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Mrs. O. D. Currier " "	Miss K. Crone London
Mrs. R. E. Abraham Sarnia	Miss James Napanee
Mr. D. P. Hamilton Smith's Falls	Miss Casey " "
Mrs. A. B. Edwards " "	Miss Allen " "
Mrs. Wm. Jenney Southampton	Miss Taylor " "
Mrs. Kellock Spencerville	Miss Benn " "
Mrs. W. J. Cummins " "	Miss Tilley " "
Mrs. Marshall Stratford	Miss Dalton " "
Mrs. J. Patton " "	Miss Henry " "
Miss M. Phelps St. Catherines	Miss Butler " "
Mrs. A. Burns St. Thomas	Miss Horsey Ottawa
Mrs. T. W. Crothers " "	Miss Perkins " "
Miss Fraine " "	Miss Wright " "
Mrs. (Rev.) Fawcett Toronto, North	Miss Scott " "
Mrs. Jacob Spence " East	Miss F. Earley Owen Sound
Mrs. R. McDonell " Centr l	Miss A. Winters Pembroke
Mrs. F. S. Spence " "	Miss Clarke Smith's Falls
Mrs. C. Skinner " "	Miss Skinner Toronto
Mrs. W. Carlisle " "	Miss Orford " "
Mrs. (Rev.) B. B. Keefer " "	Miss Kelley Toronto (East)
Mrs. W. H. Austin Trenton	Miss Austin Trenton
Mrs. A. Dawson " "	Miss Vrooman " "
Mrs. (Dr.) Bascom Uxbridge	

FRATERNAL DELEGATES.

Mrs. Perry	Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Mrs. Cass, President Montreal Y. W. C. T. U	Montreal, P. Q.
Mrs. (Rev.) Geo. Robertson	Toronto.

NAPANEE DELEGATES.

Mrs. J. Green.	Mrs. T. Symington.
Mrs. C. James.	Mrs. T. W. Casey.

PICTON VISITORS.

Mrs. W. H. Allison.	Mrs. A. Bristol.
Mrs. W. T. Yarwood.	Mrs. U. Tobey.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

—OF THE—

Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

NAPANEE, OCT. 11th, 1887.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, met in the Methodist Church, Napanee, on Oct. 11th, 1887.

The President, Mrs. Chisholm, in the chair, who conducted the devotional exercises.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee, held previously, were read and adopted.

The Recording Secretary then called the roll of officers and County Superintendents, when the following responded : President, Mrs. Chisholm ; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiley ; Treasurer, Mrs. Brethour. County Superintendents—Mrs. McRossie, Kingston ; Mrs. Thos. Coates, Prescott ; Mrs. Symington, Napanee ; Mrs. Bascombe, North Ontario ; Mrs. Branscombe, Picton ; Mrs. Hunter, Pembroke ; Mrs. Graham, Galt ; Mrs. Budd, Guelph ; Mrs. Fawcett, York.

Mrs. James then introduced Rev. Mr. Baker and Rev. Mr. Elmslie, who in a few words cordially welcomed the Convention to Napanee.

Mrs. Perry, fraternal delegate from Winnipeg, was also introduced.

Mrs. Wiley, Corresponding Secretary, read communications from Fredericton, New Brunswick and Quebec.

The President introduced Miss Phelps to the Convention, as the speaker for the evening, and Miss Fraine and Mrs. Keefer as co-workers in the cause, who were received by Convention standing.

Mrs. Youmans spoke of the pleasure it gave her seeing the young ladies coming to the front, and in a few words referring to the great loss the temperance cause has received in the death of J. B. Finch, moved that a resolution of condolence be sent to Mrs. Finch from this Convention. It was seconded by Mrs. Brethour, and unanimously carried.

Mrs. James, President of Napanee Union, kindly invited the delegates and friends to tea in the lecture room of the church in the evening.

The following little girls were presented as pages :—Mabel Grange, Laura Ward, Georgie Daly, Daisy Grange.

Items for the daily papers being asked for, the President suggested that each delegate send a report of proceedings to her own papers.

After prayer by the President, the Session closed.

J. CAVERS, Rec. Sec., *pro tem.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, OCT. 11th, P.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Youmans. Mrs. Chisholm, President, in the chair.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the previous Session, which were approved.

Minutes of the Executive Meeting were also read. Mrs. Keefer objected to the words "at large" being struck out of clause I of County Constitution. A short discussion followed, and Mrs. Fawcett, Toronto, moved, seconded by Mrs. Graham, Galt, that the clause be referred back to Executive to deal with.—Carried.

The Minutes were then approved.

At the President's request, Mrs. Youmans took the chair while she

gave her address. At the close, Mrs. Youmans moved, seconded by Mrs. Fawcett, that 500 copies of Mrs. Chisholm's address be printed and her suggestions regarding plan of work be considered in Committee.—Carried.

Mrs. Youmans spoke on the duties of women duly qualified to vote at municipal elections, and the necessity for lady members for School Boards.

Convention sang a verse of "Jesus lover of my Soul," after which Mrs. Wiley, Cor. Sec., presented her report.

Moved by Mrs. Keefer, seconded by Mrs. Brethour, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

The following address to Her Majesty the Queen, handsomely illuminated, was presented to the Convention, and after singing a verse of "God Save the Queen," was read by Mrs. Wiley.

TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA.—

"The Five Thousand Women of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Send Greeting.

"We lift our hearts and voices in songs of praise and thankfulness to the King of Kings for His Great goodness to Britain in sparing your Majesty's life to complete the Jubilee year of a reign which in all the elements that combine to make an era memorable is without parallel in human history.

"In the marvellous progress of the British Empire during this happy period, the Dominion of Canada has largely shared. The wilderness and solitary places of half a continent have been made to blossom as the rose while the nation's growth in morality and intelligence has kept pace with its material advancement. Among the many causes of gratitude to Divine Providence for the moral and material progress of the Empire during Your Majesty's illustrious reign, we rejoice to recognize the rapid growth of the great cause which we are united to advocate, and to assure Your Majesty that in the fair province of Ontario we have ground for the bright hope of a certain and perhaps not distant victory over that mighty evil which has done and is doing more than ought else to retard the high destiny of the British race. For this purpose we are banded in this Union forming a link in that grand chain which encircles the world. An army of women whose badge is the White Ribbon of loyalty and purity, and whose watchword is God and Home and Native Land.

"In conclusion we commend Your Majesty to the tender love and watchful care of the Almighty Ruler of the Universe, the dear Father in Heaven, who has been Your Majesty's comfort in sorrow and bereavement, and pray that He may continue to be Your Majesty's Guide through the bright calm sunset of Your Majesty's Glorious reign into that purer, brighter kingdom, where the perishable crown of earthly splendour shall be replaced by that crown of glory which fadeth not away."

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. R. McDonell, Toronto, that the address be adopted and presented to Her Majesty.—Carried.

The President referred to the illness of Mrs. Cowan, Vice-President, and the bereavement sustained by Mrs. Rutherford, Rec. Sec., in the death of her father. Moved by Mrs. McRossie, Kingston, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy, Owen Sound, that the Cor. Sec. convey to these ladies the sympathy of the Convention.—Carried.

Mrs. Brethour, Treasurer, next presented her report which was most encouraging, showing a balance on hand of \$531. On a motion the report was adopted.

The following letter from Miss Bowes, Provincial Organizer, was read by the Cor. Sec.

CHILLIWHACK, Oct. 2nd, 1887.

My Dear Mrs. President and Sisters of the Ontario W. C. Union.

As I now realize it quite beyond my power and efforts to meet you as usual in *your* or *rather our* yearly Convention now in session in Napanee, I take great delight in writing you a few lines expressive of sisterly love and untiring interest in the great cause to which you are pledged by united prayer, unceasing work, and pure badge, a work for God and Home and all lands. While I am nearly 2,000 miles distant from you in body, I shall doubtless be much with you in spirit. It was under helpful and gracious influences that I organized the dear intelligent ladies of Napanee one year ago the 20th of July. Before I left their town I learned that my home circle was bereft by the Angel of Death, but in all these heart losses and sorrows, eternal mercy has borne a part, and in the cleft rock of ages I have been hidden. May the Blessd Master's touch of life rest upon the Convention, that precious influences may flow out therefrom like waters of irrigation, reviving and refreshing all within their course. The British Columbian W.C.T.U. Convention was a season of delightful harmonious unity. Three new lines of work were added—relative to railroad men, miners, and the White Cross Movement. So you see, dear Ontario, the Pacific Coast is moving on "and more than heretofore determined to work for the overthrow of alcohol, and the protection of Home and Nation." May God in His wisdom and love overrule for His glory, the sad calamity which has so recently come upon poor Newburg. I know your hearts' deepest sympathies have been aroused. I cannot possibly tell when I can return to my dear native Province, but let not the work of organizing cease; I am trying to help the cause here during my stay. The *Work* is *one*. With love and greetings accompanied by Rom. I. 9th to 12th.

Affectionately yours,

S. BOWES.

Mrs. Youmans in a few remarks heartily recommended the WOMAN'S JOURNAL, our organ, to the Convention, urging more earnest effort to increase its circulation.

After singing a verse of "Rock of Ages," Reports were received from the following Co. Superintendents :

Wellington,..... Mrs. Budd.
 Grenville,..... Mrs. Coates.
 York, read by..... Mrs. Carlyle, Cor. Sec.
 Frontenac,..... Mrs. McRossie.

The President made several announcements and Session closed with the Doxology.

J. CAVERS, Rec. Sec.

WEDNESDAY MORNING,

OCTOBER 12th, 1887.

Convention opened with devotional exercises, Mrs. Chisholm in the chair.

Rec. Sec. read Minutes of yesterday afternoon Session, which were adopted, also report of Executive Committee Meeting dealing with County Constitution clause by clause.

On a motion, these were confirmed.

Mrs. Parish, of Farmersville, 75 years of age, the oldest white ribboned woman, but one, in Ontario, was introduced and received by Convention standing.

Mrs. Chisholm suggested that a message of cordial greeting be sent to Mrs. Barnet, the oldest member of the W. C. T. U.

On a motion by Mrs. Youmans it was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Cass, of Montreal, fraternal delegate from Quebec Provincial Union, was introduced and received by Convention standing. She thanked the ladies in a few pleasant words.

Mr. Fraser, an honorary member of the Toronto Y. W. C. T. U. was introduced, and addressed the Convention.

Reports from Superintendents of Departments were received :

Work among the Germans, . . . by Mrs. J. R. Cavers.

Organization, by Mrs. Tilton.

Work among the French, by Mrs. Jas. Cowan.

Work among Lumbermen, by Mrs. Fawcett.

Work among Sailors, by Mrs. Morrison.

Conference with Influential Bodies, by Mrs. Casey.

The Recording Secretary read report of Scientific Temperance Instruction, in the absence of Mrs. Rutherford, Superintendent.

A note was handed to the President from one of the delegates, Mrs. Ketchum, Dundalk, Grey Co., offering to forward any literature sent her to the men in lumber camps. Dr. McCracken, Serpent River, Algoma, and Rev. Silas Huntingdon, Chapleau, Ont., will also do the same.

Miss Phelps gave a short account of an interview between Miss Willard and the Knights of Labor, at which she was present, with regard to social purity and the temperance question. Mrs. Keefer spoke of several conferences held with the Church of England Temperance Society, Toronto Teacher's Association, and delegation to Knights of Labor by Toronto District Union.

The report of County Fair Work by Mrs. Fotheringham, was read by Recording Secretary.

Moved by Miss Phelps, seconded by Recording Secretary, that these reports be adopted.—Carried.

The noon hour having arrived, the Convention bowed in silent prayer, and were led audibly by Mrs. Youmans.

On a motion the time was extended half an hour.

The report on Prison and Jail Work was read by Miss Inkster, Kingston, Superintendent, who concluded with a plea on behalf of the young women of the country.

Mrs. Youmans followed with earnest words, shewing how much drink has to do with the first fall.

Mrs. McDonnell spoke of good work done by the Toronto District Union, and still being done.

Mrs. Skinner moved, seconded by Mrs. McDonnell, that Miss Inkster's report be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. McDonnell, seconded by Mrs. Skinner, that resolutions of sympathy be sent to the following, who are suffering from trouble and bereavement in their families :—Mrs. Jarman, Toronto; Mrs. Dr. Rice, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Yarwood ; and that the Corresponding Secretary be requested to prepare and send the same.—Carried.

Convention adjourned after singing the Doxology.

J. CAVERS, Rec.-Secy. *pro tem.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

OCTOBER 12th, 1887.

The Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Fawcett, subject : Prison and Jail work.

Mrs. Chisholm in the chair.

The Rec.-Secretary read Minutes of yesterday afternoon and evening Session, also this morning's which were approved.

A short report of a Y. W. C. T. U. conference which had been held in the vestry of the church on Tuesday was also given, at which there were thirty members present ; and discussion took place on Bands of Hope, Kitchen Garden and other branches of work.

The Committee on Credentials not being quite ready to report, the Question Drawer was opened, many interesting questions on Fairs, Bands of Hope, White Shield and County Work were fully discussed.

Mrs. James, of Napanee, made an explanation regarding the telegrams sent to the *Mail* and *Globe* in reference to billeting the delegates.

A telegram was received from Mrs. G. Blair, Prescott, and read by Rec.-Sec. "Am with you in spirit though not in body." Jer. 1-10 ; Isa. 40, 3.

Mrs. Youmans briefly referred to the energy and faithfulness of the members of the Chilliwack W. C. T. U., British Columbia, and introduced Rev. Mr. Thompson, of that place, who was present, and was received by Convention standing. The rev. gentleman acknowledged the introduction in a few words.

The questions were then resumed. Considerable discussion followed the query, "Why are not the Temperance Text Books placed in the schools?" The report of the Superintendent of this department shewed how much earnest effort had been made in this direction.

The President read a letter from the publishers of the newly authorized Temperance Text Book, saying that the use of the book was not compulsory, only recommended. A suggestion was made that a strong expression of opinion from this Convention be sent to the Minister of Education.

Mrs. Youmans asked if it would be in order to send a telegram to Hon. G. W. Ross, on this question.

Mrs. Chisholm replied that had already been done, but as yet no answer had been received.

Mrs. Youmans moved, seconded by Mrs. Keefer, that a telegram be sent at once to Mr. Ross, asking him to define our position on this question, as to whether it is compulsory.—Carried by a standing vote.

Miss Phelps stated that St. Catharines Union had sent copies of the Temperance Text Book to all the Public School Teachers in the city.

Mrs. Kennedy, Owen Sound, reported that their Union had done the same.

The Convention sang a verse of "Blest be the tie that binds."

Mrs. Perry, Winnipeg, read extracts from a letter received from the W. C. T. U., Winnipeg, asking for literature for distribution in the North West, presenting the needs of the settlers in this respect, Mrs. (Rev.) Andrews, Q'Appelle, will gladly receive same.

Mrs. Wiley, Cor. Secretary, read telegram prepared to send to the Minister of Education as follows :

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, in Convention assembled. To the Honorable the Minister of Education. Is the use of the authorized text-book recently published by the Grip Publishing Co. compulsory, or at the option of the School Boards? Convention awaiting reply."

The words "and the books placed in the hands of the scholars" was on a motion added. Mrs. Wiley read the amendment copy which was adopted unanimously.

Reports of Hygiene and Heredity, by Mrs. Dr. Anderson, Burlington, and Kitchen Garden by Miss Pearson, Brantford, were read by Rec. Secretary and adopted.

Report of Juvenile Work by Miss Tilley was adopted as if read.

The Convention adjourned after singing the Doxology.

J. CAVERS, Rec. Secretary, *pro tem.*

THURSDAY MORNING,

OCTOBER 13th, 1887.

Convention opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Whiting, Kingston.

President in the chair.

Recording Secretary read the Minutes of the previous afternoon's Session, which were confirmed.

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Keefer, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy, that the amended Local and Provincial Constitutions be adopted as a whole without being read.—Carried.

Mrs. Fawcett, presented report of Committee on Plan of Work as follows:—The Plan of Work Committee report that the suggestions contained in President's address be accepted, and the suggestions 10, 11, 12 be acted upon by the Convention, and that the new Executive have full authority to prepare an annual leaflet of Plans of Work, carefully defining the duties of General Superintendents.

On a motion the report was adopted.

The appointments of Delegates from the Provincial Union to the

Dominion W. C. T. U. Convention to be held in Montreal, 1888, was next considered and fully discussed.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. McRossie, Kingston, and duly seconded, "That the President, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary, be sent as our Delegates to the Dominion Convention, having their expenses paid, and if any other ladies desire to attend, they do at their own expense, after being duly appointed by this Convention.—Carried.

The following ladies were, on a motion, appointed: Mesdames Byers, Fawcett, McRossie, Keefer, Chamberlain, and Miss Skinner.

It was moved and seconded, that in case a delegate is not able to attend Convention, the President and Secretary be authorized to give credentials to any member of the Provincial Union at that time in Montreal who may wish to be present at the meetings.—Carried.

It was moved and seconded, that the following ladies be fraternal delegates to the annual meetings of Missionary Societies:—

Mrs. Youmans, to the Methodist Missionary Board meeting at Belleville this month, also to the Baptist Missionary Board meeting at Aylmer.

Mrs. Jas. R. Cavers, to Presbyterian meeting at Guelph.

Miss Tilley, to Church of England meeting at Toronto.

Moved and seconded, that as Local and County Superintendents reports are to be printed, they be not read unless there is time this afternoon.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the Election of Officers be by informal ballot.—Carried.

The Corresponding Secretary called the roll of delegates, to which 118 responded.

At the President's request Mrs. Youman's took the chair during the President's election.

The Convention bowed in silent prayer, led audibly by Mrs. Youmans, previous to the ballots being taken.

The result of the ballot for President was unanimous for Mrs.

Chisholm, who, on being introduced to the Convention, was received standing, and greeted with the Chatauqua salute, all joining in singing the Doxology.

The results of the ballot for other officers for the current year was as follows:—

Vice-President—Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. P. Rutherford, Listowel.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Wiley, Richmond Hill.

Treasurer—Mrs. P. C. Brethour, Brantford.

Before the elections were concluded, twelve o'clock arrived.

On a motion the time was extended for half an hour, the Convention again bowing in silent prayer, followed by the President leading in prayer.

Moved and seconded, that the election of Superintendents in unorganized counties be by open vote.—Carried.

Time having expired the election of these officers was left to the afternoon.

The Doxology was sung and the Convention adjourned.

J. CAVERS, Rec. Sec., *pro tem.*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON,

OCTOBER 13th, 1887.

Opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. R. McDonnell, Toronto.

The President suggested that before hearing the Minutes the Recording Secretary read a telegram received from the Minister of Education and reply sent to Executive in Session, to save time.

This was done, and the action of the Executive sustained.

Minutes of Morning Session and Executive Committee were read and approved.

The nominations of Superintendents of Departments and County Superintendents were received and all were elected with two exceptions.

On a motion they were left for the Executive to appoint.

A telegram of greeting to Convention from the Rev. J. J. Leach, Brighton, was received.

"Mr. and Mrs. Leach send greetings and their good wishes to your Convention." See Heb. 13, 20 and 21.

Moved and seconded, that the Convention now receive and consider invitations for next annual meeting.—Carried.

Invitations were given by Sarnia, Galt and St. Catharines, and fully considered. Mr. Fraser, by consent of Convention, spoke briefly in favor of Sarnia. The invitation from St. Catharines and Galt being withdrawn, the Convention decided to accept that from Sarnia.

The Resolution Committee then reported as follows :

1. Whereas, the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in its Tenth Annual Convention, assembled, recognizes in the temperance cause, a period of such increased public interest in the work, of such awakening on the part of the Christian Church to its importance, and such a quickening of the public conscience in its consideration ;

Whereas, the past year has brought such reinforcement to our White Ribbon ranks, and such added strength to the departments of our work as encourage our faith, and call for our sincerest gratitude to Almighty God, with more earnest devotion to our work, and stronger faith in its ultimate success in Prohibition ;

2. Resolved,—That we deeply appreciate the untiring zeal, and the ready helpfulness of our Provincial officers during the past year, and extend to them our sincere thanks for their faithful services.

3. Resolved,—That as Sabbath desecration is alarmingly on the increase, and that the future welfare of our country largely depends on the keeping of our Sabbaths, and as Sabbath observance lies at the very foundation of all moral and religious training, this Convention would urge upon all engaged in the training of the young, the importance of inculcating upon them the sanctity of the Sabbath, and also recommends that special efforts be made to put down all Sabbath excursions.

4. Believing that the use of alcoholic wine at the communion furnishes a moral support to the liquor traffic, and is not in our judgment a proper type of the cleansing blood of Christ ;

Resolved,—That we earnestly recommend prayerful and judicious effort to secure the use of unfermented wine at the table of the Lord.

5. Resolved,—That as we realize the necessity of more earnest persistent effort among the children, we heartily co-operate with all churches introducing the triple pledge in their Sunday Schools. We feel we ought to re-double our efforts and seize every opportunity for their safety, knowing that every year some are

passing beyond our reach, and others are taking their places. We pray God may greatly bless all efforts both theirs and ours, to remove from the homes of our land, and from the pathways of the Church progress, the withering curse of strong drink.

6. Resolved,—That we still array ourselves in uncompromising hostility to the license system, believing as we do that a Christian country should never legalize what God prohibits. We consider the Scott Act a stepping stone to our goal, total prohibition, and the most consistent legislation we have hitherto had, inasmuch as it is more prohibitory in its character and comes nearest the Divine Law. Also that the inefficiency of the Scott Act is owing to the unwillingness, if not complicity with its violators, of the officials entrusted with its enforcement.

7. Resolved,—That the hearty sympathy of this Convention be extended to our temperance friends throughout the Province who have suffered loss or persecution through their faithful adherence to the enforcement of the Scott Act.

8. Resolved,—That as we hold men and women to the same social standard of purity, we observe with gratitude the progress of the White Cross Movement. We pledge ourselves to endeavour to elevate opinion respecting its equal obligation upon men and women, and to secure a proper recognition of the precept "keep thyself pure" on the part of the individual, the family, and the nation.

9. Resolved,—That the Dominion Alliance is the vanguard in this temperance reform, as we, the members of the W. C. T. U. recognising the same, will, on every occasion, give hearty co-operation in their work in its various lines, whether in municipal, school, or electoral franchise, and pledge ourselves to the same.

10. Resolved,—That recognising as we do the *Woman's Journal* as the organ of our Union and a most valuable assistance in our work, we do all we can to promote its circulation, even outside of our Unions, and also press upon our members the necessity of taking it, and adding to its success by supplying it with advertisements when we can.

11. Resolved.—That we express our high appreciation of the work hitherto accomplished by Mrs. Leavitt, the efficient organizer of the World's W. C. T. U. We cordially commend that work to the sympathy and support of all the local Unions within this Province, and pray continued blessings may attend it.

12. Being persuaded that the way out of the captivity of drink is close by the side of woman's ballot box, and that His chosen leaders will be found 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 man.

13. Resolved,—That we tender our grateful acknowledgments to the kind friends of Napanee, who have welcomed us to the hospitality of their homes, to our beloved sisters who so warmly welcomed us at the station, and provided for our comfort.

14. Resolved,—That the most cordial thanks of this Convention be tendered to the ministers who have so kindly cheered and encouraged the ladies, and who so cordially received us into their churches, also to the choir who have charmed us with their singing.

15. Resolved,—Special thanks are due the little pages who have rendered such cheerful and willing help, their bright faces will often be remembered by the delegates when far away from Napanee.

16. Resolved,—That the thanks of this Convention be tendered the Toronto

Mail, Globe and World, who have sent special reporters to the Convention, also to the Press generally, for its ample reports of our meetings.

The subject of headquarters for the Ontario W.C.T.U. was brought up. On motion of Mrs. Budd, Guelph, the matter was left with the Executive.

The Question Drawer was opened. A short discussion followed the question, "Should the Convention recognize the Knights of Labour."

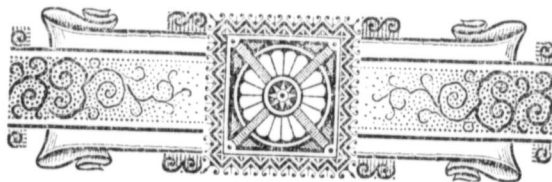
Mrs. Youmans moved that this question be referred to the Superintendent of Department for Influencing Influential Bodies.—Carried.

It was moved and seconded, that a supply of narrow white ribbon be kept on hand by Superintendent of Literature Department for sale to Local Unions, so that all may wear an uniform width.—Carried.

On a motion, all unfinished business was left to Executive.—Carried.

The time for closing Convention having arrived, at the President's request the members sang, "Blessed be the tie that binds," with joined hands. Mrs. Youmans dismissed the Convention with prayer.

MRS. CAVERS, Rec. Sec., *pro tem.*



Proceedings of Executive Committee.

FIRST SESSION.

NAPANEE, OCT. 11TH, 1887.

The Executive Committee met in Session at 9 a. m.

Mrs. Chisholm, President, in the chair.

After devotional exercises, it was moved by Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by Mrs. Brethour, that Mrs. Jas. R. Cavers act as Recording Secretary for Convention in the absence of Mrs. Rutherford.—Carried.

The President submitted the Programme of Convention, which was unanimously adopted.

A letter and Form of Constitution from Toronto District Union was read and discussed.

Mrs. Fawcett moved and it was seconded and carried, that it be left to the Sub-Committee of Executive to consider.—Carried.

On a motion the Treasurer was added to Sub-Committee.

The following Committees were appointed :—

Credentials.—Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. James, Napanee.

Resolutions.—The County Superintendents present at Convention, with power to add to their number; Mrs. Thos. Coates, Prescott, Convener.

Finance.—Mrs. D. L. Brethour, Brantford ; Mrs. Green, Napanee.

Courtesies.—Mrs. James, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Grange, Mrs. Symington, Napanee.

The Plan of Work was, on a motion, left to the Executive.

It was decided that the President's address be delivered at the afternoon Session instead of the morning, as arranged.

The following is a copy of letter read from Toronto District Union :

TORONTO, 5th October, 1887.

MRS. CHISHOLM,

Dear Sister,—The union of the W. C. T. U. in Toronto feeling the necessity of more concerted action, resolved to form, for the furtherance of the city work, a District Union, which would have the supervision of all city work, and from which help and information could be given to Local Unions. The constitution, which was formulated and approved of by delegates from all the City Unions, and also was read and passed at the County Convention last week, we now respectfully submit to the attention of the Provincial Executive, and hope that such approval may be granted as shall enable us to act upon it with the authority of the Provincial Union.

Yours in the work,

E. S. SPENCE, *Sec'y. of Committee.*
J. CAVERS, *Rec. Secy, pro tem.*

Committee then adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—SECOND SESSION.

The Executive Committee met immediately after Morning Session.

Mrs. Fawcett submitted a copy of Constitution for County Unions instead of the one in use at present, which was read and taken clause by clause and fully discussed. The clause regarding life members was on a motion struck out.

It was moved by Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. Brethour, that the words, "at large" following the "Vice-President" be also left out.—Carried.

Several clauses were adopted. On a motion clause 6 was left until after the revision of the Provincial Constitution. Article 7 was approved. Time having expired the consideration of the remainder was left until next meeting.

The Committee rose.

J. CAVERS, *Rec. Sec., pro tem.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

President in the chair.

The consideration of County Constitution was continued. Mrs. Fawcett read By-law Sec. 1 which was (after some little discussion) on a motion, adopted. Sec. 2 also adopted as read. Sec. 3, moved and seconded that this clause be adopted as amended.

Considerable discussion followed, motion carried.

Sec. 4, after reading was adopted. Sec. 5, this clause was left over for further consideration. Sec. 6 adopted. Sec. 7 adopted. Sec. 8 adopted. Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Brethour were appointed a Committee for revising Provincial Constitution.

Committee adjourned.

J. CAVERS, Rec. Sec., *pro tem.*

SUB-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

WEDNESDAY, 5.30 P. M.

The President in the chair.

The Revising Committee submitted the Provincial Constitution, as amended, which was read clause by clause.

Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

Article 5, no change.

Article 6 referred to Local Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1, adopted as amended.

“ 2 and 3, no change.

“ 4, referred to County Constitution.

“ 6, sec. 5, W. W. C. T. U.

“ 7, adopted.

“ 8, embodied in Article 3.

On a motion the amended Constitution was adopted as a whole.

LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

Article 1, same as before.

“ 2, same as old Constitution.

“ 3, adopted.

“ 4, adopted.

“ 5, see Article 6.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1 and 2, adopted.

“ 3, adopted as changed.

“ 4, no change.

“ 5, “In organized counties 5 cents to go to County Union,” added.

“ 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, unchanged.

On a motion, the Constitution was adopted as a whole.

The Sub-Committee reported that they recommended the adoption of the Toronto District Constitution.

On a motion their action was sustained.

J. CAVERS, Rec. Sec., *pro tem.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

President in the chair.

The following ladies were nominated as Superintendents of Departments:—

Work among Lumbermen.—Mrs. Shortreed, Toronto.

Unfermented Wine.—Mrs. Jas. R. Cavers, Galt.

Work among Sailors.—Mrs. A. P. Morrison, Owen Sound.

Prison and Police.—Miss Inkster, Kingston.

Evangelistic.—Mrs. W. R. Marshall, Stratford.

Flower Mission.—Miss Eloise Smith, Ottawa.

Organization.—Mrs. Currier, Richmond Hill

Work at Fairs.—Mrs. Fotheringham, Toronto.

- Juvenile Work*—Miss Cook, Toronto.
Young Woman's Work—Miss Scott, Ottawa, with Miss Skinner, Toronto, as Assistant.
Soldiers—Mrs. A. Greenhill, Prescott.
Press—Miss J. Harrison, Georgetown.
Legislation and Franchise—Mrs. Rockwell, Kingston.
Hygiene and Heredity—Mrs. Dr. Anderson, Burlington.
Railroad Work—Mrs. Jarman, Toronto.
Kitchen Garden—Miss Pearson, Brantford.
Woman's Journal—Mrs. McFarlane, Toronto.
Conference with Influential Bodies—Mrs. Wiley, Richmond Hill.
Temperance Literature—Mrs. H. Alexander, Ottawa.
Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. J. Symington, Napanee.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

- Bothwell.....Miss Tweedale, Ridgetown.
 Brant.....Mrs. C. Powley, Brantford.
 Bruce.....Mrs. C. McIntyre, Tiverton.
 Carleton.....Mrs. C. S. Scott, Ottawa.
 Dundas.....Mrs. (Dr.) Chamberlain, Morrisburg.
 Elgin.....Mrs. A. B. Youmans, St. Thomas.
 Frontenac.....Mrs. McRossie, Kingston.
 Grenville.....Mrs. Thos. Coates, Prescott.
 Grey.....Mrs. (Rev.) T. M. Campbell, Owen Sound.
 Halton.....Mrs. Bennett, Georgetown.
 Hastings.....Miss Gould, Belleville.
 Huron.....Mrs. Leach, Goderich.
 Lambton.....Mrs. Houston, Sarnia.
 Leeds.....Mrs. D. C. Cowan, Gananoque.
 Lennox and Addington....Mrs. J. S. Symington, Napanee.
 Lincoln.....Mrs. (Dr.) Youmans, St. Catharines.
 Middlesex.....
 North Ontario.....Mrs. (Dr.) Bascom, Uxbridge.
 Oxford.....Miss M. A. Garnett, Tilsonburg.

Peel.....	Mrs. Stonehouse, Brampton.
Peterboro.....	Mrs. J. Minore, Peterboro.
Perth.....	Mrs. Flagg, Mitchell.
Prince Edward.....	Mrs. Branscombe, Picton.
Renfrew.....	Mrs. W. A. Hunter, Pembroke.
Simcoe.....	Mrs. Scott, Barrie.
South Ontario.....	
Stormont.....	Mrs. Isaiah Ault, Aultsville.
Victoria.....	Mrs. Caroline Stevenson, Fenelon Falls.
Waterloo.....	Mrs. W. Graham, Galt.
Wellington.....	Mrs. J. C. Budd, Guelph.
Welland.....	Mrs. Dalgleish, Thorold.
York.....	Mrs. Fawcett, Toronto.

Moved by Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by Mrs. Branscombe, that the French and German Departments be dropped for the present.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Budd, and seconded, that business be suspended to receive and send a telegram to the Minister of Education.—Carried.

The following was then read :

To Mrs. Addie Chisholm:—

TORONTO, Oct. 13th, 1887.

The following is the new regulation respecting temperance in public schools :
The nature and effects of alcohol upon the system, and the importance of temperance, and a strict observance of the laws of health as set forth in the authorized text book, should form part of the regular instruction of the school, from the second form upwards, and should be taught either by the use of text books or otherwise, as thoroughly as any other subject on the programme.

G. W. Ross, *Minister of Education.*

In reply to this the following message was sent with the unanimous consent of the executive :

Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, Toronto.

In answer to telegram received we still understand that the teaching of Scientific Temperance Instruction is optional. Does the word *should* in your telegram mean *shall* or *must*? Please reply at once, Convention awaiting answer. Signed on behalf of 5000 women of Ontario. For God, and Home, and Native Land.

ADDIE CHISHOLM, *Pres. Ont. W. C. T. U.*
MARY WILEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Business being again resumed the nominations were continued.

Committee rose.

J. CAVERS, Sec. *pro tem*.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—FIFTH SESSION.

9.30 A. M., FRIDAY, OCT. 14th, 1887.

Committee met in the vestry. President in the chair.

The question of inserting a Directory of County Unions in the *Journal* was discussed and left over.

It was moved and seconded that the Provincial Directory be continued in the *Journal*.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. Fawcett, that Mrs. Tilton be appointed Superintendent of the new department, Social Purity.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. Marshall, Stratford, that Mrs. (Sheriff) Patrick, Brockville, be Superintendent of Department of Sabbath Observance.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. Currier, Richmond Hill, that Miss Jennie Ovens, Galt, be Superintendent of Sabbath School Work.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Branscombe, seconded by Mrs. Brethour, that Mrs. Symington be Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction.—Carried.

It was moved and seconded, that the sum of \$5.00 be allowed by Provincial Union to Superintendents in unorganized counties for expenses.—Carried.

It was moved and seconded, that 2,000 copies of reports be printed, and that we exert ourselves to sell them outside the Unions.--Carried.

Moved and seconded, that the printing of the reports be left with Mrs. Chisholm and Miss Scott.—Carried.

Mrs. Youmans moved, that as much prominence be given the papers prepared by the Y.W.C.T.U. in this year's report as in the last.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that Mrs. Youmans be engaged as Provincial Organizer for this year on the same terms as Miss Bowes.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that Mrs. Youmans be authorized to hold a series of meetings in Scott Act Counties.—Carried.

Moved and seconded, that Miss Phelps be authorized as lecturer and organizer, if satisfactory terms can be arranged.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by Mrs. Wiley, that Miss Fraine's offer be accepted, and that she be authorized on the same terms as Mrs. Youmans.—Carried.

On a motion, all unfinished business was left with the President and Corresponding Secretary.—Carried.

Meeting closed with singing the Doxology.

J. CAVERS, Rec. Sec., *pro tem.*



Public Meetings.

EVENING SESSIONS.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The welcome meeting was held in the Eastern Methodist Church, and was very largely attended. Mrs. Chisholm presided, Rev. Mr. Elmsley and Rev. Mr. Baker leading the devotional exercises. The choir of the church sang a number of appropriate selections during the evening. Mrs. Chas. James, President of Napanee Union, gave the

Address of Welcome.

MRS. JAMES, NAPANEE.

Madam President, Ladies of the Convention and Christian Friends :

I deem it a special honor that I have been requested by the Napanee Auxiliary of the W. C. T. U., to address, in the name of the Christian people of this town, a few words of welcome to you who are gathered to this Convention. As I rise for this purpose misgivings enter my mind, that I shall not be able to throw heart enough into the language I may employ, to convey the real warmth with which the good people of Napanee receive and welcome you.

For a year past we have anticipated your coming with delight, the names of many of you are familiar to us as zealous workers in this great temperance reformation, and we rejoice this evening in the hope that weak hands will be strengthened for renewed effort, and that faint hearts will be encouraged to fuller consecration to the great work of annihilating the liquor traffic. Whilst this curse lurks in our midst no home is safe, and no life precious enough to be secure from its withering blight. We welcome you this evening as laborers in this cause of rescuing the perishing.

A little more than a century ago because of their loyalty to the Crown and strong attachment to British law and liberty, our forefathers forsook their homes and possessions in the neighboring republic, and selected a spot for habitation not many miles from here, in what was then a wilderness, and by patient industry and thrift they secured for themselves and their families comfortable livings. This evening a goodly number of the descendants of these noble men and women are gathered here in convention to wage war against an oppression

that not only enslaves the body but destroys the soul. And have not we inherited enough of the heroism of these grand old men and women to enable us with deeper conviction and higher consecration to God and Home and Native Land, to sacrifice time and means to set our fair Dominion free from fetters more galling than ever bound the African?

Dear Sisters, we welcome you as toilers with us in this cause!

We are aware that the forces of evil are combined to hinder the progress of the work. But it is encouraging to know that the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong. We expect to overcome by earnest prayer and united effort. So, praying that God will bless each member of this convention, and that your coming together here may bring a blessing upon the town and country, in the name of the Napanee Auxiliary of the W. C. T. U., we again bid you a most cordial welcome to our hearts, our homes, and our town.

To which Mrs. B. B. Keefer, of Toronto, responded on behalf of the Convention.

Response.

MRS. KEEFER.

Mrs. James, dear Sisters and Friends of Napanee.

We thank you for your words of kindly greeting this evening; but more for the cheerful, affectionate hospitality of your homes. We shall long gratefully remember this our first visit to Napanee, and we trust that our visit may serve in a large degree to strengthen, encourage, and inspire you to yet nobler service beneath the white banner that bears the motto: "for God and Home and Native Land." It cannot fail to be so, for such hospitality like mercy "is twice blessed. It blesseth him that gives as well as him that takes."

On that memorable first day of the week, more than eighteen and a-half centuries ago, the women came first to the door of the sepulchre and entering learned the glad tidings "He is not here, He is risen." To a woman in the garden our Lord revealed himself, to her He gave the commission "go tell My disciples and Peter that I go before them into Galilee, there shall they see Me." And right down through those eighteen and a half centuries we find woman intimately associated with all the great reforms, pointing the way "into Galilee," the way of self denial and self abasement, where the Christ shall be met. Especially is this true of the temperance reform. For ages men had been working hard to break the power of alcohol but unsuccessfully as long as they worked alone. The pages of history are all dotted over with their warnings and their reproofs. Solomon, the prophets, Anacharies the Scythian, Demosthenes the Greek, Seneca the Roman, all wrote and thundered against the drinking customs of the race; St. Augustine hurled against wine drinking, his heaviest philippic; but who paid any attention? Who gave up his wine? Shakespeare hunted the dictionaries through for a strong enough word and exclaimed: "O, thou spirit of wine, if we have no other name by which to know thee let us call thee Devil," and men, with their glasses upon the table at their side, lay back in their easy chairs and said—"a fine dramatic touch." But when the fire had burned into the hearts of the women, when their tongues were loosened, when they received their baptism from on high and went forth from their altars and their homes determined by the grace of God to stamp out the terrible evil that was ruining their husbands, brothers, and sons, then and not till then the rum-fiend began his retreat. I would not under-

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estimate the work of man, neither would I over-estimate the woman's influence. Each needs the other. Indeed I would almost say "useless each without the other." We must work side by side, shoulder to shoulder. Do you not remember that when the Creator had placed Adam in the Garden of Eden he said:—"It is not good for man to be alone, I will make him an help meet for him." Let us think of it a moment. What does *meet* mean here in this connection? Why it means simply suitable for him, worthy of him, equal to him, capable for him in any emergency, in every department of life. Looking along down the ages, seeing the danger and often desperate needs of the race, God said "the woman I give to him I have created in my own image" must be as nobly planned as he. Sin forged the chains that bound her hand and foot, and so she served dethroned, degraded, an outcast from her proper sphere. At the command of whom, of God? No, a thousand times no. What then? at the bidding of man? No, not that exactly, either; at the bidding of sin woman had sinned. The first in the transgression hers the severer penalty. True, man had sinned with her, but don't you know sin has no respect for sin, no pity, no compassion for the sinner. And so she went down, down, down, her crown, her honor, her dignity, all lost. But the nineteenth century, is the century of woman's emancipation, and not only redeemed by the blood of Christ, but purified by suffering, made firm by endurance, with the sackcloth falling from off her shoulders, her eye on the cross, and words of mingled prayer and praise upon her lips, she comes to her throne.

Whatever dwarfs woman dwarfs man, and in exactly the same proportion. The nearer the nations rise to the Christian ideal the higher is the place accorded to woman and the grander the men become. We do not yet comprehend the truth "there is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus," but, by the light that streams into the empty sepulchre we see the man and the woman standing together equal in dignity and power, equally commissioned—"As my father hath sent Me even so send I you." Surely and steadily is this blessed light illuminating the world, and not the least of the agencies at work is the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, whose every undertaking is first examined in the light of that blessed lamp, God's own word. Entirely undenominational in its character it is composed of consecrated women of all denominations, nor do their creeds conflict. Why, bless you, when a company of Christian Women meet together in Christian work they know no other creed than "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." And this Gospel of love is carried into all their work through every circumstance of their life. And I'll venture to say there is no society of men and women in Christendom that has so well learned the parable of the man who went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, so clearly comprehended the question, "who is my neighbor," nor who cheerfully obeys the injunction, "go thou and do likewise." But still we would pray our strong noble Christian brethren "come and help us." Say not with Dr. McSurly of Ohio—"let us adjourn leaving this new work to God and the women,"—for we need you, O we need you, the work is so great and the laborers so few.

Trusting that our meeting together in this Convention may be of great benefit to each one of us as well as an advantage to the cause we represent, I again heartily thank you, dear sisters and friends, for your kindly hospitable greeting.

The following address was read by Mr. Will Thompson, on behalf of Napanee Good Templar's Lodge. Mr. Thompson was supported by the temperance veterans of this section, Mr. W. S. Williams and Mr. T. W. Casey.

Address from Good Templars.

NAPANEE, October 10th, 1887.

Madam President, and Ladies of the Provincial Convention W. C. T. U.:—

The members of Napanee Lodge No. 540 I. O. Good Templars, desire to give you a cordial welcome to Napanee, and bid you God speed in your noble "work of faith and labor of love."

The Good Templars are banded together, as you are, to do what lies in us, with God's blessing, to remove the curse and the cause of intemperance from our beloved country.

Ours was the first of the great temperance orders, over thirty years ago, to invite women to equal rights, equal responsibilities, and equal honors with men. One great cause of the unequalled success of our great order is that it has always enjoyed the full advantages of woman's counsel, woman's efforts and woman's prayers in the prosecution of the great temperance work. It has thus become the largest and most wide-spread of all the temperance organizations, having now in our ranks a membership of nearly half a million, scattered over all the five great continents of the world, as well as the principal islands of the oceans.

We have no hesitation in saying that in Good Templary fully one-half—and the best half—of its members have ever been women and girls, and largely through *their* active exertions have thousands of the fallen been raised, and tens of thousands have been prevented from falling. In many instances have "the blessings of Him that was ready to perish" been ours, and the benedictions of many a thankful wife and many a grateful mother been bestowed upon our cause, because of the restoration of the erring ones of their households.

Truly we have much reason to thank God and take courage, when we witness the many evidences of success, and the rapid progress of public sentiment in favor of the grand cause in which we are all unitedly engaged. How the hearts of the best women and the best men of our dear Canada are being fired with zeal for the cause of God and Humanity!

We hope and pray that your present Convention may result in great good. May peace and harmony prevail; may the blessings of Heaven be yours.

W. T. THOMPSON, W. C. T., }
W. S. WILLIAMS, L. D., } Committee.
THOS. W. CASEY, P. G. S. }

To this address Mrs. L. Youmans responded.

Mrs. Symington, on behalf of the Napanee Union, read the following address to Mrs. Chisholm:

Address to Mrs. Chisholm.

Mrs. Chisholm, Provincial President:

At this Tenth Assembly of the W. C. T. U. we but follow the custom of other and perhaps more pretentious gatherings in not only extending a general fraternal welcome to our guests, but desire to give special expression to the pleasure this first visit of our Provincial President gives Napanee Union.

In these days of many gatherings, under many guises, and for many uses, it is by no means easy to keep in mind the various aims and causes thus served.

The object of these societies is, in many cases highly important, and ranks next in aim to the work of the Christian Church. Ours is one among the many which has a satisfactory although short history behind it, and in the belief of those who know it best, a useful future before it.

The arduous duties of your office, the requisite skill in the conservation of forces which may prove of use in the advancement of the various departments of the work, the enlargement of the area of influence, and beyond all this, the permanent placement of our institution, has not only won our respect and sympathy, but established the fact of your ability to conduct and carry forward the legitimate and important aggressive work of our organization.

We congratulate you upon the success that has attended your efforts in the past year, notably, the introduction of Temperance Text books into the schools, the beneficial result of which cannot yet be measured, and not to mention, many others, the present large gathering of cultured and consecrated home workers from all parts of this wide Dominion, which must make this Convention of unusual interest.

We mingle also our regrets that the cause has been fettered and blocked by limited capital, and the old proclamation, we suffer not a woman to teach, or to preach, or usurp authority, or even exercise the right of sovereign citizenship; although it is held to be a self evident truth by all enlightened consciences, that political freedom and social equality for woman means death to intemperance, immorality and injustice.

Do not all just Governments exist by the consent of the governed? Is only one half of the world governed? Are the weak exempt from the stringency of law? Is it just that a great army of morally strong women rallying to the rescue of their homes and native land, should be politically disabled for want of a representative? Ought those who have dallied with the wrong through covetousness or political influence to boast of the protection they have given the weak, or the advancement they have made in the suppression of the wrong?

The utter incompetence shewn by the political managers so far, is a convincing proof that we shall never have the maximum of benefits, and the minimum of evils through their advanced ideas.

Can they pray "Thy kingdom come," and yet fight against the very thing that must precede its coming? Will there be a monopoly of crowns in the kingdom of Heaven?

We may do what we can to have the laws amended, but so far are powerless to interpose very little direct opposition to the giant evils.

Do we really desire the suppression of the evil of intemperance? Is our zeal equal to our profession and knowledge if we grow discouraged and lose our enthusiasm because of one defeat?

If "the love of God constraineth us," we shall give emphasis to our desire that Cain shall no longer be licensed to deaden Abel's senses, by more effectual work, by individual study and associated organization, as work-women approved of God.

The need of special work and effectual measures were shewn by the flaunting of flags in the liquor interest in New York and elsewhere lately, equivalent to taunting the friends of Temperance of every school with "There is a result against the stirring question of the day, Prohibition."

While we write, our hearts have been almost paralyzed with grief at the intelligence that a noble champion has fallen out of the leadership. We had hoped to crown him victor on earth, but he wears a fadeless crown of victory.

The eloquent John B. Finch has fallen in the midst of the conflict. He died as a valiant soldier loves to die, in armour and with his face to the foe. We lament his loss. His Master has said "It is enough; he hath done what he could." The fragrance of his memory will be perennial with temperance workers on this continent.

