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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE.

VICTORIA, Saturday, October 6th, 1888.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the residence of Mrs. Gordon Grant.

President Mrs. J. Cunningham occupied the chair.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. (Rev.) Tate was appointed Secretary pro tem.

On motion the following order for opening exercises of convention was adopted.

Reading Crusade Psalm.

Singing Crusade Hymn.

Repeating Lord's Prayer in concert.

Mrs. McNaughton of Victoria was appointed to lead devotional exercises at 9.30 o'clock first morning of convention. Mrs. A. J. McLellan, of Victoria, second day. Mrs. (Rev.) Scoular, of Westminster, third.

On motion, Mrs. Hemlaw, Miss McDougal and Mrs. Tate were appointed a committee on credentials.

Moved and seconded that the President extend invitations to attend convention to those whose presence and assistance it is deemed desirable to have.

The Secretary was requested to read a paper on "Parliamentary Usages" before the commencement of business at the first session.

The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. C. TATE,
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MINUTES.
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

TEMPERANCE HALL, VICTORIA, October 8th, 1888.

At 9:30 o'clock, a large number of delegates were present at the bible reading led by Mrs. McNaughton. Subject, "Stand Fast." At 10:45 the first business session was formally opened according to the programme arranged at the executive committee meeting on Saturday, after which the roll of officers and Superintendents of Departments was called by the Secretary, the following responding:—

President, Mrs. J. Cunningham.
1st Vice President, Mrs. D. Jenkins.
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Tate.
Corresponding Secretary, Miss McDougal.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Spofford.
Treasurer, Mrs. Hemlaw.
Mrs. Sexsmith.
Mrs. Sargison.
Mrs. McNaughton.
Mrs. Gordon Grant.
Mrs. (Rev.) Scouler.
Mrs. (Rev.) T. W. Hall.

The minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on Saturday were read and adopted.

The committee on credentials returned to report on delegates. On motion, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Sexsmith and Mrs. French were appointed to report for Victoria press.

The committee on credentials reported the following duly accredited delegates:—

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

VICTORIA:—Mrs. D. Spencer.

“ Gerow.

“ M. A. Williams.

“ P. Wilson.

“ M. Humber.

“ H. Burkholder.

Miss S. Cummings.

NEW WESTMINSTER:—Mrs. T. Cunningham.

“ Rand.

“ Rae.

“ French.

“ King.

Miss De Beck.

CHILLIWHACK:—Mrs. Ashwell.

“ G. Chadsey.

“ C. Chadsey.

NORTH ARM:—Mrs. Thorburn.

Miss Crawford.

VANCOUVER:—Mrs. Evans.

“ Fraser.

“ Hamilton.

The President of Vancouver on being prevented from attending convention, requested ex-pres., Mrs. Middlebrook to take her place. This being unconstitutional, Mrs. Middlebrook, on motion, was made a member of the convention with all priveleges.

Moved and seconded that an omission in the minutes of Saturday's executive meeting, relative to the reading of a paper on "Parliamentary Usage," be inserted in the minutes. The Secretary was then requested to read the paper referred to.

On motion the Chair appointed the following ladies a committee on nominations:—

Mrs. Mc Naughton.

Mrs. Tate.

“ Middlebrook.

Miss De Beck.

Mrs. Sexsmith.

On motion, it was decided to proceed with reports of officers.

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer requested further time, which was granted.

Recording Secretary's report read and adopted.

Noon hour of prayer was observed, after which session adjourned.

C. SPOFFORD, Recording Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened at 2 p. m.

After reading of minutes, the committee on nominations reported as follows:—

Committee on Courtesies, Mrs. Humber and Mrs. Rae.

On Resolutions, Mesdames Jenkins, Sargison, Tate, Middlebrook, French, Thorburn and Miss McDougal.

Miss DeBeck was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Mrs. Sargison and Mrs. Ashwell, Auditors.

The "Rules of Order" were read by the Secretary.

On motion it was decided that the President's Annual Address be received by the convention when presented at the evening meeting.

Reports of Superintendents of Departments were called for.

Mrs. Hall, Superintendent of "Scientific Instruction," reported that she had not been in a position during the year, to do anything in this department.

Discussion followed, led by Mrs. Jenkins, who spoke of the Kindergarten System as conducted by the American W. C. T. U.

Hon. John Robson, Minister of Education, on being introduced addressed the convention on the subject and strongly recommended our adopting "Kindergarten" as one of our Departments of Work.

Report of Superintendent of Literature was read, and this department of work lengthily discussed as to its importance.

The President reading an offer from the "Canada Citizen" which offers to all W. C. T. U. workers both papers for the price of one.

Moved and seconded that the Superintendent of Literature in future keep on hand a supply, from which Local Unions can provide themselves.

Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Ashwell were appointed to solicit subscribers for the "Citizen" and "Journal" at the evening meetings.

Rev. Mr. Wadman of Victoria and Rev. Mr. Baer of Comox on being introduced addressed the convention.

On motion the Auditors were allowed to retire to prepare report.

Mrs. Jenkins and Miss McDougal were appointed a committee to arrange details of evening meetings.

Report of work among Sailors and Lumbermen was read and adopted.

The following ladies and gentlemen were introduced:—

Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Dempster,

Mr. Shakespeare, Mr. Wells.

Mrs. Chase spoke of the work as carried on in Chicago and Michigan.

Report of Superintendent of "Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table" was next called for and reported twelve churches in the Province using the juice of grapes for Sacramental purposes.

Mrs. Grant reported for Legislation, Petition and Franchise, Sheriff McMillan and Mr. Shakespeare taking part in the discussion which followed.

Meeting adjourned.

C. SPOFFORD,
Recording Secretary.

EVENING SESSION.

A mass meeting was held in Temperance Hall. The President occupied the chair.

Devotional exercises were followed by a song of welcome from members of "Band of Hope," and an address accompanied by a basket of choice flowers presented to the president by two members on behalf of Victoria Band of Hope.

Mrs. Grant on behalf of the Victoria Union welcomed the Convention; Mrs. Hemlaw, of Maple Ridge, responding.

Dr. Reid then spoke words of cheer and welcome on behalf of the clergy of the city, to which Mrs. Jenkins responded.

The President's annual address followed, which, on motion, was adopted.

A collection amounting to \$13.05 was taken.

Rev. Mr. Wadman gave an address and the meeting dismissed.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by Mrs. D. Spencer at 9:30. At 10:30, business session opened. Minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

Reports of officers continued. The Corresponding Secretary requested further time, which was extended half an hour. The Treasurer requesting further time also, was granted until afternoon session.

Mrs. Spofford gave notice that at next convention, she will move the adoption of a by-law, known as by-law, No. V., which shall provide for the altering and amending of the Constitution and by-laws.

Reports of Superintendents of Departments resumed.

Department of "Heredity and Hygiene" was reported by Mrs. Scoular and discussed very generally, especially with regard to the use in the family of the patent medicines which contain so large a per cent. of alcohol. The President gave the following receipt as a remedy which may be depended on as very helpful to those who are endeavoring to give up the use of alcoholics:—

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Dose—One teaspoonfull whenever the craving for liquor comes on.

The question of much needed dress reform was discussed to some length.

Report of Corresponding Secretary was read.

Noon hour of prayer observed.

Meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened at 2 p. m., led in prayer by Mrs. Sexsmith.

Minutes of morning session read and adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter containing greetings from Ontario W. C. T. U. which met this morning in its first session.

The President informed the Convention that she had appointed Miss Major of New Westminster, who is now visiting in Ontario, as our fraternal delegate to Ontario Convention, which action was endorsed by the convention.

