner.....	Dundas
Victoria Warder.....	Lindsay	School Journal.....	Toronto
Grip.....	Toronto	Express.....	Aylmer
Evening Journal.....	Ottawa	Economist.....	Shelburne
News Letters.....	Orillia	Grey Review.....	Ducham
Tribune.....	Deseronto	Advance.....	Flesherton
Globe.....	Toronto	Independent.....	Prescott
Glengarian.....	Alexandria	Sentinel Review.....	Woodstock
Messenger.....	Presscott	G. T. R. Bulletin.....	London

All the above named do not grant space but from the kind letters received, we may look upon them as friendly, though some of them slightly disagree with our platform and mode of work. All the agricultural papers have been again and again written to, the only ones responding being Forest and Farm, Toronto, and Live Stock Journal, Hamilton. The editors of these two journals being in sympathy with our work through their columns they utter no uncertain sound on this all important question. The column in Saturday's "*Mail*" supplied by our beloved provincial president is read with as much interest as our own "*Journal*." The "*Royal Templar*" the organ of the *Royal Templars of Temperance* is carrying into homes of our land a mighty influence for good.

The college journals have been interviewed not only by circular but by letter. From "*Varsity*" the following reply was received—The "*Varsity*" deals exclusively in "university thought and events," political and social question are not within its immediate province. The board of editors being composed of a number of gentlemen whose views on such questions differ widely renders it impossible for the "*Varsity*" to deal with subjects of a political, a quasi political or social character. The *Varsity* does not deal with Temperance questions except to publish doings of the University League.

From "*Acta Victoriana*," Cobourg, comes the reply—Our columns having been so fully occupied with matters of special interest to the student world our notice of leading moral and political questions such as prohibition has of necessity been slight. However the movement has our fullest sympathy and will be sustained as far as possible in our *Journal*.

As formerly all papers to some extent published Temperance articles. Those refusing us space have given as an excuse "want of room." A little perseverance and gentle persuasion on the part of our workers would soon overcome this difficulty. Few editors will refuse to publish a bright thought or newsy article. May we then as workers in this noble cause strike for liberty from the tyranny and oppression of the liquor traffic and for the purity and protection of home by making use of the mightiest of human forces the *Press*.

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

MRS WILEY, RICHMOND HILL.

When I consented to take charge of this department of the W. C. T. U. work,

it was with the expectation of being able to secure help to carry it out. The duties in connection with the Cor. Sec. work seem to have so completely occupied my time that I have not been able to give this department the time and thought it ought to have had. However, I think it my duty to make some reference to the doings of the different societies, on the temperance question. I have compiled a few ideas which will show a marked progress along this line. You remember that when Paul was met on his visit to Rome, by a company of Christians from the city, he felt so much encouraged by their presence and sympathy that, "He thanked God, and took courage." We know of no better language in which to express the feeling of every worker for total Prohibition, in looking at the progress made toward the accomplishment of their earnest desire in the past year.

Not long ago total abstainers had to fight public opinion, the habits and customs of society, medical opinion, and in some cases even the church. Let us judge from the following what progress has been made. We will first "cross the sea" and quote from the sayings of notable medical men assembled in Glasgow:

Prof. McKendride—"The great majority of the members of the British Medical Association are thoroughly acquainted with the very powerful arguments from the physiological and medical side in favor of the practice of Temperance."

Dr. Alfred Carpenter—"I am convinced that more evil has been done in establishing organic disease, by the daily administration of alcohol into the system, than the outside world has any idea of."

At the third decennial council of Bishops of the Anglican church, held during this season, at Lambeth, where nearly two hundred bishops were present, from every part of the world, and at which the Archbishop of Canterbury presided, the Committee on temperance presented a report most favorable to the work. This report is too lengthy to quote in full, but, after a careful reviewing of the situation, it says that, "The main weapon to be used in this warfare is the practice of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, by those who desire to help their fellow men," and again after referring to the duty of the church in the matter, it goes on, "It has pleased God to make the Christian nations stronger than any other, stronger than all combined. But this strength brings with it a very solemn responsibility, and this solemn responsibility the church ought incessantly to press on those who bear authority. It is grievous that it should be possible to say with the most distant resemblance of truth that it would be better for native races that Christian nations should never come into contact with them at all."

Coming to our own side of the Atlantic, we refer to the decided action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, which met in Halifax in June of this year, and note the following:—

Resolved, "That this assembly again declares its conviction that the liquor traffic is contrary to the word of God, and to the spirit of the Christian religion, That total Prohibition is right in principle, That it is the duty of the state to pass a Prohibitory law, and that this result is to be sought by all right means."

We might duplicate such expressions from the Methodist Conferences, and from many other religious bodies, but it would make this report too lengthy. We have not been able to gain expressions from the Secular and Benevolent bodies, except a brief gleaning from the doings of a Grand Lodge of the Masonic fraternity in the United States. In a meeting of three hundred delegates a resolution was passed with but one dissenting vote, forbidding the admission of saloon keepers, as members of the order.

We will finish this imperfect report, with a quotation from the Rev. Charles Garret. He says:—"We, (prohibitionists) have corrected public opinion, we have educated science, we have converted the church, we have shaken the

drink traffic to its centre. Fifty years ago it was supreme, founded upon appetite, defended by science, blessed by the church, and patronized by everybody, it said, "My Mountain is firm, it standeth sure, it shall never be moved."

To-day all is changed. Science brands it as an impostor, the church denounces it as a sinner, the state brands it as a ticket-of-leave man, and is hesitating whether it shall renew its license, so that its existence is only a question of time. If then, in the last fifty years temperance has made such progress, with everything against it, what may we not expect in the next fifty years with everything in its favor. The decision is in our own hands. Let us realize the tremendous interests involved, and give ourselves heartily to our work, and the blessings of heaven and earth will be our reward."

MONTREAL PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

JULY 3-5, 1888.

MRS. WILEY, RICHMOND HILL.

In the early part of the present year a deep anxiety was felt in the ranks of the temperance workers throughout the Dominion. It was evident that the Prohibition Movement had reached a crisis, accelerated, doubtless, by the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act in several counties in which it had been enthusiastically carried. This repeal was owing to the lack of proper official organization for its enforcement. The record of the Scott Act to-day shows that where honest, efficient officers did their duty, it was a grand success, and had such officers been at work in every county, the results would have soon made themselves visible in the better condition of things generally throughout the country.

Such, however, was not the case, and the temperance leaders, roused to decided action, issued a call for a grand Prohibition rally, to be held in Montreal, July 3-5. For many years to come this convention will mark an era of importance in the history of Prohibition in Canada, and the July which ushered in the 21st birthday of this grand Dominion, will take rank as the birthday of a solid party for Prohibition, a party which "means business," and that business the total extinction of the licensed traffic in intoxicating liquors.

This convention was composed of delegates from the different temperance organizations of Canada. There were in all 224, of these a very considerable number were White Ribbon Women. The Ontario W. C. T. U. was represented by its worthy pioneer, Mrs. Youmans, the President and Corresponding Secretary. Senator Vidal opened the convention; Mr. W. H. Howland, ex-Mayor of Toronto, was elected permanent chairman; Mr. J. H. Land and Rev. J. Kines were elected secretaries.

It is not necessary for your delegates to furnish a lengthy report of the three days sessions, the minute details of which have been scattered by the daily and weekly press throughout the length and breadth of Canada. The immense hall was packed at every session, and we think a more impressive gathering of earnest workers, it would be difficult to conceive. A body of men and women, who, despite the extreme heat of the weather, sat hour after hour, listening intently to addresses and suggestions, all anxious to adopt whatever measure promised the best means of ridding our country of this evil, all ready to join hands and work for that which would most speedily remove this curse from the paths of our children, and as we recall the earnest faces turned towards the speakers we feel convinced that those delegates fully realized the occasion, and

the grave responsibilities which rested on them.

We present the following as a brief synopsis of the results of the three days discussions :—

SCOTT ACT.

To stand loyally by the act, fighting for its adoption, against its repeal, and for its enforcement wherever it is law, until "We get total Prohibition."

COMPENSATION.

Square and determined opposition to any attempts to compensate those engaged in the liquor business in case of Prohibition.

ENFORCEMENT.

"That the properly constituted authorities should be held responsible for the enforcement of laws."

LEGISLATION.

"No acceptance of a plebiscite, but a straight demand upon the Government and Parliament to pass an act of total Prohibition."

POLITICAL ACTION.

Striving to elect a majority of members of Parliament favorable to prohibition, Prohibitionists refusing to vote for any candidate who will not publicly avow his loyalty to Prohibition, nominating an independent Prohibition candidate in every constituency, when no favorable party candidate is presented.

ORGANIZATION.

Dominion alliance maintained as central and general organization, but in future to be formed of delegates from the churches and temperance societies. In political action Prohibition clubs and county associations to be organized, encouraged and aided by a Central Political Committee of 21, elected annually by the Dominion Alliance. This Committee of 21 was elected by the Convention, to commence operations at once, and act until the annual meeting of the Alliance. For Legislative action a committee composed of all members of Parliament and Senators, who are in accord with the aims and methods of the Alliance.

In closing this report we may state that in the re-organization of the Dominion Alliance, the Ontario W. C. T. U. will be entitled to four representatives.

WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

MRS. SHORTREED, TORONTO.

In November letters were written to all the Lumber firms whose addresses we were able to obtain, explaining to them this department of work and asking for names of foremen, or other responsible persons in the various camps to whom literature could be sent for distribution among the men. Very satisfactory replies were received, only in one instance was there no reply.

In December a number of the camps were provided with books and papers, but the amount on hand at that time was limited and we were not able to supply all of them until after the new year.

During the winter many generous donations of literature were received from Unions and individuals interested in the work. Special mention of these has already been made in the *Woman's Journal* for May, but we take this oppor-

tunity of again thanking all who so kindly helped us in this way. Many of the contributions came late for last year's work, but will be most useful in enabling the department to begin earlier this fall. During the winter your Superintendent sent by mail eighty-nine parcels of literature. One of these was sent to a missionary to be distributed to lumbermen. The others were sent direct to the camps. A large parcel was sent by express to Mrs. Perret, of Pembroke, for distribution among the lumbermen in the Ottawa District, and during the summer reading matter has been mailed to those who made special request for it. Letters were written in the early part of the season to find out if it would be possible for us to send a missionary to work among the lumbermen. We learned that the work would be difficult and expensive, but productive of much more good than our present method of working. It was not thought advisable, however, to take further steps at that time, but we trust that this convention will give the matter careful consideration and if possible appoint a suitable person for the work.

The following so far as we know is a report of what has been done by others in the department.

Almonte Union supplied seven camps with literature semi-monthly, beginning in October

Mrs Perret, Pembroke, several camps in the Ottawa District.

Thorold and Arnprior sent literature to certain camps.

Mrs. Abraham, Sarnia Union, a large parcel to a camp in Muskoka.

Mrs Bremner, Minesing, books and papers to four camps.

The above report gives but a slight idea of the work involved, many letters and cards were written and hours spent in sorting literature. Many of the dear sisters who so kindly contributed to the work had not thought how much better the papers would appear to the men if neatly folded with page No. 1 to the front, this had to be done and selections made from piles of miscellaneous reading matter, with the aim always in view of making the contents of each parcel as attractive and helpful as possible. The wrapping up, addressing, weighing and carrying these parcels to the office was by no means a small part of the work. What are the results? we know not, but hope and believe that some of the inspiring thought on those printed pages have found lodgement in hearts prepared to receive them and by God's blessing will result in good. We know that we were often cheered and encouraged in the work by letters from the men expressing thankful appreciation of the interest shown in their welfare by the Ontario W. C. T. U.

LEGISLATION, FRANCHISE AND PETITIONS.

MRS. J. ROCKWELL, KINGSTON.

Year by year the great question of the regulation or extermination of the liquor traffic is becoming more and more intensely interesting to the people, and proportionally irritating and annoying to the majority of politicians. The "Prohibition Party" in the United States are confidently expecting a large gain in votes at the coming Presidential Election. They have in Gen. Clinton B. Fisk, a grand leader, and we wish them 'God speed'. The inauguration of the "third party" movement with us was somewhat unfortunate, but we hope that any ill-feeling may be overcome, and that as a unit, our temperance forces may march forward. We would say, On! unheed the roar and smoke, smite him where he'll feel the stroke, smite the spoiler with a will, "Use the weapons known to kill."

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TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION

has in the eyes of some, received a tremendous set back on account of the number of successful "repeal" contests that have taken place in Scott Act counties. Even Halton, our stronghold was captured. In our opinion, it is only in consequence of the non-enforcement of the law, that these have occurred, and the result will be that the people will turn their attention to something better and more permanent. The large and enthusiastic Convention held at Montreal in July, was one proof of this. We only hope that at the next one, the "third party" element may be in the majority.

Our first work for the year was as usual in connection with the Municipal Elections.

We submit the following in reference to this Department, 45 Unions reported :—

Name of Union.	No. who voted at Municipal Election.	At School Election.	Temperance Candidates Election.	Temperance Candidates Defeated.	Remarks.
London	800	800	5	2	
Gananoque	60	50	3	1	
Uxbridge	65	65	12	2	Ladies very active.
Ingersoll	Nearly all.	who could	4	1	
Picton	60	.....	a maj. of	Temp. men.	
Galt	- 33	acc.	4	5	
Orillia	Can't tell.	.....	4	.....
Bowmanville	20	.....	11	3	
Aultsville	20	.....	All temp.	2	
Little Britain	9	.....	8	.....
Ridgetown	25	.....	All temp.	.....
Listowel .....	.....	.....	4	.....
Barrie	a men voted	.....	.....	.....	Union work'd hard
Prince Albert	7	.....	.....	4	Lady voters vist'd
Smith's Falls .....	.....	.....	1	.....
.....	11	.....	.....	4	Ladies worked hard for mayor but failed.
Hamilton	200	.....	4	.....
Bobcaygeon	14	.....	3	.....	Ladies work'd hard
Woodstock	About 250.	.....	8	.....
Fergus	4	.....	2	.....
Wyoming	4	.....	4	2	
Orono	34	.....	2	1	
Newmarket .....	.....	.....	6	.....
.....	.....	.....	3	1	
Owen Sound	About 100.	.....	2	.....	Union all took part
Barrie	50	50	5	4	
Oakville	20	acc.	6	1	
Stratford	2	.....	.....	.....
St. Thomas	15	.....	.....	.....
-29-Total	1,805	965	101	33	

Cardinal, Kingston, Ottawa, Embro, Bloomingdale, Sarnia, Belleville, Port Credit, Mount Forest and three with no names attached report the Union as taking no part in the elections. Napanee, Grafton, Brampton and Prescott report their municipal and school board representatives returned by acclamation. The defeat of Mr. Rogers at Toronto was a matter of general regret, but while we endeavor to push forward the work of municipal reform, we must not depend too much upon it, nor be discouraged if ups and downs be fallus. The

goal must ever be "total Prohibition," and short of that we may not stop.
 The Bill introduced by Mr. Waters, M. P. P. for Middlesex to provide that widows and unmarried women should have the right of

FRANCHISE

in connection with our Local Legislature, was well supported by petitions. Our Unions worked with a will, and secured a total of 11,703 names. The full list having been published in the *Journal*, we will not give it space. The Bill was defeated on a division of 30 to 46. A copy of the *Journal* containing the above-mentioned report was also forwarded to each member who voted for the measure.

THE WORLD'S PETITION

continues to grow still, copies were sent to all the new Unions, and the majority of them circulated these, and a number have been returned. We have now considerably over 30,000 names, a full list of which will be published when the petition is finally completed.

"'Tis weary watching wave on wave,
 And yet the tide heaves onward.
 We climb like corals grave on grave,
 Yet pave a pathway sunward.
 We're beaten back in many a way,
 Yet our strength we borrow.
 And where the vanguard rests to-day,
 The rear shall camp to-morrow."

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT OF YORK COUNTY W. C. T. U.

More work has been done in the County of York during the past year than your superintendent can put in the form of report, as all the Unions have not replied to the circulars sent. The months of December and January was a busy time with the W. C. T. U. workers, the Municipal Election calling forth earnest effort in behalf of temperance candidates for our city and town councils, and though we were not always successful in securing our candidate, we have no reason to be discouraged. There is evident progress in the direction of Prohibition, by the reduction of saloon licenses in many localities.

In February we received petitions from the Provincial Superintendent of this department on the subject of Franchise for women, praying the Provincial Parliament, that to all widows and unmarried women possessing the same qualification as men voters, be extended the right to vote for members of the Legislative Assembly. These petitions were sent to the several Unions, and returned with the following number of signatures:—

From Toronto.....	1,495
From Newmarket.....	451
From Richmond Hill.....	144
Total.....	2,090

Some Unions do not report, others report not in sympathy with this department of work. Aurora and Toronto East No. 1 have done good work in having the number of saloons reduced in their localities. Toronto Central and Newmarket each contributed \$10 in aid of the Halton Campaign against the repeal of the Scott Act. The world's petition has been in the hands of the Unions, but returns not yet made.

Your superintendent would take the liberty of suggesting that when petitions are issued, longer time be given for the work of obtaining signatures. In the country places canvassing is an impossibility during the winter months, owing to the sometimes impassable roads, and even in the city and towns it is not easy to find ladies who will engage in a house to house canvass in the winter.

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If we could have the summer and fall in which to get signatures to our petitions they would be returned with a much larger representation.

(MRS. JACOB,) E. S. SPENCE.

Supt. Legislation Franchtse.

and petitions for County of York.

Toronto, Oct. 5th, 1888.

EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT.

MRS. W. R. MARSHALL, STRATFORD.

Early in the new year a leaflet on this special department of work was published and copies sent to every Union. In August I again sent my leaflets to each Union, asking that returns be made to me by the 8th of September, but regret to say I have received very few replies in answer to my request.

There is one thing I find in the responses already in hand for which we ought to give thanks. It is the cordial support of many of the ministers of the gospel in our work. It is always inspiring to us, and is blessed in its effects upon the workers and on those for whom we work.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT OF OTTAWA Y. W. C. T. U., 1887-8.

The work of this department, which commenced in a little class of seven, now comprises:—an Evangelistic Bible Class; a Training Class for Christian Workers; a Friendly Letter Mission; a Visiting Committee; a Tract Distribution Committee; a Weekly Prayer Meeting; Service of Song in jail, hospital and orphan's home; a Home for Friendless Women.

The Bible Class, which meets on Sunday at 3.30, has a membership of 100, with an average attendance of 58, and is made up of working girls of all denominations.

The Training Class, which was held every Sunday from February to May, had a membership of 36 young women, many of whom were Sunday School teachers and district visitors. In this class we have tried to combine a diligent, prayerful study of the bible, with a careful consideration of the soul and its necessities, and in order that our workers might do more aggressive work, we have studied ways of approach, the nature of difficulties and the best ways of meeting them.

The Friendly Letter Mission, organized in the early part of this year, has been a means of sending the "glad tidings of great joy" to many who could not be personally or conveniently approached. Short, pointed, simple gospel letters have been written to those engaged in almost every conceivable calling, 312 copies of which have been written and distributed. We study carefully the features of the calling of each class addressed, and aim at awakening a sense of need in their hearts for a personal Saviour.

The Visiting Committee has done more effective work in the past year than foruerly, owing to the fact that we were enabled in January to secure the services of an earnest, energetic Bible reader, who devotes her whole time to house visitation. About 720 visits have been made amid scenes of wretchedness, poverty and trouble, the result in nine cases out of ten, of the accursed drink.

The *Tract Distribution Committee* has in various ways circulated 4,121 gospel and temperance tracts, in many of which the *life seeds* have been carefully underlined with colored ink or pencil.

A monthly prayer meeting has been conducted by members of the *Friendly Branch* in a humble little cottage, and the attendance though small at first, has been steadily increasing.

Services of Song have been held as formerly, in Jail, Hospital and Orphan's Home, Sundays at 9.30 a.m. We have never yet spoken to either prisoners or patients without presenting Christ as their healing, life-giving Saviour, and it is seldom that an opportunity is not afforded them of deciding definitely for Christ and of giving some outward expression of their willingness to do so. Though the result of this work are in a great measure hidden from us, we believe that some of our timid workers who may have been discouraged because of their imperfect efforts to lead souls to realize Christ, shall have many sweet surprises when the secrets of all hearts are known. While the work of this department of our Union has been mostly of a preventive nature, the Master has also bidden us "Gather up the fragments of broken lives, the wrecks of hope and love, and bring them to Him whose very touch means healing and salvation."

Many were found in the prison and hospital who, in response to the oft repeated question "Why do you not forsake such a life?" have said "Where can we go!" "Who will take us into their homes without a recommendation?" "Where would we get our next meal?" Outcast they are upon the face of the earth, without a true friend or home, treated much as the leper was in olden times. What wonder that many loath the life they lead! On their release from prison, the bar-room and home of vice stand wide open, while all ways of earning an honest livelihood are closed and barred against them. The need was felt of a Home, where we could offer a helping hand and shelter to any friendless woman, without regard to creed, nationality, age or condition, at any time, night or day, the only requisite being a desire to lead a better life. Accordingly, the matter was laid before the Lord, a revelation of His will was given to us through His word, Luke 11, 24-27, 9: 26, which was corroborated by His providence in that an unsolicited donation of \$400 was placed at our disposal on condition that the management of such a Home be in the hands of the Evangelistic Committee of our Union. The offer was accepted at the regular monthly business meeting of the Union in November, and the present constitution read and adopted.

A suitable building (No. 412 Wellington St.) was then rented at \$20.00 per month, possession being granted on the 15th of November, 1887, and furnished with accommodation for fourteen inmates, at a cost of \$247.00, but owing to the fever epidemic, it was not opened until 1st of January.

The committee was very fortunate in securing the services of a competent matron, who arrived in time to take charge of the first inmate, December 28th.

The following statistics show the operations of the home since then :-

		PLACES ADMITTED FROM.	
Admission to Home from Jan 1st		Jail.....	23
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REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

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In residence Sept. 1st	10	Others.....	45
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Total.....	122	Total.....	122

Our hearts yearn with pity as we think of these poor girls and the sin, wretchedness and sorrow to which they are exposed. Many of them are so young and being possessed of an enviable share of beauty, have been flattered and sought for, but alas! upon how many a fair brow have we seen written the word *Unfortunate*. Often have we wept and prayed with poor broken-hearted motherless girls, and with girls of culture and refinement, who have been misled on promise of marriage—girls who have been more sinned against than sinning, some on the verge of despair have been almost ready to take their own lives. It is from the ranks of these unfortunates that our *abandoned women* come. Often when the first fatal step has been taken, and all hopes of reclaiming their character gone, they sink lower and lower until they lead a life of sin in order to support themselves.

We have seen more evidences of blessing resulting from work amongst these classes than any other. The poor girls know they are lost, and need no argument to prove that they are sinners and are ready to acknowledge Christ as their only hope.

It is a significant fact, that during an experience of eight months in this rescue work, we have not found one abandoned woman who was not a victim of *intemperance*. Dear sisters, could you but see the depths of the power of liquor to degrade, you could not put it into the hands of cook or nurse, you would banish it from your house as a poison. Moral suasion or total prohibition can do little for this class, nothing but the power of God can save them from the debasing appetite.

The Home has not been a place for the maintenance of the idle as will be seen from the fact, that on an average 65 dozen pieces are turned out of the laundry each week, the proceeds of which go towards the sustaining fund.

In conclusion we entreat the sympathy and co-operation of every "White Ribboner" in this work of prevention and cure, for it is a soul-saving work, a work that will be owned and blessed by the Divine Friend of the friendless. What we need in Canada is not so much a home in each city where these poor fallen ones may be sheltered, as christian *homes* throughout the whole land where our working girls are treated not as "culinary machines," but as human beings with immortal souls to be saved. Let them gather around the family altar—let them see that you have their highest and best interests at heart—encourage them to confide in you about those whose attentions they receive for it may lead to many important confidences, and their lives may be guarded from evil in consequence.

B. H. WRIGHT, Supt. Evang. Dept., Ottawa.

LONDON UNION.

Mrs. Robertson writes from London Union:—We have been enabled to hold monthly gospel temperance meetings in Victoria Hall, kindly granted us by the Y. M. C. A. Our city ministers very kindly respond to our request, and after a hard day of work in their own churches, come out willingly and preach to us Christ and Him crucified, and we hope and pray for some precious souls to be brought to Christ through these meetings, but we rest in God's own promise:—"My word shall not return unto me void." The hospital is visited regularly, and much good work is being done; we try and hold personal conversation with each patient about their soul's salvation, and it does really fill our hearts with joy as we hear the words of appreciation on saying farewell. Some are so very

weak they can only whisper "thank you," but their faces speak what their hearts feel. One dear old lady, who was an inmate of the hospital for a length of time, and who wished to go very much to the Old Womans' Home in the city, but had no means, and the council would not pay her expenses, has been granted the desire of her heart, and is now enjoying the comforts of our Old Woman's Home through the kindness of one of our number, who has undertaken her support by small monthly subscription. As a Union, we feel we have done very little in this branch of work, but we hope in the future to report much more work done in this department.

HAMILTON UNION.

Mrs. Pratt writes :—We have had weekly meetings in jail, and the hospital is visited weekly; also two mothers meetings weekly. We have a library in connection with all these meetings. We have held 150 Evangelistic meetings, we have house to house visiting and tract distribution. Some 150 families are visited and 2,500 pages of literature distributed. We also hold a weekly prayer meeting in our rooms.

PERTH UNION.

The president reports .—We held Gospel Temperance meetings all last winter fortnightly, which were well attended. We keep a bracket filled with Gospel Temperance Literature at our railway depot. We visit the county jail for an hour every Saturday, and have a service of song, which is heartily appreciated by the inmates. We do not feel that we are doing very much, and often feel discouraged, still we remember that this is the Lord's work, and he will prosper it in His own good time.

GREY COUNTY.

Mrs. Campbell writes :—The report from Grey county will be imperfectly made on account of my removal from Owen Sound in June. If jail work comes under this department, I can say the Owen Sound Union is doing a good faithful work visiting, going to the jail every week to talk and pray with prisoners. A suitable home was found for some children left in the jail. During the winter a number of families were provided with food and clothing. Evangelistic work under that name was not taken up by any of the Unions in the county, as far as I know, but public meetings were held and works of charity were done by all the Unions more or less.

The Galt and St. Catharines' Unions have not a Superintendent of Evangelistic work, but have done considerable tract distributing, visiting the County Poor House, carrying literature to the inmates, and holding a number of meetings.

FERGUS UNION.

Mrs. Beaty reports :—Our Union was formed last October, we began to hold cottage prayer meetings weekly, in the homes of poor drunkards, or in homes where there was some affliction that prevented persons in the home from getting out. God blessed me greatly in this work, and I trust made us a blessing in many homes.

PRESCOTT UNION.

The Prescott Union requested the resident ministers to preach temperance sermons. Temperance lessons have been given in the Presbyterian and Methodist Sabbath Schools. A few prayer meetings were held by the Union. Special prayer was made for the military camps. There has been gospel visitation among the poor drunkards' families, and some of their children have been

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BARRIE UNION.

Mrs. A. Scott writes :—We have done very little in Evangelistic work, except distributing gospel temperance tracts and visiting the jail. We have made an effort to organize mothers' meetings, with very little success. Have had special days of prayer, which were well attended. The first half hour of our W. C. T. U meetings is largely a devotional meeting, taking a subject for each day.

STRATFORD UNION.

Our Union during the past year has distributed 12,632 gospel temperance tracts, besides a large number of books and testaments, in volunteers' camps, in livery stables, and bracket in railway station, placed 26 large gospel texts upon the walls of our new county jail. The jail is visited weekly, and much oftener when there are poor sick ones. While telling them the old, old story we relieve their poor bodies, and give zest to their appetites, for our county jail is no longer inhabited by criminals alone, but the poor *insane* and *sick ones*, with *incurable* diseases, are brought in to spend their last hours behind the iron bars. Dear sisters, should we not learn a lesson from our blessed Master? Wherever Jesus Christ heard of a case of sorrow or need, He went at once. No cry of distress ever reached His ears in vain; He mingled with the poor and needy, so that He might see their condition. Oh, for more love in our hearts; that is what we want to carry out the *Golden Rule*. Held several gospel temperance mass meetings during the winter. Our Union sent a large quantity of literature to the lumbering districts:

Parry Sound,	2 parcels books and papers	Chaplan,	2 parcels books and papers
Muskoka	several " " "	Serpent river	2 " " "
Algoma	2 " " "	North-west	2 " " "
Touchwood Hills, N. W. T.,		4 parcels books and papers.	

Sent large box of clothing for Onondaga Indians, and useful articles for Christmas trees.

Several Unions in writing, stated they had no Evangelistic department, but intended taking up the work this winter.

BRANTFORD UNION.

