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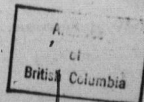
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AT ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST, 1886.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

MRS. W. H. SPAFFORD.....	Victoria
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MRS. D. SPENCER.....	"
MISS EVA WALKER.....	"
MRS. E. ETHERIDGE.....	"

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Mrs. Humber.....	Victoria	Mrs. M. A. Cunningham.....	New West'r
Mrs. Gerow.....	"	Mrs. (Rev.) C. Watson.....	"
Mrs. McNaughton.....	"	Mrs. D. Robson.....	"
Mrs. (Dr.) Clark.....	"	Mrs. D. S. Curtis.....	"
Mrs. Flett.....	"	Mrs. J. W. Sexsmith.....	"
Mrs. A. C. Wells.....	Chilliwack	Miss McDougall.....	"
Mrs. Tate.....	"	Mrs. (Rev.) J. Hall.....	Vancouver
Mrs. C. Chadsey.....	Sumas	Mrs. G. Howison.....	Maple Ridge
Mrs. G. Chadsey.....	"	Mrs. D. McGillivray.....	Sumas

SABBATH SERVICES.

AFTERNOON.

At 4 o'clock, August 22nd, most of the W.C.T.U. workers then in the city, gathered in the Methodist Church for the purpose of getting nearer together in sympathy, and afresh consecrating themselves with all their powers to the service of God, and receiving from Him a baptism of the Holy Spirit to gratify them for the work upon which they have entered.

This meeting was conducted by Mrs. Tate, of Sumas, and the presence of the Lord was realized and His strength imparted to trusting hearts.

"Father" Clarkson, one of our honorary members and a great believer in christian temperance women, was the only gentleman present.

EVENING.

In the evening the pastor of the Methodist Church, with the approval of his officials, very kindly consented to suspend the usual service and permit the W.C.T.U. to occupy the building.

At 8 o'clock the house was entirely filled with an attentive audience who earnestly listened to a stirring gospel-temperance address delivered by Mrs. Letitia Youmans, Dominion president. The speaker experienced the enthusiasm of appreciation and sympathy, and enjoyed a season of great liberty of thought while she dwelt upon the sin and shame resulting from the vile liquor traffic and the sure and glorious victory eventually to be obtained by the faithful army of temperance workers with Jehovah as their Captain.

The choir added much to the success of the occasion by singing songs of hope and trust, and the audience responded by giving a liberal collection.

At the close quite a number signed the total abstinence pledge.

PROCEEDINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 21st, 1886.

The Executive Committee of the British Columbia W.C.T.U. met at the residence of Mr. James Cunningham.

The President, Mrs. Spafford, in the chair.

After singing, Mrs. Letitia Youmans, the Dominion W.C.T.U. President engaged in prayer followed by others.

It was at first thought desirable to read and discuss the minutes of the Provincial Executive meetings held in Victoria during the year, for the information of those members who had not been privileged to attend, but after two of them had been read it was moved by Mrs. Cunningham and seconded by Mrs. Wells and carried, "That the reading of the minutes be laid over until other business be finished," after which, if time allowed, the discussion to be resumed.

Moved by Mrs. Cunningham, second by Mrs. Sargison and carried, that Mrs. Youmans be made a member of our convention.

Moved by Mrs. Sargison, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham and carried, that the rules of order be revised and prepared to submit to convention.

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. Sargison, that provincial Presidents and local Presidents be appointed a committee to revise the above.

Moved and seconded, that Mrs. Youmans and Mrs. Spafford be a committee to arrange for the opening of all public meetings.

The following ladies were appointed to see the speakers for Monday evening:

Mrs. Spafford, to call on Mr. Lennie and Mr. Haddon.

Mrs. Cunningham, to call on Mr. Ladner.

Mrs. D. Robson, to call on Hon. J. Robson.

I. Committee on Credentials and Courtesy. Moved and seconded that Mrs. C. Chadsey, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Robson form this Committee.

II. Moved and seconded, that the President of Provincial and Presidents of Local Unions be a committee for revising Provincial Constitutions and by-laws, also a Constitutions for Local Unions.

III. Committee on Resolutions. Moved and seconded, that Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Sargison, Mrs. Howison, Mrs. Tate and Mrs. Spencer form this Committee.

IV. Moved and seconded, that a committee be appointed to report in place of the committee on finance (the standing committee on finance not reporting). Moved and seconded, that Mrs. Sargison, Mrs. Etheridge, Mrs. Humber, Mrs. Robson and Mrs. G. Chadsey, form the committee.

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MINUTES
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THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Aug. 23rd, 1886.

The Third Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia, met in the Methodist Church at 9:30 A.M.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. D. Spencer, of Victoria.

At 10 A.M. Mrs. Spafford, President of the Provincial Union occupied the chair. Mrs. Yeomans, President of the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union, together with other officers of the Provincial Union, occupied seats on the platform.

The roll of officers and delegates was then called and with one or two exceptions all responded to their names. The officers and delegates in attendance were as follows:—

From VICTORIA:—

Mrs. C. H. Spafford, President.
Mrs. Sargison, 1st Vice President.
Mrs. D. Spencer, 2nd Vice President,
Miss Eva Walker, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. Etheridge, Treasurer.
Mrs. Humber,
Mrs. Gerow,
Mrs. D. McNaughton,
Mrs. (Dr.) Clark,
Mrs. Flett.

From NEW WESTMINSTER:—

Mrs. James Cunningham,

Mrs. Rev. C. Watson,
Mrs. D. Robson,
Mrs. D. S. Curtis,
Mrs. J. W. Sexsmith,
Miss B. S. McDougall.

From CHILLIWHACK:—

Mrs. A. C. Wells,
Mrs. (Rev.) Tate,
Mrs. McGillivray,
Mrs. C. Chadsey,
Mrs. G. Chadsey.

From VANCOUVER:—

Mrs. (Rev.) Hall.

From MAPLE RIDGE:—

Mrs. G. Howison.