Mrs. Jenkins and the Secretary were appointed a committee to telegraph back "Greetings" from this convention, in the telegram confirming Miss Major's appointment.

The Treasurer's report on being called for, was rendered, and on motion, adopted.

Discussion on the Corresponding Secretary's report followed, after which, it was adopted.

Time for discussing reports of Superintendents of Departments was limited to ten minutes.

The following reports were then read and adopted.

On "Evangelistic," "Prison," "Hospital," "Juvenile" and "Indian" work.

Report of "Social Purity" work was called for but none presented.

The mainland organizer reported two new Unions, one at North Arm and one at Kamloops, also Vancouver Union re-organized.

Moved and seconded that as we have departed from the regular order of business in omitting the call for "New Unions," that order be now taken up.

The delegates from these Unions reported themselves by presenting to the convention records of their organization and reports of their present condition. Kamloops not being represented by delegates, the Corresponding Secretary read their report, which with a letter previously sent her containing records of their organization, was adopted as their report.

Reports of Local Unions was the next order of business.

Victoria Union reported the work being carried on in that city.

On motion the hour for Wednesday afternoon session was fixed at 1.30 o'clock, the election of officers to be the first order of business.

The offer of the "Canada Citizen" was referred to the Local Unions as the most practicable method for securing subscriptions.

The Secretary stated that it was not necessary to endorse Miss Major's appointment, by telegram, as the President had provided her with a certificate. Meeting adjourned.

TUESDAY EVENING.

A grand temperance rally was held in Temperance Hall. After the singing of Rock of Ages, Rev. Mr. Fraser led in prayer. An anthem was finely rendered by the choir. Addresses, full of interest and instruction were delivered by Mr. Siddall, President of Blue Ribbon Club, Archdeacon Scriven and Rev. M. L. Rugg.

Collection amounting to \$15.15 was taken; Temperance Doxology sung, and the meeting dismissed.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises at 9:30 led by Mrs. Scoullar of New Westminster.

Business resumed at 10:30.

Minutes of Tuesday afternoon and evening read and adopted.

Mrs. Chase of Chicago, Miss Williams of Westminster and Mrs. Hampson of Victoria were made members of the Convention.

Reports received from New Westminster and Chilliwack local unions.

Report of Committee on Resolutions called for.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That we offer our gratitude to Almighty God for the kind providence that has been over us during the year that is past, and that we meet again under such favorable circumstances.

Resolutions No. II and III, referred back to committee for further consideration.

4. That all local unions be invited to give one entertainment during the year, the proceeds of which shall be devoted to replenishing our W. C. T. U. Provincial treasury.

5. That, in order to facilitate business at the annual convention, all local unions be requested to close their yearly accounts not later than the last week in July, also, that the provincial corresponding secretary forward statistical blank forms to them before June 30th, and that they be filled and returned to the secretary not later than July 31st.

Resolution No. VI referred back to committee.

7. Resolved, That as in the eastern provinces Loyal Legions are superseding Bands of Hope, we re-organize the latter under the name of "Loyal Legions," numbering them according to the order of their organization.

8. Resolved, That as far as practicable, we recommend all members of the W. C. T. U. to withdraw their support from grocers who hold liquor licenses.

9. Whereas the great hope of our country freeing itself from the terrible drink curse, lies in training the children up in the principles of total abstinence from alcoholic liquors, and, whereas, it is essential to this end, that the nature and injurious effects of alcohol upon the human system be taught in our public schools, therefore,

Resolved, That the duty of introducing into the public schools of the province, a text book upon the nature and effect of alcohol upon the human system similar to that in use in the schools of Ontario, be respectfully urged upon the government, and that a deputation from this convention be appointed to wait upon the minister of Education for that purpose.

10. That the minutes of the convention be printed and forwarded to the local unions within three months from the date of convention, and that a committee on printing be appointed to carry the same into effect; said committee to endeavor to procure a sufficient number of business advertisements to defray the expenses of printing.

11. That recognizing in the prosecution of our White Cross and White Shield work the necessity of shelter and protection for our unfortunate fallen sisters, we formulate a plan whereby we can provide and maintain a home for such.

After discussing resolution No. XI, it was moved that the President select a committee of which she shall be chairman, to formulate some plan and present to the convention whereby the work referred to in this resolution can be successfully carried on.

On motion the committee were granted further time.

Mrs. C. Fraser of Victoria, on being introduced, addressed the convention, on the advisability of having an attractive outside notice for convention.

The following motion was then offered:—

That we procure a provincial banner before next convention; committee to procure the same, to consist of Mesdames Humber, Spencer, Shakespeare and Williams. Also, that the Provincial Officers be provided with official paper; the Corresponding Secretary to be chairman of committee to arrange for the same.

And that we adopt a Certificate of Membership, the chairman of committee for which shall be the Recording Secretary, and that this province, W. C. T. U. select a motto.

At the request of the Secretary the motion was divided and clauses voted on separately.

Noon hour of prayer was observed.

Telegraphic greetings were received from Ontario W. C. T. U.

Joshua 1-9 was read by the Secretary.

Meeting adjourned till 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened at 1:30, led in prayer by Mrs. King, of New Westminster.

Minutes of morning session read and adopted.

Election of officers, being the order of business, it was decided to elect by informal ballot. Mrs. Jenkins led in prayer for divine guidance. Mrs. Hemlaw and Miss De Beck were appointed tellers, the election resulting as follows:—

President—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, of New Westminster, re-elected.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. D. Jenkins, of Victoria, re-elected.

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Middlebrook, of Vancouver.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss B. S. McDougal re-elected.

Mrs. Spofford declining re-election as Recording Secretary, on motion, it was decided that the vacancy be filled by the Executive Committee.

Treasurer—Mrs. Hemlaw, of Maple Ridge, re-elected.

On motion, the order of business was suspended to continue the report of committee on resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS.

2. Resolved, That this Convention recommends the local unions to bring all pressure to bear upon the school trustees in several localities, so as to secure teachers of good morals and sound temperance principles.

3. That, as at present our hospitals contain no accommodation for women, we respectfully request the government to provide a ward for women in the new Jubilee Hospital.

6. Resolved, That as the World's W. C. T. U. have determined to petition the governments of the world against the existing moral evils, particularly intemperance, tobacco and opium, this convention recommended local unions to continue the circulation of this petition throughout our province to be signed by every woman above the age of 16.

XI Adopted as read. On motion, the formulating and carrying out of this resolution was referred to the executive committee.

12. That as our hope so largely lies in training the children early in temperance principles, we add to our departments that of kindergarten work, and earnestly recommend our superintendent to institute temperance kindergartens in connection with each local union.

13. That as the W. C. T. U. aims to reach all classes of society, and as a means of introducing our work into the conservative, social class, we add to our existing departments that of parlor meetings.

The motion for the adoption of the report as a whole was carried.

An intermission of fifteen minutes was granted by the chair, while the executive committee retired to nominate Superintendents of Departments. The convention being called to order it was decided, on motion, to act upon nominations separately. The following Superintendents were then nominated by the committee and accepted by the convention:—

Scientific Instruction in Schools—Mrs. H. G. Hall, of Victoria.
Literature, and "Woman's Journal"—Mrs. D. Jenkins, of "

Influencing the Press—Mrs. G. A. Sargison, of Victoria.

Work among Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners—Mrs. Murray Thain, of Moodyville.

Work among Railroad Employees—Mrs. French, of New Westminster.

Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table—Mrs. Henderson, of Chilliwack.

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

Heredity and Hygiene—Mrs. Thornbur, of North Arm.