You hold in your hand a white weapon of power that can lead only to one final conclusion. We sincerely hope a kind Providence may long spare so eminently capable a leader, to conduct the work given us to do. We are deeply conscious of the courage, wisdom and grace needed to face the deep rooted prejudices of what ought to be a dead past: but all needed aid shall be given, and we believe not many annual W. C. T. U. Conventions shall come and go before our fair Dominion shall enter into her right of possession, Total Abstinence for the individual, Prohibition for the Dominion.

With cordial greetings we tender you our heart's welcome to Napanee.

In response, Mrs. Chisholm thanked the W. C. T. U. women for their loving co-operation and untiring energy, without which very little, comparatively, would have been done; and said, "To Mrs. Youmans, as pioneer of this movement in Canada, are we largely indebted for what we enjoy to-day."

Miss Phelps then delivered the address of the evening, "The Modern Sphinx," which was listened to with interest and appreciation.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Y. W. C. T. U.

This meeting was held in the Western Methodist Church. Miss Scott Superintendent of Young Women's Work, presiding.

Rev. E. W. Baker, pastor of the church, welcomed the ladies to the church. The following address from the Napanee "Y" was then read by Miss Eva Taylor:

Address of Welcome.

MISS TAYLOR, NAPANEE.

On behalf of the Y. W. C. T. U. of Napanee, I have great pleasure in extending a most cordial welcome to the young ladies from other Unions throughout the Province in our work for "God and home and native land." We felt our-

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selves highly honored in having this Convention in our town, and we believe it will be a great impetus to the work we are endeavoring to do—the work of developing temperance sentiment among the young, and of reclaiming those whom habits of drink have been formed. Our work during the year has not been what we would have liked it to have been; not what it ought to have been. We have found this, the first year of our existence, somewhat uphill work. But we are not discouraged; with the experience of the past and the help this Convention will be to us, we hope to make the coming year one of marked success in temperance work. We are glad to learn of the success that has attended the efforts of the Y's throughout the provinces during the year, and we will hope that not only our local unions, but all the unions may be benefitted by this our annual gathering.

Young ladies, there is a wide domain of influence to which I call your attention. I refer to the power peculiar to the graces and attractions of youth. If you have a sweet face or a winning smile, it is God's gift, and He means you shall use it for good. Could anything be more noble, more beautiful, more angelic, than the banding together of young girls to study ways and means to reach and hold the boys in our homes for lives of godliness and sobriety? Let us not take a neutral ground in this matter; but rather let us throw our influence on the right side of this great question. I once more extend to you the most cordial greetings of this Union.

In response, Mrs. Patterson, of Almonte, read the following

Response to the Address of Welcome.

MRS. PATTERSON, ALMONTE.

Miss Taylor and Young Ladies of Napanee.

We have listened with delight to your kind words of welcome, and we gratefully acknowledge your hospitality in opening your homes with thoughtful kindness for our reception. We have looked forward to this meeting with much pleasure, feeling assured that we shall receive valuable instruction from personal intercourse with those white-ribboned sisters who have been working so long in the cause of temperance, and whose names have become household words. We must go on in this work, and not in our own strength, but trusting only in Him, through whose aid alone we can conquer.

Now girls, your influence is unlimited, and I want you to take a decided stand in this matter. Raise your standard high, for remember this, the young men will not rise higher than you do; what you want *them* to be, that *you* must be. Let every young man know that you do not consider him suitable for a friend, not to mention a dearer relation, if he tampers in any way with intoxicating liquor, and yes, add tobacco too; no matter how exemplary he may be in other respects, for I believe tobacco gives them a taste for liquor, and we know the misery of a drunkard's home. If I were asked what my ideal subject wretchedness is, I should reply, *being a drunkard's wife*. Dear girls, over this, you cannot realize the importance of your choice till too late. Choose now the better part while you may, for there is no happiness in Heaven for those who are thus unequally yoked. I thank you for your warm words of welcome.

The Superintendent then read her annual address, which, prepared for that evening, will be found in another section of

entitled, "Addresses and Papers of the Convention." Miss Fraine gave an able address on the evangelistic work of the Unions, particular stress being placed on the gospel temperance movement, and work among the children.

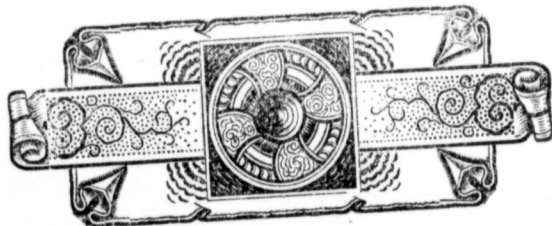
At intervals, several choice selections were given by the choir.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

A mass meeting of children was held at 4, addressed by Miss Skinner, of Toronto.

THURSDAY EVENING.

This meeting was presided over by U. Wilson, Esq., M.P. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The speaker of the evening was Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Hon. John E. Robson, Minister of Education and Provincial Secretary, of British Columbia, was also present, and gave a short address. The meeting was closed with an address from Mrs. Youmans.



President's Annual Address.

MRS. ADDIE CHISHOLM.

Dear Sisters.—We celebrate to-day the tenth anniversary of our existence as a Provincial Union. Ten years ago this month the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized by a conference called in the city of Toronto for that purpose. In looking over the list of general officers I find that the president, who was the unanimous choice of that meeting, was our much loved Mrs. Youmans, who is with us to-day, and to whom as W. C. T. U. women we owe so much. Long may she be spared to go in and out among us, and long may her voice be heard in behalf of the weak and suffering, the helpless and ignorant of our land. The corresponding secretary was Miss Phelps, who, always an energetic worker in the temperance cause, has recently displayed unusual talent as a speaker in its behalf. We are glad to see her here to-day, and anticipate a great pleasure in having an address from her this evening. Miss Allen of Kingston, was the recording secretary, and Mrs. (Judge) Jones of Brantford, was treasurer, both of whom are still deeply interested in this work. Many of those who took an active part in that conference are with us still and, I am sure rejoice with us to-day as we pause for a moment to look back over the hills of difficulty, of opposition and discouragement which we have successively climbed. We have been helped and cheered and sustained by the harmony that has existed among us, and by the loyalty of our white ribboned women to each other, and to this service; but above all human aids and priceless in blessing has been the gentle voice that has come to us in hours of weariness and perplexity, in times of soul shrinking and of defeat, saying, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." With full hearts and with loving gratitude for the many that have been ours in His strength, I would ask you to join

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

WORLD'S W. C. T. U.

The circulation of the World's W. C. T. U. petition, the past year is to be continued through the coming year. Unions are formed let this petition be presented, and let an interest in securing as many names as possible. The names already on the list do not represent all the names. We gladly sign this petition, which is to be presented from

world to every government of the world, asking, for universal prohibition of intoxicants and narcotics.

In this connection I would suggest that a deputation be appointed from this Convention to present this petition to the annual meetings of the Ontario and Dominion Woman's Missionary Societies meeting in Ontario. I would also urge that local Unions pursue the same plan with reference to local Women's Missionary Societies.

Now that the W. C. T. U. has undertaken work in a foreign field, and has through its devoted missionary, Mrs. Leavitt, sent out by the National U. S. Union, planted Unions in China, India and Japan, these two societies representing the christian women of the age, are brought even more closely together than before, and can accord to each other, if possible, a more tender sympathy and a heartier support, and can unite their forces for the good of humanity and the glory of God in a foreign field as well as in our home work.

The circular sent out by the executive asking for a five cent offering from our women for the furtherance of this work in foreign lands, has been responded to by many Unions, and the treasurer has forwarded the money to its proper destination. The same donation is asked again this year.

The five cent request for the Dominion Union has also been quite cheerfully met for which the Executive desires to express its thanks, as the amount had been pledged in advance (conditionally) to the Dominion Union. This Union will probably meet in the spring of 1888, when no doubt plans will be projected for our guidance or co-operation, and concerning which the respected President, Mrs. Youmans, may give us a word.

The World's W. C. T. U. through its general officers have sent out a request that all Unions should observe Nov. 12th and 13th, as days of prayer for the growth and unusual diffusion of all forms of temperance work. It is to be hoped that the Ontario Unions will unite with the white ribboned women of all lands in the observance of these days of prayer.

In the field of Canadian Political Temperance, although there is not much to record in the way of success, there is still less to recount in the way of defeat. The Scott Act has held on in the even tenor of its way, and while since our last meeting it has broken no new ground, it has none of the territory previously won. On every hand the pressure of enforcement has been continuous, increasing and fruitful in results. Despite alleged defects in the law itself, despite lack of machinery and energy in many officials appointed to carry it out, despite the prejudice and apathy to be overcome, and the violent opposition in too many instances in dynamite and outrage, the law has shown thoroughness of execution and of effectual enforcement, doing grand work in dismantling and banishing the saloon from the country. So much is this felt to be the case that a movement for repeal is being organized, the frantic and final cry which realizes that it must at once slay or be slain. It is the most earnest efforts of the temperance forces that the way to Prohibition is by steps, and one of these is

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the Scott Act. To wrest every available inch of territory from the realm of the legalized liquor traffic, to retain and regenerate all that is taken, this constitutes the practical vantage ground of argument and attack from which we shall march towards the coming complete prohibition. If one county is lost, or if a single county gained can be pointed to as without enforcement, to that extent is the case for prohibition weakened and the armour of the prohibitionist incomplete.

Let me exhort, therefore, the white ribbon army to unwearied and earnest battle for the retention and enforcement of the Scott Act, to pray and to work for its continued and complete victory.

In the Parliament of Canada, during the late session, the outcome was upon the whole satisfactory. The defeat of the Anti-Scott Act forces was signal and complete. After a determined marshalling of their forces and a vigorous debate, the resolution for a repeal of the Act was negatived by 38 yeas to 145 nays, and the Wine and Beer clause rejected by 136 nays to 47 yeas. On the resolution affirming the necessity of passing a Prohibition law, a band of 112 stood pledged to what we believe the right. We would fain have seen the number swelled to the point of favorable decision, and an enactment passed which would have forever swept the legalized liquor traffic from our fair land. But if this was not the case it was not more the fault of the legislators who voted, than of the people who sent them thither to vote, and it is our duty, instead of abusing the representatives, to set ourselves so to leaven the minds and hearts of the represented, and crystallize temperance sentiment into voting power that the hostile majority may be speedily changed into a friendly one. Gradually and not at all slowly is the christian and temperance feeling of Canada moulding itself for registration at the polls; it is ours to help on this process.

INCORPORATION.

We have during the year become an incorporated body and can receive bequests and hold property. It is to be hoped that our friends will make a note of this. We think we have shown in the past that we have made a little money go a long way, and have demonstrated that we have kept this Provincial house, which has not been a building made with hands, with due regard to the strictest economy. Our friends therefore need not be afraid to trust us with money for our special work, and as it is the perfection of wisdom to be one's own executor, we earnestly wish that our many friends may exemplify this wisdom and that the Ontario W. C. T. U. be remembered in their gifts this year.

MEMORIAL.

In the month of June, when the air was redolent with the fragrance of roses, and freighted with the sound of Jubilees, it was thought advisable by the Executive that a memorial should be sent to the Queen from the Ontario Union. Accordingly such a memorial was prepared by the corresponding secretary who always knows just how to do these things. It has been nicely engrossed and illuminated, and is now here awaiting your ap-

proval, after which it will be officially signed, stamped, and forwarded to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

SUMMER MEETINGS.

One summer meeting has been held at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where the audience was addressed by Mrs. Lathrop and Mrs. Youmans; Miss Phelps and Miss Fraine gave recitations and others of our ladies contributed to the interest of this meeting.

ORGANIZATION.

We have missed our Provincial Organizer, Miss Bowes, who has been in British Columbia during most of the past year. Cheering reports however, have come to us of her work in that Province, and we are thankful that strength and opportunity have been given her to labor for this sacred cause in that country which has seemed so far off, but which the far stretching arms of iron and steel have brought so near. The work of organizing Unions has not entirely stopped however, for the Dominion Union organizer and President, Mrs. Youmans, whose heart is as large and whose sympathies are as far reaching as our fair Dominion, has spent much time in visiting the Unions in Ontario, and organizing both local and county Unions.

Our County Superintendents too, have not been idle but have shown an increased interest and have done a great amount of work in their respective counties. By their efforts many new places have been opened up and many weak societies helped and strengthened. There has also come to our aid a bright young spirit in the person of Miss Fraine, so well known as an elocutionist, also a "Y," who has within the last month organized one W. C. T. U. and two Y. W. C. T. Unions.

During the year letters have been received from many sources asking for information regarding the formation of our societies, and in one county fourteen places are now ready for organization. This question, therefore, is presented to us. Has not the time come when we are warranted in providing, nay, when we must provide not only one provincial organizer, but several, who shall thoroughly equip themselves for the organization of W. C. T. Unions, Y. W. C. T. Unions and Loyal Legions.

And again, shall we not place our department of organization on a broader basis? With the system formerly in use it was rendered impracticable for the organizer to stay longer than a day in any one place. It was also equally impracticable to visit the weaker unions frequently, if at all, and we know that very often those places that can pay the least are most in need of the services of an organizer and of temperance work. In no other army are the soldiers sent out and the supplies cut off as is the case in this W. C. T. U. army. Let me suggest, therefore, that an

ORGANIZATION AND LECTURE BUREAU

be formed to be under the supervision of one of our thorough business women, who will willingly place so much of her time at our disposal. This bureau to consist of those ladies who from time to time may be endorsed by the local Union at home and by the president and corresponding secretary of the Provincial Union. These organizers to receive a

moderate salary for their services, leaving it to themselves to urge the people to give generous collections in aid of our organization and extension fund. Do you ask me where we shall obtain these lecturers and organizers? I answer, from among our own women. In our desire to have the very finest talent from abroad we have depreciated ourselves and each other long enough. Let us cultivate the talent of

OUR CANADIAN WOMEN,

not to the end that an army of public speakers may be raised up, but that a band of noble helpers in christian work may be sent into every nook and corner of our Province.

We are sadly in need of a W. C. T. U. evangelist, who shall visit the Unions and hold series of gospel temperance meetings, also of a missionary to the camps of the lumbermen.

OUR CONSTITUTION

has been revised from time to time but is not yet perfect, and I would suggest that in view of the new needs of the work, a further revision of the Constitution be made at this meeting, and that a committee be appointed for that purpose at this first session, so that there may be ample time to complete the work. Each county should be thoroughly organized and representation be had through the counties instead of from the local Unions as at present. All the minor details will be brought out with the submission of a revised Constitution. I would also suggest the preparation of a leaflet on Plan of Work for 1887-8, wherein the duties of the general superintendents shall be carefully defined.

Something has been done in the department of

HEREDITY AND HYGIENE

but not all that its importance demands. As one has said "the highway of drunkenness is reached by many cross roads and by paths and one of the broadest of these is entered through the gate of physical transgression." If it be true that by over work, over eating, improper clothing, improper diet, or by neglect or abuse of hygienic laws the conditions and incentives are supplied for the use of stimulating and eventually of intoxicating drinks, then it is the imperative duty of every temperance worker to take up this subject. It becomes necessary that these facts be talked about and that these truths be taught the people by the workers in this cause as well as by the public teachers of our land. If it be true that we are what we are to-day because our fathers and mothers were what they were in their day and generation, if from father and mother, to son and daughter, descend not only the form and feature but mental, moral and physical traits, how important it is that this law of heredity be turned in the right direction, and that men and women shall be taught, that, in this sense, none liveth to himself, and shall be shown how to make the best of themselves for those who may come after them.

In the earlier years of our existence as a Provincial Union we began to agitate for a *Temperance Text Book in our Schools*. We felt the truth of Dr. Holland's utterance, that

"It is a cruel thing to send a boy out into the world untaught that alcohol in any form is fire, and will certainly burn him if he puts it into his stomach. It is a cruel thing to educate a boy in such a way that he has no adequate idea of the dangers that beset his path. It is a mean thing to send a boy out to take a place in society without understanding the relation of Temperance to his own safety and prosperity and that of society."

With this thought and in pursuance of a remedy for this state of things, we have as local and Provincial Unions from year to year, petitioned school boards as well as the Legislature of Ontario, and sent memorials on the subject of temperance text books in the schools to teachers' conventions and institutes by the score.

Last year a more determined and vigorous effort was put forth by all our local Unions, led by the earnest superintendent of the Scientific Temperance Instruction department, Mrs. Rutherford. A petition was prepared and circulated, and extensively signed, asking that all children attending public schools receive scientific temperance instruction. The Barnes series of text books (graded), endorsed by the National W. C. T. U. of the U. S. and in use by the Quebec Prov. Union, was recommended. Mrs. Rutherford and your president went to Toronto during the last session of the Ontario Legislature, and had a pleasant interview with the Hon. Minister of Education, who received us very kindly and cordially assented to our request, the only difference of opinion being that in the judgment of the Hon. Minister the text books should not be placed in the hands of the children in the lower grades. After consultation however, it was decided that the books should be used by the children in grades as low as the senior second. Nearly every member of the Legislature was interviewed by the W. C. T. U. delegation; we were also honored by seats on the floor of the house during the presentation of the petitions, and it was gratifying to find the sentiment of so many of the best men of the province with us.

Our selection of books was not favorably received, but a revised and simplified edition of Dr. Richardson's Temperance Text work was promised instead. I hope in giving her report the superintendent will give to the Convention her opinion of this revised edition which is now ready for use. It is with the deepest satisfaction and thankfulness we find that the request made by the Provincial Union and supported by so many good men and women in our Province has been granted; and we certainly owe our very hearty thanks to the Hon. Minister of Education for his promptness in placing this book in the schools at the beginning of the year. I would earnestly recommend every W. C. T. U. woman to have a copy of this book in her library and to study it for herself. It will be invaluable to us in preparing our lessons for the children, and in our course of Hygiene and Heredity, which I trust every Union will enter upon during the year.

JUVENILE WORK.

The Superintendent of this department has done what she could and all that she could with the limited means we have been able to place at her command. I regret that Miss Tilley is not able to be with us to-day, being detained still in New Brunswick, but in a recent letter concerning her work she says, "So few Unions have reported that the outlook is not

very bright." I may say just here that from so many Superintendents this yearly wail comes to our ears, "Why don't the Unions report?" We hear indirectly of good work being done in many places that never comes to the knowledge of the Superintendent whose right it is to know, and who is therefore able to send only a comparatively meagre report to our Prov. annual meeting. Shall we not promise to do better in this particular?

I would recommend that the Juvenile Work be divided into Loyal Legion and *Sunday School Work*, and that a superintendent be appointed for each. Although the lessons furnished and in use by many of our Sabbath schools provide a temperance lesson once a quarter, yet in some places these lessons are not used regularly, and in other places not at all, simply because no one person considers it his or her duty to look after it. Other duties naturally suggest themselves which would fall to the lot of and suggest the necessity for a Superintendent for this branch of the work.

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

It is a matter of congratulation and for gratitude as well, that so many religious and philanthropic gatherings during the year have declared in favor of temperance and temperance measures.

TEMPERANCE LITERATURE.

It is a constant marvel to me how this department has been able to exist and to live fairly respectably, paying its just debts and making improvement from year to year on the slender income received. When we consider the 15 to 30 per cent duty to be paid on goods imported from the U. S., and the heavy express charges or postage from the publishers, also to be paid out of the narrow margin allowed your Superintendent, we can see that it requires strong faith with the greatest economy, carefulness and discretion to bring the balance on the right side at the end of the year. All these qualities have been possessed by the Superintendent of this department, Mrs. Falconer, and I am sure you will hear with regret that she can not allow herself to be nominated for another year.

Every department of our work should have leaflets suited to its needs, these to be obtained from our own Literature Department. As yet, and for a time we must content ourselves with importing our supplies, but as we continue to grow and increase in riches we must have a publishing house of our own, and utilize our home talent in this direction. We are just learning what our Canadian women may do with their pens. Consecrated to this Christian service satisfactory and blessed results will follow. Let me call your attention to samples of literature at the literature stand of this Convention all of which may be of great benefit to us in our work.

It seems to me that our first duty after organizing is to store the mind with the best material in connection with this great reform and thus be enabled to give out for the benefit of others. If each individual member pursues this plan the result will be a great mental strength to the body of the Union. If we know whereof we affirm, thinking men and women will listen more readily to our appeals and the "Press," the might-

iest power of the age, will be more readily placed at our disposal. Neglect of this measure has often placed our most loving workers at a disadvantage, and brought upon the cause which we all have at heart the treatment of indifference if not of open hostility. Then, too, wise selection and regular reading of temperance literature is necessary to sustain the life of the union. It very often happens that after a Scott Act agitation or special Gospel temperance services the members find themselves wearied and as they think entitled to a rest. The meetings are poorly attended, no literature is ordered, the subscription to the official paper the "Woman's Journal" is discontinued, perhaps to other temperance papers as well, nothing is heard by the union of the plans and progress of other unions, the reading of which might suggest ideas, because there are no publications, the reading of which might suggest ideas, discouragement ensues, and the union disbands. Do you wonder at it? The work of reorganizing such is neither easy nor pleasant. In justice to ourselves and to the grand army of women to which we belong, we ought to inform ourselves concerning the many phases of the temperance question, and then do the best possible work, for—

"Toiling sisters there is never rest
 Dream not of a leisure that will not come
 Till age shall make you both blind and dumb.
 You must live every day at your very best
 The work of the world is done by few,
 God asks that a part be done by you."

THE PRESS

has received much attention from the new superintendent of that department, and of the progress made we will hear in the report presented. We have no firmer friends in this great reform than our brethren of the "press," many of whom have done a large amount of gratuitous advertising during the year for local unions who had no plea to present but their youth and poverty, and always the righteousness of their cause. Do not let us push this first plea too far, but, as we are able, let us see that our newspaper men are paid full amount for value received. *The Woman's Journal* has, during the past year, had a fair share of success, and has come to be regarded as a helpful and necessary adjunct to our Union work.

Beginning three years ago—a modest four page paper, without a single subscriber, it has been gradually enlarged and improved, until now it visits the most distant parts of Canada and numbers its readers by thousands. The editor wishes to express her sincere thanks to those *Journal* superintendents and other kind helpers for their interest and labors in behalf of the paper, by which it has been so materially assisted. The extremely low price at which the paper is published and the premiums given to encourage its circulation, together with the other expenses attendant upon the publishing of a paper, makes the margin over and above expenditure a mere trifle, and no compensation for the labor and care involved. Many friends have urged an increase in price to fifty cents, and if this could be made and the present circulation retained or increased, the balance of income over expenditure might be more satisfactory. But after careful consideration

the editor has concluded to keep the *Journal* at its present price, and to trust the workers and friends of the paper for a large increase in its subscription list, and a consequent enlargement of its field of usefulness. Why should not a general special effort be made? What better and cheaper instrumentality can be devised for arousing a lively interest in Temperance and W. C. T. U. work than the constant visitations of our little paper, freighted with the story of the needs of the work and the fruits of the labors expended?

What more efficient bond to knit together the great W.C.T.U. army of Canada, so widely separated and so impossible of personal access than this little paper bearing its monthly greetings and filled with the record of the faith and works of our common sisterhood? If every locality could be canvassed, and it could be, and numbers of the *Journal* sent with its living influence monthly into homes therein, who can estimate the harvest that might result from such intelligent and continuous seed sowing? The editor pledges herself to the wearying yet loved work for another year, and confidently trusts to the faithful army of women-workers for their helpful and continued co-operation.

And if it pleases God to give his blessing and direction to faithful labors, it may be that another year the way will open for the publication of a weekly paper, worthy in every way of our work and our workers.

THE EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT

under which head many branches of work are classified, has made a great gain. Prison and Police work has been distinguished by a louder demand for sheltering homes for women just out of prison, who are without employment or means of support, and against whom every man's hand is turned. The subject of Police matrons is also occupying the attention of some of our societies, the necessity for which cannot be too strongly impressed upon every town and city union.

Work among Soldiers and Sailors has been urged by the respective superintendents and the plans prepared by them have been largely adopted and carried out by many of the local unions.

The Lumbermen have not been neglected, but in order to accomplish much in this branch we must have a missionary to send to the men while in camp.

We believe an increased number of Christian churches are using the unfermented wine at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The belief in a "two wine theory" by a church or minister is not of so much consequence as that the Communion table shall be made a safe place for those who would be released from the power of the appetite for drink, that there free from this temptation, they may commemorate the death of Him who came to seek and to save those who are lost.

A copy of petition for a

DAY OF PRAYER

for the temperance cause in week of prayer has been received from the National Superintendent of the U. S., asking again for our help to this end. The letter contains also this sentence, "The programme is first

made up in England, so I hope your work will have a reflex influence that will prove beneficial on the other side of the water."

The work of social purity has also been carried on by the organizations of "White Shield" societies and distribution of "White Cross" literature.

All these are classed under the head of "Evangelistic" to which I would ask you to add a department of Sabbath Observance. Yet while all these department are busy there is need for more general evangelistic work. We are learning the great "secret of the Lord," that success in this work consists in *being* what He wills his children to *be* as the great qualification for *going and doing* His work, but there is much yet for us to learn as well as to do. I have sometimes feared that during these contests for the Scott Act, when all our efforts were turned to the legal side of the question, we were in danger of forgetting to be as earnest as before with the gospel part of our work. Therefore, I would urge again upon our Unions that more attention be paid to evangelistic work and more time given to gospel temperance meetings. It is not too much to ask that in connection with each Union these meetings be held regularly for a time at least, the stated object of which shall be not only to induce men and women to sign the pledge, but to take the first steps in a new and better life.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

Our hearts have been stirred with the sound of girlish voices in the grand working chorus of the past year, as the number of these willing laborers has almost doubled.

I have had opportunities of seeing and knowing something of the work of some of these Unions, and nothing human has so encouraged me and convinced me of the lasting nature of the work in which we are engaged as the annual meetings of the "Ys" which I have been privileged to attend. The bright spicy reports full of an earnestness, intense in its directness, and breathing in every line a spirit of consecration to holy service, and a broad sympathy with struggling, erring humanity, every sentence eloquent with a desire to rescue and to save—all this has shown me more clearly than ever before the presence and blessing of the Lord resting with us. May He give His richest blessings and His best qualification for service to our young women who are so soon to take our places in the home and church, and in this christian temperance work.

KITCHEN GARDENS

have been cultivated during the winter and additions made to the list. One of the chief motives of this department is to train girls so that they will become virtuous women and acquire such habits of religious industry as will save them from eating the bread of idleness, "and it is to be regretted that the expense attending the organization of this branch of work (which soon pays for itself) has deterred many Unions from undertaking it."

THE FLORAL MISSION

has proved a blessed service during the year, alike to the workers and recipients.

PROVINCIAL AND COUNTY FAIR WORK.

Although our Convention is held too early in the autumn to have full returns from "fair" work, still we have every reason to believe that more of the Unions have been interested in this department than ever before. The Superintendent has been indefatigable in her efforts to stir us up in this work, and I believe has several new and interesting schemes in view for its furtherance during the coming year.

From Mrs. Rockwell's report on

LEGISLATION, PETITION AND FINANCE,

you will see that the petition to the Ontario Legislature asking for the Franchise for women on equal terms with men met with a decided repulse. It is for this Convention to decide whether we shall again ask for the right of citizenship, that we no longer may be classed with idiots and lunatics. I must confess to you, my sisters, that the conviction is becoming more firmly fixed in my mind that God's way out of this captivity to drink is close by the side of woman's ballot box; and I am still further persuaded that His chosen leaders will be found among those who have cut themselves loose from any party that at the cost of the souls and bodies of our loved ones continues to pander to the appetite of private greed and public gain. His chosen leaders will be found among those who are prepared to place the question of pure morals and peaceful homes above the country's revenue or great riches.

This will be true as well of our Canadian women as of our men. It has been generally asserted that as women our likes and dislikes are very strong, sometimes unreasonable. Our sympathies with what we have called our "party, *i. e.* the party to which our husbands or fathers gave their adherence are strong and deep. At election times some of us have not been able to eat or sleep with any comfort, so great has been our anxiety that "our party" should win, and this feeling has prevented us from rejoicing with those that rejoiced if "our party" happened not to win. Dear sisters, we are not, we must never be a partizan body. If the granting of the ballot to women would cause any bitterness of feeling amongst us, or would have the effect of making any one of us less womanly, I, for one, would pray most earnestly that the "No" of the Ontario Legislature would mean "No" for all time to come. But this need not be and will not be if we are true to our declaration of principles and careful to listen to the gentle voice of the Spirit within. We want to be womanly always, but while the liquor traffic sends thousands of our women to the wash tubs and other thousands out into the streets, in order that saloons may be supported, then we say the womanly thing to do is to give a helping hand to the women and not to the saloons. This, to a certain extent, Ontario women have been able to do in the past two years, and from east and west, from north and south, the Press has rung with praises of the Toronto women who helped to carry that city in the interests of temperance against those of the liquor traffic.

Think you there are no homes in Toronto made happier this year than they were last year?

Earnest women into whose faces I now look will tell you of scores of such cases. Is it too much then to predict that the ballot in the hand of women means death to the liquor traffic?

On the presentation of our petition to the Ontario Legislature last winter one of the members said, "Oh, these women want the ballot that they may use it for temperance." That is just why we want it, at least that is one great reason for our asking it, and that will be the first use we will make of it, will it not?

This is no time to go into an argument for woman suffrage. We may not all think alike on this subject, and no local Union ought to be coerced by the majority, but, dear sisters, the time has come when we *must* make our influence felt on the governmental affairs of this province and of this Dominion, or we will be crushed under the weight of sorrow as all we hold near and dear are sacrificed. What has been gained in the elections of this year?

Something, but not much. How much more would have been gained to this cause if the women of the country had voted? Would the resolution for Prohibition have been voted down in the House of Commons as we know was the case, every member of the government but one voting against it? Most certainly not. Instead of that the near future would have seen the reign of prohibition over this vast Dominion. We are told the country is not ready, the law would be broken. Bad men are never ready for good laws. The law against stealing is broken, the license law is broken, and special provision made, in both cases, in anticipation of the law being broken, yet who says the country is not ready for these laws?

We are told on the very best authority that "Law is a schoolmaster." The sooner the prohibition "schoolmaster" opens his school the better for the boys and girls.

What I would suggest is this: That a superintendent of franchise be appointed in every local union, also in every county, and that every effort be put forth by the women of each county to secure the election of temperance men to every municipal office. And let us begin this work in time, talk it up during November, scatter our literature, hold our meetings, pledge the voters at once and be saved from making the mistake of waiting to organize till a week before election time.

Then I would recommend that we petition again for the right of voting for members of both houses. What if it be denied? Again petition, and again, and again, for W. C. T. U. women know no such word as "fail."

Lastly, in this connection, I would press upon your attention the need of more attentively reading up and studying the public questions of the day, so that we shall be able to cast our ballots intelligently as well as fearlessly.

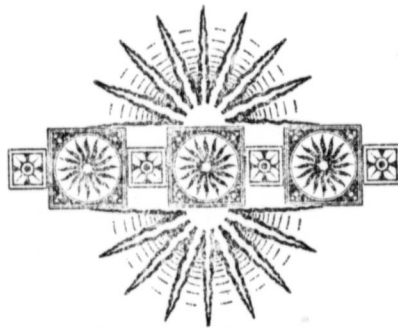
I remember a remark made by Mrs. Youmans after she had recorded her first vote, "I felt for the first time that I was a citizen!" Let us be citizens of whom our country shall not be ashamed, but who shall honestly and in the fear of God discharge this duty.

I have thus, dear sisters, endeavored to place before you a summary of the year's work with such recommendations and suggestions as have

seemed wise for the year which now lies before us. We who are entering upon the morning hours of this second decade may not all see its waning light. Some of our members each year pass beyond the gates of day. Work begun here may be ended in praise there ere ten years roll round, but to children of the King, it matters not when the message shall come. So to His care and keeping we commend each other for the present and future, for service or suffering, for joy or sorrow, for life or death, knowing that what He wills is best.

SUGGESTION FOR WORK.

1. Revision of Constitution, Local, County and Provincial.
2. Preparation of Annual Leaflet in which the object and aims of the Provincial Union are plainly noted and the duties of the General Superintendents are carefully defined.
3. Establish an organization and lecture bureau to consist of Canadian W. C. T. U. women.
4. The employment of a missionary to lumber camps.
5. A department to be created for "Sabbath Observance," and a superintendent appointed for the same.
6. Appoint a Superintendent of S. School work.
7. Establish a department for the promotion of social purity, and appoint superintendent of the same.
8. Circulation of petition for Day of Prayer in Week of Prayer.
9. More thorough organization in the franchise department.
10. Appoint delegates to the Dominion Union Convention.
11. Appoint representation of W. C. T. U. to present the World's W. C. T. U. petition to all Women's Missionary General Boards.
12. Steps to be taken towards securing a building fund in anticipation of Provincial headquarters.



Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

This being the Jubilee year of the reign of our dearly beloved Queen, it would have been a grievous mistake to have kept silent, when from all sides of us congratulations were being sent across the Atlantic. Our beloved President expressed the wish that a memorial should be prepared and the suggestion, meeting the approval of the Executive, it has been done.

Your Secretary was instructed to have it prepared in plain style, as the funds of the Provincial would not allow a heavy draft for such purpose. It has been prepared as advised, and the cost, if borne equally by our 5,000 members, would be just *one half cent each*. Her Gracious Majesty will not however take into consideration the money value of our message which seems so small, but will feel that it is filled to completion by the love and loyalty which is felt by every member of the White Ribbon Army, Long may she reign, long may it be said.

"On Britain's throne a noble woman's seen,
Illustrious lady of all Queen's, the Queen."
God Save Queen Victoria.

(For Memorial see minutes of Convention.)

BOTHWELL.

Bothwell reports 2 Unions, Ridgetown and Bothwell, with a membership of 57. 1 Band of Hope with 180 children, 5 churches using unfermented wine, 5 S. S. pledged, 2 newspapers supplied with items. Members' fees, \$6.85. Disbursements, \$6.30. No County Union organized.

BRANT.

Brant reports one Union, Brantford, with a membership of 100. Gospel Temperance Meetings, Prison and Jail Work, Receipts, \$40.00; disbursed, \$14.00. No County Union reported.

BRUCE.

Bruce reports 8 Unions, Walkerton, Chesley, Paisley, Southampton, Port Elgin, Allenford, Tara and Warton; membership 367. Bands of Hope, 746 children. 14 churches using unfermented wine, 4 S. S. pledged, 9 newspapers supplied with items. Gospel Temperance Meetings, at which 181 signed the pledge; 66,000 pages of temperance literature distributed. Money received, \$132.75; money paid, \$69.73. No County Union in this County.

CARLETON.

Carleton reports 2 Unions, Ottawa and Ottawa Y's; membership, 211. Bands of Hope with 221 children, 15 churches using unfermented wine, 10 S. S. pledged, 9 newspapers supplied with items. Work in Jail and Prison, Gospel Temperance Meetings. 14,300 pages of literature distributed. No County Union reported.

DURHAM.

Durham reports 3 Unions, Bowmanville, Newcastle and Orono, membership 78. 3 Bands of Hope 352 children. 8 churches using unfermented wine, 7

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DUNDAS.

Dundas reports 3 Unions, Morrisburg, West Winchester and Iroquois; 53 members. 3 Bands of Hope with 300 children, 8 churches using unfermented wine, 3 S. S. pledged, 3 newspapers supplied. Mothers' Meetings and prayer meetings at which 137 signed the pledge; 1800 pages of Lit. distributed. Money received, \$29.50, disbursed, \$18.73. No County Union reported.

ELGIN.

Elgin reports 2 Unions, St. Thomas and Aylmer; members 71. 2 Bands of Hope, 300 children. 5 churches using unfermented wine, and 4 S. S. pledged, 3 newspapers supplied with items. Money received, \$17.75; disbursed, \$18.97. County Union organized.

FRONTENAC.

Frontenac reports 3 Unions, Wilbur Station, Kingston and Portsmouth; members 146. 1 Band of Hope with 80 children, 10 churches using unfermented wine, 9 S. S. pledged. 2 newspapers supplied with items. 1,198 pages of literature distributed. Prison and Jail Work. Money received, \$14.25; disbursed \$19.75. No County Union reported.

GREY.

Grey reports 6 Unions, Kemble, Owen Sound, Thornbury, Owen Sound Y's, Chatsworth and Meaford; membership 192; 4 Bands of Hope with 506 children, 15 churches using unfermented wine, 10 S. S. pledged, 7 newspapers supplied. Gospel Meetings at which 18 signed the pledge, 7000 pages of literature distributed. Money received, \$79.50, disbursed, \$37.01. Co. Union organized this year.

GRENVILLE.

Grenville reports 4 Unions, Prescott, Spencerville, Kemptville and with 90 members; 3 Bands of Hope, with 292 children; 11 churches using unfermented wine, 8 S. S. pledged, 3 newspapers supplied with items, 300 pages of Lit. distributed. Money received, \$25.00; disbursed, \$11.34. County Union, but depts. not reported.

HASTINGS.

Hastings reports 3 Unions, Belleville, Trenton and Trenton Y's, with 81 members; 3 Bands of Hope, 870 children; 9 churches using unfermented wine, 8 S. S. pledged, 6 newspapers supplied with items, Mothers' meetings and Gospel Temperance Meetings at which 100 signed the pledge. 4,700 pages of Lit. distributed. Money received, \$22.75; disbursed, \$22.68. No County Union reported.

HALTON.

Halton reports 3 Unions, Milton, Georgetown and Burlington, membership 132. 1 Band of Hope, 120 children; 6 churches using unfermented wine, 7 S. S. pledged, 3 newspaper supplied with items, 2,560 pages of Literature distributed. Mothers' and Gospel Temperance Meetings at which 253 signed the pledge. Money received, \$51.50; disbursed, \$37.50. County Union for Halton and Peel.

HURON.

Huron reports seven Unions, Wroxeter, Gorrie, Goderich, Seaforth, Clinton, Brussels and Dungannon; members 129. Five Bands of Hope, 490 children. 12 churches using unfermented wine, 11 S. S. pledged, 12 newspapers supplied

with items, Gospel Temperance Meeting, 193 signed the pledge. 4,604 pages of Literature distributed. Money received, \$67.35; disbursed, \$36.51. County Union formed.

LAMBTON.

Lambton reports 2 unions, Sarnia and Wyoming, 121 members; two Bands of Hope with 200 children; six churches using unfermented wine, five S. S. pledged, four newspapers supplied with items, evangelistic services at which 278 signed the pledge. 7,800 pages literature distributed. Money received, \$46.00; disbursed \$21.07. No county union.

LENNOX.

Lennox reports Napanee with 40 members; one Band of Hope with 50 children, three S. S. pledged, two newspapers supplied with items, 5200 pages of literature distributed. Money received, \$20.00; disbursed, \$12.3. No County Union.

LINCOLN.

Lincoln reports two unions, St. Catharines and Campden, 35 members; five Bands of Hope, 372 children; seven churches use unfermented wine, five S. S. pledged, three newspapers supplied with items, Gospel temperance meetings. Money received, \$22.75; disbursed, \$20.30. No County Union reported.

LEEDS.

Leeds reports three unions, Brockville Y's, Gananoque and Farmersville, 140 members; three Bands of Hope, 305 children, nine churches using unfermented wine, eight S. S. pledged, six newspapers supplied with items, Mothers' and Gospel temperance meetings; 10,200 pages of literature distributed. Money received, \$81.73; disbursed, \$131.11. County Union.

LANARK.

Lanark reports three unions, Perth, Smith's Falls and Smith's Falls Y's, 89 members; two Bands of Hope with 252 children; 12 churches use unfermented wine, four S. S. pledged, two newspapers supplied and 8,976 pages of literature distributed, Gospel temperance meetings, at which 36 signed the pledge. Money received, \$66.40; disbursed \$36.21. No County Union reported.

MIDDLESEX.

Middlesex reports one Union, London, 60 members; one Band of Hope, and one Loyal Legion, 60 children; nearly all the London churches using unfermented wine, and nearly all the S. S. pledged, one newspaper supplied with items, Prison and Jail visited once a week, Gospel Temperance meetings a number signed the pledge, a quantity of literature distributed, very successful Fair work during the Exhibition, at which \$900 was received. No County Union reported.

MUSKOKA.

Muskoka reports one Union Parry Sound, 37 members; one Band of Hope, 177 children; two churches using unfermented wine, three S. S. pledged, one newspaper supplied with items, 4,000 papers of literature distributed, Gospel Temperance meetings, at which a number signed the pledge. No County Union.

NORFOLK.

Norfolk reports one Union, Simcoe, 32 members; one Band of Hope, No. of children not reported. Money received, \$13.00. No County Union reported.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Northumberland reports two Unions, Grafton and Cobourg, membership, 38; six churches are using unfermented wine, 8 S. Schools pledged, one newspaper with

items. Money received, \$13.60; disbursed, \$16.88. No County Union reported.

OXFORD.

Oxford reports four Unions, Woodstock, Tilsonburg, Embro, and Ingersoll, 114 members; two Bands of Hope, 249 children; eight churches using unfermented wine, 14 S. S. pledged, seven newspapers supplied with items, 2,500 pages of literature distributed. Money received, \$51.00; disbursed, 18.80. County Union formed.

ONTARIO.

Ontario reports three Unions, Whitby, Uxbridge, and Prince Albert, 102 members; two Bands of Hope, 225 children; four churches using unfermented wine, four S. S. pledged, two newspapers supplied with items, 3,800 pages of literature distributed, Gospel Temperance meetings at which 86 signed pledge. Money received, \$20.00; disbursed, \$16.49. No County Union reported.

PEEL.

Peel reports 3 Unions, Brampton, Port Credit and Streetsville, 91 members; 1 Band of Hope, 110 children; 6 churches using unfermented wine, 6 S. S. pledged, 4 newspapers supplied with items, 400 pages of literature distributed. Mothers' meeting held, two signed pledge. Receipts, \$23.05; disbursed, \$5.51. County Union for Halton and Peel.

PERTH.

Perth reports 4 Unions, Listowel, St. Mary's, Mitchell and Stratford, 108 members. Two Bands of Hope, 290 children; 12 churches using unfermented wine, 12 S. S. pledged, nine newspapers supplied with items, 16,600 pages of literature distributed, Mothers' and Gospel Temperance Meetings, 290 signed the pledge. Receipts \$51.00; disbursed, \$50.21. No County Union reported.

PETERBORO.

Peterboro reports one Union, Peterboro, 24 members. 1 Band of Hope, 80 children. Six churches using unfermented wine. Two newspapers supplied with items. 2,000 pages of literature distributed. Gospel Temperance Meetings. Receipts, \$16.00; disbursed, \$16.00. No County Union reported.

PRINCE EDWARD.

Prince Edward reports two Unions; Consecon and Wellington with 22 members, two Bands of Hope, 144 children. Two churches using unfermented wine. 2,400 pages of literature distributed. Receipts \$9.10; disbursed, \$22.25. No County Union reported.

RENFREW.

Renfrew reports two Unions; Pembroke and Arnprior, 72 members, 3 Bands of Hope, 278 children. Five churches using unfermented wine. Four S. S. pledged. Three newspapers supplied. 7,500 pages of literature distributed. Mothers' and Prayer Meetings held. Receipts, \$37.00; disbursed, \$47.60. County Union.

SIMCOE.

Simcoe reports 4 Unions, Stayner, Barrie, Orillia and Augus; 150 members. 5 Bands of Hope, 900 children; 11 churches using unfermented wine, 13 S. S. pledged, 7 newspapers supplied 5000 pages of literature distributed. Receipts, \$22.75; disbursed, \$60.12. No County Union.

STORMONT.

Stormont reports one Union, Aultsville, 32 members; 1 Band of Hope, 30 children; 2 churches using unfermented wine, 3100 pages of literature distributed. Receipts, \$12.87; disbursed, \$11.34. No County Union.

VICTORIA.

Victoria reports 3 Unions, Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls and Lindsay; membership, 97; 2 Bands of Hope, 180 children; 5 churches using unfermented wine, 8 S. S. pledged, 3 newspapers supplied, 200 pages of literature distributed. Gospel Temperance and mother's meetings at which 110 signed the pledge. Receipts, \$25.00; disbursed, \$12.45. No County Union.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington reports 6 Unions, Drayton, Mt. Forest, Guelph, Guelph Y's, Arthur and Grand Valley, 157 members; 4 Bands of Hope, 955 children; 17 churches using unfermented wine, 1 S.S. pledged, 9 newspapers supplied with items, 12,600 pages literature distributed. Gospel Meetings, 58 signed pledge. Receipts, \$69.75, disbursed, \$28.36. A County Union reported.

WELLAND.

Welland reports 6 Unions, Welland, Fonthill, Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls South, Thorold and Thorold Y's., 114 members; 4 Bands of Hope, 311 children, 9 churches using unfermented wine, 3 S. S. pledged, 2 newspapers supplied, 1000 pages of literature distributed. Receipts, \$30.15; disbursed, \$27.34. No County Union.

WENTWORTH.

Wentworth reports one Union, Hamilton, with 100 members; Bands of Hope, 1500 children; 4 S. S. pledged, 17000 pages literature distributed; Mothers Meetings every week at which 40 signed the pledge, Meetings in Jail and prison; money expended in charity but no definite report of amount.

WATERLOO.

Waterloo reports seven Unions, Galt, Zion's Church, Pine Grove, Galt Y's, New Hamburg, Berlin and Bloomingdale, with 188 members; four Bands of Hope 928 children; 17 churches using unfermented wine, 25 S. S. pledged, nine newspapers supplied, and 6300 pages of literature distributed, Gospel Temperance Meetings. Receipts, \$78.25; disbursed \$50.46. County Union formed, but no report from Departments.

YORK.

York reports 15 Unions, Toronto Central, Toronto Central Y's, Toronto Eastern No. 1, Toronto Eastern No. 2, Toronto Eastern Y's, Toronto West, Toronto North, Parkdale, Parkdale Y's, Malvern, Little York, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket and Newmarket Y's; membership 516; 10 Bands of Hope, 1513 children; 44 churches using unfermented wine, 11 S. S. pledged, 22 newspapers supplied with items, 55,000 pages of literature distributed, Mothers' meetings, Prison and Jail work, fair work and other departments very successfully carried on. Receipts, \$182.85; disbursed, \$112.64. County Union organized during the year, 14 departments in good working order, from which reports will be given.

We now come to three classes of Unions which deserve special mention. New Unions, Unions not heard from, and disbanded. Of the first named we find 21 formed during the year, viz:—Paisley, St. Thomas Y's, Portsmouth, Dungannon, Brussels, Simcoe, Grafton, Niagara Falls south, Niagara Falls centre, Welland, Port Perry, Little York, Malvern, two Unions in Toronto east, Newmarket, Parry Sound, Norwich, Woodstock Y's, Gravenhurst and Grand Valley; to these we extend a cordial and hearty welcome, and pray that God may bless them in their work, and bless us all in this new relationship.

To the Unions not heard from, what shall we say? We will not call them.

by name, but leave them with the Blessed Lord who said that he would go and "wake His friend Lazarus from sleep," and pray that His voice may arouse these sleepers from their slumbers, and bid them labor in His vineyard whilst it is day, for the night cometh when none can labor.

To the last named on our list we have nothing to say, but trust to the same loving voice, to bid us be of good cheer for these are not *dead* but *sleeping*. We leave them in His hands, and sorrow not as those without hope.