The following committees were then appointed; On Credentials and Courtesy, Mrs. C. Chadsey, Mrs. D. Robson, and Mrs. Hall; for Revising Provincial Constitution and By-laws, also for providing a Constitution for Local Unions, the president of provincial Union, with the presidents of local Unions; on Resolutions, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Sargison, Mrs. Howison, Mrs. Tate, and Mrs. Spencer; on Finance, Mrs. Sargison, Mrs. Humber, Mrs. Robson, Mrs. G. Chadsey, and Mrs. Etheridge.

The provincial secretary being absent Miss B. S. McDougall was appointed to that office, pro-tem.

Mrs. Sargison, was appointed to report proceedings of convention to the Victoria press, and Mrs. Tate, to the local papers.

In the absence of the auditor appointed by the executive, Mrs. J. Hall, of Vancouver, was appointed by the convention to fill that position.

Considerable discussion took place as to the rights of honorary members and the election of delegates.

The synopsis of minutes of provincial executive was then read and adopted.

The subject of the world's petition for prohibiting intoxicants and opium was introduced by Mrs. Cunningham and discussed at considerable length by the convention.

During the session some good advice was given and useful information imparted to the convention by Mrs. Youmans.

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Before the close of the session a few minutes silent prayer was allowed and the convention adjourned till 3 30 p. m.

The adjourned meeting of the convention took place in the Drill Shed at 3 30 p. m., when the Band of Hope and a large number of the school children and a few of the parents assembled and listened to a very instructive address by Mrs. Youmans, illustrated by charts and experiments showing the effects of alcohol on various organs of the body.

The children evidently enjoyed and appreciated the address; also the singing, led by Mrs. D. Robson.

The meeting was closed by Rev Mr. Hall, pronouncing the benediction.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

In the evening an open session was held at 8 o'clock. The session opened by singing, reading the scriptures, and prayer by the Rev. Thos. Haddon.

The address of welcome was then read by Miss B. S. McDougall, of New Westminster, and responded to by Mrs. Wells, of Chilliwack.

The President then read a very interesting and encouraging address.

Brief addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Ladner and Haddon; and Miss Proebstel recited "The Last Glass."

Mrs. Youmans then opened the question box and disposed of the various questions asked in a satisfactory manner, in which she was assisted by the Hon. John Robson. The collection was then taken up, which amounted to \$10.05.

While the closing hymn was sung by the choir, a chance was given to sign the pledge, after which the Rev. Mr. Hall pronounced the benediction and the convention adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mr. Hall, of Vancouver. The minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

The minutes of the last session of the convention, 1885, read and approved.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was read and adopted.

Reports of the New Westminster, Chilliwack, and Vancouver local unions were read and received. A verbal report from the Victoria union was given by Mrs. D. McNaughten, and it was moved by Mrs. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Curtis, "That the report be received, coupled with a vote of sympathy with Mrs. McNaughten in her late affliction, and rejoicing that she is permitted to be with us at the present convention."

A motion making Mrs. Crosby, of Fort Simpson, Miss Proebstel, of Washington Territory, and Miss McAdams, of Sacramento, members of this convention, was unanimously passed, and responded to in a very feeling manner by Miss Proebstel.

The superintendent's report of work amongst lumbermen and sailors was read and received.

The noon hour of silent prayer was observed, when it was resolved that the superintendent's reports be taken immediately after the reading of the Treasurer's report.

A motion to adjourn till 1:30 p.m. was carried, when Mrs. Flett, of Victoria, closed the session with prayer.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. C. Chadsey, of Sumas.

The minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The committee on finance then presented the following report which was adopted as read:

Your Committee on Finance beg to submit the following suggestions for your consideration:—

1. In preparing for convention, or any public meeting, ascertain the probable expense of such meeting, and arrange to hold some entertainment to raise the money to defray such expenses when incurred.
2. By increasing the membership of local unions
3. Have a box to receive thankofferings at the weekly meetings.
4. Your committee also recommend this convention to consider Miss Willard's leaflet on finance, and the resolutions adopted by the Illinois W. C. T. U. on the same subject.

Mrs. Youmans then read Miss Willard's leaflet on finance, and a great deal of useful information was gained from it and the remarks on it by the reader.

The committee on revision of constitution and by-laws asked for the extension of time till next session, which was granted.

Reports of Bands of Hope were given from New Westminster and Victoria.

Report of committee on plan of work was presented and adopted.

The Treasurer's report was then read and referred back for correction, to have all expenses in connection with Mrs. Youmans visit to Victoria struck out and sent back to the entertainment committee in Victoria for settlement.

The committee on resolutions then reported, and it was moved, seconded and carried, that this convention consider them separately.

1. Resolved, That we acknowledge with devout thankfulness the loving kindness and tender mercy of our Heavenly Father, inasmuch as during the past year our ranks have not been broken by death. Carried.

2. Resolved, That this convention express its gratitude to God that in the order of His providence, Mrs. Youmans has been permitted to visit our province, and by her able and instructive lectures, her impressive gospel temperance addresses and appropriate and entertaining meetings with our Bands of Hope, to give fresh impetus to all temperance work. It is further gratifying that her efforts have not only gladdened and encouraged the friends of temperance, but have also arrested the attention and awakened interest in the minds and hearts of the indifferent. We wish also to express our appreciation of the benefit of Mrs. Youmans' presence with us at this convention, materially aiding us in our deliberations by her long experience and wisdom, and we devoutly pray Almighty God that her useful life may long be spared, and that her influence may be ever felt wherever her lot be cast. Carried.

3. Resolved, That whereas Mrs. Lucas, president of the British W. C. T. U. and also president of the world's W. C. T. U., is engaged to attend the national convention of the W. C. T. U. of the U.S.A., it is most desirable that an invitation be extended to her through Miss Willard to visit this province before returning to her native land. Carried.

4. Resolved, That feeling the importance of eventually possessing a national organ, we recommend that the *Women's Journal*, of Ottawa, be recognized as the official organ for this province, and be patronized by the ladies of the various unions. Carried.

5. That recognizing that the hope of the country lies in the education of the children, we would earnestly recommend that scientific instruction in the effects of alcohol on the human system be made a branch of instruction in our public schools, and that it be included in the subjects upon which public school teachers shall be examined. Resolved, That steps be taken to send in a petition to this effect at the next session of the legislature. Carried.