Evangelistic—Mrs. Gerow, of Victoria.

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

Hospital Work—Mrs. D. McNaughton, of Victoria.

Young Women's Work—Miss S. Cummings, of Victoria.

Work among Indians—Mrs. Thomas Crosby, of Fort Simson, and Mrs. C. Tate, of Chilliwack.

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

Juvenile Work—Mrs. G. Chadsey, of Chilliwack.

Parlor Meetings—Mrs. C. Fraser, of Victoria.

Kindergarten—Mrs. King, of New Westminster.

Mainland Organizer—Miss Bowes, of Vancouver.

Island Organizer—Mrs. W. H. Spofford, of Victoria.

Mrs. Sargison gave notice that at next annual meeting, she will move to amend the constitution in order to make provision for the travelling expenses of general officers, and moved that the expenses of the same be met this year.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid.

Advertising Convention \$13.50

Stationery for Convention 75

Travelling expenses of Treasurer

The President and Corresponding Secretary presented bills, receipted, for stationery and travelling expenses.

A letter was read by the Secretary, from Mrs. (Rev.) Pollard, our first Provincial President, expressing regret that failing strength prevented her meeting with us, and exhorting us to more active work and faith in God.

A communication from Mrs. Margaret Parker of England, relative to bringing out domestic servants to this country, was referred to the executive.

The President stated that she was in correspondence with Colonel Geo. Woodford, of Chicago, with regard to his lecturing in our province.

The following votes of thanks were passed:—

To the Clergy of Victoria, who so heartily welcomed the convention and for their assistance by kindly words of encouragement and excellent addresses.

To the ladies of Victoria, for their hospitable entertainment, and to the ladies of the W. C. T. U. who had charge of the luncheon.

To the Church Choirs, who furnished such excellent music for the evening meetings.

To the C. P. N. Co., for reduced rates of travel for delegates.

An invitation was received and accepted with thanks, from the New Westminster Union to meet with them in our next annual meeting.

The convention was then declared closed by the President.

A mass meeting was held in Temperance Hall in the evening.

After devotional exercises, Mrs. Grant, Superintendent of Franchise, gave a most excellent address on that department of work. Able addresses were also delivered by Rev. J. E. Starr and Hon. John Robson, interspersed with music.

The question box which was opened at this meeting, contained some very excellent questions which were answered by different delegates.

Meeting closed.

C. SPOFFORD, Recording Secretary.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

MRS. GORDON GRANT.

BELOVED PRESIDENT AND SISTERS OF THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN
TEMPERANCE UNION.

I come forward to speak words of greeting to you on behalf of the temperance women of Victoria who open wide their hearts and homes and bid you welcome to our fair city. Doubtless all of you know how proud we are of this tiny spot in our great Dominion a spot that in our school days when we studied our Geography we thought was surely only a home for the wild Indian, the Buffalo, or perhaps a Hudson Bay Fort and we had never a thought nor even a wish to explore its lands, climb its mountains, or sail on its waters, we little dreamed that before many years our homes would be planted in this far west, and yet to-night, we are glad that Victoria is our home and we watch with eagerness, pleasure and pride the advancement she is making towards becoming a great city. We are proud of our home for many reasons, first, because it is one of the most beautiful spots on the face of the earth, nature has been lavish in the bestowal of her grand and picturesque scenery. Our climate cannot be surpassed having neither the extreme heat of summer nor cold of winter. While our city has grown slowly owing to its isolation from the rest of the world, yet we are proud of our fine churches, our public buildings, our charming residences, our manufactories, our island railroad and our educational institutions; but this delightful spot has its dark picture as well as its bright one, and we would fain draw a screen over it and hide it from the public view were it not that we believe it is only by allowing the light to penetrate to its depths that we can hope to have our city cleansed from the loathsome plague that lives amongst us and which is taking every year from both the young people and older inhabitants. When smallpox visited us the afflicted persons were rightly sent outside the city limits and other precautions were used to prevent the disease from spreading. When diphtheria visited our town not long since, the public schools were closed in order to protect our children; but there is in our town a more loathsome plague than either of these and houses are licensed in our municipality to spread this plague—a plague that has wrecked more lives, ruined more homes, destroyed more intellects, broken more hearts and damned more souls than any disease ever has done. We have in our city 66 houses which are allowed to sell all the liquor they can to blight our happiness and ruin our boys, and while we believe no right minded father would sell his boy's body and soul to the saloon keepers for the licence fee to put in his own pocket, yet he not only oftentimes sells his own sons but the sons of other fathers and mothers to put a paltry sum in our city treasury. The fathers of our boys certainly do not grant the licenses but by recording their votes for men who would change the laws in favor of restricting if not prohibiting the sale of intoxicants they could prevent much unhappiness, destitution and misery in the homes of our people and the ruination of so many of our young men as well as the repetition of the great injustice perpetrated on our citizens this year by some of our magistrates in compelling us in opposition to the wish of the majority of the people to have more saloons established in our midst, and so dear friends we hail your coming with gladness, because we need your help and you have come to help us and we believe your coming will add fresh zeal, strength and courage to those who are engaged in laboring for the uplifting of humanity and for the cleansing of the vile impurities which infect not only our own city but our whole province. We welcome you because you come as the representatives in our land of the 300,000 mothers and sisters all over the world who in the name of Christ are trying to lift up the fallen, help the erring, strengthen the tempted and comfort those whose homes have been desolated and whose loving hearts are breaking through the ravages of this plague, which has visited not only

our Province but nearly every civilized country in the world. We welcome you because your work has been so successful in the past and we know with God as your captain will be more successful in the future. We trust your coming amongst us may be "as rain upon the thirsty ground, as the light which came from Bethlehem's Star, dispelling ignorance, and prejudice, and opening up a pathway to holier and grander conceptions of duty and responsibility."

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BELOVED SISTERS AND SYMPATHIZING FRIENDS:

After a two years roaming our provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union meets once again in Victoria, where five years ago it was organized by that queen among women, Miss Frances E. Willard, the honored president of both the United States National and the World's W. C. T. U. Being the first lady lecturer, in the interests of Christ and Temperance who had visited British Columbia, not a little prejudice existed in some minds respecting the propriety of a woman speaking upon a public platform but after witnessing the womanly grace with which Miss Willard pleaded the cause of God and Home and Humanity all objections yielded and each vied with the other in exclamations of approval and admiration. Since then many Christian Temperance Ladies have been listened to with delight and their coming among us is now anticipated with pleasure, the public according to our Unions the utmost kindness and respect. Local Unions have been organized where it has been found possible to do so and to-day we represent six localities, five of which are on the mainland with a membership of about two hundred.

Small as this number may seem, we are not discouraged when we look abroad and count the hundreds of thousands of white ribboned women, with the Omnipotent Jehovah as their leader. Linked thus we can even dare to appropriate to ourselves the promise recorded in Leviticus, xxvi. 8. "Five of you shall chase a hundred and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight." The following quotation expresses the idea exactly. It is taken from the Philadelphia Sunday School Times and is headed,

"One and one are more than Two."

The writer says:—"Even in cold, hard mathematics, a unit gives or gains added power beyond its intrinsic value, by its position with reference to another unit. One and one put together become, not two, but eleven. And if it be the fact that in the realm of this exact science a unit ten-folds the value of another unit, and adds its own value to it besides, simply by its juxtaposition with that other unit, who will question that, in the sphere of being and doing, one person and one person brought into right relations to each other are more by far than two persons; or that their aggregate power is more than doubled?"