In Brantford W. C. T. U. much work is done by their salaried Bible women, who visit from house to house, have held twenty-five cottage prayer meetings, and have service in jail every Sunday, at which there have been conversions. The Union also conducts gospel temperance meetings every Friday evening the year round, great interest is taken in these, 150 have signed the pledge this year. We consider these meetings the most successful work of our Union.

TORONTO Y. W. C. T. U.

The president, Miss Tilley, writes :—We do not have a department for that specialty, but endeavor to carry the spirit of it into all our work—one of our meetings being devotional when different Bible subjects are taken, and conducted by our different members. We also take our turn in conducting the devotional meeting held by the district Union when a Bible reading was given by one of our workers. All our meetings are opened with prayer. We observed the week of prayer with the other Unions, and have a daily prayer printed on a card which is largely used, and has brought a blessing. In fact, were the Bible and prayer to be taken out of our Union, I feel sure not one of

us would want to continue the work, which if there is any blessing in it "is all His doing."

WORK AMONG SAILORS.

ALICE P. MORRISON, OWEN SOUND.

In reviewing the reports of the year's work in this department, we find much to encourage and stimulate to renewed efforts next season. There are also discouragements and disappointments as well, but these we need not chronicle as they can neither help nor inspire, and arise entirely from neglect or other causes on the part of the *workers* not the *work*.

The number of Unions taking up this branch of our work has increased each year, and in every case our superintendents report a favorable and grateful reception for the books, tracts or papers distributed.

So that "Forward" is still our watchword and "The spread of Gospel Temperance among our sailors" our aim.

This year no circulars were sent out, but instead, your Superintendent wrote personally to all port Unions where there was a prospect of work among sailors being done. To some few of these letters *no reply came* (one of the disappointments); others reported, as for instance Hamilton, that the Y. M. C. A. did all that was practicable in this way; while others, as annex reports how, appointed superintendents who took up the work earnestly and prayerfully, securing and distributing literature throughout the season, and I know the Divine Master will give the increase to their showing and eternity reveal glorious results.

The reports from the various Unions as far as heard from are as follows:--

BATHURST UNION.

E. J. GARBOT.

Mrs. Baker and myself have met with the most encouraging success in our work, which has lain entirely at the Queen's wharf, where there are extensive lumber docks. Ten or twelve lumber or other vessels land daily and we had to work carefully, as some of these vessels were not occupied by men only, and not always by wives and mothers or sisters. When our notice was drawn to the fact we could hardly give it credit, but such was the case. We went in God's name, fearing no evil, and we believe good results will follow our work. We were received very kindly by the captains, who kindly offer to assist us by distributing our literature from time to time on their voyages. The sailors are eager to receive the tracts as soon as they land. We gave them kindly counsel, which was kindly received, with promises by some of reformation.

GODERICH.

MRS. SANDFORD STOKES, SUPT.

In May I distributed literature, praying that God would make it a blessing, and visited the homes of many of the sailors. During July and August distributed about 600 tracts principally among sailors and on the boats. Through all was treated with respect and was never met with an unkind word.

BRUCE COUNTY

The Superintendent, Mrs. Reekie, of Wiarton, reports that the work has been efficiently carried out in Wiarton by one of the Union ladies there, literature having been distributed to all boats not already supplied at other ports. Forty pounds of literature, consisting of papers, good books and tracts were most kindly sent to them for distribution, by the Guelph Union, this is indeed sisterly, also \$3 worth supplied by the Wiarton Union. In addition to this, as many of the boats go to outlying places on Georgian Bay, this Union has sent, through them, monthly parcels to these places, without respect to what county they are in. Thus Bustard Island, South Bay on Manitoulin Island, Squaw and Club Islands, Tobermory and Winfield Basin have been supplied from Wiarton. To quote Mrs. Reekie's words. "We are always kindly received by the captains and sailors, the latter receiving the temperance tracts gladly. We believe the good seed is being sown, and a very kindly interest is felt between the sailors and our sisters, the wife of a former engineer on one of the boats on these waters. We look to the Lord for His blessing and increase."

Mrs. Reekie also reports briefly from

KINCARDINE.

Boats and Railroad Stations are supplied regularly with papers and tracts, and were last summer though not heard from. Mrs. Johnston, the President, sends reports for that town through the County Superintendent, Mrs. Reekie.

OWEN SOUND.

The Union supplied literature weekly, the members bringing recent papers and magazines from their homes for this purpose. Tracts were also purchased and distributed as opportunity offered, and if space permitted some interesting incidents could be related of the work here where so many boats arrive and depart.

SARNIA.

This is the first season that this department has been taken up in connection with Sarnia Union. We began work in May by placing brackets for literature on the Beatty line of steamers.

We put a Bible, hymn book, one or two religious or temperance books and a good supply of papers and tracts in each of the brackets.

We have endeavored as far as possible to renew the supply of papers, etc. every trip. Our work has not been confined to steamers alone. We have placed parcels of literature on several sail vessels and barges, but owing to the irregularity of these vessels coming into port our work in that line has been limited, however, we are thankful for an opportunity of placing even one parcel on a vessel, and as the boat has sailed away bearing these silent missives we have wondered "what will their mission be?" Perhaps some one striving to

keep his course Heavenward amid unholy surroundings may be refreshed and strengthened, some poor prodigal may be led to exclaim "I will arise and go to my Father," or some one who has never had any one to care for him may be touched and softened by the thought, "some One cares for me."

A large share of the work has fallen on Mr. McCrae (our corresponding secretary) owing to her being conveniently situated. So far this season we have distributed about 865 papers and magazines, such as, The Presbyterian Review, Christian Guardian, Canadian Baptist, Evangelical Churchman, Canada Citizen, Montreal Witness, Northern Messenger, The Family Treasury, Guide to Holiness, &c., also about 430 tracts and 20 books, and in most cases they have apparently been gladly received.

In concluding I would urge Superintendents of Counties bordering on our waters, to see that Superintendents for this branch are appointed at their County conventions. In some counties this had been done and much more has been accomplished in this way, as for instance Bruce County and York County. And dear sisters, who have not hitherto taken up this important work, will you not try and do your part next season? We who live by the waters have a work which no other can do, shall we work it or shall we go forward in God's name and show to the world, our love to Christ, by our loving tenderness for his wandering ones. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good work and glorify your father which is in Heaven."

MRS. W. F. LAWRENCE.

DISTRICT UNION, TORONTO.

JENNIE COWAN, SUPT.

Appointments to "work among sailors," were made by the District Union at the February monthly meeting.

In response to a call for workers in this department, four of the Local Unions took up the work, viz:—Central, Willard, Bachurst and Parkdale. Literature receivers were placed upon four steamers coming in at the Yonge and Church street wharves, one captain only, positively refusing. Others gave a not too willing consent, a bar, and Temperance Literature being too antagonistic in their influences, to have the approval of any one man. All praise to the men who gave a large hearted consent, with the assurance that the best place on the boat should be ours, consequently in two steamers, our Literature Receivers have a prominent place in the cabin, one being placed upon the piano. We were sorry in those cases, we had not something nicer than our plain, white lettered W. C. T. U. tin box to reward such kindness.

The Receivers have been in turn supplied by the Local Unions, the Y's kindly consenting to supply when called upon.

The Local Unions report as follows:—

CENTRAL UNION, TORONTO.

JENNIE COWAN, SUPT.

Owing to the illness of the superintendent first appointed and the consequent

delay work in this department was not commenced as early as it otherwise would have been.

From the first of June, the schooners landing at the eastern ports were visited weekly, tracts distributed, and where families were found, a short time spent in conversation. Were pleased to learn that very little drinking prevails among the hands, while on duty upon the vessels, as one Captain informed us "Lake Ontario is too treacherous a water to trust a cargo to the care of liquor-loving men." The greatest danger to those employed upon the schooners, is while in port, as their duties cease, upon the arrival of the vessels.

This Union has in turn, supplied literature for the Receivers placed upon the steamers by the District W. C. T. U. We were informed that the Literature was read by the passengers; but more particularly by the children.

PORT DALHOUSIE UNION.

MRS. E. PHILLIMON, SEC. PRO. TEM.

A great part of our work is among the sailors and lock-tenders. We have boxes with literature on Steamers Empress of India, Ocean and Persia, also in four lock-houses, besides distributing tracts on tugs and other boats, as we had opportunity, having given in all 5,989 pages.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

MRS. A. GREENHILL, PRESCOTT.

The work in this department has been confined almost exclusively to that in connection with Summer Camps, which is a most promising field for our work. In May, Mrs. McDonnell, Superintendent of Soldiers' Work for Toronto District, reported having distributed among the Volunteers, on their leaving the city for May 24th, 500 copies of the Temperance Herald containing a letter from the W. C. T. U., urging abstinence from drink while on their trip. She was asked to procure 1000 copies to send to the camps at Niagara.

In June two circulars were sent out, one to the Unions urging their attention to this department, and the other addressed to the officers of the Ontario Militia asking their influence to have the sale of stimulants abolished on the camp grounds. A difficulty is felt sometimes by the Unions in consequence of the very short notice they have that the camp is to be in their locality. That was the case this year in Stratford. Notwithstanding that, however, two or three of our most zealous workers were able to have a tent on the grounds provided with facilities for writing, where as many as \$7.00 worth of stamps were sold in a day, besides postal cards. Lemonade was also kept for sale. A kind friend gave them the use of a good library for the volunteers, and also a harmonium, to enable them to conduct a song service when an occasional address was given.

These devoted women distributed over 6,000 tracts and books, conversed with many of the men, and earned and received the thanks of some of the officers. At Gananoque, when there were about 2,000 men, the work was entered into largely and systematically in connection with the Y. M. C. A., who had a large tent on the grounds, in charge of Mr. Pratt, the efficient secretary of the

Kingston Association. Speakers were engaged, everything that could be thought of for the volunteers' welfare secured, and christian workers of the highest type from Kingston offered their time and talents freely for the Glory of God and love to their fellowmen.

In addition the ladies conducted a temperance tent on the grounds and a restaurant in the town. The following is a list of the Unions which contributed to the work with the amounts from each:--Ottawa (through the solicitation of Mrs. Tilton to Militia Department), use for Gananoque, free of rent, of a handsome new marquee, which would have cost for that time and purpose \$25.00; Perth, \$10.00; Pembroke, \$10.00; Kingston, \$5.00; President Kingston W. C. T. U., \$5.00; Prescott, \$4.00; Cardinal, \$2.00; Picton, \$10.00; Cornwall (also literature, \$8.00; Belleville, \$5.00; Portsmouth, \$2.00; Almonte Y. W. C. T. U., \$5.00; total \$66.00. Some other Unions sent bundles of literature for which we were very grateful. The following was the expenditure, contribution to the Y. M. C. A. tent, \$25.00; Lecture to soldiers J. P. Cooke, \$10.00; literature, stationery, printing, etc., \$11.00; total \$46.00; balance on hand, \$15.00. Of this balance Mrs. McCammon, President of the Kingston Union, requested that her personal contribution of \$5.00 be used for building fund, and the remaining \$10.00 has been banked to forward to whatever Union may have the same duty to perform next year. The Gananoque ladies paid out of the profits of the restaurant part of the work, all expenses incurred for carting, lighting, fuel, hired help, etc., etc., and as they made nearly all the refreshments, charging sufficient to cover cost, they had as a result over \$50.00 to add to their building fund. Time was also found for visits to the hospital tent with dainties, etc., and for serious talk with some of the boys, which resulted in some instances in a signature to a pledge card.

Although the twelve days work was extremely arduous, the feeling on the part of the Union is that of gratitude at being permitted to accomplish what they did, and of thankfulness to God for being opened up their way, and providing friends and means without which must have been left undone.

FLOWER MISSION.

MISS ELOISE SMITH, OTTAWA.

The wilderness and the solitary places shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.--Isa. xxxvi.

Out of twenty-four Flower Missions to which letters were sent, requesting that reports be sent in, only twelve have reported, and of these twelve, three report "nothing done," while the rest, with the exception of Berlin, have not done as much as last year.

Berlin Flower Mission distributed 263 bunches.

In Kingston the hospital has been visited every week with flowers and texts. Galt Flower Mission has distributed ninety-nine bouquets since January, '88.

Brockville, 191 bouquets of flowers and six parcels of fruit.

Tara Flower Mission made forty-four visits, distributing sometimes flowers and sometimes delicacies for the sick; eighteen sick people were visited.

Whitby sent out about forty bouquets, with texts to eighteen sick persons.

Ottawa Flower Mission has visited the hospital every week, carrying flowers, fruits and gospel literature; private sick have also been visited.

Richmond Hill distributed forty-one bouquets, fern messages and memorial cards, besides delicacies, such as jellies, creams, etc.

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Belleville Flower Mission has visited the hospital every week, carrying flowers and texts and frequently books as well to each inmate.

Rockwood distributed twenty-four letters, cards and flowers at Easter to the sick and aged of the village.

Pembroke distributed seventy bouquets during the year.

A word to those Unions which have done nothing in this branch of work. The usual excuse is "so many members out of town." Organization is good, but is there not a danger of depending too much on organization. Our Flower Mission was not properly formed to begin with—and so—the summer went by and we have done nothing." Did you ever try what the Lord could do with a committee of *one*?

Here is a garden of bright flowers and a girl with a pair of idle hands—yonder in that little hut is a sick child, in the end house of that terrace a poor girl takes in sewing to support her aged mother—stitch, stitch—stitch. How a few flowers and a kind word would cheer her! Pick a few bunches and start out—now—to day—and the Lord will show you what to do to-morrow. Others will become interested and join, and we will have no more reports of "nothing done."

One word more. I find some Flower Missions omit united prayer before starting on their rounds. "No one is willing to lead" they say—then why not meet in silent prayer. Only pray—dear girls pray! for "Without Him we can do nothing."

YOUNG WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNIONS.

MISS SCOTT, OTTAWA, SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS SKINNER, TORONTO, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

Motto :—"If we cannot all gather sheaves let us each glean an ear"

There are now thirty-five Y. W. C. T. Unions in Ontario :—Hamilton, Brantford, Ottawa, Toronto, Galt, Demili College Oshawa, Brockville, Smith's Falls, Owen Sound, Parkdale, Guelph, Toronto East, London, Aylmer, Walkerton, St. Thomas, Trenton, Goderich, Almonte, Napanee, Alma College, St. Thomas; Woodstock, Peterborough, Picton, Almonte, Pembroke, Hespeler, Thorold, Barrie, Thamesford, Belleville, Kingston, Aurora, Uxbridge, and Aldmay.

The following have reported up to date, October 2nd.

BRANTFORD

Has forty active and honorary members, holds business meetings twice a month and devotional meetings once a month. Has headquarters. Average attendance, ten. Has had two social re-unions. Raised money by socials and bazaar. Receipts \$264 45, expenditure, \$228 16. Distributed 5,000 pages literature. Takes four copies of "Woman's Journal," and one of "Temperance Banner." Has used influence in introducing temperance text-books into school. Has Band of Hope with 202 members, and boys night school with fifty members. Assists in supporting Bible Women. Emblem. Phlox. *Motto* :—"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men. Be strong." Cor. i., 16 13.

THAMESFORD

has ten active and eight honorary members, has business meetings once a month from house to house, average attendance eight. Has public meetings addressed by Mrs. Fraine-Cook and resident clergymen. Raised money by means of mite barrels for Band of Hope, garden party and entertainments. Distributed literature in Band of Hope. Takes one copy of Woman's Journal. Has used influence in introducing temperance text books in schools. Has Band of Hope with forty members. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in Sabbath school classes. Honorary members help in Band of Hope and all entertainments. Are trying to have unfermented wine made by the "Y's." Do relief work. W. C. T. U. asked for no help, but money. Emblem:—Wood Violet. Motto:—"Work while it is day."

KINGSTON

has twenty-one active and five honorary members. Holds meetings twice a month in president's home. Receipts, \$13.50; expenditure, \$13.94. Has six Bands of Hope, and Flower Mission. Holds services of song in House of Industry. Emblem:—Cedar and Double Fuchsia. Mottoes:—"With good will doing service." "Be strong and of good courage."

GUELPH

has twenty-eight members. Has meetings twice a month; average attendance eight. Has held thirteen public meetings addressed by Mrs. Fraine-Cooke and ministers. Raised money by means of five cents concerts—receipts, \$78.88; expenditure, \$78.68. Distributed temperance literature, and takes one copy of the Woman's Journal. Has used influence in introducing temperance text books into schools. Has girls' night school and boys' night school. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in Sunday school classes. Has done temperance work among colored people and lumbermen. Reports its own meetings. Has Flower Mission and district visitation committee, and does relief work. Assist the W. C. T. U. Emblem:—Snow drop.

OWEN SOUND

has twenty-one active members. Holds business meetings twice a month, and devotional meetings once a month. Holds bible readings. Has headquarters. Average attendance at meetings, ten. Held ten social re-unions and four public meetings. Raised money by concerts and socials—receipts, \$145.12; expenditure, 125.45. Distributed temperance literature. Takes two copies of the Woman's Journal; takes Canada Citizen, Montreal Witness and Northern Messenger. Has used influence in introducing temperance text books into schools. Has Band of Hope with sixty five members. Has sewing school with forty members. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in Sunday school classes. Has done temperance work among colored people, sailors and lumbermen. Has tried to secure use of unfermented wine in churches. Has district visitation committee, and does relief work. Assists the W. C. T. U. Emblem:—Easter Lily. Motto:—"The Lord our righteousness."

PEMBROKE

has forty-three active and two honorary members. Holds business meetings twice a month, and devotional every fourth meeting. Has headquarters in the Temperance Hall; average attendance nineteen. Executive meets twice a month. Has held two social re-unions, and 6 public meetings addressed by Miss Phelps, Mrs. Fraine-Cooke, John R. Clarke, Mr. Nichol, Rev. Mr. Ross, Perth, and resident clergymen; essays were written and read on hygiene and temperance. Raised money by socials, collections and free will offerings—receipts, \$129.32; expen-

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diture, \$61.98. Distributed 500 pages of temperance literature; takes ten copies of of Woman's Journal. Has used influence in introducing temperance text books into schools. Has Band of Hope with 161 members. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in Sunday school classes. Honorary members assist at entertainments. Has done temperance work at fairs and among lumbermen. Influences press by securing a column in local paper; reports its own meetings. Has tried to secure use of unfermented wine in churches. Has Flower Mission, and distributed seventy bouquets; has district visitation committee, and does relief work. Assists the W. C. T. U. Emblem:—Scarlet Geranium. Motto:—"Whatsoever ye do, do it all to the glory of God."

BELLEVILLE

has thirty-two active and six honorary members; holds business and devotional meetings. Hold business meetings first Tuesday in every month, and devotional meetings third Monday in every month; meets in Harrison's Hall. Average attendance fifteen. Executive meets once a month; average attendance six. Held one social re-union, and assisted at two given by the W. C. T. U.; held three public meetings. Raised money by open meetings, honorary members fees and donations. Receipts for year \$36.48; expenses, \$34.93. Distributed temperance literature. Has a sewing school with twenty-five members. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in Sunday school classes. Honorary members help at socials. Send accounts of work to press; reports its own meetings. Has Flower Mission, and distributed twenty-four bouquets. Has done relief work in connection with sewing school; assisted the W. C. T. U. by distributing tracts and giving them money. Emblem:—Chinese Primrose. Motto:—"As thy days so shall thy strength be."—Deu. xxxiii., 25.

GODERICH

has twenty-eight active and fifteen honorary members, holds meetings twice a month in Knox church. Average attendance, twelve. Has had two public meetings addressed by Revs. D. G. Cameron and A. McMillan. Raised money by open meetings. Receipts, \$39.31; expenditure, \$39.93. Distributed 2,786 pages temperance literature. Takes three copies Woman's Journal. Has Band of Hope with 116 on roll. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in sewing school classes, and honorary members assist in Band of Hope, and entertainments. Reports own meetings. Hold services of song in jail and hospital. Has district visitation committee, and does relief work. Attends meetings of the W. C. T. U. Use Y. W. C. T. U. stationery. Emblem: White and Red Rose. Motto:—"Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields for they are white already to harvest." John iv., 35. "We are laborers together with God."

OTTAWA.

has fifty-five active and twelve honorary members. Holds business meetings once a month, and devotional meetings once a month. Has had Bible readings conducted by Revs. W. Carson and J. Wood, Lady Cavan and members of the W. C. T. U. and "Y". Has headquarters. Average attendance, 14. Held one social re-union. Has had two lectures by Rev. W. T. Herridge and Senator Boyd. Raised money by lectures, fees, free-will offerings and collections. Receipts, \$1,547.79; expenditure \$1,549.24. Distributed 4,120 gospel and temperance tracts. Has a library. Takes fourteen copies Woman's Journal. Has used influence in introducing temperance text-book into schools. Has two sewing schools with seventy members. Girls night school with ten members. Kitchen garden with sixty members. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in Sunday school classes. Assisted the W. C. T. U. at refreshment booth at fair. Has Flower Mission. Has Friendly Branch and

Home for Friendless Women. Hold services of song in jail and hospital. Have training class for Christian workers. Has free reading room. Does relief work, and has district visitation committee and Bible reader. Uses Y. W. C. T. U. stationery. Emblem: Pansy. Motto: "The love of Christ constraineth us."

TORONTO.

has eighty-one active members. Holds business and devotional meetings monthly. Has Bible readings. Has headquarters. Average attendance, thirteen. Has executive meetings. Held social reunion for honorary members, K. G. exhibition. One lecture. Two Bands of Hope entertainments. Meetings have been addressed by Rev. Dr. Parsons, Mrs. S. E. Peck, Rev. W. F. Wilson and Mr. Whisker. Had one concert. Annual receipts \$338.45. Distributed 3,908 pages of temperance literature. Take one copy of Oak and Ivy Leaf and Canada Citizen. Have Bands of Hope with 500 members, and Kitchen Gardens. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in Sunday school classes. Honorary members assisted at concert and K. G. exhibition. Gave literature at jail. Sent notices of meetings to press. Has Flower Mission. Assists the W. C. T. U. in Bible meetings. Uses Y. W. C. T. U. stationery. Emblem. Water Lily. Motto: "Be not weary in well-doing."

GALT

has twenty-nine active and ten honorary members. Holds business and devotional meetings first and third Fridays in each month. Has headquarters. Average attendance, twelve. Distributed literature among lumbermen in Manitoba. Has boy's night school. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in their Sunday school classes. Has a Flower Mission. Does relief work. Assists the W. C. T. U. Uses Y. W. C. T. U. stationery. Emblem: Wild Daisy. Motto: "The battle is the Lord's"

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

MISS SKINNER.

In November—I visited Newmarket and Georgetown (address), but failed to organize. November 28—Hespeler, addressed two Sunday schools on the lesson of the day, and a mass meeting of women on Sunday evening, on temperance work, and on Monday evening organized a "Y." I visited Galt on my way home (informally)

January 19...Organized a "Y" in Barrie—one informal meeting in the afternoon, a meeting (parlor) in the evening.

February 20—Re-organized Parkdale "Y's" Band of Hope.

February 28—Brantford—Mass meeting of children in the afternoon. Parlor meeting in the evening

March 16—Spoke at Convention in Aurora, and organized "Y."

April 6—Address at Uxbridge. Since then I have organized a Band of Hope in Yonge Street Methodist church, and prepared a paper on "Temperance work in the Sunday School," for York Temperance Sunday School Convention.

I expect, all being well, to address a mass meeting of children in connection with the York County Annual Meeting.

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TORONTO "Y" KITCHEN GARDEN REPORT.

During the past season our classes have been carried on as usual with our two sets of utensils. Had about fifty little ones in a free class under our care. Our little girls have aided in several of our entertainments, taking the part of waiting maids, and their trim appearance is a constant source of remark. We regret not having been able to supply the demand for little nurses, etc., but the parents do not care for them to leave school as yet, even did we know them to be qualified. Our classes closed with an exhibition early in June, by which we cleared over \$50.

The children, we feel, have learned many useful lessons, and when the day comes that they have to labor for their daily bread, they will reap the benefit, for never can they forget the lessons taught in this way.

At Christmas they received some cornucopias of candy, and at Easter color red eggs in baskets, and books as prizes were presented at the close.

The mothers seem pleased with what their children are learning, one remarking, "Whenever I hear Lily singing one of the Kitchen Garden songs, I know she is doing her work well." While attending the conference at Niagara this season, I was called upon to give an account of this work, and was much pleased to have afterwards some American ladies come up to us and make further enquiries and take the address of the New York firm where the utensils are procured, as they felt it would be such a useful work to carry on in their homes.

J. TILLEY,
Superintendent.

KITCHEN GARDEN.

OTTAWA Y. W. C. T. U.

Our classes were resumed on October 28th, 1887, in the W. C. T. U. Hall, and during the season 129 names were on the roll. Owing to the epidemic of typhoid fever the attendance of both teachers and scholars suffered, but much progress was made by the children, although owing to the want of help the order was not as good as in former years. A number of girls are ready for the cooking school, which we hope to open when funds permit.

The rent of the piano was paid from the fees collected. At the Y. M. C. A. New Year's reception, four Kitchen Garden girls assisted in dispensing refreshments, and were presented with books by the Woman's Auxiliary. A normal class was trained by Miss Fleck, one of the members belonging to Winnipeg, through whose efforts we hope to hear of a Kitchen Garden in that city. Most of the children signed the temperance pledge.

The classes were closed on May 12th, with an exhibition in the W. C. T. U. Hall, when prizes were presented, refreshments served, and games indulged in to the satisfaction of the children.

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LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

MRS. ALEXANDER, OTTAWA.

During the year ending October 1st, 1888, 370,424 pages of Literature have

been sent out from this department; also 3,200 Pledge Cards, 600 Pledge Books and 1,025 Badges for Loyal Legions and Bands of Hope, with 166 yards of white ribbon for W. C. T. U. Badges.

While this shows an increase of nearly 74,000 pages over the issue of last year, it is a small distribution compared with what might have been done had each Union taken up this branch of work in even a very small way. Last year's report gives us 168 Unions—the amount received from the sale of Literature divided among that number would be about three dollars and a half from each. But we cannot calculate even on that basis, for quite a number of our orders come from Quebec, New Brunswick, and even British Columbia, while many Unions, especially those in the cities and larger towns, if they do anything at all in the way of circulating literature must draw their supplies from other sources.

It is chiefly with the smaller Unions, and in small sums that the business of this department is done. If the Unions generally would loyally support their own Literature Department, its scope might be greatly enlarged, and an increased stock of fresh and attractive matter kept constantly on its shelves.

The financial showing is not as good as we could wish, owing largely to the fact that some lines of work endorsed by the last annual meeting, among others the Social Purity and Women Suffrage branches, and for which provision in the way of Literature was made, have apparently not been taken up, thus leaving that amount of stock to be paid for, while there has as yet been no returns.

The repeal of the Canada Temperance Act in many parts of our Province during the past year, and the danger that the coming year may have defeats of the same kind in store for us, should rouse us to the determination that our field, the Province of Ontario, shall afresh be sowed broadcast with good seed in the shape of books, papers and leaflets, containing the freshest information and the most convincing arguments regarding this question, which so vitally affects the interests of our country as a whole and of every home in particular.

There are those among us who feel discouraged that they have so little time for work outside their own homes, that they have no gift of tongue or pen, little money or influence, and it may seem to them no way of advancing the work of the Master whom they love, but there is no one who cannot send out tracts or leaflets which may bring comfort and healing or convey warning and instruction to a soul which could be reached in no other way.

Let us then avail ourselves more fully of these little messengers, and sending them forth on the wings of faith and prayer, we may rest assured they will be owned and blessed of Him who sees and rewards all faithful service, be it small or great.