6. Resolved, That in view of the fact that the Provincial Union has no source of revenue excepting the proceeds of public meetings during convention, and it is desirable that our Provincial Treasury be replenished in order that our temperance work may be extended by means of literature in parts of the province where no unions exist. We recommend that three ladies be appointed to raise funds for the Provincial Treasury, by personal solicitation and by corresponding with friends who have money and are interested in the cause and in the work. Carried.

7. Resolved, That in order to facilitate matters at the Annual Convention, all local unions be requested to close their yearly accounts at the same time, or not later than the last week in July. Carried.

8. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Provincial Union be requested to supply the local unions with duplicate copies of the blank forms for the President of each Union to have in her possession a correct copy of their annual report. Carried.

9. Resolved, That as several of the unions of the Dominion of Canada and Australia have determined to petition the Governments of the world against the existing moral evils, particularly intemperance, tobacco and opium, this convention recommend the circulation of a similar petition for B.C., to be signed as nearly as possible by every woman in the province above the age of 16. Carried.

10. Resolved, That we recommend to the superintendent of evangelistic work to use her utmost endeavors to procure in the various churches of the province, quarterly, a sermon from each minister in charge, and a union temperance prayer meeting on the regular prayer meeting night of the same week, to be held alternately in the different churches. Carried.

11. Resolved, That we adopt as part of our work, the procuring of a Sabbath law for the closing of the saloons. Carried.

A motion to adjourn till 9:30 Wednesday was carried.

After the order of business for Wednesday had been read by the President, Mrs. Crosby, of Fort Simpson, closed the session with prayer.

MRS. YOUMAN'S LECTURE.

In the evening a lecture was delivered in the Drill Shed under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Spafford, president, occupied the chair.

After singing and prayer, the president introduced the speaker, who proceeded to give a most interesting lecture, taking for her subject the effect of alcohol on the human system. It showed, first, the effect of alcoholic stimulants on the human stomach, its change from the healthy and normal state to that of the diseased and highly inflammatory condition of the confirmed inebriate. The lecturer next showed its effects upon the brain, eye, liver, lungs, kidneys and heart; also showing its effects in paralyzing the nerves of the blood vessels, thereby causing the enlarged and inflamed nose so often seen in the lover of the intoxicating cup. She also spoke of the injurious effect of tobacco, especially on the youth of our country; of deadly effects of nicotine, shewing that its special affinity is for the heart, causing enlargement of that organ and paralysis of its nerves, thereby largely augmenting the mortality caused by heart disease.

Throughout, the large audience listened to the lecturer with respectful attention, shewing by occasional bursts of applause that her remarks were appreciated.

A solo, "It Was Rum That Spoiled My Boy," a beautiful and pathetic song, was well rendered by Mrs. D. Robson.

A number of questions were then asked by persons in the audience and replied to by Mrs. Youmans.

Another solo, "A Thousand Years," by Mrs. D. Robson, with chorus by the choir, was well received by the audience, and after a few more names had been added to the pledge, the meeting adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Flett, of Victoria.

Minutes of former session read and adopted.

Moved, seconded and carried, "That the election of officers be postponed till after the Superintendents of departments reports be received."

Mrs. Jas. Cunningham, mainland organizer, presented her report, which was received.

Mrs. Youmans reported having organized a union at Wellington, and gave some excellent advice with regard to fields of work.

Reports from the superintendents of literature, and unfmented wine at the Lord's table, were received.

Mrs. Cunningham reported on evangelistic work, and her report was received with much pleasure; also the superintendents of prison work and hospital work. The latter gave a most encouraging report, which must have greatly inspired all who heard it.

The roll of officers and delegates was then called, and twenty-two responded.

Moved, seconded and carried, "That no voting by proxy be allowed."

Mrs. Crosby and Miss McAdams were appointed tellers for the election.

Voting by informal ballot was decided on.

The convention bowed in silent prayer for a few minutes, when Mrs. Youmans led in a prayer for guidance.

Mrs. Cunningham was elected president by acclamation, and the result of the ballot for the other officers for the current year was as follows :—

1st Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Spafford, Victoria.

2nd " " Mrs. Flett, " "

Corresponding Secretary, Miss B. S. McDougall, New West'r.

Recording. " Mrs. C. L. Street, Chilliwack.

Treasurer, Mrs. G. Howison, Maple Ridge.

The executive then nominated the following for superintendents of departments, which nomination was confirmed:

Scientific Instruction in Public Schools—Mrs. J. Hall, Vancouver.

Literature and "Woman's Journal"—Mrs. C. G. Major, New Westminster.

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

Sailors and Lumbermen—Mrs. M. Thain, Moodyville.

Railroad Employees—Mrs. W. B. Seccombe, Maple Ridge.

Unfermented Wine—Mrs. A. C. Wells, Chilliwack.

Legislation and Petitions—Mrs. C. Watson, New Westminster.

Heredity and Hygiene—Mrs. (Dr.) Clark, Victoria.

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

Franchise—Mrs. G. Grant, Victoria.

Prison Work—Mrs. McCutcheon, Chilliwack.

Hospital Work—Mrs. D. McNaughten, Victoria.

Young Woman's Work—Mrs. Clyde, Victoria.

Mainland Organizer—Mrs. Cunningham, New Westminster.

Island " —Mrs. C. H. Spafford, Victoria.

Indian Work—Mrs. Crosby, Fort Simpson, and Mrs. Tate, Chilliwack.

The noon hour of prayer was observed, and the convention adjourned till 1:30 p.m.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Crosby, of Fort Simpson.

Mrs. Youmans then escorted the newly-elected president to the chair, and formally introduced her to the convention.

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The Treasurer's report was read and adopted as correct.

The committee on rules of order reported. Report adopted as read.

+ The committee on constitution and by-laws gave notice of amendments to be made at next annual convention.

Moved, seconded and carried, "That the executive committee be empowered to draft a constitution which they recommend to local unions for their government during the current year."

A bill of \$17 for traveling expenses of executive committee to convention was presented and ordered paid.

Moved, seconded and carried, "That the minutes of convention be prepared and published at as early a date as possible."

An invitation was cordially extended by the Chilliwack local union for the convention to meet there next year, which was accepted with thanks.