Applying this thought let us resolve to stand side by side throughout our ranks, doing the work best suited to our individual ability, persuading as many other Christian Women as we may to join us. Glorious indeed is the mission we are engaged in. Miss Willard in her last year's annual address beautifully describes it thus:—

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Local, State, National and world-wide has one vital, organic thought, one all-absorbing purpose, one undying enthusiasm, and it is that *Christ shall be this world's King*. Yea, verily, *THIS WORLD'S King* in its realm of cause and effect; King of its courts, its camps, its commerce; King of its colleges and cloisters; King of its customs and its constitutions. Not a King who hears the nations praising Him afar off, from the lips outward, but one who dwelling in their hearts, radiates His presence into their daily doings, and makes His word as much the text book of their daily lives as the multiplication table is of their business transactions. The Kingdom of Christ is no poetic fancy with us white ribboners; no mystic

dream. It is a solid sphere of fact—a realm in which dwell neither alien nor native, neither bond nor free, neither male nor female, but all are equal integers in the working out through Christ-like laws and customs of a Christ-like destiny. In the world as He created it at first, by whose word the worlds were made, man and woman dwelt together, and to *them*, He gave dominion over every living thing. After the fall they began to drift apart, he into the realm of force, and she into that of seclusion; but in Christ's Kingdom, from the days when women followed Him whithersoever they would, lingered at Cross and Sepulcher, first declared His resurrection, shared with their brethren His last uttered commission "Go tell all Nations" and His pentecostal "Promise of the Father" man and woman have been steadily travelling back to Eden—that is, they have been slowly learning that they were created to live in one world—not two. Under the curse man has two worlds and woman only one; he "ransacks the ages, spoils the climes," then comes back to her world and finds her—waiting; under the blessing, man and woman go hand in hand wherever they are called to go at all. Under the curse, man has his standard of morality based on the prerogatives of force prevailing in his world; under the blessing man and woman have one and the same standard, based on the truth that the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and that this is not a dual world with different codes. Under the curse, man has mapped out the State as his largest sphere, and the home as woman's largest; under the blessing man and woman shall map out home as the one true state, and she who, during the centuries of training, has learned how to govern there, shall help man make the great, cold, heartless State a warm, kind and protecting home. The White Ribbon women are tired of this un-natural two-worlds-in-one, where men and women dwell apart; they would invade the solitude of the masculine intellect; break in upon the stereotyped routine of the masculine hierarchy in Church and State; and ring out in clear but gentle voice the oft repeated declaration of the Master whom they serve: "Behold I make all things new."

The year 1888 will be remembered in history by the number of Conventions, national and international, political and ecclesiastical which have taken place, and in which prominent members of the W. C. T. U. have figured. The most remarkable of these, "The International Council of Women" was held in the Alhambra Opera House, Washington, beginning March 26th, and lasting ten days. The world has never known of such a gathering of women, drawn together by common aspirations to discuss questions affecting the elevation of mankind in every clime. The topics introduced were, education, industries, professions, temperance, philanthropies, religion, organization, legal conditions, political conditions, social-purity and sex in brain. These were taken by eighty speakers of national reputation and their addresses will shortly appear in book form. In this council fourteen nationalities were represented and thirty national societies. There were old and young women, women of all styles and creeds and of various educational ability. Notwithstanding this diversity they all maintained the most lady-like regard for each other's feelings throughout the entire convocation. Before separating they organized themselves as an International Association, with Miss F. E. Willard President.

Early in May the General Conference of the M. E. Church, of the United States met in the Metropolitan Opera House, New York City. Among the four-hundred and thirty-six delegates, ministerial and lay, five women, representing as many State Conferences, were elected to take their places with their brethren, but when they presented their credentials they were rejected upon a technicality, the majority understanding the phrase "layman" to designate only the male sex. Twenty-five hours of close discussion was given to the subject, many of the most distinguished ministers favoring the eligibility of women, and although our W. C. T. U. workers were greatly provoked because Miss Willard and others holding a high place in their esteem and love, appeared at a discount, yet, on the whole, they look upon it as one of the "all things" that

"work together for good" and by no means consider the decision of the Conference a defeat for women, owing to the fact that Dr. Neely's amendment was carried sending back the question to the entire Church, and it is believed that four years hence the sentiment of the people will be educated sufficiently to declare by a majority vote of the membership that the lay delegates shall be "*men and women.*"

The Churches of nearly all denominations, are awaking to the necessity of giving to their capable Christian women the places of influence for which they are proving themselves so well fitted. Early in August, Bishop Fallows of the Reformed Episcopal Church, preached a sermon at the Lake Bluff Sunday School assembly in which he thus expressed himself:—

"The time has come for the setting apart of women for the work of the gospel ministry. If woman in the beginning, through Satan, tempted man and led him astray, Christ has come to destroy the works of the Devil. On the resurrection morn the commission was given first to woman to preach the good news to man. The Corinthian women were not to be compared for a moment with the refined, cultured women of to-day. The injunction to the former did not apply to the latter. I have been long in coming to this conclusion I confess. I read the life of our Lord in a new light, the last ritualistic prejudice has vanished. Christ's commissions were given to women and men alike. Men have too long misconceived the true position of women. This present period in the Church is very important. Let us not array ourselves against Holy Ghost women, lest we be found to fight against God."

Dear Sisters, with these significant utterances ringing in our ears, let us afresh consecrate all our talents—our whole being—to our Redeemer's service, willing in all things to be governed by His word and Spirit. The voice of God has called us into this Christian Temperance Work, and in His name we have resolved to do all we may to blot out the curse and pray in the blessing. To this end so many departments have been created that every member of every Union can find some line of work adapted to her taste and circumstances. Let us not excuse ourselves. God's grace is sufficient for each. Much as we Canadian women have courted seclusion, the time has come when we must, like our American sisters, study cause and effect, and then we will see as they do that it avails but little to meet year after year in Convention and after discussing the difficulties in our way and the many reforms we should rejoice to see brought about, satisfy ourselves with drawing up a long list of resolutions, good in themselves if only we had the power to execute or enforce them. Sentiment is useful only as it crystalizes into action, and the only action which will ever produce much effect upon the liquor traffic must be political action. Recognizing this fact the

National Prohibition Convention

was held in Tomlinson's Hall, Indianapolis, last May, and thousands of total abstiners men and women of all ranks packed in every inch of space, intent upon nominating candidates for the next Presidential election. Every session was opened with prayer. The National W. C. T. U. officers were among the leading speakers, together with a host of America's grandest men. Their "platform" acknowledged Almighty God as the source of all power in government, and its declarations were eminently Christian. General Fisk and Dr. Brooks were unanimously elected as the choice of the Convention, and stand to-day the Prohibition Candidates. They do not, of course, expect to be put in power this term, but they are confidently looking forward to four years hence, when according to statistical calculations the year 1892 will give them a majority of prohibition votes. This conviction is based upon a comparison with the Republican party vote and the ratio of its increase from term to term, which eventually placed Abraham Lincoln at the Nation's helm for the overthrowing of the American slave trade; and they believe so surely shall the prohibition party be used by God in the overthrowing of the drink trade, which has so long enslaved the nation's sons.