No. of pages of literature sent out by this Department	370,424
No. of pledge cards	3,200
No. of pledge books	600
No. of badges	1,025
No. of parcels	596

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM UNIONS :

Aylmer, Ont.	\$ 1 50	Brandon	6 80
Aylmer, Que	47	Bloomfield	25
Arnprior	1 30	Bobcaygeon	70
Allentord	1 95	Belleville	4 25
Almonte	2 85	Belleville "Y"	2 50
Aultsville	2 26	Brantford	39
Avonmore	40	Bothwell	50
Brockville	2 55	Beachville	2 65
Broadview	52	Bowmanville	2 72

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REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

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Bloomington	50	Kemble	12
Brownsville	3 41	Kerwood	38
Beaverton	9 51	Listowel	13 62
Benton, N. B.	20	Lindsay	3 12
Burlington	7 43	London	3 62
Bristol	25	Lyn	1 15
Cornwall	3 40	Lucknow	45
Chiliwack	45	Malvern	5 53
Cochill Mines	1 71	Meaford	2 50
Cardinal	27	Mattawa	85
Coulong	2 10	Morden, Man.	5 65
Cobden	2 42	Martinville	50
Clarksburg	1 18	Milton	25
Chippewa	10	Maganetawan	1 00
Chelsea, Que.	2 90	Mount Forest	10
Campbellford	7 65	Mitchell	3 00
Compton, Que.	08	Manitou, Man.	6 85
Clinton	65	Morrisburg	50
Dunlop	2 11	Medicine Hat, N.W.T.	70
Dundalk	2 84	New Hamburg	50
Dungannon	1 00	Nugent	1 08
Danford Lake, Que.	1 10	Napanee	8
Danville, Que.	3 25	Niagara Falls	3 40
Dartmouth, N. S.	25	Nippissing	3 75
Dunnville	1 00	North Arm, B.C.	1 24
Drayton	57	Norwich	7 13
Eardley, Que.	3 59	Newington	70
Eaterprise	25	Newmarket	1 30
Embroy	1 69	New Westminster, B. C.	5 00
Fergus	06	North Nation Mills, Que.	50
Fredericton, N. B.	3 74	Ottawa	8 38
Ferndon Falls	75	Orillia	15
Farmersville	3 29	Odessa	5 23
Gananoque	12 45	Orangeville	11 82
Goderich	3 81	Owen Sound	4 00
Gorrie	20	Peterboro'	6 85
Galt	5 84	Pembroke	26 11
Guelph	60	Paisley	16 54
Gravel Hill	30	Portsmouth	94
Glencairn	1 89	Parr's Sound	2 80
Hockleyville	63	Port Perry	6 03
Hanover	94	Prince Albert	2 25
Hagersville	11 58	Prescott	1 58
Hespeler	1 00	Peterou	39
Hamilton	3 12	Parkdale	1 95
Horner	4 10	Port Elgin	16
Holland Landing	3 13	Paris	1 03
Inverness, Que.	30	Port Hope	41
Iona	39	Path	4 35
Jarvis	15 74	Pilot Mound, Man.	3 18
Kazimbazua	3 64	Port Rowan	1 00
Kingston	8 92	Princeton	87
Killarney, Man.	3 61	Pontiac, Que.	20
Kintore	80	Pembroke "Y."	2 50

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Portage la Prairie, Man.....	90	Thornbury	2 67
Renfrew	2 20	Toronto	18 49
Rockwood	2 10	Thamesford	4 05
St. Thomas.....	1 25	Tilsonburg	60
South Mountain.....	50	Tabusintac, N. B.....	1 00
Southampton.....	2 20	Uxbridge	25
Seaforth	3 51	Victoria, B. C.....	54
Salisbury	55	Vancouver, B. C.	11 20
Simcoe	5 82	Virden, Man	5 82
Strathallan	2 10	West Winchester	1 60
Smith's Falls.....	1 11	Wakefield ..	3 51
Saltford.....	4 25	Wyoming.....	1 81
Spencerville	4 24	Winnipeg.....	3 57
St. Catharines.....	3 22	Walkerton	1 98
St. Elmo	10 55	Wilhamstown	1 00
Sweatsburg	1 25	Whitby	5 67
Stewarton.....	5 70	Woodstock	1 27
Strathroy	1 05	Warton	1 65
St. Mary's.....	9 57	Westmeath	1 00

REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.
 REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

MISS J. F. OVENS, GALT.

Circulars were issued to each Union throughout the Province, containing questions which were to be answered and returned, but from some cause or other have not proved satisfactory, as only eighteen Unions have responded, so that anything like a full report will be entirely out of the question. However, a condensed form will be appended.

No doubt many have found it difficult to have a temperance lesson in connection with the International Series, as the last day of the quarter is put down for a temperance lesson or review, so that when the former is urged, the latter is felt to be so important that it generally wins the day and the temperance lesson is postponed until the next quarter only to again meet a similar fate.

Could not a day be devoted specially to Temperance?

The following Unions have sent in reports:—Mitchell, Uxbridge, Fergus, Orillia, Napanee, Picton, Aultsville, Brantford, St. Catharines, Bowmanville, Ingersoll, Galt, Hamilton, Thornbury, Meaford, Chatsworth, Flesherton and Owen Sound.

Each reports as follows:—

MITCHELL

has four Sunday schools—three use the temperance lesson in International Series, quarterly, and three have a temperance society with 291 members.

UXBRIDGE

reports five Sunday schools—four use a temperance lesson once each quarter, and five have temperance societies, membership not given.

FERGUS

has four Sunday schools—two use the temperance lesson, one four times and the other twice a year.

ORILLIA

has four Sunday schools—all using the temperance lesson, some twice and some once a year. All have temperance societies with 750 members.

NAPANEE

has four Sunday schools—all of which use the temperance lesson on the series. One has a Band of Hope.

PICTON

has five Sunday schools—three use the temperance lesson quarterly. There are 220 members in the Band of Hope.

AULTSVILLE

has two Sunday schools—one uses the temperance lesson once a quarter. No organized society, but the children sign the pledge in the teacher's class book.

BRANTFORD

has twenty-one Sunday schools—four use the temperance lesson twice a year. Two Bands of Hope well attended.

ST. CATHERINES

has twelve Sunday schools—one uses the temperance lesson, and two have Temperance Societies.

BOWMANVILLE

has six Sunday schools—five use the temperance lesson, and three have Bands of Hope, representing 195 members.

INGERSOLL

has six Sunday schools—two use the temperance lesson.

GALT

has seven Sunday schools—four Bands of Hope, with 430 members.

HAMILTON

has twenty-two Sunday schools—ten Bands of Hope, with 1,900 members.

THORNBURY

has four Sunday schools—two use the temperance lesson quarterly, and one Band of Hope.

MEAFORD

has five Sunday schools—one uses the temperance lesson in International Series.

CHATSWORTH

has three Sunday schools—two use the temperance lesson, and two have Bands of Hope with ninety-five members.

FLESHERTON

has three Sunday schools—three use the temperance lesson, and three-fold pledge is used.

OWEN SOUND

has seven Sunday schools—four use the temperance lesson once every quarter, and four Bands of Hope.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

MRS. T. H. PRATT, SUPERINTENDENT

I am unable to give a full account of this year's work, as I have only heard from twenty-eight places. Two hundred circular letters were sent out and replies came from twenty. Cards were sent to superintendents this fall and four responded. Now this fact is most discouraging, can it not be remedied? How? The following is the status of Juvenile work as far as my knowledge goes:—

Location	Membership	Location	Membership
Drayton	75	Owen Sound	110
Bowmanville	93	Aultsville.....	90
Arnprior	100	Kingston	168
Brussels	100	Listowell	100
Walkerton	189	Burlington	70
Gananogue	150	Georgetown.....	97
Galt	500	Zion	60
Paris	120	Preston	50
Parry Sound	195	Berlin	247
Richmond Hill ...	130	Pine Grove	80
Thamesford.....	40	Hespeler	70
Hagersville	125	Sarnia	50
Ingersoll	40	Hamilton.....	1900

I find the idea of amusing the children is giving way to more solid teaching, and the more rapidly this takes hold of the mind of those in charge of children, the better for our cause. I am confident from a knowledge of all the different phrases of our temperance work, that this is the foundation stone upon which we shall build to completion the Prohibition temple. All other branches are good and must not be neglected, but if time and means are limited choose by all means the inculcating into the minds of the boys and girls that alcohol as a beverage, or as a medicine is a poison. Although there has been an additional degree of practical temperance instruction, still there is much room for improvement. I find out of the above mentioned places, twenty six, Sunday schools have pledges or bands in connection with them. It is obvious from reports that teaching by class and as a whole is equally divided, also the text book used and mode of teaching is varied. This department has sent out 270 circular letters, and written fifty nine letters in response to questions asked. Three Bands of Hope have been reported as organized, this no doubt is an unequal showing of the good work accomplished by County Superintendents, but we are unable to report more. The amount expended for year, \$1,300. No grander work exists to day, than this Juvenile Temperance movement. We have had a good deal of practical knowledge in the many branches of W. C. T. U. work, but the impression comes more clearly defined year after year—our hope lies in the future men and women. Temperance education is the key that will unlock the iron bound door which defies our approach. With the serious education will wear away prejudice; education will dare the indulgence of appetite, with the knowledge of effects; education will make public opinion unanimous as to its evil results, and turn a cold shoulder to its continuance. If we have these three formidable foes turned into our friends, how long, before victory will smile upon us? education alone can do this. Let us push on, therefore, the more perseveringly and successfully, in the education of our boys and girls. Hamilton has had much encouragement in this work amongst our boys and girls, numbering 1,900 under the care of 100 young ladies, and has been successful in organizing in Sunday Schools, Bands of Hope. There has been much good accomplished by the children themselves in their homes, and amongst their neighbors. Fathers have been rescued, converted and gone into the work of our Master, families have been re-united, souls saved. The little ones becoming home missionaries, surely, out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, God has perfected praise.

COUNTY OF WATERLOO.

There are four Bands of Hope in the Town of Galt, with a membership of

500--The Central Presbyterian, Knox Church, Episcopal and Methodist church, each one have a good society at work. Temperance papers, certificates and badges are distributed. Song books used and blackboard lessons taught. Quarterly meetings were held in the different churches, and the parents came out to hear the recitations, dialogues and speeches, the children taking quite an interest in these public gatherings. The Juvenile Templars have a membership of 150 or more.

ZION

has a Band of Hope, with a membership of 60. Great interest is taken with the children, and they are taught the principles of temperance.

BERLIN

has a membership of 247, and they are very energetic. I had the pleasure of visiting their Band of Hope, and was much pleased with the many bright faces and shining badges.

PINE GROVE

has a membership of eighty. This society is doing excellent work for the young boys and girls.

PRESTON

has the Loyal Legion with fifty members, and they have exercises, which are appreciated by the children.

HESPELER

has a membership of 70. The leader is very energetic, and the children copy her and work with a will.

A Band of Hope organized in Oakwood on Sept 27th, by the County Superintendent of juvenile work, and a very good attendance, the number becoming members being thirty-two. We hope this new society will be very successful this winter.

No. of members of Bands of Hope.....	989
No. of members of other societies.....	200
Total.....	1189

We hope by another year to report five or seven new Bands of Hope.

Mrs. CHRYSLER,
Galt

YORK COUNTY.

"To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted." We stand at this annual meeting between the "planting," which has been going on during the past year, and the "plucking up," or garnering in, for the latter will be in God's own harvest time, so we would first take a backward glance and examine what we have sown in this youthful field. Is there a blade discernible? Well for us, if where hitherto has been nothing but grey field we can discern the least tinge of green. Have our implements been of the best? Do our tools need sharpening? And so we take stock of it all, for, considering we

labour for eternity, for a grand Master who bids us "seek of Him a right way for our little ones." It is well worth scenting. Let us answer the first question. What have we sown? Weekly, throughout the winter and with some all the year around, over 1600 children in this county have been taught the effects of alcohol on brain, stomach, blood and nerve. Scripture warnings have been given them, and these truths have been inculcated by the use of song, blackboard, chart and catechism.

Papers containing bright illustrations have been distributed in many Bands. The Toronto Central "Y's" have given about 3,900 pages. Richmond Hill four-page papers have been distributed each week throughout the year. This in itself is most valuable, for it tends to educate public sentiment, for they find their way into very many homes, yet it is impossible to discover what the results have been. That will have to wait for the "garnering time."

Is there a blade discernible? Surely, "Yes." One of our workers tells us of a little fellow of seven, who, getting very excited over a contest with a little brother, turned on him with this remark—"If I did not belong to the *Band of Hope*, would I not say something to you." One class who did not object to the drinking pledge, but found the smoking a difficulty, and the swearing next to impossible to resist were greatly taken with the triple badge—its red, white and blue ribbon proving very attractive, but upon being refused it unless they agreed to the full pledge, requested this plan, to turn the white edge in, that being the profanity badge, and they would promise not to smoke for a fortnight if they might then wear it for that time. This shows the benefit of a badge, also the love for the beautiful, which may be found in the hardest and roughest natures. Poor boys, we little know all their struggles, and what true heroism it takes to give up tobacco even for a fortnight.

Have our implements been of the best? In all our educational efforts to bring our highest talents into use, whether it be music, the languages, classics or plain English, we cannot expect our Bands of Hope to be all that they might be, until the ability called forth in other things is brought to bear upon this. Everywhere we find earnest, faithful workers, devoting themselves to inculcating temperance principles into the children, and they will have their reward, but the result would be far greater if we had a better system, books well suited to our needs, for we find Miss Colman's in many cases too difficult, while others have gone through them, and need a change.

Do our implements need sharpening? "As iron sharpeneth iron so a man sharpeneth the countenance of a friend." Your superintendent should be able to do this, and give advice and help to all calling for her, but with your county superintendent you have a mere figure head. I would advise your endeavoring to find some one who can visit frequently the different "Bands," and work up this branch. The greatest difficulty is obtaining order, and therefore I would favor in most cases smaller bands and more of them.

We now number fifteen bands in the county, and of these four are new during the past year—North Toronto, Willard, Bathurst and Newmarket "Y's." Some are self-supporting, others dependent on the Union, while one has shown the missionary spirit, and helped others.

The following is the statistical statement for the county :—

Toronto "Y" 3 bands.....	500	Richmond Hill 1 band.....	130
East Toronto "Y" 1 band	150	Aurora 1 band	193
West Toronto 2 bands.....	320	Malvern 1 band	80
North Toronto 1 band.....	75	Newmarket "Y" 1 band.....	60
Willard 1 band.....	24		
Bathurst 1 band.....	70		
Parkdale "Y" 1 band.....	40	Total	1639

We therefore show 1,639 children, an increase of 314 over last year. I may mention that among the number given here some are residents of charitable homes, and we hope during the coming season to extend our work in that direction. Thus, all sizes, all ages, all colors, grades and classes, all denominations and a variety of characters have come under the influence of our work, some, who, no doubt, will in the future occupy the highest positions in our land, some more humble, but the backbone of our country, and we pray that all may be true to their God and their pledge. Let us re-double our efforts during the coming year to save our children from the evil that defiles the fair manhood of so many lives, and saps away the strength and power needed to build up our country, and above all let us seek to win souls for the Master that we may have jewelled crowns to lay at His feet.

Your Supt.,
J. TILLEY.

PRISON AND POLICE WORK.

MISS J. INKSTER, KINGSTON.

Kingston Penitentiary is visited weekly by members of the W. C. T. U. Attendance regular and attention very good. A Bible reading is given and religious literature distributed. Several have been awakened to their need of a Saviour. The jail is visited regularly; tracts are distributed and service held. In the winter, both men and women are seen, but during the summer the men are engaged on the grounds. Clothes have been provided when needed, and employment found for some who have given satisfaction by doing better, but we have had many discouragements in the backward course of some we hoped were reformed.

BELLEVILLE.

The jail work is done by the Magdalen Committee of the W. C. T. U.

COBOURG.

Y. M. C. A., assisted in winter by students, visits regularly the goal. The jailor's wife is interested and looks after the female prisoners.

NAPANEE.

Little work required; crime noticeably decreased since Scott Act came in force. Inspector and police magistrate in sympathy with act.

MILTON.

Few female prisoners while Scott Act was in force. Gentlemen of the town visit the male prisoners.

ST. CATHERINES.

No work done as yet, but a new committee is to be organized in September, when the jail work will begin.

WHITBY.

Jail visited weekly. Service held, and flowers from Flower Mission distributed.

BARRIE.

Great interest taken in the work. Jail visited monthly and flowers and tracts distributed.

LONDON.

Monthly average of eleven prisoners. Jail is visited regularly and service is held. Jail authorities very courteous to visitors.

WALKERTON.

Jail visited weekly, and clothing furnished when necessary, and tracts distributed to men and women. Great interest manifested by both visitors and inmates.

CODERICH.

Visiting and tract distributing done formerly, but this work has been taken up by gentlemen from Methodist and Presbyterian churches, so the committee hold themselves in readiness for any other work pertaining to the jail.

PEMBROKE.

Matron in charge of this department. No other work to be done, owing to the Scott Act being in force.

OTTAWA.

Most encouraging report, a "Home for the Friendless" established. Thirty-two have found shelter and work in this home till they obtained situations. Many of the prisoners seem to enjoy the weekly visits and Bible readings very much. One hundred and twenty seven females have been confined, but many are French, so can be reached only through tracts written in their own language.

SARNIA.

Six thousand five hundred and fifty pages of literature have been distributed within the last year. The prison has been visited monthly and the prisoners seem very much pleased with the literature.

The Union has entered very heartily in the work trusting it may not be in vain.

 HYGIENE AND HEREDITY.

MRS. DR. ANDERSON.

Very few reports have come to hand concerning this branch of the work. A printed circular from Waterloo County shows nothing has been done in this line, a report from another source says they are a sleepy Union, and had done little except in Band of Hope.

At the beginning of the year I wrote between one and two hundred letters asking the Unions to appoint their local superintendent of this department, and if possible to arrange for a five minutes talk or reading on this subject at their regular meeting, if they could do no more than this, reporting to me their success. In answer to these letters I received one reply saying they had no such department, consequently I am forced to the conclusion that the Unions do not see the necessity of attending to this subject. I prepared a paper on

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"Decomposing organic matter," for the convention at Norwich but business prevented me from attending the convention which I greatly regretted.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

MRS. J. SYMINGTON, NAPANEE.

This department of W. C. T. U. work has unquestionably suffered in the loss of the active, painstaking superintendent of former years, and the meagre supply of information at hand renders it impossible to give an accurate account of what has actually been accomplished. The duty of the Unions was so clearly pointed out in the address of the Provincial President at last Convention and the forcible appeal from the executive coming directly afterward in the Woman's Journal, it seemed unnecessary to further urge the matter upon the attention of the workers until a fuller knowledge of what stand would be taken in regard to the observance of the new school regulation.

Up to the time of writing this report I have received returns from Lambton, Grey, Huron, Halton, Wellington, York, Pince Edward, Lennox, Addington, Grenville, Stormont, Bruce, Renfrew and Waterloo.

LAMBTON.

Faithful and painstaking efforts by Mrs. Abraham, Co. Supt., have been made to bring the matter before the School Board, which will, it is hoped, bear fruit in the near future.

GREY.

Mrs. Raymond, Cor. Sec., says temperance is taught in the public schools of Owen Sound. No information from other parts of the county.

HURON.

Mrs. Leach, Co. Supt., sends the gratifying information that the text book is used for teaching purposes in every public school in West Huron, and pretty generally in East Huron.

BRUCE.

Mrs. McKay, Supt. S. T. I., says that of ten public schools heard from, eight use the text book, and two do not.

HALTON.

Mrs. Bennett, Co. Supt, reports that the law is observed in three of the schools, and could not say how many it is not.

WELLINGTON.

Mrs. Budd, Co. Supt, reports that Scientific Temperance Instruction is taught in the public schools of Guelph. No information as to other parts of the County.

WATERLOO.

Mrs. Cavers reports in Galt the text book is used, and first-class temperance men on the School Boards, and the subject will receive the attention it merits.

YORK.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, Supt. Scientific Temperance Instruction has been indefatigable in her efforts to bring the subject before the School Boards and teachers with encouraging results.

PRINCE EDWARD.

Mrs. Branscombe, Co. Supt., says that Temperance Instruction is given in all Public schools in the County, and has been for several years past.

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON.

The text books are used and the subject taught in the Napanee Schools and in other parts of the county.

GRENVILLE.

Mrs. Blair reports that teaching concerning Alcohol is regularly given in three of the grades of the Public schools in the town of Prescott. The inspector of Public schools is gradually urging the introduction of Temperance Instruction into the other Public schools of the county.

STORMONT.

Mrs. Bigelow, Cor. Sec., is grieved by the prevailing apathy and fault-finding of the trustees and teachers upon the subject of temperance teaching and the text book, and suggests that the subject be one upon which the pupils are examined for promotion.

ONTARIO.

Mrs. Bascom, County Superintendent, reports the W. C. T. U. visited the school boards, and ascertained that Scientific Temperance Instruction was given in their public schools, but not as fully taught as they hope for in future.

LEEDS.

Mrs. Bilance, Superintendent Scientific Temperance Instruction, says the law is very well enforced in her county.

The Inspector of one district says the schools in his entire district were using the text book.

Another Inspector would give his report in January next. After much effort on her part was not in possession of knowledge that was necessary to give a satisfactory report as she desired.

I am sorry so many counties are conspicuous by their absence from this report.

I can only suggest that we keep the subject before our Unions and energetically bring it before the public until every child in our Public schools at least shall be taught the dangerous nature of alcohol and the virtue of total abstinence.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION, W. C. T. U.

SIR,—The Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union have been inform-

ed that the Ontario Government have authorized the placing of a volume of the Temperance Text Book, of which I send you a copy by book post to-day, in each cell in all the prisons in the City of Toronto.

On behalf of the said Union I am directed most respectfully to request the Dominion Government to cause one of the said text books to be placed in each cell in the penitentiary at Kingston at least, and if in their judgment, they deem it advisable in the cells of all the penitentiaries in the Dominion.

May I bespeak your good officers in promotion of this project which the members of the Union animated by motives of humanity any sympathy for the offenders against society, hope and pray that this tentative effort may be made for their attempted reclamation.

Your kind assistance will confer a great favor upon our whole organization.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

JULIA A. SYMINGTON.

HON. J. S. D. THOMPSON,
Minister of Justice, Ottawa
Napanee, March 28th, 1888.

MADAM,—I am directed by the Minister of Justice to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th inst., forwarding a volume of Richardson's Temperance Manual, and requesting that that book be placed in each cell in the Kingston Penitentiary.

I am directed to state that several copies of this work will be placed in the libraries of the several Penitentiaries throughout the Dominion, and I will give directions to the end that the book may be brought to the attention of the convicts generally.

I am, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

ROBT. SEDGWICK, D. M. J.

JULIA A. SYMINGTON,
Women's Christian Temp. Union,
Ottawa, Ontario.

PROVINCIAL AND COUNTY FAIRS.

MRS. H. S. CANE, NEWMARKET.

Your supt. has sent out nearly five hundred "plans of work," and nearly three hundred question circulars, not quite fifty of which have been answered yet. Amongst the absent ones are those Unions which did good work last year, so we think they are too busy to respond, and may look for an extra report from them next year.

A few of the circulars have come laden with work, but alas, with no name Was it due to modesty or a mistake? we think the latter as we are commanded to "let your light shine," that others seeing may take heart.

One went prying into the secrets of the dead letter office. Unless we had taken pity and bailed it out it might have remained there. We took the liberty of sending addressed, return envelopes this year, hoping it would hasten the replies.

A very small number of Unions have mentioned the real quantity of litera-

ture distributed. I don't know how to add "some" and "a few" &c., to make a definite number, yet we are pleased they did so well. We feel their hearts are in the work if they did forget their superintendent, and that her report would have to depend on their answers to her troublesome questions.

So far I have heard from twenty-eight counties with items of encouragement as follows :—

ADDINGTON AND LENNOX.

Enterprise Fair held in the village, but as yet no organized Fair Department.

NAPANEE.

No liquor sold at the Fair.

BRUCE COUNTY.

Paisley contributing literature ready for distribution at County Fair.

BRANT COUNTY.

Brantford Southern Fair held here at one time had refreshment booths. No liquor sold on the grounds, and chief of police very vigilant.

CARLETON COUNTY.

Ottawa, five fairs in county and liquor sold at all. Served refreshments and distributed literature.

DURHAM COUNTY.

Bowmanville, three fairs in that vicinity, and liquor sold at two. Gave a public dinner, and distributed 400 or 500 tracts.
Orono, no liquor allowed on Fair Grounds.

FRONTENAC COUNTY.

Kingston could not secure space for W. C. T. U., but will work with Y. M. C. A.

Gananoque distributed literature last year. Hope to serve refreshments at this County Fair, and would like to have full control of refreshments, but unable financially at present.

LINCOLN COUNTY.

St. Catharines has had the refreshment tables three for three or four years, and secured booths by paying large sums, then sub-letting some. Now the new law is in force are assured no liquor is sold on the grounds.

LAMBTON COUNTY.

Sarnia for five years have provided hot meals and distributed literature.

LANARK COUNTY.

Perth has gained the topmost round by securing temperance men for fair directors, who do all in their power to put down the traffic with its many vile effects, and have distributed 200 or 300 leaflets.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

London has refreshment booths, and distributed literature.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cobourg, no liquor sold. Campbellford, though only organized last fall, are

anxious to take up fair work to secure suitable literature for distribution.

OXFORD COUNTY.

No work done, but several Unions are in the infancy, and hope they will grow in strength according to their years.

ONTARIO COUNTY

seems to be quiet yet; "still water runs deep."

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY.

Picton, five fairs held in county; dinners given by W.C.T.U. at the County Fair held in Picton, and no liquor on grounds.

PARRY SOUND DISTRICT.

No liquor in the District, and why not keep or help to keep the vile traffic out by educating the people by distributing good literature?

PEEL COUNTY.

Brampton, no liquor up to date, and hope the next year's report may be as pure.
Port Credit, have full control of Fair Grounds, and serve refreshments.

RENFREW COUNTY.

Cobden, four fairs in the County, with liquor at all, and need for work.

STORMONT COUNTY.

Aultsville, no liquor during the Scott Act regime, and cannot answer for this. Distributed a few thousand pages of literature each year, hoping to do the same this.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

Fenelon Falls, distributed about 200 leaflets.

WELLINGTON COUNTY.

Rockwood, ten fairs held annually in County. Scott Act believed to be violated frequently. Organized six months, and expect to distribute literature.

WENTWORTH COUNTY.

Hamilton takes up so many other branches of W. C. T. U. work that fair work is left in the shade.

YORK COUNTY.

Toronto, though no report has reached us directly, we hear of much work being accomplished at the Industrial Exhibition.

Aurora.—Eight fairs in county, but none in immediate vicinity.

Newmarket.—W. C. T. U. very quiet.

Richmond Hill.—Has an annual fair on 24th of May, and have a booth on grounds, where refreshments are served and 1,000 pages of literature distributed.

Your superintendent would urge upon the Local Unions to organize as well as the County Unions, then let the local superintendent report to the county superintendent, making it easier for the poor old "Grand Mother" superintendent in sending out papers as well as in making up returns. In choosing your superintendent select those with time and talent too at their disposal, both

being very necessary in order to work this branch up, as it seems capable of rendering a rich harvest if well tilled. Dear sisters let me urge you to try a little harder to perfect this branch for the sake of "God and Home and Native Land."

UNFERMENTED WINE DEPARTMENT.

MRS. J. R. CAVERS, GALT.

In connection with this branch of the work a circular was sent out to all the Unions early in the year, asking them to appoint superintendents of this department in their respective Unions, and to employ every means to have the use of Unfermented Wine at the Lord's table introduced into all the churches in their neighborhood that had not already adopted it, also urging them to distribute literature on the subject, and in every way they could bring it before the proper authorities of the different churches, and the people generally. A small pamphlet treating on this subject in a very masterly way by Dr. Gordon, of Boston, was enclosed with each circular, and the Unions recommended to procure and distribute copies of it. A limited number of replies was received. This circular also appeared in the Toronto Mail, and elicited among others the following reply from a lady,—

TORONTO.

MADAM,—I have just read your letter in the Mail, and I want just to tell you you would be better not to talk FOOLISH NONSENSE about unfermented wine, as there is NO SUCH THING, as everybody knows who reads, it is only VERY IGNORANT PEOPLE who talk that way. Women are much better engaged at home or in visiting poor sick people, than writing long letters to get laughed at. Unfermented Wine, indeed, you might as well talk of a woman being a man.

P. S.—I don't BELIEVE ONE WORD about men going to Communion and getting drunk after it. What sort of people are they any way? Such like men are very bad hearted hypocrites. I think, and the Devil is in them, and not our Saviour, when they are seeking a blessing from Communion.

Last month another circular was sent out asking for reports of work done during the year. As a number of letters had been received asking for recipes for making Unfermented Wine, two of these were given on this circular. In answer to this, reports were received from twenty-eight Unions, which were on the whole very satisfactory, and shows that the subject is receiving everywhere serious consideration. One of our leading denominations has adopted the use of the Unfermented Wine in almost all its congregations. Another denomination adheres almost solidly to the use of Fermented Wine, while the remaining ones are divided, some of their churches using it, some not. We are pleased to note the prominent place this subject has had both in the public press, and in private discussions during the past year, because we feel confident that the more the matter is considered the more likely are christian people generally to come to a correct conclusion.

Aylmer—Four churches, three use Unfermented Wine.

Aulsville—All the churches use Unfermented Wine, except one.

Brantford—Eight churches use Unfermented, and five Fermented Wine.

Burgessville—All the churches use the Unfermented Wine.