The following resolutions were then passed :

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the C.P.N. Co. for their kindness in granting reduced rates to the officers and delegates from Victoria.

Resolved, That this convention tender a hearty vote of thanks to the trustees of the Methodist Church for the use of the church during the sitting of the convention in this city.

Resolved, That this convention express their grateful thanks to the Methodist choir and especially to Mrs. D. Robson, for their very efficient service of song, adding so much to the pleasure and edification of every public meeting.

Resolved, That this convention express their heartfelt appreciation of the kindness shown them by the friends of New Westminster in so kindly providing luncheon and also for so hospitably entertaining them in their homes.

Resolved, That this convention tender their sincere thanks to Mrs. Youmans for her attendance and assistance during all its sessions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the press for their kindness in publishing our daily reports.

The minutes of the afternoon session were adopted as read.

Mrs. Youmans then addressed the convention for a few minutes, and in her own loving way, imparted Christian advice and encouragement to all the workers.

Mrs. D. Robson (by request), sang, "I am the Child of a King," in a very feeling manner, when after a few moments of silent prayer, the doxology was sung, and Mrs. Youmans closed the convention with prayer.

BARBARA S. MCDUGALL,

Recording Secretary, pro tem.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Sister Delegates from the Province of British Columbia and our much beloved Dominion President, Mrs. Letitia Youmans:

You are welcome! The Christian people of our Royal City bids you welcome. The New Westminster Union says welcome, thrice welcome to our hearts, to our homes.

It is to us an unlooked for privilege as it becomes our pleasant duty to give these first formal words of greeting to you who have assembled with us to take counsel together as to what may be the best means, under God's blessing, to remove, or at least control the great evil of intemperance that is destroying our fair province.

As we are now drawn more closely to the eastern provinces by the connecting band of steel, so are we this day made to feel more sensibly our relationship with the sister unions of the Dominion by having among us their president and chief lecturer. We have often heard of her before, but now, at last, our eyes behold her, and our hearts are cheered by her helpful presence.

Although as a Union young and feeble as yet, we are thankful to be able to claim kinship with such a noble body of earnest Christian women as exist in our Dominion, and hope to follow their example, till even our efforts, weak as they are, will be crowned with success.

While looking forward with much pleasure and hope to the coming year, we would not forget the mercies of the past, or to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the way in which he has led us and the many blessings and encouragements he has given us in return for our poor and imperfect efforts, and it is our earnest and heartfelt prayer that we shall be enabled to go on from strength to strength, till at last, our race run, and our work in this world over, as we stand before the judgment seat of Christ, we shall each one hear for our eternal welcome, the words of our Saviour when on earth, "She hath done what she could."

REPLY.

Dear Sisters of the New Westminster Union:—In behalf of the Unions which we severally represent, we thank you for the loving welcome with which you have received us. Your kindly words and still more, your kindly faces and actions, have made us feel, more than ever, as co-workers in a glorious common cause; that, though we may never have met before, we are not strangers, but have between us, as we labor far apart, a bond of union, strong and sacred as the ties of friendship.

As once more we gather together to review a year past and plan for one to come—as we rejoice over successes and regret failures—we hope from both to learn lessons which may help us in all the future.

We are glad to be here, believing that any true woman, having the sacred cause of temperance at heart, must feel it an honor and a great privilege to be present at a convention of this kind and to have a voice in its deliberations. We rejoice to be connected with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which is fast becoming a mighty factor in the world's moral history. As we look abroad and view the ever increasing multitude of noble women who are patiently and untiringly working for the spread and growth of Christian Temperance principles. We feel that although few and weak in this province of British Columbia, we still form part of the mighty army, and that victory shall one day be ours.

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Statistical Table of the British Columbia Provincial W. C. T. Unions.

NAMES OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.	No. Members (original)		No. Members (present.)		No. Meetings.			Amount of Money raised.			Means of Disbursements.		
	Active.	Honor-ary.	Active.	Honor-ary.	Regular.	Public.	Lectures	Dues.	Sub-crip-tions.	Collec-tions.	Inciden-tal Ex-penses.	Litera-ture.	Lectur-ers.
MAPLE RIDGE: Pres. Mrs. G. Howison. Cor. Sec. Mrs. Webber. Rec. Sec. Mrs. Wilson. Treas. Miss Irving.	4	2	12	3	16	0	7	\$11 00	\$13 50	\$18 65	\$50 90	\$9 00	\$13 50
CHILLIWACK: Pres. Mrs. Wells. Cor. Sec. Mrs. Street. Rec. Sec. Mrs. McCutcheon. Treas. Mrs. Ashwell.	12	15	30	25	23	8	4	54 00		99 70	87 50		
NEW WESTMINSTER: Pres. Mr. Cunningham. Cor. Sec. Mrs. Major. Rec. Sec. Miss Major. Treas. Mrs. Whiteside.	18	0	24	7	13	6	3	28 00	122 72½	160 37½	198 45	8 00	104 75
BURRARD INLET: Pres. Mrs. Hall. Rec. Sec. Mrs. Cordiner. Cor. Sec. Miss Kirkland. Treas. Mrs. McPhaiden.	12	2	16	4	10	1	0	10 00		20 00	5 70	10 00	
VICTORIA: Pres. Mrs. Spencer. Rec. Sec. Mrs. Clarke. Cor. Sec. Mrs. Hendry. Treas. Mrs. Sargison.	36	11	51	31	45	0	2	95 00	66 50	162 96	329 93	22 11	50 00
NANAIMO: Pres. Mrs. Willis. Cor. Sec. Mrs. Fella Brown. (omitted to report.)													
WELLINGTON: Pres. Mrs. Moffat. (newly organized.)													
Total.....	82	30	133	70	107	15	12	\$196 00	\$202 72½	\$461 68½	\$672 48	\$49 11	\$168 25

W. C. T. Unions.

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	99 70	87 50			Mrs. McCutcheon	21	15	65	29	19	4	60	\$60 00
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Once more we thank you for your sisterly greeting, assuring you that our prayers shall unite with yours for the cause we love, that it may be furthered by our meeting together, and that we may all return to our homes to labor with renewed strength and with an inspiration which will not fade, but will brighten our pathway until the welcome of our Master shall usher us into the Heavenly City.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