The National Prohibition Convention of the Dominion of Canada also deserves special mention for from it we expect to reap results more intimately relating to our own home life. We are all familiar with the reports of that great meeting in Queen's Hall, Montreal, July the 3rd. We cannot but regret that British Columbia was not represented by delegation. Mr. Howland in his opening remarks said: "One blessed thing about this temperance work is that it draws us close together." This is true; and this is what the provinces of the Dominion need, *drawing together*. We need a common foe to fight as one united people. We are lacking in National sentiment because we have no National victories to recount. "The Home versus the Saloon" must be our battle cry, and all parties and names must be lost in the one resolve to rid our native land of Tyrant Alcohol. How to best accomplish this is the question perplexing the men of our nation and this perplexity is greatly increased because as Mrs. Yomans so cleverly put it, "they" (the men) "belong to their parties; if the women had a party, the party would belong to them and not they to their party." The Dominion Government as at present constituted, contains seventy representatives who are willing to support prohibition if the party to which they belong would but vote with them, but as they are divided between the two parties, they can never get a majority on any question not introduced as a party measure. This discouraging fact has given rise to "Canada's New Party" which is intended to take the place in the Dominion that the "Third Party" does in the States. We women who are entirely independent, regret that it was not organized twenty-years ago, and we cannot understand how temperance men can hesitate a moment in uniting on this prohibition issue when they all admit it to be the most important one that can be raised. The Scott Act has done good service and has tended to make the sale of intoxicating drinks a disreputable business, but lacking the support of the government for its enforcement it has proved too expensive an undertaking for the temperance societies to sustain, the very officers who have been paid by the government to watch and bring offenders to justice being in sympathy with the Saloon-keeper. Some may think it out of place for me to dwell at such a length upon the political aspect of the temperance question, but I have been of late more than ever impressed that this is the one aspect of it, we as women ought to study more than we have done in the past. This would enable us to converse more intelligently with our husbands and gentlemen friends on the subject so near our hearts and we should be better prepared and consequently more inclined to make use of the franchise as far as it has been extended to us. Only in this way can we lay claim to citizenship; that boon held so dear by every adult mind. Let us my sisters in the spirit of prayer and self-surrender cast our pure white ribbon ballot in the name of God and Home whenever we may, for the election of Municipal Councillors and School Trustees. Already some of us are doing this and have proved the objections false which have been raised regarding the unfitness of association and the loss of time involved. A mother's time is never better employed than in efforts to secure a good education for her children, moral as well as mental, and municipal government such as shall ensure protection for them from the vices to which they are exposed as soon as they go outside her home gate. Ex-mayor Howland, speaking of women as voters says: "Their power as a factor for good in the cause of temperance can hardly be over-estimated;" and adds, referring to the city of Toronto, "for the year 1888, their numerical strength at the polling booth will reach 4000." As a rule, when a woman casts a vote it is purely in the interests of home and family, with a desire to strike a blow at the root of the tree of intemperance, having discovered how useless a task it has been spending all her energies cutting off the topmost branches.

An American society for the prevention of cruelty to children reports that during a period of three months, of the three hundred children coming before their society for the first time, two hundred and forty-nine had intemperate

fathers, one hundred and thirty-nine intemperate mothers, one hundred and fifty-two had lost one or both parents, ninety had parents in prison and thirty-five were illegitimate. In Chicago more than thirty thousand children of school age are known to be addicted to the use of strong drink. In the Toronto police court, during the year 1887, among the 10597 cases investigated, 1382 were offenders under twenty years of age. 104 of these were girls and 55 were children under fifteen years. Taking these cities as examples, what must be the aggregate amount of misery and sin entailed upon the children of our continent by this cruel traffic? Elizabeth Barrett Browning voices their wrongs in her matchless poem.

THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN.

Do ye hear the children weeping, O my brothers,
Ere the sorrow comes with years?
They are leaning their young heads against their mothers,
And that cannot stop their tears.
The young lambs are bleating in the meadows,
The young birds are chirping in the nest.
The young fawns are playing with the shadows,
The young flowers are blowing toward the west—
But the young, young children, O my brothers,
They are weeping bitterly!
They are weeping in the playtime of the others,
In the country of the free.

Do you question the young children in the sorrow,
Why their tears are falling so?
The old man may weep for his to-morrow
Which is lost in Long Ago.
The old tree is leafless in the forest,
The old year is ending in the frost.
The old wound, if stricken, is the sorest,
The old hope is hardest to be lost.
But the young, young children, O my brothers,
Do you ask them why they stand
Weeping sore before the bosoms of their mothers,
In our happy Fatherland?

They look up, with their pale and sunken faces,
And their look is dread to see,
For they mind you of their angels in high places,
With eyes turned on Deity!—
"How long," they say "how long, O cruel nation,
Will you stand, to move the world on a child's heart,
"Stifle down with a mailed heel its palpitation,
And tread onward to your throne amid the mart?
Our blood splashes upward, O gold-heaper,
And your purple shows your path!
But the child's sob in the silence curses deeper
Than the strong man in his wrath."

DOMINION W. C. T. U.

Preparations have been made for holding a Canadian National W. C. T. U. Convention in the city of Toronto, early in January next, but the serious illness of its beloved President Mrs. Letitia Youmans, who has been working so unceasingly in Ontario since her return from British Columbia will interfere with the call being made just yet. May our Heavenly Father in His loving-kindness see fit to spare her valuable life and add thereto many years of health and blessing.

The Provincial Unions are growing in importance. The Woman's Journal, so ably edited by Mrs. Addie Chisholm, is recognized as the Canadian organ of our Society and is aspiring to become a weekly instead of a monthly, and the Headquarters, which is to be established in Toronto, will tend to increase the feeling of permanence which is so necessary to the growth of any organization. In this province a general spirit of hopefulness pervades all our local Unions.

While we have not accomplished all we desire our faith in the holiness of our cause stimulates us to more earnest effort in the future. We are, thankful for the kind support we have had from our Ministerial brethren and other Christian helpers. A few of our Legislators have proved their willingness to assist us by introducing measures into the local House calculated to effect the future restriction of the license system, and to enforce the proper observance of the Lord's day. Although in the minority so far, we shall continue to pray and hope for the time when they shall carry the majority vote. In the meantime let us bend all our energies to the prosecution of the lines of work we have undertaken. Let us make use of temperance literature more wisely than we have been doing, and above all let us carefully instruct the children in the science of temperance and moral purity and by intelligent reading and study of advanced temperance thought in newspaper and book form, prepare ourselves for the positions God would have us fill in His vineyard.

Corresponding Secretary's Report for the Provincial W. C. T. U. for the year ending July 31st, 1888.

In presenting our report to the Convention, at the close of another year, we feel that it becomes us to first render our thanks to our Heavenly Father for all the way in which He has led us, and to remember that "The Lord reigneth" able and willing to help all those who put their trust in him and seek His divine guidance.

Although feeling the loss of some of our sisters who have been with us at former Conventions, and who, during the past year have been called to their reward, we would humbly acknowledge with thankful hearts, the way in which He has led us and the permitting so many of us to meet together at this time, and may we all feel more and more that now is the time to work. As our Lord says:—"Behold now is the accepted time" and that "No man knows what a day or an hour may bring forth," therefore let us be up and doing while it is called to-day, for the night cometh in which no man can work.

The number of Unions in our Province is less than last year, for although two new Unions, North Arm and Kamloops, have been organized, the Unions of Maple Ridge, Hope, and the Victoria, Y. W. C. T. U. have been reported "dead," but we trust the day of resurrection is not far distant for them. Our hearts are rejoiced to be able to welcome new Unions each year, and hope and pray we may have much of this work to do, during the year to come.

The following reports have been received from Local Unions:—

Victoria:—Organized July 4th, 1883; original membership, 137, present membership, 65 active, 20 honorary; number of regular meetings held during the year, 24; public, 7; lectures, 2; for all purposes, 33; receipts from all sources \$281.46; meetings held weekly, two Bands of Hope with a membership of about 100; departments of work, juvenile, jail, hospital, literature, petitions, railroad and social; affiliation fees to Provincial Treasury, \$16.25; names of principal officers: President, Mrs. Spofford; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bone; Recording Secretary, Miss S. Cummings; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Humber.