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Berlin—Thirteen churches, five use Unfermented Wine.
 Belleville—Several churches use Unfermented Wine.
 Burlington—Three churches, one uses Unfermented Wine.
 Bowmanville—Seven churches, five use Unfermented Wine.
 Beachville—Three churches, two use Unfermented Wine.
 Cornwall—Six churches, three use Unfermented Wine.
 Fergus—Five churches, one uses Unfermented Wine.
 Georgetown—Six churches, four use Unfermented Wine.
 Gananoque—All the churches but one.
 Gait—Six churches, four use Unfermented Wine.
 Hamilton—Twenty-one churches, eleven use Unfermented Wine; 500 pages
 of literature distributed, and samples of wine given to some of the ministers.
 Kingston—Fifteen churches, eight use Unfermented Wine.
 Listowel—Seven churches, four use Unfermented Wine.
 London—Thirty-five churches, twenty use Unfermented Wine.
 Lindsay—Four churches, all use Fermented Wine; literature has been dis-
 tributed.
 Mitchell—Four churches, all use Unfermented Wine.
 Mount Forest—Six churches, four use Unfermented Wine.
 Norwich—Four churches, all use Unfermented Wine.
 Newington—Three churches, two use Unfermented Wine.
 Picton—Five churches, three use Unfermented Wine.
 St. Elmo—Five churches, four use Unfermented Wine; one adopted this
 year through the influence of the W. C. T. U.; literature distributed.
 Seaforth—Four churches, two use Unfermented Wine.
 Shelburne—Four churches, two use Unfermented Wine.
 Thorubury—Five churches, only one uses Unfermented Wine.
 Toronto, Eastern, No 2—Fourteen churches, nine use Unfermented Wine.
 Warton—Six churches, four use Unfermented Wine.

REPORTS RECEIVED SINCE SEPT. 22ND, 1888.

St. Catharines—Eleven churches, five use Unfermented Wine.
 Preston, Waterloo—Three churches, 1 uses Unfermented Wine.
 Listowel—Eight churches, five use Unfermented Wine.
 Tara—Have only lately taken up the work.
 Pembroke—One church uses Unfermented Wine.
 Sarnia—Five churches, three use Unfermented Wine.
 Oakville—Five churches, three use Unfermented Wine.
 Ridgetown—Two use Unfermented Wine.
 St. Mary's—Five churches, three use Unfermented Wine.
 Rentfrew—Four churches, two use Unfermented Wine.
 Goderich—Number not given, three use Unfermented Wine.
 St. Thomas—Number not given, five use Unfermented Wine.
 Orono—Four churches, two use Unfermented Wine.
 Uxbridge—Five churches, three use Unfermented Wine.
 Wingham—Five churches, two use Unfermented Wine.
 Walkerton—Six churches, two use Unfermented Wine.
 Toronto District Union—Forty-three churches use Unfermented Wine.
 Belleville—W. C. T. U. Committee visited all the Protestant churches and
 secured pledged from all but the Episcopalian, that Unfermented Wine should
 be used. Some of the churches were already using the Unfermented Wine.
 These are all received.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

ANNUAL SESSION.

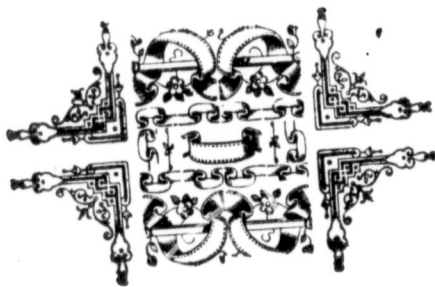
The forty-fourth Annual Session of the National Division Sons of Temperance was held in the city of Toronto during the second week in July of the present year. This being an event of rare occurrence, the last meeting held in Toronto being, we believe, in 1851, much interest centred in the meeting. It was deemed proper by the Executive that greetings from the Ontario W. C. T. U should be presented. Accordingly, the corresponding secretary accompanied by Mrs. McDonnell, Mrs. Jacob Spence, Mrs. (Dr.) Shaw and other prominent Union workers, attended the Public Reception given the Division in the Normal School. The deputation was very kindly and courteously received and many congratulatory references were made to the noble work being done by the W. C. T. U. The following address was presented on behalf of the Ontario Union by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wiley :—

"To the Most Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Members of the National Division Sons of Temperance."

"We come before you this evening as representatives of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union, and on behalf of 6,000 women of this fair Province, to extend to you our most cordial and hearty greetings. We esteem it a great privilege to be present on this occasion for the purpose of paying a tribute of honor, respect and admiration to the noble organization which you represent. To the pioneers in any great movement for the amelioration of mankind, is due the homage of every heart that is touched by that enthusiasm for humanity, which is the supreme law of Christianity, for they break up the fallow ground, and oft with bitter tears, sow the precious seeds of an abundant harvest, to be gathered in with rejoicing by those who come after them. The grand order of the Sons of Temperance is especially worthy of such a tribute with a singular devotion to 'Human duties, human love, charity, self-sacrifice and pure deeds, war waged against tyranny, fraud, suffering, crime.'

You have, we may be allowed to say, cast up a great highway of public opinion, on which your co-workers and followers may march to a certain, and we hope, to a not distant victory. The society which we have the honor to represent, desires to express its high appreciation of your unwearied efforts and undaunted courage on behalf of our common cause. It is, perhaps, especially fitting and proper, that one of the youngest, if not indeed the youngest temperance organization in the province, should pay a tribute of respect to the oldest temperance society in the world, when we consider your magnificent achievements in promoting an enterprise, more widely and permanently beneficial, and therefore more christian, than perhaps any other that has been devised by man for the well being of man, we feel how insufficient are mere words to do justice to the sentiments of gratitude and respect with which our hearts are filled. We congratulate you on the wonderful progress made by your order since you last met in the Queen City of the Dominion, a steady growth in numbers and influence, until to day, wherever the evils of the liquor traffic are felt, there also may be found the healing and restoring influences resulting from your work. The thought has occurred to us that in your name the national order of things now seems to be reversed, Sons of Temperance—Nay, verily, let the younger organizations be the *Son* and let us recognize in you the Fathers of Temperance, and pay you the honor justly owing from the children to the parent. As we are the youngest and perhaps the least known of the

temperance organizations of the province, we may be allowed a brief reference to our work. We claim to be Christian women, banded together in Unions throughout Ontario, forming a link in that grand chain which encircles the world, that great army, whose badge is the white ribbon of loyalty and purity, and whose watchword is "For God and Home, and Native Land," a band of earnest, working, praying women; we wish sir, we could add *voting* women. If that were our privilege, or, shall we say our right, we think that there would be short work made of that curse of civilization, that Juggernaut of Christendom, the licensed traffic in strong drink, but if we are not permitted to *vote* on this question which concerns the highest interests of the race, we can still work and pray. These have been the prerogatives of women since that sad day of our mother Eve's first disobedience, which brought death into the world, and all our woe. Yes, to *work*, to *pray* and to *suffer*, these are undeniably the chief 'rights of women.' In the exercise of these rights, of which politicians and legislators cannot rob us, we greet you this evening, and *pray* that Divine guidance may be given you, and that the deliberations of this, your 44th Annual Session, may be productive of much good, not only to your society, but to the temperance work throughout the world. May the Beneficent Ruler of the universe grant you increased prosperity, and may He hasten the joyous time, when the united efforts of all temperance workers, teaching self-devotion to the brotherhood of man by burning words, and still more by noble deeds, even as Christ, our Master, taught it in the sermon on the Mount, and in the crucifixion, shall be established in the total *extinction* of the liquor traffic, when the white flag of prohibition shall wave, not only over this continent, but wherever the curse of the destroyer has been felt, where the sophistries of selfishness shall have given place to the chivalry of Christian charity, and when there shall be established throughout the earth, that 'Kingdom of God and His Righteousness,' which our Divine Master bade us make the first object of our search."



Reports of County Presidents.

COUNTY OF BOTHWELL.

RIDGETOWN.

In sending you the half-yearly report, I will add a summary of work done in the year. In glancing back over the time and finding so little accomplished, I am not surprised at the feeling of discouragement and want of interest even among the members of the Union. If it had not been for two or three earnest workers I think we should have broken down entirely. We have done some work. In November we held a social, at Christmastide we supplied some twenty four family with suitable provisions for the day, with clothing, blankets, quilts, &c. We expended some \$22.00 in charity, \$9.50 a charity collection, the balance going on special objects. We have placed another \$20.00 worth of temperance literature in the Mechanics' Institute, being government grant for amount placed in the year previous. We keep our temperance papers in the reading room. Have had one sermon preached. Subject:—"Hygiene and Alcohol."

MISS ANNIE TWEEDALE, Cor. Sec.

BRUCE COUNTY.

MRS. RICHARDS.

Bruce County W. C. T. U. was organized last November, 1887, by Mrs. Youmans. I was appointed President of the County. We held a semi-annual meeting in Hanover last April, when we appointed Superintendents for the following departments of work:—Railroad Work, Prison and Jail, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Influencing Fairs, Legislation, Franchise and Petitions, Work among Sailors, Work among Lumbermen, Influencing the Press, and Unfermented Wine. Everything being new our Superintendents have not been able to report very much this half year.

Our County Convention, held in Tara on the 25th of September, was well attended—six Unions were represented. We were pleased to have Miss Phelps, of St. Catharines, with us, and she gave an excellent address in the evening to a large and appreciative audience.

During the year five new Unions have been organized, making fifteen in this county; only two of these seem to be weak at present. I have visited several of the weaker ones, and have tried to stimulate them to more active work. The different Unions throughout the county have responded heartily to the call from the County Alliance, "Come over and help us." They have all contribut-

ed largely in raising money to aid in the Scott Act campaign, believing the Scott Act to be one step towards Prohibition. Notwithstanding our great defeat, I believe temperance sentiment is stronger in the county to-day than it was before the repeal vote was taken. We are led to see the difference between License and No License; drunkenness is on the increase. Now we believe law is a school master, and the quicker we can have a prohibitory school master the better for our country. The Temperance Text Book is taught in quite a number of our schools, and we expect before long to have it taught in all. A number of our churches use Unfermented Wine at the Sacrament. A great deal of literature has been distributed through the county during this last winter, and I believe that God is blessing our work, behind a frowning Providence He hides a smiling face. We believe the great defeat of the Scott Act will tend to bring Prohibition quicker. We are not going to fold our hands and say there are giants in the land, for the Lord of Hosts is with us and the God of Jacob is our refuge.

LUCKNOW.

Our Union was organized Aug. 8th, 1888, by Mrs. F. Cooke. We have a membership of twenty one. Meeting held monthly, well attended. The members are very much interested in the work. We are looking forward, if spared, with a determination to make our Union a success

MRS. JENNIE MCNABB,
Cor. Sec.

TARA.

Tara Union was organized by Mrs. Youmans, in 1886, with a membership of twenty-four, which has increased to thirty, with ten honorary members. Meetings have been held fortnightly, and special prayer meetings were held during the winter for the blessing of God upon our work. The Flower Mission has been successfully carried on, bouquets of flowers having been presented with a Scripture text. The Temperance Text Book is taught in our three schools. We have taken up Railroad Work, and have had the permission to go on the trains and distribute literature. We had a social in March, the proceeds being \$15, which was given to the County Alliance for Scott Act work. The Loyal Legion has a membership of ninety-three, and meets fortnightly. The Journal is taken by several members of the Union. A dinner was provided on the 12th of July, by the W. C. T. U., \$125 being realized, twenty-four of which was devoted to charitable purposes. The difficulty has always been, how can we raise money? So far we have managed to tide over difficulty in this direction, and are at least out of debt.

MISS M. BENNETT,
Secretary.

TIVERTON.

Our fifth annual meeting was held at the Union Rooms on September 21st. The President's address was cheering and full of hope for the future. The old officers were re-elected:—President and Treasurer, Mrs. C. McIntyre; Vice-President, Mrs. McLaren; Sec and Cor. Sec., Mrs. T. M. Cameron. Also were added Superintendents of Departments:—Juvenile Work, Miss Millie Davidson; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss Jack; Unfermented Wine, Miss B. McPhail; on Legislation and Petitions, Rev. Mr. Bielby and A. H. Cameron. In reviewing the past year we cannot report much progress. Our meetings in winter were not regular, owing to the President's illness, and the members living so much apart, but we are endeavoring to re-gain lost time. A carpet is now being woven, for which we expect a ready sale; the money to be

used for the temperance cause. Altogether the members are united and seen determined to work till the liquor traffic is banished from our land.

MRS. T. M. CAMERON
Corresponding Sec.

WIARTON.

Our Union has entered upon its third year, having been organized by Miss Bowes in 1886. We are not numerically so strong as we were the first year, but this is not owing to a decrease of interest in temperance. Many who would gladly meet with us are prevented by other duties. The Lord bless and keep them, and cause His face to shine upon all those whose prayers and sympathy are given to this work. We have at present sixteen regular and five honorary members. Some new ones have been added lately, and we look for an increased membership this year. We have held four prayer meetings, one especially for mothers, and twenty-five business meetings, also assisting in getting up some meetings held before the voting for the repeal of the Scott Act. At one of our regular meetings mention was made of the fact, that two young men, well-known here, had opened a hotel at Oxenden, a village, three miles round on the east side of the bay. This, we believed, was calculated to do great injury to many young men in our village, and we all felt great anxiety. It was proposed to turn the meeting into a season of prayer and supplication, that God would avert the great evils we believed we could foresee. God heard and answered our prayer, for not long after both these young men were out of it.

The Temperance Text book was introduced into our schools through the instrumentality of the Union. We had a good Band of Hope from shortly after our organization, until, after the beginning of this year, when it became somewhat disorganized, but we hope to get started shortly. We felt somewhat discouraged when the Scott Act was repealed, but we knew there were other measures for the suppression of the liquor traffic, which God will certainly bring to pass in His own time and way. One thing is certain, there was less drinking under Scott Act, than there is under license, notwithstanding the assertion to the contrary by decriers of the Scott Act.

MRS. JAS. PATERSON.
Cor. Sec.

BRANT COUNTY.

BRANTFORD.

MOTTO:—"FEAR NOT FOR I AM WITH THEE."

Membership 100; meetings held fortnightly; nineteen meetings held. Gospel Temperance Meetings held weekly; several conversions, and 250 have signed the pledge. We employ a bible woman, who has made 1328 visits, distributed 8680 pages of literature, held thirty cottage meetings, thirty-seven jail meetings, and nineteen open-air meetings. 150 Xmas letters were distributed. The city press is supplied weekly with temperance items. A deputation from our Union and Ministerial Alliance waited on the Public School Board to secure the use of the temperance text book in the schools. The matter was referred. In

November a Memorial Service to Hon J B Finch was held. On November 12th we had a prayer service on behalf of the World's W. C. T. U. December 3rd Miss Phelps lectured on "The Modern Sphinx." December 22nd-24th, an Apron Sale and Doll's Bazaar was held by W. C. T. U. and "Y's" combined. In March a social was given to all who had taken the pledge. In March 700 cards were sent out asking for twenty five cent contributions to our work. This appeal was very successful. On April 12th a musical and literary entertainment was given in Wickliffe Hall. Since August monthly half dime concerts have been popular and successful. One delegate was sent to Convention at Napanee. Eight (or about half) of the city churches use Unfermented Wine for Sacramental purposes. Three public reading-rooms are supplied with "The Voice," "Women's Journal" and "Citizen." Our energies just now are directed towards raising \$2,000 for the purchase of the hall we occupy, which we hope soon to accomplish.

IDA R. JONES,

Corresponding Sec.

PARIS.

The Paris Union was re-organized by Mrs. Keefer, Oct. 8th, 1887, and has been doing good work every since. We have a membership of twenty-five, and twelve honorary members. The most important work done by our Union is the holding of Gospel Temperance meetings once a month. They have been so largely attended that it has been difficult to accommodate the audience with sitting room, and over one hundred have signed our pledge. We also erected brackets in both barber shops, and keep them well supplied with literature. We have a bracket in the waiting room at the depot supplied with bible and tracts. Our Woman's Journal is now on the table of the public reading room, and we also have the use of both local papers, and use them almost every week, leaving something in for our W. C. T. U., and earnestly asking the co-operation of all Christians. We held a series of cottage prayer meetings last winter, and may do so again. We are talking of starting a Mission Sunday School or Bible Class very soon. We have a Juvenile Temple with an average attendance of 100. We are sure the "Eternal God is our Refuge, and underneath is the everlasting arms." I may just add, this is our motto. Duet. 33, xxvii. Our president conducts all meetings, and the interest seems to be increasing. At our annual election of officers Mrs. Hitchcox was unanimously chosen President. After the election of officers, a resolution was read and adopted, expressing our confidence in our President, the members pledging themselves to stand by her and render all the assistance in their power, to help carry on the work, "For God and Home, and Native Land." We have distributed over 1,200 pages of literature, and this is saying nothing of the kind words spoken, the Christian action performed known only to Him, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid.

But sown in the darkness or sown in the light,
Sown in our weakness or sown in our might,
Gathered in time or eternity,
Sure, Ah, Sure, will the harvest be.

We have paid all our fees for the year. Our Union meets weekly, and are largely devotional.

C. MALCOLM.

Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF CARLETON.

 MRS. C. S. SCOTT.

I have written a number of letters to ladies in different parts of the county, in Richmond, North Gower, Manotick, Fitzroy, etc., and, although there have been no Unions formed, I think some foundation has been laid. The temperance sentiment of our county seems strong, and much individual work is being done by the ladies. I have sent out a number of last year's reports, which with the blessings of our Great Head may be the means of good. I visited Manotick and found several who were interested in the work, and glad to receive the reports sent.

It is the intention of our enemies to try to repeal the Scott Act next year, and there will be much work for us to do. I regret sincerely that so little has been accomplished this year, but *pray* that more may be done in His name in the year 1889.

OTTAWA.

This Union has just completed its seventh year, much of the success, which has attended it, is, we feel due to Mrs. Tilton, our worthy ex-president, who has so ably presided ever since its organization, and whose resignation this year was received with profound regret by every member of it. The number of meetings held during the year were: Executive 10, Business 13, Devotional 9. The largest number in attendance at any of the meetings was twenty-three, the average being twelve. The work has been carried on as usual, under superintendents. Their reports were, in most cases, very satisfactory, but owing largely to the fever epidemic in our city last winter, less work has been done than in the previous year. About 6,000 tracts were distributed in jail, at railway and fire stations, also among the French and lumbermen, &c. The superintendent of prison and public works reports that the jail has been regularly visited, and that the committee cannot speak too highly of the benefit of the "Home for Friendless Women," which has been established in this city through the indefatigable efforts of Miss Wright, of the Y. W. C. T. U. The superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction reported that prizes had been given to children of the public schools for temperance essays, and that the Board of Trustees had been waited upon, and assured the committee that the Temperance Text Book had been ordered to be placed in the schools. It therefore becomes a compulsory study. The Woman's Journal is a welcome visitor in the home of almost every member of our Union, and is felt to be a power for good. The Temperance Coffee House has given a considerable amount of work to our members. We are happy to state that it is flourishing, and having secured the favor of the public in this very important branch of W. C. T. U. work, and believing that the blessing of Almighty God is upon it, we still go forward in His strength, conquering and to conquer. In the month of March Miss Phelps visited our city and delivered a most eloquent and instructive lecture. There were reports from superintendents of other branches of our work, which showed that some progress had been made, and while we render thanks to our Heavenly Father for all his goodness to us as a Union, we are encouraged to work for the Master, until the time when he shall call each one of us, as he has done two of our beloved sisters during the year just ended, to leave the vineyard here and come into the Home prepared for those who love Him.

E McELHINNEY,
Cor. Sec.

DURHAM COUNTY.

BOWMANVILLE.

Our W. C. T. U. still continues to prosper. Meetings have been held every two weeks during the year, and we have an increase of members. During the past winter we sent clothing and provisions to twenty-seven families, and still continue to help those who are in distress. Our Band of Hope numbers 160 members, and gave a concert entitled "An hour with Mother Goose and her Temperance Family," which was very successful. We give them "The Young Crusader" once a month. At our last County Fair we had lunch houses, and gave hot dinner and tea to those who required it. Profits from dinner \$40.00. Miss Frame visited us in February, and held a successful entertainment. At our last election of officers, Mrs. Mason was again elected President, this being the fourth year she has held this office. In March the Union presented the President with a handsome Silver Berry-Dish and Spoon, it being her 66th birthday. Our emblem is the Water Lily. Motto:—"The World for Christ."

MRS. T. J. MCMURTRY,
Corresponding Sec.

ORONO.

"Excelsior" Union was organized February, 1885, by Miss Bowes, with thirty members. Our ranks have been broken by removals, their places being filled by others, and so our numbers remain the same. We hold our meetings semi-monthly, on Monday evenings, at the members' homes, with an average attendance of ten. During the past year the Evangelistic Committee have been faithful in the discharge of their duty. As a Union we have had much to discourage us, owing to the apparent failure of the Scott Act, but we never intend to give up the fight; knowing that we are on the side of right, we are sure to win. True, we are only a handful to help in this great fight, but a little one shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, and so with added forces, what will the result be? Eternity alone will be able to unfold the result. Our Band of Hope numbers eighty nine, of whom nearly all have taken the pledge. We hope to do good work this winter.

MRS. T. SMITH,
Corresponding Sec.

DUNDAS COUNTY.

MRS (DR.) CHAMBERLIN, MORRISBURG.

Our county numbers four Unions, one in advance of last year, lately organized in South Mountain with a membership of nineteen. Iroquois, an increase in membership of nine; Morrisburg, about the same as last year; Winchester, not heard from; total increase from reports received, twenty-eight. I think you will observe from local reports a marked increase of interest, as well as of membership. I regret that we are not an organized county, feeling confident the report would be much more satisfactory. The Evangelistic and Literature departments of work are in advance of any previous year. I am sorry to say the Morrisburg Band of Hope have disbanded for want of a suitable place to hold meetings. I hope only temporarily. In our efforts to defend the Scott Act all worked hard and harmoniously, hoping by earnest and united effort to

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hold fast that which we had and to be able to obtain at an early day an efficient law for the entire suppression of the liquor traffic, and although defeated, I believe as members we are better prepared for the coming year by the stimulus required for the contest, and now feel willing to leave results with a prayer-hearing and answering God. May God grant us wisdom and zeal in the proper performance of every duty required of us in the future.

MORRISBURG.

We have twenty members in our Union; average attendance eight. Through the past year we had twelve business meetings, and after the business part of each meeting we read one of Mrs. H. W. Smith's bible readings, which were much enjoyed. Through the spring months and early part of summer we held eighteen prayer meetings at the different houses of the ladies, which were very profitable, and means of much encouragement to many hearts. In October J. Arlington Cooke lectured in the basement of the C. M. church. In March Mrs. Frame-Cook addressed three meetings, and in April Miss Phelps gave her celebrated lecture, "The Modern Sphinx" to a full house and appreciative audience. As all are well aware the Scott Act was defeated in our united counties, and was a great blow to us, but we trust in a higher source of strength than man, and believe that all will be right yet. At the close of each meeting temperance literature was distributed. With one exception, all the Protestant churches use the unfermented wine. We had fourteen subscribers to the Woman's Journal.

Money collected throughout the year.....	\$89 30
Disbursements.....	77 50
	\$11 80

MRS. M. C. GIBSON,
Rec Sec.

DUFFERIN COUNTY.

ORANGEVILLE.

Our Union has a membership of thirty-three; distributed literature; two churches use Unfermented Wine, and Scientific Temperance taught in the schools.

MRS. BESWIDE, Cor. Sec.

GRAND VALLEY.

We have a membership of twenty-two, a Band of Hope with 145 children, three churches using Unfermented Wine and Temperance Instruction taught in the schools.

CLEMINA CLARKE.

ELGIN COUNTY.

MRS. A. B. YOUMANS, ST. THOMAS.

On behalf of the W. C. T. U. of the City of St. Thomas, I present the ninth

annual report of this Temperance Organization. We have thirty one members, and of these nine are Presbyterians, sixteen Methodists, five Baptists and one Episcopalian. Sixteen meetings have been held during the year, including three special. In November, while the county teachers were in convention, an "At Home" was given them in the lecture room of the First Methodist church, presided over by the County Inspector, Mr. Atkins. Words of welcome were tendered by the President, Mrs. Ford, and addresses given by Mrs. L. Youmans and Judge Hughes, urging the teachers to assist the Unions in their efforts to introduce the study of temperance in each school. A committee was appointed from the Union to meet with the Scott Act and other temperance bodies, with the view of inducing men of pronounced temperance principles to place themselves before the electors as candidates for municipal honors, but unfortunately their efforts resulted in failure. A public meeting was held under the auspices of the Union and Royal Templars by Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, while carrying on evangelistic services in the city, in the early summer, and no doubt helped to sustain and re-ignite the interest in the subject so plainly set before the large number present. In the different departments of work so systematically carried on by this organization we would further report that the County School Inspector and the City Board of Education have been interviewed and urged that the Temperance Text Book authorized by the Superintendent of Education, should be placed in each school. A petition was circulated, and received a fair number of signatures, asking that the Franchise for the Legislature be extended to widows and unmarried women holding the necessary property qualifications, and a letter sent to the member, Mr. Ingram, requesting his support, whenever the motion came before the House. Letters have been sent to Mr. Beeton, concerning the proper enforcement of the Scott Act. A committee has charge of providing regular visitors to the jail and house of industry, with tracts and temperance literature, distributed and religious services held at both places. The Band of Hope work was carried on for a portion of the year, and discontinued for the want of a suitable place in which to meet. Considerable effort was made at this time to secure a sight for a building, and plans were designed in view of erecting a hall, but from lack of funds and the interest that should have been displayed in this Scott Act City, this long wished for and much needed want remains a work to be carried out when our men become stronger in temperance sentiment and principles, for to them we must look for means to accomplish such an undertaking. The Journal has kindly opened its columns weekly to items of temperance news. We have thirty subscribers to the Woman's Journal. The membership fee is 60 cents—25 cts. to Provincial Society, 25 cts. for Home Work, 5 cts. to Dominion and 5 to World. The annual meeting held to-day—Mrs. Farley, President, and all other officers duly elected. Committees appointed for each branch of work, so we hope that during the year, whatever shall come of our loved city, Scott Act, Crook's Act, or any other law, this society shall by unity of efforts and with one object before it, be true to our motto:—"For God and Home and Native Land.

AYLMER.

We have twenty members on the roll. Meetings held fortnightly. Twelve regular meetings and two devotional. One mass meeting addressed by our several ministers, when the Presbyterian minister said it was his first temperance speech, but hoped it would not be his last. Mr. Keeter delivered a lecture entitled "The Failure (?) of the Scott Act," to a large and appreciative audience; also we had a lecture from Miss Phelps, which was well liked. Our members circulated the Franchise Petition, obtaining 451 names. The "Y's" and our Union have a hall of our own, which we re-rent to the Presbyterians.

We have a neat little sign down at the door, with the letters W. C. T. U. and Y. W. C. T. U. The two Unions often join in entertainments also, and divide the proceeds, and it is here we have the Band of Hope, which meets every Friday night after school. The editor of one of our papers, "The Express," gives us a column free, which we keep supplied with temperance items. We expect our several ministers to preach on temperance on October 14th, and we are going to use every means to get the temperance text book taught in all our schools, for there is only one teacher who has it now. Receipts, \$78.00; expenses, 70. Literature has been distributed and kept in station most of the time, and the "Woman's Journal" taken by a few of our members, but we hope to increase the subscription for it during the coming year for it is a great incentive to work.

NINA G. FOOTE,
Ex-Cor. Sec.

IONA.

Our Union was formed February 17th, 1888, with only six members. Now we have a membership of eighteen, and four honorary members. General meetings held every four weeks. The petitions sent us were circulated, and we will be willing to do so again if called upon. Temperance is taught in our school. Have organized a Band of Hope within the last few months. Our efforts have seemingly been small, but we trust that the seed sown may bring forth fruit in abundance. The hotel has been closed for the last year. Have had nine general meetings and two special ones. Have had three public meetings, at which addresses were given by our ministers and others. Our meetings have been very well attended. Have distributed temperance literature as often as we had an opportunity. Our motto is, "In God we trust." Emblem:—Myrtle.

JENNIE C. McCOLL,
Cor. Sec.

ST. THOMAS.

We have thirty-one members. Of these eight are Presbyterians, sixteen Methodists, five Baptists, one Episcopalian and one Friend. Sixteen meetings have been held during the year, including three special. In November, while the County Teachers were in Convention, an "At Home" was given in the Lecture Room of the 1st Methodist Church, presided over by the County School Inspector, Mr. Alkins. Addresses were given by Mrs. L. Youmans and Judge Hughes, and the teachers urged to assist the Unions in their efforts to introduce the study of temperance in the schools. Efforts were made to induce temperance men to place themselves as candidates for municipal honors. Crossley and Hunter held a public meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and Royal Templars. We have thirty subscribers to the Woman's Journal. Band of Hope and the Y's had to disband for want of a suitable place in which to meet. Three churches use Unfermented Wine,—one Baptist and two Methodists.

S. E. BURNS,
Cor. Sec.

AYLMER Y. W. C. T. U.