DEAR SISTERS,—In looking back to our annual gathering of a year ago, have we not much cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father, for the many mercies which he has vouchsafed to us, in that we are permitted to meet in this third anniversary of our Provincial organization. Have we not reason to thank Him that during the year now ending not one of our members has been called from the work; that the swift messenger has not been permitted to invade our ranks; that to-night we see before us a vacant chair. Surely our Father has been very kind to us, that to-night every sister in this province who a year ago was standing in the ranks of temperance workers can respond to the roll call, and has He not been very gracious to us, that wherein we have lacked strength and ability to carry on the work He has supplied us beyond what we could have hoped for. That He has upheld us with His everlasting arms when we would have fainted by the way. That amid all our discouragements we have been enabled to look to our blessed Redeemer, who, we believe has called us to the work, and who has given us the promise, "Lo, I am with you," and so we have been lifted over our discouragements and difficulties, and sent on our way rejoicing, and how in the work our hearts have been drawn nearer to and have lain close against that great heart of love whose throbs have timed our pulse beats one with His, as no other Christian work has done; and we have tried and proved that His promises are exceeding precious, and that they are all yea and amen. But it would seem to us, dear sisters, that our greatest cause for thankfulness is, that to us He accords the privilege of engaging in this work, knowing as we do, that so many great and precious promises are theirs who are permitted to be co-laborers with the blessed Lord and Master in carrying out His wonderful plan for the salvation of mankind. In view of all His tender mercies and loving kindness, do not our hearts well up to overflowing with gratitude to Him, until with one of old, we exclaim: "Bless the Lord, Oh my Soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name!"

In looking over the vast field for work which this province affords us, and then in looking at the tiny bands of women scattered here and there, who have undertaken the task of removing from our land this monstrous curse of intemperance, whose venomous roots have spread far and wide, carrying with them every imaginary curse and evil, our first thought is one of discouragement, and hearts that have been called to pass under the rod, hearts that are burdened and crushed well nigh to breaking and stronger hearts, who would but have not the right as have our fathers and brothers of saying that the powers that be, *shall* be those ordained of God, from such as these goes up the cry, "Who is sufficient for these things?" But leaving behind us our weakness and insufficiency, looking away to the mighty power and all sufficiency of our great commander, we triumph in the knowledge, that He who is for us, is mightier than they who are against us, and clothing ourselves with the armor with which our Captain has provided us, not forgetting the sword of the spirit which is the word of God; we stand in His strength ready to march on conquering and to conquer against the great enemy of souls—the liquor traffic, never for one moment contemplating the idea of defeat, for He who leads us knows the enemy against whom we fight, He is able to fit and prepare us for the warfare, and such a thing as defeat under His

banner has never been known since time began nor can be while the ages of eternity roll. Our work through the year has been slow, more so than we could wish, and we have chafed within ourselves to speed onward, but we are reconciled somewhat from the fact, that we believe it is a time of foundation building, and that a foundation strong and sure is being laid on which will be built a beautiful temple of temperance for the honor and praise of God.

We have been forming into line more systematically and are every day becoming more efficient in our army drill, and learning new orders from our Captain; our Scouts are becoming better informed as to the strength and position of the enemy, and on the outskirts a few skirmishes have taken place, but so far we record no great victories. Our different officers and the superintendents who were added to our provincial staff last year have been studying their various lines of work, and so far as practicable, have engaged in the work assigned them. We hail with delight the fact that in the Bands of Hope the children have been meeting from time to time pledging themselves for total abstinence and learning the nature of alcoholic drinks and their effects on the human system, and we look hopefully to the time when we believe these little ones will come forward to save our country from the destruction which threatens it. In some of our churches the intoxicating cup has been banished from that hallowed scene of the Lord's table, and in its stead is being used unfermented wine.

We thank God that He has lead us into the presence of the criminal and law breaker in our prisons, there to tell them of that perfect law of love and of Him who said "I am not come to destroy the law but to fulfil it;" and to the hospitals where have been found those sick in body and in soul, who have been wept over and prayed with, and who have in many instances been enabled in their dying moments to look to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world; and then we think of the work that has been done by the Gospel Temperance tracts and leaflets, which like the silent little snow flakes, have been falling noiselessly but steadily to bless and cover with purity the earth on which they fall.

We have been much encouraged in our work by the gospel ministers of various denominations, who obeying the injunction of the apostle to "help these women," have indeed helped us, by their wise and kindly counsel; by regarding us as co-laborers with them in the Master's work of saving souls, and by their influence and assistance which they have in many ways given to the cause; and not only from these have we received encouragement, but from others also who have hitherto looked upon us in the work with no feeling of sympathy, but rather with sternness and reproof, are realizing that as woman and her own sacred Dominion, the home, are the greatest victims of the vile traffic. They are beginning to realize that in this taking a forward stand in the ranks of temperance workers, we are not stepping beyond our sphere as women, but are only using such ways and means as will accomplish the work which God has assigned us, of training up for Him those whom He has given us. We are also glad to record as part of our work, that through the instrumentality of the Provincial Executive a branch of the Dominion alliance has been formed, and so our brothers and husbands are joining us in our onward march. But what, dear sisters, of our work as it lies before us to-night? Our wants are many, but there are two of which we might particularly speak, namely: More workers to help carry on the work, and a solid financial basis on which to work. We want earnest whole-souled consecrated women, who can and are willing to give their time and talent to the Lord; women who are willing to deny themselves ease and pleasure; women who are not easily discouraged and cast down; women who are filled with the Spirit of Christ, which is love; who will recognize in each other all that is good, and refuse to see each others failings; who will stand together in the work, honoring each others views and opinions, though they may often differ one from the other; who will give place to each other in honor preferring one another; women who are so consecrated to the Lord that their chief desire will be to save souls for

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His Kingdom, and to honor and glorify His name; women whose faith will so lay hold of God that it may be said of each, "Oh! Woman great is thy faith, be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

We are many times pained with the indifference with which this temperance work is regarded by many Christian women who have not felt the influence of this evil, never having come into personal contact with any suffering caused by it, consequently they have only a very vague idea, that somewhere in the world such suffering exists, and who if they could be brought to realize that over them and theirs this same danger impends would instantly become aroused and interested. Then many a true sister is asking to-day, What can I do? Only a woman! Why, my sister, it has been said that a woman, true, noble, whole-souled, is God's best piece of workmanship, and we would say to you to-day in answer to your question, "What can I do?" That while you cannot do the world's work, or turn the whole world from iniquity, you can do *your own* work, you can take heed that your influence, which is your most powerful weapon, is wielded for good and not evil, that it be such that though it may be all unknown to yourself, yet those with whom you come in contact are made better and purer, because of it. There is a penetrative power in goodness which nothing can resist, and no life is pure and strong without all life being purer and stronger thereby.