In making up this year's work we beg to present the following summary:—

Total membership as reported 4580, which with an average taken for those Unions not heard from, would bring our membership above 5000.

Bands of Hope number 96, with a membership of 13,704, nearly double the number reported last year.

Over 300 churches use unfermented wine. About 70 newspapers supplied with temperance articles.

Literature distributed, something over 200,000 pages; but this is by no means a correct estimate. Many Unions fail to give the number of pages.

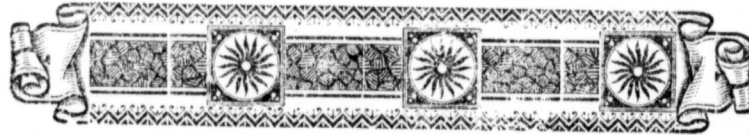
In many cases "a large amount" is reported, and having no way of reducing "a large amount" to round numbers, we are obliged to report nothing. Many Unions report money spent for literature, sums from \$1.00 up to \$20.00, without reporting any distribution. We think on the whole that the number reported is not more than one-third of that actually distributed.

The total amount of money reported from members fees is \$1,444.14, a large increase on that of last year. The amount for charity is \$340.12. This is taken from reports sent in, but falls far short of the real amount spent. Many of larger Unions report charitable work, and fail to name any definite sum. There are again many Unions that report the distribution of food, clothing, and other necessaries, of which we can make no correct report. We are satisfied that very many sick and needy ones are relieved and comforted by our white ribboned sisters. We think it will be unnecessary for us to go into any further detail, the reports from departments will fill up the deficiencies in this.

Dear Madam President, this year just closed has been a year of onward and upward march of our Ontario Union. Let us join hearts and voices in a song of praise to God for His smile and blessing which has so abundantly crowned our efforts during this year, and we think of no more appropriate way than by all joining in the grand old song:

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye Heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost."

MRS. WILEY, Cor. Sec.



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Treasurer's Report.

STATEMENT OF FINANCES OF THE ONTARIO W. C. T. U.
FROM OCTOBER, 1886, TO OCTOBER, 1887.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.
<i>Affiliation Fees.</i>		
Napanee.....	4 00	Oct. 15th—Travelling Ex- penses of Officers to Ow- en Sound Convention..
Brockville Y. W. C. T. U.....	11 09	37 07
Altonford.....	3 25	Telegrams, Express and Stationery.....
Almonte.....	4 00	3 47
Aultsville.....	6 29	For printing Hymns and Cards for delegates....
Aurora.....	8 01	5 45
Aylmer.....	19 50	Stationery and postage in connection with billet- ing Com. for Convention
Arthur.....	8 75	1 54
Barrie.....	8 09	Paid caretaker of Metho- dist Church.....
Bathwell.....	1 00	4 00
Brantford.....	20 00	Paid care-taker of Presby- terian Church.....
Burlington.....	4 00	1 00
Brockville.....	6 00	To printing 150 dodgers..
Berlin.....	8 48	1 00
Bowmanville.....	7 63	Mrs. Youman's expenses
Belleville.....	6 50	10 00
Bloomington.....	2 00	Mrs. Barney's lecture and expenses.....
Cornwall.....	6 00	30 00
Campden.....	4 50	
Cobourg.....	5 63	To Rec. Sec. printing book orders on Treasurer (not entered)....
Chatsworth.....	3 50	75
Consecon.....	2 50	President's postage acct. for Au- gust & September.....
Farmersville.....	7 37	7 21
Gananoque.....	11 00	President's expenses to Coaticooke as Fraternal delegate.....
Goderich.....	4 00	10 95
Galt.....	10 94	Mrs. J. R. Cavers, postage, station- ery, printing, as Supt. of German work.....
Guelfh.....	10 00	8 85
Grafton.....	4 00	Miss Tweedale, Co. Supt. postage expenses.....
Georgetown.....	11 88	1 00
Hamilton.....	20 00	Oct.—Miss Minnie Phelps, as Supt of Press Dept. for last year....
Hamilton Y. W. C. T. U.....	20 00	7 00
Galt Y. W. C. T. U.....	6 00	Rec.-Sec., postage from Oct. 1885 to Sept. 1886.....
Ingersoll.....	8 00	2 00
Kingston.....	12 75	Mr. Rutherford, postage as Supt. of Work among Sailors, last year
Warton.....	5 25	1 15
Kemptville.....	3 50	Mrs. Stonehouse, Co. Supt. postage etc.....
Keene.....	5 21	1 00
Iroquois.....	1 75	
London.....	14 92	

INCOME.

Lindsay.....	4 97
Milton.....	15 00
Morrisburg.....	2 50
Merrickville.....	1 25
Mount Forest.....	5 50
Newcastle.....	4 00
Newmarket.....	6 38
North Toronto.....	5 00
Ottawa.....	17 25
Ottawa Y. W. C. T. U.....	14 00
Owen Sound.....	11 45
Oxford Mills.....	1 75
Orono.....	5 25
Prescott.....	4 72
Piston.....	10 00
Parkdale.....	5 50
Port Credit.....	1 13
Prince Albert.....	3 50
Pine Grove.....	5 50
Chesley.....	2 00
Ridgetown.....	7 50
St Catharines.....	4 00
Seaforth.....	3 75
Richmond Hill.....	5 00
Sarnia.....	5 00
St. Thomas.....	7 50
Streetsville.....	5 81
Tiverton.....	2 50
Toronto Central.....	30 00
Tilsonburg.....	5 00
Kennoka.....	1 40
Toronto Y. W. C. T. U.....	11 75
Thorold.....	3 00
Trenton.....	6 00
Toronto East End, No. 1.....	3 76
Listowel.....	4 50
Uxbridge.....	7 50
Wroxeter.....	3 00
Whitby.....	7 26
Zion.....	5 00
Fonthill.....	5 25
Stratford.....	5 50
St. Mary's.....	4 75
Preston.....	2 25
Niagara Falls South.....	2 00
Vankleek Hill.....	11 87
Mitchell.....	8 31
Arnprior.....	8 25
Meaford.....	2 00
Orillia.....	8 00
Lucan.....	1 00
Parkdale Y. W. C. T. U.....	1 50
Southampton.....	9 50
Walkerton.....	12 00
Wilbur Station.....	2 50
Port Elgin.....	5 75
Tara.....	3 12

EXPENDITURE.

Mrs. Dr. Anderson, Supt. of Hygiene and Heredity, postage, etc	3 25
Miss Bowes, for organizing.....	30 00
Refunded from Prov. Treasury to Y. W. C. T. U., K. G. Dept. Brantford.....	20 00
Nov.—Expenses of the Assistant Cor. Sec., for the year ending Oct. 14th 1886.....	20 25
Expenses of Pres. as Fraternal Delegate to Minneapolis.....	50 48
To <i>Brockville Times</i> for 100 post cards for Rec. Sec.....	1 60
To C. W. Mitchell, as per act. rendered Nov. 1886.....	20 85
Dec.—Supt. of Scientific Temperance Instruction, postage on circulars.....	2 00
3,300 Supplements <i>Woman's Journal</i>	17 00
200 extra copies President's address.....	2 00
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By Cash on act. from Pres.	10 00
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Feb.—To Supt. Scientific Temperance Instruction	
200 Journals of Education	2 00
Sample charts.....	2 00
Postage.....	4 48
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Rec Sec. postage per ac. rendered N. B. Colcock, Brockville, for printing 300 circulars for Supt. of temperance instruction.....	1 07
To Miss Jennie Harrison, Supt. of Press Dept, per act, rendered..	2 50
To Supt. Literature Dept. sample literature sent to unions.....	4 40
Supt. Scientific Temperance Instruction, one ream of paper....	7 63
J. McLaren, Q. C. Toronto, incorporation papers.....	1 50
To C. W. Mitchell, for printing circulars etc.....	10 00
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March—N. B. Colcock, Brockville for printing 800 circulars	4 50
5000 Petitions.....	22 00
100 Post Cards.....	1 60
1500 Circulars.....	4 50
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Supt. of Scientific Temperance Instruction, postage on Petitions.....	4 00

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Toronto Eastern, No. 2 Branch	5 00
Drayton	4 00
Toronto West End	3 25
Dungannon	1 75
Toronto Y. W. C. T. U. East Branch	1 83
Goderich Y. W. C. T. U.	1 13
Trenton Y. W. C. T. U.	1 75
Malvern	2 00
Parry Sound	3 00
Smith's Falls	6 83
Perth	4 90
Brantford Y. W. C. T. U.	8 50
Clinton	4 00
Wyoming	9 06
Pembroke	12 00
West Winchester	3 00
Kemble	4 38
Collingwood	3 00
Woodstock	5 46
Flesherton	2 25
Stayner	10 75
Owen Sound Y. W. C. T. U.	9 26
Paisley	6 00
Simcoe	1 58
Thorold Y. W. C. T. U.	2 50
Brampton	5 13
Waterford	6 50
Norwich	3 25
Little York	75
Peterboro Y. W. C. T. U.	4 50
St. Thomas Y. W. C. T. U.	2 15
London Y. W. C. T. U.	2 75
Napanee Y. W. C. T. U.	2 25
Smith's Falls Y. W. C. T. U.	3 50
Pinkerton	3 00
Cardinal	2 25
Toronto Y. W. C. T. U.	6 37
Gorrie	3 00
Thornbury	5 50
Alma College	4 20

Total Affiliation Fees..... \$808 82

EXPENDITURE.

Circular letter to Ministers	15 00
Supt. of Press Dept. postage	19 00
April—Supt. of Legislation and Franchise Dept. circulars	6 90
Postage	6 00
Supt. of Scientific Instructions, Dept., expenses as per act. rendered March 29th, 1887	11 10
Miss Scott, Ottawa, Supt. of Y. W. C. T. U. Dept., postage	17 10
Pres. expenses to Toronto and return in interest of Scientific Temperance Instruction Petition	25 58
Pres. postage act. from Nov. 1886 to March 30th, 1887	2 00
Cor. Sec. Postage acct. from Nov to March, 1887	14 85
May.—To Supt. of Lit. Dept. for literature supplied to new unions and to Superintendents of Depts. of Work O. W. C. T. U.	23 26
June.—Supt. of Scientific Temperance Instruction Postage, telegrams, &c. 1,500 envelopes	2 00
June —N. B. Colcock, Brockville, 100 post cards printed per Scientific Temperance Instruction department	24 68
W. Mitchell, Ottawa, for printing 2,000 annual reports	3 75
Less received from Mrs. Watson	1 50
Mailing reports	5 25
C. W. Mitchell, for printing 1,000 circular letters	174 80
2 reams note headings	174 80
1 ream note headings	53 50
1,000 No. 7 envelopes	34 56
1,500 constitutions and by-laws	4 00
1 ream note headings	2 00
1 ream note headings	1 00
1,000 No. 7 envelopes	1 00
500 leaflets for R. Road working men	1 00
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 istic work..... 2 33
 Mrs. Morrison, Owen Sound,
 Supt. of Sailor Dept., postage 1 00
 July—Miss Bowes' travelling exp-
 enses to National W. C. T. U.
 Con., from Milwaukee..... 10 00
 To Editor of *Woman's Journal* for
 advertising Directory from Nov
 1st 1886 to Oct. 1st, 1887 10 00
 C. W. Mitchell, for printing 1000
 half yearly circulars, per Cor.
 Sec..... 3 75
 Sept. 1st—To Editor of *Woman's*
Journal for copies of Journal
 supplied to editors 8 00
 To Lewis Shannon, Kingston, for
 printing 1000 note heads 2 00
 1,200 circulars..... 2 00
 1,000 envelopes..... 2 00
 2,000 petitions..... 14 00

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 Sept.—Cor. Sec. postage from
 May 19th to Aug. 29th..... 10 63
 To Supt. of Lit. Dept. for supplies
 sent to new unions..... 8 90
 To Rolph Smith & Co., Toronto
 for seal and press, Ont. W.C.T.U 15 00
 Rolph Smith & Co., for illumina-
 ting address..... 25 00
 Mrs. M. S. Fawcett, bal. of acct.
 for dept. of lumbermen, ending
 Sep. 30th..... 8 11
 Citizen Pub. Company, per
 Mrs. Fotheringham, Sup.
 Dept, Prov. & County
 Fairs, 700 pamphlets... 6 50
 1,000 envelopes..... 2 25
 1 ream note headings... 1 50

 10 25
 Mrs. A. Greenhill, Prescott, pos-
 tage, and stationery, per Dept.
 Work among Soldiers..... 3 00
 Mrs. Jarman, Toronto, expenses
 per Supt. Dept. R. Road work 2 00
 Miss Scott, postage as Supt, Dept.
 Young Women's work..... 3 00
 President's postage from April 1st

Total Income.....\$808 82

TREASURER'S REPORT.

INCOME.	EXPENDITURE.
Total Income	to September 17th.....
\$808 82	16 45
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	Sept.—To Pres. for an Assistant for writing during the year....
	28 00
	Mrs. Leach, Co., Supt. of Huron, postage, etc.....
	2 00
	Mrs. McFarlane, expenses as Co. Supt.....
	3 45
	Mrs. A. W. Anderson, Supt. Dept Heredity and Hygiene postage
	3 75
	Treasurer's postage bill.....
	21 02
	Mrs. Stonehouse, Brampton, ex- penses as Co. Supt.....
	1 50
	Mrs. T. Houston, expenses as Co. Supt.....
	1 50
	Mrs. H. Youmans, St. Catharines, expenses as Co. Supt.....
	2 00
	Rec Sec., postage to Sept. 29..
	1 00
	Mr. W. Campbell, postage for Co. work.....
	1 22
	R. D. Warren, Georgetown, for printing circulars per Press Dept.....
	1 25
	J. H. Jackson, stamps for Press Dept.....
	80
Total Income.....	Total Expenditure
\$808 82	981 34

Summary of Income and Expenditure of the Ont. W.C.T.U. for year ending Oct. 1, 1887.

Income.—Balance from last acct.	409 02	Donations from local unions to Dominion and World's Unions..	84 62
Affiliation fees for year.....	808 82	Donation from Mrs. Shortread, to Lumbermen's department.....	5 00
Receipts at Convention at Owen Sound—1886.		Received from sale of Reports ...	100 34
Collection in Methodist Church..	23 63	Interest on bank deposit	9 02
Collection in Presbyterian Church	28 60	Total Receipts.....	1534 35
Collection Division St. Presbyter- ian Church.....	21 37	Expenditure.....	981 34
Proceeds of sale table.....	21 43	Balance on hand.....	\$553 01
Refund by Miss Bowes, for unions not affiliated	22 50		

MRS. D. L. BRETHOUR, Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the books of Mrs. Brethour, Treasurer of the Ontario W. C. T. U. and have compared them with the several vouchers for the different items of expenditure, I have pleasure in saying that I have found the books in good order and most correctly kept.

Brantford, Oct. 8th, 1887.

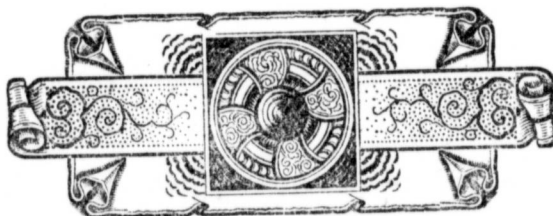
WILLIAM WILKINSON, Auditor.

Report of Convention Finance Committee.

OCTOBER 13TH, 1887.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENSES.
Collections .....\$88 51	Travelling expenses of gen. officers \$32 46
Proceeds of Sale Table..... 28 55	Express charges on Standards used at Convention..... 1 31
Donation from Hon. G. E. Foster. 25 00	Express charges on 400 annual re- ports from Ottawa to Napanee.. 1 95
	Printing, Postage, Telegrams and Stationery..... 7 84
	Electric light used in Churches.... 8 50
	To Caretakers..... 5 25
	Miss Phelps, address and travel- ling expenses..... 13 35
\$142 06	\$70 66

MRS. D. L. BRETHOUR, Convener.



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Reports of Superintendents of Departments.

ORGANIZATION.

ROBERTA E. TILTON, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Superintendent of Organization begs to submit her report for the past year :

The above may suggest a long story of active work but the report itself will be very meagre, for very little has been done. The official organizer has spent most of the year in Manitoba and British Columbia, consequently what organizing has been done, has been accomplished by members, county presidents or superintendents and our Mother Youmans. In November your superintendent communicated with Bruce, Grey, Prince Edward, Lambton, Huron and Oxford Counties. A reply was received from Mrs. Frazer, of Oxford Co., also, from Mrs. Bates, of Plattsville, Ont., asking for instructions of organization to be sent to Mrs. Judson, Metcalfe. These we sent; no reply has been received. A letter from Mrs. Robinson, Georgetown, asking for White Cross literature. She was referred to supt. of literature. It was good to realize that Mrs. Youmans was able to devote much time to county work in the west during the winter. She wrote in November :

"Bruce and Huron have written urgent letters for help. I will go as soon as possible: Prince Edward seized me on my arrival for a convention. I hope to form a County Union here, and to extend the organization into townships and school sections, getting the children banded together as much as possible, forming a County Band of Hope Union."

The county superintendent's office is one of much importance, and if your retiring superintendent of organization may suggest one thing above another, let it be that every county see that the most practical, earnest, and "plenty of time" woman be placed at the helm of the county work—where the county is a very large one, an assistant should be authorized.

Organization work is important, but it has its dangers. Let the W. C. T. U watch, lest those summed up by a recent writer become its snares. 1st. "They tend to destroy our individuality. We are simply a part in a great multitude, like a soldier in an army. The army is all-important for emergencies, for great occasions; but the army is not the place to train men for the common duties of every day life as citizens. No more are societies the place to train men and women for the common duties of life. 2nd. They may diminish our sense of personal responsibility. Where so many are engaged we are apt to feel that the work will be done whether we do much or not. The consequence is, in most societies, a few persons do most of the work. 3rd. We are apt to give the organization the care and attendance which should be devoted to the work or object to be accomplished, consequently our interest centres in the society rather than in the end it has in view. 4th. We may easily be led to think that the organization is the all-important matter, and thus forget that the promise and blessing of God are absolutely essential to the success of every good work. The writer adds: If these suggestions will set our readers to thinking, our object will be attained.

THE "PRESS" DEPARTMENT.

MISS JENNIE HARRISON, GEORGETOWN.

Time, the swift footed athlete, in his hurried flight has borne away the weeks and months of another year. The opportunities which were once ours are ours no longer, but lie buried in the rocky caverns of the departed past. As we nestle our feet upon the threshold of another year and before us rise in mighty phalanx its untried duties and privileges, we pause in our onward march and through a comingling of light and shade view the way by which we have come. We see in this close deadly conflict, between the opposing forces, Right and Wrong, the latter still striving for the mastery, while the former with firm and determined footstep is slowly taking the place that was hers since our first parents roamed the flowery avenues of their Paradisian home. Since that time Right's throne has been usurped, her sceptre swayed by a merciless hand and her banner trampled in the dust, but in the waning light of this glorious 19th century, eager eyes, still watching, behold the cloud of error lifting, Right being reseated upon her ancient pedestal, while over and above proudly flaunts the banner which Jesus long years ago flung to the gentle breeze that played around Lebanon's vine clad brow, as under its folds march a grander host of devotees than ever bowed at the shrine of any earthly potentate, and by virtue of this banner poor drooping humanity has been revived. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light." They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death upon them hath the light shined." Already our eye of faith beholds the near approach of that time "when the war drums throb no longer and the battle flag is furled." While everywhere doors are being thrown open to admit Christianity it is a lamentable fact that intemperance, the greatest foe to modern society, is still a recognized necessity, and has a name and a place among our country's laws. The tread of the mighty procession of ruin's victims still falls upon our ears as it passes onward, ever onward to the regions of despair.

"If none shall pity and none shall save where will the march they are making end?" The problem under solution at present is not "shall the saloon go," but, "when does the interment take place?" The edict, freighted with the sighs and tears of orphans and widows has gone forth, declaring *the saloon must go*. But whether or not *we* shall ever bask in the long-hoped-and-prayed for sunshine of Prohibition's freedom is conditioned upon our activity.

When it was pleasantly possible for Garibaldi to become Dictator of Italy, and when such a course was suggested to him he indignantly replied "I am not fighting for power nor for a name, but for my beloved Italy," such is the true spirit of heroism and patriotism, and such is the spirit and mission of the W.C.T.U. Woman, in her self forgetfulness, labors for the interests of home which is the country's citadel. In this warfare she finds no more ready or willing helpers than "The Press," and it is the keenest weapon in her armory.

When Gutenberg in his monastic cell worked wearily on with his rude types, unconscious of everything else but the one great purpose that held possession of his soul, and to which he bent all his energies and ambitions, the thought never suggested itself to him that he was setting in motion wheels of progress every revolution of which would regulate the customs and usages of society, and mould and fashion, public opinion. The "Press" stands out in bold defense of the interest of home and society at large, speaking with an all-powerful voice which never fails to secure an audience.

In connection with this department during the year, 650 letters have been

sent out. Every union and every or nearly every county superintendent in the Province has been interviewed. The work though somewhat heavy has been greatly lightened by the prompt cheering responses. By correspondence we find the following Unions use the "Press" freely by occupying space granted.

Hamilton, 1 paper supplied by W.C.T.U.			Orono 1 paper supplied by W. C. T. U.		
Aylmer.....1	do	do	Belleville.....1	do	do
Ottawa.....3	do	do	Prescott.....1	do	do
Goderich.....2	do	do	New Market...2	do	do
Fonthill.....2	do	do	Meaford.....1	do	do
Cobourg.....1	do	do	Chesley.....1	do	do
Stayner.....1	do	do	Tilsonburg.. ...1	do	do
Farmersville...1	do	do	Gananoque....2	do	do
Tara.....1	do	do	St. Marys.....2	do	do
Ingersoll.....2	do	do	Alliston.....1	do	do
Pembroke.....2	do	do	Warton.....1	do	do
Napanee.....2	do	do	Drayton.....2	do	do
Galt.....2	do	do	Seaforth.....2	do	do
Mt. Forest.....1	do	do	Toronto.....4	do	do
Pr. Albert.....1	do	do	Y.W.C.T.U.....4	do	do
Kemble.....2	do	do	Kemptville.....2	do	do
Clinton.....1	do	do	Morrisburg.....1	do	do
Embro.....1	do	do	Brampton.....2	do	do
Aurora.....2	do	do	Perth.....2	do	do
London.....2	do	do	Kingston.....2	do	do
Norwick.....1	do	do	Peterboro.....2	do	do
Orillia.....3	do	do	St. Thomas....4	do	do
Owen Sound..2	do	do	Saugeen. ....1	do	do
Arnprior.....1	do	do	Georgetown...1	do	do

From a number of the unions has come the response, "There is no newspaper published in our locality, but when and where accessible will make use of." From some "our editors refuse us space, but we are determined to work till our request is granted." A large number have not responded, this should not be so when more than one paper at their very doors grants them a space and earnestly requests that it be occupied. The increased interest in this work manifested by the local Unions during the year is encouraging. Every editor in the Province has been interviewed, and from the kind and courteous replies received we may safely conclude that to no small extent the "Press" of Ontario is with us in this important work. All to some extent publish temperance articles, while the majority, in order to advance the cause, place their columns at the disposal of the W. C. T. U.

From the replies received to circulars sent out we have some what ascertained the attitude of the "Press" on the leading questions of the day. To the question "what is your opinion of the third party movement?" there seems to be difference of opinions. While some consider it a "positive necessity," others look upon it as a "humbug," some say it will weaken the temperance cause, others think it will hasten prohibition by spurring on present existing parties, but the majority seems in favor of sinking partyism prejudices and supporting a party, the chief plank in whose platform is Prohibition. To the question "what do you believe to be the best means of securing Prohibition?" there are also differences of opinion, for while a few think the step premature, the majority think it will only be secured by education, agitation and legislation. One lonely editor thinks it might be secured by "woman leaving the work in man's hands and not meddle in such matters."

To all the agricultural papers letters were sent a second time none of which, however, responded. All the College Journals were interviewed, but the season being somewhat advanced may have been a reason for no action being taken in the matter. From the editors of the School and Health Journals kind letters were received assuring our society of sympathy and support. The *Mail* and *Globe* which are both well saturated with temperance, are powerful allies in this work. For the first time the "Grand Trunk Bulletin" has thrown open its columns to us. All along the route of the G. T. R. this paper is scattered broad cast, we may therefore look upon this as another step in advance. Looking from our present standpoint we have very great reason for gratitude for the past, and hopefulness for the future, even while our hands are in firm grasp of present duties, the "come over and help us" is wafted to us from "regions beyond," we therefore front our altars of sacrifice and with true womanly devotion swear fresh allegiance to the cause we love so dearly.

"Go labor on; tis not for nought
Thy earthly loss is heavenly gain;
Men need thee, love thee, praise thee not;
The Master praises, what are men?"

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

MRS. T. W. CASEY, NAPANEE.

I very much regret that I have not been able, during the past year, to do much service in the way of conferences with important bodies, for I have not found it possible to have any personal conferences, such as might have been considered desirable.

When the Farmer's Institutes were being held last winter, I took occasion to write to several of them explaining the objects of our Union, and asking co-operation in our work. I did not learn that any decisive action was taken on their part in consequence. I also sent an official communication to the Provincial Convention of the Y. M. C. A., held in Kingston in February, and received a very cordial reply, assuring us of their hearty sympathy in our work, and a willingness to co-operate with us at any time for the good of humanity and the advancement of our common cause.

So far as the annual Conferences and Synods of the various Christian Churches were concerned, it did not seem necessary to trouble *them* regarding co-operation in our great work; every one of them appears to manifest a growing determination to use every possible influence for the advancement of the temperance movement, though, as might be expected, there is yet considerable diversity of opinion regarding the best methods of procedure.

The Methodist Church in this province has been more decisively outspoken this year than ever before. At the Annual Conference, held in Peterboro in June, the following resolutions were adopted:—

"Resolved, that believing the time to be fully come when party alliances and party predilections must be subordinated to the great cause of temperance reform, the members of this Conference do hereby pledge themselves by every legitimate means, in the pulpit, on the platform, in the press and at the ballot box—to oppose any Government, or any party, or any individual Member of Parliament, who either by vote or influence shall seek to destroy or seriously impair existing prohibitory legislation.

It was also decided to "strongly urge" the formation of prohibitory associations of young men for the purpose of information and work, and thus be prepared for action along the whole line of the electorate where candidates for Parliament are in the field."

At the last Montreal Methodist Conference, (having jurisdiction in all the province east of here), similar high ground was taken. The report of the Temperance Committee was heartily adopted, which recommended :

To urge the electorate represented by the Conference to stand true to the principle of prohibition, making the question first in politics ; also that increased attention be given to the education of children in temperance principles, and that greater diligence be exercised in securing signatures, and care in tabulating the number of children who annually sign the pledge ; that the conference name the second Sabbath in October as Temperance Sabbath, and that sermons be preached in all our congregations on the temperance question, and that at least one week evening service in each quarter be devoted to conversation and special prayer for the spread of temperance principles."

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, held in Winnipeg in June, adopted the report of the Temperance Committee, containing, among other excellent things, the following :

"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 ; 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 earnestly sought by all right means. And further that this Assembly declares its readiness to co-operate with the other Christian denominations of this Dominion in an earnest and United effort to hold fast that which we have, and to obtain at the earliest possible day, an efficient law for the entire suppression of the liquor traffic."

The Assembly expressed hope that the electors will elect as their Parliamentary representatives "Only able and good men, who are well-known to be in sympathy with prohibition legislation."

A resolution was unanimously adopted by the Assembly expressing

"Its high appreciation of the great and valuable services rendered to the cause of temperance by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and earnestly prays that the labours of our Christian women in this most important organization may be greatly blessed of God to the speedy victory of Temperance and Prohibition in our country."

It would require much more space than should be occupied by this report to reproduce similar extracts from the reports of the proceedings of the representative meetings of the other Christian bodies during this year, all indicating encouragingly advance ground regarding the great temperance work. Never before have the Christian workers in the Province evinced such a determination for united effort for the extermination of the drink traffic. It is also encouraging to know that the Knights of Labour, now becoming such an important factor in Parliamentary elections, take such decidedly high grounds regarding temperance and prohibition.

At the recent conference of the members of the Dominion Prohibitory Alliance, held in Toronto last month, a resolution was unanimously adopted in favour of women suffrage, and also favouring the adoption of a political party with prohibition as a leading principle.

Now that the ballot has been placed in the hand of many women, so far as the municipal elections are concerned, the necessity of educating our sex up to the importance of using all honourable and legitimate efforts to elect men whose hearts are right regarding the great moral and social reforms was never so great before. Truly our doors of usefulness are fast opening. May God grant us wisdom and zeal in the proper performance of the duties now so clearly before us.

WORK AMONG RAILROAD MEN.

HANNAH E. JARMAN, SUPERINTENDENT.

TORONTO, SEPT. 26th, 1887.

Sisters,

I thank God for his help and guidance. I have realized the promise, "Surely I will be with you." I thank Him also for the remarkable interest in purer

morals that has sprung up everywhere during the past year, knitting together the hearts of God's people, and leading them to cry out with one voice for light.

Early in the year I sent out the following circular :

TORONTO, FEB.

Dear Sisters,

For several months past I have been asking my Lord and Master to open the way and lead me into it, whereby I could be more beneficial to the flock placed under my charge for the second term. The way appears to open for the accomplishment of the object aimed at, but I shall require the help of one or two earnest workers in every Union, surely you have such in yours. Will you not name them to-day, hand them this circular, and set them to work at once distributing White Cross leaflets? So many men in Toronto have taken the White Cross pledge at public meetings brought about mainly through the instrumentality of the W. C. T. U. addressed by Mrs. Bradley and others. I may truly say my eyes have been opened and that God is guiding us to a firm foundation.

Our promise is to wage a life-long war against these giant evils, intemperance and impurity. Let us therefore lift up a banner for our Railway men, and write thereon Temperance, Purity, for there can be no lasting good to humanity unless founded on morality. But the question is asked, "What can women do?" We answer, "everything," my sisters. Plan wisely and well, prepare the way by circulating "White Cross" literature (which can be procured at the Ont. Lit. Dept.) arrange for meetings to be addressed by speakers, men or women, who are consecrated to the Master's Work, for after all, sisters, let us not forget our object, which is to win souls to Christ. Our Railway men will not come to us, we must therefore go to them, and assist in removing temptation from their path in every way that we can. Place within reach of all something to guide, help or convince, and in this way hasten the day when every knee to Him shall bow. God speed you on your mission, is the prayer of your sister in this work.

HANNAH E. JARMAN,
49 Simcoe St., Toronto.
Superintendent of Railway Men's
Work for Ontario.

I have received during the year a large number of letters asking for information regarding Railroad men's work, all of which have been cheerfully answered, requesting the writers in return to send me the result of their labours. I am confident work has been done, but with the exception of Toronto Unions all of which have done a grand work, the returns are not what they should be for Ontario. Sisters, will you not remedy this failing in the coming year by sending the Superintendents of Departments, every little item, no matter how small, connected with their department, and in this may do what you can to help sum up the grand total.

In Toronto last February we had Mrs. Bradley from England, who gave us fourteen lectures, and did good service in stirring us up and putting us in the way of "The White Shield movement," which we concluded to unite with our railroad work in Toronto, and find it just what was required for our young women and men, who are coming to the front and taking this second pledge. If space would permit I could give instances that would cheer the hearts of God's people in this work. Our White Shield meetings for young women have been well attended.

At one of these Mrs. Dr. Stowe gave a grand address, which was copied in the *Globe and Mail*. Forty copies of each paper was purchased. I sent a copy of each to different Unions throughout the Dominion.

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Our pledged young ladies now number one hundred and twenty. As our volunteers went into camp this summer we put into the cars for them five hundred temperance *Heralds* with special letters (written by President of the Central W. C. T. U.,) requesting them to abstain from all that intoxicates.

I have distributed five hundred leaflets, Railroad and White Shield.

We have also held Gospel temperance meetings in the West End for railway men, and the Eastern Ladies No 1 have paid twenty visits to cabouses, putting papers and leaflets and distributed six hundred and eighteen tracts.

Altogether we can say this has been the best year of service for the Master.

FRENCH WORK.

MR. JAS. COWAN.

There is very little progress to report from this department of the W. C. T. U. work, as I found it impossible to procure suitable French temperance literature after applying at every available place in the cities of Montreal and Quebec.

The only encouragement of the year is the promise of a Union to be formed in the near future, of members of the Rev. M. Ami's French Protestant Congregation in Ottawa; when this branch of the work can be done more effectively by woman speaking the language and understanding the needs of their countrymen.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

MRS. A. GREENHILL.

The Superintendent of Work among Soldiers begs to submit the following report:

In October last an appeal made to the citizens of Hamilton by Lieutenant-Colonel Gibson for greater interest in the volunteers, suggested an opening for our work. The secretary of the Hamilton Union had an interview with him, asking his influence for total abstinence, especially among the officers, in the mess-room. He assured the ladies of his entire sympathy with the cause, and said that it was very necessary that something should be done, but that it would be impossible to do anything until they occupied their new drill shed.

In May the Toronto ladies circulated about four hundred copies of the *Citizen* and *Globe* among the volunteers as they were leaving for Napanee. These papers contained besides other temperance matter, a letter addressed to the officers and men of the Queen's Own Regiment, signed on behalf of the Union by the President and Secretary. It was an appeal to the men to refrain from carrying or using liquor while on that trip.

Early in June I corresponded with eighty-five Unions in reference to my work, about twelve replied. In London and Kingston while the volunteers were in camp, the Unions gave some assistance to the Y. M. C. A. in distributing literature, and assisted in the praise service in the evenings. In Ottawa the Union, assisted by the New Edinburgh ladies, conducted a refreshment tent, which was kindly loaned to them by Colonel Lamontagne. The sales were continued for ten days, four ladies being appointed for each day.

The total receipts were.....	\$297.39
Expenditure.....	232.37
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Balance.....	\$65.02

Of this amount \$20.00 were donated to the Y. M. C. A. towards defraying their expenses in connection with the military camp. They had secured the services of an evangelist for nightly meetings, and thus relieved the ladies of this important part of the work.

The secretary writes: "This committee was cheered from time to time with the kindly words of appreciation heard from both officers and men, a special vote of thanks being tendered by the battalion from Brockville through Lieutenant-Colonel Cole."

I corresponded with Mr. J. W. Manning, Hon. Provincial Secretary, regarding the inspector's power and duty in the camp itself. He replied that it has been the policy of the Department to consider the camp as being entirely under Dominion control, but no objection can be taken to the inspector being urged to increased vigilance where circumstances call for it. While not a little good work has been done, a great deal more might be accomplished if the local Unions could realize what an advantageous line of work this is. Let us use our energies in well-directed personal effort with the officers, commanding and subordinate, with the inspectors giving them what encouragement and aid lies in our power, and with the rank and file, providing for their comfort and entertainment as we have opportunity. In summing up the probable result of the year's work, we think that advance has been made in the growth of public opinion, as was shown by the fact that the non-commissioned officers of the Governor General's Foot Guards in Toronto conducted their annual banquet on temperance principles.

WORK AMONG SAILORS.

ALICE P. MORRISON, SUPERINTENDENT.

This department can now be said to have a solid footing among the port Unions in our Province. Last year some of our Unions began work in this direction and this year others have taken it up, and in a few years we shall look forward to there being a "Sailor Department" in every W.C.T.U. port in our Ontario. Then when a boat comes into harbor and does not get its supply of temperance literature from one port it will surely be supplied at the next. In every case our local superintendents report that the literature is gratefully received. God in His loving wisdom may be going before us preparing the hearts of the seamen for these little leaflet preachers. He has put it into our hearts to take up this work and we will go on faithfully doing our best, believing that He will own and bless our labors.

I will now let the reports speak for themselves as to what has been accomplished during the year:—

"WORK AMONG SAILORS."

MRS. JAS. COWAN, OTTAWA.

Work in this department was resumed on the Ottawa river upon the opening of the season.

Semi-weekly visiting, conversation, where at all practicable; and the distribution of tracts, added to this was a small basket of flowers, which delighted the children, and paved the way to the favour of the parents.

Owing to the improvement in the lumber trade, in which the boats are largely employed, the opportunity for visiting all the boats was not afforded us. In the hurry of loading and unloading, consequent upon the increased traffic, many of the boats were not sufficiently near the wharf to be reached without small boats, which we could not command.

Willing hearts and ready hands, were found to convey to those outlying boats, tracts, flowers or messages as the case might be. Sometimes the medium would be a mere boy; and, sometimes our hearts were cheered by a weatherbeaten gray-haired captain with a warm grasp of the hand and a smile-lit face, respond, "Yes I gladly: I've always been a temperance man, and am proud to help on the grand work."

Following out the suggestion of our Provincial Superintendent and our own convictions, an effort was made to hold Sabbath service upon the boats. Upon applying to the Y. M. C. A. for aid, (as most of our honorary members and church workers are connected with the association,) we found that their plans for the summer's work included "Work among Sailors" conducted in this way. Sabbath afternoon visiting and the distribution of tracts with an urgent invitation to attend Sabbath evening outdoor services held in the near vicinity of the boats, and the song service being made specially attractive. More than this we could not do and so left that part of the work in their hands.

Though in this, as in all departments of the work, there are discouragements and unpleasantness, yet on the whole there is much to encourage us

"To labour on at God's command, and offer all our works to Him."

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

"Since navigation opened a good deal of sailor work has been done under a superintendent from the W. C. T. U. Each boat is visited once a week by some of the committee, who distribute temperance leaflets to the sailors, and on each of the large boats sixty temperance books have been placed.

FLORENCE EARLY.

OWEN SOUND, SEPT. 21st, 1887.

So soon as suitable literature could be attained, we commenced work among sailors. The Y. W. C. T. U. formed a committee to assist, which was gladly accepted, also contributed very generously toward the supply of literature. In the passengers cabin we placed excellent temperance pamphlets. For sailors and for officers we supplied suitable tracts. On the pamphlets we wrote W. C. T. U. and name of vessel. Our reason for so doing was to show that they were not to be carried off the boat. In all we distributed upwards of eight thousand pages of literature. Our object in this work is to promote God's glory in the salvation of souls.

E. KRAMER.

GODERICH.

I was appointed Superintendent of the Sailor's Department, March the 1st, in connection with the W. C. T. U., of Goderich.

During March distributed one hundred pages of literature, also secured one pledge signer; in April ninety-five pages, eighteen pledges and visited eight families. May seventy pages, June one hundred pages, visited six boats; August placed a box on Steamer Ontario for the purpose of holding temperance literature and distributed one hundred pages.

MRS. G. W. BERRY.

PRESCOTT, SEPT. 23rd, 1887.

Dear Mrs. Morrison:—

Owing to circumstances over which I have had no control, I have been unable to accomplish as much as could have been desired in the way of distributing literature this summer. We have had a rack suitable for holding tracts, papers, etc., placed upon the ferry boat, which runs hourly between Prescott and Ogdensburg, which we have endeavoured to keep supplied with temperance reading matter during part of the season.

Hoping, if spared, to be able to send a more encouraging report another year.

Yours most sincerely,

MAGGIE A. BROUSE.

I trust that the above reports may inspire some who have hitherto not attempted efforts in this branch of our W.C.T.U. work, to resolve that next season they will at least try what can be done.

WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

MRS. FAWCETT, TORONTO.

The Superintendent of this department began in November, 1886, to send supplies of literature for distribution among the men employed in the lumbering districts, and from that time till the end of March, 1887, a large amount was mailed.

In every case the parcels sent were acknowledged, and all expressed pleasure and thankfulness in such a manner that we were satisfied it was thoroughly appreciated, not only by the men in camp, but by settlers in distant neighborhoods, where books of the right sort are not easily obtained.

Thirty-six parcels as large as could be sent through the Post Office were sent, nineteen to camps in Muskoka District, and the remainder into the County of Bruce.

One minister, who willingly undertook to distribute, wrote me: "Send on all you can spare and I will see that it is faithfully distributed, not only to the men in camp, but to destitute settlers."

There are difficulties to overcome in visiting the camp. They are not easily reached except in the winter season. Then the great depth of snow often rendered that impossible. If the means were available, or could be furnished by which a missionary could be employed for a few months during the license herring season to visit the camps and hold service with the men, it would be a help to our work, be made a blessing to the men, and might result in the salvation of souls. Much of the literature was sent to ministers, who were kindly urged to give as much of their time as possible to this work.

In reference to literature distribution, so much of a suitable kind was sent that it was not necessary to purchase new, and here I desire to express my thankfulness to those ladies who so promptly responded to "call" through "Woman's Journal."

One large box from Picton full of valuable magazines and papers. One parcel from Whitby. The remainder from central and northern unions of Toronto, except a large parcel from an unknown source.

Like all other departments of our work this is one of vast importance. The field is large and "White unto the harvest." Much might be accomplished if the camps could be visited and men induced to sign the pledge and seek the Saviour.

LEGISLATION, FRANCHISE AND PETITION.

HULDAH ROCKWELL, SUPERINTENDENT.

The past year has been one of marked progress in regard to temperance

LEGISLATION,

in other lands as well as our own. Public sentiment is rapidly crystalizing into legal enactment. In England, under the able leadership of Mr. Axel Gustafson, the temperance forces are being marshalled in battle array, and a National Prohibition Party is being formed, which will doubtless soon make itself felt, as it has already done in the United States. Our American friends are preparing for a grand contest in connection with the coming Presidential election, while at the same time the battle wages all over the land in local option fights and "Prohibition Amendment" conflicts. In our own Dominion the aim has been more to hold the ground already gained than to press on to further "Scott Act" victories. Our enemies have been busy again, a bill to repeal the Act altogether having been introduced last session, which was happily defeated by the grand majority of one hundred and seven votes, while the ever-recurring "beer and wine," amendment was again thrown out by a majority of eighty-nine. In view of the fact that temperance was not brought forward as an issue at the last elections, we think that we have no reason to be discouraged by the showing made in regard to Mr. Jamieson's Prohibition measure, when we consider also that strenuous efforts were made to "side-track" it by raising the question of "compensation," which as Mr. Fisher very properly showed was a matter of detail, and had nothing to do with the main question. All honour to the seventy noble representatives who recorded their votes for Prohibition, may their number steadily increase, as it surely will until it becomes a large majority.

Our first work in connection with this department this year was the sending again of a circular letter to all the Unions, previous to the municipal elections, urging upon them the necessity of organizing the lady-voters in support of temperance candidates. A full report of this work having been already published in the *Journal*, we will merely summarize as follows:—Thirty-seven Unions sent replies to the questions on the cards, some of which contained no address, so that I could not tell where they were from. The total number of lady voters reported to was five thousand and eighty-two. Of these two thousand three hundred and forty-one voted at municipal elections, and forty-three only are reported to have voted at school trustee elections. One hundred and twenty-five temperance candidates were elected, fifty-three defeated. We hope that this part of our work will not be neglected, but pushed vigorously in the future. It will pay in every way, not only by ensuring to us better and purer administration of municipal affairs, but also by keeping the matter of temperance reform before the public.

The question of a still further extension of the right of the

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to women both married and single, not having been discussed at our last convention, it was thought advisable to obtain from all our Unions an expression of opinion in regard to it, and accordingly a circular was issued in January last by this department, which contained the following questions:—

1st. "Do you think that the result of women's use of the ballot in municipal with good results?"

2nd. "Are you of the opinion that if the franchise were extended to Parlia-

mentary Elections, Dominion or Provincial, or both, that the result would be beneficial, and especially that the temperance cause would be thereby advanced?"

3rd: "Would you favour the bestowal of this right upon married women passing the necessary qualification?"

4th. "Are you willing to lend a helping hand in securing such Legislation, either by circulating a petition or by bringing pressure directly on your representatives by correspondence, &c., &c.?"

Seventy Union replied to the questions. Of these fifty-seven answered all the questions in the affirmative. Ten of the remaining thirteen Unions answered the first two in the affirmative, but were somewhat divided in regard to the 3rd and 4th. The other three Unions were divided on all, principal objection being to the *married women voting*. The movement having met with such favor we decided to assist Legislation by getting out petitions, which was accordingly done, and considering the short time at our disposal and the large amount of such work previously done by our "white-ribboners," the results were up to our expectations. Just at this point, however, we received word that the Toronto Unions had issued petitions in favour of a bill "to enable married women to vote at Municipal Elections," and so to avoid clashing with them, and at the same time cover the whole ground, we supplemented this one by a second "to enable all women possessing necessary qualifications to vote for members of the Legislative Assembly." The first mentioned Bill was defeated, and Mr. Waters, who introduced it thought best not to introduce the second last session, but to wait a little, and bring the matter up again. The treatment which the first mentioned Bill received at the hands of some of our representatives was in our humble opinion anything but creditable. It was made the occasion for such a scene of coarse hilarity, that we understood a full report was not fit for publication in the paper. We must say we fail to see anything so irresistibly funny in a petition signed by over eight thousand citizens of this Province that it need call forth "roars of laughter" from these gentlemen. Still less are we able to comprehend how these same gentlemen could so soon after support with such favour and gusto an address of congratulation to the Sovereign, who for fifty years has held the sceptre over the vast Empire upon which "the sun never sets," but who is by-the-way a woman and moreover, the mother of a large family; we could not help exclaiming as they praised her motherly qualities and lauded her domestic virtues! "Oh consistency, thou art a jewel."

The total number of signatures received and forwarded to Mr. Waters in support of this measure was eight thousand four hundred and ninety-eight. We now come to the last item of this somewhat lengthy report, viz., the petition of the World's W. C. T. Union, to which we had received some thousands of signatures at the time of our last annual convention, but to which we have the grand total of twenty-six thousand three hundred and twenty names of women in this Province, and "still there's more to follow." We will probably continue to send out these petitions to the new Unions for some time yet, as the time is not limited. In conclusion we would say in the words of Canon Wilberforce, when asked to suggest a policy for the future, "We must advance right along the whole line with artillery, infantry, and every other force."

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

A. M. COWAN, SUPERINTENDENT.

Your superintendent has to report in this department of work that nearly two hundred circulars were sent out, but very few answers have been received.

The most encouraging and suggestive of these is from Ottawa, where a course of Bible-readings was held every day during the week of prayer, and an hour of Bible-study once a week from November till May.

The subject of these studies was "The Service of God," embracing such topics as, "The preludes of service," "The principles of service," "The patience of service," "The privileges of service," "The prospects of service," "Unity witnessing," "The world for Christ," "Consecration" and "Thanksgiving" which were made most interesting and helpful to the ladies taking part. Aurora has also done good work in evangelistic meetings.

In Toronto a prayer meeting was held before the Municipal Elections and a thanksgiving service after as we felt that God had helped us.

A service is held once a week in the goal for the women, tracts are distributed and earnest conversation held with the men in the corridors as well as the women.

In June a series of evangelistic meetings for women was arranged for one week. Bible-readings and papers were read in connection with the subjects of prayer for each day.

The subjects were:— "Our churches," "Women's work at home and in mission," "Our young men in business, in military camps and colleges," "Our young women," "Our children," "Our homes, our country and our rulers."

These meetings, (considering the busy time of the year) were encouraging, having daily attendance of forty and fifty and were helpful to those who attended.

Mother's meetings are held in connection with two of the Toronto Unions which the workers find interesting and hopeful.