New Westminster:—Organized September 13th, 1883; became auxiliary to Provincial Union, July 1st, 1884; Original membership, 19; present membership, 55 active; number of regular meetings, 12; public, 2; lectures, 3; for all purposes, 17; receipts \$90.75; affiliation fees to Provincial Treasury, \$13.00; departments of work, jail, hospital, juvenile, evangelistic, flower mission, literature and petition; names of principal officers: President, Mrs. M. A. Cunningham; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. G. Major; Recording Secretary, Miss M. DeBeck; Treasurer, Miss Campbell.

Vancouver.—Re-organized October 1st, 1887; became auxiliary to Provincial Union, October 1887; membership, 24; number of regular meetings, 14; public, 1; for all purposes, 15; departments of work, juvenile, jail, social, literature and petitions; affiliation fees to Provincial Treasury, \$6.00; names of principal officers: President, Mrs. Middlebrook; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fraser; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hogg; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Robson.

North Arm.—Organized October 17th, 1887; membership, 23; number of regular meetings, 8; public, 1, for all purposes, 9; receipts, \$26.20; affiliation fees to Provincial Treasury, \$3.50; departments of work, literature and juvenile; principal officers: President, Mrs. Sexsmith; Corresponding Secretary, Miss M. L. Harding; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Thornbur; Treasurer, Mrs. O. D. Sweet.

Chilliwack.—Organized June, 1884; original membership, 27; present membership, 21 active and 16 honorary; number of regular meetings, 12; public 4; for all purposes, 16; receipts, \$75; affiliation fees to Provincial Union, \$5.00; departments of work, juvenile, petition and social; names of principal officers: President, Mrs. Tate; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. McCutcheon; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. Chadsey; Treasurer, Miss Evans.

Kamloops.—Organized May 31st, 1888; membership, 16; number of regular meetings, 5; for all purposes, 5; departments of work, jail, hospital, and juvenile; principal officers: President, Mrs. Cochran; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Stevenson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Clyde; Treasurer Mrs. Bannerman.

Cheam:—Not heard from.

During the year 213 letters have been written and received.

We find in looking over the reports for the past year that two of our Unions, Victoria and Westminster, have succeeded in establishing themselves in headquarters of their own and feel the great advantage it is to them to have a "home." We trust our other Unions may soon be as successful.

Our present active membership is about 200, but we trust during the coming year to see our number greatly increased.

We find in every district where there are organized Unions, excepting North Arm, they have "license," and are sorry to have to report, that Chilliwack after their years of faithful fighting, have been obliged to report two "table licenses" but we would urge our sisters to "fight the good fight" for in the end "ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

The reports from all our Local Unions, are given in a hopeful way, and we feel that we have every reason to thank God and take courage, for He has said "I will never leave nor forsake thee," and we know that heaven and earth shall pass away, but God's word shall not pass away.

BARBARA S. McDOUGALL,
Cor. Sec. Pro. W. C. T. U.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Treasurer's Report for year ending Sept., 24th, 1888.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
1887.	1887.
To cash in hand.....\$ 55 00	By Rent of Hall.....\$ 20 00
" Collections.....35 15	" Miss Bowes (lecture).....13 20
" Donation (Mrs. Cunningham) 2 00	" Officers travelling expenses 11 00
" " (Miss McDougall) 2 00	" Cash paid Mrs. Cunningham
" Affiliation fees—Vancouver 6 00	(order a) 50 95
" " " —Victoria... 17 00	" " " " (order b) 7 50
" " " —Chilliwack 5 00	" " " " (order c) 1 60
" " " —New West'r 13 00	
" " " —North Arm 3 50	
1888.	
To Sale Minutes, Victoria.... 5 00	
" Donation, North Arm..... 10 00	
" " Chilliwack..... 14 25	
Total.....\$167 90	Total.....\$104 25
Expenditure.....104 25	Balance on hand.....63 65
Balance on hand.....\$ 63 65	

Mrs. HEMSLAW,
Treasurer.

Report of Superintendent of Literature.

Vancouver reports having distributed 2000 pages of literature, and securing 31 subscribers for the "Woman's Journal."

New Westminster reports securing 25 subscribers to "Woman's Journal" and to the "Union Signal," and distributing \$5 worth of literature.

Victoria reports many subscribers to both the "Union Signal" and "Woman's Journal," besides the distribution of a great deal of literature.

Chilliwack reports subscribers to "Union Signal" and "Woman's Journal," besides expending \$5 for literature for Band of Hope.

North Arm report subscribers to "Woman's Journal" 28, literature distributed 2000 pages.

The Provincial Union also supplied all the fairs with copies of the "Fair" number of the "Union Signal."

Report of Supt., of Work among Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners.

Work in this department has been carried on in Vancouver and New Westminster, at which places, Christian and Temperance literature has been distributed. Miss Mand Williams, at New Westminster, has from time to time supplied Ships with literature and also done the same work amongst mill men. While the Superintendent at Vancouver has distributed the same, in the latter places as follows:—on board ships, 8 packages; in lumber camps, 8 packages; a small pox quarantine, 4 packages. And so the good seeds are being sown, but we hope to enlarge the work the coming year.

Mrs. MURRAY THAIN,
Superintendent.

Report of Supt., of Unfermented Wine.

We report 18 churches in the province using unfermented wine:—
New Westminster, 2; Vancouver, 3; Victoria, 4; Chilliwack, 1; North Arm,
1; Indian Churches, 7.

Report of Supt., of Legislation, Petition and Franchise.

In connection with this department of work, the ladies in New Westminster and Victoria voted at both the school and municipal elections, besides using their influence in securing others to vote on the side of morality and temperance. The "world's petition" has been circulated in Chilliwack, Nanaimo and New Westminster, and is being circulated in the rest of the province. Our efforts for legislation on the Sabbath question and the reduction in the number of licenses were unsuccessful.

MRS. M. G. HALL,
Superintendent.

Report of Supt., of Hospital Work.

Good work has been done in this department through another year, the local Superintendents in New Westminster and Victoria, report their work most encouraging. A regular Sabbath Service being held, and weekly visitation, at which time suitable reading matter has been distributed, and many little acts of kindness shown the sick ones, all of which are greatly appreciated.

Vancouver Union reports the hospital of that city well attended to in the way of visitation by Miss Bowes and Mrs. Grant, which affords opportunity for scripture reading, prayer, and the distribution of literature.

At the Christmas season, a contribution of \$3.00 was received from the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Sabbath Schools, of Victoria, with which a supply of beautiful Christmas letters and cards were procured from the "Christmas letter Mission," and forwarded to the hospitals, at Kamloops, New Westminster and Victoria.

In conclusion we would offer heart felt thanks to God, for immediate results in this work, in the conversion of precious souls to God.

MRS. J. L. McNAUGHTON,
Superintendent.

Report of Supt., of Juvenile Work.

Ten "Loyal Legions" or "Bands of Hope," organized in the province in the following localities:—

Chilliwack, 4; Victoria, 2; New Westminster, 1; Vancouver, 1; North Arm, 1; Moodyville, 1. With an enrollment of about 350 children.

Chilliwack in its four "bands" report eighty on the roll, have not been able to prosecute the work so actively in winter months, as the population is so scattered, and it is difficult to keep the children together, but the work on the whole is very satisfactory during the summer months.

Victoria has a "band" numbering 60 which meets weekly, have raised during the year by entertainments \$50.00. Also a "Loyal Legion" with a membership of 40 which has done good work in the past, but part of the year has had no Superintendent to carry on work, hope. However to begin again very soon.