Oh! that woman's latent power could be aroused that she would arise, put on her strength, her beautiful garments, how she would go forth conquering and to conquer.

The second want we have mentioned, is a good solid financial basis on which to work, and we trust that during this present convention some plan shall be devised by which there shall be a systematic method of raising money. That our work, both local and provincial, shall not be hampered for want of means to carry it on. The liquor traffic swallows up a man's whole income, and in its work of destruction money is no object. The Brewer's Associations have but to state that so much money is required to defeat some project of the prohibition party, and immediately it is forthcoming. It flows freer than water. While it seems impossible for us, under present circumstances, to do more than carry on our most ordinary lines of work. All work requires money in order to be carried on successfully, and this not less than any other. We need a finance department through which we can raise money by various methods, which Christian women, guided by Christian principles, can devise.

Then we might take into consideration the social feature of our work, which is an important one, and commends itself to all our Unions. It does seem sometimes as though our work becomes burdensome, and we weary in it though not of it. Now, informal social gatherings would be a source of recreation and pleasure and our work still be going on by arranging parlor meetings, where the topics of conversation would be temperance work. There may be some ladies who would feel disposed to attend such meetings, and thus become interested and drawn into the work, who would finally be found amongst our most efficient workers but would not otherwise be reached.

These suggestions which are offered will probably be entered into in detail by the reports of various committees, which shall be brought before us at this convention, but, my dear sisters, we want carefully prepared and well outlined methods of work, for our enemy is one whose power we cannot comprehend or estimate. While the Christian women of all lands are becoming convinced that if the home is to be protected from the liquor curse and their dear ones saved from ruin, they must be largely instrumental in accomplishing this result. We thank God that the women of British Columbia are found amongst this number. Woman's part in this great reform is growing more and more important every day; it is real, down right earnest work, and for it we need qualified workers, our zeal and willingness alone will not suffice, we need knowledge as well. Let us lay

plans wisely as God gives us wisdom. Let us each as we believe He calls us to the work, find our own place in it, and there seek by such means as are attainable that knowledge which will enable us to work to the best advantage, not forgetting to have with that knowledge such preparation of heart and consecration to the Lord as will enable us to faithfully carry out the responsibility laid upon us.

The vile streams of this ocean of iniquity are flooding the whole earth, carrying death and destruction wherever they flow. Even the smallest outlet poisons the very atmosphere surrounding it, and no cutting off or turning aside, no damming up or bridging over, will save us from its poisonous influence. The only remedy is to begin at the fountain head, cut off the source of supply, and in a very short time the river beds will be dry. As the deadly upas spreads its roots far and wide, so this liquor traffic with its deadly influence threatens every home in this fair land. My sisters, the great and mighty axe to lay at the roots of this tree is the gospel of Christ, and let us see to it that we hold it there and work with it constantly and unhesitatingly, until its great huge trunk begins to rock to and fro, and we get it down, then the wretchedness, suffering and misery will be remembered only as things of the past. There is work for each and every woman in this province. Those who live in localities where there are no saloons, can work to keep it out and instruct and fortify the growing generation against it, those of advanced age, whose silver hair and trembling form forbids active work, can pray for those who can work, for we believe that prayer moves the hand that moves the world. And our young ladies, Oh! the responsibility which God has placed upon the young women of this and every province in this Dominion, and all over the world! The power which He has vested in them! The influence which they exert! Who can estimate it?

Young women of British Columbia, right with you lies the power of making our country a free land with regard to this traffic. If every young woman in this province were pledged against every young man who is not a total abstainer, how long, I ask the young men here to-night, how long would it be before prohibition would have the sway? The years would be easily reckoned. But let us begin further back than the young men and maidens. Let us begin with the children, and have them pledged against the saloon, and there will be no occasion for pledging the young men and women. There will, comparatively speaking, be few broken-hearted mothers, and thank God, not many gray heads shall go down in sorrow to the grave. Then let us hold high our standard, lower it not an inch; it is a good cause, a right cause, and let us show the world that we think so. Let each one stand faithfully to their charge, take up their daily task cheerfully, willingly, perseveringly, that at last it may be said of each, "She hath done what she could," and He who leads us on will lead us on from victory unto victory. Our country will be free, our homes safe, and peace and righteousness shall reign where now sin and iniquity abounds.

"Let us live for those who love us,
For those who know us true,
For the Heaven that smiles upon us,
And waits our coming too.
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrong that needs resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that we may do."

C. SPAFFORD, VICTORIA.

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Report of Corresponding Secretary of Provincial W.C.T.U.
for the year ending August, 1886.

"Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," is an inspiring declaration which has been realized over and over again by every child of God, both with regard to personal experience and special work, for the Master. Likewise, during the year now ending, we, as an organization, working for the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord, can say with devout gratitude, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

We have in previous years traced the hand of God in leading us on in our work. We have had the fullest assurance of the divine watch-care and blessing, and we have rejoiced, realizing the truth of the words "Hap, y is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help."

All along the line the work has been increasing, though not with such rapid strides as we could wish. Each year we are becoming more fully aware of the strength and power of the enemy. We see more and more the destruction and ruin, the misery and suffering caused by our foe, consequently we feel more keenly each year how slowly our work is progressing, not that we have reason for complaint, but the desire of our hearts is that sin and iniquity may be put down at once, and in its stead, peace and prosperity reign; that our country may be freed from this great evil and our dear ones protected by the removal of temptation, and that the poor victims of the rum traffic, now robbed of their manhood and without strength to escape from their bondage, may be delivered.