A year ago the Y. W. C. T. U. was re-organized with almost a new lot of members. For a time meetings were held in private houses, the Union not being in a position to rent a hall. In a short time a sufficient number was gathered together to hold a social, at which we realized \$25. This social was repeated in union with the W. C. T. U., and this time the proceeds amounted to \$50. We then, with the W's, rented a hall and held semi-monthly meetings. The

next thing was the re-organizing of the Band of Hope, and this was done in the fall. These meetings are held fortnightly, at which we use the lesson leaves, the children being permitted to assist with the programmes. Occasionally there is a Sunday sermon on temperance for them. We hold socials quite frequently for our honorary members, who are permitted to bring friends outside the society with them. These we invite to join us before the close of the meeting. In regard to our newspapers, we publish in one a column on temperance work weekly, our paper being only published once a week. A committee was appointed to see the ministers of the different churches, and they report that three out of four use Unfermented Wine for Sacramental purposes, and they are hoping to induce the fourth to follow this example. We have twenty-seven active members and fourteen honorary members. We have not chosen our motto yet, but intend to do so at our next meeting. We trust before next year to be able to take up some other branches of the work and so be able to do a great deal in this noble work.

ADA L. PASCOE,
Cor. Sec.

FRONTENAC COUNTY.

MRS. MCROSSIE, KINGSTON.

At the close of another year we realize how little we have been able to do to help the great cause of temperance, yet our meetings have been well attended and our membership has increased to sixty, our Heavenly Father has within the past year called Home two of our most valued members, our dear friend Miss Johnson and our loved Vice-President, Mrs. Grafty, but we mourn not as these without hope. The work of our Union goes steadily on, the penitentiary, jail, house of industry and hospital are visited weekly. Our local papers have been supplied with temperance items, 12,368 pages of literature have been distributed and 100 subscribers obtained for the Woman's Journal. In connection with the public schools six prizes were given to the most successful competitors in an examination upon the first ten chapters of Richardson Temperance Text Book.

S. J. RENTON.
Rec. Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.

Organized in January, 1887. We have a flourishing Band of Hope under the direction of Mrs. W. B. Anglin. This Union has done good work, and though at times somewhat discouraged, yet hope to do much more.

MISS KENNEDY,
Cor. Sec.

WILBER STATION.

The membership of our Union is twenty-six, of whom eleven are honorary. We hold meetings fortnightly with an average attendance of fifteen. A number of Union leaflets have been distributed. We have had several addresses during the past six months by our minister, Mr. Sharp. Our Union is improving

and there is prospect that the present year will result in more good than has been accomplished since our organization.

A. M. MILLER,
Rec. Sec.

KINGSTON Y. W. C. T. U.

The Kingston "Y," organized in February, 1888, is still in its infancy, with twenty-one active and five honorary members. We have chosen for our emblem Cedar and Double Fuchsia. Our every day motto is "Only be strong and of good courage," and our banner one "With good-will doing service." We hold devotional and business meetings semi-monthly at the home of our President. The members of the W. C. T. Union of our city have helped and encouraged us greatly. Some of our members had worked in connection with this Union in Flower Mission and Bands of Hope, and, as these departments have been transferred to us, we work away as usual. Feeling the great importance of training the young, we have devoted much of our time and thought to the children, and have now six Bands of Hope or Loyal Legions, with full staffs of faithful instructors under our care. Members of our Flower Mission visit the general hospital every Thursday with flowers or fruit, singing hymns in the different wards, and speaking comforting words to the suffering ones. The House of Industry is also visited weekly, and we had the pleasure one summer afternoon of seeing the inmates enjoying a bountiful supply of strawberries and cream, which a friend had provided, while the members of the "Y" supplied, cake, buns, &c., and the musical part of the entertainment. We are most anxious to have a Kitchen Garden in our city, and are doing what we can to have one organized this autumn. We feel our own weakness and the responsibility of the work we have undertaken in His name, but remembering His promise, "Fear not, I will help thee," we go forward.

M. JOHNSTON,
Secretary.

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GLENGARRY COUNTY.

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MRS. (JUDGE) PRINGLE.

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We have two Unions in the county, viz:—Maxville and Martintown. The former has a membership of thirty-eight, distributed 2,000 pages of literature and taken up several other branches of work.

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GRENVILLE COUNTY.

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MRS. THOS. COATES.

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We are called upon to review the year that is past, and to give an account of our stewardship. Now that we bring into one focus all the rays of mercy and love with which our way has been lighted, and mark the various dealings of God's providence and grace in connection with our temperance work. We can-

not but give thanks unto God, and triumph in His praise. Conscious, indeed, of many imperfections and of much infirmity, we yet can raise once more our Ebenezer, and say "Hitherto, hath the Lord helped us." Still, as the time is approaching for the threatened repeal of the "Scott Act," we cannot fail of being convinced that we are still exposed to dangers, and surrounded by many enemies, but we must take the same cheering view which the great Apostle of the Gentiles took of the work in which he was engaged and of the source both of his strength and of his success, when writing to the Corinthians he said:—"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ." We have six living Unions—Prescott, Spencerville, Kemptville, Cardinal, Merrickville and Oxford Mills. We have cause to be proud of Cardinal, our youngest Union. She has increased during the past year both in numbers and interest. I visited Merrickville on the 19th of Sept, and re-organized their Union—Mrs. (Rev.) Rogers, President; Mrs. Merrich, Cor Sec. Although this dear sister has lost the sight of one of her eyes, still accepted the office again, saying as long as she had the sight of one eye left, she would use it in advancing the temperance work. We met in Mrs. Percival's pleasant parlor. She extended to the Union a cordial invitation to make her house the W. C. T. U. home for their business meetings, which was thankfully accepted, her large and motherly heart so full of enthusiasm, quite inspired and encouraged the ladies, and I think that the outlook for the future success of their Union is very bright, and that again, good and faithful work will be accomplished at Merrickville. We were glad to welcome at the meeting Mrs. Geo. Whitney, Ex President, with her dear little infant daughter, of course a Y. W. C. T. U., not strong, but much improved in health, and anxious to help all she could. During the winter I arranged meetings for Miss Minnie Phelps, at Cardinal, Prescott, Spencerville, Kemptville and South Mountain. Good houses greeted her at each place, and the lecture on the "Modern Sphinx" was highly appreciated, and gave a fresh impetus to the work. A memorial was sent from the Prescott Union to the members of the Board of Education, respectfully requesting them to introduce the Authorized Text Book into the schools under their control, also adding that the time would be wisely spent in educating the young people of our town in the ways of sobriety, by teaching them the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics on the human system. Three rooms are now teaching the subject at Prescott, and two rooms at Kemptville. We hope Spencerville and Cardinal will soon fall into line. Some of the rural districts are teaching it, and some are not. It is agreed on all hands that we will not have School Temperance Instruction taught in all the schools until there will be an examination paper on the subject. The inspector has explained it to the teachers that it must be taught the same as any other subject. The Prescott Loyal Legion had an exceedingly busy winter and spring. While the girls were engaged in their sewing classes, dressing dolls, making aprons and piecing quilts, &c., the boys were interested in making "scrap books." Some would cut the pictures, others would pink the leaves, whilst the most careful boys pasted in the pictures. They held a very nice Bazaar just before Christmas, and also had a sale table at our fair last month. They gave an interesting entertainment in the spring. The programme consisted of readings, recitations and singing. Coffee and cake were passed to the audience by the girls and boys. We held a most interesting Gospel Temperance Service. Two evangelists from a distance gave short earnest addresses. We also observed the World's prayer day, for the children held a delightful meeting. A large number of children and visitors were present. Two of our resident ministers and Mrs Blair addressed them. A similar one was held a few weeks later, and our weekly meetings were often followed by short prayer meetings. The Fourth Annual Convention was held in Kemptville, Sept. 20th, 1888, and was one of the best

ever held in the County of Grenville, and we hope it will result in much good.

PRESCOTT

Our Union has not increased in numbers during the past year. We have only twenty-two members, our average attendance being seven. The regular meetings are held every fortnight. In Union with our American friends—who appointed the 13th and 14th of November for special prayer on behalf of our Temperance Cause, we held a prayer meeting of the W. C. T. U., at which some of our ministers assisted, also a children's meeting, which were both very profitable seasons. Miss Phelps delivered her popular lecture, at our request, on the "Modern Sphinx," in February, which was very favorably received, the choirs of the different churches providing excellent music. The Sons of Temperance also gave their cordial assistance. We are pleased to state that after some opposition and demur from a few of the school trustees, the subject of Temperance and Scientific Instruction has been introduced in our Public Schools, and is taught once a week in three of the senior forms, in accordance with instructions from the Minister of Education. A number of subscribers for the Woman's Journal have been secured by our superintendent. Our Union has held three public meetings during the year. We have distributed upwards of 3,358 pages of literature, and placed three wall pockets at railway stations and on the ferry, which are kept supplied with Temperance and other religious literature. The "Loyal Legion" are a band of busy bees, being trained under their indefatigable leader, Mrs. Coates, for grand work in the Temperance Army of the future. Our Union sent a contribution of \$4 to the camp in Gananoque. We have also done some practical work in our County Fair, which the superintendent will report. Two of our churches use Unfermented Wine, and two do not. It is our painful duty to record, before closing this report, the death of one of our most earnest and active officers, Mrs. James Coates, much beloved and lamented by all who knew her. After suffering for weeks from a most distressing and painful illness, which she bore with Christ-like patience and fortitude, she passed away to be forever with her Lord. Our loss is truly her gain.

Our Treasurer reports :—

Cash received in 1888.....\$56 65

Disbursements—

Rent.....	\$24 00
Affiliation fees.....	7 03
Lecturer	15 00
Soldier's fund.....	4 00
Literature.....	53
Sundries.....	4 03

Total..... \$54 59

Balance \$ 2 06

Submitted for approval.

MRS. T. KIRBY,

Cor. Sec.

GREY COUNTY.

 MRS. CAMPBELL.

I succeeded in planning for carrying out a County Convention before I left the County in June. It was presided over by Mrs. Morrison, of Owen Sound, and held in Thornbury; evening meeting addressed by Mrs. Cooke. I addressed several meetings in the interest of temperance through the year, one at a distance from home. It was my aim to stir up the Unions, as I came in contact with the members, to aggressive work both at home and in neighboring Unions. Temperance enthusiasm has reached a quietus by the defeat of the Scott Act, but under-currents of feeling and sentiment are strong as ever. I made arrangements to form a Union at Markdale, but they fell through.

THORNBURY.

Our Union, though not able to report rapid progress, is gradually gaining ground. Every year has added new names to the roll, and brought new workers into the field. The County Convention held here was successful and encouraging. The evening meeting was addressed by Mrs. Fraine-Cooke. Several other lectures by eminent speakers have been given during the year. Miss M. Phelps' celebrated lecture, "The Modern Sphinx," and a temperance address by the Bishop of Huron, though not well attended, were highly appreciated by the audiences. Our work during the past year has been chiefly in the Juvenile Department. Two Bands of Hope and a Loyal Legion have been organized by members of our Union, and, judging from the entertainments given by the children, are in a flourishing condition. A Fair is to be held on October 4th, at which prizes are offered by the Union for the children's work, and the "Temperance Mother Goose," rendered by the Thornbury Band, to be given on the evening of the same day.

EDITH HURLBERT,
Cor. Sec.

OWEN SOUND Y. W. C. T. U.

The membership of our Union has decreased to twenty, owing to a number of our members having left town, but we have gained new members. Our meetings are held every second Wednesday, the first meeting in each month being a devotional meeting. The average attendance has been small. Our Sewing School has been successful, the average attendance being twenty-five. At Christmas we distributed Christmas cards and letters to the prisoners in the jail, who seemed pleased to know that there was some one to think of them at that joyous season. In January, together with the W. C. T. U., we gave an "Old Time Supper," which was very successful. In April we gave an entertainment, entitled "Songs and Scenes of Other Days," which we were requested to repeat. We did so, and although our expenses were heavy, cleared \$48. In April we organized a series of entertainments, to be held every Saturday evening through the summer, the admission being five cents. Our friends were very kind in assisting us in preparing our programmes. In June we paid the rent for the Juvenile Temperance Union, and took it under our charge. It had formerly been under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. On July 2nd, with the Royal Templars and W. C. T. U., we gave an excursion on one of our large steamers. Our Union contributed three dollars towards the prizes given for the highest marks taken in Scientific Temperance. At one of our Saturday night entertainments we distributed prizes to the children of the Sewing School. We

gave one dollar towards purchasing literature for the Sailor's Work. Our work in that department has not been very well done, although two or three of the young ladies did their work faithfully. The officers elected for 1888-89 are:— President, Mrs. A. K. Bishop; Rec. Sec., Miss Cassie Pearson; Cor. Sec., Miss Kate Miller; Treasurer, Miss Minnie Brown. The receipts for the year are \$261.30; expenditure, \$241.95.

KATE L. MILLER,
Cor. Sec.

HALDIMAND COUNTY.

In the early part of 1888 three Unions were formed in this county, viz:— Hagersville, Jarvis and Dunnville. Hagersville reports eighteen members, one Band of Hope with 100, two newspapers furnished with items, and three churches using Unfermented Wine at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Dunnville reports seventeen members; newspapers furnished with items, and other branches of work taken up. No report from Jarvis.

HALTON COUNTY.

MRS. BENNETT, MILTON.

In presenting a brief report of our Union during the past year, it is worth feelings of gratitude, that God has sustained, and been with us in our work through the dark, as well as in the sunshine. As you are all aware we have had to pass through a bitter experience in the repeal of the Scott Act. We do not feel discouraged nor disheartened, remembering there is still a God in Heaven, who judges righteously, and says to those of a fearful heart—"Be Strong," for I will come with a recompense and will save you. We look upon the defeat, but as an earnest of something far better in the near future. The Halton Alliance Executive gave special thanks to the W. C. T. Unions who so kindly and nobly responded to the call for aid, and hold in high appreciation the prayerful sympathies communicated by letters from over fifty Unions. Never before did we so realize or feel the value or importance of united prayer, and while night after night as we besieged the "Throne of Grace," God did bring such sweet peace and comfort to our hearts, that we felt there was still a God in Israel, and that he did hear his children cry. On the 1st of March, the day of the repeal vote, from early morn until the close of the vote, our prayers mingled with those of our dear sisters of other Unions, who so kindly also set the day apart for prayer, for Halton. At the close of the day when the news came in from one municipality after the other, "Lest," our hearts for the moment sank within us, but when we remembered that God was with us, for he is always on the side of right, we felt such an assurance that the earnest faith-filled prayers that were offered up for Halton will not go unanswered. The temperance sentiment in Halton is as strong to day as it ever was, and the temperance workers are as earnest as they ever were, and I firmly believe if the vote was again taken the act would be sustained. We have to deplore the

amount of liquor used since the return of the license. *Homes* are again cursed with its blighting effect that for years of the Scott Act they had years of prosperity and peace. Mothers have now to lament over the return of a drunken father or besotted son. We meet fortnightly for prayer and conference. We find our prayer meetings to be a source of strength, support and power. For several months before the repeal vote was taken, we circulated forty copies of the Herald. We have access to one of our local papers in the town, and they have kindly granted us one half or three-quarters of a column monthly. In February a petition was placed in our hands, for circulation, regarding the Franchise Act. It was cheerfully attended to by our willing workers, 271 signatures being obtained as the result of this canvass. Numerically we are in advance of last year; we have ninety-six members. We take ten copies of the Woman's Journal, and would be delighted if every member could be persuaded to take it. We sent \$22, Affiliation Fee, to the Prov. W.C.T.U., and \$4 to our County Convention. Since writing the report, I have just heard from the auditors that crime in Halton had greatly increased since the return of the licenses. "On whom does the responsibility rest?" And how can we make them feel their position, and also give the warning cry to those of other counties, who have not yet repealed the act?

S. HARRISON.

HASTINGS COUNTY.

MISS GOULD.

I have written to different localities in the county, where I thought Unions might be organized, but have had no answer from any. Trenton Union has secured the lessening of the number of hotel licenses, increase in hotel accomodation, separation of billiard rooms from bars and an appointment of sub-inspector to reside in Trenton, which has resulted in better Sabbath observance. This Union and Belleville Union will report more fully at the Convention.

BELLEVILLE.

We have a membership of seventy-three, with an average attendance of thirteen, at the montly meetings held during the year. Receipts from all sources, \$193.18. Work has been done in the usual departments, such as distributing literature at the county fair, and from house to house; petitioning city council for reduction of licenses; seeking to have the pledge introduced into all the Sunday Schools of the city; urging the teaching of temperance in all the Public schools; securing the better enforcement of the Crook's Act; bringing the subject of Unfermented Wine before the mipisters of our churches, and holding public meetings during the winter. We had valuable assistance from the lectures given by Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Keefer, Miss Phelps, Miss Fraine, Mr. John. A. Nichols and Rev. B. B. Keefer.

E. HOLDEN
Cor. Sec.

BELLEVILLE Y. W. C. T. U.

Last February a Y. W. C. T. Union was organized in Belleville, by Miss Fraine, at the close of her address in St. Andrew's church. Over thirty be-

came members. A sewing school was opened, and attended by nearly forty little girls. In July a Flower Mission was started. Bouquets, with texts attached have been carried to the hospital and home for the friendless every Friday. It is the intention of the Union to continue their visits through the winter taking fruit where flowers cannot be had, also to re-open the sewing school this month, which was necessarily closed for the holidays.

COUNTY OF HURON.

MRS. JANE H. LEECH.

The temperance women of the County of Huron were almost paralyzed last April when the "Scott Act" was repealed in so many counties by such large majorities, but we did not give up the battle against this great evil, but are taking up the different lines of work, and are endeavoring to educate the youth in "Bands of Hope," Sabbath School and Public Schools upon the evils of alcohol. The P. S. Inspector for West Huron told me that every teacher under his inspectorate had introduced the Temperance Text Books into their schools. I have written several times to the different Unions, and visited some of them, and find nearly all active and working well. The number of churches using Unfermented Wine at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are increasing. Many congregations are making their own wine, which is better and more economical. There is an increase in membership. No. of Unions, 8; membership, 155; 1 Y. W. C. T. U., membership, 43; 6 Bands of Hope, members enrolled, 676. There is no County Union.

CLINTON.

We can this year report a membership of twenty, with an average attendance of ten. Access to one newspaper. Three churches out of the five use Unfermented Wine, while three of the Sabbath schools have the pledge roll, and in the two highest classes of our Public school, Scientific Temperance teaching is given. In May last Mrs. S. Evans-Peck gave a lecture, subject—"Duty of the hour." During the year some assistance has been given to the poor, and when the repeal was voted on, we collected \$83.15 for the benefit of the Scott Act Association, and held an all-day prayer meeting, at which we realized the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, therefore we are not discouraged, knowing that God is on our side, and that eventually right and good must prevail. We have been disappointed in not sending a delegate to the Convention.

LOUIE WHITE,
Cor. Sec.

GODERICH.

Officers:—President, Mrs. Wm. Campbell; Vice-Presidents: 1st, Mrs. Gibson; 2nd, Mrs. (Rev.) Potter; 3rd, Mrs. R. W. McKenzie; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Alex. Morton; Rec. Secretary, Miss Trueman; Treasurer, Miss Stokes. Number of members, thirty-five, ten of whom are honorary. Average attendance, fourteen. Number of meetings held, forty-seven (weekly). We still continue our half hour prayer-meeting, held before the business meeting, with great benefit to our members. We have had had a number of lectures under our auspices this year, among which we might mention one by Miss Minnie Phelps, who delighted her audience, and left the wish with one and all to hear

her again. We experienced a great disappointment, shared by many of our sisters in other counties, in the repeal of the Scott Act. During the campaign the Goderich Union contributed \$50.00 towards the County Scott Act Fund. The 14th day of April was spent in an all-day prayer-meeting, led by different members of the Union, and although the returns came in showing such a vast majority against us, still we could say:—"Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, He will strengthen thine heart; wait I say on the Lord." The visible increase of drunkenness since the repeal is apparent to all, and ought to be an incentive to greater effort on our part. The Evangelistic Work is still being carried on, and reports received monthly from the visiting committee. As far as we could afford as a society, we have tried to relieve the poor, taking one family (motherless) under our care, seeing after their home-life, clothing and schooling. We have superintendents of Sailor and Railway departments, who see that temperance literature is placed on vessels, and at the depot. Number of pages of literature distributed during the year, 1600.

LUCY TRUEMAN,
Rec. Sec.

SEAFORTH.

No of members, 20 ; meetings held, 15 ; average number of members at meetings, 6 ; special prayer meetings, 1 ; twenty minutes of each meeting spent in devotional exercises ; public lectures, 1 ; Subscribers to Woman's Journal, 42 ; Amount spent in Temperance Literature, \$5 ; No. of pages distributed, 3,230 ; amount spent in charity \$27 30, in addition to clothing and other necessaries, which were sent to the Union, to be given to those in need. No. of members of Band of Hope, 250 ; meetings held weekly ; principal work of band for the year was making scrap books for lumbermen, and collecting literature to send to Nipissing. The principal work of our Union was the distribution of Temperance Literature and assisting those in need. We cannot say that we have made much progress during the year, although the members are as energetic and anxious as formerly, but trust that the fruit of our labors may be seen in years to come.

Cor. Sec.

WINGHAM.

We have no record to give this year, having done no temperance work. Our Union has been more of a charitable organization than anything else. Our members are fifteen, and we meet once every month. Our year commenced in April, but next meeting we intend to install new officers, and begin our year in October, as it will be more convenient, on account of reports and our fees to Provincial. We are going to send two delegates to the Convention in October, if possible, and as newly affiliated, we don't expect that you will expect anything such as a report from us this year, but will try and fill out a good one next year, if you teach our delegates anything at the Convention.

Mrs. A. Ross, Secretary.

LAMBTON COUNTY.

MRS. ABRAHAM.

In reporting my work in this county I cannot tell of results, for I have not

seen any. I have written a good many letters and cards to gain information, and found that there was only one other Union in the County, (Wyoming) which I visited, and think they are doing fairly well, though they have sent me a very meagre report of their work for the year. Their President is Miss S. Park, and Cor. Sec, Mrs. J. White. Sarnia W. C. T. U. officers are much the same, the only difference being in our Cor. Sec., which is Mrs. R. E. Le Sueur, instead of Mrs. McCrae. I have written to several school boards in reference to the introduction of the Authorized Temperance Text book, but have not had answers. Have also written to Mrs. Youmans, asking her to make a visit to us, and if possible, organize other Unions, but owing to ill-health and other things to prevent, she has not been able to fulfil her promise to me to do it. As to the temperance sentiment in the county, I am afraid I cannot speak with authority. Some say it is as "strong as ever," and others of course will tell you that the Scott Act is sure to be repealed. Perhaps the truth may be between the two, for I think the manner in which the Act has been enforced, or rather not enforced in this town, has disgusted a good many, who would otherwise have voted for it, while in the country the feeling against is not so strong.

LANARK COUNTY.

ALMONTE.

We have a membership of twenty-four, and Band of Hope with 110 children. Petitions were circulated and several other departments taken up.

MISS BELLA FRASER,
Cor. Sec.

PERTH.

We have a membership of twenty-four. Prison, jail, press and other departments of work successfully carried on.

MRS. A. CAMPBELL,
Cor. Sec.

SMITH'S FALLS.

We have a membership of thirty-two, and Band of Hope with fifty children. Newspapers supplied with items, Fair Work, Scientific Temperance and other departments of work taken up.

MRS. G. T. FROST,
Cor. Sec.

LEEDS COUNTY.

MRS. D. COWAN, BROCKVILLE

Membership, including honorary members, 145. Twenty subscribers to Woman's Journal, also taking the Canada Citizen and Temperance Herald.

Twenty-five copies of annual report taken, seven of which were sent to the ministers. Business meetings opened with devotional exercises, held on the first Wednesday of each month. A series of "Bible Readings" held in Union with the Y. W. C. T. U. during last winter found both pleasant and profitable. In response to a request by this Union, five ministers preached temperance sermons during the year. At the time of the municipal elections we did what we could to assist the other temperance organizations. Two hundred and eight signatures were obtained to petition for "Woman's Franchise." Temperance Text Books are now taught in our schools. In January a Relief Committee was appointed, composed of members from each of our Unions, and from this sprang a most energetic and helpful Charitable Association. Evangelistic work has been taken up, and a beginning made. It is hoped we shall be able to report satisfactory progress in this work at the end of another year. Jail work has been carried on to the best of our ability. Some objections to our visiting have been made by the keeper, but we hope to have these removed. Mrs. Carse has charge of "Railroad Work." The subject of Unfermented Wine has been given considerable attention, and we have reason to believe with very good results. The Press Committee have taken space in two daily papers, the editors making a reduction in price. We have to deplore the resignation of our energetic Cor. Sec., Mrs. French, on account of ill-health, but hope she may soon be able to resume her office. Band of Hope work is still carried on successfully under the superintendence of the Y. W. C. T. U.; membership over 100. Three delegates represented us at the annual meeting at Napanee, and four of our members also attended the Grenville County Convention, at Spencerville. We have had lectures during the year from Revs. T. G. Williams and B. Keefer, and we hope soon to have the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Suermore, of Mellrose, Mass. At the request of Miss Stong, of Farmersville, we sent \$25 to a family, which had suffered greatly on account of their temperance principles, and \$10 to assist another Union in Scott Act Campaign work.

DELTA.

This Union has disbanded for the present, but our faithful County Treasurer, Mrs. Baken, resides there, and holds up the Standard, and we trust that after a visit from our County President, (Mrs. Cowan,) which is to be paid Delta ere long, that our temperance sisters there will "try again," and find that much good work is needed, and can only be done by a W. C. T. U. of their own. Westport, Newboro, Lansdowne, Mallorytown and Lyndhurst are all points in Leeds, where we hope to see W. C. T. U.'s ere long. Unions were organized at the most of these places at one time, but from various reasons have been allowed to disband. Much is expected in the way of organization, and re-organization, as a result of the premeditated missionary tour of our County President.

FARMERSVILLE

This Union numbers fifty-two active and twelve honorary members. They are doing well, active in every good work and stimulated instead of disheartened on account of the persecution experienced by some of their members last winter. Over 500 pages of literature distributed and one petition circulated. Profitable and interesting addresses have been given us during the year from Miss Phelps, J. A. Cooke, J. Nicholls and Rev. B. Keefer. Paid for lectures during the year, \$77.

GANANOQUE.

This year we have a paying membership of thirty-five; average attendance of twelve. We have held forty-five business and prayer meetings, and circulated

the petition praying for the franchise for women, and obtained 318 signatures to it, and distributed about 12,000 pages of literature. During the winter and spring we again held socials, the proceeds to be devoted to our building fund. One of our members, Miss McDonald, has very kindly donated, as a lot either to build on or sell if we find it unsuitable for our purpose. The Vigilance Committee feel that some good has been accomplished through their efforts. In the winter we had a very good lecture from Miss Phelps, also a very pleasant and profitable evening's entertainment from Miss Fraime. A committee waited on the School Board in reference to using the Authorized Temperance Text Book, and when the matter was brought to their notice they seemed anxious to do their duty, and resolved to have them introduced at once. Arrangements were also made, by which women voters were taken to the polls at the Municipal elections. Our principal work this summer was that among the soldiers, while they were in camp here, and we hope some good may result from the efforts then made. A refreshment tent was opened on the ground, where light refreshments like cake, sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, lemonade, &c., could be obtained at very reasonable rates. We also had a refreshment room on the main street for the same purpose, and in addition the leading daily papers were provided free of charge, also writing materials, and both were well patronized by officers and men. The proceeds cleared expenses and left a balance of \$55 in the treasury. Subscriptions to the amount of \$10 were sent through the Union for the relief of Mr. King's family, they having suffered through the enforcement of the Scott Act. We regret to report the loss through death of one of our oldest and best beloved members, Mrs. Bone, but we know that "our loss is her gain." Our Loyal Legion is in a very encouraging condition. Last December they gave a most successful entertainment. The hall was crowded, and all were delighted. During the year they have had several treats, one a sail round the river on steamer, another lemonade and cake, at another time maple sugar and cake and last week a picnic tea at Tremont Park.

LYN.

This has been a long wished for Union, but every effort at organization failed until last March, when Miss Minnie Phelps, with her "sweet persuasive tongue," brought about the desired consummation. Already it reports a membership of thirty-five, a Band of Hope fifty-seven strong and \$3.58 spent on literature. Long may it live and prosper.

BROCKVILLE Y. W. C. T. U.