From the reports given otherwise by Unions in Ontario, it is evident there is much more evangelistic work done than is reported separately to your superintendent, but secretaries and others are not particular in answering the questions from different departments.

In closing, we would earnestly urge in all our Unions the striving after a closer walk with God, greater spirituality in our own lives and more direct efforts to win souls for Christ. Only through the gift of the Holy Spirit can we have power for service, in saving sinners from the power of Satan in strong drink as well as every other sin.

FLOWER MISSION WORK.

MISS ELOISE SMITH, OTTAWA.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."—Isaiah xxxv, I.

This branch of the work continues to prosper and increase, and though it labours under this disadvantage, that a great many members of our Unions are

out of town during the summer months, so that in several towns they have had to stop for want of workers, a great many Flower missions have been working away all summer. Hospitals, jails and private sick have been visited, and we believe the work has been greatly blessed.

Brockville reports 24 meetings, 265 bouquets distributed, principally among private sick and a few in the jail.

Guelph Flower Mission visited the General Hospital Christmas and New Year's days, bearing letters, cards, flowers and fruit, also paid monthly visits during the summer.

In *Walkerton* some of the Loyal Legion children were enlisted in the work.

Whitby distributed 168 bouquets.

Berlin Flower Mission was only kept up about a month, and distributed a few dozen bouquets.

Napanee ditto, about 20 bouquets.

Ottawa distributes bouquets every week in the Hospital and among private patients as long as flowers are available, and sometimes fruit and Christmas letters were also distributed to patients in the hospital.

Parkdale (Toronto) distributed 300 bouquets, some at the Home for Incurables, and some at the Mercer reformatory. At the latter place they are the only flowers ever sent, and are very gratefully received.

Smith's Falls Flower Mission distributed 84 bouquets and 11 parcels of fruit.

Brantford has distributed an average of 23 bouquets every week, about 300 in all during the summer, chiefly in the Hospital.

Kingston Flower Mission is flourishing and working steadily on. Report says the Hospital work has been especially blessed, not only through the flowers, but also through the hymns sung by the F. M. in the Hospital Wards. In June a floral service was held in St. James' Church, and afterwards the flowers and the sum of \$11.00 was given the Flower Mission.

Galt has distributed 178 bouquets.

Owen Sound, 30 bouquets.

Toronto has distributed 1348 bouquets since the 1st of June.

Thorold has distributed about 17 bouquets.

We believe there are other Unions doing "Flower Mission" work, but these are all that have reported.

Many of the reports tell of the gratitude and pleasure with which the flowers were received. One F. M. says, "An elderly medical man sent us a note stating that flowers and texts both did him so much good." Let us remember that in hospital work that not only the patients but doctors, nurses and visitors may receive a blessing from the flowers and texts.

I have one suggestion to make for winter work. If in your town there is a struggling coffee house, trying to vie the attractions of the whiskey saloons, cannot "Flower missions" help? Plants (and cut flowers when they can be obtained) on the tables and in the windows would make it more attractive, and half hidden in the leaves of every plant or bunch of flowers slip one of our pretty little text cards, with a loving prayer, and who knows what a blessing may follow.

Only this we know—that
Sown in our weakness or sown in our might
Sown in the darkness or sown in the light,
Gathered in time—or eternity
Sure—ah sure will the harvest be.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

MISS SCOTT, OTTAWA, SUPERINTENDENT.

"If we cannot gather sheaves, let us each glean an ear."

The work in this Department for the past year has been most encouraging, and there has been a great gain in the list of Y. W. C. T. Unions, which now number twenty-five, with an aggregate membership of

The Unions which have reported are as follows :

ALMONTE has 18 active and 8 honorary members. Holds business meetings semi-monthly, subscribes for 10 copies of the *Woman's Journal*, is using its influence in introducing Temperance Text Books into schools, has a Band of Hope. Emblem, Mignonette. Motto: "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."—James 4, 17.

BRANTFORD has 35 active members, holds business meetings fortnightly, has headquarters, held social entertainments. Annual receipts, \$190.00, annual expenditure, \$210.00. Subscribes for 8 copies *Woman's Journal*, has Band of Hope with 18 members, boys' night school with 25 members, kitchen garden with 20 members, and Flower Mission, which distributes 23 bouquets every week.

BROCKVILLE has 37 active and 7 honorary members. Holds semi-monthly business meetings and monthly devotional meetings, has headquarters, held three social re-unions, had essay read on "The effect of alcohol on the blood," held two public entertainments, apron sale and moonlight excursion. Annual receipts, \$227.27; annual expenditure, \$210.57. Subscribes for thirty copies of *Woman's Journal*. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in their Sunday School classes, is using influence in introducing Temperance Text Books into schools, has Band of Hope with 105 members; influence the Press by inserting items and reports its own meetings, has used influence to secure use of unfermented wine in churches, has Flower Mission and distributed 265 bouquets, has District Visitation Committee and done relief work, uses Y. W. C. T. U. stationery. Emblem, Heliotrope. Motto: "For it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do."

GALT has 26 active and 7 honorary members. Business meetings are held fortnightly. Has headquarters, held one social reunion, bazaar and concert. Annual receipts, \$177.10; expenditure, \$175.75. Subscribes for 3 copies *Woman's Journal*. Has Sewing School, Boys' Night School, reports its own meetings, has Flower Mission, and distributed 178 bouquets; does relief work, uses Y.W.C.T.U. Stationery. Emblem, Wild Dairy. Motto: "The battle is the Lord's."

GODERICH has 24 active and 12 honorary members. Holds business and devotional meetings fortnightly; meet in Knox Church, has held one social reunion, has distributed 400 pages literature, has Band of Hope with 67 members, and influence the Press by giving locals and reports of meetings, members are faithful in teaching temperance in Sunday School classes, has Visitation Committee and does relief work. Emblem, Red and White Rose. Motto: "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields, for they are white already to harvest." "We are labourers together with God."

HAMILTON has 152 members. Children under instruction, 1,525. Young ladies engaged as teachers, 86. Has a sewing school with 475 pupils and 33 teachers. Has night school with an attendance of 100 boys and 12 teachers. Has 5 Bands of Hope with a membership of 950. 25,000 ribbons were given out, and 226,000 pages of literature. 900 pledges were taken. Receipts for the year, \$302.18; expenditure, \$271.68.

NAPANEE Has 16 members. Holds meetings twice a month in temperance hall. Subscribes to *Woman's Journal*. Has a Band of Hope. Reports its own meetings. Flower Mission has distributed 20 bouquets. Emblem—"Lily of the valley." Motto—Eph. 6, 11: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

OTTAWA has 65 active and 40 honorary members. Business and devotional meetings are held fortnightly, Bible meetings sometimes given, has headquarters, public meetings addressed by Dr. Cullin, Mr. Howland and others, have been held; has reading circle, superintendent of hygiene, distributed temperance literature, has library, 2 sewing schools, girls' night school, kitchen garden, has taken up work among sailors, work among Scandinavians, and "the press." Has Flower Mission, friendly branch, which includes services of song in Jail and Hospital; training class for Christian workers, district visitation and free reading room. Uses Y. W. C. T. U. stationery. Emblem, Pansy. Motto: "The love of Christ constraineth us."

OWEN SOUND has 38 active and 2 honorary members. Business meetings are held fortnightly and devotional monthly, have headquarters, held three Public Meetings, addressed by ministers, Mrs. Youmans and other ladies. Annual receipts, \$89.81; annual expenditure, \$58.00. Distributed 1,288 pages of temperance literature, subscribes for one copy *Woman's Journal*, and *Canada Citizen*, *Royal Templar* and *Northern Messenger*; has Sewing School with 19 members, members are faithful in teaching temperance in the Sunday School classes, has done Work Among Sailors, has Flower Mission and distributed 30 bouquets, has visiting committees, uses Y. W. C. T. U. stationery. Emblem, Easter Lily. Motto: "The Lord our Righteousness."

PARKDALE has 15 active and three honorary members. Holds business meetings fortnightly, has had parlor concerts and a garden party, subscribes for eight copies of the *Woman's Journal*, has Band of Hope with 63 members and sewing school with 12 members, has Flower Mission, and distributed 300 bouquets. Emblem, Chrysanthemum; Motto: "My presence shall go with thee."

PETERBORO' has 18 active and 3 honorary members, meets in the W. C. T. U. Hall, and has a kitchen garden. Emblem, Apple Blossom. Motto: "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit."—John 15, 8.

PEMBROKE has 26 active members. Business and devotional meetings held fortnightly, has used influence in introducing Temperance Text Books into schools, has done temperance work at fair, has influenced the press by writing out temperance articles and reports its own meetings, does relief work. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in their Sunday School classes. Emblem, Scarlet Geranium; Motto:

SMITH'S FALLS has 28 active and 17 honorary members. Business and devotional meetings are held weekly and Bible Readings given. Has headquarters held one social re-union, has reading circle. Annual receipts, \$80.92; annual expenditure, \$53.86. Has distributed 9,410 pages of literature. Subscribes for 3 copies of the *Woman's Journal*. Has used influence in introducing temperance text-books into schools, members are faithful in teaching temperance in their Sunday School classes. Has a Loyal Legion with 104 members, has done temperance work at Fair. We meet once a month with W. C. T. U. and give full report to Press. Has Flower Mission and distributed 84 bouquets and 11 parcels of fruit. Does relief work, uses Y. W. C. T. U. stationery. Emblem, Rose. Motto: "Thy works shall be rewarded."

TORONTO has 51 active and 15 honorary members. Business meetings held fortnightly and devotional meetings monthly. Meet in Shaftesbury Hall, held

one social re-union. The means used for raising money are free-will offerings and concerts. Annual receipts, \$249.84; annual expenditure, \$223.42; has distributed temperance literature, subscribes to six copies of *Woman's Journal* and one each of *Oak and Ivy Leaf*, *Citizen*, *Church of England*, *Temperance Chronicle*. Has used influence in introducing Temperance Text Books into the schools, has Bands of Hope with 400 members, Kitchen Garaen with 72 members, has done work among Italians; influenced the Press by contributing articles, has Flower Missions and distributed 1,348 bouquets. Has Friendly Branch, does relief work, use Y.W.C.T.U. stationery. Emblem, Water-lily. Motto: "Let us not be weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."—Gal. 6. 9.

TRENTON has 18 active and 1 honorary members, holds business and devotional meetings fortnightly, meet from house to house, has 2 Bands of Hope with 300 members, influences the Press by providing temperance selections and reports its own meetings. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in the Sunday School classes. Emblem, Gladiolus; Motto: "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the God and the Father through Him."—Col. 3, 17.

THOROLD has 25 active and two honorary members, holds business and devotional meetings fortnightly, meets at houses of members, has reading circles, are reading authorized text book at meetings, held one concert and is preparing for "Quaker Social." Annual receipts \$30.39, expenditure \$24.54; subscribes for 1 copy of the *Woman's Journal* and 1 copy *Oak and Ivy Leaf*, has Band of Hope with 140 members. Members are faithful in teaching temperance in their Sunday School classes, has done work among lumbermen, influences the Press by supplying material for temperance column, has Flower Mission, and distributed 17 bouquets, has sent papers to Boys' Home in St. Catharines. Emblem, Marguerite Motto: "Our God shall fight for us."

Owing to illness and other causes your superintendent was unable to visit any of the Y.W.C.T.U. Unions, but Cornwall, and the department owes much to the energy and faithfulness of the assistant superintendent, Miss Skinner, a synopsis of whose work is as follows:—

On one occasion she addressed a mixed audience in East Toronto and later spoke to a parlor meeting of young ladies and organized a Y.W.C.T.U. in that place.

At Napanee she addressed the W.C.T.U. at 3 o'clock, 150 children at 4 p. m. helped to organize a Band of Hope, spoke to a mixed audience at 8, and at the close organized a Y.W.C.T.U. Addressed an audience and organized a "Y" in Peterboro.

Organized a Band of Hope and spoke to the children, organized a W.C.T.U. in York and a week later revisited it for its encouragement. Miss Skinner also received invitations to visit Thornbury, Trenton, Goderich and Pembroke but was unable to accept them.

To Miss Fraine, of St. Thomas, also much credit is due for good work done in York county, and to whose exertions on behalf of young woman's work, we owe the formation of Y.W.C.T. Unions in Pembroke and Almonte.

Much assistance has been given this department by the new Y. W. C. T. U. paper, the *Oak and Ivy Leaf*, published by the National Y.W.C.T.U., 161 La Salle Street, Chicago, and which we would recommend in addition to our *Woman's Journal*. In many ways our work could be extended and assisted if only we had the means and we hope the custodians of the Lord's earthly treasury will remember this department.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

MRS. FALCONER, OTTAWA.

In reviewing the work of this department during the past year, one is reminded of the sower going forth to sow. Seed by seed is dropped into the ground, and he who sows is cheered with hope that in the future autumn months golden sheaves of grain will be his reward. Like him we scatter our seed in hope, looking for a manifold return; but our seed-sowing and expectation of harvest are unlike in two regards. First, we know not the time of harvest, and second, we need never feel that our sowing has been in vain. Some seed may take root and spring up at once, whilst others may be hidden for years; but sooner or later every effort of faith will be found to have fulfilled the purpose of Him who has sent us forth to labor for Him; and bye-and-bye when the sheaves are all gathered home, we will no doubt meet with many a sweet surprise as we learn how here one and there another has been helped and enlightened by the Gospel temperance tracts we have issued, and that the Kingdom of the Redeemer has been thus advanced.

273,853 pages and about 4,500 pledge cards have been distributed during the year, what the result has been our Master only knows. But as we remember that these have been written by those whose hearts as well as brains have been consecrated to God's work, and that these messages of truth and love have been winged by prayer, ought not our faith in the prevailing power of truth to grow stronger, and, because we are working not merely for time, but for the eternity, might we not go on with renewed earnest purpose, knowing that the Lord of the harvest is pleased with our effort and will care for the seed sown, and that some golden sheaves will be our portion in the fast approaching Harvest-Home.

Dear Members of the W.C. T. Unions, you specially whose time is so taken up with other branches of Christian work that you cannot give much time to this work, please do not fail to avail yourselves of the privilege which is yours of remembering those leaflets and on bended knee, asking for a hundred-fold blessing on each printed page.

No. of pages of literature sent out by this department.....	273,853
No. of pledge cards estimated at.....	4,500
No of parcels " "	558

The number of pages issued exceeded that of last year by 1928. 258 more packages have been sent out than last year; 19 more Unions have been supplied. This year the receipts have been \$91.00 less, although the actual sales made during the year have probably been greater. Last year's statement included more than \$100.00 received in payment of account outstanding at the beginning of that year

Aylmer.....	\$ 3 22	Brockville.....	6 62
Arnprior.....	4 00	Belleville.....	8 25
Allenford.....	10	Bobcaygeon.....	1 43
Almonte.....	75	Bothwell.....	2 85
Aultsville.....	1 73	Bowmanville.....	7 21
Angus.....	2 68	Burford.....	1 00
Aurora.....	1 25	Burgesville.....	70
Alliston.....	1 50	Berlin.....	67
Arthur.....	2 00	Brussels.....	1 69
Barrie.....	1 00	Cornwall.....	11 76
Brantford.....	12 87	Consecon.....	9 80

Chesley	7 14	Newcastle	90
Collingwood.....	5 80	Ottawa.....	17 68
Coe Hill	1 13	Owen Sound.....	1 24
Carlingford.....	2 55	Oxford Mills.....	75
Clinton.....	50	Orillia.....	25
Caigary.....	70	Pembroke.....	10 65
Chilliwhack	4 03	Parry Sound.....	8 53
Drayton	14 59	Perth.....	7 50
Dangannon	2 00	Parkdale.....	3 38
Dunville.....	38	Prince Albert.....	2 13
Elera	60	Prescott	4 53
Flesherton.....	2 57	Port Rowan.....	25
Fort Coulonge.....	5 87	Port Credit.....	68
Farmersville.....	1 84	Peterboro.....	50
Forest	78	Radford.....	1 15
Fenelon Falls.....	63	Regina.....	1 15
Gananoque	9 57	Ridgtown	46
Guelph	4 94	Southampton.....	21 90
Goderich	5 34	Smith's Falls.....	6 84
Georgetown	2 00	St. Mary's	3 74
Gravenhurst.....	2 66	Spencerville	2 00
Grand Valley.....	1 64	Smithville	45
Grenville.....	2 26	Sunderland	75
Gorrie.....	25	Sawyerville.....	70
Hamilton.....	6 60	Sarnia	5 00
Hope, B. C.....	5 00	Simcoe.....	3 21
Hull	24	Toronto.....	13 61
Ingersoll	35	Y. W. C. T. U., Toronto.....	14 60
Kemble.....	1 25	Tara	2 27
Kingston.....	86	Thornbury.....	4 64
Kincardine	1 25	Thurso	2 20
Keene	63	Trenton	1 00
Lucan	40	Tiverton	24
Lindsay	3 50	Uxbridge.....	3 72
London.....	11 16	West Winchester.....	8 25
Meaford.....	8 16	Wyoming.....	7 12
Mitchell.....	1 50	Whitby	3 37
Milton.....	36	Warton	6 14
Morrisburg.....	1 23	Winnipeg.....	9 41
Maxville.....	39	Woodstock.....	1 98
Manotick.....	2 35	Walkerton.....	7 00
Malvern.....	3 93	Wroxeter.....	3 00
Moodyville	2 52	Wakefield.....	4 10
Napanee	3 16	Vancouver	3 00
New Dundee.....	40		
Norwich.....	2 58	Total.....	\$422 73
Norfolk	12		

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

MISS J. TILLEY, TORONTO.

At this Convention time when the Superintendents have to give an "account of their stewardship," the uppermost feeling is one of despair at so little accomplished, and we look back with sorrow to see how soon passed away, the glow of feeling and earlest resolve to be faithful that filled us as we went forth to labour, after the invigorating influence of those days of prayer and work devoted to the cause. However, it is good discipline to have to come to our reckoning, and with no more regrets, I will give you the account of the little I have accomplished.

As soon as I was appointed, Miss Foster, the previous Superintendent, put into my hands the register for the Province, which contained reports of 37 Bands of Hope, but owing to illness and other causes, no report had been made out for that year.

I soon found this work meant correspondence if nothing else, and in fact it is about all I have been able to do, for it has been quite impossible for me to visit the juvenile societies. I regret especially having to refuse Napanee, Malvern, and other places that sent for me. However, Miss Skinner kindly filled my place at those named, and ably assisted me in starting a Band in connection with a Presbyterian Mission School in Toronto. I also visited one in that city organized by the Baptist Mission, giving the children a lesson on alcohol and its effects, using the charts, and that well known experiment of the egg and alcohol, which latter had an unlooked for result for at the close. A man who had dropped in to the meeting asked to examine the glass containing the ingredients, and see the condition of the egg which he had been told was the state that the brain of a drunkard reached. He then asked for a pledge as he wished to stop it to save him from reaching such a condition, which he was in a fair way to do. Committing him to the care of the workers, and with a few kind words, his signature and prayers to follow him up, I felt that my work was anyway that evening not in vain.

During the winter I prepared a leaflet, giving some information as to Juvenile Societies, and also containing five questions to be answered, as to number on roll, etc. These I forwarded to all the Unions, sending over 150, but they brought but few replies, as my returns will show, having only information as to 57 Bands, and these gathered in many cases from the Toronto "Mail" column, the "Journal," and County Superintendents, 18 of whom I wrote during September last, receiving 9 replies. Have also written about 50 letters and cards in the interest of the department; and have endeavored to give what information I could to all making enquiries, only knowing of two cases where I neglected doing so, one London, and the other with reference to Manotick.

The returns which I have been able to obtain are as follows:—

		Totals.	
Elgin County	{ Ayimer Band of Hope.....	150	
	{ St. Thomas " "	150	
Wentworth County	Hamilton, 4.....	800	
Halton	"	Georgetown, 1 B. H., no number given.	
Peel	"	1 "	
York	{	Toronto Y's, 3 "	500
		Parkdale " 1 "	82
		East Toronto, 1 "	125
		West " 2 "	325
		Aurora, 1 "	185
		Richmond Hill, 1 "	100
		Malvern, 1 "	8
		1325	

Middlesex	"	.... London Ys, no number given.		
Oxford	"	.....	100	100
Brant	"	.... Bran ford Y's, 1 B. H., no number given.		
Perth	"	.. { 1 "	80	80
Waterloo	"	.... Galt, 1 "	150	150
Wellington	"	.. { Drayton, 1 L. L.	80	250
		.. { Guelph Y's "	170	
Lambton	"	.. { Sarnia, 1 B. H.	170	170
		.. { Fores, 1 "		
		Wyoming, no number given.		
Huron	"	.. { Dungannon.....	17	84
		.. { Goderich.....	67	
		Clinton, no number given.		
Bruce	"	.. { Walkerton L. L.	60	136
		.. { Southampton "	76	
Grey	"	.. { Meaford, 1 B. H.	150	462
		.. { Owen Sound, 2 B. H.	187	
		.. { Thornbury.....	125	
Simcoe	"	.... Orillia, 1 B. H., no number given.		
Parry Sound	.....		160	160
Ontario	"	.. { Sunderland, 1 B. H.	50	169
		.. { Whitby, 1 "	119	
Durham	"	.. { Orono, 1 B. H.	70	220
		.. { Bowmanville, 1 B. H.	150	
Victoria	"	.... Bobcaygeon, 1 B. H.	45	45
Lennox and Addington	"	.... Napanee, 1 B. H.	41	41
		.. { Prescott L. L.	135	185
Grenville	"	.. { Spencerville L. L.	50	
		.. { Merrickville L. L. } no returns.		
		.. { Cardinal B. H. }		
Leeds	"	.... Gananoque L. L., no number given.		
Kent	"	.... Bothwell L. L.	40	40
Dundas	"	.. { Iroquois	173	173
		.. { West Winchester } no returns		
		.. { Morrisburg } given.		
Frontenac	"	.... Portsmouth, 1 B. H., no number given.		
		.... Gorrie, 1 B. H.	100	100

Total Number of Societies, 57. Children.....5,130.

This gives us 5,130 children, and if we give an average of 100 each to those who sent no number, it will bring our list to 6,530.

But if more Juvenile Societies mentioned in the Local Report of last year, had sent in their report, (28 of which I have heard nothing) I believe we would figure on nearly 10,000. For instance, Cornwall in 1885 had 300 pledged children, from whom I have had no returns. Picton, Stratford, Brockville and Harriston the same, all at one time having a large roll, but whether they now exist I cannot say. The work seems to fluctuate, for Ottawa in 1885 had a Band of 200, now none; Owen Sound in 1884 registered 400, now 187; Guelph in 1883, 700, now 170.

The cause for which is probably unavoidable, the Union having branched off into other work, and much of it lies at my own door for not working up the cause better. I know members do not always give a fair idea, for often the smaller the society the better it is managed and more thorough work done.

York County, we see, stands at the head of the list given, but no doubt

other counties would vie with it, did we know just how they stand. To avoid the difficulty of getting returns, I would urge the county unions to appoint a superintendent for this department, and each local society to have one also, who will report to the County during May or whenever the Band closes for the holidays, giving the number on the rolls and the winter's work. These can then be forwarded to the Provincial superintendent, who can thus give a full report. If there is no county union let each local superintendent send direct. Whenever a superintendent is appointed let a notice be given and sent to the Provincial Superintendent that she may know to whom to address the correspondence.

Since last year I can report 13 new Juvenile Societies, but probably there are more.

The name "Loyal Legion" has been adopted by some, there being now 10 in the Province, chief among these being those in Grenville County, under Mrs. Coates' management, and the report shows good work being done. A sewing school is held in connection with one; while drill for both boys and girls, gives a pleasing interest to the meetings.

The Coleman catechisms and Willard manuals are largely used, and blackboard exercises taken up by many. In one "band" where they could not use the books, they give temperance talks, and blackboard exercises, using such texts as "He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence," or "be sober, be vigilant," or "resist the devil and he will flee from you," etc.

Some of our unions have started temperance teaching in the public charitable institutions, such as Orphan's Home, Toronto, and Industrial School, London, and I would urge upon the workers to make use of every opportunity thus afforded. For should not these children of all others be carefully guarded and trained as to this evil, it being what has in so many cases brought them there. The difficulties are not either so great as in the ordinary B. of H. for order is much easier.

The chief need of this department is for some one to visit the Juvenile Societies already formed, giving information and encouragement, and organizing whenever possible, and feeling the need of this, I last winter wrote to Miss Jones, of Philadelphia, Juvenile Superintendent for that city, to try and obtain her services as organizer of Loyal Legions, but she was unable to give a favorable reply, but might another season. Feeling unable to undertake the duties of this office for the coming year, I have sent in my resignation, but will gladly give what assistance I can to whoever takes it up, if it happens to be one who cannot visit I would advise the appointment of an organizer as well.

I would also recommend some general name for our Juveniles, some object to the term Loyal Legion; let then something better be proposed, having each county a division or something similar, whatever will tend to give more unity to our work.

Entertainments aid very largely in assisting our efforts, especially, when practical questions are put as to the effects of alcohol on the system.

The Co. of York in its first meeting, had an exhibition of a model Band of Hope with short lessons; this might be found helpful if repeated in other Counties.

With some, to increase the interest, little plants are bought by the children in the spring, trained during the summer, and prizes awarded in the autumn. This keeps them, as it were, tied to us during the holiday, and gives them a refining influence.

All must adopt plans suited to their special needs. Toronto Bands have banners for the three. The mottos being; "Faithful," "Prohibition Our Aim"

and "Onward to Victory," while Prescott L. L. with still deeper enthusiasm has chosen, "Stand like a hero and battle till death."

There is an increase of interest in the churches with regard to this work. At one time the Church of England stood almost alone in having Bands of Hope connected specially with their work, but the Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Congregationalists are all feeling the need of more definite teaching than the simple pledge given the children in their schools, and all now are having their own societies. The Galt Union reports Temperance Societies in all their Churches. A suggestion comes from over the border as to having Temperance Books introduced into our Sunday School libraries, Could not this be done?

One book "Man Wonderful in House Beautiful" is mentioned as having been placed in each school in one of the States; I do not know the work myself, but being so widely received, is a good recommendation.

That much faithful effort is put forth by those who have this matter at heart, I know full well, but only He who seeth in secret can tell the full extent of the earnestness, zeal and patience of the workers who labor as unto Him and not unto man, and truly their prayers and efforts in this victory for the lambs of Christ's fold so dear to Him will never be lost. How often do we find in the confession of those whom our Lord has called back to Himself in later life, that someone, a teacher or parent, has laboured for and with that soul in childhood; and can we not trace back the return of the prodigal to those prayers and early efforts; and thus, though some children pass through our hands to go out into the world and its temptations, and fall back into the very trap we wish to guard them from, we may hope the early influences will draw them back again, while with many this safe guard we placed around them, will always remain such; and how they will thank us in after years for the freedom from this iron chain which shackles so many lives.

It is not necessary to say to you that you will meet with hindrances and difficulties in your work, but let us do with them as a dear Band of Hope worker down by the sea, does with hers, whose letter has just been received as I write this report, and whom I will quote—"Do you know I had been worrying about the advisability of my taking up the Band of Hope work again, but carried it to where everything goes now, no matter what it is, and left the matter first with Jesus and ceased to be anxious. The day came and a blessing certainly did rest upon our meeting, new faces, new hopes, new resolutions, bright with fair promises of success. Oh for more faith; I do so want to sink myself in the work for the Master." Dear worker let us "go and do likewise," and take courage for the Captain is at our head and He must prevail.

PRISON AND POLICE WORK.

MISS INKSTER, KINGSTON.

The prison at Kingston has been visited weekly during the year. There is a marked interest among the inmates which I think is increasing, they look to our visits as the one bright spot in their sadly darkened lives. One said, "This is my last year, I have been five." "Dear sister," I said, "have you found Christ here"? A bright smile lighted up her pale face as she answered, "yes, and I mean to keep Him."

We procured printed Christmas letters, and cards with suitable texts, from Toronto. These were enjoyed very much as were also the letters received from England, which, though late were greatly enjoyed.

Sent the Christmas letters to as many addresses as I could find.

I have sent cards to twenty prisons and received fifteen replies, all doing good work. I do not deem it necessary to give all as the work is very much alike. I will present a few.

During the summer I visited Owen Sound, and was present at the Grey and Bruce Convention. Visited the gaol which is visited weekly, both men and women, by earnest christian women. I found a feeling of sympathy on the part of the visitor, and gratitude on the part of the prisoner which spoke of good being done. Kingston gaol is visited weekly, I am almost the only regular visitor on week days, though several ladies sometimes drop in to speak a kind word to the prisoners.

Of this part of the work I cannot say much, as the prisoners are not long under our instruction, being sent to the Mercer or Central Prison as the case may be, except a few old ones, yet we have had some encouragement. One poor woman was sent to the prison to save her from committing suicide, after being one week in gaol, I went to the magistrate and begged her off, she is now leading a proper and I believe, a Christian life.

I applied to the magistrate and through him got a pass for one woman to go to Toronto, to her friends there.

I got access to the men in winter, but in the summer they are employed on the grounds. I have requested to have them again, which I hope will be granted. Several of those in last winter signed the pledge, and have kept it. One man is now living respectably with his family and I believe has not tasted drink since. One lad of 19 signed the pledge, poor boy! When he came out he found himself shunned by his former companions, and so went with those who had led him astray, but he has rallied and is now doing better.

A number of Roman Catholics came to the meeting as well as the others.

There are at present some very rough people in, yet I was pleased to hear the roughest one say, "Come again whenever you can, we are pleased to see you at any time." May the Lord open their eyes to see the love of God in Christ.

I spent a very pleasant hour with them on New Year's day. One poor girl was troubled as to her acceptance with Christ. Her companion standing by said, "Oh yes, I know she is trying to lead a better life." The girl turning to me said, "She helps me very much." For a time we had great hopes that the dear girl had passed from "Death to Life" when, owing to trouble among the convicts she was confined in a dark room for a week. She became so hardened that she would not pray, she thought her punishment unjust, and that Jesus might have saved her from it, if He loved her. I would not leave her until she promised that she would pray at 9 o'clock, the hour for their retiring, when I would go in my room at home and our prayers would ascend together to the "Throne of Grace," she promised. When I saw her again I said "Did you keep your promise?" "Yes," she answered, "when I make a promise I keep it." When I told her that there was a christian lady in Kingston praying for her at the same time, she said "Tell her that I thank her." She left in two weeks for a far distant home, I hoped for a letter, but have not yet received one.

Four convicts have left, and two have been brought in.

One poor woman hoped to have been released, but when the Minister of Justice viewed the case he told her it could not be. It was a great disappointment, yet she bore it with a Christian like spirit. She was one of the most indifferent when we first visited the prison, now her bright smile is very pleasant.

In Toronto I visited the gaol, the Mercer and the Haven. There was a large number in the gaol, and everyone I asked said they were there through drink. They are visited by most earnest workers. But the one complaint raised by us all, they are no sooner out than they get drunk, and our work is lost. This is from our stand point. Fear not fellow workers, Jesus loves them better than we do, and the seed sown in weakness may be raised in power. There are over one hundred women and girls in the Mercer. It seems more like a training school than a prison. They are well fed and do not seem generally unhappy. Very great care is taken in their spiritual welfare, and the very young are not allowed to mingle with the old hardened ones. They bake their own bread, and are taught all kinds of work.

The Haven, or Prison Gate, a place where homeless women are cared for from gaol, the Mercer and the streets. They may remain or stay; if they remain the ladies know they intend to do well, and find them employment. There are respectable women in Toronto and the country who have been inmates of that home. Pray for us and them, that the Lord may have free course and be glorified in the saving of souls. In Kingston, an effort has been made to appoint a police matron, but it was not received with favor. A special one has been appointed.

TORONTO.

Since the commencement of our work in February last the jail has been visited by 6 or more every Friday. We meet the women in the chapel, where we have singing, Bible reading, prayer and personal conversation with them, giving to each a religious paper and a tract. The men we meet in their corridors, who, when they hear our footsteps, press forward to the great iron bars, and the eagerness many of them display in listening to the loving words of our Savior is wonderful, and an occasional tear is wiped with a sleeve or a hat. On two occasions when we have asked if there was anything special they would like us to sing with them, the answer was, "yes, sing 'Where is my wandering boy.'" This, I think, shows that although criminals, they are not hopelessly lost, although some of them tell us "its no use for me to try to live right, its of no use for me to try to get work when once I have been in jail." We get as many as possible to sign the pledge, always reminding them that they can never keep it in their own strength. We distribute tracts amongst them, and both lend and give them books. We have two wards of insane men and two of women, to whom we take flowers, fruit, cake and other delicacies. We have a little talk and singing with them, always leaving them much brighter than when we went in. Some of those are quite young. It is very sad to see them in a common jail, and most of them have no friends of their own to visit them. On the whole our work has been very encouraging, but the most effectual is in the watching for the expiration of their time of imprisonment, and help them in the best manner we can, and thus try to keep them from falling again. When we can get a home for any of them we meet them at the jail and take them to it. We visit the discharged prisoners as much as lies in our power. We know some have turned from their evil ways and given their hearts to the Lord, two of them returning to give glory to God by telling others they have been inmates of that same prison, and worse than most of them, committing every sin under the sun that a woman could commit except murder, and have been forgiven, encouraging others to ask mercy of their Heavenly Father also. We follow them to the Mercer, the Central prison and to the penitentiary, and give them books.

MRS. S. DRAPER, Superintendent Jail work.

NAPANEE.

We visited the gaol every Sabbath afternoon, and have the names of fifteen or twenty prisoners, to whom we have read the Scriptures, prayed with, and

personally invited to come to the Saviour. God has blessed our efforts and given us some fruit. As near as we can estimate, about six of the number sought and professed to find the Lord, and seemed happy in His love. Three of these have died since. Two of them were aged men and vagrants, and the other a young fellow who had been imprisoned for theft, died of heart disease some weeks after having been released from the gaol. The wife of one of the men who had been imprisoned for drunkenness, wrote us that her husband had quite reformed, and was now doing what he could to make home happy and comfortable. She expressed her heartfelt gratitude to God who had changed his heart, and thanked us for the interest we had taken in him. He was a most notorious drunkard. I have not heard from him for some time, but trust that he is still keeping straight.

MRS. T. W. CASEY, Cor. Sec.

HYGIENE AND HEREDITY.

MRS. D. ANDERSON, BURLINGTON.

The work in which I am engaged at your request one year ago, has led me out into larger and broader fields and to a fuller consecration, as the result of a fuller investigation of the subject of my department.

I realize more and more that I am not my own, I am bound in everything to glorify God. Our eating and drinking is perhaps the last thing we have thought of as concerning our Maker. But does not He who numbered the very hairs of our head, care that we take the kind of food and drink that will nourish these bodies which He has so fearfully and wonderfully made, in a way that will supply the demand and the constant waste of the human system. Thousands of good people, instead of flourishing and imparting blessings to others, are going about with pale faces, headaches, bad livers, dyspepsia, &c, simply because hygienic law has been transgressed. That apparently harmless thing that was taken into the stomach has been circulated throughout the whole system with withering effects.

Many sicken and die in middle life, because they walk according to their vitiated appetites, rather than to known laws.

Napoleon Bonaparte, the tread of whose armies shook Europe, died an early death, because he knew better how to take a city than to rule himself.

Men good and bad bring disease, poverty and death upon themselves, when they had hoped to live long and be happy. And not only that, but by hereditary laws, their loved ones are made to suffer.

What we do will follow us in succeeding generations, our influence cannot stop. It will last through all eternity. "We are creatures of circumstances," as has been so often said, that it has become to be a proverb and one hoary with age, yet I very much fear we have not half comprehended all the truth that lies hidden in the trite saying. The influences of external circumstances and surroundings are the master influences of the world, and have made all of us what we are, and what we shall be. He or she who understands these influences best, can best control their own future, and the future of those whom they may have in their care, and all over whom they have any influence.

This relation to circumstances and surroundings, or what we call heredity is not confined to the human race, but extends to all living organisms in the animal and vegetable world as well. These facts are taken advantage of by the successful agriculturist, horticulturist and florist in developing stock, seeds, fruits and flowers in their present high state of almost perfection.

What man has learned by experiment and discovery, the almost human little honey-bee knows by instinct. For example, when a bee colony through some dire calamity or misfortune has lost its queen or wants more than one queen, they at once select one or more from the common stock or workers in the larval state, and give it a larger or royal cell, and find it a particular kind of food or royal jelly, and thus effect their purpose.

Likewise the training and feeding of human beings has developed master minds. Our brightest intellects have not all come from the homes of the rich, those pampered with delicacies, but from homes where plain living was perhaps a necessity. It has been said by some one, "It is high living or low thinking," or *vice versa*. Who has not seen the hardy rugged children playing around the cottage door, while those of the rich and delicately reared were pale and feeble.

Dr. Steele in his hygienic physiology states that in some parts of England, one half of the children die before they are five years old, and that at least nine tenths of these lives could be saved by a simple observance of the laws of health. Love is often blind and leads to mistaken kindness. In the knowledge of this frame, and the functions of the body, with due regard to the laws of health, lies the secret of much happiness and longer life.

So many are the sources of knowledge to-day that no observer of Nature's laws should plead ignorance, much less indifference. Yet, how many are disregarded and bring upon themselves the dreadful consequences. Professor Bennett stated in a lecture at Edinburgh that about 100,000 die annually in Great Britain from causes easily preventible.

Some of our best physicians estimate that at least seven-tenths of the physical suffering of the people is caused by inattention to the simple laws of health. While we continue to ignore these important laws, it need be no wonder that such diseases as consumption, catarrh, gout, rheumatism, dyspepsia, scrofula, etc. are heaped upon us, and we are left exposed to cholera and other epidemics. With due regard to fresh air, diet, apparel, cheerfulness and exercise, our invigorated systems would seldom be attacked by disease if not overworked. Would not the hygiene of the Bible, with the help science may afford, be to us a valuable study?

By our disobedience we rob God of a strength He had designed, and thus defeat the most noble purposes concerning us. This we do not only by taking from physical strength, but by weakening our moral powers.

Many may say that the matter of diet is one of small importance as far as their spiritual life is concerned, but they understand not what they say. The body, mind and soul contribute each to the health or unhealth of the other. The cultivation of man's moral nature will best contribute to his physical and mental well-being, and the physical in like manner contributes to these higher faculties. God meant something when He enjoined fasting and abstinence, and the apostle meant something when he commanded "Whatsoever ye do, do all for the glory of God." Dr. Steele said, "It is a grand thought that we can thus transform that which is common and gross into that which is refined and spiritual—that out of waving wheat, wasting flesh, running water and dead minerals, we can realize the glorious possibilities of human life."

By feasting made respectable, men and women derange their bodily functions, the mind suffers through sympathy of the brain with the stomach, irritable feelings and peculiar temptations spring up, and the moral powers find it difficult to preserve their equanimity, many are led captive by their animal passions.

By the use of condiments the stomach is often irritated, the nerves excited, and a desire for such stimulants as tobacco and strong drink induced. As Chris-

tian women would we not adorn our consistency if, while condemning the "Liquor traffic," we would look we to the evils that proceedeth from more refined centres, even our homes.

Oh, the subtlety of Satan. He has robbed us, not only of physical, mental and moral strength, but also of the means which God has placed in our hands for the spread of His truth. Who of us can lift up innocent hands? Tea, coffee and tobacco are classed together as luxuries, and in their injurious effects upon the human system, and statistics show that over \$7,000,000 is expended annually in our tea alone, nearly as much as the whole Protestant world contributes to missions.

Dr. John Burdell of New York, informs us that he boiled down one pound of young hyson tea, from a quart to half a pint, and ten drops killed a rabbit three months old; and when boiled down to one gill, eight drops killed a cat the same age in a few minutes.

Most persons who drink tea, use not less than a pound in three months. According to above experiment, enough to kill seventeen thousand rabbits or nearly two hundred a day, and if boiled down to a gill, it contains poison enough to kill 10,860 cats in the same length of time. Dr. Burdell made similar trials with coffee, and black tea, and found the results nearly the same. Can this poison be used from day to day, without injury to health and life?

A gentleman in London, connected with the East India Company has disclosed the fact that there is coloring matter added to tea in the process of curing and might as well be blue or yellow, as well as the colors by which they are known. Add to this various other hurtful dining room luxuries and then consider, is this for the glory of God. A minister once said "you don't expect every word and act to be done to the glory of God." Rev. J. S. Corning said "If there is just one thing which I have a right to do, but which I cannot do for the glory of God, then in respect to that one thing I have "thrown off allegiance to God, and set up an independent government of my own. We may at first thought feel astonished that "Eternal Wisdom" should have cognizance in such matters, but He who marked the widow's mite, and promised even that a cup of cold water given in the name of a disciple could not lose its reward; He who commanded that the crumbs be gathered after the feeding of the multitude that nothing be lost, what will He say of the thousands wasted by littles and the thousands wasted in great feasts to gratifying the desires of the flesh.

We want "the world for Christ." How shall we take it? The agencies of darkness are combined to oppose right and the truth. It is a fight between the forces of evil and the forces of God.

Our work has not, I fear, in this department, been what the importance of the subject demands. The young men who are to rule the next generation will come from our homes. "Tell me" said Edmund Burke, "what are the prevailing sentiments that occupy the minds of your young men, and I will tell you what is to be the character of the next generation." The London *Times* says, "The well being of society rests in our homes, and what are their foundation stones but women's care and devotion. The homes are the support of the government and the church, and all the associations and organizations that give blessings and utility to social existence are herein originated and fostered."

Who can measure our responsibility? By our disregard to the laws of health what dullness, what reproach, what hindrances have we brought upon ourselves. How many christian men and women who might be valiant for the Lord, are worn out by dyspepsia and chronic melancholy, eternity will answer.

The following answers concerning work done have been received in answer to communications sent out.

"I taught over 1,500 children at their meetings, the physiology of the body, and effects of alcohol on same. I used no text-book, but prepared my own lectures.

EMMA PRATT,
Pres. Y.W.C.T.U. Hamilton.

"Miss Johnson, 219 Maria street, is our Superintendent of Hygiene. She prepared a remarkably good paper on "The Eye," and read it at one of our reading circles.

MARY SCOTT,
Ottawa, Y.W.C.T.U.

"Last winter we had an open meeting where papers on hygiene were read and discussed. A petition was circulated for teaching temperance hygiene in the schools. When the schools were visited it was found it was not taught in any of them, but expect it will be introduced. It is taught in some way at each meeting of the Band of Hope. In the spring there was a public meeting where the subject of heredity was discussed by our president and others."

ADA MINER,
Guelph, W.C.T.U.

KITCHEN GARDEN.

MISS PEARSON, BRANTFORD.

There was but one K. G. formed last year, making four in number for Ontario, and that one was in Peterboro. From the communications I have had with them since their organization, I believe they are doing well. On my way to Peterboro in April, I stopped in Toronto to see the classes there. Found them doing a grand work. The two classes I visited were in full working order, and the scholars very much interested in their work. I had about 300 K. G. circulars printed last year and sent to different Unions through the Province. As there was no report from the Brantford K. G. two years ago, I might say a few words concerning what was done that year as well as last. We commenced work in March with about 70 scholars. These children were divided into three separate classes: those paying \$2, those paying \$1, and a free class for the poor. During the first part of the term these classes met every Saturday; and then on three times a week. We closed in June with an exhibition given in the Opera House. The building was filled, and the audience so well pleased with the performance that several times the children were requested to repeat different parts at entertainments. Received \$143.86 (for the K. G. only) and expenses, leaving \$28.69 clear. We had but one class last year, numbering twenty, which opened in November. The work was mostly cooking, and at our closing exhibition in May, in which the sewing class took part, the children made biscuits and gave the audience an opportunity of testing their quality. They pronounced them excellent. The receipts for the term were \$32.72; expenses, \$20.80, leaving us \$11.72 clear. And for those who are a little afraid of undertaking the work on account of the expenses I might just say, that for the two years we have been engaged in it, taking in the very smallest expenses, we have cleared \$40.41.

TORONTO.

The North Toronto Union started this work two years ago, purchasing two sets of utensils, and carrying it on for one season. Last October they offered to hand it over to our "Y" for a year.

Upon our Union deciding to accept the offer, the first effort was to procure

teachers. A training class was immediately opened, Miss T. Rose acting as instructress, about seven attending for the week which was considered sufficient time to learn the mechanical part.

Rooms were then procured in the Girls' Institute and Temperance Hall, Davenport Road.

The latter place was chosen owing to the North Toronto Union stipulating that one class be carried on in that part of the city. Saturday November 20th, the first beginning was made in both places. Arrangements were made for a paid class, but only 12 attended this, and of these but few came regularly. The charges were \$2 00 for the course. The afternoon class in the Girls' Institute which was open to all, was largely patronized, but 24 is the greatest number that can be taught at one time and we had to keep to that. The lessons taught to this class were chiefly bed-making, sweeping, dusting, dinner table setting and waiting. Many of them proved very quick, and showed much interest in all that was taught them. The North Toronto class was carried on also most regularly all winter, and the lessons learnt here were table-setting, washing dishes and laundry work.

Our staff of teachers numbered about 12. Our exhibition was held on May 7th, and proved most successful, Shaftesbury Hall being filled with an interested audience, and all expressed themselves as delighted with the way in which the children went through their several exercises, and the result quite repaid the teachers for all the trembling and quaking they had previously gone through.

The Girls' Institute class received nine prizes, and the North Toronto eight. These were nearly all contributed by friends, and presented by Mrs. Howland.

<i>Expenses.</i>		<i>Receipts.</i>	
Piano.....	16 00	Paid class.....	19 25
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Incidentals.....	6 45	Exhibition.....	77 41
Exhibition.....	29 04		
Total.....	\$57 49	Total.....	\$97 43
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However, the money is a small matter, and were that all the benefit, we might find it scarcely worth the effort, but the good done the children we hope is very great, and the lessons they have learnt during those bright Saturdays have been we feel sure, most valuable. After all it is but a beginning, and must be extended, and increased if it is to tell largely on the lives of those, for whom we are laboring. Most anxious am I to have a large class of trained teachers for this work. Miss Pearson, of Brantford, is willing to come and instruct such a class if the Union agrees to send for her. She would also give instruction as to the carrying on of a cooking class, if we can see our way clear to establishing one; this will of course be an expensive venture but, "nothing venture nothing have," and I most sincerely trust the way will be opened for us thus to extend our work.

The question may be asked what connection has all this to do with temperance? Surely, a great deal; if the home is kept neat and clean there is less temptation to leave it for saloon or hotel, and if the little ones are early trained for service they will not more readily accept the work which lies first at their door, and it has the advantage of placing home protection around those who in so many cases have countless temptations in the comparatively unprotected life of factory or store.

J. TILLEY,
Supt. K. G. Department.

OTTAWA.

Our classes opened on Nov. 6th, and closed April 9th. 114 girls were on the roll and the average attendance was 60, which considering the stormy weather, was very good.

Twice have our classes given assistance to church entertainments during the winter, at St. John's Episcopal and east end Methodist churches.

At the New Year's reception given by the Y.M.C.A. four of the girls assisted in dispensing refreshments, with so much satisfaction, that each girl was presented with a book by the Woman's Auxiliary.