We record, with pleasure, the benefit received by our cause from the visit of Miss Narcissa E. White, of Pennsylvania, the Superintendent of the Department of Scientific Instruction in Schools, who came to us the first week in February, visiting New Westminster, Nanaimo, Saanich and Victoria, delivering, in all, five lectures.

About the same time we received word from Mrs. Letitia Youmans, President Dominion W.C.T.U. (who had been previously invited to visit B.C.) that she intended coming to this coast for her health, and asking if we still wished her to come to us after visiting California. We had long and anxiously looked forward to the time when returning health would permit her visiting us, and immediately requested her to do so before returning east. She arrived July 12th. We had expected much from our Dominion mother and were not in the least disappointed. She has been of incalculable assistance. Having sufficient time at her disposal, and being willing, she visited places in the province never before reached by our lady lecturers. She has already visited Saanich, Nanaimo, Wellington, Comox, Chilliwack, Maple Ridge, Langley, New Westminster, Granville, Ladner's Landing, and Victoria, and will probably before closing her work go to Maple Bay, and lecture at Esquimalt to the seamen on board the man-of-war ships at present in port. She has delivered lectures, held children's meetings, met with the Unions for conversation and given advice and council, which from her vast experience in the work, has proved very helpful; besides addressing the Teachers' Institute at Victoria, on which occasion, the question of teaching "Physiology and Hygiene with special reference to the effects of alcohol on the human system" was for the first time laid before that body. She has organized a Union at Wellington, besides strengthening the Unions already existing, and we accord thanks to our Heavenly Father that she, with a heart and life consecrated to the work, and embracing in its sympathies every helper in the cause of temperance, has been permitted to labor among us, asking nothing in return but what the work can give her. We feel that she has indeed been a blessing to us.

Since last convention some of our Unions have increased their membership considerably, but we regret to add others have been obliged to report a decrease.

Special mention is due Maple Ridge Union, which has doubled its membership.

We report but one new Union organized during the year, viz: Wellington, by Mrs. Youmans, as previously stated; but we trust that in the ground under cultivation, seed has been sown which will bring forth fruit for coming years.

A Band of Hope, consisting of twelve members, has been organized at Spring Ridge, under the auspices of the Victoria W.C.T.U.

During the year 147 letters and postals have been written.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Treasurer's Report of the Provincial W. C. T. U. for the year ending August 20th, 1886.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
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31 To cash on hand.....	\$ 40 90	27 By Mrs. Grant, Station'ry	\$ 2 00
21 Collection at lecture....	40 35	" Telegram to Toronto..	1 50
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31 Victoria Union Fees....	18 00	gates	6 50
31 New Westminster Fees. 7 50		" Sundries	3 50
Sept.		" Cleaning hall	1 50
1 Donation.....	50	31 Mrs. Jenkins, stamps..	75
1886.		" Blank book	75
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13 Victoria Union Fees....	12 75	1 Colonist advertising...	22 50
" New Westminster Fees. 5 75		14 Mrs. Jenkins, literature	10 10
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" Minutes of Convention,		" P.O. box for Septemb'r	50
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" Vancouver W. C. T. U.		port	25 00
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" Minutes of Convention,		March.	
Vancouver	1 00	1 J. P. Burgess.....	3 50
" Chilliwack dues.....	12 50	January.	
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		1 Hack hire to Saanich	
		(Miss White).....	8 00
		" Hack from steamer...	3 00
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		29 Miss Walker, station'y	3 00
		" On act. Maple Ridge..	23 00
		August.	
		4 T. N. Hibben & Co....	4 30
		Total.....	\$127 90
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Total.....	\$194 25		

MRS. ETHRIDGE, TREASURER.

I certify that I have examined the different accounts of Mrs. Ethridge, Treasurer of the Provincial W.C.T.U., and I have great pleasure in saying I find them in good condition. The above sheet contains a correct statement of the state of the finances.

MRS. J. HALL, AUDITOR.

Report of Committee on Plan of Work.

Your Committee on Plan of Work beg to submit the following :

That during the coming year the W.C.T.U. of this Province prosecute with renewed zeal and vigor the departments of work already engaged in, viz : Juvenile, Young Women's, Hospital and Prison, Temperance Literature, Coffee and Reading Rooms, etc., and that having some knowledge and experience in these departments we shall aim to make them more effective.

We recommend also that we content not ourselves with working in these lines only, but that we endeavor to add others; for example, the "White Cross," Social Purity Movement, realizing that there are many lost ones in our province, some of whom may be rescued from a life of sin and shame to one of virtue and Godliness, while our youths of both sexes may be, with care, prevented from falling.

Believing that a great responsibility devolves upon physicians, and knowing that alcohol is used by many of them very indiscriminately in their practice, also that the most reliable scientific authorities of our day teach that the appetite for intoxicants is in very many cases inherited, we earnestly recommend that our Unions use all wise and judicious methods for bringing the subject of Heredity and Hygiene, as it relates to the question of temperance, before the minds of the parents and the medical men of this province.

We also advise that the department of "Scientific Instruction in Schools" be taken up, and that the members of our organization sustain to their utmost, by petitions or otherwise, all measures tending in this direction which may be introduced into our Legislature by representatives willing to champion this question.

We would also call attention to the fact that much can be done in the department of provincial exhibitions and district fairs by our local Unions providing coffee and lunch booths as a counter influence to the liquor bars; also by the free distribution at such times of temperance literature.

Your Committee also think the influence of our W.C.T.U. in some places might be greatly extended by means of "parlor meetings," as a class of ladies may in this way be interested in our work who otherwise might never become acquainted with it. Where this is not practicable, social temperance gatherings might be held which would attract our young people and so bring their sympathies over on the side of temperance.

In conclusion, we urge all our women to assist in every way in their power every movement which has for its object the overthrowing of the liquor traffic and the establishment of total abstinence in the homes of our fair province. Let us cheerfully endure the fatigue of circulating petitions or doing other hard things laid upon us.

Your Committee respectfully submit these suggestions feeling that all these departments of work can be engaged in and carried on successfully only by the blessing of God.