New Westminster "Loyal Legion" reports 100 names enrolled, 46 meetings held, with an average attendance 37, money raised \$39.15. Have instituted "drill" for the boys, who are now endeavouring to procure "flutes" and "drums" for a "band."

REPORT OF MAINLAND ORGANIZER.

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Vancouver "Legion" reports membership of 96, average attendance 20, the Superintendent reports difficulty in keeping up interest as the population is fluctuating and workers as well as children are constantly coming and going.

Moodyville not reported.

The Temperance Manual is largely used as the instruction book, but nearly all Superintendents complain of lack of helpers, in the work, which considering its importance, and the scope which this department gives us for working should not be so.

C. SPOFFORD,
Superintendent.

Report of Supt., of Indian Work.

At Chilliwack only, has the work in this department been taken up, but here, there is a large number enrolled in the W. C. T. U., besides a Band of Hope among the children which is in good working order.

MRS. C. TATE,
Superintendent.

Report of Mainland Organizer.

Very shortly after the Provincial Convention held in Chilliwack, I proceeded to Vancouver city, for the purpose of reorganizing the W. C. T. U. and of delivering a lecture under its auspices. On arrival I found the Methodist Church engaged in special services, thus rendering a lecture inopportune. However I succeeded in re-constructing the Union, appointing, Mrs. Middlebrook President, with about 7 lady members. I introduced into the city a valuable work entitled, "Land, Labor and Liquor," by Rev. W. Burgess, also secured a number of subscribers to the "Canada Citizen," a paper worthy a glad welcome in every home. I then proceeded to the "North Arm," delivered a general Temperance Lecture on Saturday evening, and also a Temperance discourse on Sunday, p. m. in the Presbyterian Church, when it was emphatically announced, that I would meet all the ladies in the School-house on Monday p. m. On arrival, my heart was cheered and encouraged to find quite a goodly number of intelligent and leading ladies, who heartily responded to my proposal to organize. A number of ladies enrolled their names as members of our white ribboned organization, with Mrs. Sexsmith the worthy presiding officer. I here introduced several copies of the above named valuable addition to the Temperance library, "Land, Labor and Liquor." As both secular and religious business demanded my immediate return to Hope, I could not visit the "South Arm," as desired and planned, where I had hoped to plant the white badge organization, with an assurance of growth in a soil so luxuriant.

MISS BOWES,
Superintendent.

Report of the Victoria W. C. T. U.

There have been held during the year, twenty-four regular meetings. A lecture from Mrs. Mary B. Reese, a temperance address from Miss J. Weedon, and four public meetings of a varied nature, making in all thirty meetings.

Nov. 13 and 14th, were observed as days of special prayer for the cause, the Ministers of the city invited to preach temperance sermons, on Sunday Nov. 14th, and a children's meeting held on the 13th.

On New Year's day, joining with the L. O. G. T. we held our usual reception, and received about 400 callers. In the evening held a rousing mass meeting.

The following departments of work are carried on, viz:—Hospital Work, Work amongst Railroad Men, Juvenile Work, Scientific Instruction in Schools, Literature, Legislation, Petition, and Franchise, Evangelistic Work, and Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table.

Sabbath services have been held regularly at the Royal Hospital, literature distributed, and a Christmas treat provided for the patients on Christmas day by our Superintendent, also Christmas letters and cards presented to the patients on that morning.

Two meetings were held amongst the railroad men at Russell Station, and a number of signatures to the pledge obtained, besides some conversions.

The Band of Hope which has a membership of 60 has been very successful, they gave two entertainments during the year which netted \$50.00. A Loyal Legion at Spring Ridge suburb, was carried on for a few months, but needs an active leader.

Superintendent of Scientific Instruction has visited the schools in the interests of the work, and at Christmas vacation offered prizes to the extent of \$20.00 for best written essays on the "Temperance Question."

Literature has been distributed, as opportunity and the supply of literature afforded, but for this we need more money, our Superintendent furnishing all that has been used this year. About 300 Christmas letters were distributed in the Barracks, Jail, Protestant Orphanage and French Hospital, in addition to those at the Royal Hospital.

Our membership numbers 60 active and 20 honorary members.

Total receipts for the year \$280.00, expenditure for the year \$280.00.

Much of our effort this year has been for the liquidation of debt upon our Hall, for which, with the other two organizations with whom we are co-partners in the Hall, about \$300.00 has this year been raised.

MRS. W. BOXE,
Cor. Secretary.

Report of the New Westminster W. C. T. U.

Have met once a month in the schoolroom of the Baptist church. Are glad to report ourselves now in a home of our own, Mr. J. Cunningham having lately offered us the use of his new Hall, which is a very comfortable "Home," and much appreciated by the Union, we are now holding our meetings weekly with an average attendance of eighteen, our membership being fifty-five.

On New Years day we held our usual "reception" in the Drill Shed, and at night an entertainment was given, in which the Loyal Legion assisted. In January we gave a Magic Lantern entertainment to our Loyal Legion which was much enjoyed by the children.

In July, Miss J. A. Ackerman spent a week with us drawing a large audience at the Odd Fellows' Hall, on Sunday night, she also gave us three lectures during the week, which helped us greatly. Good work has been done in the jail and hospital, where services are held every Sunday, and weekly visitation as well.

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The "Flower Mission" lately organized helping in this work, by carrying flowers with scripture texts, attached to jail and hospital. Our Loyal Legion has been working exceedingly well this year, Miss Williams assisting our President in the work. Officers are elected quarterly from amongst the members who take great interest in their organization. Upwards of 100 names have been enrolled, with an average attendance of 37 at the weekly meetings. Receipts of the Union for the year have been \$90.75, disbursements \$45.05. We hope by perseverance to make more advancement in the year ahead of us.

MARTON DEBECK,
Cor. Secretary.

Report of Vancouver W. C. T. U.

Was re-organized by Miss Bowes, Oct. 14th, 1887, since which time have been in active work.

On New Years day, with the I. O. G. T. and Royal Templars we united in giving a public New Year's reception, when many, especially young men, availed themselves of the opportunity of enjoying themselves under "Regalia" and "White Badge" wing. In April a lecture was given by Miss Bowes, under the combined organizations on "Vancouver's Wheels" which was largely attended and proved successful.

The hospital has been well visited, the result being awakened interest, and with joy we report one clear conversion to God. In all about 3000 pages of literature have been distributed in C. P. R. waiting rooms and "colonist cars," on steamers and in the public streets, 100 copies of "Appeals to Women" have been handed to ladies on leaving service at the different churches.

A donation to the Union of \$5.00 was used to purchase "Scripture Rolls," two of which were placed in the hospital, two in the police station and jail, two in the C. P. R. waiting rooms, and one the Chinese school.

Our affiliated membership is 24, and we have secured 38 subscribers to "Woman's Journal."

The "News-Advertiser" and "Herald" assist us greatly in gratuitously giving notice of our meetings.

During "Conference" meeting in New Westminster, Miss Bowes gave an address which resulted in a \$10.00 collection, to purchase literature for Vancouver and Westminster Unions.

Miss J. A. Ackerman visited us in July, giving us three excellent lectures. A social which netted the sum of \$20.00 was given for the benefit of the Provincial Treasury, which however will be reported in next year's work. We feel that God has especially blessed us in our efforts of this year, and pray that He may continue to lead us on to the "Crowning day."

Report of the Chilliwack W. C. T. U.