Our Union is able to report progress in all its departments. We have an increase in our society of nineteen members, now numbering forty-two, though five only have been added to our list of honorary members. Our business meetings, which are held every second Tuesday afternoon, are very well attended. To the different branches of work, which we carried on last year, we have added two other important ones, having now Bands of Hope, Flower Mission, Relief Society, Reading Circle, Night School for boys and systematic distribution of literature. We have two Bands of Hope now in good working order. The Flower Mission is still doing its good work. One hundred and ninety bouquets of flowers have been distributed among the sick, each bouquet bearing a message of good cheer, from that fountain of help and comfort, "The Bible." When the Relief Society was first taken up we had only a committee of six of our members. They helped several families by giving to them food and clothing. In this way a little good and useful work was done, but so little compared to the great needs of the poor, that it was felt to be very insignificant, and last autumn the ladies of our committee thought best to organize another society of the ladies of our town, which was done, and this society it

was, which did so noble a charitable work during last winter. This was through the instrumentality of our young ladies, thus out of very small beginnings sometimes the greatest results are secured. The Reading Circle was held one evening each month. It is our only social meeting, where we meet together with our friends, to try and interest in our work those who are not already interested. This year we had some excellent temperance addresses, and several papers read by our members. Last October it was decided to undertake a new branch of work, a hitherto untried one in our town, but one that was believed to have in it possibilities of great good—a night school for boys. It was opened with one of our lawyers as its superintendent, and two of our Y's as assistants. With the assistance of two other gentlemen as teachers, the responsibility, which the young ladies would have found a heavy burden, (as some of the boys were of the worst class in the town,) was lifted from their shoulders. Some of the Y's helped teach each evening, (three evenings in the week). This school was kept up till easter. Our average attendance was about twenty-five boys. This branch of work was counted a grand success. About 1,150 pages of literature was carefully distributed. The receipts of this Union for the past year was \$144, the expenditure being \$116. We had two Temperance lectures and a moonlight excursion. We trust and pray that we all may take courage in the success of the work we are engaged in, and go on with what we believe is God's work for us, remembering our motto: "For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Phil. 2, xiii.

E. P. L.

 LENNOX AND ADDINGTON.

 MRS. J. SYMINGTON.

I visited Newburg Union, read a paper on our work, showing the importance of the Scientific Temperance Instruction, visited Odessa and addressed a meeting of ladies and formed a promising Union that has done good work. I visited Odessa with Mrs. Keefer the second time a month after. I made an appointment with Enterprise and Tamworth to form Unions at each place, and succeeded in forming one at each village. After Mrs. Keefer's lecture, worked hard all day at Tamworth, but the Union has done some good work. The Union at Enterprise is not very strong in numbers, but earnest in purpose. Mrs. Keefer also formed a Union at Bath, Centreville and Camden East, but I have no report from them, and cannot state their condition at the present time. Six new Unions have been formed this year in the county. Have written fifty letters. The temperance sentiment in the county, judging from the action of our town council lately, cannot be very healthy, as they are calculating on \$1,125 revenue from granting license after the prospective repeal of the Scott Act in June, although its good effects have never been more apparent than now, when for the third offence the hotel keepers dread prison cells and live away from home. Prohibition does prohibit here. I am sorry more work has not been done, but through illness and other causes it has been impossible to press the work as it ought to have been done.

LINCOLN COUNTY.

MRS. (DR.) YOUMANS.

This county is not organized. We held a convention of the two counties last year, and hoped to have continued the county work, but owing to various reasons, we failed and this year I have tried to do what I could alone. In my work as county superintendent I have been aided and encouraged very much by the St. Catharines Union. I tried repeatedly and in vain to organize Unions in different parts of the county. I was especially anxious to have Niagara on the Lake come into line, as they have population sufficient to carry on a good Union, but met with no encouragement from any quarter, though I wrote and did all I could to rouse them. That part of Lincoln is decidedly anti-temperance, the Scott Act Association finding it hard to work up the cause, at all. Grimsby is another large village which should support a Union, but I could not find one person willing to undertake anything. Beamsville has a Union, but I fear they are not doing much. They had a good Band of Hope, which is encouraging, but my last letter to them remain unanswered, and I am quite ignorant of their present state. Camden, a country Union, is always awake and ready for work, but of course in such small places, they cannot do much. I am urging them to work among the children, but the population is so scattered that they fear they cannot make a success of a Band of Hope. Smithville always seems awake, but I cannot find out whether they are affiliated. Mrs. Bridgeman is a thorough worker, and speaks nicely, but she is seven miles from the nearest railway station, and therefore not so easy to reach in this work. I have tried vainly to start Unions in the following rural neighborhoods:—Virgil, Homer, St. Davids, Jordon and one or two others. We organized Port Dalhousie with a few only, but in a short time the number increased and now they have a fine working Union. They make sailor work a specialty and have made good use of the literature the Provincial Union so kindly gave me for work along the Welland canal. St. Catharines Union cannot do very much in this as the canal is too far away, but the Port Ladies have all the ships which go through Lakes Erie and Ontario, passing their very doors. They will, I hope, give you a good report of their work. Failing to succeed, as I had hoped in the Union work, I then turned my attention to children's work. Preparatory to this, we got permission from the teachers to have Mrs. Hunt speak before their Convention, here last February (I think it was). Mrs. Hunt we could not find by letter and substituted Dr. Geikie, of Toronto, who gave them some very interesting and practical thoughts, which must be of great value to them in their work. After this lecture (which was free—and cost us over \$50, \$20 of which was kindly presented to us by the Teachers Association) I sent out a circular letter to each teacher in our county, asking them to allow us, and when practicable assist us, in forming Bands of Hope among the children. I then prepared a simple plan for conducting such meetings (after consultation with your superintendent of juvenile work, Mrs. Pratt,) and sent it to such as answered my first circular. I am sorry to say that comparatively few did so, but I learned much in the work, and shall go at this again next year. The result has been six or seven fine Bands, which I hope will do good in their neighborhoods and pave the way for other organizations. I have procured copies of "Dr. Willoughby and his Wine" and "How Roy went West," to loan to the children in these places. There is much ignorance about temperance matters in the country places. Several children refused to sign a pledge against

cider and wine. Was there time I could give interesting instances. I think temperance sentiment is rising here, as well as all over the country, and that we are making some progress.

CAMPDEN.

During the past year our Union has met once a month, (except July and August) for business and prayer. Our membership numbers fifteen, average attendance seven. Three dollars was sent to the World's W. C. T. U. Two poor families have been helped in the way of clothing, so that they could go to Sunday school. We had one lecture during the year. A box of clothing was sent to the Mission school in Hamilton. May God bless our feeble efforts in the future, as He has done in the past.

MRS. J. HIPPLE,
Secretary.

PORT DALHOUSIE.

Our Union was organized in March, 1888, by Mrs. (Dr.) Youmans, with a membership of seven. While the weather was cold we met from house to house, and when it became warm enough to do without a fire, we rented a hall, and held our meetings once in two weeks. The principal work of our Union is the Band of Hope, which is in a very flourishing condition. It has a membership of ninety-seven, and is led by the principal of our school, Mrs. Rolands. We also cared for some sick ones in the village, attending to both temporal and spiritual needs, also one person in the lock-up had his present needs supplied and work found for him. We have had two lectures, one by Miss Phelps and one by Rev. E. Hutt. We open our meetings with reading and prayer, and close with the doxology.

MRS. E. PHILLIMORE,
Cor. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

LONDON.

With thanks to our Heavenly Father for preserving care and present blessings, would we begin our record of the past year's work: There have been twenty-one business meetings held during the year with an average attendance of fourteen. Monthly prayer meetings with other Christian workers and three special services have been sources of strength to those in attendance. Twenty-nine new members have been added to our roll. Our dining hall at the Western Fair was even more successful this year than last, the receipts amounting to about \$1,200. The Industrial school is another encouraging feature of our work, superintended by Mrs. McDermaid, assisted by a good staff of teachers, who kept up the interest of the school until its close, by a picnic in June. The jail has been faithfully visited, and good reading matter distributed. Much gratitude was evinced by the prisoners for little deeds of kindness shown them by our committee. The hospital has also been visited by our committees, who have tried faithfully to discharge their duties, and who have received much blessing in trying to bring comfort and cheer to the sick and suffering. The Band of Hope has been energetically carried on by Mrs. J. W. Jones, with efficient associates. They received a visit from Mrs. Youmans, which did much

to encourage and help on the work. In union with the Prohibition Club we had a course of Scientific Lectures on the effects of alcohol, from which we received most valuable information. The Rev. Mr. Meikle kindly treated our Union to a most appropriate Bible reading Good Friday afternoon, after which a good collection was taken up, and devoted to our organ fund. A much needed Temperance and Mission Hall has been desired by our Union for some time, and in honor of the Queen's Jubilee year, the effort commenced in June, 1887. We have been working quietly since and adding a little to our fund. We hope to work and pray that God may direct us, and that in the near future we may have a Temperance Home to dedicate for His glory free of indebtedness. In thus submitting to you our yearly report, we do so, praying that the Master's smile may rest upon us, and that we, as a band of Christian Temperance workers may be strengthened, in this our Convention to go forth this year, upon which we are about to enter with renewed energy to stem the tide of toil, and banish from saddened hearts the demon of intemperance this terrible barrier to the progress of Christ's cause

M. E. ROBERTSON,
Cor. Sec.

MUSKOKA COUNTY.

PARRY SOUND

This Union has a membership of forty-five; a Band of Hope, with 215 children; 40,000 pages of literature distributed; Prison and Jail, Unfermented Wine and other departments very successfully taken up.

MRS. L. MACKAY,
Cor. Sec.

NORFOLK COUNTY.

SIMCOE.

Simcoe W. C. T. U. was organized in March, 1887. There has been forty names on the roll during the past year. Mrs. Le Roy Hooker was our President till she removed to Toronto, and she worked faithfully and well. Mrs. Sever was 1st Vice., and took Mrs. Hooker's place, and was elected President this month for the present year. We have visited "The Home" twice a month ever since we organized, and the inmates eagerly look forward to visiting day. We have had eleven regular meetings, and two special, during the past year. We did our best during the Scott Act Campaign, but it availed us nothing. One of our resident ministers will have nothing to do with us, because we don't believe in the use of Fermented Wine at the Lord's Table.

MRS. C. C. BEEMER,
Rec. Sec.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

CAMPBELLFORD.

Membership twenty-six. Band of Hope with 125 children. Several other

branches of work taken up. Scientific Temperance taught in the schools.

MRS. ASHTON,
Cor. Sec.

COBOURG.

Membership fifteen. Legislation, Franchise and Petitions, Unfermented Wine, and other departments taken up. Scientific Temperance taught in the schools.

MRS. BARBER,
Cor. Sec.

ONTARIO COUNTY.

MRS. (DR) BASCOM.

In making this report I feel that while I have done with God's help the best I could, very much has been left undone that ought to have been done. In the end of May and beginning of June, in company with Mrs. Fraine-Cooke, I visited all the Unions in North Ontario, and found them working very effectively. Beaverton, as promised last year, has indeed revived, and has earned the right to be called the banner Union of the county. Readers of the Citizen have probably noticed the persecutions which this Union has been subjected to, but through persecution they have waxed strong, and are thankful, not only for their success, but for their trials. Many have joined their numbers, because they felt they deserved the sympathy and support of all christian people, battling against the evils of intemperance. During the year they have been obliged to appear in the courts more than once, but they can say with Paul, "Persecuted, but not forsaken." They have forty-eight members, twenty-nine honorary members, and 130 in Band of Hope. Mrs. Cooke addressed a large audience in one of the Presbyterian churches there, and found the ladies and friends of temperance hearty in their support. During the summer a convention of christian workers was held in a grove, and one day was devoted to temperance. F. S. Spence and several other gentlemen gave stirring addresses. Port Perry Union still keeps up, with thirty-one members, four honorary, and 150 in the Band of Hope. Prince Albert is a faithful little Union, small in numbers, but great in zeal and faithful perseverance. Fourteen members, two honorary members, and sixty pledged in Band of Hope. Uxbridge has had many trials during the year, but continues steadfast through all. A difference of opinion at election time lost us the support of some valued friends, but through all discouragements we have continued to work on and pray on. During the year we we have had the pleasure of entertaining and been profited listening to Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Peck, Jerrold Arlington-Cooke, and last, but not by any means least, Miss Skinner. A Y has been formed through the efforts of Mrs. Fraine-Cooke. They held one entertainment, and at their last meeting decided to open a Night school during the winter. They number twenty, and are enthusiastic and earnest in their determination to work for temperance. Uxbridge numbers thirty-one, and 600 pledged in Band of Hope and Sabbath School Temperance Association. The temperance pledge has been introduced into every Sunday school in town with the exception of the Roman Catholic. Goodwood is a small Union, organized by Mrs. Cooke, but needing working up. Although written to several times, no report has been sent in. Sunderland

carries on a Band of Hope numbering seventy, but the Union there is disbanded. We made an attempt to re-organize, and an evening was appointed for a meeting, but afterwards, those who had promised assistance found they could not carry out their promises, and we were advised of the uselessness of trying to do anything there at present. I have done considerable correspondence throughout the county, and find that, while temperance feeling is still as strong as ever, even the friends of the cause are fearing the result of the approaching Scott Act contests. We would ask all temperance workers especially to remember Ontario County in prayer

BEAVERTON.

This branch of the W. C. T. U. was re-organized, the former Union disbanded owing to the non-attendance of its members, by Mrs. Youmans, President of the Dominion W. C. T. U., on the 14th of January, 1888. The number, which was twenty-five, who joined then, has increased to forty-four ordinary and thirty-three honorary members, in all seventy-seven. The average attendance at our fortnightly meetings during the year was twenty-two. We have organized a Band of Hope of 110 members or over, which is very well attended. They have purchased for use at their meetings, an organ, and have added quite a sum for its payment, by the proceeds of a very interesting entertainment rendered exclusively by the children of the Band. This Union has also been the means of placing honor rolls in six Sabbath schools. Three temperance lectures, by able speakers, have been delivered in this village under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Since our organization we have been subjected to a considerable amount of opposition from the anti-temperance part of this community. But the manner of opposition has served to strengthen our cause rather than the reverse. It has awakened the public (common sense part of it) to see the true character of those engaged in the ruinous and condemned traffic of intoxicating liquors, and also roused the temperance people to more earnest and active work for the cause. The first open act of opposition of the anti-temperance party was the summons served on the ladies of the Union, to appear on the 14th of Feb., as witnesses for a dealer in rum, who was fined for an infringement of the Canada Temperance Act. The surprise and consternation of those ladies at this summons is indescribable, but they did not fail to appear. On the day appointed the W. C. T. U., joined by friends, after holding a service of prayer in our meeting room, proceeded to the court house. The evidence of one, the dealer himself, did not ask for more, was sufficient to clear them. We leave the reader to imagine the reason for such a step on the part of the liquor dealer. After this open attack, individuals of the Union were subjected to insults of various kinds. Their latest act, which should open the eyes of every person of common sense to see the real character of those engaged in rum selling, was the outrageous assault on the character of the honored and much respected pastor of the Methodist church, an honorary member of the W. C. T. U. and an active temperance worker, the Rev. T. S. McKee. The charge laid against him was that of perjury. However, in this more malicious attack than the former, of the ladies, they were completely foiled, the reverend gentleman coming out of the battle more respected and honored, if possible, than before. During the trial, which lasted the greater part of two days, Rev. T. S. McKee was sustained by temperance friends and the W. C. T. U. The counsel of the accused deserves special mention for the manner in which he conducted his case. After the trial a number of temperance friends retired to the parsonage, where they held a thanksgiving service. Although the Rev. T. S. McKee's character was cleared in this case, the opposing party are by no means satisfied, but continue by reports to darken it. A quantity of temperance literature has been distributed, and requests for more have been made by many of the recip-

ients. The amount of money received from January until September is \$62.10, of which \$47.67 cents, was expended, leaving a balance of \$14.43. Our Union is still increasing in numbers.

KATE CALDER,
Rec. Sec.

PORT PERRY.

This Union has a membership of twenty six; a Band of Hope with 150 children; local paper supplied with items; unfermented wine in three churches; two S. S. pledged, and Scientific Temperance taught in Public schools.

MISS McARTHUR,
Cor. Sec.

PRINCE ALBERT.

This branch of the W. C. T. U. has now been in existence nearly four years, and although we are not able to report progress, yet for faithfulness and good average attendance of the members I think we compare favorably with other Unions. At present we number 12; average attendance, 8; honorary members, 2. Meetings held second Friday in each month at the home of the treasurer, who is an invalid, and a living example in her patient suffering. Our Band of Hope, numbering forty, is cared for and taught by Mrs. (Rev.) Philp and Mrs. Campbell. We have supplied them with pledge cards and leaflets. Three of our ladies have charge of the evangelistic work, and have distributed over 800 pages of temperance literature. We were favored with a visit from our county superintendent, Mrs. Bascom, accompanied by Mrs. Fraine-Cook, who addressed a public meeting on the temperance question, to a pleased audience. We are in a *Scott Act County*, but the law is violated on every hand, yet not without the strong arm of justice being frequently brought to bear upon the offenders.

MISS A. CASH,
Cor. Sec.

UIDRIDGE.

This Union still continues to work for the Master as opportunity offers, and in a county like ours with the Scott Act in force, ample scope is afforded for the exercise of all our powers. We have held meetings fortnightly during the year, except a short time in the summer, in all twenty-one meetings, which have been well attended. We continue to hold Gospel Temperance Meetings once each month, on Sunday evenings after the service in the churches, except during the hot weather in summer, and all are well attended and are very popular. Besides these we have had lectures from Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Cook and other foreign talent to good audiences. Our membership roll has been reduced by one death and two removals. The death was that of Mrs. Pemberton, one of our vice-presidents, always ready and willing to help in every good work. We now number thirty-one. We have a Temperance Association in connection with the Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Free Methodist Sabbath Schools with 600 hundred children receiving temperance instruction, to whom we supply badge and pledge cards, and in connection with which quarterly mass meetings are held. We contributed \$5.00 to aid Halton fight the repeal. We have cash on hand \$17.45. A committee from the Union visited the School Board, and the trustees promised that the Scientific Temperance Book should be used in the school, which promise was kept to a certain extent. The teacher in the highest department of the Public school faithfully discharges his duty, but the teachers of the lower classes, we believe, are not

teaching it as we would wish to have them do. While the Scott Act has not accomplished all that could be desired, we are fully satisfied that it has been instrumental in reducing the amount of drinking in the county to less than half what it ever was under license.

WHITBY.

We have thirty-one members, and meet first and third Fridays of every month, with an average attendance of about ten. Our reading room is still carried on successfully, being open every evening in the winter months. We started a night school for boys last winter, and were greatly encouraged, the boys being employed during the day were so pleased with the opportunity to learn. Our Band of Hope is still carried on, we having 190 names on roll. We had a very successful "Mother Goose" entertainment last March. The county jail is visited every alternate Sabbath. The Flower Mission was also carried on during the summer. Our annual meeting was held Sept. 28th, and after the election of officers we merged the meeting into a 5 o'clock tea, and quite a number became members for the first time.

I. LOGAN,
Cor. Sec.

 OXFORD COUNTY.

WOODSFOCK.

In presenting to the Ontario W. C. T. Union our annual report for the year 1887 and 1888 we regret that we have not been able to do more for the cause of temperance, but trust however that some lasting good has been accomplished. Our Union has twenty-eight members and two honorary. The receipts for the year are \$56.50, which, compared with last year's numbers is an increase of \$25.00. Our meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday in the month, with an average attendance of ten. The first half-hour is spent in prayer, and the remainder of the time is devoted to business. In December the town was thoroughly canvassed, and every effort put forth for the purpose of securing temperance candidates to municipal offices, which resulted in several returns for the temperance cause. A good deal of charitable work has been done in connection with our Evangelistic Society, which was organized last fall. A Band of Hope was also organized, which has been carried on very successfully. It has fifty-three members, and closed for vacation with an interesting entertainment, realizing \$7.00. The committee appointed to visit the jail have placed a wall pocket there, and it is kept filled with gospel and temperance literature. One and a half all day prayer meetings were held for the Scott Act contest, and we believe that our prayers were answered, for we were drawn very near the Lord, our Master. Successful and instructive lectures were delivered by Dr. Hunter and Miss Phelps, and two very interesting addresses by Miss Fraine and Miss Renolds, formerly of the Woodstock College. We have divided the town into districts, and are now engaged in distributing literature and soliciting votes against the repeal of the Scott Act.

EVA KNIGHT,
Cor. Sec.

KINTORE.

This Union was organized last January. Membership at present twenty-three, eight of these being honorary, therefore our member's fees amounts to

\$11.50 Being late in sending, we sent \$5.75 for the year to the Provincial Union. Hold prayer and business meetings monthly with an average attendance of ten. Held one open meeting and twenty-six signed the pledge. Two churches in this village, one using unfermented and the other fermented wine. We circulated the two petitions, getting somewhat over seventy names. Our motto:—"Through faith we conquer, defile not the Temple of God." Our emblem: The "White Geranium."

LIBBIE ELDON,
Cor. Sec.

TILSONBURG.

During the past year we have held ten regular meetings, besides a number of special meetings. Our membership paid is seventeen, with an average attendance of nine or ten. Our worthy president, Mrs. T. S. Brown, and our esteemed vice-president, Mrs. (Rev.) Mitchel, presented a petition to the council to close the billiard-rooms, but little attention was paid to the request. We are not discouraged; God helping us we will try again another year. During the winter we procured a number of lectures, and we have no doubt but that much good was done through them. Our first lecture was given by Rev. Mr. Ross, of Hamilton, in September; the second by Rev. B. B. Keefer, on November 6th; the third by Miss Phelps, on the 18th; and again in December by Mrs. Fraine Cook. These lectures were free to the public, and all expenses incurred were met by the Union, except Mrs. Cooke, who received a silver collection. We also have a Band of Hope in connection with our Union, which was organized one year last February, by our beloved president, Mrs. Youmans, and counted as one of her special charges. We have a membership of 200, with an average attendance of 150. We are instilling into the minds of the children the importance of keeping their pledge, and becoming men and women of the future age. During the year we gave them a sugar social, and are now making arrangements for a grand entertainment the coming month. We purchased an organ also for our Band of Hope. We have on hand \$20 worth of unfermented wine which is used in all churches, except the Church of England. It is now the third year we have used it; we supplied one year free of charge. During the week of prayer we held meetings every night, and on Sunday a Gospel Temperance meeting. It is our painful duty to record the death of our beloved sister, Miss Almas, who passed away on the 21st of the present month, after a very short illness. She was one of our most esteemed members, having been our secretary for some time, although not in office at the time of her death. She passed triumphantly home, leaving behind a sure testimony of having gone to her reward. The members of the Union met in a body at the house for the service, wearing their white badges, and paying this last respect to one who had been dear to the Union. They also sent a floral offering—a beautiful anchor with the letters W. C. T. U.

 COUNTY OF PEEL.

MRS. E. STONEHOUSE.

We have three Unions in the County of Peel, all trying to do something for the cause. In looking over the county we know there is cause for thankfulness for what has been accomplished, and for a growing feeling that this traffic,

which destroys the finer and nobler qualities of manhood shall ere long be placed in its proper position on our statute books. In Brampton we circulated all petitions sent, except that asking for Woman's Suffrage. There seemed at the time to be insurmountable obstacles in the way. Some temperance literature has been distributed. We had one address from Mrs. Youmans. Had an entertainment last month, the chair being occupied by W. A. McCulla, Esq., M. P., with singing by our local talent. We were pleased to have with us our popular organizer, Mrs. M. F. Cooke. We very much enjoyed her hearty words in regard to the general work, as also her recitations. We were very sorry to hear that she leaves the work for her new home, at the end of the year. Hoping, trusting and praying, we intend to stand by the right in Peel.

PERTH COUNTY.

MRS J. B. FLAGG.

The number of Unions in the County remains the same as last year. I have had some conversation with ladies in places where no Unions exist, and their opinion was, that owing to the smallness of the place, and the few who would be able or willing to unite, that a Union could not be sustained even if it were organized, and experience has taught us that it is easier to organize than to keep a Union in successful operation when organized. I have done what I could by correspondence, but have not been able to visit any of the Unions, much as I should have enjoyed doing so. Temperance work in this county seems not to be making much advancement holding its own, doing something in most of the departments of work, but certainly not retrograding. In the distribution of temperance literature, just now, more is done than formerly, which I am inclined to think, is one of the most effective means of creating a healthy public sentiment. Temperance Text Books have been introduced into most of the schools in the large places, and the attention of churches called to the importance of using unfermented wine at the Lord's table. Mitchell Union contributed the sum of \$10.00 to aid Halton in the contest against the repeat of the Scott Act, and is making arrangements to have stands for the distribution of temperance Literature at the approaching fall fair. Stratford has been especially active in the distribution of literature and some other departments of work.

PETERBORO' COUNTY.

PETERBORO'.

After the summer holidays our Union resumed its regular meetings in September. Last winter and spring good work was accomplished in our Band of Hope, and expect these meetings will be resumed shortly. In our municipal elections we worked to secure votes for temperance candidates for mayor and councilmen, but failed. Literature was sent to two local lumbering camps, to the north shore of Georgian Bay, and to Mrs. Shortreed, Toronto. A petition

was sent to our school trustees, regarding temperance instruction in our Public schools.—No response. Appealed to the ministers of the different denominations to preach special sermons, advocating a stricter observance of the Sabbath, and some complied. Also to the mayor, to see that the Sabbath laws were more strictly enforced. Petitioned J. R. Stratton, Esq., M.P.P., and F. Blizzard, Esq., M.P.P., to support Woman's Franchise. Mr. Stratton in support. Appealed to the various ministers of our churches, requesting them to use only unfermented wine at the sacrament, and two replies were satisfactory, the Methodist and Baptist. Our membership is twenty, with an average attendance of nine, with meetings every two weeks. The amount of work accomplished seems small, still we are by no means discouraged, hoping to profit by experience gained. We are thankful for the opportunity of sending such representatives as Mrs. Paton and Mrs. Ludgate to this convention. And we would very earnestly ask that the Convention for October, 1889, be held in Peterboro'.

MARY E. HAWKINS,
Cor. Sec.

PETERBORO' Y. W. C. T. U.

During the year we have held twenty-one business meetings, with an average attendance of seven. Our membership numbers sixteen, three of whom are honorary. In February we rented a piano and opened our Kitchen Garden with a class of six, which has since increased to nine, but in this department the work is slow and discouraging. Miss Phelps came to us in March and delivered her lecture on "The Modern Sphinx." The lecture was fine and so was the audience—so fine indeed, that the proceeds would not meet expenses. In April we held our first anniversary, when we had the pleasure of a visit from our beloved Prov. Pres., Mrs. Chisholm. Our entertainment was a decided success, and secured us the first real hold on public sympathy. In the early summer we started Saturday night concerts, but the weather becoming very hot, it was deemed advisable to suspend operations until the fall. During July and August we disbanded, as it was impossible to keep the girls together. Some of our old members have dropped out altogether, but since we re-organized in September several new ones have joined, so that our ranks have not really suffered. On the 20th of last month we opened the season by an "At Home," which every one present pronounced a most enjoyable affair, and we have since received five new members. On the 25th we gave the annual Tea to members of the Y. M. C. A. in their rooms. We are beginning the new year with fresh enthusiasm and hope to report progress in September, 1889.

L. SANDERSON,
President.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY.

PICTON.

There have been twelve regular business meetings during the year, with an average attendance of thirteen, besides several special meetings. We held thirteen Sunday Gospel Temperance meetings, which were largely attended, and for the success of which we were much indebted to our dear Mrs. Youmans, whose severe illness we deeply regret, and to the untiring zeal of our County Superintendent, Mrs. Branscombe. About 250 signed the pledge books at these meetings. We also had two evening meetings, and one lecture by Bishop

Ussher, of Montreal. Our membership is thirty-three Receipts for the year, \$79.70, of which \$10 were sent to the Provincial Union.

MRS. U. TOBEY,
Cor. Sec.

RENFREW COUNTY.