Also, at the reception given Mrs. Rutherford, Supt. Scientific Instruction, the little waitresses with white caps and aprons decorated with cardinal bows were favourably commented upon.

We have had some applications for our kitchen garden maids, one from an invalid member of a Cabinet minister's family, and the girl chosen by us was in every way capable, but her parents objected to her leaving home.

Owing to the illness of the Supt. the annual closing exhibition was dispensed with, and an afternoon tea in our own rooms given the children instead, when the prizes were distributed by the president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Tilton, who is always a friend of the kitchen garden.

Among the prizes which were given by friends of the Y.W.C.T. Union were a number from Mobile, Ala. which were sent in memory of Mrs. Holmes, of that city, who had in her lifetime been a good friend to the Ottawa Kitchen Garden. Our great need is more teachers, and we intend having a new normal class in order to add to the number of the few and faithful ones.

MARY SCOTT, Supt. K. G.

DEPARTMENT SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD.

This Department begs leave to report on the year's work as follows: We have worked long, hard and zealously, and trust through our endeavors, in this branch some good seed has been sown. Realizing the importance of education, and the good possibilities to be attained in inculcating in the minds of the young of our Province a healthy temperance sentiment, this department has put forth very special efforts during the year to obtain compulsory education on the subject of Scientific Temperance and Hygiene, showing the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics on the human system.

Knowing there existed in the school law a regulation in reference to this subject, and that the teaching of it was optional, our first step was to ascertain if possible, through the unions, if the subject of temperance and hygiene was being taught in the Public Schools. To accomplish this, a circular was issued to each union, asking for information as to its teaching, and also requesting an interview with candidates for Local House, to ascertain their views on a measure passing the House making the subject compulsory. In response to this we found that only in *6 schools was temperance systematically taught, and that out of 45 candidates interviewed 39 were favorable to a measure providing that all children in all schools supported by

*Lectures were given in 5 Model schools also.

2 date

public monies receive temperance instruction. The information gleaned through the Unions on the question proved conclusively the inadequateness of optional teaching of temperance, this department therefore decided to petition the Legislature asking for compulsory education. Forms were prepared and sent to all W. C. T. Unions and the Grand Secretaries of the Royal Templars and Sons of Temperance of Ontario, for circulation for signatures.

In February also the Department issued 1500 circulars to Ministers in Ontario, soliciting their influence, and requesting them to preach a sermon on the subject sometime during the month; we have no means of ascertaining fully how many responded, but trust that it was universal.

A special selection of Literature was made for this Department, and we trust that if Unions have not taken advantage of it they will during the coming year.

The following synopsis of returns received shows to us the earnestness on the part of the local Unions, and the steady growth of temperance sentiment in our province.

SYNOPSIS.

Total number of signatures returned to superintendent, 27,501; of these, there were, parents, 9,625; clergymen, 410; teachers, 700; members of temperance societies, 4,930; school trustees, 337; municipal officers, 292. Although these are all the figures received we feel confident that they would have amounted to upward of 30,000, for information since received points to the fact that several petitions were misdirected and went to the Dead Letter Office, while others were handed by local Unions to the representative of the constituency in which they were circulated and thus were not counted by the department at all. During the session a deputation, (the superintendent and Mrs. Chisholm) visited Toronto, and had an interview with the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education. We found he had anticipated our petition, and had framed a Bill making provision for the introduction of Scientific Temperance Instruction. The Bill passed the house in due course, but we found on enquiry that the regulations rested with the Educational Department. The deputation after waiting in Toronto for two weeks, and finding that no definite time could be fixed for the final passing of the Bill, again interviewed the Minister and left him, satisfied that our labors were not in vain, he giving us his word that he was having a new Text Book compiled from Dr. Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book, (English edition,) and that it would be placed in the hands of all pupils beginning with the Second Book. Your superintendent being unwilling to undertake the responsibility of this important mission alone, at her earnest solicitation, the president accompanied her, and proved a very indispensable part of the deputation. An alcove in the Library was kindly placed at the disposal of the deputation, and also the services of a couple of "pages," thus enabling them to interview and present in person the petitions to the different Members. It was here the tact and clear-headedness of our esteemed president proved their worth, her keen arguments and appeals for this work telling on their better judgment and striking conviction to their hearts that our work was a worthy one.

During the year invitations were received by your superintendent to meet the public school teachers of Ottawa and Brantford, and address them on the importance of the work. At the close of each "Reception" a strong resolution was passed, endorsing the introduction of the subject in the general school programme.

Your Supt. also received an invitation to be present and give a paper on the subject at the Leeds County W. C. T. U. Convention, held in Farmersville in June last, but being unable to attend prepared and sent a paper which was read at their meeting. The question was made a live one, and on being fully discussed

the sentiments therein contained were warmly received. In February in response to the sending of petition to the Carleton County Teachers Association, 39 Teachers signed it, and the following resolution was passed in their meeting:—"Resolved that in the opinion of this Institute the subject of Temperance Hygiene should be brought in some way more prominently before the pupils of our schools, that seeing the effects of alcoholic drinks on the human system, they may avoid their use, and that we heartily endorse the petition about to be presented to the Ontario Legislature by the W. C. T. U. of Ontario."

In June at the Teachers' Convention held in Cornwall, a strong feeling in favor of Temperance Instruction prevailed, and the following resolution was passed:—Believing that the use of intoxicating liquors is injurious to the nation, family and individual, and desiring to educate the rising generation upon this important question, be it resolved, that we as individual teachers in our respective schools, do at once begin a course of scientific temperance instruction, and prosecute it vigorously, making use of such helps as are available to assist us in our work, using our best endeavors to arouse, control, direct and educate public sentiment in favor of total abstinence and prohibitory legislation in our respective fields of labor, both in and out of the school room, but more especially among the pupils, by direct and forceful teaching, and that as soon as a text book is provided we will endeavor to introduce it in our schools and use it in a way to secure the greatest amount of good to ourselves, our pupils, and the public generally, whenever our influence can make itself felt."

According to promise (and the publishers in a letter to your superintendent, state that in a great measure the credit is due the untiring efforts of the Ontario W. C. T. U.) the Text Book has been published, and is now authorized for use in our public schools. As to the regulations in reference to placing the book in the schools, and the manner in which the subject is to be taught, we are not yet fully acquainted, but trust to be able before this convention closes to state the case clearly.

Dear sisters, while we thank God and take courage at the progress we have been able to report in this *vital* part of our work, there is still much to do. Public sentiment is growing but has not yet reached that high standard to which we are prayerfully looking, the teachers are not yet "all of one accord" as to the teaching of these grand principles, not having yet learned the *brightness*, or realizing the great good to come from its teachings,—the question of success in this department rests in a great degree with the efforts of Unions, in presenting it in every possible way which would assist in popularizing the movement, enlisting the sympathies of teachers, parents, and pupils, and where the subject is placed on the regular school programme to see that it receives no lukewarm treatment but is well and faithfully taught. Go forth in God's strength and have faith for an abundant harvest.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT FOR INFLUENCING FAIRS.

(Emblem:—Witch-hazel, blooms in Sept. and Oct.)

MRS. D. A. FOTHERINGHAM.

Believing Fair Department neither too old nor too practical for wearing an emblem, and growing weary of borrowing the "Chautauqua wave," we have chosen one of our own decorated with white ribbon—no one will doubt its peculiar significance who, during autumn has seen the little sulphur-tinted well-set blooms all along its stems not unlike red maple in spring. In habits too, a radi-

cal "teetotaler," it sends its roots and branches toward the pure purling water; some say its divining rods will *indicate water* hundreds of feet under ground.

Long may it, white-winged, wave during Fair and Convention seasons, in honor of true character and firm temperance sentiment.

This new department of work, which was committed to my care two years ago has in it rich promises of harvest.

Without precedent to guide or generally awaken interest among the Unions, the task assigned seemed almost hopeless, but the results at present date are not without interest and encouragement.

The existence of a law prohibiting the sale of liquor on fair grounds gained without our efforts, secured a degree of freedom from the thralldom of strong drink which may well awaken thanksgiving. But the forbidden monster evil here, as elsewhere, links in covert places to catch the unwary, and to drag down to even lower depths of degradation those whom it has overcome.

The knowledge of these facts should awaken most earnest efforts to counteract and, if possible, prevent the evil consequences named.

Your Superintendent has sent out seven hundred plan of work circulars and nearly the same number of question circulars, beside a large number of private letters to which, in a majority of cases, only a few meagre and irrelevant replies have been elicited.

Some of the question circulars returned *filled with negatives* have reminded me of an old postmaster, who, to my eager appeal for letters, used to shake his head and say "nothin' from nobody!"

The Minister of Agriculture has reported 450 fairs held annually in Ontario, all of which receive government grants. A large proportion are held in or near villages, towns and cities where W. C. T. Unions exist, thus giving them opportunity for evangelistic and many other kinds of work. Three local Unions and two county presidents report liquor sold at all fairs in their counties, while 16 report liquor excluded,—in Lambton Co. by the persistent efforts of the W. C. T. U. No local Unions have as yet reported a department for influencing fairs except St. Catharines, Gananoque, North Toronto, Spencerville, Prescott and Fenelon Falls.

York County Union at its late annual meeting appointed a County Superintendent of Fair Work, and Simcoe county proposes to complete county organization and appoint one. Twenty-seven Unions report having been represented at fairs this year, an increase of over fourteen last year; others known to have done more or less work have not been heard from directly. I am grateful for all reports received, and hopeful for increase of interest and effort in this line of work in the future.

Lambton County Unions have had full control of county fair grounds with refreshment privileges for five years by the payment of \$50 annually. A tent 30 x 59 and large canvas W. C. T. U. sign advertise the work which has been carried on systematically and with excellent results, some from several districts testifying in grateful tones and with tearful eyes that whereas, in years previous to the reign of the W. C. T. U., their husbands came home intoxicated, now they go with their families sober and happy.

Several Unions which have done effective work at fairs in the past have failed to systematize their plans, and thus allowed their valuable efforts to lack the good results of permanent organized endeavor.

Over 32,000 pages of literature have been distributed, but twelve of the twenty-

seven Unions reporting have not indicated number of leaflets or pages from which it is evident that a much larger amount has been going out.

One paid temperance address was given this year in Y. M. C. A. tent at the industrial exhibition by Mrs. Youmans. A crowded tent full of people and a crowd outside listened with unabated interest till its close, and the order which prevailed, the highly instructive and entertaining character of the lecture, together with the zeal awakened, give much encouragement for similar effort in the future.

Extracts of reports subjoined gives evidence of interest in and work accomplished.

BOTHWELL COUNTY.

Ridgetown Union reports four fairs held in county—liquor excluded from all. Have no department for influencing fairs. Have proposed distributing literature this year.

CARLETON COUNTY.

Ottawa Y. W. C. T. U. report Provincial fair a mile and one quarter from city. Have had refreshment booth and distributed literature, but do not expect to take up work this year. Liquors not sold at county or township fairs. No action this year.

DUNDAS COUNTY.

West Winchester Union.—Four fairs held in our county ; one in our village at which no liquor was sold. We distributed tracts. As our numbers increase we hope by God's help to grow stronger.

ELGIN COUNTY.

Alymer Union.—Five fairs held in county ; one in our town, another ten miles distant. We failed to do any work this year, but distributed literature last year.

GRENVILLE COUNTY.

County President reports four fairs held in county ; liquor excluded from all. An earnest appeal was sent by the W. C. T. U. to presidents and directors asking them to have the Scott Act strictly enforced.

Prescott and Spencerville Unions have appointed superintendents.

Spencerville Union provided refreshments and distributed temperance literature.

Prescott fair continued three days. Union distributed 679 pages literature. Some years ago Mrs. Youmans delivered a temperance address at Prescott fair.

GREY COUNTY.

Owen Sound Union reports—We think of appointing a superintendent of this department at our annual meeting, and when our county union gets into fair operation it will be opportune to take up fair work.

HURON COUNTY.

Brussels Union secured 500 pages literature, and expected to have dinner served in a vacant store, but rain prevented the execution of the plan and a social was held later and literature distributed, and \$16 realized.

LENNOX COUNTY.

The County Superintendent reports one (Napanee) W. C. T. U. in county, and one fair held in Napanee ; liquor never allowed.

LEEDS COUNTY.

Gananoque Union.—Seven fairs held in County, one in Gananoque at which no liquor was sold. Have in former years had refreshments. Four thousand pages of literature distributed this year.

LANARK COUNTY.

Smith's Falls Y. W. C. T. U. distributed 160 pages literature last year.

LAMBTON COUNTY.

County President reports we were again successful in our application for the exclusive use of fair grounds at West Lambton Agricultural Show, though another party offered a larger sum for their occupation.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

London Y. W. Union assisted the local union in refreshment booths.

Liquor was prohibited by the Board but much was sold. Well-prepared hot meals counteracted the evil largely.

London Local Union.—Report fully; we succeeded by dint of perseverance in securing good temperance aldermen at the municipal election who fought manfully before the Council for a site on fair grounds for us which was granted, one if not the best on the grounds for a booth being secured.

They in accordance with the wishes of the W. C. T. U. purchased a house and had it moved on the site.

Our hon. members worked with a will and had it painted, and a stained glass window put in, and in readiness for us.

Our Dear Sisters and the "Y's" all worked hard and harmoniously and we took in over \$900.00. We have paid for our house, had it shuttered and insured and all expenses met, and a cash balance in hand.

We entertained the directors and officials and they, with all others were so thankful for good warm meals, home-cooking chiefly, and a comfortable place to sit down and partake—scores and scores were turned away for lack of room. We also distributed a great lot of temperance literature which was thankfully received by many.

No liquor was *allowed* to be sold, but I fear that law was broken. There will be a rigid investigation by the inspector.

The bill of acct. for meals for the directors, &c., was brought before our meeting, and on motion was receipted and sent to the chairman as a little thank-offering from our Union, and it was gratifying to feel able to do this.

OXFORD COUNTY.

Ingersoll Union.—Scott Act county. Liquor is not supposed to be sold at any fairs. One fair held in Ingersoll.

Tilsonburg.—Last year we distributed quite a bit of literature. No liquor sold.

ONTARIO COUNTY.

Whitby Union.—All fairs have excluded liquor.

PERTH COUNTY.

County Superintendent reports—Do not know of any fair boards having excluded liquor from grounds; perhaps it is sold at most fairs. Last year Mitchell Union distributed several hundred tracts and had temperance lunch rooms. Hope we shall be able next year to take up the work with more zeal and vigor.

STORMONT COUNTY.

Aultsville Union reports one county and two or three township fairs. One held four miles from union, and county fair sixteen miles distant. Scott Act in force; no liquor allowed on grounds. About 1000 pages of literature distributed at county fair.

SIMCOE COUNTY.

Orillia Union.—Fairs held close to town. Liquors have been sold. No work undertaken this year.

VICTORIA COUNTY.

Fenelon Falls Union reports liquor sold at nearly all fairs; none have excluded it. We have a department for Influencing Fairs. At spring show, union distributed about 100 leaflets.

WATERLOO COUNTY.

Pine Grove Union.—Five fairs held in county; one in Galt, three miles distant. Three hundred pages literature distributed in former years. No fair held yet this year.

New Hamburg Union.—No liquor sold on fair grounds. One fair held in our town. Had a tea and coffee stand last year, and distributed \$1 worth of tracts.

Galt Union.—One fair held in town, 5th and 6th Oct. No work this year.

WELLAND COUNTY.

Niagara Falls (South).—One county fair and one in each township. Union quarter mile from fair grounds. We had a lunch table and distributed literature this year; cannot tell how much.

WELLINGTON COUNTY.

Guelph Union.—Ten fairs held in county; one held in city from which liquor is excluded. Have been represented by booths. Y. W. C. T. U. assisted in distributing three thousand pages of literature.

YORK COUNTY.

Toronto Central Union reports:—In connection with other city unions had a W.C.T.U. day at Industrial Exhibition, and distributed about 6,400 pages of literature, besides a great many *Journals* and cards. Mrs. Youmans and other speakers were employed.

North Toronto Union reports seven fairs held in County, all which receive Government grants; County Fair held in Newmarket, 30 miles distant, for which 100 leaflets were furnished this year. At Industrial Exhibition on Children's Day, 5,000 pages of illustrated children's tracts were distributed, and on Farmer's Day, two dollars worth of literature (not counted) was also distributed. Persons from this Union were appointed to secure Mrs. Youmans to lecture in the Y. M. C. A. tent on Farmer's Day. They also secured Miss Munro, of Thorold, for elocutionary reading.

The District Union of Toronto expended \$13.70 for payment of lecturer and other expenses, also gave official help in carrying out the programme of the first W.C.T.U. Day on exhibition grounds, which was one of great pleasure to all who united in the work.

Parkdale Union reports:—Were represented at Industrial Exhibition, and contributed some literature. Mrs. Youmans gave an admirable address. Hope we shall be in better order for work if spared for another year.

Our application being made to the superintendent of German department, 900 tracts were kindly furnished this department for "Germania Day," at Industrial Exhibition, 1493 pages of which were distributed.

These reports, though highly encouraging, give but limited idea of what may be accomplished when our Unions are fully awakened to improve the opportunities which this department affords. It is a field in which we can well afford to spend money irrespective of gathering it in, and I am more and more inclined to urge Fair season as one in which to undertake more decided evangelistic work, especially at our larger exhibitions, where blessed results would follow earnest, prayerful efforts under the guidance and blessing of God.

Permanent buildings would greatly facilitate and secure continued and enlarged work, but tent room may always be secured, where temperance and evangelistic speakers might be employed, and literature suitable for each "day" distributed.

I have, too, considered the advisability of the W.C.T.U. Fair Superintendent asking for a *Temperance People's Day*, at both Provincial and Industrial Exhibitions, in which all temperance societies may unite in such a programme as would best conduce to the furtherance of the great end of our efforts—prohibition. Upon consulting members of the Provincial Executive and prominent temperance workers during exhibition week, including Mayor Howland, I have met with very cordial endorsement of the plan. Surely our temperance people have done as much "For God and Home and Native Land" as those who have a Germania Day accorded them.

Among several original and endorsed plans of work put before the unions, has been one of giving seeds and plant cuttings to Bands of Hope, in order that the children might propagate flowers and plants, and bring out the results of their vacation work for prizes at fairs; assured that double reward might be gained by effort and means thus expended in the cultivation of refined taste and diligent habits of labor among the children. No returns of such work have been given. I have received assurance from the manager of Industrial Exhibition that prizes would be offered to Bands of Hope for floral exhibits and cut flowers, if application were made to the board.

The New York State Fair Board seeing the gain to rural agricultural societies for such displays, called for a meeting of the W.C.T.U. State Executive, and fixed prizes for children under fifteen years of age, to the amount of \$60—\$30 for cut flowers and \$30 for floral designs, (flowers to be grown by children). Prizes graded from \$10 to \$2 in each class named.

At York County Convention a vote was given in favor of our asking for prizes this year, but as the question unfortunately was not put to a vote at the Provincial Convention, the plan seems impracticable until the sanction of a still larger class of representative workers can be secured. I am hoping, however, that unions will begin this work in county and township societies, asking for prizes from their boards, and aiding and encouraging the little ones in their work.

In some places children have carried off prizes when competing with florists and others of experience.

Since some of our W.C.T.U. ladies are agitating for seats on boards—a position which I do not fully endorse—considering the present constitution of many agricultural boards, I would suggest that unions desiring such representation, should, as a first step, manifest increased interest in, and become members of agricultural societies, believing that they may accomplish more for the cause of temperance on fair grounds by the election of *firm* temperance men on the boards, than by obtaining isolated seats among them. Payment of annual membership fee to any agricultural society permits the entry of articles for prizes at Fair time, as well as voting power.

Extracts from a letter from one who has long served on Fair boards, referring

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to sections of the "Agricultural and Arts Act," passed at the last session of the Local Legislature, abounds in valuable suggestions :

Vic. 49, Chap. 11.—" *All persons* not under eighteen years of age, who have paid the membership subscription for the year next ensuing, to any Society organized under this Act shall have the right of voting at the election of officers, . . . and on all other questions submitted to the annual meetings of such societies."

"The annual fee (Sec. 13, 35 and 48) is fixed at one dollar; power is given, however, to electoral District Townships and Horticultural Societies (sec. 35, sub-sec. 2 and sec. 46) to pass by-laws making the annual subscription not more than two dollars

"The annual meeting (at which all officers should be elected) of Township Society's, is held on the second Thursday in January in each year (sec. 51) and Electoral District Society on the third Wednesday in January (sec. 39.)

"To entitle a member to vote at the election of officers, the subscription for the ensuing year must have been paid before the presiding officer declares the poll open for such election (sec. 71); or better still, before the meeting is opened, as in the absence of the President or Vice-President, the question of a presiding officer may be an important one.

"The requisites for membership to any of the above Societies, with full powers, then seems to be that the applicant be a *person* eighteen years of age, and pay his or her annual subscription before the opening of the annual meeting.

"I cannot see anything to prevent you from exercising all the rights of membership of that association; or better still, of the Electoral District Societies, where, through your votes you can exercise an influence in the election of the officers, not only of those societies, but of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association also.

"We have for several years admitted ladies to membership in our Township Society here (Toronto Township) but I have no knowledge of their ever having exercised their privilege of voting. I have, too, suggested more than once the propriety of adding some of them to the board. There are departments in which I felt that their natural good taste, education and more refined judgment would be most valuable."

I would continue to urge the appointment of a superintendent of Fair work in each local union, who, if they accomplish nothing else, could procure and count the literature, secure its distribution and make *accurate report of it*. I have been at a loss how to estimate the number of pages of literature, "some," "lots," "a good deal," "a good bit," etc. Above all, I would suggest county organization and the appointment of county superintendents of Fair work, who, with the superintendents of local unions might form an interested working committee during fair season. Do not wait till fair time comes and then appoint a committee "with power to add." It is my experience that you may add to such a committee with all the power you can raise and it will avail little in comparison with system and forecast in any work.

Thankfully have we recorded steps of progress thus far made in this department, but we would bespeak for it a still deeper interest in your thoughts, prayers and efforts, that all our work may be begun, carried forward and ended in and for Him who employs His feeble ones to do His work on earth, then shall the seed sown in weakness, yield even to eternity, a harvest of glory abounding to Him through the emancipation of the millions now enslaved by the drink curse.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

MISS WILLMOT, MILTON.

Last year I addressed a circular letter to all the unions, urging each one to report to me, to what extent the subject had been carried out in each locality. Four only responded, which seemed to say it would be useless to repeat the request. I have made all the personal enquiry in my power, and have been happy to learn that in many places all the Evangelical churches adopted the use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, except one, and

that church, in many places had been careful to secure the best Canadian grape juice.

The grape season suggested that it might be useful to many to know how to prepare the pure juice of the grape for Sacramental purposes. I therefore wrote an article on the importance of the use of unfermented wine at the Lord's Table, and I sent it to the two leading journals the *Globe* and *Mail*, subjoining the recipe for the same. It appeared in the *Globe* of Sept. 14th, and called forth the sentiments of one who takes a different view of the subject as expressed in the *Globe* of Sept. 26th.



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COUNTY OF BOTHWELL.

BOTHWELL.

Membership, 16 ; average attendance, 6 ; 1 prayer meeting and 7 business meetings held in the half year. Amount sent to Provincial Union for half year, \$1.00. 1000 pages of literature distributed, 100 signatures obtained to temperance petition, 1 newspaper supplied with temperance items, 1 church uses unfermented wine, 1 Sunday School has introduced the temperance pledge.

MISS MCGREGOR, Cor. Sec.

RIDGETOWN.

We circulated the two petitions, getting something over 800 names. We also distributed over 2000 pages of literature. In February gave a reception to teachers, board of trustees and municipal officers; had addresses for the introduction of temperance instruction in schools.

We placed \$25.00 worth of temperance literature in the Mechanics' Institute; also, a temperance paper in the reading room. We held one entertainment. Our membership is 28; have paid to the Provincial W. C. T. U., \$7.50.

E. STREET, Sec.

COUNTY OF BRUCE.

MRS. C. MCINTYRE.

Being so far off the line of railway I could not visit many Unions, but have corresponded with them; all the Unions are in working order with the exception of Tiverton. Some months ago the Union resolved to unite with the Kincardine one, but owing to the distance from Tiverton it has been thought best to have our meetings here as usual; the out-look for the growth of temperance work of all kinds in the county is good. The Unions were united in their efforts to secure the services of a police magistrate, which were granted by the Government, contrary to the wishes of the county council. I believe the officers are faithful in the discharge of their duties.

The temperance demonstration held here on Sept. 20th was a grand success. Popular lecturers are expected to give a series of lectures, thus

an impetus is given to the work to which, in the name and strength of our great Captain we go forward, sure of victory.

ALLENFORD.

Has ten members. Holds prayer and business meetings monthly. Receipts from members fees, \$5.50, since Oct., 1886.

Has a Band of Hope with 76 members. Distributed 1,000 illustrated tracts and two monthly papers. Has circulated petitions for scientific temperance instruction in schools and for police magistrate. Supplies one newspaper with temperance items. One church uses unfermented wine, and one with five per cent of alcohol. 100 pledges have been obtained.

MISS A. DEAN, Cor. Sec.

CHELSEY.

Has twenty-three members, average attendance twelve. Prayer and business meetings are held fortnightly. Receipts from member's fees, \$11.00. Amount sent to Provincial Union for half year, \$1.00. Sustains one Band of Hope with 106 members. Several hundred pages of literature have been distributed. Amount paid to literature department of Ontario W.C.T.U., \$3.00. One newspaper supplied with temperance items. Two churches use unfermented wine. Two Sunday schools have introduced the temperance pledge.

MRS. J. McCONNEL, Cor. Sec.

PAISLEY.

Our first work was circulating petitions to Ontario Legislature for systematic temperance instruction, World's petition, also one in our own municipality, to which we obtained the signatures of a handsome majority of ratepayers, asking our reeve to vote for and use his influence in county council to secure the appointment of a police magistrate. The request was refused. Gospel temperance services were held in the various churches conducted by Rev. W. Burgess. A social, which was a pleasant, interesting and successful affair, and which very materially increased our finances and added to our membership, was held at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Gibson. We were favored by a visit from J. R. Clarke, who gave us his entertaining and instructive lecture, "To and fro in London." We succeeded in obtaining the services of Professor Morgan and little Fairy, whose wonderful musical powers held the audience spellbound and delighted all who heard her. Rev. B. B. Keefer followed in a most effective speech on the "Failure of the Scott Act!" The result of these meetings is an increased and growing interest in the cause of temperance, and we feel we have reason to thank God and take courage.

REC. SEC.

PORT ELGIN.

The membership in this our first year has been gratifying, there being thirty-eight members names on the roll; ten of these being honorary members. Therefore, our members' fees in all amounts to \$19.

Fortnightly meetings have been held, and although the attendance

has not been uniformly large, there has been considerable interest shown in the Union.

The various petitions forwarded were duly circulated and largely signed.

Twenty copies of the *Woman's Journal* have been subscribed for.

The fact that steps are being taken to vote on the repeal of the Scott Act in our county makes it all the more imperative on the members to do their utmost to sustain the Union and to aim at its being strengthened by the addition of new members.

MINNIE ELLIOTT, Cor. Sec.

SOUTHAMPTON.

The W. C. T. U. of Southampton was organized by Miss Bowes, Provincial Organizer, Oct. 6th, 1886, with a membership of 39, which has since increased to 49—9 of these being honorary members.

There have been 23 meetings held (all of which have been partly devotional) with an average attendance of 10.

During the year temperance addresses have been delivered under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. by Miss Bowes, Mrs. Youmans, John R. Clarke and Rev. B. B. Keefer.

The World's petition, a petition asking for scientific temperance instruction, and petitions asking for the appointment of a police magistrate, have been circulated by the Union.

A Loyal Legion has been organized with a membership of which has since increased to 85—41 boys and 44 girls. The average attendance is 40.

About 5,000 pages of temperance literature have been distributed—much of which was distributed by members of the Loyal Legion.

In addition to this there have been 1800 pages of tracts given to the Loyal Legion children alone.

We have 20 subscribers in this place to the *Woman's Journal*.

Three delegates attended the Provincial Convention of the W. C. T. U. held at Owen Sound in 1886.

In February a social was held by the Union, which did much to bring our association before the notice of the public, and was both socially and financially a success.

Receipts for the year.....	\$100 17
Expenditure.....	82 17
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Balance on hand.....	18 00

MRS. MCPHERSON, Cor. Sec.

TARA.

This Union was organized a year ago with a membership of 24, which has increased to 30. Meetings have been held fortnightly, average attendance being 9. We commenced work by organizing a Band of Hope. The several petitions sent us were faithfully circulated. One newspaper has been kept supplied with temperance items, and we feel that it is largely owing to the efforts of the Unions in this riding that a police magistrate has been granted us. At our last meeting it was resolved to take up other

branches of work. Accordingly, superintendents of flower mission, scientific temperance instruction, and unfermented wine, were appointed.

Mrs. W. J. FAWCETT, Cor. Sec.

WIARTON.

Our Union was organized September 30th, 1886, by Miss Bowes, of Milton. There were 30 members on our list, 10 being honorary members. 32 meetings of our Union were held, and one mother's meeting, also one literary entertainment. We have a Band of Hope, with 150 names on the roll, and an average attendance of 80; Band of Hope also gave an entertainment. Near the end of the year we petitioned our county council for a police magistrate, and were refused. As soon as the elections were over, we petitioned the new council with the same result. Almost immediately petitions to the Ontario Government were prepared and circulated, and after some months of anxious waiting, our efforts were rewarded by the appointment of a police magistrate, who is now doing the county good service. The World's W. C. T. U. petition, was also circulated; and another asking that Scientific Temperance Instruction be given in all public schools; another asking that married women having the necessary property qualifications be allowed to vote at the municipal elections. These were all largely signed, but the number of signatures was not recorded. A considerable sum has been spent for temperance literature for distribution. We have a committee for Work among Sailors, and they have done a good deal of work. At our township fair, a few hundred temperance leaflets were scattered, also a goodly number of *Temperance Heralds*. Several families among us have received substantial aid. The Scott Act is not enforced as it ought to be, and we would like to help it if we knew how. We are encouraged by the fact that several of our hotels have changed hands very frequently of late. Many ladies are not yet aware of the advantages of organized effort, and do not become members of our Union; we are sorry for this, but hope that by-and-by they will unite with us in this great work.

Mrs. L. KYLE, Rec. Sec.

WALKERTON.

Walkerton W. C. T. U. was organized by Miss Bowes, Oct. 8, 1886, with eleven members. Membership at present is sixty-two.

There have been twenty-two business meetings held, and two special meetings, with an average attendance of thirteen.

The Union has given one social and one tea meeting, and also one entertainment to children of L. L.

One lecture has been given by Mrs. L. Youmans.

Thirty subscribers for the *Woman's Journal* were obtained.

Delegates were sent to Convention at Owen Sound in August. A delegation of thirty ladies visited the county council requesting the appointment of a police magistrate.

Petitions for World's W. C. T. U., Scientific Temperance Instruction in schools, and for police magistrate were circulated. Temperance liter-

ature has been sent to lumbermen at Wiarton, and tracts have been distributed.

Loyal Legion was opened March 1. One hundred and fifty children signed the pledge.

Flower Mission has met weekly since June 2, 132 bouquets have been distributed. Twelve prayer meetings have been held.

The sick and poor have received much assistance from the ladies individually.

Prison has been visited weekly since May, and much good effected.

B. MORDEN, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF BRANT.

BRANTFORD.

Brantford Union reports 100 members, 27 honorary members, 57 subscribers to *Woman's Journal*.

By the help of some of the churches, we were enabled to engage a Bible woman (Miss Obert) eight months of the year, who made during that time 1,037 visits. She held weekly prayer-meetings at the gaol, and cottage-prayer meetings among the poor of our city. She organized a Band of Hope in Holmedale, a suburb peopled mostly by laborers in the different mills. She also distributed 3,000 religious and temperance tracts.

We circulated two petitions during the year, first that of the "World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, largely signed, and the petition to the Legislature asking for a temperance text book for use in the schools, to which we obtained one thousand signatures.

Christmas letters were sent to all the inmates of the hospital and gaol, and to a number of the poor. 15,000 pages of religious and temperance literature were distributed in the workshops and depots.

Committees were appointed to canvass the women voters, asking for their votes and influence in the municipal elections.

We were instrumental in placing copies of the *Canada Citizen, Voice,* and *Woman's Journal* in all the reading-rooms in the city.

A committee waited upon the different merchants asking them to provide seats for their female clerks during their unemployed moments. They courteously promised to meet the wishes of the ladies.

A committee waited upon the license commissioners, urging a reduction in the number of licenses. While the number has not been reduced, we are thankful to find it has not been increased.

Gospel temperance meetings are held every Friday evening during nine months of the year.

There are always good addresses from prominent temperance workers, occasional readings and recitations, and music from a choir of faithful young people who have greatly aided us in our efforts. The pledge is always presented at these meetings, the average number of signers being four. The last gospel meeting for the year took the form of a complimentary strawberry festival to the choir.

Two lectures were given during the winter, the first by Mayor Howland, to which the mayor and aldermen of the city were invited; the second by the late J. B. Finch, to which we invited the lawyers of the city.

On Good Friday, Miss Fraine, assisted by local talent, gave a most enjoyable entertainment under our auspices, which netted \$52.00.

The school trustees and public school teachers were given a reception at which Mrs. Rutherford read a most inspiring paper on scientific temperance instruction.

A discussion followed, during which all the teachers present expressed their readiness to undertake this new study if text books were provided.

A few Christian friends aided us in purchasing an invalid chair for a citizen who has been for years unable to walk, and who is by the help of this chair able to go about, and is greatly improved in health.

Our latest work has been the refitting of our new hall. Jointly with the "Y's" we have secured a building, (formerly known as Emmanuel Church) which is centrally located and in every way suited to the uses of the two Unions.

By the generosity of a number of gentlemen, we are enabled to lease the building for three years, with the privilege of buying.

We have *re-seated* the building and built a good platform; hope soon to have it prettily frescoed. It is our earnest desire to purchase the building, and our efforts this year are to be directed towards establishing a permanent temperance hall in our city. Opened on Monday of last week by "our own" Mrs. Youmans. Pledge presented.

Our annual meeting was well attended and enthusiastic. Success is due to the untiring efforts of our president, who was unanimously re-elected, our ladies pledging themselves to do all they can, and with her to lead us, we begin the new year with bright hopes.

MRS. C. POWLEY, Co. Sec.

BRANTFORD Y. W. C. T. U.

In the first year of our existence as a union, we rented a hall for a small sum, but found we had not room enough for our work, consequently in November, 1886, we rented a larger hall, expecting to pay the rent by sub-letting it to other societies, but we were in a measure disappointed, and as so much energy had to be expended in raising the wherewithal to pay the rent, some of our branches of work, particularly the Kitchen garden, lacked the energy and attention bestowed on them in the first year. However, we are looking forward to a more successful future, as we have in conjunction with the W. C. T. U. engaged a hall for three years, the rent being paid for that time by subscription.

The Unions intend to buy this hall as it seems in every way suitable for temperance work, and as this will take time and money, we have decided not to take up K. G. work this year.

With this exception our work will go on as before, but we trust with greater zeal than ever before.

The branches of work taken up by our Union this year are as follows:

Band of Hope, our most important work this year, with a membership of 125. Night School membership of 40. Kitchen Garden—membership of 20. Sewing School membership of 18. Flower Mission—During the summer the workers in this branch made up and distributed on an average 23 bouquets every week.

ANNIE M. KING, Rec. Sec.

COUNTY OF CARLETON.

OTTAWA.

Our present membership is 69, an increase of 3 over last year. 25 business and 10 executive meetings have been held, average attendance 12.

The work of the Union has been carried on under the supervision of the several superintendents in the following branches, viz:—Work among sailors and bargemen, evangelistic, the press, literature, scientific instruction, French and German, prisons and police, and the use of unfermented wine for sacramental purposes.

The week of prayer was held as in previous years. Special meeting for ladies being held every day during the week, presided over each day by one of the members of the Union, who gave Bible readings. These meetings were much enjoyed.

During the annual drill of the military, held near our city in June last, the Union occupied a marquee at the camp, and supplied the soldiers with refreshments which the officers and men acknowledged to have been a great boon to them, and had been the means of keeping many out of temptation.

In the month of July the Union had a visit from Miss Grey, of Antwerp, European Organizer of the World's W. C. T. U.

In August last the Union leased from the directors of the Coffee House company the building known as the Ottawa Temperance Coffee House and purpose maintaining a Temperance Eating House, thereby furthering the work. The Union occupy as their headquarters the hall in same building.

During the Provincial Exhibition, the Union were unable to secure a place on the grounds owing to the high rent asked, and would earnestly *recommend* to the Provincial Union, that they bring the matter before the directors of the agricultural society, with the view of having them allot *free* to the Union, space sufficient at each annual exhibition to carry on this part of the work.

The superintendent of literature reports that 9,000 tracts consisting 27,185 pages had been distributed during the year.

Reports were received from the several superintendents of the other departments, showing that the various branches of our work had progressed favorably during the year. The Treasurer's report showed the receipts for the year to be \$774.66 ; Expenditures, \$706.65, leaving a balance on hand of \$68.01.

A. E. DOUGLAS, Cor. Sec.

OTTAWA Y. W. C. T. U.

The membership roll numbers 119. List of active members 90, of whom several have changed their names, leaving a revised roll of 84.

The honorary members are all gentlemen, with the exception of Miss Anna Gordon, (Miss Willard's Sec.) and Miss McClees, U. S. National Supt. of Kitchen Gardens.

17 Meetings have been held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, and Bible Readings in conjunction with the W. C. T. U. every Friday at 3 p. m. in the rooms, Victoria Chambers.

Kitchen Garden classes were organized on the 6th of November, with about thirty children. On December 10th, there were 60 names on the roll. Three classes (20 children in each) met regularly every Saturday in the rooms.

Members of the Flower Mission have visited the hospital every Monday afternoon, distributing flowers. During the winter months when flowers could not be obtained, papers and tracts and occasionally fruit, were given to the patients.

The temporal committee of St. Andrew's Church having kindly granted the use of the church basement, classes were opened on the 22nd of November with 28 names on the roll. The superintendent and teachers found great encouragement in the gradual increase of attendance. At the closing of the classes 63 children were present, 24 of them receiving rewards for their industry and improvement. A quilt was made from material contributed by friends of the Union, and presented to the Orphans' Home at the close of the term.

A room on Nelson St. was again occupied by the Saturday sewing class.

The reading circle held five very pleasant meetings during the winter months. The attendance was always large, and some new names were enrolled in the pledge album. One meeting took the form of a book reception when a number of books were added to the library.

From a very small beginning, of three scholars, the number in the girls night school gradually increased till at the end of the term there were 30 names on the roll.

The library and literature department received a very welcome donation of books from St. Andrew's Church Sunday School, as well as those given at the book reception.

The evangelistic department includes a Bible class for working girls, called the Friendly Branch, with a membership of 74. Services of song in jail and hospital every Sunday morning, house to house visitation, weekly cottage meetings and tract distribution.

Hygiene.—This branch was added to the work in January, and Miss Johnston appointed superintendent. At one of our meetings Miss Johnstone read a very interesting paper, taking for her subject, "The Eye."

Work among Germans and Scandinavians was begun and carried on by Miss Amelia Johnston. Four meetings were held at which the attendance increased from 4 to 24. These meetings were of a social character,

the entertainment usually consisting of music, a short address, and refreshments at the close of the evening. Addresses were given by the Rev. Mr. Mackie, Mr. Kuhring and Rev. Mr. Owen Jones.

The event of the season, (in the estimation of the boys)—the news-boys' supper—took place as usual in the holidays, and judging from the exuberance of spirits displayed, their appreciation of the treat was not half-hearted. Some of our members shared with our sisters of the Women's Union in the pleasant task of dispensing the good things.

An entertainment for the purpose of raising funds was given in Dec., and we were deeply indebted to Mr. Herridge for his assistance on that occasion, in delivering a lecture on Beethoven; also, to those who so kindly took part in the musical portion of the programme. Mayor Howland, of Toronto, who takes such a deep interest in temperance work, held a Gospel meeting in Knox church in May, under the auspices of the Union.

Dr. Cullis, of Boston, also addressed a Sunday afternoon meeting in the same church, when there was a large attendance.

An important question which comes up from time to time, is, "how can we raise money?" So far, we have managed to tide over our difficulties in this direction, and are at least out of debt.

Our motto is:—"The love of Christ constraineth us." Emblem:—"Pansy."

J. MATHERS, Cor. Sec. Y.W.C.T.U.

COUNTY OF DUNDAS.

MRS. (DR.) CHAMBERLAIN, MORRISBURG.

I cannot tell of any new unions organized, although I have made an effort to start two, but it is gratifying to know that the temperance cause is steadily advancing and many of our leading men are taking a firm stand in the temperance movement. We have at present 3 Unions who work zealously together, and each year has awakened an interest which heretofore did not exist. The Scott Act has been in force in this county since May 1884, and although not so much has been accomplished as we would wish, yet we believe good has been done, results of which may be seen hereafter. We have in anticipation for the coming spring another vote to be taken, which we hope may prove beyond a doubt that right will triumph.

Our trust is not in an arm of flesh but in the power of God. There have been a great many evasions of the Scott Act, but lately many offenders have been brought to justice, the result we hope, may strengthen, encourage and increase temperance sentiment and the success of temperance legislation.

The Bands of Hope have been carried on successfully and promise to be very attractive during the coming winter.

We have also distributed literature bearing on temperance.

Our Press Superintendent has regularly supplied one local paper with good, sensible well pointed articles.

I feel sorry we have no new branch of work to report. We have simply been trying to carry on successfully what we have undertaken in past years.

IROQUOIS.

From the Iroquois Union there is very little to report. There have been seven meetings this year with an average attendance of nine. We have had one lecture by J. Arlington Cooke.

MISS ELLA CARMAN, Cor. Sec.

MORRISBURG.

At the close of this year our Union has on its roll 21 members, having gained 2 and lost 1.

During the year we have held 10 meetings, and have kept up Hannah Whitall Smith's Bible-reading in connection with our business meetings.

We held a mother's or woman's meeting in March, which was very interesting and much enjoyed, at which temperance literature was distributed.

There were over 200 names to the petition circulated for Scientific Temperance Instruction in the schools.

Our Union sent in \$1.00 to the World's and Dominion Union.

The Protestant churches with the exception of the Episcopal, use the unfermented wine at the Lord's supper.

The Band of Hope has a large membership, and is superintended by Mrs. Chamberlain.

One newspaper is supplied with temperance items, which are inserted free of charge.

At the County Fair temperance literature was distributed.

We had 14 subscribers for the *Woman's Journal*.

Fees collected for the year.....	\$15 26
Paid out.....	8 30

Balance on hand.....	\$6 96
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MRS M. C. GIBSON, Cor. Sec.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN.

The meeting called in this place in Oct. 1887, for the purpose of considering the advisability of organizing a W. C. T. Union in the village of South Mountain, was opened at 7.30 by the singing of a hymn, the reading of the 146th psalm, and by prayer. After prayer Mrs. Thos. Coates, Prescott, addressed the meeting on behalf of the Union. A short time was then spent in informal conversation, singing and prayer, after which Mrs. Coates proceeded to organize, with the following results, officers: President, Miss M. McTavish; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Gravelle; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Mulholland; Secretary, Miss S. Gilroy; Recording Secretary, Miss E. Bowen; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Adams; Auditor, Miss Moorhouse.

WEST WINCHESTER.

The Union was re-organized Sept. 1886, with a membership of 14. Our Union was only organized in March 1886, and although our members have increased but little, the interest is steadily advancing.

Three of the ladies were appointed to wait on the ministers of the different churches of the village to suggest the use of unfermented wine at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Two churches are using the unfermented and one the fermented.

The Union was successful in having a by-law passed by the township council imposing a license of \$100.00 on each billiard table.

The Ontario W. C. T. U. petition for the purpose of having Scientific Temperance Instruction in the public schools received a number of signatures.

Six of the members take the *Woman's Journal*, and we find it a great help in the Union.

We have had one social tea which was a success, also one concert the proceeds of which were \$25.00.

We have a flourishing Band of Hope of 110 members.

Total receipts up to Sept. 1887.....	\$38 71
Expenditure.....	32 24

Balance on hand.....	\$6 47
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ELLA LAFLAMME, Rec. Sec.

COUNTY OF DURHAM.

BOWMANVILLE.

The Bowmanville W. C. T. U. has a membership of about fifty and we are doing very well. Our elections of officers took place in September. The president, Mrs. Mason, who has so nobly done her work ever since we organized, was re-elected, as also the other officers.

The *Journal* is a welcome visitor; our subscribers now number sixty-seven. We are not doing as much as we would like, but work in harmony and love, doing what we can for God and Home and Native Land.

SARA NEADS, Cor. Sec.

NEWCASTLE.

Held ten regular meetings for year. Issued some temperance literature. No special work undertaken. Number of members, seventeen.

MRS. J. McNAUGHTON, Cor. Sec.

ORONO.

Membership 22 active, and 6 honorary. Average attendance 10. 1 prayer and 27 business meetings held. Receipts from members fees for half year, 25 cts. Amount sent to Provincial Union, \$1.75. Sustains Band of Hope with 70 members, 400 signatures obtained for temperance petition. 1 newspaper supplied with temperance items. 2 churches use unfermented wine.

MISS LINDA KNOTT, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF DUFFERIN.

GRAND VALLEY.

Our Union was organized in April. We distributed some temperance literature and formed a Band of Hope last June.

MISS CLAMINA CLARKE, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF ELGIN.

AYLMER.

Our membership for this year is 40. General meetings held every two weeks. We circulated the two petitions that were sent us and our ladies are willing to do so again when called upon. We intend to use every means to get the temperance text books used in our schools. Our Band of Hope has nearly gone down, but we are glad to know that a young lady is going to act as Pres. and endeavour to get them in working order again. Our Union and the Y's joined in presenting our volunteers with \$20 towards some helmets for them; most of our Union met them the morning they went to drill; and when they received the helmets they received also a bunch of temperance tracts in each one. Three ministers of the town were present and spoke to them; and we parted, with some very earnest words of prayer from one of them. We feel that our efforts have been small this year; but hope for renewed energy for work during the coming one.

Have had 14 general meetings, and 3 special ones.

Have had several lectures during the year very well attended.

NINA FOOTE, Cor. Sec.

ST. THOMAS.

We have at present thirty members and have held twelve regular and special meetings. Last January our late lamented friend the Hon. J. B. Finch lectured for us. In February we joined in tendering to the Royal Templars of Temperance a reception.

Also in February a concert was given for the purpose of raising funds for the organization of a Band of Hope, and although the evening was rainy and stormy the sum of fifteen dollars was cleared, sufficient for the equipment of the Band.

In March a county convention was held, presided over by Mrs. L. Youmans, at which a Y. W. C. T. U. was formed. A few days afterwards Mrs. Youmans organized for us the Band of Hope. There are over one hundred names on the pledge roll. A few young ladies and two young men deserve a very great deal of credit for the work they have done in connection with the Band. We feel that already the influence which some of the scholars exert at home has not been without effect.

The *Evening Journal* very kindly reserves a column once a week for our use.