Meetings have been held regularly, and attendance good through the past year, as also that of our Band of Hope, but regret that this year we have painfully to record the appearance of a "giant evil" in our community, in the shape of a "table license" which is the source of much drunkenness and immorality. This we feel a most painful record to make but must not shut our eyes to facts, because they do not suit us. If we would preserve the fair name of Chilliwack we must be up and doing. The foe is strong and the battle will be fierce, but there must be no compromise, everything we hold dear to us is at stake, and the privilege we have enjoyed for years, we will not easily relinquish.

C. M. McCUTCHEON,
Cor. Secretary.

Report of North Arm W. C. T. U.

A Union was organized here Oct. 17th, 1887, by Miss Bowes, with a membership of seven, which has increased to twenty-seven, sixteen active and seven honorary members. The departments of work taken up are Loyal Legion and Literature, of which we have distributed over 2000 pages, and sent twenty-eight subscribers to the "Woman's Journal." We raised \$20.00 by an entertainment, \$10 of which was given to the Provincial Union. Two lectures were delivered by Miss Ackerman and were thoroughly appreciated, this lady kindly donating the proceeds of the first lecture to our Union.

We are thankful to report that there is no licensed place for the sale of liquors and hope that it may always be so.

LAVINIA THORNBUR,
Rec. Secretary.

Report of Kamloops W. C. T. U.

Owing to our recent organization which took place in May, we can report but little work done so far, but feel that we are in a fair way to accomplish much before the next year closes.

Mrs. Spofford, President of Victoria Union, while visiting our town, urged us to organize a Union as there is ample room for work here in many of the departments of the W. C. T. U., which we accordingly did in May, with the following officers:—

President, Mrs. Cochrane; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Stephenson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. J. Clyde; Treasurer, Mrs. Bannerman.

We have a committee who visit the jail, conducting services, and doing such other work as opportunity affords. Also a committee for distributing literature to railroad boys.

A young lady has promised to take charge of and work up a "Band" or "Legion" amongst the children, and we doubt not other departments of work will open up as we advance, and we trust that as an organization of Christian workers, the Lord may use us to do some work for him in this town.

C. B. STEPHENSON,
Cor. Secretary.

FRANCHISE.

MRS. GORDON GRANT.

MRS. PRESIDENT AND FRIENDS.—A subject has been assigned to me this evening which I cannot begin to do justice to, but as no one else has undertaken it I could not let it pass over unnoticed for it is a subject of great importance, which lies very near to my heart, as I see in its proper use, the downfall of the strongholds of Satan, the overthrow of the liquor traffic and the purifying of the moral atmosphere of every hamlet, province and country where it has free exercise. It is the subject of the franchise, or in other words it is the laws which govern us, it is the protection of our homes. A great deal is being said at the present time about protection: citizens are crying out for protection for their businesses, manufacturers want protection for their industries, farmers want protection for their produce, fishermen want protection for their fish, sealers want protection for their schooners and mothers want protection for their boys. The question with each class who is seeking protection is, what is the quickest and easiest way to accomplish the desired end, and it is the same problem which we mothers are trying so solve. Our little ones come to us and by their very helplessness appeal to all that is pure and holy, all that is tender and loving in our natures and as we carefully watch over them, nourishing their bodies that they may become strong and vigorous, educating their minds that they may be intelligent and enterprising, inculcating right principles and pure thoughts in their hearts, that they may become a light in society, a blessing to their fellowmen, and promoters of all that is noble and good in the different spheres to which they are called, yet as they pass out of the gates of their homes, we tremble for them, surrounded as they are by houses of vice and dens of iniquity, which infest our towns and cities, many of them being sustained by a law which licenses them, and makes their murderous business legitimate and respectable. Oh how our mother-heart aches for our youth. We have prayed and prayed that God would watch over their footsteps, but we know that while we pray we must also work, and realizing that the power next to prayer is the franchise, we come before you to-night and plead for your influence in favor of its being extended to women. We plead for it first, because it is our right, and second, because it is our duty. We are as deeply interested in our country's welfare and in our country's laws, as our gentlemen friends, we have as much refinement, education and wealth, as many of the sterner sex and though perhaps many of us have never studied political economy, we understand that bad laws compel us to practice too much household economy, for our rightful living oftentimes sustains the saloon keeper, and yet we are placed below all men, no matter how ignorant or wicked they may be, even the foreigner, who perhaps can neither read or write, but who by residing on Canadian soil one year and taking the oath of allegiance, though he may know nothing of our laws, nothing of the men who aspire to office, perhaps he cannot speak one word of English, and yet he can say, who shall be our legislators, while we women are placed side by side with idiots, lunatics, and children. Oh brothers and husbands think of the humiliating position of your mothers, sisters and wives. Shall she have no voice as to what sort of laws shall govern her children and demand their and her obedience, while a man too ignorant to read, and therefore incapable of forming an intelligent opinion, has the legal right to assist in forming our laws by his vote. Shall this age progress in all things save that which pertains to woman's highest destiny. To the praise of British Columbia let me say, we enjoy the municipal franchise here—we enjoy the privilege of voting for school trustees, but why stop there? Have we not cast our votes in these two instances in a womanly, intelligent manner; has it resulted in bickering and quarreling in the home; has it caused a disturbance at the

polls, if not then, wherein is the objection to increasing our privilege. Woman's work is to cleanse, beautify and restore the broken harmony of the home, and has, or will the franchise interfere with the work, will it not rather make her work more effectual. But perhaps some of you feel as Mrs. Beacher's colored man Cato did. She said to him. Now that you are free and can vote, Cato, I hope you will use your influence with the colored people to get me the ballot. "Lor, Miss Beacher, said Cato, rolling up his eyes while an incredulous smile broadened his kind-hearted, honest face—"dus you rely belebe dat wimmen is got sense enough to know how to vote." The argument of woman's intellectual inequality with man's has been so thoroughly disproved that it has been given up. The argument that because she cannot fight with musket has given way, because she can do so much better warfare with her own peculiar weapon, than her stronger brother can, even tho' it be small and sometimes unruly. Women themselves need education on this subject, they have been taught that it was their's to pray and suffer, and man's to work and fight. We have not realized the power of the ballot. We have prayed and worked for prohibition, but now we see the need of adding to our other efforts the ballot, for "While prohibition is the nail, woman's ballot is the hammer that must drive it home." Francis E. Willard says "What if on 364 days women wrought patiently to build defences around their homes with their moral suasion weapons, do not the voters carry them away as with a flood upon election day, entrenching the triumphant dram shop behind the sheltering of the commonwealth. Oh, our friends, we have awakened from a delusion. It is a duty we owe our homes, our children and our country, to use every effort to gain the power which will enable us to unite our votes to those of our worthy fathers, husbands and brothers to place in positions of trust and in the halls of legislation, men who are not only intellectually, but morally capable to fill their office. Men whose principles are pure, whose lives are upright and whose word is sacred. Men who will not flinch in putting down the wrong with a strong hand. Men who will clear from our midst the gins, and traps and snares, laid for unwary feet. And let it not be said of us dear sisters, that by our silence on this question we consent to the great impurities around us.

Consent? "Yes, the consent of the lamb to the hand that is poisoning the knife;"

Consent! "Yes, the consent of the worm to the foot that is crushing its life;"

"Dumb like the lamb and the worm, denied any voice of her own;

Told that no argument lies in her heart-broken moan.

Over a half-orphaned land how the mother-heart yearns;

Over its wrongs and its shames how the mother-heart burns.

Yet she is gagged by the law, has no vote, has no voice;

Others make laws for her children and she has no choice.

Place the white vote in her hand, it shall never be bartered nor lent;

No one shall dare to affirm, that this crime has a 'woman's consent.' "

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