Officers for 1888:—President, Mrs. Murphy, Renfrew; Vice-President, Mrs. Hamilton, Cobden; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Reid, Renfrew; Rec. Secretary, Miss A. Winters, Pembroke; Treasurer, Miss F. Winters, Greenwood, Pembroke P. O. The first Union in the county was organized by Mrs. Chisholm at Pembroke, June 13th, 1884. We have great reason to be thankful for the measure of success which has attended our efforts during the past four years. We had everything to learn and many obstacles to overcome. Now we have six Unions in the county; about 230 members. Over 600 children being instructed in temperance principles, and our cause gaining as it becomes better known. Our County Union was organized by Mrs. Chisholm on March 6th, 1888. The first annual convention was held in Renfrew on the 15th of September. Fifteen delegates attended at their own expense. Reports of Missions—Cor. Secretary, Mrs. A. Delahay. Pembroke Union has sixty-one members. During the year we held eleven business and twenty prayer meetings. Sent to Provincial Treasurer \$12. Paid to Literature department of Ontario W. C. T. U. \$20.43. Supply two papers with items. Three churches use unfermented wine. Distributed literature at several fairs. Had John A. Nichols for six public meetings in December, 1887, and four children's meetings. Miss Phelps two nights in March. Our superintendent of missions for lumbermen reports over fifty scrap books sent to the shanties on the Upper Ottawa. Large quantities of literature have been sent to shanties on the Petewawa, Schyan, Indian River, Two Rivers, on this side of Mattawa Village, for over 100 miles on the C. P. R., French River and Parry Sound. All our Unions will take up this work. Renfrew Union reports a membership of thirty-four, with 42 honorary members. Fortnightly business meeting. In March had an address from Miss Phelps, which was much appreciated. The Union contributed \$48 to the Alliance funds, and \$25 in aid of reading-room. Scrap books have been prepared, and now we are getting ready for fair day, for which we have just prepared a permanent stand on the grounds. A Band of Hope was organized on September 14th, at which seventy-five children became members. President, Miss M. Burton; Cor. Secretary, Miss E. Ferguson; Rec. Secretary, Miss M. Murphy; Treasurer, Miss B. Eady. Arnprior reports thirty-five members. Mrs. R. McEwing, Cor. Secretary. Business meeting first Tuesday in the month. Have a lending library. Distribute temperance literature. Prepare scrap-books for lumbermen's mission. Two Bands of Hope, one Presbyterian and one Methodist; 270 names on roll. Cobden reports fifteen members, and twenty-four honorary wearing the white ribbon. Band of Hope, twenty-nine members. They have wrought well, but have not reported the items. Miss Nellie Lowe, Cor. Secretary. Greenwood reports eleven members. Band of Hope, fifty members. Have taken up Flower Mission work. Literature for shanties. Have had one surprise party. Distribute 100 tracts. Miss A. E. Nelson, Cor. Secretary.

PEMBROKE Y. W. C. T. U.

Our Pembroke branch of the Y. W. C. T. U. was organized Sept. 14th, 1887, by Miss Fraine-Cook. The work taken up was the Flower Mission, distribu-

tion of temperance literature in every possible way, and Lumbermen's Mission. We have given two public entertainments, both successful and have prospered to a certain extent in our Flower Mission work. Have read and discussed of the Pathfinder Series No. 2. Had essays on temperance written for our meetings, and discussed them and others on other reforms. Had a question drawer open at all our meetings, and assisted at temperance lectures, before defeat of the Scott Act, with musical and other assistance. Through our efforts a Y. M. C. A. is to be organized. We proposed starting a reading room, but have concluded to unite with the Young People's Christian Association, instead of organizing by ourselves. At our fair, held Oct. 1st and 2nd, in connection with our Mother W. C. T. U., we had a booth for light refreshments, &c. We have endeavored, during the past year, to do all the good in our power, but have had many discouragements and few encouragements. The officers appointed for the new year are:—President, Miss M. Millar; vice-presidents, Misses S. Deacon, M. Stewart, C. Perie; rec. sec., Miss C. M. Humphrey; cor. sec., Miss Etta Grant; treasurer, Miss Nellie Beatty. We have committees arranged for our different works, and have commenced operations with renewed vigor. We have, hitherto, held each meeting, in part, purely a business one. This year, however, we intend to try and lighten our work with occasional literary and musical evenings, with a view as well to entertain our honorary members.

C. M. HUMPHREY,
Rec. Sec.

SIMCOE COUNTY.

COLLINGWOOD.

Our Union has a membership of thirty. Prayer and business meetings are held monthly. Receipts during the year, \$21.09; expenditure, \$18.00, of which \$8.00 went for Scott Act work. Special prayer meetings, which were held during the voting for the Scott Act in Halton and Simcoe, were well attended. Temperance sermons were preached in six churches at the request of the W. C. T. U., during March and April. Three of these churches use unfermented wine at the communion. A deputation from our Union waited on the members of the School Board and received the promise that temperance instruction would be introduced into the Public schools at as early a date as practicable. We were refused space in our local papers for temperance items except barely the notices of our meetings. Some evangelistic and temperance work is done every week by means of papers, books and tracts, and we hope that the seed thus sown may come up, even if "after many days." A mite box has been instituted to receive stray cents, and into this is dropped the fine of five cents, imposed on each member who comes to the meeting without her badge of white ribbon, a new one being at the same time furnished by one of the members, who has been commissioned by the president to look after these little infringements of the law and order. Among the readings, which we occasionally have, two very well written and interesting essays by two of our members were read. I must not forget to mention that the captains of the different steamboats were waited on with a view to furnishing the boats with reading matter, but we were pleased to find that some other places had supplied this want.

CHRISTINA CAMPBELL,
Asst. Cor. Sec.

STORMONT COUNTY.

 MRS. ISNIAH R. AULT.

Aultville Union is working faithfully, and there are two new Unions, one at Newington, the other at Avonmore. Cornwall, the oldest Union in the county, is still in the front, but all are doing good work. There is much need of education and organization here.

AULTSVILLE.

During the year just closing fourteen lectures have been given through the county, owing to the instrumentality of our Union. Two by J. A. Cooke, seven by Miss Fraine, and five by Miss Phelps. We have fifteen subscribers to the Woman's Journal. We have paid \$5.25 to the Provincial Union as quarterage. There were 234 names procured to the petition for the extension of the franchise to women. We paid \$2.00 for Band of Hope Quarterlies; \$8.00 for Scott Act literature during the campaign, and \$2.00 recently for leaflets to distribute at the fairs, making in all \$12.00 spent for literature during the year, exclusive of the annual reports that have been circulated. The Scott Act defeat on the 19th of April, saddened our workers. Our Union thought it advisable to discontinue the Band of Hope for the time being, so we closed it on the 2nd of May, with a very successful meeting and many regrets, on account of the circumstances—the licensing of two hotels, which the children would have to pass going to and from the meetings. But we have tried to obey the command, "Cast thy bread upon the waters," and we may expect the fulfilment of the promise, "Thou shalt find it after many days."

C. B. BIGELOW,
Cor. Sec.

CORNWALL.

Our Union has a membership of twenty-eight, with eight honorary members, and holds meetings every month. Our work this year consisted chiefly in defending the Scott Act. Personal and financial help was given to this, prayer meetings being held daily for some time previous to the day of voting, and were very largely attended. Literature was freely distributed, and of every member of our Union it could truly be said, "She hath done what she could." The result disappointed, but has not discouraged us. Our Band of Hope numbers about 300, and the interest is well maintained. An excursion on the St. Lawrence in August delighted the children and netted us a handsome profit. We expended during the year (chiefly on Scott Act and Band of Hope work,) \$114,

JENNIE MACARTHUR,
Cor. Sec.

 VICTORIA COUNTY.

LINDSAY.

This Union was organized in March, 1885. During the year we have had the pleasure of hearing addresses from Misses Fraine and White and Mrs. You-

mans with excellent result to the Union, sixty new members being enrolled. The petition for the further extension of Woman's Franchise was signed by nearly 500 persons. A quantity of temperance and other W. C. T. U. literature was purchased and distributed at the time of the circulation of petition. We are making an effort to have Hygiene and Temperance taught in the Public schools, and we sincerely hope this study may soon be placed on the list of test studies for promotion and entrance examinations. We supply "manuals" and other literature to the teachers, to enable them to present the subject more easily and attractively than they could do by using the Authorized Text Book only.

MARGARET MCINTYRE,
Secretary.

COUNTY OF WATERLOO.

MRS. WILLIAM GRAHAM.

It is encouraging to report progress and a healthy temperance sentiment growing with our years. There are six Unions in the County of Waterloo, with a membership of 261. Two new Unions have been added during the year. Miss Skinner, of Toronto, organized a young woman's union in Hespeler, and I organized the Oakwood Union in Dunfries, in December last. This Union has taken up the work with great spirit, and is one of our best Unions. The work among the young has not been carried on in some places in the county to the extent that its importance demands, but we expect great improvement along this line in the coming year. During the year I have visited several of the Unions, and have corresponded with all, more or less. There are some places where I expect new Unions to be found, but the great hindrance is the want of a leader to carry on the work. Our county convention was held in June. There was a very good attendance, and in many respects it was an improvement on those of former years. New departments were taken up and county superintendents appointed. It was recommended that local Unions take up corresponding departments, and also agreed to have a directory and a shield, both of which have been prepared. It was also decided to get a banner for the county. Headquarters were discussed, but for want of a right understanding of the nature of the movement no action was taken. Provincial fees was also discussed, and recommended to be brought before the annual meeting. Excellent papers were read on different subjects, and a powerful address, illustrated by charts, was given in the evening by the Rev. J. A. R. Dixon, of Galt. "The Lord is on our side" is the motto for the county, and this inspiring thought calls for faithfulness and diligence on our part. The repeal of the Scott Act in so many counties this year has given a feeling of security and confidence to the liquor party, and the faint-hearted may have turhed back. But on the part of those who work from principle, and a sincere desire to promote the interests of our county and people, there has been faltering.

GALT.

In presenting this—the annual report of our Union—we have much cause for praise and gratitude to God for His guidance during the year. We have had twenty regular meetings, with an average attendance of fifteen. Three

Special meetings were held during the week of prayer, also a mass meeting in the town hall on Sunday afternoon, addressed by two of the ministers and others. There was a large gathering and we trust good was done. A petition was sent to the Public School Board, asking for the introduction of the Temperance Text Book into the schools, which was granted. Two lectures were given during the year, under our auspices, by Mr. B. B. Keefer and Miss Phelps. A special meeting was held to receive reports from the delegates to the Provincial Convention, to which the Young Women's and Pine Grove Unions were invited. Our Union united with the other Temperance Societies in holding Gospel Temperance meetings on Sunday afternoons. They were suspended during the hot season, but we expect they will shortly be resumed. The question of special work among young women was considered, and a committee appointed to visit the factories of the town. They found very few who were without homes and parental care, so no further action was taken. The Y. M. C. A. being re-organized, we handed over to them the rooms, which our Union had furnished as parlor and reading room for young men, they kindly granting us the use of the parlor for our meetings. The temperance columns in the Reformer and Reporter have been filled each week with choice selections under the able management of Mrs. Chrysler. Our membership is at present forty-two, eight new members having joined during the year. The question of headquarters for the Provincial Union was fully discussed at one of our meetings, and heartily approved, the Union agreeing to do all they are able to when the time comes. The sum of \$10 was sent to the Milton W. C. T. U. to help in the late Scott Act Campaign.

ELIZA CANT,
Cor. Sec.

PINE GROVE.

We have a membership of nineteen, with an average attendance of nine. Have held twenty-one meetings, which are fortnightly. The first half hour is devotional, and the remainder is devoted to business. Our Band of Hope numbers eighty. A festival was held in connection with that work. Six prize books and a number of cards were given to the best essayists on the life of Joseph. Had temperance songs and marching, and much interest was taken. Temperance leaflets were also distributed to scholars. At a school examination two prizes were given to those who had improved most in writing. Introduced pledge book at social and obtained thirty-two names. Recommended Temperance Text Book to be taught in school, but no action was taken. Four large parcels of literature were sent to the lumbermen and sailors, and were thankfully received. Our Union, although few in numbers, are active and hope to do more work during the coming year.

MISS MARY F. HARVIE,
Cor. Sec.

CALT Y. W. C. T. U.

During the past year the work has been going on steadily, yet slowly. Our present membership consists of twenty-nine active, and seven honorary members. Twenty meetings have been held, there being an average attendance of eleven at each meeting. The boys' night school was carried on during the winter months, the attendance, although not quite so good as in former years, being fair, and is expected that this branch of work will be again taken up in a short time. The work of distributing flowers has been kept up throughout the year, about 140 bouquets, with scriptural texts attached, having been sent to the sick. The distribution of temperance and religious literature has been taken up, and a great many papers, magazines, &c, have been sent away, principally

to Muskoka and the Northwest. Several scrap books were made by members, some of which were sent to Jamaica, some to the Northwest and some to the Children's Hospital, in Toronto. Letters and cards were also sent to the Children's Hospital. We have great reason for thankfulness to God for His goodness to us, and, on entering another year, we pray that He may guide us and bless us, as He has in the past, and enable us to work more faithfully and more earnestly than we have ever yet done.

NELLIE J. WEBSTER,
Rec. Sec.

WELLAND COUNTY.

THOROLD.

The year which is now closing in our Woman's Christian Temperance work has been a very quiet one in Thorold. Our Union has held its fortnightly meetings for prayer, and the transaction of business. We have not done anything in the direction of lectures, but we offered prizes to the children in the Public schools who were taken up the temperance lessons. A good proportion of each class wrote on the examination papers, and \$9.00 was given to the best three in each class, viz.:—\$2.00, \$1.50 and \$1.00 respectively. We thought it best to give money. During the year we circulated petitions,—one to the council relating to the doing away with the billiard saloon; and another relating to the reducing of the number of licensed taverns. That referring to the billiard saloon was in a measure successful, as it ceased to exist as a saloon, but the tables were purchased by subscription by a number of men who have started a club house. It still exists, but as a private undertaking, and is not open to the public. In the matter of the licenses we were still more successful, as the number was reduced to four hotels and one store; there had formerly been eight hotels. We hope to be able to report more and better work in the future. The influences this year have been most depressing, the work of years seemingly overturned, and all to be done over. Let us "never be discouraged," knowing that the battle is the Lord's, and though to our finite minds the time seems long, we shall at length triumph "through our Lord who giveth us the victory."

K. DALGLEISH,
Secretary.

THOROLD Y. W. C. T. U.

Emblem:—Marguerite. Motto:—"Our God shall fight for us." Officers for 1888-89:—President, Miss E. H. Millar; Vice-Presidents, Miss Munro, Miss Wakefield, Miss Coulter; Cor. Secretary, Miss M. Dougan; Rec. Secretary, Miss J. Munro; Treasurer, Miss G. Mitchell; Auditor, Miss M. Dalglish. Number of meetings during the year, twelve; number of members, active nineteen, honorary two; average attendance, ten. Band of Hope with 125 members; average attendance seventy. Flower Mission has sent bouquets with scripture cards attached, to the sick. Scrap-book and Lumbermen's Mission has sent to hospital five scrap-books; to camp 685 newspapers and 186 magazines. Petitions—Has assisted the W. C. T. U. in collecting names for two petitions, one on Franchise to legislature, and one in regard to liquor and billiard saloon licenses to License Commissioners. Entertainments—two socials.

E. H. MILLAR,
Cor. Sec. *pro tem.*

WELLINGTON COUNTY.

 MRS. J. C. BUDD.

When the report was written in October, 1887, there were five Unions in the county before the month closed; Fergus W. C. T. U. was re-organized. Since then a Union has been formed at Rockwood, and Palmerston and Harriston Unions re-organized by Mrs. M. Fraine-Cooke. The two latter are as yet in their infancy and will need help and nursing before they are strong and active. Fergus and Rockwood are doing good service. I am glad to be able to report that each Union has carried on a Band of Hope. There is one incident in connection with our work worthy of notice. Amongst the members of the Guelph Union there was a silent sister, a praying, earnest, devoted temperance worker, whose voice was never heard in a meeting, and who was very diffident and retiring in conversation. This sister, Mrs. Pike, removed with her family to Rockwood. It soon became painfully evident to her that, in spite of the Scott Act, the liquor seller was vigorously plying his trade. She at once began agitating the temperance question, and soon discovered there were many hearts groaning under the drink bondage, willing to labor if only they were bid. When the thing had been sufficiently talked up, an invitation was sent to Mrs. M. Fraine Cooke to come and organize a W. C. T. U., which she did. Our late silent sister is the efficient president of the Union and leader of the Band of Hope. There are silent sisters in every Union. The word comes to you, dear sisters, watch your opportunity, and then in the strength of the Lord go and do likewise. The semi-annual meeting of the County Union was held on the 20th of March, at Mount Forest; the annual in September at Guelph. Both were well attended. The interest and kindly feeling evoked were very helpful and gratifying. The County Superintendent's five months' absence from home has seriously interfered with her personal work, but the officers left in charge most faithfully did their part, and she trusts that, with God's help, the coming year will give a still better record for Wellington County.

ARTHUR.

The Union meets the first Tuesday in the month. Early in September we decided to have a mass meeting before the winter set in, so as to work up a more decided temperance sentiment before the municipal and trustee elections came on. We accordingly wrote to the Rev. Mr. McKay, of Woodstock, to come over and help us, which he very kindly did, and preached in the Presbyterian church morning and evening, and in the afternoon he gave a good gospel address to a mass meeting in the Town Hall. He also addressed a very large and enthusiastic meeting the next evening in the same place, with, we think, very beneficial results. In the month of November we gave an entertainment, at which a goodly number joined our society. We also had Miss Fraine here, but the weather being very disagreeable, her visit proved rather a failure.

DRAYTON.

Drayton Union meets every four weeks. In connection with the Union there is a Band of Hope numbering about seventy. Two musical entertainments were given by the children, which afforded a great deal of pleasure, and it is hoped profit to the listeners. The children enjoy the calisthenic exercises very much, and we find it a good way to keep up the interest. Mrs. Emery, the leader of the Band of Hope, has toiled effectively with the children. Death has taken from us two of our members in the past year—Mrs. Bright, who was

leader of the Band of Hope, and Mrs Powley, our first treasurer. We miss them very much, but have full assurance that they have gone to finish above the good work they began here. Our village is small, and there is not the room for actual labor among the poor as there is in larger places, but we strive to do the best we can in the sphere in which God has placed us, and know if we do our best, though small, the reward will be ours.

FERGUS.

At the close of the year 1887 the Union circulated a petition praying that Scientific Temperance Instruction be given in the Public schools. On presenting it to the Board of Trustees their request was granted. The Union has carried on a Band of Hope and Cottage Prayer-Meetings, with much profit.

GUELPH.

Our Union, which has a membership of twenty-seven, has held during year twenty-four prayer-meetings, and twenty-one business meetings. We joined other temperance societies in holding Gospel Temperance meetings in the spring; also held a memorial service for the late Hon. John B. Finch. We began the season with a flourishing Band of Hope, and gave them in December a tea and magic lantern entertainment. An autograph quilt was made by the Band, the proceeds of which paid the rent of the room in which the Band met, and other expenses connected with this branch of the work. The quilt was presented to the hospital. Owing to the removal of the superintendent of that department the Band closed much earlier than usual in the season. November 16th, an annual prayer meeting was held in the Norfolk St. Methodist church, and a Bible reading given on Woman's Work, and her excuses for not taking hold of it. Also the 4th of January, being in the week of prayer, was set aside for devotion. The annual tea was held in January, when reports and addresses were given. In March Miss Fraine assisted at a Gospel Temperance meeting in the City Hall. We donated \$5.00 to the Milton Union to assist them at the time the vote was taken to repeal of the Scott Act. Forty-seven pounds of literature was sent to Warton for distribution among the lumbermen and sailors. The Union still assists in the Sabbath school of the colored people, and carried on a night school for them during the winter months. The result of these continued efforts are very marked, and the workers desire to express their thankfulness to the Lord for calling them to labor in His vineyard and permitting them to see the fruit of the seed sown.

MOUNT FOREST.

Another year of time has been added to our existence as a W. C. T. U. Would it could record more service in the cause we professedly hold so dear, not that the past year has been spent in idleness. Disappointed in not being able as we expected to give our town two or three instructive as well as pleasant and attractive evenings, we turned our attention to other work. Under our auspices Gospel Temperance meetings were held after evening service in the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Reformed Episcopal churches alternately. During the winter we held cottage prayer meetings every week; we hope they were a comfort to those who could not attend the regular church services. The Mothers' Meetings started a year ago have always been well attended and enjoyed. The Band of Hope numbers 280; each child receives a temperance paper once a month, which they seem to appreciate.

ROCKWOOD

The Rockwood Union was organized by Miss Fraine, on March 24th, 1888. Has a membership of eleven, with two honorary members. Our emblem is the

Pink Geranium. Our motto is "We will go in the strength of our Lord God." Business meetings are held monthly. Our Flower Mission reports twenty-four letters, cards and flowers distributed to the sick and aged of the village. Our superintendent of Charitable Work reports help given in many little ways in His name. Our committee for visiting the sick report several visits made. We have presented a temperance text book to the teacher of the second department of the Public school, the Minister of Education having provided one previously for the teacher of the first department. Last spring our County Inspector opened a correspondence with us, in consequence of which the public houses in our locality have been better looked after, and fines imposed for violation of the Scott Act. A committee appointed by our Union called a meeting of the children of the village and organized a Band of Hope, on June 11th, commencing with thirty one members, which has now increased to forty-seven, most of them being boys. The Band meets for instruction every Monday at half past four, and takes a lively interest in the cause. We have provided them with badges and pledge cards. We have asked for and received permission to put up a bracket in the G. T. R. station here, to supply with temperance literature.

MARGARET STRACHAN, Sec.

To the County Supt. of Juvenile Work:

DEAR MRS MINER.—On June 11th we formed a Band of Hope, with thirty-one members, mostly boys, and which has steadily increased; we have now fifty five members. We hold our meetings every Monday at half past four. We open with roll call, then a short prayer, then a song from the Marching Songs for Crusaders. We take up the lesson in the Temperance Catechism; all answer in concert in learning, which saves time, but are occasionally examined one by one. We have provided them with badges—a blue ribbon with "Band of Hope" printed upon it—of which they seem very proud. We have also had the pledge printed on cards, similar to those you use in Guelph, but instead of "Bright Star," we have "Rockwood Band of Hope." Each child is required to sign and keep their card carefully. One of their number, Jenny Jolliffe, is secretary; another, Orlando Jolliffe, treasurer. They have also a Flower Mission, Ida Bailey being superintendent. Edna Passmore takes subscriptions for "Water Lily," and so we keep them interested. We have held our meetings through the hot weather on a shady lawn, which is very pleasant, the only drawback being we have no accompaniment to the singing, only the birds. We purpose holding an entertainment in the town hall in October, when the Band will sing and recite temperance pieces. I forgot to mention the teacher is myself, assisted by Mrs. Jolliffe.

Yours in the work,

MRS. C. PIKE, Pres. W. C. T. U.

Rockwood, Aug. 23rd, 1888.

WENTWORTH COUNTY.

HAMILTON.

In presenting this, our twelfth annual report, we feel conscious of having faithfully sown in our corner of the field the seeds of temperance. Our members have been more consecrated, and therefore more quickened to scatter wherever opportunity offered. Our membership remains about the same. Finances were in a prosperous condition. Our W. C. T. U. has expended \$500, the Y. W. C. T. U. \$671, making a total expenditure in our work of \$1,171. We were

very glad to be able to assist a little in Scott Act Campaign, Milton, by sending \$10. We canvassed the city with two petitions, one for Text Books on temperance, to be introduced in our Public schools, which, I am happy to say was carried and passed by our School Board. The other petition was for reduction of licenses, both shop and tavern, presented to our council, but am sorry to say, was lost on a mere technicality. Our ladies also did good work in canvassing for a temperance advocate for mayor, but we failed for good reasons. However, our failure has ploughed up the ground for future good. We have supplied our two daily papers with temperance matter once a week. Much progress has been made in the matter of use of unfermented wine. We are much encouraged in this branch of our work. This department has distributed 700 pages of literature. The evangelistic work has been persistently carried on. Hospital has been regularly visited. Throughout the year a library of 194 books is weekly exchanged for the patients. The jail committee has labored faithfully through all discouragements, and found the refuge home of benefit as a shelter. Two mothers' meetings have been held weekly, covering 150 families. Each of these meetings have a library of 100 bound books. These families are visited and looked after, and relieved in their distress. Two hundred dollars have been expended in this way; 200 Christmas cards and letters sent out; 2,000 pages of literature distributed in this house to house visiting, and 350 letters written. Our Mothers had their annual entertainment in the form of a tea-meeting for Central Mothers meeting, and west end meeting had a social concert. At these meetings, about 200 present, our bill of fare was more than amply full of good things to eat, and the programme of music, &c., was par excellence. Our young ladies have reported for their good work done, and valiant work it has been. The following is a summary of the work for the year:—

Number of meetings.....	484	Number of members.....	275
Number of families visited.....	150	Amount expended	\$1,171
No. pages literature distrib'd	2,772,550	Christmas cards and letters.....	200
Letters written	350	Children attending.....	1,955
Teachers	83	Pledges taken.....	155
Library books.....	300		

EMMA J. PRATT,
Secretary.

HAMILTON Y. W. C. T. U.

It is always pleasant to review a year well spent, especially when we realize a noble impulse has led us to look beyond the narrow bounds of self and personal advancement, to the wants and sorrow of those who crowd our cities with unhappy faces, half-clad forms and homes so desolate. Our work among the children is very encouraging. We are striving every week to sow the seed of temperance and industry, praying God, that in the years to come, the boys and girls of our schools may enter upon life, having a true sense of liberty and a mind fully awake to the evil of intemperance.

Since—"Through the ages, one increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widened, with the process of the suns."

We have in our Union 164 members. The young ladies have manifested a lively interest in the monthly meetings, which have been well attended and rendered very enjoyable. We received during the year a donation of \$40 from the W. C. T. U. of this city, for which we feel duly thankful. Only one entertainment has been given during the year for financial benefit, this, in the form of a cantata by 100 children, held in the Palace Roller Rink. The returns from the concert amounted to \$116.30. There are 1,955 children under in-

struction in the Band of Hope and sewing schools, eighty-three young ladies being engaged as teachers. Seven hundred and fifty children are taught to sew on Saturday afternoons. A noticeable feature of these schools is that the girls upon leaving go to learn trades. Several who have passed through our classes, are now earning a good competency. Two hundred and fifty girls attend the Central Sewing school, twenty-four young ladies acting as teachers. The fancy work class, which was organized last year, is now in good working order. The girls have been taught to embroider whisk holders, teapot holders, etc. I might say here, that they pass to this work from the button-hole class. At Christmas time they had a "Donkey Party." Refreshments were served and prizes given. One hundred and fifty bank accounts were distributed. The highest savings amounted to \$20, with \$1 int. Four prizes were awarded for the largest bank accounts. Sewing School No. 2 is held in the western part of the city, and has an attendance of 250 girls and fifteen teachers. They had their treat with the West End Band of Hope, 200 bank accounts being distributed. Sewing School No. 3, attendance, 200; teachers, 5. A peculiar feature of this school is that the boys are taught to sew as well as the girls. The School Board having undertaken to hold night schools, the necessity for our efforts in that direction has ceased. Band of Hope No. 1, the first organized of all our schools, is held in the Boy's Home, attendance 100. The interest has kept up well. Their annual treat consisted of a Donkey Party, with refreshments, and a Santa Claus stocking. Band of Hope No. 2 is held in the school room of King Street Church, and has an attendance of 400 children and twenty-four teachers. An average of 200 ribbons per month have been given out in this band. Thirty-two prizes were awarded to those having ribbons for six successive months. At Christmas time they had a "Bubble Party." Four prizes were given to successful bubble blowers. One of the teachers won a prize. Occasionally a pleasing incident reaches us, showing that our work is not in vain. A little girl, in Band No. 2, met her father on the street one day, and said to him, "Papa, have you been drinking? my teacher says it is very wrong." The father was much affected, and was led to give up drinking, and is now a temperance worker. Another little girl in the same band, was asked by her mother to carry hot whiskey to a boarder, but refused, saying she would do anything else. Thus the seed is being sown. Band of Hope No. 3 is held in the school room of Simcoe Street Church. There is an attendance of 360. An average of 150 ribbons have been given out monthly, and twenty-eight prizes awarded to the six ribboners. A "Bubble Party," with refreshment, formed their Christmas treat. A little boy in this band, was offered hot whiskey at Christmas time, but refused to take it. One little girl wanted to earn some money for the mite box, in her Band of Hope, but refused five cents to bring a jug of whiskey. Band of Hope No. 4 is held in the western part of the city, and has an attendance of 250 children. A special attraction is offered here in the form of a choir, made up of those successful in getting ribbons. The choir is changed every month. Last winter they had a Christmas tree and supper. In June a very successful concert was given for them, the parents being invited. Band of Hope No. 5, attendance 250, teachers five. At holiday time this band had a "Temperance Clock Entertainment." A good programme was provided and refreshments served. Band of Hope No. 6 is held in the school room of Centenary Church. There are 145 members and five assistants. At Christmas they had a "Bubble Party." Eighteen prizes were given to those having six ribbons. An interesting story has come to us concerning a little boy of this Band, belonging to an influential family. His Mamma made Christmas pudding with brandy sauce and mince pie containing brandy, but the little fellow refused to touch either, saying he had signed the pledge, whereupon he was furnished with another sauce, which he could enjoy with a clear conscience.