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of the Scott Act. Our first year under the Act was simply a farce ; but since we have had an Inspector in sympathy with the Act, it works well, and is a terror to liquor dealers, and we hope it may prove more and more so. Temperance sentiment is spreading and is taking a much deeper hold on the men (I need not say women) of this city.

FANNIE FARLEY, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF FRONTENAC.

Mrs. McROSSIE.

Two Unions have been formed in Frontenac this year—one in Portsmouth, the other at Wilbur Station. Both are doing good work. Portsmouth has a flourishing Band of Hope. We are arranging to organize Bands of Hope in connection with the public schools in Kingston, and hope for great success. The four Unions organized during the Scott Act campaign have dropped out, preferring to work with already existing temperance societies. The temperance sentiment in our county is steadily gaining ground. Although somewhat discouraged at the difficulties in the way of enforcing the Scott Act, yet we hope for better things and are determined that it shall yet be carried out.

During the County Fair the members of the W. C. T. U. distributed about 200 pages temperance literature.

KINGSTON.

The annual reports of the superintendents of the various departments of work undertaken by our Union show earnest and prayerful work done for the Master. The Bible class for women confined in the penitentiary is still held every Saturday, and great blessing has resulted from it. The jail also is visited weekly. The house of industry is visited regularly, the inmates always giving the ladies a warm welcome. Members of the hospital committee have labored in this institution faithfully every week ; eternity will reveal the result of these labors of love. The Flower Mission members have steadily gone on with their good work, visiting the hospital every Thursday afternoon, with their offering of fruit or flowers, speaking comforting words and singing songs of Zion in each of the wards. In addition to this, these young ladies gave a tea and evening's entertainment to the inmates of the house of industry last winter, and a similar evening of pleasure to the old folk and children in a destitute part of our city. The women in the penitentiary, the inmates of the jail and house of industry, as well as the patients in the hospital, were given Xmas letters or cards at that joyous season. Some temperance literature has been distributed, temperance items when possible have been supplied the local dailies, and 4000 pages of selected literature obtained as a prize for securing new subscribers for the *Woman's Journal*. In October 1886, Mrs. Barney, superintendent of jail and prison work, U. S., gave a lecture, address, and Bible reading, under the auspices of our Union, and we were much refreshed and encouraged by her words of Christian tenderness. As

a result of what Mrs. Barney had said about the desirability of having a police matron in every city, our Union petitioned the city council to that end, but our petition was not granted. Before the New Year was ushered in a resolution was passed by us requesting ladies in the city not to offer wine to their callers on New Year's day. Copies of this resolution were inserted in both daily papers, and also sent to the various Protestant clergymen with the request that it be read from their pulpits. After the opening of navigation the Y. M. C. A. was communicated with in reference to the members doing evangelistic work among the sailors, this work the Association has taken up. When the volunteer camp was held in Kingston last June, members of the Union assisted in the song services conducted by the Y. M. C. A. at the camp in the evenings. This year again prizes were offered in the public schools for essays on temperance, and five prizes of books were awarded the successful competitors at the mid summer examinations.

Brackets, with the letters W.C.T.U. and the invitation, "Take One" on them, have been placed in the waiting rooms of the two city railway depots and also in the outer G. T. R. station, these brackets are kept supplied with temperance leaflets. Our first annual excursion was held July 8th, and was an unqualified success, a nice little sum of money being realized from it. A Band of Hope in connection with the Union is to be organized almost immediately, the public school board having most graciously granted the use of a room in one of the schools for that purpose. A resolution urging that temperance instruction be given in the public schools was sent the school board a few weeks ago; we earnestly pray that our request may be granted.

Our membership is 53 meetings held monthly from September, 1886, to April, 1887.

L. J. RENTON, Rec. Sec.

PORTSMOUTH.

Organized last January. We commenced with 23 members, and in a short time increased to 38. Only 20 of these are paying members, and I grieve to say with many of these their efforts begin and end with paying the fee, consequently, as is too frequently the case, the real work falls on the few who are willing and earnest in the cause.

We have had several public entertainments, admission free to all, and have taken up a collection. At these meetings several of our Kingston sisters have kindly assisted by giving addresses. We have a flourishing Band of Hope. In our village there is a building that *used* to be a public house, just opposite to it, between the boardwalk and the road is a high pole and a sign at the top of it, and the ladies of our Union thought if we had it removed it would be a step in the right direction and prepare the way for the removal of others. We accordingly went in a body to where the Council met, and waited on them; petitioning for the removal of this sign. They at once said it should be done, and that was in the beginning of the summer, but the sign is there still.

M. DOBBS, President.

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WILBUR STATION.

Membership 40, average attendance 20. Prayer and business meetings are held fortnightly. Receipts from members' fees, \$11.50. Amount sent to Provincial Union, \$2.50. 23 signatures obtained to temperance petitions. 40 pledges obtained.

Miss M. A. Cook, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF GREY.

Mrs. (REV.) M. W. CAMPBELL.

The County of Grey sustains rather a peculiar relation towards the temperance enactments of our land. Under the license Act itself, it is surrounded by Scott Act counties, viz:—Bruce on the west, Wellington on the south, and Simcoe on the east, while the "cold water" of the Georgian Bay washes its northern shores; and at the south-west it touches Scott Act Huron, which, in its turn, stretches away to the great waters of the lake.

This isolated position gives grand advantages for enforcing a temperance law. Would that temperance men could see that now is the time to strike for freedom from liquor thralldom. But that the temperance people of Grey are neither indifferent or faint-hearted, we cite the fact that here the first battle for the Dunkin Act was fought and won, and here the first Union was formed.

As to the work of the past year, we may safely say there has been advance upon our lines. Six Unions in active operation during the year have not labored in vain. A number of places are now open for Unions and we expect to form several soon. A County Union was formed on the 16th August, by Mrs. Youmans, and the Convention held at that time in Owen Sound was attended with success. A large audience assembled in the town hall, including many of our influential townsmen. After hearing Mrs. Youmans' address, a unanimous vote was given in favor of passing the Scott Act in the county. Throughout the county there is interest and agitation upon this great question, and we confidently expect that ere long the strength of its temperance sentiment will assert itself at the polls.

CHATSWORTH.

Membership 16. Average attendance 7. 2 business meetings held. Receipts from members' fees, \$7.00. Amount sent to Provincial Union \$3.50. 1 church uses unfermented wine. 2 Sunday Schools have introduced the temperance pledge.

Mrs. ANNIE FOSTER, Cor. Sec.

DUNDALK.

This Union was organized Sept. 30, 1887, by Miss Fraine, and has 13 active, and several honorary members. The first meeting held appointed a delegate to the Provincial Convention. A successful social was held to defray delegates expenses.

Mrs. J. GARDINER, Cor. Sec.

FLESHERTON.

This report dates from the October Convention. At that time we had on our roll 20 regular and 10 honorary members. Our average attendance is 6.

As we have in Flesherton two large and influential temperance bodies with a membership of about 150, we find it difficult to obtain many new members to our Union. Since last report we have lost 7 members, 3 by withdrawal, one honorary, and three by removal. Our meetings are held fortnightly, being opened with prayer and business meeting afterwards. We held one entertainment which slightly increased our funds. Professor Morgan kindly presented the Union with \$6.00 to be used for charitable purposes, which, with a similar amount added, was used as directed. Our local paper is regularly supplied with interesting items by the Press committee. A large number of leaflets and tracts were distributed in homes and public gatherings, and special tracts to our volunteers when they went out to their annual drill,

We procured 800 signatures to the petition for Scientific Temperance Instruction in the public schools.

M. C. GANTON, Rec. Sec.

KEMBLE.

Our Union was organized about a year and a half ago, by our worthy organizer, Miss Bowes. We meet regularly every two weeks, for prayer and business, our average attendance, being 7 or 8.

We have had several very successful open meetings; are pleased to report that no liquor is sold in our neighborhood, and are glad to be numbered with the many thousand who wear the white ribbon.

We support a very flourishing Band of Hope of 50 members, which is made profitable and interesting by a very efficient leader.

MRS. GARDINER, Cor. Sec.

MEAFORD.

W. C. T. U. open only last half year owing to absence of officers. 26 paying members, affiliation fee, \$2.00. Regular meetings 12, average attendance 8; prayer meetings 12, public 2. Literature distributed, 500 pages. Main feature of work is the Band of Hope, membership 150; meetings held every Friday, open all the year.

MISS LIZZIE DICE, Cor. Sec.

OWEN SOUND.

Our Union has passed through a very prosperous year. Membership numbering forty-seven.

The event of importance was the holding of the Provincial Convention, at which the majority of the Unions throughout the Province were represented, and which all present found a pleasant and profitable season.

It had been decided during the latter part of last year that we have an independent place of meeting; accordingly steps were taken (in conjunction with the "Y's") to procure a hall, which was furnished and formally opened during November.

In January, we waited, in a body, upon the town council, asking a further increase to the license fees, but our request was not granted.

A "Japanese Tea" was given in February, which was well attended. Several Bible readings were also given during the winter.

The petition for Scientific Temperance Instruction in the public schools was well circulated, and a large number of signatures obtained.

Early in the spring an "Art Exhibition" was held, which was kept open for one week.

A County Convention was held on the 16th of August, with a good attendance of delegates. It was for the purpose of furthering Scott Act work. Mrs. Youmans presided during the session, and in the evening addressed a large audience in the town hall.

The Work among Sailors, Jail Visiting, Band of Hope Work, etc., have been continued as usual.

In every undertaking we were nobly aided by the "Y's."

L. STEPHENS, Cor. Secretary.

THORNBURY.

We hold our regular W. C. T. U. meetings monthly, we have twenty-two members. President, Mrs. McKenny; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edith Hurlburt. Band of Hope meets fortnightly on Saturday afternoon, membership, 100. We spend one hour in singing and catechism lessons, after which they have one half hour drill. Temperance sermons were preached according to the request of the World's W. C. T. U. and prayer meeting at night.

MRS. MCKENNY.

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

Our membership numbers 37 active and two honorary members. We meet every alternate Wednesday evening, the first meeting of the month being held as a prayer meeting, or we choose a subject and each one brings a verse of Scripture bearing on it. We have a committee whose duty is to visit any of our members who may be ill. Our night school was continued for a short time, but we found that it was interfering with the work of the public school, so we thought it advisable to close it. Since its close one of our members has been teaching at her own home two little girls who are unable to attend the public school. The sewing school is doing a good work and has an average attendance of thirteen. Any of the children who are in need are supplied with material to make up for their own use.

We distributed Christmas letters and cards to the prisoners in the gaol. In the spring we helped to circulate the petitions for the introduction of scientific temperance instruction into schools, and were very successful in obtaining signatures. Since navigation opened we have done a good deal of sailor work under a superintendent from the W.C.T.U. Each boat is visited once a week by some of the committee, who distribute temperance leaflets to the sailors, and on each of the large boats six temperance books have been placed. Our Flower Mission has been doing some work,

bouquets being sent to the prisoners in the gaol and to sick persons in the town. In the Spring committees were formed to visit the different parts of the town to invite children to attend our sewing school and the Band of Hope, and young ladies to join our union, and to ask people for any assistance they wished to give. In November our Union, with the W. C. T. U., rented and furnished the hall which we are now occupying, each Union paying half the rent and half the cost of furnishing.

Our receipts for the year are \$89.81; our expenditure was \$58.00, leaving a balance of \$31.81 on hand. Our motto is, "The Lord our righteousness," and our emblem the Easter Lily.

KATE E. MILLER, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF GRENVILLE.

MRS. THOMAS COATES.

If we look at the work being done in this county we see enough to give the workers encouragement and joy, but if we look at the great work still to be done we have a dark picture. Two of our most beloved members have been called home since our last meeting—Mrs. Connel, the ex-president of Spencerville Union, and Mrs. Jas. Dowsley, one of the vice-presidents of Cardinal Union. Our vice-president at large has been called to pass through the furnace of affliction, having lost a dearly beloved son.

From each Union some valued workers have removed. Much faithful work has been accomplished with the children by the Unions at Oxford Mills, Merrickville, Spencerville, Prescott, and a flourishing Band of Hope was kept up for some time at Cardinal. We trust after this Convention there will spring up fresh inspiration along this line of effort. Our boys and girls need to be taught the treacherous and dangerous character of alcohol itself, especially when it appears in lighter liquors, wine, beer and cider. In Prescott we were enabled to reach the larger boys in temperance instruction by introducing the military drill. Two young ladies from Ogdensburg kindly came across the river and instructed the girls in a pretty play drill, which was very much enjoyed by teachers as well.

Prescott Loyal Legion numbers 136 and has a good library. Gave them two magic lantern entertainments and a big social. Proceeds \$11, which was put towards paying the rent of our W. C. T. U. Hall. Signatures were obtained for the Franchise and World's W. C. T. U. petition; temperance literature distributed at the Prescott and Spencerville Fairs.

The Prescott Union petitioned the school board respectfully asking them to place the new temperance text book in the regular course of study in the schools under their control. It was laid on the table.

A paper rack was purchased and placed in our ferry boat, and is kept filled with temperance literature. We also intend having one in each of our railway stations. I have written 38 letters; re-organized a Union at Cardinal.

Spencerville, pleasantly situated, gave the delegates and visitors a royal welcome to the 3rd Annual Convention on 6th October. The resident ministers and the ladies of the Union made every preparation for it, and during the entire day left nothing undone for the pleasure and comfort of their visitors, providing a hot dinner and tea served in the basement of the beautiful Presbyterian church. Mrs. Thos. Coates, County President, opened at 9 o'clock with singing and responsive Scripture exercise. Mrs. Greenhill was appointed secretary in Miss Gibson's absence. County President gave a short address reviewing the work of the past year, and giving valuable hints for future use. At ten o'clock we were honored with the presence of our esteemed Prov. president, Mrs. Chisholm, whom the Convention welcomed by rising.

Mrs. (Rev.) Kellock presented a most cordial address of welcome to the delegates and visitors, which was ably responded to by Mrs. Blair.

Delegates and visitors were present from Brockville, Prescott, Maitland, Morrisburg, Cardinal, Kemptville, Ventnor, Shannonville and Spencerville. Reports from the local Unions showed much faithful work done. Mrs. (Dr.) Chamberlain introduced the subject of finance and equal suffrage; the question of the hour was introduced by Mrs. French, of Brockville; both subjects elicited warm discussions. Mrs. Chisholm, Revs. Chown and Kellock spoke earnestly on the latter topic. Mrs. Chisholm then addressed the Convention on "The President's preparation for her work," emphasizing the things she must do and the things she must not do, in order to make her meetings a success.

A relation of the difficulties and experiences of the presidents were very interesting. Miss Lillian Coates gave a bright account of the Y. W. C. T. U. of Brockville. Rev. S. D. Chown gave a very interesting outline of Scott Act work in the County, and much valuable information; he considers the present outlook bright. In the afternoon Scientific Temperance Instruction was discussed, when it was moved that a letter of enquiry be sent from each Union to the Hon. Minister of Education in reference to the new regulations. Paper on Social Purity was read by Mrs. Blair, and some very interesting quotations bearing on this branch of work were given.

The officers elected were—President, Mrs. Thomas Coates; Vice-President, Mrs. (Dr.) Ferguson; Recording Sec., Miss McLean; Cor. Sec., Miss Wallace; Treasurer, Mrs. Kellock,

At 4 o'clock a very interesting children's meeting was held.

The address of the evening was given by the popular temperance lecturer, Mr. Jerrold A. Cooke, of New Orleans, "Is liquor selling a crime."

The next Convention will be held at Kemptville, Miss Wallace's kind invitation having been accepted.

Expenses County W. C. T. U. Convention.

Paid Mr. Cooke, lecturer	\$12 00
“ Mr. Wrightson for printing	2 75
“ Mrs. Chisholm's travelling expenses	5 00
“ “ Coates, postage and stationery	2 70
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The next day after the Convention, Rev. S. Chown kindly drove me to the little village of South Mountain, distance of 12 miles, where we held a most interesting meeting, Rev. Mr. Conley assisting, and succeeded in organizing a W. C. T. U.

KEMPTVILLE.

Our union being small, and a number of the members being absent, we did not have regular meetings during the summer. We take two copies of the *Canada Citizen* for distribution, and procured 500 pages of temperance literature. We have 14 members.

MRS. G. STITT, Cor. Sec.

SPENCERVILLE.

We have about 22 members in our Union. At each meeting we consider a subject of Scripture, which makes the meetings more interesting and we trust more profitable. We have distributed over 500 pages of literature. We take the *Canada Citizen*, and six of our number take the *Woman's Journal*; a large increase of subscribers is confidently expected during the coming year.

The Band of Hope is well attended. Much praise is due to the indefatigable Superintendent, Mrs. D. P. Snider, who has spared neither time nor trouble to make it a success. In all her efforts she has been assisted by Miss Kellock, president and organist, and a number of young ladies as teachers.

It is our painful duty to record the death of our dear Sister Mrs. John Connel; she was a member from the formation of our Union, and worthily filled the position of President during the year 1885 to 1886. She lived a truly consecrated life. Realizing that the women banding themselves together to pray and plan for the overthrow of intemperance was the Lord's work, so to be a co-worker with Him and having His approbation, was to her more to be desired than aught beside. Although her loss to us is irreparable we know our loss is her great gain: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

We were greatly encouraged by the county convention being held here, and we trust it will give an impetus to our Union for years to come.

EFFIE KELLOCK, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF HASTINGS.

BELLEVILLE.

During the past year our Union has had twenty-six members, with an average attendance of nine at the semi-monthly meetings. A Loyal Legion was carried on during the winter, but since the holidays it has been considered best to work through the Sunday schools without a separate organization.

We circulated the petition for temperance instruction in schools and distributed a quantity of literature at the county fair, and on other occasions.

In connection with our jail work, we gave a Christmas dinner to the female prisoners.

Occasional flower mission visits have been made to the hospital.

Successful public social meetings were held in the several wards of the city, at which signatures to the pledge were obtained.

E. HOLDEN, Cor. Sec.

TRENTON.

During the past year we held twelve regular meetings besides a number of special meetings. Our membership is thirty with an average attendance of eleven or twelve. Our worthy president, Mrs. Austin, and our esteemed vice-president, Mrs. Dawson, have been indefatigable in the distribution of tracts and temperance literature among all classes, and we have no doubt but that much good has attended their efforts. Death has entered our circle this year taking away an honored member of our Union Mrs. A. Raymond. Our loss suggested to us the thought of making it a part of our work to visit any member of our Union who is ill, and to wait upon her in case of protracted illness. In connection with the W. C. T. U. is the Band of Hope, which is well sustained and much has been accomplished. In addition to the regular monthly meetings we hold a Gospel temperance meeting the first Sabbath of every month, to which all are invited, these meetings are made interesting by the addition of music and readings to the temperance addresses. Petitions sent in by superintendents of departments were circulated in the course of the year, and in January ten ladies presented a petition to the council to reduce the number of hotel licences, to enforce the laws for the observance of the Sabbath, to prohibit grocers from obtaining license to sell liquor in connection with groceries, and to increase the fees for hotel licenses, billiard tables and bowling alleys, but little attention was paid the request. An effort was also made before the municipal election to influence those ladies who have a right to vote to exercise that right on behalf of a temperance candidate, with partial success.

Mrs. J. E. BAKER, Cor. Sec.

TRENTON Y. W. C. T. U.

This Union was organized last April by Mrs. Rutherford. We have a membership of eighteen, with an average attendance of ten. The meet-

ings were held weekly from house to house until the weather got so warm when we tried having them semi-monthly, but finally closed until the first of September as many of the members were away. We took up no particular work except helping with the Band of Hope, but intend starting some other work for the winter and hope to report better work at the close of another year.

L. BUCHANAN, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY HALTON.

BURLINGTON.

Membership 16. Average attendance 8. Prayer and business meetings held monthly. Receipts from members' fees, \$7.50. Amount sent to Provincial Union, \$1.87. 30 signatures obtained for temperance petition. 2 churches use unfermented wine. 2 Sunday Schools have introduced the temperance pledge, scientific temperance instruction is given in public schools.

MRS. D. CROSBY, Cor. Sec.

GEORGETOWN.

The work during the year has moved steadily on. Though our membership is somewhat less our workers are not the less active. All or nearly all of the petitions placed in our hands have been circulated. Before the municipal elections every lady voter was visited by our members and urged to support only those candidates who were in sympathy with the temperance cause. Election day, the white ribboners were on the wing influencing the prejudiced and indifferent and going to the polls with the timid. With the able assistance of the Sons of Temperance our Union was instrumental in electing a council which never fails to stand up for the good and denounce the evil.

In March we presented a petition to the council asking that no billiard license be granted. Their petition was courteously received, and as far as it was in their power to do, our request granted. Our County Convention held in May greatly helped and encouraged our workers. The temperance camp held here was also a great help.

The Band of Hope numbers about 110 members. In connection with this during the year a sewing school has been started. We have organized for aggressive work during the ensuing year. Our opponents are determined to repeal the Scott Act. The sound of battle is again heard, but Halton has determined that her Prohibitory flag shall never be pulled down.

JENNIE HARRISON, Sec.

MILTON.

Our total membership 80, paying members 60, average attendance 13. We meet every fortnight for prayer and conference; our monthly meetings we try to make very interesting by having music, recitations, and dialogues, by the children; two objects in view: one to educate the children, also to reach their parents.

We had pledge cards distributed in the Sabbath school, signed by 95 children, and are looking forward to having the Band of Hope re-established again.

During the summer we had a very pleasant visit from Mrs. St. John, of Kansas; she held a mother's meeting in the afternoon, also gave a public address in the evening to a crowded house; all were highly delighted with her. During the month of March two petitions were circulated; one to have scientific temperance instruction given in public schools, the result of this canvas was 321 signatures. The other was to extend the franchise to ladies holding proper qualifications, to this petition we had 109 signatures. There is now a petition hanging in the Sheriff's office to repeal the Scott Act in our County. We kindly ask for your prayers and sympathy. We purpose "holding the fort," God helping us.

SUSAN HARRISON, Cor. Sec.

OAKVILLE.

Organized since convention.

MRS. WATSON, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF HURON.

MRS. LEECH.

I organized a Union at Brussels last February, which is doing well; the members are taking hold of the work with a will and determination that, I think, will be successful. I also organized one in Dungannon, in March, it is also doing very well considering it is a country union; they have in connection a Band of Hope for the children, and have influenced two Presbyterian congregations to use unfermented wine at the sacrament of the Lord's supper, circulated temperance literature, &c. The Union at Goderich has had a very good year, live active members ready for work in the different departments. A couple of ladies were appointed to visit the boats as they came into port, to distribute literature. They placed brackets to hold literature, &c., on the Beaty line of Steamers; also supplied the sailors as they went away in the spring for their summer work with reading matter. The jail work has also been pretty well attended to, service held with the female prisoners and some of them supplied with clothes at their departure. There has also been a Y. W. C. T. U. organized in the town with an active membership, and a Band of Hope. While some of the Unions are rather inactive just now, others not mentioned are doing well, taking up the work in the various departments with great readiness and zeal.

At the last municipal and school elections, our members worked at influencing the women to use their franchise and assist in placing temperance men in the different offices as far as possible, and were successful in a good many places.

Although there are many discouragements in the enforcement of the "Scott Act," we are very thankful to God to be able to report the steady

growth of temperance in the county, and are eagerly looking forward for PROHIBITION, and hope that before another session of the House of Commons closes it will have advanced another step in that direction.

CLINTON.

We have a membership of 24, with an average attendance of 10; we have received eight honorary members into our Union during the year. We circulated the petition on scientific temperance instruction.

We had a visit from Mrs. Youmans, who encouraged us by her earnest words in our afternoon meeting; she also gave a public address in the evening. We also had a series of meetings by Bro. Wm. Burgess, of Listowel, and two or three weeks ago, Rev. B. B. Keefer gave us his eloquent and earnest address on "The failure of the Scott Act."

L. WHITE, Cor. Sec.

DUNGANNON.

Our Union was organized last March by Mrs. Leech. Membership, seven, since increased to 14; meetings held at first fortnightly, for a while monthly, average attendance seven. We have distributed considerable temperance literature. We have organized a Band of Hope at our last meeting. We had seventeen names on the roll and hope we shall have many more.

We are looking forward, if spared, to the coming year with determinations to make our Union more of a success, knowing that we are engaged in a good work.

MISS MAGGIE RUTHERFORD, Cor. Sec.

GODERICH.

Officers:—Pres., Mrs. Wm. Campbell; 1st vice-President, Mrs. Gibson; 2nd vice-President, Mrs. B. W. McKenzie; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Smeethe; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Trueman; Treas., Mrs. Stokes.

Members 40, 17 of whom are honorary. Average attendance, 12; No. of regular meetings held 45 (weekly.) Amount paid in charity \$10.75, pledges received during the year 35. We have held one open meeting, addressed by several of our best temperance men. In March we gave a free social to the mayor, councillors, school trustees and teachers of the town, also all the signers to the pledge. During the evening the ladies circulated three petitions for signatures. We obtained the following:—For municipal franchise for women, 114; legislative franchise for women, 229; temperance instruction in schools, 218.

By this means we procured the opinion on these subjects of the leading men of the town, and also gained a large number of signatures without the necessity of a personal canvass, at the same time becoming personally acquainted with a number of those who had taken the pledge. A programme was prepared for the entertainment of those present, and altogether we spent a pleasant and profitable evening. About 300 were present. On Dominion Day we opened a lunch-room, which was well patronized. During the year we have contributed to the World's Union, and the Dominion Union. Brackets containing temperance and religious literature have been placed on the Beaty Line of steamers, calling at our

port. The ladies engaged in evangelistic work report monthly, giving the number of pages of literature distributed, pledges received and calls made. During the year just closed they have distributed 1,400 pages.

LUCY A. TRUEMAN, Rec. Sec.

GORRIE.

We have had one public lecture. We circulated the petition asking for temperance instruction in schools, which was almost universally signed by the parents and others. We have done some charitable work and we have conducted a Band of Hope very successfully, holding an entertainment before we closed for the summer holidays, which was pronounced a grand success.

MRS. J. CAMPBELL, Cor. Sec.

SEAFORTH.

Membership 16, average attendance 7. Business meetings are held fortnightly. Receipts from members' fees, \$8.00. Sustains Band of Hope with 155 members. 130 signatures obtained to petition for Scientific Temperance Instruction. Two newspapers supplied with temperance items. Two churches use unfermented wine.

MISS AGGIE COWAN, Cor. Sec.

WROXETER.

Our Union is small, having a membership of thirteen; the meetings are held regularly. In August we sent away \$3.00 to the Provincial Treasurer in fees. In October we had a lecture from the Rev. Mr. Keefer, which was well attended. The Band of Hope in connection with our Union has an average attendance of thirty children who are taken charge of by four teachers. As this place is small there is very little actual work to be done, but all do what we can.

MISS NEWTON GIBSON, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF KENT.

CHATHAM.

Our meetings the past year have not been regularly attended. Seldom would we have enough members present to transact any business. Since the establishment of the Salvation Army in this town our Sunday meetings have been discontinued. Those who had been accustomed to attend our meetings went with the Army. The only work we now do is visiting the gaol and distributing tracts.

ISABELLA LAFFERTY, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF LAMBTON.

MRS. HOUSTON, SARNIA.

Early in December last, I corresponded with Mrs. Youmans, to get her into the county to organize a county union so as to bring the local unions together that we could work more unitedly, but my efforts failed, as Mrs. Youmans could not make it convenient to come to Lambton.

There are now only three Unions in our county, Sarnia, Wyoming and Forest. I have done all I could, visiting some and writing to all of them. Early in January I went to Wyoming, and helped them to form a Band of Hope, which has been very successful.

To the various officers of departments of work in connection with our Provincial Unions, I have furnished all the information I could.

SARNIA.

Meetings have been held during the year regularly twice per month.

Our membership has increased, we receiving a good number of honorary members at the social held in the Methodist Church, April 8th.

Our finances are in good condition after having been able to circulate tracts, papers, etc.

We were this year as last year, at the post of duty on the fair ground ready to supply hot meals to all attending the exhibition.

During the year several new members have subscribed for the *Journal*, and copies have been gratuitously sent to different families.

A petition containing 750 signatures was presented to the Legislature, urging compulsory scientific temperance instruction in the public schools.

A committee waited upon the inspector of public schools for the Riding, and urged the introduction and teaching of the temperance textbook.

A Committee waited upon the mayor and urged upon him the necessity of the better enforcement of the Scott Act.

The Band of Hope still meets every two weeks and is progressing favorably, as a means of impressing temperance principles upon the minds of the children.

MRS. McCREA, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF LANARK.

PERTH.

In Feb. we procured Temperance and White Cross leaflets, many of these have been distributed through the town, at fairs and in visits to the prison, where services have been held frequently, affording much pleasure to the prisoners. We endeavored to have "temperance text books" introduced into our schools, but were unsuccessful. "Gospel Temperance Meetings" were held during last winter, we intend to resume them next month.

MRS. M. CAMPBELL, Cor. Sec.

SMITH'S FALLS.

This Union has commenced its third year of work with 20 active members and 11 honorary, and \$56 in our treasury. We meet regularly every two weeks for prayer, and we are all comforted by the assurance that when two or three are met in the name of Christ concerning any one thing it shall be given to them. We have a benevolent committee in connection with our Union, which has been the means of contributing much comfort and relief to the poor and the needy. We passed over our literature to the Y's, feeling assured that they would disseminate more thoroughly and have access to more persons than the older Union. We attend to both our weekly newspapers, and supply them with temperance items. We engaged the services of Mr. Beauchamp last winter. His lectures were a decided success in point of attendance and financially, and encouraged us much in our work. The Loyal Legion is under the superintendence of members of our Union, assisted by the Y's, with whom the utmost harmony prevails.

A. R. EDMUNDS, Rec. Sec.

ALMONTE Y. W. C. T. U.

The Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Almonte, organized on Sept. 16th, has increased its membership to 43, of whom 15 are honorary members. The meetings have become increasingly interesting. We have undertaken to supply several lumber shanties with reading matter. A Loyal Legion has been organized in the past week, about 100 children were present. One public temperance meeting has been held, and another is to take place shortly; at these meetings addresses by the ministers and temperance men of the town. Ere long we hope to have one of the lady lecturers present with us. At the request of the Y.W.C.T.U. the trustees of the public schools have introduced the temperance text books.

SMITH'S FALLS Y. W. C. T. U.

The present membership of the Smith's Falls Y. W. C. T. U. has twenty-eight (28) active and twenty-one (21) honorary members. Thirty-seven (37) regular meetings have been held during the year. We have a very nicely furnished room in connection with several other societies and hold weekly devotional and business meetings. Our "Flower Mission" has distributed seventy-one (71) bouquets with the text cards attached. Our "literature department" has also done good work, having distributed about one thousand (1,000) pages. Our "Loyal Legion" has lately been organized with a superintendent from the W. C. T. U. and an assistant from the "Y's" and we hope to have better work. The emblem of our society is the "Rose" and our motto "Thy work shall be rewarded."

JEANNIE G. BAIRD, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF LENNOX.

NAPANEE.

Membership, 20. Average attendance, 15. 8 business meetings held.

Amount sent to Provincial Union for half year, \$4.00. Sustains Band of Hope with 51 members. Amount paid to literature department of Ontario W. C. T. U., \$3.75. 2 newspapers supplied with temperance items. 3 Sunday Schools have introduced the temperance pledge. Scientific Temperance Instruction is taught in the public schools.

MRS. T. W. CASEY, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF LEEDS.

MRS. W. ELLIOTT.

Gananoque reports 46 regular business meetings this year. Our paying membership is 44. We have received 6 new members during the year, and 2 gentlemen paid \$1.00 each to become honorary members. The average attendance at meetings is 13. Over 7,000 pages of literature have been distributed. Our indefatigable corresponding secretary, Mrs. Byers, sent appropriate leaflets to each of our volunteers while they were in camp, and also distributed some 3,000 pages during the three days of Gananoque Fair. She was also appointed superintendent of the work among the sailors, and was kindly received by the officers and crews of vessels stopping at our wharf. She also distributed literature among them. During the winter we opened a coffee room, but met with so little support, and such decided opposition, that we abandoned the idea.

We circulated petitions from time to time as they were sent us.

We had a stirring address from Mrs. Barney, last October, and our only regret was that every one could not hear her.

In spring we held 6 socials at members' houses, proceeds to be devoted to our building fund. Our principal work during the winter was attending to the charitable work of the town, which was done by dividing it into districts, and appointing 2 visitors to each district to enquire into cases of necessity, and relieve them; for this purpose we received a grant from the town council of \$51.

No prizes are to be given to pupils in high or public schools this year, as they think they are too busy with their lessons to write temperance essays.

Our committee on the Press has been very faithful in sending articles to the weekly paper, but they have been inserted or not as the editors considered them suitable, or had spare room. Our committee on evangelistic work feel very much encouraged in their labors, as they have abundant evidence of being made instrumental in the saving of two souls during the past year, both of them passed away happy in the knowledge of sins forgiven.

Our Loyal Legion, Company G., meets regularly every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Six delegates were sent to the County Convention held at Farmersville.

Brockville reports 24 members, with an average attendance of 12. Meetings semi-monthly, one devotional, the other for business. The dis-

tribution of literature was mostly in the hands of Mrs. Carse, and Mrs. Woodcock. We expect to occupy with the Y's., rooms in connection with the Y. M. C. A., when they are finished.

Early in spring a deputation waited on the police magistrate to have the better enforcement of the Scott Act. He simply referred us to the inspector who was next seen, and he promised to do what he could. Since then there has been a county police magistrate appointed who has been doing good work in the county. We sent five delegates to county conventions held at Farmersville. Mrs. Woodcock, the superintendent of prison work, has been very active in her department, as also has been Mrs. Carse, in the railroad work. Bible readings were also given us by some of our clergymen.

Farmersville reports 31 paying members, with an average attendance of 13. Our meetings have been held weekly, Devotional meetings first Wednesday of each month. We have distributed about 3,000 pages of literature. The county convention was held with us on June 15th and 16th. We missed the presence of our dear Provincial President, Mrs. Chisholm, as we fully expected to have her present. Our county convention meeting on the whole was a success. J. R. Clark gave us his popular lecture on "A Night with Gough," which was well received. Since then, J. A. Cooke of New Orleans, has given us his lecture on "Is Liquor Selling a Crime." The Band of Hope has been superintended by Mrs. Nash, who deserves a great deal of credit for her fidelity and love for the children under her charge. Mrs. Parish has held evangelistic services at some of the homes, and much good has been done.

BROCKVILLE Y. W. C. T. U.

As a Union our interest has deepened and our influence widened in a marked degree, during the last year. We are much attached to our departments of work, Band of Hope, flower mission, relief committee, and reading circle, and know of direct good resulting from them. We now have forty five members, an increase of twenty three over last year. By means of one public entertainment, an apron sale, and a moonlight excursion on our "beautiful St. Lawrence," we have kept our finances much ahead of last year. As a society we are earnest and energetic and very hopeful of future success.

BELLA ROSS, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

MRS. (DR.) YOUMANS.

There are four *living* Unions in Lincoln County, at St. Catharines, Beamsville, Smithville and Campden. There have been others at some small villages in the county, but they have not been able to survive. We purpose trying once more this fall to restore them. We are hoping that our sisters in Convention will be able to help us by devising some plan for work in these thinly settled communities.

We have a county union formed a year ago by the united counties

of Lincoln and Welland. We held a very interesting Convention last March in St. Catharines. Eight unions from the two counties were represented. We had papers on interesting subjects, discussions, reports, and in the evening an address from Mrs. L. Youmans. We felt that much good was done, and we look forward to holding another Convention within the year. We made a strong effort to secure a large attendance at the meeting held by our ladies at Niagara-on-the-Lake, in August, but owing to the want of travelling accommodation, we were not so fully represented as our counties should have been, but all who went enjoyed themselves very much. This county has a very efficient Scott Act Alliance, and our gentlemen friends are very vigilant in their efforts to enforce law. Since the appointment of a police magistrate the work has been more satisfactory than formerly. In our city schools the text-books on temperance are used, and our excellent teachers do all possible in the limited time allotted to this subject. We hope to know more of the working of this temperance teaching in the country schools during the coming year, also to extend the Band of Hope work. There are many discouragements, but we feel that every inch we gain now we gain to keep, and that temperance sentiment is taking a stronger hold of people every year, not only their heads and hearts are full but it is getting into their *very blood*. We have pushed the battle to the gates of civil government. When we get possession there we will have conquered. People here are talking in that tune now, and if we temperance people do our duty, a few years from now will find us where we ought to have been always, had we been true, at the helm of state.

Minutes of the 3rd Annual Convention of the W. C. T. U. of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland.

ST. CATHARINES, Victoria Hall,
March 31st, 1887.

Morning Session 10.30 A. M. President Mrs. Dr. Youmans in chair.
The minutes of last convention were read and adopted.

Report from Treasury, 80cts (eighty cents).

Committees appointed. :—On Credentials. Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lindsey.
On resolutions, Mrs. Currie, Mrs. Bone.

Reports from Unions—Fonthill, Mrs. Stone ; Thorold, Mrs. Proctor ;
Camden, Mrs. Dr. Comfort ; Beamsville, M. Moors ; St. Catharines,
Mrs. Walker. Mrs. Beal gave us an interesting report of her Band of Hope.

Moved that a telegram of greeting be sent to the W.C.T.U. of York
who were holding convention in Toronto.—Carried

Report of Committee of Credentials received.—Carried.

Noontide Prayer, closed by singing "Rescue the Perishing."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. L. Youmans, of Picton.
Address of welcome by Mrs. Dr. Youmans. Mrs. Jones, of St. Catharines,
replied to the address in a few well chosen words. A telegram from Tor-
onto was received sending loving greetings, 2nd These ; 2, 15 to 17 ; the
message was received standing. Resolutions received, discussed, adopted.

Election of Officers.—Mrs. Dr. Youmans, St. Catharines, President ;

Miss M. Marrs, Beamsville, Secretary; Miss Stone, Treasurer; Mrs. Bridgeman, Vice President; Papers.—Mrs. Jones, Thorold; on Education, Mrs. Currie, St. Catharines; address by Mr. Denton, of Port Dalhousie, Rev. Mr. Maxwell, St. Catharines, Rev. Mr. Hazelwood, Niagara. Responded to by Mrs. L. Youmans. Mr. Currie, who represented the Sons of Temperance, made a few interesting remarks. Questions. Meeting closed with Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

Methodist Church, Mr. Maxwell in the chair. An address was delivered by Mrs. L. Youmans of Picton to a crowded assembly.

MAGGIE MARRS, Sec.

CAMPDEN.

During the year our Union has met once a month for prayer and business. Our membership numbers nineteen, two over last year. Average attendance, seven. Eight take the *Woman's Journal*, two copies are taken by non-members. We have lost this year by removal one of our members, but we have good earnest workers left. A box of clothing was sent to the Mission school in Hamilton.

In February Mrs. Dr. Youmans, of St. Catharines, Co. Supt., was invited by our Union to address a public meeting of the women in reference to the work. The first subject taken "Scientific Temperance Instruction," second "Woman's Franchise," and third "Social Purity." The women were greatly benefitted and encouraged, and new life was infused into the members. Three petitions have been circulated by our Union; 1st for "Scientific Temperance Instruction;" 2nd, "Woman's Franchise;" 3rd "World's Petitions," meeting with marked success. Our village being small, we have not the work in our midst as in larger places, but we have done what we could, and hope in the coming year we may have increased success, trusting in our Divine Leader for guidance in these affairs.

MRS. S. C. GRAEB, Cor. Sec.

ST. CATHARINES.

Our meetings are held every week, save through the summer months, when so many are absent, we find it almost impossible to continue them. Our membership has increased. We have during the year circulated two petitions, one for scientific temperance instruction in public schools, and one for a reduction of licenses in our city, in which our request was granted to some degree, seven being refused further license. We have been doing a little also in remembering the poor, having kept the children of one home at school through the winter month.

We had one entertainment at which we had Miss McGarry, the elocutionist. As a Union we entertained the members of our County Union at our county convention at which we had Mrs. Youmans present, from whom we received good advice and encouragement, and who lectured for us one evening, and addressed a mass meeting of Band of Hope children on Sabbath afternoon. We have handed in some contributions for the Temperance column in the *Globe*, and have taken seven subscription for the *Woman's Journal*.

MRS. F. WALKER, Sec.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

LONDON.

We have 60 members and 15 honorary members, with an average attendance at our meetings of 17. Prayer meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. We have an Industrial school taught on Saturday afternoons by a staff of six teachers. Number of children in attendance from 20 to 60, who are taught to sew, mend their clothes, darning stockings, etc., and are given religious and temperance instruction. We have a Band of Hope in connection therewith. A Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union has been organized with a membership of 22. A booth was opened on the Western Fair grounds when the public were supplied with comfortable luncheon, with hot tea and coffee, at a small cost. People were pleased with our fare, home cooking, etc. We realized after our bills were paid \$150 in the treasury. This money was so helpful, although very hardly earned for our winter's work, that we were induced to put forth an effort this year. We applied to the Western Fair directors and our good temperance aldermen, two of whom are directors, used all their influence on our behalf and secured for us free one of the best sites on the grounds. We ventured to purchase a nice cottage, had it placed on the site, fitted up with a booth front, large dining room, kitchen and store-room or pantry, painted, insured and shutters put on, and when the fair was over we found we had taken in over nine hundred dollars, and might have had much more but for want of room accommodation. We have our booth paid for, over \$500, and all bills, which were heavy, paid, and a small balance in the treasury. We distributed at both fairs large quantities of temperance literature, and when the volunteers were in camp they were also supplied with literature, both on religion and temperance tracts, etc., etc., by the Union. Lectures were given by Mayor Howland of Toronto, and our late honored friend J. B. Finch, and our well beloved and staunch friend Mrs. Youmans, and which we are assured were productive of good results. The jail and hospitals have been visited weekly by committees appointed to this work, and their labors were often rewarded by the outpouring of grateful hearts from the unfortunate, for their loving words of sympathy and ministrations in various ways, while they always experienced a blessing. In June a supper was given to the newsboys and boot blacks of the city, about 95 being present. Addresses were given to the boys with kind advice by ministers and honorary members. In June a picnic was given for the industrial school at Queen's Park; 90 children were present. Ministers and other friends were there and addressed the children with words of cheer and encouragement, which all enjoyed, and then the necessity of building a temperance and mission hall was fully discussed. A committee was appointed to select a site and the work was going on, but at the suggestion of the Y. M. C. A., many of us being members of the Auxiliary, the prosecution of this work has been partially deferred, as the young men wish to make a vigorous canvass to wipe off the indebtedness still remaining on their hall.

M. A. CAMPBELL, Cor. Sec.

LONDON Y. W. C. T. U.

Our Union was organized by Mrs. Sage and Mrs. Jones, Nov. 25th, 1886. We have 24 active members and 14 honorary. We hold our meetings semi-monthly; the first half hour being devoted to prayer, praise and scripture reading.

Our principal work is—The Loyal Legion Band and the flower mission; we also assist the W. C. T. U. with the industrial school and Band of Hope.

Emblem: White Geranium; Motto. "Through faith we conquer."
EVA BRODLIQUE, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF MUSKOKA.

PARRY SOUND.

Our Union was organized on the 7th April last with a membership of 23, which has increased to 37, besides three honorary members.

A Band of Hope was formed on April 25th, and numbers 187 on the list. Distributed over 3000 pages of literature and circulated two petitions, one for the temperance text books in schools and one for the World's W. C. T. U. We held a very successful public meeting in connection with the Band of Hope.

THERESA MACKAY, Sec.

COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

SIMCOE.

This W. C. T. U. was organized March 18th, 1887, by Miss Templeton-Armstrong. Since the organization six regular meetings and one informal meeting have been held, with an average attendance of fourteen members.

Thirty two members names are on the roll, twenty-six having paid membership fee.

The work taken up by the Union, has been visiting the Home every second Wednesday, the Band of Hope, and circulating the Woman's Petition.

MISS McMAHON, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

COBOURG.

No. of members twenty-two.

We have been quietly working during the past year, among other things we circulated petitions for the introduction of scientific temperance instruction into schools, and are taking steps to have the text books used in the schools of the town. Miss Fraine lectured for us recently.

MISS A. BARBER, Cor. Sec.

GRAFTON.

Membership, 16. Average attendance, 9. 6 business meetings held in half year. Receipts from member's fees, \$8.00. Amount expended in charities, \$10.00. Amount sent to Provincial Union for half year, \$4.00. 72 signatures obtained to temperance petition. 1 newspaper supplied with temperance items. 2 churches use unfermented wine. 1 Sunday School has introduced the temperance pledge.

MISS HELEN ROSS, Cor. Sec.

 COUNTY OF ONTARIO.

MRS. (DR.) BASCOM.

On account of unusual pressure of home duties I have been unable to visit the Unions as I should have done. In April last I wrote to each Union in our county, viz: Beaverton, Sunderland and Prince Albert. From the two first places the reports were most discouraging.

BEAVERTON

"doing nothing." A few days ago I learned there was a desire there for revival, and I have just written the Methodist minister there concerning the matter.

PORT PERRY

formed a Union last week. I do not know the number of members, but the officers are—President, Mrs. James Luner; Vice-presidents, Mesdames Paxton, W. Currie and Boxall; Treasurer, Mrs. McBride; Recording Secretary, Miss Jennie McArthur; Cor. Secretary, Miss Isabel Willoughby, B.A.

PRINCE ALBERT.

Our Union has suffered loss by death of one member, and the removal of our beloved president to another field from which place we expect soon to hear of a new organization. Our present membership is fourteen with two honorary and average attendance of seven; meetings held second Friday in each month; one Band of Hope under the supervision of the Union with sixty names on the roll; we have furnished them with triple pledge cards, badges and temperance leaflets, besides a general picnic rally of the forces. Our Union feeling a deep sympathy with Mr. Armstrong of Uxbridge, in loss sustained through his fearless denunciations of persistent Scott Act violators, sent a donation of five dollars accompanied with warm, earnest prayers that the whole christian community might rise as one man to stamp out these cowardly outrages. We are pleased to report a sister union newly organized in Port Perry, a lady from the Ottawa Union visiting there gave her time and influence heartily to the work of aiding in the organizing. In many ways we are discouraged but we have the promise of victory, inasmuch as the battle is not ours but the Lord's.

A. CASH, Cor. Sec.

SUNDERLAND

also reports "doing nothing at all. Our ladies do not seem to have any interest in the work. Could not get enough together to fill up offices left vacant by removals."

UXBRIDGE.

Our Union is fully alive and has been working as opportunity afforded. Meetings have been held monthly, and lately, fortnightly, and well attended. At election time in January we sent circulars to the wouldbe reeves and town councillors, asking them to pledge themselves to better enforcement of the Scott Act. The work was not commenced early enough or it would have been more effectual, but we feel we gained ground by so doing. We also had printed and sent out hundreds of circulars to ratepayers, asking them to sign a petition to the county council for the appointment of a police magistrate. Several hundred signed and the names were sent in to our county council meeting. They did not grant our request, but our Union gained prestige, and I am sure the movement did good. A Sabbath school temperance association has also been formed here, which amounts to a Band of Hope in each of the following Sunday schools: Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Free Methodists, and must mean a membership of over two hundred. We also had a grand temperance demonstration in our parish in July. We secured Mr. Spence's presence, and the affair was very successful. I am sure over a hundred donned the blue ribbon. We are all very much interested in our work, and have every reason to feel encouraged for the coming year. We also have in Uxbridge gospel temperance meetings once a month, Sunday evenings after close of churches, well attended and quite popular.