A little girl was lying very sick, unable to speak. The doctor said, "She must have some brandy," but she raised her hand and pointing to her pledge, shook her head. In some of the Bands of Hope they have a temperance mission box. The children are asked to earn the money they contribute. It is often interesting to hear them tell how they earn it. Some shovel snow, and others remember to hang up their coat and hat. Thirty-three dollars has been raised in this way during the year. The same system of teaching is adopted in all the Bands of Hope. No text books are used. A lecture is given weekly on the physiology and hygiene of the body, and the effects produced by alcohol on each part, the teachers taking notes in blank books. The pledge is used. Certificates and badges of membership are given. A marching drill, with flags, is a great attraction for the children. Ribbon day comes once a month, when a programme is provided. Ribbons are granted for general proficiency. Those obtaining ribbons for six successive months, receive a prize. There were 1,872,000 pages of literature distributed during the year. We have in view a cooking school and perhaps a "Dorcas" branch of work. Thus our work moves on. Each year we are gaining ground, but the necessity for earnest united effort still remains. The boys and girls who take such interest in the meetings now, will soon outgrow the "Band of Hope" and "Sewing School," for time waits for none of us. Let us labor to implant firm temperance principles, founded upon faith in Christ, "Our Saviour," that in the end the harvest may be Eternal Life. General summary of the work for the year 1887-1888:—

Membership of Union.....	164	No. pages literature distrib'd	1,872,000
No. of business meetings.....	14	No. of ribbons distributed.....	5,000
No. of children's meetings.....	312	No. of bank accounts distributed...	300
No. of children in attendance..	1,955	No. of pledges taken.....	155
No. of teachers engaged	83	Amount contributed by mite box..	\$33
No. of Bands of Hope.....	6	Amount money received.....	\$696 57
No. of sewing schools.....	3	Amount money expended.....	\$670 68

FLORA LOUNSBURY,
Secretary.

YORK COUNTY.

MRS M.S. FAWCETT.

York County W. C. T. U. was organized in March, 1887. Three conventions have been held—two annual and one semi-annual—all of which have been of great interest, and highly beneficial to the towns in which they were held. The Unions are all trying to do faithful temperance work in as effective a manner as possible. There is a wide field for usefulness, not only in the city, where great activity and zeal is manifest, and the several departments of our work carried on successfully, but also in the towns and villages throughout the county, where patient, prayerful, earnest efforts are being made by the Unions, and the different branches of work receiving more or less attention, just as the needs of the place require. Sixteen Unions reported last year, two have been organized, and one disbanded, which gives an increase of only one. We did labor and hope for a larger increase, but have learned that strength does not always depend on numbers, and that if we faithfully do our part we can leave results with the Master, so are glad to report, if not a large increase in number, a

growing temperance sentiment throughout the county. The outlook is hopeful. We thank God and take courage.

AUKORA.

Membership 22 ; average attendance 14 ; Band of Hope 191 children ; two churches using unfermented wine ; two S.S. pledged ; 200 signatures to petition ; 2 paper supplied with items ; 2,864 pages of literature distributed ; thirteen prayer meetings held, also gospel temperance meetings, and \$8.10 expended in charities.

MRS. G. W. JOHNSON.

MALVERN.

Membership 24 ; average attendance 8 ; Band of Hope with sixty children ; six churches using unfermented wine ; 500 pages of literature distributed ; prayer meetings held ; temperance work done at county fairs.

MISS HARRINGTON.

NEWMARKET.

Membership 39 ; average attendance 7 ; Band of Hope with eighty children ; three churches using unfermented wine ; 594 signatures to temperance petitions obtained.

MRS. H. CANE.

PARKDALE.

This last year we began to work with more vigor and determination for "God and Home and Native Land," and our Heavenly Father has blessed our efforts. We have been successful in all our undertakings. We held a charity concert in aid of the poor and destitute, at which we realized \$125. We received several donations towards that fund which enabled us to spend \$165 in relieving the poor, that were made so by the demon rum. We opened coffee rooms with the desire to save the workingmen from going into the tavern for a hot drink. We closed our meetings for the summer months, but did not cease to work. We held Gospel Temperance meetings in the tent, united with the I. O. G. T., every Sunday afternoon, at which we have the satisfaction of knowing that a great amount of good has been done towards raising the fallen and in making drunken men sober. We gave a garden party in the tent and park to help pay for the tent, at which we cleared \$31.16. We had a garden party at Sunrystide in aid of headquarters, and cleared \$40.80. We can look back with pleasure on last year's work—our membership has increased, and death has not entered our ranks. Although it has pleased God to take some of our loved ones home to dwell with Him, but we can look up and say, He gave, He took, He will restore, He doeth all things well.

M. COXHEAD,
Cor. Sec.

RICHMOND HILL.

Membership 36 ; average attendance 16 ; Band of Hope 114 children ; supply six churches with unfermented wine ; three S. S. pledged ; five papers supplied ; 144 signatures to petitions ; seventeen prayer meetings held. Our Relief Committee and Flower Mission did good work throughout the year, the former expending \$21.80 in charities and the latter distributing a large number of bouquets and fern messages.

MISS H. H. WILEY,
Cor. Sec.

TORONTO CENTRAL.

We have on the roll 159 names of members in good standing. Seventy-six of these joined our Union since our last annual meeting. During the year we have held twenty-eight business meetings, at which there was an average attendance of twenty-five. Devotional meetings were also held previous to the time at which this department of work was taken up by the District Union. In all, the Central has had charge of five devotional meetings; these, of course, do not include those conducted under the management of the Evangelistic Superintendent. For work of departments see District Report.

Mrs. CARMEN.

TORONTO WEST.

There are thirty-one members. Two Bands of Hope, numbering 350. About 7,000 pages of literature distributed. One Mothers' Meeting, fourteen members. Gospel Temperance Meeting once a month, with pledge books; about sixty signed. Railway work—Three stations supplied with literature.

S. MEREDITH,
Secretary

TORONTO NORTH.

Our Union has a membership of twenty-six, with an average attendance of ten. There has been twenty-two meetings held, five of which were devotional. The following departments have been worked:—Journal Superintendent has received the names of nine subscribers. Press Superintendent contributed ten original articles to city papers. Evangelistic Superintendent reports \$5 sent to aid Scott Act workers during repeal in the County of Halton. Railroad visited and 500 pages of literature distributed. There were 300 tracts distributed at the fair. The Band of Hope conducted by young ladies of the Union, concluded its second quarter with an open meeting held in the Temperance Hall, Davenport Road. The ladies of the Union provided a generous supply of cake and oranges, and each child received a paper bag full. There have been seventy in attendance, and their teachers, Misses Shaw and Fairhead, with their assistants, deserve much credit for their persevering efforts in giving separate classes instruction under circumstances at times most discouraging, owing to the brief time allotted and frequent interruptions during sessions. Oranges, apples and jellies have been distributed at homes near by. Five dollars expended on charities.

E. BEDFORD,
Secretary.

TORONTO EAST NO. I.

This Union has a membership of thirty-six. We meet every two weeks, and have an average attendance of fifteen. We carry on a mothers' meeting and have been encouraged by doing some of our fallen sisters good, and hope to start again in this noble work with fresh zeal. We also hold an evangelistic meeting every month. We go on quietly with our work, being somewhat encumbered with the responsibility of property, which we hope will be for the future good of the temperance cause around this neighborhood where our lot is cast. We are praying that our work will be blessed by Divine power.

Mrs. GREY,
Secretary.

TORONTO EAST NO. II.

We hold our meetings every Monday afternoon. Our membership is thirty-nine. We have held twenty-eight business meetings during the year. Our devotional meeting has been held monthly with the district. Under the Jail Department there has been distributed 1,550 pages of literature, 2,500 papers and four books, and in connection with railroad work 956 papers, 2,000 pages of literature; nearly all has been given to us. We have twenty-eight subscribers to the Woman's Journal. Our superintendent for unfermented wine has visited the different ministers in our district and has reported fourteen churches. Nine use unfermented wine and five fermented. She has sent a pamphlet entitled "Fermented Wine or the Fruit of the Vine," by Rev. A. J. Gordon, and is patiently waiting the result.

E. WALKER,
Secretary.

WILLARD.

This Union was organized Jan. 18th, 1888. There are thirty members, with an average attendance of twelve. There were thirteen business meetings and five devotional meetings held. We have a Band of Hope with an average attendance of eighteen. Twenty four children have signed the pledge. A mothers' meeting is held weekly in Jubilee Hall. \$20 has been raised by an "At Home," to aid in this work. Seventeen dresses were given away, besides underclothing and a few baby suits. In one house the mother has become an abstainer, and we have reason to believe, a follower of the Lord Jesus. In several other homes the influence of our meetings are, through God's blessing, exerting an influence on the side of total abstinence. Seven churches in this district are using unfermented wine, three of these through the influence of our Union. We have seventeen subscribers to the Woman's Journal. We have received 345 signatures for the extension of the Franchise and a large number to the World's petition. We had one public meeting, one strawberry festival and one "At Home."

I. H. TROUTMAN,
Secretary.

BATHURST.

The Bathurst Street Branch of W. C. T. U. has now entered upon its second year, and it is a source of deep gratification to be able to announce that the past year has been a successful one. Notwithstanding the many other attractions, the regular weekly meetings have been well attended, and the testimony and record of many of our members is such as to prove the value, both spiritually and intellectually, of Temperance Associations of this kind. We hope that as we are now entering upon another year more will be stirred up to do something to aid in the Master's work, rescue the perishing and care for the dying in our city. The first meeting of this branch was held Jan. 18th, 1888. After the election of officers it was decided that we would hold a meeting every Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m., reserving the first Tuesday in every month as Devotional meeting. Our membership numbers twenty-three. In addition to our general work we have been able to start a Band of Hope, numbering about seventy. Judging from the closing entertainment given by the juveniles before summer vacation, we anticipate a grand work from this source. Our ladies have also been able to visit the different vessels and supply them with pure literature; also been able to do considerable work among the railroad men. On reading an account of distress at the immigrants' shed, some of our ladies immediately went, and finding the account correct, set to work at once, and

under God's providence were able to relieve several families, who, we believe, were actually starving. We were also able to assist three families in our own city, one we removed from a cellar, or, more properly speaking, a basement on Victoria street, to a nice, comfortable home, providing them with a new stove, dishes, bedding and several articles of wearing apparel, besides paying two months' rent in advance; the others we assisted with articles of clothing for the children and family at large. We have been able to derive considerable amount of money from socials and concerts, donating \$50 to the Headquarters' Fund. We also held an excursion to Long Branch, realizing, after all expenses, a profit of about \$9.50. As to actual results, these are better known to the great Searcher of hearts than to us. God claims and we must give all the glory to Him. We can well afford to leave the future with Him. The seed has been sown and He will take care of it, watering it, and in due time to yield an abundant harvest. In closing this report let me urge all to be more faithful and loyal to Christ. Let every child of God in this Association plead with Him on behalf of temperance, and in every way help forward the work. It is our work and we should remember our responsibility. May the love of Christ constrain each and all of us more and more, and then shall we see His cause prosper among our poor fallen brothers and sisters.

CYNTHIA WARD,
Secretary.

NEWMARKET Y. W. C. T. U.

Membership sixteen, with an average attendance of six. One Band of Hope with 50 children, and hold Gospel Temperance Meetings.

PARKDALE Y. W. C. T. U.

The Parkdale "Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union" entered upon its third year in June last with a membership of seven, now increased to twenty-three, and one honorary member. We have held during the year just closed seventeen meetings, with an average attendance of seven. The Band of Hope is progressing favorably under the charge of Mrs. Stevens. Each scholar is supplied with a ribbon badge and a pledge card. They meet weekly with an average attendance of twenty-five. Thirty copies of the Woman's Journal are taken, and give general satisfaction. Some temperance literature has been distributed, and we have held during the past winter two parlor concerts and one social, which were in every way successful, the proceeds from the social being \$23. Ten new names have been added to the roll. Two of our active workers have removed to other places, but we have some earnest workers yet. After the return of our delegates from the County Convention held at Aurora, a meeting was held for the purpose of hearing their report. They spent a profitable time, and came back quite enthused with the White Shield movement. We were much encouraged by the presence and helpful words of Miss Skinner, and also Miss Tilley, who were present at one of our meetings. We hope to increase in numbers and interest during the coming year, and to be very useful in our work.

FLORENCE E. WILLOUGHBY,
Rec Sec.

TORONTO CENTRAL Y. W. C. T. U.

A successful year has passed by, nineteen meetings having been held; attendance 13; membership 81; 150 letters written by secretary, besides invitations, etc. Three Bands of Hope carried on weekly besides teaching in Orphan's Home and Girl's Home, making a total about 500 children in training. Forty plants sold to Band of Hope children for flower show in the autumn. Flower

and Delicacy Mission, visited weekly, with but few exceptions. Sick Children's Hospital, Lakeside Home, General Hospital, Homes for Aged Women on College street and North Toronto, also many private cases of sickness. Distributed to these 4,336 bouquets, with texts attached, 426 glasses filled with jelly, forty-seven baskets of grapes, and a number of papers. Between the Flower Mission and the Band of Hope not less than 22,188 pages of literature has been distributed. The Kitchen Garden Mission has carried on two classes all the winter season, having over fifty children in care; cleared at the closing exhibition about \$50. Early in April we were able to obtain a room at 273 Yonge street, for our own use, which, easily furnished, forms our headquarters.

A. SCOTT,
Secretary.

TORONTO EASTERN Y. W. C. T. U.

Our Union has a membership of eleven. We have had twelve meetings during the year, with an average attendance of seven. We have given two entertainments, viz., a concert in October, by which we realized a net gain of \$8.60, and an "At Home" held in April, when we gained \$23.96. We started a Band of Hope in November, which now has 150 names on the roll, and for use in this work we purchased an organ at a cost of \$55, on which we still owe \$23. We distributed to the children \$4.50 of temperance catechisms, and two entertainments were given by them. We have donated six baskets of provisions to the poor in our neighborhood, have sent temperance items to two papers, and have procured seven subscribers for the Journal, besides distributing 1,100 text cards to the children at the Exhibition.

STELLA PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

TORONTO DISTRICT UNION.

This Union was organized March 25th, 1887. It had previously been working under the name of the Conference Union. The following is a report of '87-'88:—It comprises eleven Unions, viz., Central, Northern, Parkdale, Eastern No. I, Eastern No. II, Western, Willard, Bathurst, Central Y's, Parkdale Y's and Eastern Y's. Total membership 502. The District Union held nineteen business meetings, and a devotional meeting the first Monday in each month, the different Unions taking charge. Work has been done in the following departments:—

Evangelistic—The Superintendent, Mrs. Cowan, 65 Bleeker Street, reports effective work done by the different Unions, such as Gospel Temperance meetings, Mothers' meetings, jail visiting, prayer meetings, and Bible meetings. Personal visitation and practicable work given and tract distribution. She suggests more effort being made in all our Unions to reach the victims of intemperance.

Franchise, Legislation and Petitions—The Superintendent, Mrs. J. Spence, 362 Ontario Street, reports signatures to Woman's Franchise and World's Petitions; also municipal election work, which means the finding and calling upon every woman voter in the city.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Progress has been made in this department. Deputations have waited upon the Minister of Education, High and Public School Boards, and, in conjunction with another society, the Provincial Secretary, for the purpose of having the temperance text book placed in each cell of prison and reformatory. A complimentary social was given to the Public school teachers and Normal students, and prizes, costing \$13, to the scholars for the three best temperance essays.

Press—The Superintendent, Mrs. Carman, 244 Victoria Street, reports 433 items sent to the daily papers through the different Unions, besides special articles.

Unfermented Wine—There are forty-three churches using unfermented wine.

Lumbermen—Different Unions have contributed literature to this department, which has been distributed by Mrs. Shortreed.

Fair Work—Superintendent, Mrs. Sinclair, Spadina Cres.—This year was asked for and was kindly granted space on the fair ground for a tent, in which was held two meetings a day for two weeks, the different Unions providing the programme for each day. Eighty children signed the pledge and received illustrated cards. 10,000 pages of literature were distributed. A collection taken of \$73.34.

Hygiene and Heredity—The Superintendent, Mrs. McCully, Jarvis Street, prepared and read a paper at one of our quarterly meetings.

Railroad—Superintendent, Mrs. Jarman, 49 Simcoe Street.—Meetings were held for the employes, and literature distributed, as well as boxes placed at the stations.

Soldiers—Superintendent, Mrs. McDowell, Huron Street.—Five hundred Temperance Heralds, containing a letter from the W. C. T. U. to the soldiers, were distributed in the cars for volunteers leaving the city on the 24th of May. One thousand more sent to Niagara camp.

Juvenile—The Superintendent, Miss Tilly, 78 John Street, reports ten Bands of Hope, as follows:—Central Y, three Bands with 500 children; Eastern Y, one Band, 150 children; Western, two Bands, 320 children; Northern, one Band, seventy-five children; Willard, one Band, twenty-four children; Bathurst, one Band, seventy children; Parkdale Y, one Band, twenty five children. Total number of children 1164. This shows an addition of three Bands more than last year, with 132 more children.

Sailors—The Superintendent, Mrs. J. Cowan, Parkdale, reports literature placed in boxes on the steamers, only one captain refusing to allow it. Personal talk whenever opportunity afforded. Four Unions assisted in this work.

Journal—Superintendent, Mrs. Skinner, 273 Yonge Street—There are 546 subscribers to the Journal; \$249.90 collected for advertisements for the Journal.

Social Purity—The Superintendent, Mrs. Jarman, 49 Simcoe Street, has addressed several meetings in the interest of this department, distributed literature and received a number of signatures to Purity Pledges.

Head Quarters—Superintendent, Mrs. Skinner—A site on the south west corner of Shuter and Victoria Streets has been secured at the cost of \$30,000, \$2,000 to be paid when the papers of agreement have been handed over, the balance at 5½ per cent. The ground contains nine houses, at present bringing in an income of \$1,000. Cash and promises secured up to date towards payment of this, \$1,965.90.

The Flower and Delicacy Mission and Kitchen Garden Department are worked by the Y's. They have visited weekly, with but few exceptions, sick children's Hospital, Lake-side Home, General Hospital, Homes for Aged Women on College Street, and North Toronto; also many private cases of sickness. Distributed to these 4,336 bouquets with texts attached, 426 glasses filled with jellies, 7 baskets of grapes; also distributed papers. The Kitchen Garden has carried on two classes all the winter, having over fifty children in care. Cleared at the closing entertainment \$50.00. Early in April the Y's procured a room for their own use and cosily furnished it.

Total receipts, \$435.66; expenditure, \$359.52.

MRS. J. A. TROUTMAN,

Cor. Sec.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS.

—OF THE—

Woman's Christian Temperance Union,

—OF THE—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Province of Ontario, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by intemperance, 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.—

OBJECTS OF THE PROVINCIAL UNION.

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 unreach- ed 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.

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.

ARTICLE I.

Name.—This organization shall be known as the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Ontario."

ARTICLE II.

Officers.—The officers shall be a President ; a First Vice President ; a Corresponding Secretary ; a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers, together with the Presidents of County Unions, (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, and to fill vacancies which may occur during the year.

ARTICLE III.

Sub Committee.—The President, the First Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, for the transaction of business, three of whom shall form a quorum. This Committee shall meet annually, or if necessary oftener, at such time and place as the President may direct.

ARTICLE IV.

Membership.—The Annual Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board, two delegates from each Affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of such Union. This meeting, at which the officers shall be elected, shall be held the second week in October, in such place as may be determined by the previous Annual Meeting, or by the Executive.

ARTICLE V.

Affiliation.—Each Local Union contributing to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of 12½ cts. per member, half-yearly, shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Union, and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1.

The President may, in addition to the other duties of her office, call special meetings through the Recording Secretary, when she may deem it necessary.

SECTION 2.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union,

and, in organized Counties, shall send to the County Corresponding Secretary half-yearly blank forms for reports of Local Unions, and from information thus received, shall summarize her annual report: Where no County Union exists she shall send blank forms to the County President. At the close of the Provincial Annual Meeting she shall provide a directory of Unions for Provincial Report.

SECTION 3.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Union. She shall also be secretary of the Executive and Sub-Committee, and shall send to each member of these said committees a notice of each meeting, and notify Superintendents and Committees of their appointment and the business referred to them. 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 also perform all other duties usual to the office.

SECTION 4.

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 order signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

SECTION 5.

Each County President in unorganized Counties shall visit the Unions of the County in which she presides, and shall secure the organization of new Local Unions, and, if possible, a County Union. Where practicable she shall hold two County Conventions, the annual to be held not later than the 20th of September, at which time the Local Unions shall report new officers, and give a detailed account of their year's work, from which she shall make up her report to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary, not later than October 1st. She shall also provide a directory of Local Unions for the Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

SECTION 6.

Duties of Superintendents of Departments:—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 County Superintendents of Departments, through whom they shall receive reports of Local Superintendents.

They shall submit all circulars and plans of work to the Sub-Committee of the Provincial Executive.

They shall, annually, or when the interests of their departments require it, send circulars, blank forms, petitions, etc., to County Unions, Superintendents or to County Superintendents where no County Unions exist, from which they shall make reports to Provincial Union.

They shall have power to name a committee from the Local Unions or Provincial Executive resident in their own or adjacent districts, to call upon influential bodies when the interests of their department demand it.

All necessary expenses for stationery, postage and printing shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

SECTION 7.

Expenses of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board in travelling to and

from the annual meeting and special meetings, also for postage and stationery, shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

This Constitution and By Laws may be altered and amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

County Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

Name.—This Organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of _____ Co., Auxiliary to the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Motto.—"Thou art my rock and my fortress, therefore, for thy name's sake, lead me and guide me." Psalm 31, 3.

ARTICLE II.

Object and Pledge.—Its object shall be to promote the cause of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquor, and to secure the complete extinction of the liquor traffic by such means as shall from time to time be deemed wise and expedient.

Pledge.—I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fer-

the interests of the work, and fill vacancies which may occur during the year, three of whom, including the President and one of the Secretaries, shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings.—This Union may hold two meetings at such time and place as may have been designated at a preceding or by Executive Committee, to be called annual and semi-annual meetings, the annual to be held on or near the 20th of September, at which time the officers shall be elected by ballot, an informal ballot having first been taken for nomination. The meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board and one delegate for every five paying members of each Local Union.

ARTICLE V.

Committee of Arrangements.—The President and Corresponding Secretary of a County 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.

Auxiliaries.—Any Local Woman's Christian Temperance Union may become auxiliary to the County Union by endorsing its constitution, reporting the

names of officers and number of members to the County Corresponding Secretary, and by paying annually to the Treasurer the sum of (5c.) five cents per member.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments.—Suggestions for the amendment of this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting, subject to the approval of the Provincial Executive, by a two third vote of the members present, notice having been given in writing by Recording Secretary at any regular meeting.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

Section 1—The President shall preside at annual meeting and meetings of Executive Committee, and may through Recording Secretary call special meetings of that committee when such are required; visit the Unions in County and organize new Local Unions. She shall also perform all other duties usual to such office.

Section 2.—The 1st Vice President shall preside at meetings in absence of the President, or secure some other Vice-President to do so. She shall also when required assist the President in organization and general management of the work.

Section 4—The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of proceedings of County Unions, notify the public of its meetings, and also report them if requested to do so. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee, and shall send to each member of that Committee notice of its meetings, and notify Superintendents and Committees of their appointments.

At the first session of each annual meeting she shall read the minutes of each session of Executive Committee since the last annual meeting. She shall file and sign all orders at the request of the President and perform any other duties usual to the office.

ARTICLE V.

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 President and Recording Secretary.

She shall collect all unpaid *County affiliation fees* before Annual Meeting, and endeavor to secure contributions for County Union work. She shall also forward to the Provincial Treasurer the half yearly Provincial affiliation fees received from Local Unions.

Section 6—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 when they

should secure, as far as possible, returns for County Union Reports. These in turn shall be given to Provincial Superintendents from which they may make up complete reports for Provincial Union. The County and Local Superintendents of any Department shall form a Committee to carry on its work when united action is essential.

Section 7.—The Executive Committee shall appoint Superintendents of Departments and Special Committees.

Section 8.—The expenses of the five General Officers in travelling to and from meetings of the Union—also for postage and stationery, shall be paid from funds of County Union.

Suggestions for amendments of these By-Laws see Constitution.

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 CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS,
 —AND—
 Order of Business
 —OF A—
Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
(LOCAL.)

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 ARTICLE I.

Name.—This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of _____, auxiliary to the Ontario Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE II.

Object.—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.

I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented, and malt liquor, including beer, wine and cider as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of the traffic in the same.

ARTICLE III.

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 the regular fee, which shall be used for local work. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of members, except the vote and holding office.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers. The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-Presi-

dents, one from each Church, when 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.

ARTICLE V.

Auxiliaryship.—Each Union shall pay to the funds of Provincial Union, through the County Treasurer (in organized counties) a sum equal to 12½ cents per member, half-yearly, and to the County Union five cents per member yearly. This amount to be taken from the membership fee. In un-organized counties this fee shall be sent direct to Provincial Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI.

Annual Meeting.—The Annual Business Meeting of Local Union shall be held early in September for the election of officers and Superintendents; also, for election of delegates to County Union and Provincial Annual meetings. At these Local Annual Meetings reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and Superintendents of Departments shall be read and confirmed before being sent to the County Union Secretary and superintendents.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

President.

Section 1.—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 of the Union, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members

Vice-Presidents.

Section 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 their own church in the work.

Corresponding Secretary.

Section 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 Union half-yearly on receipt of blank forms (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 it with the delegate or forwarding to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary two weeks before the date of meeting. In small Unions the work of the Secretaries may be done by the Recording Secretary if desirable.

Recording Secretary.

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

Treasurer.

Section 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 Recording Secretary. She shall forward regularly in organized Counties to the Treasurer the half-yearly fees for the Provincial and County Unions.

ARTICLE II.

Election of Officers.—The officers shall be elected by nomination and ballot. Nomination may be made either by a committee appointed for that purpose, or on motion of any member

[If there be more than two persons balloted for, and the one having the highest number of votes has not a majority of all the votes given, the one having the lowest number of votes shall be struck off before proceeding to the next ballot. More than one name may be struck off, provided that the sum of all the votes so struck off is not equal to, or greater than, the number of votes given to the lowest remaining one.]

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, Prison and Jail Work, Young Woman's Work, Work among Railroad Employes, Work among Soldiers and Sailors, Legislation and Petitions, and such other as the needs of the locality seem to call for and recommended by the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of Superintendents of Departments.—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 Union on or before the 17th day of September. Where no County organization exists, the report should be sent to Provincial Superintendent of that department.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.—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.

ARTICLE VI.

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 VII.

Delegates to Provincial Convention.—Delegates to the Provincial Union are received on the following basis:—Two for each Union and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of each Union. The expenses of general officers for postage, stationery, &c., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling

expenses of delegates to Annual Convention shall, where at all practicable, be borne by the Unions sending the delegates.

Order of Business.

Devotional Exercises.
 Reading Minutes of last meeting.
 Treasurer's Report.
 Unfinished Business.
 Reception of Communications.
 Reports of Committees.
 Reading of paper on Temperance Question.
 Discussion.
 Regular course of reading.
 Discussion.
 Miscellaneous Business.
 Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

DISTRICT UNION OF TORONTO.

ARTICLE I.

The objects of this Union are :—

1. The centralization of the work of the various Toronto Local Unions for more effectively carrying out the objects for which they were formed.
2. Joint consultation and advice on plans for more effective work.
3. Formation of new Unions in the city where it may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of this Union shall be—President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot after open nomination at annual meeting. Presidents of Local Unions shall be Vice-Presidents *ex-officio* of the District Union.

ARTICLE III.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, Secretaries of Local Unions and Superintendents of Departments appointed by the District Union, five of whom, including the President and Corresponding Secretary, shall form a quorum. This Committee shall have general management of affairs in the Union, shall transact business in the intervals of the quarterly meetings, nominate Superintendents of Departments of work required in the city, and draw on the Treasurer for the necessary expenses.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of Officers.

1. The duty of the President shall be to preside at all meetings, have supervision of work in the city, organize new Unions and issue calls for meetings.

2. Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in managing the work of the Union, and shall aim to create and stimulate interest in their own localities and assist in organization.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Union, publish the minutes of meetings, notify the public of its meetings and file and sign all orders at the request the President.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, notify Local Unions of new branches of work, send the name and address of each officer and superintendent in Local Unions to corresponding officers in the County Union, secure reports from the Corresponding Secretaries of Local Unions from which she shall formulate a report to the County Union. Notify Superintendents of their appointment and duties, and assist the President in preparing for quarterly meeting.

5. The Treasurer shall pay bills on order of the President and Secretary, keep an exact book account and present a quarterly report of the same.

6. Superintendents of Departments shall advise and encourage the Local Superintendents in the prosecution of their branch of work, secure reports of the same, and embody each separately in their respective reports to the County Convention, giving each Union credit by name.

ARTICLE V.

1. The quarterly meeting shall be held in———, time and place to be settled at previous meeting. Executive shall meet monthly.

2. Funds for carrying on the District work may be raised by any means determined on by the Executive.

ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.





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