The secretary also writes: "Our membership this year is 34 with several honorary members, and we have held 28 meetings.

"At the fair held this week our ladies had a lunch table and distributed \$3.00 worth of literature. We hope no liquor was sold on the grounds as the directors promised the ladies faithfully none should be.

"Our receipts for the year are \$107.27.

"We expended for temperance literature, \$13.87. We contributed \$15.00 to the fund raised by temperance people for benefit of T. H. Armstrong, whose cows were poisoned on account of his fearless stand in enforcement of the Scott Act.

"Expenses of our picnic, \$39.12. Aid to poor, \$10.42. Balance on hand \$28.86."

WHITBY.

We organized in March, 1885. Our membership has decreased during the last year, ladies say they will join but never pay their fee. We have a room of our own, we pay \$8 a month rent. Our room is divided by a curtain, the front part is a free reading room for young men, well supplied with magazines and papers. It was open every night last winter and twice a week during the summer months. Miss Star, one of our vice-presidents, has taken entire charge and been present every evening. The

other half of room is used for meeting of Union and Band of Hope. We meet the first and third Friday of each month.

The Band of Hope meets every alternate Monday, we have 170 names on the roll, we distribute temperance papers to the children.

Two of our members visit the county gaol every other Sabbath and read and pray with the prisoners.

JENNIE LOGAN, Cor. Sec., W. C. T. U.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

EMBRO.

Membership, 30. Average attendance, 15. Business meetings are held monthly, sustains Band of Hope and Blue Ribbon Society with 60 members. Has offered prizes for temperance essays.

MISS GRINTON, Cor. Sec.

INGERSOLL.

Our Union numbers thirty-one members this year.

In October the board of directors of the Mechanics' Institute, on application from the Union, granted us the privilege of contributing to their funds, thus giving us the Government grant, the money to be invested in books on "Temperance, Hygiene and Heredity."

The Union contributed twenty dollars for this purpose, so we have now forty dollars worth of books on these subjects in the institute stamped with the W. C. T. U. stamp.

Good work has been done by our society to influence the electors by canvass of the women voters, pledging them as much as possible to vote only for men who would support temperance measures. Our usual free lecture course for the winter was provided, six lectures being given, the money being raised by a canvass of the town instead of the usual canvass of the churches, and a collection at each of the lectures. The industrial school has been maintained, the usual difference in the attendance, large in winter and small in summer, characterizing it. At Christmas a well laden tree brought joy to the hearts of the many; in June a strawberry picnic, to the hearts of the few.

The Union has provided this class with temperance papers and purchased a "System Sewing Box" hoping to add to the efficiency of this department of the work.

M. J. NELLES, Cor. Sec.

NORWICH.

Our Union was organized Feb. 3rd, 1887, by Mrs. Youmans. Owing to some of the members leaving home, we had a change of officers in the middle of the term. Meetings are held monthly, opened with devotional exercises. Our principal work has been training the Band of Hope, we have about 80 on the roll—holding public entertainments quarterly, at which the children took part singing temperance pieces. Stirring addresses sometimes by resident ministers. They have been very successful. We

intend occupying a space on the fair ground in October, for distribution of literature, and the children also to sing on the grounds to have our Union represented.

MRS. R. R. MYERS, President.

TILSONBURG.

After the return of the delegates from the Provincial Union last year, our Union was greatly cheered by the report they brought, and felt like going on afresh to work "for God and Home and Native Land." The first they did was to form a benevolent society, by which they were able to help quite a number of poor people by paying rent, buying wood, etc. They also collected quite a number of cast off garments and made them over for children, and made the old people comfortable with a supply of bedding and other things for domestic use.

In February Mrs. Youmans came to our help with one of her celebrated lectures, after which she formed a Band of Hope, numbering two hundred. It is now in a very prosperous condition. They have had two entertainments since they were formed, one of which was on Jubilee day, when they had a pic-nic, and marched through the town with flags and banners flying, singing, and were the observed of all observers, and had their pictures taken, to the great delight of the little folks.

It is our sad duty to report the death of one of our Band of Hope children, little Bella Beatie. An account of her death and funeral was sent to the *Journal*.

Our treasurer reports:—

Money on hand at the beginning of the year...	\$42.49.
Money received during the year.....	60.05.
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Leaving a total of.....	102.54.
Money expended during the year....	94.92.
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Leaving a balance at the end of the year of.....	\$7.42.

to begin our new year with.

Our unfermented wine committee reports thus, after supplying all the churches for one year:—"The last year we have sold \$3.45 worth of unfermented wine for church use. We have on hand a balance of \$20.00 worth for this year.

We would suggest to our sister Unions to make unfermented wine and sell to all who wish to buy in this neighborhood, as we have heard ministers say they could not get it. We are about to begin our course of lectures for the winter. We have a small circulating library, besides we have an appointed tract distributor, one of our honorary members, who has distributed much temperance literature for us.

MARY A. GARNETT, Cor. Sec.

WOODSTOCK.

Our members are increasing gradually. Last year our membership was 20; it has now 28 and two honorary.

The receipts for the year are \$31.

We hold our meetings fortnightly. Average attendance ten. The first half hour is spent in prayer and the remainder of the time is devoted to business.

Some charitable work has been done, the jail visited and temperance literature distributed.

We have not yet undertaken any particular branch of work, but intend commencing something for the winter.

The petitions sent were circulated through the town and several hundred signatures obtained for each.

A county convention was held here in February, when a county Union was formed. Mrs. Youmans was with us and delivered a very interesting lecture in the evening. The following day she organized a Y. W. T. C. U. which has since been working in connection with the W. C. T. U.

EVA KNIGHT, Cor. Sec

COUNTY OF PEEL.

MRS. E. STONEHOUSE, BRAMPTON.

The County of Peel has reason to take courage while reviewing the year. Though we have not accomplished all we wished, we have taken a few steps onward. Brampton Union was re-organized last autumn, shortly after holding of Provincial Convention, by Mrs. Youmans, she also giving us an evening address, which called out a large audience, and liberal collection. Our Union is still prosperous. We have circulated a number of petitions during the year, receiving a ready response from all classes. We have a number of subscribers to the *Woman's Journal* which we expect to largely increase. We have taken up visiting and tract distributing, and expect by this means to increase our membership as well as interest others who cannot attend.

In our County there are three Unions: Brampton, Streetsville, a much alive Union; and Port Credit Union. At my last communication with Springfield, they were not meeting.

We have a County Union of the Counties of Peel and Halton united, and held a very successful Convention in connection with this Union last May.

We were privileged in having with us Mrs. St. John, of Kansas, whose presence and council gave an impetus to the work all over the county. The unanimous wish of Brampton is that she may return in the near future.

While through the different churches we are doing a little, we feel there is much to be done.

There is one view of the temperance question which is very humiliating. While the politicians of the day have a great deal of responsibility in the matter, and have shirked it to a great extent, the onus of the

failure should be with the electors. If every christian gave his vote against this traffic, which is the greatest barrier in the way of the onward progress of the church to day, we would not have to ask and beg the politicians for what we want. They would be obliged to give it to us. To think that God's own children are blocking the way in this reform. Is it not humiliating? Oh that the Great Head of the Church would give such a measure of His Spirit that every one's eyes might be opened to see their duty in this crisis.

COUNTY OF PERTH.

MRS. J. H. FLAGG, MITCHELL.

I have not been able to extend the work in this county during the past year. Unions had already been formed in the four towns of the county. On account of the defeat of the Scott Act in Perth the people seemed to lose heart in the work to a great extent, for the present at least, and as no new places seemed desirous of having unions, I did not think best to press the matter, knowing the difficulty of sustaining an interest, even when the work has been commenced in an enthusiastic spirit. There has been a Band of Hope started at Carlingford, where no Union had existed, and where none yet exists, although I tried to get one formed.

The Unions in Stratford, St. Mary's, Listowel and Mitchell are fairly active, and have done some work. We would have been glad to have had a county union formed, and are looking forward to one next year.

LISTOWEL.

In reviewing the record of our past year, we see cause for both encouragement and regret. That of late we have observed a growing interest in our Union, a larger attendance at our meetings and an addition of several members, is encouraging. Our regret is that we have not accomplished more by the work undertaken on some lines of which we hope yet to see good results. We held last Sabbath afternoon our first public annual gospel temperance meeting.

We are gathering literature to send to Wiarton, for the lumbermen and fishermen, in answer to a request from our ex-president, who resides near there.

This week a deputation from our Union is to wait upon our public school board, presenting the temperance text book, asking them to request its use in our schools, and will also try our high school board.

The announcement at our last meeting that Mrs. Rutherford, our Pro. Sec., was coming to reside among us was received with joy, and now we sympathise with her in her bereavement.

L. A. FREEMAN, Cor. Sec.

ST. MARY'S.

The W. C. T. U. of this place, was organized in May, 1885, by Mrs.

Youmans. Our Union now numbers 23 paying members. Our meetings are held fortnightly, the first half-hour spent in Bible reading, singing and prayer. Average attendance, nine. We have also a mothers' meeting from 3 to 4 on the day of our Union meeting. We have had three lectures, two of them by ministers of the town. Three poor families have been aided, and about 6000 pages of temperance literature distributed, some of which was sent to county schools. Several petitions have been circulated and arrangements made for having an address on scientific temperance delivered at the teachers' convention. We have a press committee, also have placed a temperance paper in the Mechanics' Institute reading room. There are twenty subscribers to *Woman's Journal*. Unfermented wine is used in three churches. We organized a Loyal Legion with 45 names on the roll, and hope to have a better attendance during the winter months.

We have offered two prizes to the pupils of the public schools for the two best temperance essays. We have chosen for our motto "The Lord is our strength," and our emblem the White Lily.

MARY SCHOFIELD, Cor. Sec.

STRATFORD.

We have a membership of 22. Have held from 36 to 40 meetings. First half hour devotional; last business. Have a fair attendance. Several mass meetings, at which one or two of our ministers gave stirring addresses. Held revival meetings for one week. There have been about 30,000 leaflets and tracts distributed. A mistake was made in our annual returns about the number, we had not counted, merely guessed when making returns, Mrs. Marshall (alone) distributed through this year 10,400 tracts, and other members have distributed about 19,600, so we might call it 30,000. Received permission from officials at G. T. R. Station to erect a rack which is filled with temperance literature regularly twice every week, and as constantly emptied. Several Union members distributed 1000 pages temperance literature upon circus ground. Have done some benevolent work. We find a wide field for temperance work here, but a very great lack of sympathy and interest in the cause is exhibited by many, therefore, we have many obstacles to overcome, but we hope by *patient, prayerful, earnest* work to eventually crush all barriers and come out triumphant. We made two or three applications to have temperance text books placed in each division of the public schools, the response has not been hearty, but our Supt. is persevering, and we hope, ere long to succeed. We waited upon the Council at their monthly meeting with a largely signed petition—to reduce the number of hotel and shop licenses. Were received very graciously, but gained nothing by our visit. Hope to do better this year. Got a large number of names to all the petitions sent us by the Prov. Union. Have a good Band of Hope in connection. Are making efforts to open up a free night school for winter months.

ANNIE S. PRENDERGAST, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF PETERBOROUGH.

KEENE.

The Keene Auxiliary of the W. C. T. U. has a membership of thirty, and a Band of Hope numbering fifty-five; the little ones take a great interest in their meetings and attend very regularly under Mrs. Dr. Harrison, president of our Union. They meet in the school house every Friday afternoon.

We have not had as many public meetings this year as formerly, but have had more success in our work than before.

Our Union has taken upon it to inform the inspector of several cases of infraction of the Scott Act all of which have been fined.

The liquor sellers then tried to use billiard tables as a screen for their lawbreaking, but here we are again trying to foil the enemy. The ladies went in a body to the Council with a well signed petition, asking to have pool and billiard tables prohibited in our village and township. We are hoping to succeed in this also.

PETERBORO.

Meetings held once in two weeks on Monday at 4 p. m. Twenty minutes spent in devotional exercises. During the year petitions have been circulated through the town for the perfecting of temperance measures. The hospital has been visited and supplied with old cotton for surgical cases. Flowers and texts have been provided for the patients in the hospital and also for sick people through the town. A large quantity of religious and temperance literature has been sent to the lumbermen. Dining hall was rented and meals provided during the Central Exhibition, temperance leaflets were distributed on the grounds. Number of members 16.

MRS. D. SMART, Cor. Sec.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY.

MRS. S. E. BRANSCOMBE.

The Unions of this county are trying to do faithful temperance work in as effective a manner as possible. Consecon, Hillier, Wellington, Milford and Picton, are standing with bold fronts to the foe—and as opportunities occur, are taking advantage of them to aid the cause for which they were organized; all of these Unions have Bands of Hope in connection. Picton Union is fully alive to its responsibility as head of the county, and is endeavoring in individual effort and persistent zeal to set an example to other Unions. It has about 30 members, with a Band of Hope numbering 200. It has also a Young People's Temperance Union doing good work.

For some time we have felt the need of permanent headquarters suitable for special temperance work, and so we have joined with the "Royal Templars of Temperance," in securing a hall, which we hope will be of

great benefit to us. In order to raise funds for this and other purposes, we provided dinners at the county Fair. The weather was very unfavorable, but we were able to clear over \$30. During the year a box of books and papers was sent to the lumbermen, petitions as required were also circulated and the jail visited, when there were prisoners in confinement. A County Union was formed last November, but for various reasons has been inactive ever since. Miss Fraine visited Bloomfield in September and reorganized the Union there, with a membership of about 20. The advisability of again trying for the Scott Act is being considered now. A temperance hotel, established by the efforts of members, is being very successfully and satisfactorily carried on.

PICTON.

The Young People's Temperance Union has been continued in its established way of open meetings, and the Band of Hope has been re-constructed. Julia Colman's Temperance Catechism and the Manual are used. A temperance object lesson is usually given at each meeting, and apparently with a good measure of success in interesting, and we hope, instructing the children. The attendance on some days would probably reach one hundred.

Last November we held a Convention, which was attended by delegates from all parts of the county. We have also held two mass meetings. Our income for the year amounts to about thirty dollars, out of which we have paid ten dollars as our affiliation fee to the Provincial Union. We also sent Peterborough ten dollars to assist in testing the legality of the Scott Act. Last winter our Union sent a box of literature to the lumber camp, Ottawa, which was very thankfully received. The petitions sent us by Mrs. Rockwell, asking that all women possessing the necessary property qualification be allowed to vote, were well circulated. We have three churches in our town using unfermented wine.

MRS. J. O. CLARK, Rec. Secretary.

COUNTY OF RENFREW.

ARNPRIOR.

Our membership is 36. We meet for business on the first Tuesday of every month. We hold a mothers' prayer meeting every Tuesday. We have a small lending library of best temperance works. We distribute temperance tracts. Have two Bands of Hope, 1 Presbyterian, one Methodist, which meet weekly for practice and also have a public meeting monthly.

MRS. G. MILNE, Jun, Cor. Sec.

PEMBROKE.

This Union, in its third year, has a membership of thirty-three. Meets monthly. Has organized a Band of Hope numbering one hundred and fifty-two, which they meet every Friday at four and instruct from the

Pathfinder series. Had John R. Clarke lecture two evenings in June, which benefitted the Union in every way.

The members seem still more zealous, and our annual meeting excited more sympathy for the Union than has ever before been manifested.

MRS. A. DALAHEY, Cor.-Sec.

PEMBROKE Y. W. C. T. U.

This Union was organized September 14th. From the seventeen who joined at the first meeting, the membership has increased to thirty. The work taken up so far has been supplying the local papers with temperance matter. The Flower Mission has also been taken up, and although very little has been done, the Union bids fair to be successful.

COUNTY OF SIMCOE.

ANGUS.

We have had ten meetings during the year, with an average attendance of five. Tracts have been distributed through the village and have been well received.

MRS. BEATON, Cor. Sec.

BARRIE.

Our Union is in good working order, our members active and energetic. We have done something in every branch of work within our reach as recommended by Provincial Union. During the past year we have held eleven (11) business meetings and six (6) meetings for prayer or emergent business, have an average attendance of nine (9). We expect a vote on repeal of the Scott Act next April, when we look for the sympathy and prayers of our sisters.

S. G. MCKEE, Sec., Barrie W.C.T.U.

COLLINGWOOD.

Our union has been in rather weakly condition during the past year, partly owing to the changes we have had among us, and although we have a nominal membership of about 20, yet very few attend the meetings. Still we are active, and hope to do more work during the next year.

MISS J. MELVILLE, Cor. Sec.

GRAVENHURST.

Business meetings one, entertainments one, (in connection with Band of Hope). Members Band of Hope 77, average attendance 40. Members W. C. T. U. 15, average attendance light. Pages literature distributed 200 (to Band of Hope).

MISS YORK, Cor. Sec.

ORILLIA.

Our auxiliary numbers 32 members. Just now our work is somewhat hindered by the opposition of the anti Scott Act party, who have torn down our posters announcing a lecture under the auspices of the W. C. T.

U., and annoy us in other ways. Aided by the ministers of the town we did gain the victory over an applicant for wholesale license last June, and in that same month we also held a successful pic-nic for our juvenile branches, the Loyal Legion and Band of Hope. Particulars of both these events and of our excursion to the Prohibition Camp at Barrie in August have already appeared in the *Woman's Journal*. We have distributed recently 1,000 leaflets entitled "Is the Scott Act a success or a failure." On Saturday, the 12th inst., we held a very interesting and profitable prayer meeting in the Methodist school room, well attended by all denominations. This winter we are arranging to have lectures and other meetings on temperance subjects and business.

S. CARTER, Sec.

STAYNER.

Membership, 36; average attendance, 10. Five prayer and seven business meetings held. Receipts from members' fees, \$7.75. Amount expended in charities, \$28.85. Amount sent to Provincial Union, \$3.87. One newspaper supplied with temperance items. One church uses unfermented wine. Five Sunday schools have introduced the temperance pledge. Gospel temperance meetings are held the last Sabbath of each month.

MRS. E. J. JAKEWAY, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF STORMONT.

AULTSVILLE.

About 3,600 pages of temperance literature have been distributed and Scott Act leaflets scattered broadcast. The Band of Hope has been sustained with an attendance of about 75, with a staff of 15 teachers, using D. C. Cook's Band of Hope Quarterlies. Our Union has 23 subscribers to the *Woman's Journal*. 278 signatures were obtained to the petition asking for scientific temperance instruction in the public schools, and 205 to those praying for the extension of the franchise to women. Our Union has paid \$7.56 quarterage to the Provincial Union, besides a donation of \$1.50. It also contributed \$1.20 to the Dominion and World's Union in response to the circular letter of Mrs. Chisholm at the beginning of the year. We have a membership of 26.

C. B. BIGELOW, Cor. Sec.

CORNWALL.

Members 24, honorary, nine. Money raised during year from all sources, \$81.85. This we have expended for lectures, literature and on Band of Hope work. Meeting held every month; attendance small, and interest in the work hard to maintain. We are discouraged that the Scott Act is not better enforced.

JENNIE MACARTHUR, Cor. Sec.

COUNTY OF VICTORIA.

BOBCAYGEON.

Membership, 19. Average attendance, 7. Prayer and business meetings are held monthly. Receipts from member's fees, \$4.75. Sustains Band of Hope with 50 members. Three churches use unfermented wine. Has done work at township fair. Holds Gospel temperance meetings.

MRS. W. J. ROBINSON, Cor. Sec.

FENELON FALLS.

Our Union was organized by Miss Bowes March 11th, 1885, and we have had rather an encouraging share of success. We meet every alternate Saturday, attendance fair, have a membership of 20, with reasonable hopes of increase, also a Band of Hope having a roll of 130 names, have had several entertainments and lectures under our auspices during the year; observed the World's prayer day, morning and evening. Had a visit from Mrs. Youman's last Xmas which gave a fresh and powerful impetus.

MRS. H. DICKSON, Cor. Sec., *pro tem.*

LINDSAY.

Our monthly meetings are held regularly. In May a committee from the Union waited upon the Scott Act Inspector for the county to confer with him relative to the working of the Act, and to ask if they could be of any assistance. He informed the ladies that although portions of the Act had been abused and perverted, the Act as a whole was a very great advantage to the temperance cause.

The present number of members is 18.

MISS D. J. McINTYRE, Cor Sec.

COUNTY OF WATERLOO.

MRS. WM. GRAHAM.

The Unions, eight in number, have carried on their work with faithfulness and spirit, and have well sustained the respect and approval accorded to them by all right thinking men.

Mrs. Youmans visited our county in April, and was greeted with large audiences where she went.

Our county convention was held in Galt in June, and was largely attended. Over one hundred registered from the different Unions in the County. Mrs. Youmans being present, helped us greatly and added much to the interest of the meeting. There was an excellent meeting in the evening at which Mrs. Youmans and the ministers of the town gave bright stirring speeches, which were listened to by a large and attentive audience. Our next Convention will be held in Preston, Zion and Preston uniting in holding it.

Unfermented wine is coming more into favor, and at the Lord's table where Unions exist.

The *Woman's Journal* is largely taken by the Unions.

BERLIN.

Members thirty-six, four new members this year. Meetings are held twice a month, and tracts distributed visited regularly and literature distributed at the same time.

Members of the Band of Hope, one hundred and held every two weeks, with the exception of a few Flower Mission work was carried on for a short time.

BLOOMINGDALE.

Members nine. Prayer meetings are held in connection with business meetings. Gospel Temperance meetings have had some success.

GALT.

Members forty-six. Nineteen new members this year. One member has passed away. Twenty-four regular meetings. Evangelistic services were held for two weeks in October. Three lectures were given during the winter.

It was thought advisable to take steps toward providing rooms for young men. Accordingly, rooms have been fitted up and opened for their use. They were opened on Dec. 30th and during six months were well patronized, the average attendance thirty. They were closed during the summer.

There are six Bands of Hope in connection with the churches. Local papers have been supplied with interesting temperance work.

NEW HAMBURG.

Membership 29, including honorary members. Meetings held twice a week. Band of Hope 21 members. Paid for literature, the pledge, 40.

I have visited nearly all the Unions during the year. Meetings in some places where there are no Unions.

What is wanted is the formation of Prohibition clubs. Men can be interested and trained in temperance work, and take their stand on the temperance platform, and make their voice felt, and show that they have a part in the work, that they are helpers, for they will be leaders in this movement.

PINE GROVE.

Members twenty-two. Meetings are held every week. Literature has been distributed at the jail and elsewhere. Band of Hope with eighty members. A petition was gotten up to have the license withheld, ninety signatures were obtained, but unsuccessful. Four prizes were offered to the scholars for the best temperance essays, which were well competed for.

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ZION.

Members twenty. Meetings held semi-monthly for and business purposes. The Band of Hope is in a flourishing condition having over seventy members.

We have held several Gospel Temperance meetings and distributed about 4,404 pages of temperance literature, besides subscribing for copies of the *Woman's Journal*.

GALT Y. W. C. T. U.

During the past year our Union met every alternate Friday with the exception of the months of July and August.

The membership is thirty, with an average of twelve.

Boys' night school was held two nights every week during the winter. There was not so many attended school as the winter before, yet more came required it much more. Some were so anxious to learn that during the summer months they went to the home of one of the ladies.

For three months we held a sewing school every Saturday for young girls, at which they were taught plain sewing, also cutting.

In connection with our Flower Mission, we have within the past year sent to the sick about one hundred and seventy bouquets, each with a card attached to each. Our superintendent of flower mission brings to each meeting, many others are given at other times.

The only means we used to raise money (besides renting a hall twice a week) was by having a bazaar last December, at which we raised over \$50, after paying expenses.

Our motto is "The battle is the Lord's, be of good courage. Wild Daisy."

A. C. CANT,

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

HAMILTON.

Our members roll has had an increase right through the year. The enthusiasm of the members in the work has been rather quiet, but the workers more consecrated than ever before, of course the result in the sequence would be, better seed sown. Our finances have been in a prosperous condition. \$50 was left to us by legacy, the rest was from private subscription of the members, having held no entertainment. Money increase. Receipts have been \$300; expenditures, \$250. \$30 to Provincial Union for affiliation fee and donation to Dominion.

We canvassed with petitions for the reduction of the number of members on appeal to our Council, which met with very poor results as the matter was on a technicality. The matter ought to have been laid before a committee for them to adjudicate on first, but it was too late for that, when it came to our knowledge. The ladies in their canvass raised two million dollars of taxable property. A second petition was presented for the introduction of temperance in the schools; 2,200 signatures.

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obtained. We pushed this matter as far as we could, but did not lay it before the Board of Education as Hon. Mr. Ross was at that time advocating its general adoption and preparing a manual on the subject. We must be thankful for the adoption of Dr. Richardson's text book, but regretful that we still have to wait for it to become an examination study. As it is now being only a permissive study, it depends on all for its adoption. I would suggest that a petition be again circulated and sent to our unions long enough ahead to give ample time for canvas. We should have at least one month. We also did what we could by assisting the prohibition club in the matter of temperance candidates for municipal elections. The evangelistic work has been faithfully and persistently carried on. Meetings in jail weekly, by which good results have been shown. A christian home is provided for the released prisoners until we can find some employment for them. We rejoice over reformed inebriates walking now in the fear of God. Literature is distributed every meeting, books loaned, Christmas cards and letters were distributed. The hospital is also visited weekly, and a library of good religious books provided. The visitor reports much of encouragement from the calls at the sick bed. The sick also had their Christmas card. The Mothers' Meeting is not least in our work. 100 families here are represented. Refreshments are served before commencing our service. The testimonies of self-conquering sin given by these mothers and wives who have so much to bear speaks to us strongly. We have a good library of bound books of the best authors. We had our annual tea at holiday time with refreshments and extra fine programme of music and readings. The house to house visiting is still carried on by a committee.

Number of meetings held.....	112
“ families visited.....	100
“ visits.....	450
Amount expended in work, \$250 ; pages of literature distributed, 1,500 ; Christmas cards and letters, 250.	

EMMA J. PRATT, Sec.

HAMILTON Y. W. C. T. U.

We have at present a membership of 152, including honorary members, showing an increase of 20 over last year. The monthly meetings have been well attended and are always very interesting. A slight change has been made in reference to the membership fees. This had formerly been 25 cents a year, but at the January meeting it was resolved that each young lady pay a fee of 5 cents a month.

An "Orange Reception" was held on the 25th of March for the purpose of raising funds. We are indebted to Mrs. (Dr.) Rosebrugh for her kindness in permitting us to hold this entertainment at her homes. For some time previous to the 25th, the young ladies were busily engaged in preparing a table of souvenirs. The "reception" was a decided success in every respect and afforded us a net profit of \$103. No other entertainments were given for financial benefit during the season.

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parts of the city, where our work is situated, eighty-six young ladies are engaged as teachers. The central sewing school has an attendance of 250 girls and 18 teachers; a bag for holding the work is the first piece of sewing attempted by the young seamstresses. Then follows an apron, and this winter they hope to make caps, after which they will probably be trained for a broom drill. The average amount of work has been accomplished and an advanced class formed for the button hole workers and those having a taste for fancy work. A badge of ribbon, bearing the motto, "Our Sunday school," has been introduced this year, also "Bank cards." A Christmas bubble party was given for this school. The most successful bubble blower of each class was allowed to compete for the prize, three prizes were given. Refreshments were served and an entertaining programme provided. 150 bank accounts were distributed at this party, four prizes being awarded. The highest savings amounted to \$12.00 with 60 cents interest; three prizes were given for length of attendance.

Sewing school No 2 is held in the western part of the city. There is an attendance of 225 girls and 15 teachers. 150 bank accounts have been deposited. In June these girls had a pic-nic, the teachers providing the baskets.

Last winter the "Night school" numbered 100 members and 12 teachers. The boys were asked to pay a penny a week to help defray expenses.

Band of Hope No. 1 is held in the "Boys' Home," and has a membership of 100. They had their annual treat last Christmas, a tree was provided, each boy receiving fruit, candy, a toy and some article of wearing apparel. Then followed a Christmas supper.

Band of Hope No. 2 is held in the school room of King street church. We have here 300 children and 20 teachers. A feature of this band is a mission box. The scholars are asked to earn one cent a week as their contribution. This year they raised \$10.00 which was given to the Woman's Missionary Society. In December an entertainment was given for them. A programme of songs, recitations, violin and guitar music was provided.

A Christmas cake was displayed trimmed with dolls and flags. Of course each one must have a piece of cake also an orange, but to the boys were given the flags, while the dolls were reserved for the girls. Then followed a Christmas stocking from which each child received some gift. It is scarcely necessary to say that these entertainments are a source of great delight to the children.

Band of Hope No. 3 is held in the school room of Simcoe st. Church and has an attendance of 250 children and 10 teachers.

Band of Hope No. 4 is held in the western suburbs of the city, 200 children attend. Band of Hope No. 5 has been organized within the last four months. There are in attendance 100 children and 5 teachers. The same system of teaching is adopted in all the Bands of Hope. No text books are used. A lecture is given every week 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 given. A marching drill with flags helps to enliven

the meetings. Ribbon day comes once a month. A programme is prepared, sometimes in concert form, and again a magic lantern entertainment is given. From 150 to 200 ribbons are usually distributed in each Band. These are granted for general proficiency. Those obtaining ribbons for six successive months receive a prize. 30 prizes were given out in Band of Hope No. 2. 216,000 pages of temperance literature have been distributed during the year. Another Band of Hope is in contemplation, also a "Dorcas" branch of work. And thus our work moves on.

We trust our highest aim has been to honor God and promote the interests of his kingdom. A great deal of our success is due to the untiring efforts of our dear superintendent, Mrs. Pratt, who has not only helped us to plan our work but has been foremost in aiding us to carry it on.

One evening in April the young ladies met at her home and presented her with a beautiful writing cabinet and chair, the president reading an address expressive of the love and esteem in which she is held by us all.

General Summary of the work for year 1887 :

Membership of Union, 152.
 No. of business meetings held, 14.
 No. of children's meetings held 280.
 No. of children in attendance, 1525.
 No. of teachers engaged, 86.
 No. of Bands of Hope, 5.
 No. of Sewing Schools, 2.
 No. of Night Schools, 1.
 No. of pages of literature distributed, 216,000
 No. of ribbons distributed, 2500
 No. of Bank accounts, 300
 No. of Pledges taken, 900
 Amount of money received, 300.00
 Amount of money expended. 270.00.

FLORA M. LOUNSBURY.

COUNTY OF WELLAND.

KATE DALGLEISH.

Four Unions have reported to me, viz:—Fonthill, Niagara Falls, Thorold and Welland. There is also a Union at Niagara Falls South, from which I have not heard.

Welland Union has been organized but three months, with a membership of 18. They have a Band of Hope.

Fonthill Union has fortnightly meetings alternately in Fonthill and Fenwick (adjacent villages). They have also a promising Band of Hope.

Niagara Falls Union had Temperance revival services in the town hall during the 1st week of May, conducted by Mr. Nicholls and Prof. Lane.

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Thorold Union also holds fortnightly meetings. This spring Mrs. Youmans lectured for us, and organized a branch of the Young Woman's C. T. U., which has been flourishing ever since, and not only flourishing but bearing fruit. The Band of Hope had been conducted all winter by two ladies of our Union at their own home, owing to the difficulty of getting a hall; since the Y's have been organized, they have undertaken this work, and have done it well.

Since the holidays they have the use of the town hall for the Band of Hope, which meets every Saturday afternoon. They have purchased an organ for the use of the Band of Hope. The Y's meet fortnightly.

The W. C. T. U. of Thorold, and the Y's were represented at the Summer Convention at Niagara Park, where we were delighted to see Mrs. Youmans and other temperance workers, and to listen to Mrs. Lathrop's eloquent lecture.

Niagara Falls Union was organized May 13th, after a series of lectures by Mr. Nicholl and Prof. Lane. We have seventy-four paying members and two honorary members. This Fall we had a lunch on the fair grounds and also distributed temperance literature. We realized \$18.00, and having quite a supply of refreshments left, we thought it would be advisable to treat the children of the village to a free lunch, and organize a Band of Hope, which we successfully carried out. We organized a Band of Hope, 52 in number, and we intend meeting once a month; and we also hope to increase our members.

MRS. GEO. LAW, Cor. Sec.
W. C. T. U. Niagara Falls South.

COUNTY OF WELLINGTON.

MRS. J. C. BUDD.

The Provincial Convention last year appointed me Superintendent for the County of Wellington—however, the way not being clear, I was unable to take up the duties of my position until March, 1887, when at a convention of the County W. C. T. U's. they elected me their president; since then various circumstances have combined to prevent much effective work. The Arthur and Guelph Unions had a pleasant pic-nic at Elora, which resulted in the annual convention being held there on the 27th of September. We were the guests of the Royal Templars of Temperance, who treated us most kindly and in other ways materially assisted us. Delegates were present from four Unions, namely, Arthur, Drayton, Mt. Forest, and Guelph. The desire for earnest aggressive work seemed to pervade every heart. The cry, for which we had been longing, "come over and help us," gladdened our spirits. These tokens for good, our becoming better acquainted with each other, and the knowledge we gained of our duties and possibilities, warrant our expecting that the coming year will be a brighter one for the County of Wellington W. C. T. U.

ARTHUR.

The membership of the Arthur Union is 20. They meet fortnightly, once a month during the summer, and hold mass meetings occasionally. A Band of Hope is sustained and provided with temperance catechisms and other literature from our literature department. The Union supplies one newspaper with temperance items.

DRAYTON.

Drayton Union organized about one year, has 32 members, holds business and prayer meetings every two weeks. They have a Loyal Legion with one hundred members, and have spent \$22.21 in temperance literature.

FERGUS.

The Fergus W. C. T. U. was re-organized on the 17th. Oct. ult. by Mrs. Budd, of Guelph. Since then we have organized a Band of Hope, at which we have an attendance of over one hundred and fifty. We have been successful in having the temperance text-books introduced into schools.

MISS A. S. WILKIS, Cor. Sec.

GUELPH.

The Guelph Union meets weekly, during the summer monthly. The Band of Hope has been carried on most successfully; it has a membership of 210. Average attendance, 90. A committee has regularly visited the jail. Since the 1st of March only five times have there been any prisoners they were permitted to see, and on these occasions the number was small compared with what it was before the Scott Act came into force. A very important branch of the Guelph work, is among the colored population; their Sunday school has been assisted, a sewing circle and a night school carried on by members of the W. C. T. U. The committee have worked faithfully in this department for three years, and are only now beginning to see the fruit of their labor. Soon after the Provincial Convention last year, a social tea was given, when sixty copies of "Come and help us" were distributed. Very interesting reports of the Convention were given by the delegates; also reports of the different departments of the city work. A very profitable evening was spent and the interest in temperance work deepened. 3,500 pages of tracts were distributed at the Central Fair, and 60 lbs. weight of religious papers sent for circulation among the sailors and lumbermen on Georgian Bay, besides a quantity given to the general hospital. Receipts, \$117.93; Expenditures, \$123.08. This does not include the money used in the colored work, a considerable sum, largely contributed by friends, and which did not pass through the treasurer's hands. The emblem of the Guelph Union is the Scarlet Geranium; motto, "Ready always, The Lord of Hosts is with us."

In the spring all the unions in the county were favored with visits from Mrs. Youmans, who spoke to large gatherings of children in the afternoons, and addressed mass meetings in the evenings.

Several petitions sent by the Provincial W. C. T. U. have been circulated in the county, and a large number of signatures secured by the

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different Unions, and in the municipalities the lady voters were canvassed, and last but not least, the *Woman's Journal* is a welcome guest in nearly all our homes.

MOUNT FOREST.

Mount Forest Union reported increased work, and better attendance at their meetings; they have passed a resolution that any lady attending a meeting without her white ribbon shall be fined five cents. In the early part of the year, they entertained their husbands and friends at a social tea. Their flourishing Band of Hope is supplied with temperance literature and were treated to a pic-nic in the summer. The Union has commenced mothers' meetings and have it in their hearts to build a temperance hall.

GUELPH Y. W. C. T. U.

Emblem, "Snow-drop." Motto, "If God be for us, who can be against us."

In our Guelph Young Woman's Union we have a membership of sixteen, with an average attendance of seven or eight.

During last winter, with the alternate assistance of the Rev. A. K. Birks, and two other gentlemen, we carried on a night school for boys, with an average attendance of about twenty.

At New Year's we visited the general hospital, distributing letters, cards and fruit. Again at Easter, letters, cards and flowers. During the floral season we made monthly visits, giving the patients bouquets, accompanied by text cards.

We also assisted the W. C. T. U. in distributing temperance literature during the exhibition.

COUNTY OF YORK.

Mrs. McFARLANE.

I am proud to stand as the representative of the banner county of the Province in the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. In this grand work York County nobly leads.

This county numbers sixteen Unions,—eight in Toronto, two in Parkdale, and six in other parts of the county, of these five have been organized or reorganized during the year. Weston, Eglinton and Stouffville on last year's record are now disbanded. Toronto West has not reported.

First in this first county stands the Central Union of Toronto, which has 145 names on the roll, 95 of these received during the year.

Receipts for the year.....	\$218.89
Expenditure.....	212.49

Of the regular departments of work, the following were taken up:

Evangelistic Committee visited jail every week, held prayer meetings, and distributed temperance literature—21,500 pages during the year. When possible, clothes were given to the poor, and homes provided for the home-

less. 28 mothers' meetings were held, on "Unfermented Wine," 23 letters were sent to ministers.

Legislation, Franchise and Petition.—A requisition signed by thirteen lady ratepayers presented to the mayor asking a meeting of citizens to be called to consider the shortening of hours for girls in dry-goods stores. Petitions were circulated and signatures obtained from women promising to purchase no dry goods after six o'clock. Petition to merchants asking them to close the stores at six o'clock. This work not yet completed.

Petition to the citizens asking their approval of the teaching of scientific temperance in schools.

Petition to the Legislature asking for woman suffrage.

Fair Work.—This Union aided the other Unions of the city in distributing literature.

Railway Work and *Journal* Department are also taken up, 136 new subscribers to the *Journal* during the year.

AURORA.

Membership 25. 26 meetings held throughout the year. At the thanksgiving service last November, the Union secured the appointment of one temperance speaker and distributed 1100 pages of tobacco and temperance literature.

The Evangelistic Committee made 24 visits. 4 inebriates have been visited. \$8 of the Union's funds spent in charity, besides considerable amount of food and clothing were contributed by the members.

Five newspapers are occasionally supplied items.

33 copies of the *Journal* are taken.

Band of Hope 194 children.

Nearly 600 names were secured to S. T. I. petition. The petitions on Franchise came too late for circulation. About 60 names were secured to a petition asking that one of the hotels in the town should be closed. It was closed.

Miss Phelps lectured for the Union 26th September, and this Union believes that much good will result from her admirable address.

BROCKTON.

Re-organized March 1st, 1887, with a membership of seven, now increased to 22.

Two Bands of Hope, with 325 children, who are instructed in temperance principles.

Mothers' Meetings well attended.

Railway Work.—Gospel temperance meetings once a month, in the Railroad Men's Christian Association Rooms. Several have signed the pledge as a result.

MALVERN.

Organized January 25th of this year. Membership 34. 100 pages of literature distributed. Band of Hope with 51 members. Children distributed tracts and papers at the fair.

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NEWMARKET.

Membership of 36. This Union reports an increasing interest in the work.

Gospel Meetings are held on Sunday afternoons. Band of Hope work done in the three S. S's, but this method has not proved satisfactory.

2 newspapers supplied with items. 3 churches using unfermented wine ; 2 fermented. 4 Sunday schools pledged.

PARKDALE.

We have on our roll at present 12 honorary members and 28 members. We united with the Good Templars in evangelistic work. We held gospel temperance meetings every Sunday afternoon for the last year. Through the summer months we had them out doors. The best talent of the city has been called to our help, and the meetings, with God's blessing, have been the means of doing a wonderful amount of good. About 192 have signed the pledge, and of that number only one has fallen. The meetings are still gaining ground and interest. Mrs. Keefer delivered a very touching address one evening in the spring. We circulated the World's Petition, and obtained a large number of names. Fine selections have been put into the "Parkdale Times." At the Jubilee celebration held at the residence of Mrs. McDonnel, our Parkdale Union rendered valuable assistance. Our honorary members also did their duty nobly.

RICHMOND HILL.

Organized in 1884 with 16 members. Now increased to 36.

In the evangelistic department homes are visited and literature distributed. Flower mission bouquets, fern messages and memorial cards distributed.

Unfermented Wine—6 churches supplied.

Press Work—Two local papers, 3 city papers and journal, all occasionally supplied.

Juvenile—B. H. 100 members, being an increase of 60 during the year. Self supporting by means of a Christmas card and collection.

Relief Committee—Jellies, fruit distributed and clothing made for the poor.

TORONTO EAST.

Membership 11. Band of Hope with 35 children.

Evangelistic—500 pages of literature distributed. Gospel Temperance Meetings resulted in 14 pledges signed.

TORONTO WEST.

Membership, 30. Increase of 8 during the year. Departments of work taken up are :—

Evangelistic.—26 mothers' meetings held, also gospel temperance meetings, 10,000 pages of literature distributed.

Fair Work.—The Prov. Superintendent of this department, Mrs. Fotheringham, instituted W. C. T. U. Day at the Industrial, secured the privilege of the Y. M. C. A. tent for the day, engaged Mrs. Yeomans and

others to deliver addresses. In addition to this tracts and cards were distributed to the thousands of children assembled on Children's Day. The other city Unions helped in furnishing funds for this purpose.

A quantity of German literature distributed on German Day.

On Farmers' Day three dollars of promiscuous temperance literature was given out. The ready acceptance and appreciation of these tracts gave great encouragement for similar efforts for another year.

One lecture was given this Union on White Shield work by Mrs. Bradley.

There have been 9 new subscribers for the *Journal*.

EAST NO. 1.

Membership, 38. This Union has been obliged to confine its work to its own locality. It has recently purchased a site for the erection of a building to be devoted to the purposes of the society. Between collecting and negotiating with the City Council in regard to opening an avenue through the land purchased, this Union has not had as much time to devote to active temperance work as it would wish.

We have no doubt when these difficulties are surmounted we shall receive full and encouraging reports of the work done in many departments.

Band of Hope, 150 children.

EAST NO. 2.

This Union was organized the 15th of last February, by Mrs. McFarlane, county superintendent, with a membership of 11. It now numbers 31.

In the railroad work 600 tracts have been distributed and 20 visits made.

In the jail work the report is satisfactory. Meetings are held every Friday in the chapel, and tracts and religious papers are distributed. Flowers are brought to four wards. Discharged prisoners are visited, and when possible homes are secured for them. Two of such are now helping the Union in the work. 18 subscribers to the *Journal*.

YORK UNION.

This Union only recently organized with a membership of 12, but has already been actively engaged in the distribution of tracts and papers in the station and waiting rooms; also to the G. T. R. boarding-houses where tracts were left to be put in the men's lunch pails. Band of Hope with 58 members.

NEWMARKET Y. W. C. T. U.

Organized October 1st with 13 members.

PARKDALE Y. W. C. T. U.

300 bouquets distributed to the Mercer and Home for Incurables. Supplies one newspaper. Reports two churches using unfermented and one fermented wine. Band of Hope with 100 children. Plants with scripture texts given in May to the children, and prizes for the finest plant to be given in autumn.

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TORONTO Y. W. C. T. U.

Our membership is now 72, active members, 37; honorary 15. Seventeen regular meetings have been held, with an average attendance of twelve.

Correspondence.—260 letters have been written in the interest of the Union, and between 40 and 50 articles contributed to the different papers. The superintendent of B. of H. reports 3 bands with a membership of over 400, and an average attendance of 150. In our Band over 600 pages of literature has been distributed since December 1st, and 15 prizes were awarded to those whose names appeared on the honor roll five months out of six. This department has been instrumental in organizing bands at the following places:—Agincourt, Duchess Str. Mission, in connection with Knox Pres. Church.

We have begun to teach the children in public charitable institutions, and the Orphan's Home has progressed famously, all the children (but one) and the servants have signed the pledge and donned the blue ribbon. The plant mission has been, we hope, productive of good results; two flower shows have been held. In March an entertainment was given by the united bands, 250 children taking part. It was an unqualified success, over \$54.00 being handed to the treasurer after all expenses.

Superintendent of Flower Mission reports that 1,347 bouquets, with Scripture texts attached, have been distributed from January 1st to September 1st, and the children are always watching for us, and some of them clap their hands, even if they cannot understand the text, the mute language and sweetness of the flowers appeals to their love of the beautiful, while to their elders they teach lessons of God's love and care.

There seems no end to this work. We have added to the flower mission a delicacy mission, and three gross of jelly glasses have been purchased and these are nearly all filled with jelly. These will be taken with Scripture texts as with the flowers.

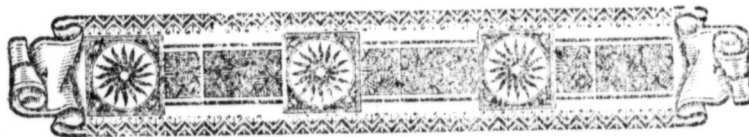
The Superintendent of evening branch reports—great increase in members and interest. A course of lectures on scientific temperance instruction were given, and qualified the teachers for more thorough work.

The scrap album has had quite a short existence, but will prove very useful in future years.

In February the annual social for the honorary was held, and in March an "at-home" given to the Leslieville and Parkdale Y's and refreshments served by three girls from the kitchen garden.

Treasurer reports the receipts for the year \$246.84; expenses, \$223.42; balance on hand, \$26.42.

A. J. SCOTT, Cor. Sec.



Addresses and Papers.

THE NEED OF ENTHUSIASM.

MISS M'CULLOGH, BROCKVILLE.

The best efforts of individuals or organizations in any department of life's work are failures in the degree that they lack the stimulating fervor of enthusiasm. It is the vital spark that burns on the altar of hope. The alchemy which transmutes leaden labor into golden fruit.

In the march of the world's progress, it has glowed in the bosom of patriot, warrior, statesman, scientist and christian, and benevolent enterprises are the outgrowth of consecrated enthusiasm in the work of uplifting humanity.

Every woman present who has held a responsible position in organized effort for the good of others, knows something of the discouragement that comes from half-heartedness on the part of her co-workers, as well as the depression from self-consciousness of her own flagging or fluctuating enthusiasm.

This humbling experience is not peculiar to temperance work.

In the church, where the highest and holiest aspirations are fostered, we find but few whose hearts are constantly fired with fervid zeal, or whose spirits are always on the mountain peak of hope and enthusiasm.

The great mass live in lower levels.

But temperance work suffers more palpably perhaps than any other, as it is a work almost wholly of self-sacrifice, without any corresponding self-benefit. It is not in most instances, even sacrifice for individuals who might naturally be objects of solicitude, but for humanity in general, or for the community, the units of which are widely separated in personal interest and feeling, and the community as a whole is often slow to recognize the purely unselfish spirit.

Of course temperance work is in a sense protective to those engaged.

Every person joining a temperance organization has an underlying sense of danger to himself and his own home, and a desire to protect those personal interests from a threatening foe. Still those who have not been bitten by the serpent, do not naturally dread his sting—or realize the full measure of consequence—and while there are many ardent workers in temperance ranks who had been redeemed from the slavery of drink, still, the work of the woman's christian temperance unions is largely that of the temperate for the intemperate, or for those in danger, and consequently the spirit of self-sacrifice and enthusiasm must be conspicuous.

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But to come down to a practical aspect of the subject, why do so few of the women of our country actively engage in temperance work, and why do we who are actually identified with it, suffer such fluctuations of feeling, one time all earnestness, again all indifference?

The answer I think will not be difficult to find. The accumulated ignorance of the centuries, which has come down to us freighted with baleful and frothy conceptions of woman's place and duty, has stamped us with triviality and lack of persistent purpose, and our own too ready yielding to the inherited place assigned us, in contradiction to reason, and the soul's instincts, has left our moral perceptions clouded, we do not see clearly our relations to one another, or to the world, or the necessity for our personal effort for the general good. Behind this is the deep seated selfishness inherent in human nature, which makes our own concerns, whether trivial or grave, of paramount importance.

Let us probe our own hearts and see if this be not so.

Have we not been more deeply absorbed in our own affairs than we would care to own, or than we feel to be creditable to our highest conception of our duty and right?

We join a temperance society perhaps with the best intention and purest motive in the world.

Our conscience has been vehemently accusing us of idleness in the Master's vineyard, we see and deplore the growing evil of the drink habit, there is a wave of temperance enthusiasm over our town or village, and we fall willingly into the popular current thinking "This is just our sphere," we have found our work. While the novelty lasts, and everybody shows delight in our presence, we are deeply interested, but presently comes a slight reaction, disagreeable duties present themselves, the dull routine of business meetings grows tiresome, we have not been made enough of, and our vanity is wounded, or we have not been placed at the head of a department as we think our talents warranted, and we are piqued.

It may be other more personal matters from force of habit press upon, and crowd out of our thought our obligations to the cause we have adopted. We forget the hour of meeting—or some prospective pleasure tempts us, there has to be a choice—a brief struggle perhaps, and self and pleasure win, so from one relapse to another, we go back nearly if not quite to the starting point.

Perhaps occasionally making spasmodic efforts to recover lost ground, but really almost indifferent.

Thus from lack of persistence, our good intentions only rise in memory to insult us.

Some there are who never quite abandon an enterprise to which they have put their hand, but their enthusiasm rises and falls, with every success and failure.

They are sanguine and enthusiastic when prosperity smiles and everybody speaks well of the society, but if there is the least decline of popularity they are discouraged, and think there is no use trying, the results are not worth the effort, praise is the breath of life to them.

There is one class of women, however, not numerous in our society, but very numerous outside, who are restrained from lively interest and activity in temperance work, through want of absolute conviction on the subject.

They are not convinced that total abstinence is the best thing for everybody, or that its compulsory enforcement would be beneficial.

Naturally liberal in their views, and thinking broadly on all subjects, with quick and keen appreciation of light and shade, they cannot give their best energies to any line of action until conviction has gone before.

These recognize the weight of argument for personal freedom while they, at the same time, fully appreciate the dangers and evils growing out of the legalization of the liquor traffic.

They are waiting for light and certainty, so from one cause or another, many who (could they be enlisted, would be a powerful influence for good,) stand aloof, or work fitfully and nervelessly.

Indeed our work will never be successful as it may be until we have schooled ourselves to work from principles, rather than impulse, and principles sustained by glowing enthusiasm and devotion, as well as the consciousness of the great privilege of being co-workers with Christ in the world's redemption.

To work successfully in the temperance cause then there must first be an intelligent and intense conviction that total abstinence is right, that the make, sale and use of all intoxicants as a beverage is wrong. Is it wrong? If so then it is doomed, though all the powers of darkness were leagued in its defence. Right must triumph. It is God's Eternal Law. The survival of the fittest is a popular and accepted theory in relation to natural life. If it be accepted in the natural world how much more in the realm of world's? Surely virtue, sobriety and industry are fitter to survive than drunkenness, poverty and crime?

Let us plant ourselves on this imperishable, unmovable rock *right*.

We have then a basis to work from.

The next point to settle—Is it our duty to do anything in pushing on the battle?

Well, this question of duty involves many considerations, and must be decided by each for herself, our conceptions of duty are varied as our personalities and necessarily colored by education, circumstances, surroundings and temperaments. We are often hazy as to what is really our duty in certain lines, and mistaken zeal has often wrought disaster, so that in deciding the question each soul must be guided by the light of conscience and reason, but let us be careful not to willfully blind conscience, and let us not forget that we are commanded "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

However much our ignoble selfishness might like that little passage eliminated from the ethics of the Gospel, it will remain, and we cannot ignore it or the responsibility it forces upon us. There are many burdens resting on the victims of drink.

Having decided that it is our duty to help on this cause, let us take hold right earnestly. If we are of the unimpassioned kind who do not feel

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strongly and are inclined to attribute our lack of feeling to want of right interest, we can still work. It is action, not feeling, that makes character and brings results; with work will come inspiration.

Let us be willing to sacrifice a little time, or give up an occasional pleasure for the good of others. Those who are kept by a multiplicity of cares and duties in the home, or society, from direct activity in connection with organizations, can do much effective work by interesting those around them in the subject, talking total abstinence and prohibition, and by influencing all their friends as far as possible.

If we want prohibition let us not be afraid to say so for fear of being thought extremists, and right here let us be consistent.

There are a good many people who would be glad to have prohibition for the neighbors, or for the drunkard's family over the way, but who having no dangerous appetite to be controlled secretly, object to being put under the same restrictive legislation as the poor victim who craves it with unquenchable thirst.

They are accustomed to having spirits in the house for medicinal purposes, and do not like being embarrassed in its purchase, but we must give up this feeling of self exception and be willing to bear any additional expense, or suffer any personal inconvenience that the law may impose for those whom prohibitory measures would benefit; if we prohibit ourselves, then we can consistently preach prohibition.

We need not be discouraged if it is made apparent that we are not very largely influencing the gentlemen of the community, or getting as many honorary members as we could wish. Let us get our sisters on our side. If we could get all the women of this country intelligently and energetically arranged on the side of total abstinence, the matter would be practically settled, and we could have prohibitory legislation, even with such imperfect machinery as now exists in our legislative halls. Men in the mass will not greatly outrage the prevailing sentiment of the women of their acquaintance.

What I mean is, if women were all for total abstinence, it would soon make drinking so disreputable that very few men of respectability would indulge.

Still it were better to hope for enlightenment to be mutual in the sexes. But it is true, though imperfectly comprehended, that woman is all powerful on the side of virtue. She can make any standard she pleases—we have not begun to realize our immense influence.

Women, in these later days, should not forget that they have responsibilities commensurate with the opportunities everywhere opening to them.

What are their opportunities as compared with a few years ago? Why! one can hardly take up a newspaper now-a-days without coming across an article on woman's work, in the Church, in the mission field, in seats of learning, in temperance work, and all philanthropic enterprises.

Her peculiar fitness is being recognized. Even the strongholds of professional and industrial life are gradually yielding to her.

Those who a few years ago looked with strong disapprobation and

much melancholy foreboding on this aggressiveness of woman as imperiling her femininity and modesty, are now smilingly inviting her to come in and occupy the land.

Let us then, as women, appreciating our opportunities of usefulness, and loving our fellow beings, and disdaining ignoble, selfish lives, go on, with consecrated banners, to higher, nobler achievement.

MOTIVE POWER IN SERVICE.

MISS ORFORD, TORONTO.

The teaching of the Word of God was well brought out by England's greatest poet, when he said :—

"Thyself and thy belongings
Are not thine own so proper as to waste
Thyself upon thy virtues—they on thee
Heaven doth with us as we with torches do
Not light them for themselves: for if our virtues
Did not go forth of us, 'twere all alike
As if we had them not. Spirits are not finely touched
But to fine issues;"—

I am quite sure no member of such an organization as the W.C.T.U. will for a moment question the truth contained in these lines. The fact that one is a member of such a Union and attends the meetings in connection, thereby coming in contact with others more alive, it may be, to these things than one's self, goes to show that each must be more or less awakened to the truth, that she is redeemed for service, not for self, "that Christ died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." (2 Cor. 5. 15) Then as one learns of the work done in the many departments, with so much apparent success, one of necessity concludes that "effect must cause involve." Although each in a greater or less degree, may realize the necessity of active service, we cannot be too often reminded of it since the Master Himself says "While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept."

Much, however, as all need to be "up and doing" for the time is short, greater is the necessity for watchfulness in that which lies at the root of the matter, viz:—the motive. "The Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." (I. Sam. 16. 7.) Beyond and past the work, however grand may be the superstructure, past the machinery that has worked it out, through the outward veil of each individual, straight down into the secret depths of the heart run the eyes of our Master and with a voice tender and sweet, though I fear too often grieved, does He say—"My child, why hast thou done this? what prompted thee to spend thy time, thy strength, thine energy, that this might be accomplished."

Friends, sisters in Christ, let the echo resound again and again in our ears—why? "Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every

man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss." (Cor. 3. 13-15.)

Of what momentous importance then is it to each of us that this main spirit of action be properly adjusted. What value to us is that little piece of mechanism the watch, when its main-spring is out of order, its real worth is lost because we cannot depend upon it, indeed, its movements might better stop altogether than lead us astray, and so we think it quite time it went to the jeweller, and send it in for repairs.

What then is that motive that *alone* shall stand the test of that great day, and give to every action that quality upon which the fire itself shall have no destroying power? That has caused men and women in this and every age to pass themselves by and seek to uplift the fallen, strengthen the weak, cheer the faint and comfort the sorrowing? Surely it must be a mighty power to enable persons thus to forget themselves, and count those things loss for which the mass of humanity is putting forth every faculty to obtain. O wondrous power, in our search for thee we are carried straight to the heart of the Infinite One Himself. Surely Thy name is love!

Who that has thrown open the once closed shutters of the eyes and ears, raised the blinds of thought, and allowed the Sun of Righteousness to shine in, and felt the warmth of His rays, but has under His drawing power exclaimed, "Lord, bid me go to the ends of the earth if you will. Thou has hungry ones to be fed who famish for the Bread of Life; naked ones to be clothed, who wear but the filthy rags of their own righteousness. If thou wilt condescend to use a broken vessel, here am I Lord, send me."

While it may be said that some abide continually in this sunshine of the love of God, and therefore have their hearts ever aglow with its radiance and warmth, filled with the highest and purest of motives out of which flow actions that shall live for all eternity. While I say some may dwell in this high and holy plane, is it not to be feared that the large proportion of christian workers, when the "reason why" has been thoroughly analysed, find themselves more often constrained by motives, which, to say the least, give anything but a quiet conscience, and which we would blush to confess to those around us. There are so few who can say, "None of self and all of Thee," and the evil one is so subtle, watching his chance to catch us unawares at our weak points, that the closest watchfulness is necessary, and a large measure of grace to prevent self in some shape or other prompting most things we do. The love of praise and admiration of other christians, the desire for popularity, the ambition to rule, to hold the first place in some branch of work; the desire that the thing I undertake may be a success, simply because "I" have undertaken it. These and a hundred other things may creep unawares into the soul, and as the energies are bent and time given to accomplish the undertaking, and apparently great work is accomplished and we congratulate ourselves on the success. As thoughts such as these array themselves before us, oh how the soul repels them and that which is higher and nobler, indignantly replies, "surely I have never been guilty of motives so base and impure." In these

days when a certain amount of christianity is fashionable, it is quite possible that many are induced to help here and there, something easy and not unpleasant, because friends, neighbors and nearly every one we know is engaged in something of the kind, and then we would be left out if we did not help. Others may have a great deal of time on their hands which would hang heavily, and so to while away a few hours profitably, christian work is undertaken.

It may be that a motive so good and commendable as pure love to humanity may induce a very large number to spend time and money and strength in efforts to elevate those in less favorable circumstances than themselves; but, dear friends, if upon examination we should find ourselves actuated by any of these motives, "What do we more than others?" There is enough compassion left in the human breast that has no union with the Lord Jesus Christ to call forth some degree of sympathy for those in distress, and like the unjust judge, multitudes are found to help the unfortunate lest they be wearied by the continual asking. What then do we more than others if our motives are no better? I would like to read an experience of a pastor of a prosperous congregation on this line, it may help some of us. 'Twas a dream, and runs as follows:

"I sat down in an arm chair, wearied with my work; my toil had been severe and protracted; many were seeking the pearl of great price, and many had found what they sought.

"The church wore an aspect of thrift and prosperity; joy, and hope, and courage were the prevailing sentiments on every hand. As for myself, I was joyous in my work. My brethren were united, my sermons and my exhortations were constantly telling on my hearers. My church was crowded with listeners. The whole community was more or less moved with the prevailing excitement, and, as the work went on, I had been led into exhausting labour for its promotion.

"Tired with my work, I soon lost myself in a sort of half-forgetful state, though I seemed fully aware of my place, and my surroundings. Suddenly a stranger entered the room, without any preliminary tap or 'Come in.' I saw in his face benignity, intelligence and weight of character; but, though he was passably well attired, he carried suspended around his person, measures and chemical agents and implements, which gave him a very strange appearance.

"The stranger came towards me, and, extending his hand, said, 'How is your zeal?' I supposed when he began his question, that the query was for my health, but was pleased to hear his final word; for I was quite well pleased with my zeal, and doubted not the stranger would smile when he should know its proportions. Instantly I conceived of it as physical quantity, and put my hand into my bosom, and brought it forth and presented it to him for inspection. He took it and placed it in his scale, and weighed it carefully. I heard him say, 'One hundred pounds.' I could scarce suppress my audible tone of satisfaction, but I caught his earnest look as he noted down the weight, and I saw at once that he had drawn no final conclusion, but was intent on pursuing his investigation. He broke the mass to atoms, and put the crucible into the fire. When it was

thoroughly fused he took it out and set it down to cool. It congealed in cooling, and when turned out on the hearth exhibited a series of layers or strata, which all, at the touch of the hammer, fell apart, and were severally tested and weighed, the stranger making minute notes as the process went on. When he had finished he presented the notes to me, and gave me a look of mingled sorrow and compassion, as without a word, except, 'May God save you,' he left the room. I opened the 'notes,' and read as follows:—

Analysis of the zeal of Junius, a candidate for a crown of glory.

Weight in mass, 100 lbs.; of this, on analysis, there proved to be—

Bigotry	10 parts
Personal ambition	23 "
Love of salary	19 "
Pride of denomination	15 "
" talent	14 "
Love of authority	12 "
Love to God—pure	4 "
" Man—zeal	3 "

100 lbs.

"I had become troubled at the peculiar manner of the stranger, and especially at his parting look and words; but when I looked at the figures my heart sank as lead within me. I made a mental effort to dispute the correctness of the record, but I was suddenly startled into a more honest mood by an audible sigh—almost a groan—from the stranger, who had passed into the hall, and by sudden darkness that had fallen upon me, by which the record became at once obscured and nearly illegible. I suddenly cried out, 'Lord, save me!' and knelt by my chair with the paper in my hand, and my eyes fixed upon it. At once it became a mirror, and I saw my heart reflected in it. The record was true, I saw it, I felt it, I confessed it, I deplored it, and I besought God with many tears, to save me from myself, and at length, with a loud and irrepressible cry of anguish, I awoke.

"I had prayed in years gone by to be saved from hell, but my prayer to be saved from myself was now immeasurably more fervent and distressful. Nor did I rest or pause till the refining fire came down and went through my heart, searching, probing, melting, burning, filling all its chambers with light, and hallowing my whole heart to God.

"That light and that love are in my heart to-day, and when the trials and tears of my pilgrimage shall be at an end, I expect to kneel down in heaven, at the feet of the Divine Alchemist, and bless Him for the revelations of that day, that showed me where I stood, and turned my feet into a better, higher, narrower path."

If then motives are so mixed, the amount of pure metal so small, how much of your work and mine is to stand the test of fire in that great day? As I have sometimes looked into my own heart and found myself

confronted by so much that had no right to be there, I have thanked God that He inserted that first clause in 1 Cor. 3. 15, "If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss, *but he himself* shall be saved yet so as by fire," and I have rejoiced that he "hath saved us and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began" (2 Tim 1.9).

I sincerely trust there are few present this evening, who upon, looking in may find themselves condemned. I trust the W. C. T. U. of this Province, nay, of the wide world, has for its members those who forget all else in the fervent desire to glorify God; but should any, like myself, find cause for self-condemnation, let us creep close, close to the blessed Saviour and sitting at His feet, ask Him to "cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of His Holy Spirit," and let His great love shine in. Then as we sit thus we too, shall have the love of Christ rising in our hearts as the mists of the great Niagara rise from the mighty torrents that leap into its secret depths.

YOUNG WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNIONS.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS.

MISS SCOTT, OTTAWA.

A wise commander of an army would not be content only to have the ranks filled with veterans alone, no matter how well and nobly they had fought their country's battles, and how they had borne the heat and burden of the day. A time will come when the hands so tried and true will drop nerveless at the side, when the "grey mists of coming twilight" will rest upon their heads.

What hope then for the army, if bands of new recruits have not been trained to fill the gaps and continue the warfare, and what hope for us, beloved sisters, and the cause we hold so dear, if others are not being made ready to fill our places. New recruits are always drilled by themselves, not put into battle or on dress parade as soon as they have enlisted, therefore would we plead for our Young Woman's Christian Temperance Unions. Here our bright, enthusiastic young ladies can be taught business, and the best way in which to conduct meetings, look after the finances, and obtain a greater knowledge of the needs of the work. More important still is the spiritual training which results in a deeper consecration of time and talents to the Master's service. They are coming to the relief of their senior sisters, and it is like the "Dinna ye hear the Slogan," with its hope reviving strain to a greater city than Lucknow, for they are coming to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

We are here to-night richer than we were last autumn, by a whole year's added blessings, and representing many more of the young women of our Province of Ontario, a band of twenty-six Unions, with a membership

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of almost one thousand. Glancing back over the road we have passed, the difficulties which seemed so real, the little earth born clouds of doubt and care have all been dispelled by the glorious rising of the Sun of Righteousness, and we can go on refreshed and strengthened for our journey.

A report of the year's work done in the different Unions will be printed, and it is unnecessary to dwell in detail upon it here, but only those who can see between the lines, who know the self-sacrifice and self-denial of many of our young women, can fully understand what it all means.

No one knows how much it costs, how many flutterings of the heart, for a shy, shrinking girl to try and do her share by rising in her place and reading perhaps a little scrap of temperance intelligence which she has cut from a newspaper, or more difficult still, for some of us silent Presbyterians to lead in prayer.

It is a heroic thing for a girl, who is teaching every day in a public school (and our joy is that we have many such) cheerfully to give up two or three evenings a week to assist in a night school. Those of us who know the glory of a clear, cold Canadian winter day, with all its delights, can think what it is for a fun-loving, happy-hearted girl to spend her Saturday afternoons teaching in Bands of Hope, sewing schools and Kitchen Gardens. We can thank God for our girls, for they are doing this and much more too, not for their own, but for the sake of the Master, who, when on earth, went about doing good.

Our work is a preventive one, as Miss Willard in her annual address said "Teach the girls to work and you reduce to one-half the temptation to a life of sin." Our sewing schools and Kitchen Gardens are turning out bright little house-keepers, who will make homes more attractive. Boys' night schools are keeping the boys off the streets; Bands of Hope are training children in total abstinence; flower missionaries are bringing blessing and the sunshine of their faces to many sick beds. Friendly Branches are holding out helpful hands to their less favored sisters. Work among sailors, lumbermen, Italians, Germans and Scandinavians is also filling our girls thoughts, and in all branches temperance teaching is given prominence. What is all this doing for our young women? It is teaching them lessons of forbearance, patience and love, which is rounding out the character and making them grander, Christian women. In our work many pleasant things are brought out amidst a few "wails," which sometimes greet Provincial ears. We have heard of an invalid member of a western union, one whose life was a blessing to all around her, being provided by the girls with an invalid chair and many other comforts which helped to cheer and brighten her last days on earth.

Another invalid in an eastern union, one who for years has been a prisoner to her couch with spinal disease, passes many hours which otherwise would be weary, in cutting out and preparing the text cards for her beloved flower mission.

A bright, earnest young flower missionary in her weekly visits to the hospital of her city, is teaching a young French-Canadian to read.

A memorial offering of volumes to a Y.W.C.T.U. library was given by a bereaved mother in commemoration of her daughter, who was a member of

the "Y." We hope many schools and colleges will follow the example of our two Collegiate Unions, DeMill, Oshawa, and Alma, St. Thomas, and we heartily agree with one in authority, who says, "If we send out a score of young ladies into the homes of our Province every year, thoroughly instructed in temperance principles and earnest in the cause, much good will be accomplished."

The entertainments given by the "Y's" all over the Province are worthy of notice for their refined character, and add much to the sociability, which in all united work is essential. One particularly good one was "An Evening with Beethoven," the lecture being given by a well-known clergyman and illustrated by the best musical talent the city could produce. Another was an "Orange Reception," which was highly successful. We hope the "Y's" will always merit the plaudit, "You young ladies always get up something worth going to."

In one place celebrated for its energy in all that is good the W.C.T. Union and the "Y's" unite in a Praise meeting once a month, and we would recommend this plan to many others as we hope the bond existing between the Unions will be strengthened more and more, the older getting assistance in many ways from the younger, and in return teaching lessons from their greater experience.

And now beloved sisters of the Y. W. C. T. Unions, we thank you for your loving sympathy and help in our work, especially to your Superintendent who in the early spring was laid aside by illness, and to whom your cheerful letters were such a refreshment. The help given by "her brightness," the Assistant Superintendent of this Department, was so great that we do not know what we would have done without her.

Although a great gain has been made and much improvement shown in our work, still there is much yet to be learned.

Are we conducting our meetings in the most business like way? If the secretary is obliged to be away from her post, does she always send her minute book in time to some one else who will fill her place? Do we always pay our fees to our local treasurer, and our fees to the Provincial promptly? Do we always answer letters without waiting until the Union has all gone to the seaside and returned? Do we ever write the Provincial officers on one day asking for an answer by return mail to be read at a meeting next day, forgetting the miles of railway that lie between, and the possible delays?

Do we answer, when asked to take the *Woman's Journal* (which is only the price of a pound of candies or two yards of ribbon,) "Oh we have so much to read," and then wonder why we don't know more about the work. We are thankful that it was a woman in another Province who said "She never read anything but the local news in her own village paper."

If we want information about Bands of Hope let us not write to superintendent of work among lumbermen, nor send list of subscribers for *Woman's Journal* to Evangelistic Department? If our Union has chosen motto and emblem, report immediately to the Provincial Superintendent and not wait until three or four others have chosen the same and then

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wonder *what is* the matter with those Superintendents? Let us not make engagements for Provincial officers and then change the date without asking whether it will be inconvenient or not.

Are we each supplied with a copy of the Annual Report? Do we read it when we get it, or boast as a Union girl once did, "she never did read reports." How can we know of the work in this Province if we don't read up about it?

Are we considerate enough of the strangers who join, and do we welcome them as we ought? Let us remember that the success of a Union does not depend upon the number of its members, but upon the consecration and zeal of each individual. Do we get discouraged with small meetings and lack of sympathy, expecting to keep the interest at white heat, and all the affiliation machinery running smoothly, and forget that the smallest meeting in the world was that of Mary and her Lord, but how much she learned and what a commission was given her to "go tell," to others. In every society the machinery all runs smoothly when it is well oiled with prayer.

In some of our Unions more workers are needed and in others more work, and to all we would say in closing, in the words of Anna Gordon's favorite motto "get thy spindle and thy distaff ready, and the Lord will send thee flax."

"OUR BOYS," AND OUR SHARE IN THEIR EQUIPMENT FOR
LIFE'S BATTLE.

MISS SKINNER, TORONTO.

"History tells us that upon the heart of poor, disappointed Mary, after her death, was found the word "Calais" deeply imbedded.

If it were possible that our heart's desire, should leave so indelible an impress behind what inscription would be found upon yours and mine?

I ask myself that question and the firm conviction rests with me, that it would be thrice repeated, the letter "B"—"B. B. B." They were impressed upon me when but a child, I wondered what their meaning was as I read them, placarded so often upon the fences as I wended my way to school; a companion told me that they stood for Beautiful Buckle Belts,—let me just say it was when leather belts with large steel buckles were fashionable, and I was the proud possessor of one. I wonder now, if this explanation were not tinged with sarcasm but, be that as it may, those letters have remained with me ever since, and, while their meaning has changed with the various pursuits in which I have been engaged, through my drawing lessons, when they represented the pencil, which would put in the darkest shade; through my musical education, when my favorite studies in 3 flats suggested them to me; until the present time when duty leading me so much among Bands of Hope, evening classes, &c., it is little wonder that they whisper to me, over and over again, boys, boys, boys; and could I take you home with me and introduce you to our S. S. class, where the little teacher is compelled to look

up at boys standing $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches above her, you would fully understand how they continue to repeat themselves saying, big broadshouldered boys but backward and bashful.

Thus have I been brought face to face with the important question: "How can I best train the boys committed to my care," and it is because this subject fills my heart that I have decided to talk it over with you to-night.

It is universally admitted that it is impossible to lay down rules that are suited to all, but I find that in order to be successful in the study of an individual boy, I must first become acquainted with character in general.

Our natures are four-fold—physical, mental, moral and spiritual—these all combine for the formation of character, and the perfect development of the whole is dependent on the perfect development of each part.

Will you allow me to repeat this—These *all* combine for the formation of character, and the perfect development of the whole is dependent on the perfect development of each part.

Then, let us consider each separately.

We all know by experience the influence of the physical nature, and all of the others, yet do we, as guardians of the young, give each attention to this part.

Does it not cause us regret that so many boys educated outside of the city have a tendency to be round-shouldered, and have they not too often a careless walk and shuffling gait, which interfere with that feeling of true manliness, and cannot fail to be deepened by a soldier like bearing, and the erect carriage of the head; while, on the contrary, it is greatly lessened by the knowledge that, when in other company than that of "the boys" he does not know what to do with his hands and feet.

The calisthenic exercises of our public schools, and the military drill of our Loyal Legions, are very helpful and very necessary, but, in addition to this, we should teach them the rules of health and pay attention to their postures, while out of school, in sitting or standing.

In this work of physical training, not only must the parent help the teacher, but the boy must help them both. If we can enlist his reason there is but little doubt that we shall be successful.

I was much impressed with a thought presented to me last winter, to the effect, that if a boy would keep his mouth and teeth clean, it would greatly lessen his temptation to use profane language, I believe it to be true. At our evening classes we gave some hygienic lessons, in addition to those of the elementary rules. We taught them how to clean the tartar from their teeth and keep them clean, and one boy who had formed many evil habits gave them up and did not re-commence them, until after he had dropped from the influences surrounding him through the night school.

Then as regards the *mental*.

How lamentably ignorant many of our young people are; children not of the lowest classes, not of parents who cruelly forsake their own, but,

children who are brought up in the ordinary way, but whose mental culture has been neglected.

To those, who through stress of circumstance have been unable regularly to attend school, those who have been, in early life, forced to earn their own living—to these we should extend with heart-felt sympathy, a helping hand during the evening hours of the long winter months, so that they may gain the rudiments of education; but these are not the ones to whom I refer.

Many are taught to read fluently and with understanding, who are not taught carefully to discriminate as to what should be read and what should be thrown aside.

Few can give an intelligent synopsis of a book after they have perused it. Many forget in a few weeks or months everything about it, except just the part it would have been better for them not to have remembered.

To ensure the perfect development of the mental faculties, they must be trained to read carefully, to store away in the memory for future use, to dwell upon a subject until they have mastered it, in fact, our boys need to learn to *think for themselves*.

Then again the *moral* nature is being acted upon even from their infancy. When the mother insists upon obedience from the little year old toddler, who would very much like to have his own way, she is dwarfing it, when she deceives him by misrepresentations, she is dwarfing it.

He must have been a philosopher who, when asked "how soon would you begin to train a child" replied "twenty years before he is born."

It is true that we who are honored with the name of teachers should be careful to train ourselves.

It is not enough that I have knowledge, that I have language wherewith to give utterance to it; behind, beneath, and beyond all this must be a true life, such that the finger of scorn cannot be lifted against me, a life that is lived in accordance with the rules laid down in God's own word, not that I mean a perfect one by any means, but one that has not in it any blots from wilful sin; such a life speaks forcibly to those who witness it and gives to the teacher a sense of power to counsel, such as he or she could never have without.

I cannot teach to a child that which I do not practice, the words would die on my lips, and it is better that they should.

This moral training rests to a great extent with the father and mother, and just here I would plead with you fathers that are addicted to the use of tobacco, as you value the future of your sons break off the habit of smoking. What can we as teachers do to prevent the child using it, while father, who is Johnny's ideal of all that is good, sets him the example. If it costs you agony to do it, never mind, it will pay. It may not do you much injury but it is dwarfing the intellect of your boy, it is leading him into evil company, it is shutting him off from the true and pure influences, that cannot reach him through the tobacco smoke.

I beseech of you to let the light of eternity shine upon this habit, and you will surely be done with it forever; and of our brothers I would ask,

"will you not stand side by side with us in our endeavors to put down this great evil."

A S. S. teacher once said to me, "I do not sympathize with your Band of Hope work, these moral lives are injurious, the boys think themselves good enough without being christians, it would be better to spend your efforts in winning them to Christ and then these other things will all be right." But, while I am not a philosopher, and cannot explain the why or wherefore of the matter, I know this, that our boys do not become christians the first time they hear the gospel, although I wish they would. I know, too, that the boys most easily influenced to come out on the right side, are those who have not wandered far into sin, and are not bound by the slavish chains of evil habits. Then, by all means, let us surround them with Band of Hope influence, let us strive to reach them before the poisonous cup has been tasted—before the deadly weed has soiled the mouth, or the profane word has blistered the lips upon which mother's kisses have been so lovingly pressed.

Then, let parents and teachers combine for the perfection of this branch of character.

Then, last but not least, the spiritual "Line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little," thus it is developed and while we aim at the conversion of our scholars at as early an age as possible, "let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap it if we faint not." Knowing that "Paul may plant, and Apollos may water, but God giveth the increase," and while we use every power that He hath given us, of instruction, of persuasion, of council, we must pray, earnestly and faithfully for "it is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit sayeth the Lord of Hosts."

Then, when our boys *are* christians, our work is just begun, they need training in Bible study, in speaking for the Master, and in the many other points that are needed to complete the development of the perfect man in Christ. Who is sufficient for all this? Dear Sisters, we have this assurance, "My strength is made perfect in weakness."

In addition to a knowledge of character in general, I find there are certain necessary qualifications, if I am to study the individual boy, with profit to myself and him.

These are love, sympathy and tact; thus armed, I am prepared to lay siege to the citadel of his heart and take it captive.

But I imagine I hear some one say, "we cannot love dirty, ragged and wicked boys." *Indeed you can.* Let me give you my recipe: Pray earnestly and daily for the boy by name, at the same time keeping a look out for his good points—every boy has some. I believe had I an enemy, I could fulfil the scriptural injunction by carrying out this rule.

Then, if I am unsympathetic and without tact by nature, I can acquire them in the course of time. Were we to spend as much time and care cultivating the graces of the heart, as we do in training the eye, the brain, and the fingers to proficiency in art, literature and music, we would indeed be accomplished teachers.

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and sympathy. If we desire to retain our older boys in the Bands of Hope, let us welcome them with a smile, a hearty hand-shake, show them that we are glad to see them, and give them into the charge of a bright, earnest, loving teacher, who will command their respect and obedience, study their home surroundings, the temptations which beset them, and will lead them gently and patiently along the narrow way, through the pearly gates, to the realms of bliss, where faith is lost in sight, and teacher and scholars unite in eternity's grand song, "Unto Him who hath loved us and washed us from sin, unto Him be the glory for ever. Amen."

THE SIN OF DOING NOTHING.

DEMILL LADIES' COLLEGE.

"But if ye will not do so, behold ye have sinned against the Lord and be sure your sin will find you out."

We all know the story of the forty year's journey into the promised land, and how as Israel's host came into the land of Gilead and Jazer, the children of Reuben and Gad looked with delighted eyes over the fertile fields; how, mindful of the necessities of their herds and of battles which must be fought on the other side of the river, they asked that they might immediately enter into their inheritance; that they might tend their herds and water their flocks instead of fighting in the ranks of the army of the Lord. We remember that in reply to Moses' rebuke, they promised to go armed before the Lord unto war until all Israel had won his inheritance. Then they were allowed to take possession of the land, but Moses added the stern warning which heads this page.

Now those who work in the cause of temperance are fighting the giants of that land. If Sihon and Og are conquered, there still remain the Amorites and the Philistines. If the walls of Jericho have fallen we are not able to utterly destroy its inhabitants and we must maintain a constant struggle with those who labor to rebuild them. We awake some morning to find that the works we have toiled for months to overthrow, are once more standing around those we love, and the snares and pitfalls we spend so many anxious hours in seeking to remove are being constantly relaid in the pathway of our brothers. There is no time for any one to put off the armor; and yet there are many who possess the spirit of the children of Reuben and Gad; who rejoice that Sihon and Og are conquered; who are thankful that their own friends are not victims of the curse, and perhaps that the drinking habit does not prevail to excess in their community. They think that because some legislative act has passed which it is hoped will be favorable to the temperance cause, that there is time to rest and feed their flocks in the green fields of Gilead. They rejoice that the work progresses, and read with great satisfaction of each new victory of the temperance workers, but they never think it is their duty to enter the ranks and themselves take part in the struggle.

"But if ye will not do so ye have sinned against the Lord, be sure your sin will find you out."

Then there are some of us who have been in the battle, but we have had enough of the din and the smoke. We are tired of preaching the worn out strain. It may be that we would not confess it, but we did not find it altogether pleasant to be classed among the temperance enthusiasts. We did not find the pathway to reform strewn with roses, and now we think we do our duty if we wish the cause well. We are glad there are some who have crossed the Jordan and are carrying the war into the land of the Philistines, but as for us, we fold the curtains of our tents to shield us from the smoke of the battlefield.

But we have sinned against the Lord and our sin will find us out.

Still others of us are discouraged. Perhaps not long ago we were filled with enthusiasm and with full hearts and earnest spirits we began a work which we felt must succeed because it was for the right. We distributed tracts and offered the pledge and we thought that the day was dawning when drunkenness would be unknown. But when we found that it was only a twilight which might be that of another night instead of the full rays of the sun, our hearts sank within us and we said "It's of no use; there are giants in the land." We could not see a hundredfold harvest spring up from the tracts we scattered, and with grief we found that the pledge we saw signed with so much rejoicing did not always prove enough to hold back him who signed it from another fall. Now we will go no farther; we will tend our flocks and guard our lambs on the plains of Gilead, but we will not go out against the fenced cities of the Canaanites for we know they are too strong for us.

"But if ye will not do so behold ye have sinned against the Lord, be sure your sin will find you out."

A larger number still have no interest in the work and think all this fanaticism about temperance is foolishness. They are sure that they are in no danger, and they have no objection to any man's taking a little wine if he wishes, and they smile with a half contemptuous superiority at the work while they sit at ease.

But this life was not given us to sit at ease in: It is a great training school; men and women are tested, and if we will not do active work in the Lord's army be sure our sin will find us out. The only reason we may not work with heart and soul and time and money in the temperance cause is, because the Master has given us some other vital work which we must not neglect, and only our prayers are left for those who labor in fields from which we are shut out. If we are discouraged we must remember how little encouragement our Saviour had in his work. Have we met with half the buffetings and rejection which he endured? When we think of his weary days of preaching and his anxious nights of lonely prayer, are we not ashamed that we faint so soon? If we are satisfied with having done a little, remember that no victory can be won if half the fighting force stop to rest when only the enemy's outposts are won, and a deserter from the ranks wins no glory for former bravery, only punishment for present cowardice. If we have never fought at all, then it is time that we did

join the army of those who struggle against the evil which lies in wait for those we love. If the curse has not yet reached us, we know not how soon we may find it on our hearthstone.

Now let us put away discouragement, cowardice and sloth; let us open our eyes to the real peril which threatens society and our homes, and let us go up armed with the host of the Lord. If we do not see as great results as we hope for, remember, it is our duty to fight the foe and leave the issue of the battle in the hands of the Commander. God holds the sin of doing nothing as no slight thing, and "if ye will not do so behold ye have sinned against the Lord and be sure your sin will find you out."

KITCHEN GARDEN.

MISS PEARSON, BRANTFORD.

As I have been requested to explain Kitchen Garden work, perhaps it would be as well for me first to tell what it is. Its principal object is to teach poor children housekeeping; to train them in such habits of cleanliness and order that they can make their own homes bright and happy, and offer attractions to fathers, brothers and husbands which shall offset those of the saloon. Also, when you save those same girls from becoming shiftless indolent women, with all the attendant evils of idleness, fitting them to be skilled workers, you instil in them a desire to be helpful to themselves and to others. Our K. G. girls are in great demand as servants, as they always give good satisfaction, and can procure higher wages. The first year we generally have a paying class as well as a free one. The object of this is to raise a little money to help pay for the utensils; and even the children in this class we have known to be greatly benefitted. Mothers have told us how their little girls, who formerly disliked housework, now take an interest in it, and thus prove valuable assistants at home. Some ask why they need a Superintendent to form the Normal Class, as most ladies know all that is necessary about housekeeping to be able to teach it. Certainly, and they may in many cases know considerably more than the Superintendent, but there is a rule by which the classes are conducted, so as to make the work pleasant to the scholars, and also avoid confusion. I will now proceed to explain the rule. Two long tables are placed in the centre of the room, capable of seating ten girls at each, with a little scarlet chair for each. On the table, in front of every chair, is a flat wooden tray, holding two wooden boxes, containing, in miniature form, the necessaries for laying a breakfast table. A march is struck up, and the children form couples; and after marching around the tables several times, form lines in front, and sing, "When I was very little I used to sit and think how hard my mother had to work," etc. Another march, and they take their places at the tables. A chord of music warns them to draw out their chairs; another, to step in front; and another, to be seated. They are then taught how to set a breakfast table with great accuracy and promptness; and how to clear it. The four head girls

are dispatched for dish-pans, and they are then initiated into the intricacies of dish washing. There are rules for this performance set in rhyme to music and numerous practical questions introduced. The dish-pans are then removed, and after several chords the children march from the tables to the foot of the room carrying the little trays. On exchanging the trays for miniature tubs, and with them accompanying little wash boards, clothes-pins and bags of clothes, they march forward each one holding a gay little tub on their heads and take their former place at the tables. A chord is given to place the tubs on the tables. Then the questions for washing day begin, telling how to boil, blue, starch and iron, &c. After the children have gone through the whole process, singing appropriate songs all the while, the clothes are taken off the line, and being folded neatly are replaced in the bags. With tubs on their heads they march to the back of the room again and return with scrubbing brushes. They are taught to scrub quickly by singing a very lively song about scrubbing, to which they keep time with their brushes. It is surprising what a difference there is in the movements of some of the children after taking this course. The more arduous tasks, now give place to a game, running with skipping ropes to very lively music. They form a ring and perform a calisthenic exercise; their ropes for the time being becoming clothes lines, the game teaches them to hang clothes in sunny places and to always take them in at night. Then follows the broom-drill, useful in developing muscle. The sweeping lesson begins by each little girl taking a chair and bringing it in order to the front; and after getting chords to place it and be seated, each in turn is taught how to sweep, dust and arrange a room properly; care being taken to teach them how to hold a broom. The fact is somewhat new to many, that a broom badly held has the power to impair health. Two girls now appear carrying a small bedstead; and after placing it in front of the children, the teacher requests them to unmake and re-make it alternately. Here, as in everything, is a system.

The next occupation is dinner-table-setting and waiting. This important lesson is carefully taught. Lastly comes waiting on the door. The cocking is systematized in about the same way; but this branch is not generally taken up till the second or third term.

BOYS' NIGHT SCHOOLS.

GALT Y. W. C. T. U.

Our Night School was started through one brave spirit suggesting the real need of such an institution, in a town where so many boys had only the evenings for recreation and mind culture—ten hours of the day being crowded with the means of gaining a livelihood. To supply this want, the Y. W. C. T. U. furnished a staff of teachers from their membership, who prayed about the matter, took courage, and went to work. An advertisement appeared in the next weekly issue—which seemed

business like, but evidently had not met the notice of the boys—none applied for an education. Then remembering that those we wanted, were perhaps not subscribers to the newspapers, we adopted the plan of enlisting the interest of the overseers at the different manufactories, and found it worked well, quite a force of boys was mustered, with beaming faces full of eagerness. Two nights in the week were devoted to study, one to recreation, (members of the Union holding themselves in readiness to furnish proper means of entertainment on that particular evening.)

For quite two years, steady, faithful work was done, not only with an aim at imparting secular knowledge, but with the earnest endeavor to make the institution a training school for eternity, keeping God's glory always in view. A number of boys are able to date their entrance to a christian life from light received there. The school, at the present, perhaps to onlookers,—might not appear in the same flourishing condition, as in the past—there has been a perceptible falling off in the attendance. Through the removal of two teachers from the school, those classes quietly withdrew, showing an unwillingness to submit to other authority. But, although small, with one efficient teacher in full charge, many feel that the school is perhaps what it should have been from the first, an institution for teaching boys who have had no educational advantages whatever. One young man owes all he has ever learned of school-books here, to the faithful efforts of this young lady.

Reorganizing—after the midsummer vacation—is now the work in hand, when at some future time, God prospering the endeavor, another history of the Galt Night School may be written and read.

GIRLS' NIGHT SCHOOLS.

MISS KATE PILSON, OTTAWA Y. W. C. T. U.

The Girls' Night School was re-opened and the classes re-organized on November 4th, 1886. The attendance on the opening night was gratifying to the teachers in charge, and increased until our class list contained the names of thirty girls. We felt that the pupils needed a great deal of encouragement and sympathy on account of their peculiar circumstances. It is no small matter for a grown person to overcome her feelings of humiliation sufficiently to attend an evening class and begin to learn the very first principal of reading and writing, and we knew that when these feelings were conquered much had been gained. A brilliant writer has well said "Who would be free themselves must strike the blow," as true of the school-girl as of the serf.

We did not escape a share of the difficulties incident to the experience of teachers. We had the usual amount of listlessness attendant on lack of ambition, but at the same time we had a great many earnest students whose anxiety to overcome all obstacles was in itself sufficient reward for us. One of the girls confided to us the reluctance with which she gave her precious home-letters into the hands of a stranger in order to obtain a

knowledge of their contents. Some of them worked so diligently that before the close of the term they could write a very fair letter.

A new feature in the work was introduced through the attendance of five German girls who wished very much to be able to read and write English. The larger number of them were very successful, one of them being the most regular and painstaking pupil we had. To some of them the intricacies of the new language proved rather formidable, and they found great difficulty in giving expression to their thoughts, but patience and perseverance on their part accomplished a great deal, and we felt gratified at the success realized.

A nominal fee of 25c. a month was charged, and from this the receipts for the term were \$7.75.

The Superintendent was especially fortunate in securing the services of six earnest and enthusiastic helpers, the greater number of whom were practical teachers, and all of them taking a deep personal interest in the work.

The kindness of the Superintendents of "Scandinavian Work," and of "The Friendly Branch," in inviting the girls to their entertainments, was very much appreciated.

The closing meeting on April 28th took the form of a social. A number of members of the Union attended and added to the enjoyment of the evening by carrying out a programme of music, recitations, &c. The loving practical address from the Superintendent of the Friendly Branch will not soon be forgotten.

"In the morning sow the seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

SEWING SCHOOLS.

HAMILTON Y. W. C. T. U.

One very essential qualification of a mother or housekeeper is the ability to cut, sew and fit any article of wearing apparel for household use. So many mothers feel the need, and their homes show the lack of early training in this branch of womanly work. "Train up a child in the way she should go" is quite applicable here.

We are trying to remedy this great need by our sewing schools, and are meeting with marked success. Most of the children attending being poor children, and sadly in need of such instruction. One noticeable feature is that our girls, in most cases, learn trades after leaving us. And it is gratifying to know that they are all succeeding.

There are 450 girls attending our schools, whose ages range from 4 to 15 years, and 35 teachers, who are implanting seeds of industry, neatness and culture that will surely bring a rich harvest into many homes in the future.

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and make a knot. The next advance is learning to seam, first running, then over seaming, and thus on up through the gradations of hemming, felling, button hole making and feather stitching, until they are thoroughly versed in the manufacture of plain and useful articles, and then on to fancy work, crocheting, knitting, etc., etc.

The first piece of work completed is a bag in which they keep their sewing accompaniments. We thus inculcate habits of neatness.

Whilst their hands are busily employed with sewing, we keep them singing, and instil cheerfulness of disposition, which does much to lighten labor, and also keeps them from growing restless.

Prizes are awarded to those having the largest deposits in the bank. We have some 300 bank accounts. Early impressions are often lasting. It is absolutely necessary to provide them with suitable temperance reading matter, as well as give them instruction in temperance principles. This is done weekly. Over 48,000 pages were distributed during the last working year. We find that children must be kept amused. So we always give them a special treat at Xmas, and another in June, when we close for the holidays. Those engaged in this work feel the reward is daily ours. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." "She hath done what she could." And so we have an incentive to work.



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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 labour individually for the inebriate, the liquor-seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns, hitherto unreached and uncared for.

To give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influences with which they are surrounded.

To heartily co-operate with other Temperance Societies in combating the evils of Intemperance, and to unite with any other society or association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure more advanced and stringent legislation on this subject.

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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 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 circular, blank forms, petitions, &c., to County Unions, Superintendents or to County Superintendents where no County Unions exist, from which they shall make reports to Provincial Union.

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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, fermented and malt liquor, including wine, beer and cider, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.—Its officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer. All to be elected annually and to hold office until their successors are appointed.

These officers, together with the Presidents of Local Unions, who shall be also *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents, and Superintendents of Departments in County Union, shall constitute an Executive committee, with full power to provide for 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 preceding meeting 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 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 first 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 3.—The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Union. One month before the annual and semi annual meetings she shall send blank forms to the Local Corresponding Secretary of each union for their statistical report, from which she shall prepare her report for County Unions and Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

At the close of annual she shall provide a printed or written directory of each county and Local Union officer and superintendent.

A copy of this directory shall be sent to each Provincial, County and Local Union officer and superintendent.

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—Superintendent of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their departments, and shall make known the same to Local Union Superintendents, from whom they should secure, as far as possible, returns for County 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 amendment of these by-laws see Constitution.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS
AND
ORDER OF BUSINESS
OF A
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.
(LOCAL)

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 and 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. Gentleman 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-Presidents, 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 5 cents per member yearly. This amount to be taken from the membership fee. In unorganized counties this fee shall be sent direct to Provincial Treasurer.

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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 form (having first submitted her report to the Local Union) giving such items of general interest as will enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union. She, with the Recording Secretary, shall also prepare the report for the annual meeting of the Local Union. They shall also, in unorganized Counties, prepare a condensed report for the Provincial Convention sending 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 Pres. and Rec. Sec. 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, then 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 Gaol Work, Young Woman's Work, Work among Railroad Employés, 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 the 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 20 paying members of each Union. The

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