MRS. G. HOWISON,
MRS. A. C. WELLS,
MRS. McNAUGHTEN, } Committee.

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Report of the Superintendent of Work Among Lumbermen and Sailors.

BURRARD INLET.

Sent one Ship Bibles and another literature and Band of Hope Catechisms for the children on board.

Sent to the logging camp once a month or six weeks on an average, all the Christian and temperance literature I could procure, also moral books for the use of the men.

M. THAIN, Moodyville.

Report of Superintendent of Young Woman's Work.

During the year I communicated with several districts, sending Miss Johnson's Circular on "Young Woman's Temperance Work," and received the following replies:

FROM YALE.

"As regards the temperance movement in Yale I will give you my experience. Mrs. Truch and I went to a good deal of trouble to get up a temperance club, and procured about thirty names, but were unable to get the people to come together or attend a meeting. At his request we handed over the book to Rev. Mr. Wright, and he has tried several kinds of pledges without success. I think it would be useless to try to start a Union here."

FROM CHILLIWHACK.

"At present it would not be possible to organize a Young Woman's Union in Chilliwhack. Our Secretary is a young lady and our Assistant Secretary, also our Superintendent of Literature. We are so scattered, and live at such long distances from the place of meeting, that it would be impossible to get married ladies to fill all these offices in our Union."

We have a great many discouragements in our work here as in all rural districts, but we have the same source of strength that all temperance workers have had, and our motto is, "On to victory!"

FROM MAPLE RIDGE.

"It is altogether impossible for us to organize a Young Woman's Union here, as our Union is composed of young as well as older members. We are prospering in our work. We thank God and take courage."

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.

"The object of your letter was brought before our Union and it was decided that our young women had better remain and work with us for another year at least. We will try to get as many young ladies as possible to join our ranks and make it pleasant for them to be associated with us and in this way they will be learning our methods so that in the future, if they desire it, which they do not at present, they will be ready to work in a Union of their own."

Nanaimo "found it very difficult to sustain a Union as it was."

Victoria seems to be the only place at present where a Y.W.C.T. Union is practicable. Here they have done some good work.

Ever yours in Christian Union,

Mrs. A. J. McLELLAN.

VICTORIA, August, 1886.

LITERATURE REPORT, 1885-6.

Dear Sisters,—As Superintendent of the Literature Department my duties have been very light during the past year.

On the 15th of August, 1885, I received from the Provincial Treasury the sum of \$10 with which to procure a supply of literature, such as we might require for our work. \$5 of this I invested in organizer's outfits and in Scott Act leaflets, which, however, have not been made use of as yet, as the act has not been made applicable to B.C., and no effort on that line was thought practicable at present. The other \$5 remains on hand, which, with the literature, I am prepared to entrust to my successor. When I came into office I found no stock remaining over.

By corresponding with Mrs. Addie Chisholm, of Ottawa, who has charge of the Ontario Publishing Department, I find that in the Dominion we have no Publishing House or center for distribution belonging to our National Union and that the only advantage to be derived from sending to Ottawa instead of the United States is the encouragement it gives to the educating of a fraternal spirit among our workers through correspondence with one another. Instead of sending direct to the publishers ourselves our Ontario sisters send for us and forward to us with custom dues added to the original cost. It is to be hoped that ere long our "Dominion Union" may be vital enough to have a publishing house of its own to which we can send, for much as we love our dear American Cousins, and have reason to thank them for our very existence as an organization, for from them we came and have learned the most of what we know, yet, as it is with the Canadian provinces, we must co-operate in all legislative action. It is important that we cultivate a loyal national sentiment among ourselves as Canadian women, and I am sure we can never feel strangers again since our Dominion President has so lovingly visited us, and our Ontario *Woman's Journal* is so freely subscribed for and read.

M. A. CUNNINGHAM.

Mainland Organization Report for 1885-6.

Owing to the unsettled condition of the farming districts and the want of good roads—so many of the families separated by distance and water one from the other, it has seemed impossible during the year to form any new Unions in my division of the province. Whenever I have had an opportunity I have spoken to women living in the principal settlements and endeavored to keep an interest in our work alive, in this way, for future effort.

I have also been unable to visit my district as much as I have desired to do. I had the opportunity of being present at the annual election of officers in the Burrard Inlet Union last fall and the Chilliwack and Sumas Union last June at their gathering upon the camp ground, and have had frequent correspondence with our workers at Maple Ridge, and I feel proud of them all when I witness their zeal for the cause and their love for one another. I see more and more the importance of friendly communication between the members of our various Local Unions; an interchange of thought and experience inspiring us with fresh courage to dare and do in this Divine mission of rescuing the perishing and educating the young and ignorant.

M. A. CUNNINGHAM,
Supt. of Organization for Mainland.

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REPORT OF LOCAL UNIONS.

NEW WESTMINSTER W. C. T. U.

Was organized September, 1883, and now counts 25 active and 7 honorary members, with an average attendance of 10 for the year. Business meetings having been held once a month regularly, alternated with extra meetings for the purpose of introducing Miss. F. E. Willard's responsive readings and other useful literature.

The question of organizing a Y.W.C.T.U. was brought up last September, but it was thought best to continue as formerly, the young women preferring to work with their mothers and sisters.

This Union has successfully conducted a Band of Hope school almost ever since its first organization. During the past year those of them who had taken the pledge were organized into a Band of Hope Union, and Miss M. Mathews was elected President, with a membership of 128 and an average attendance of 50. They meet every Friday afternoon at the close of the public schools. One entertainment was given by them, at which \$34.25 was realized, and at Christmas time they gathered for their annual treat.

In conjunction with the N. W. Christian Mission Union the W. C. T. U. have paid the rent of a large room on Columbia street which has been fitted up as a reading room, our Union providing the organ as their share of the furnishing. Here gospel meetings have been held Sunday nights at the close of the public evening services, the object being to attract men from the streets who seldom enter Christian churches. God's blessing has been given to His word spoken and sung, and perishing souls have responded to the invitations of mercy.

In this room also a convention of the Dominion Alliance was held this summer in which our Union was represented by delegates.

Members of this Union together with the C. M. U., have sustained regular Sunday services in the jail, and two of the ladies have very frequently visited condemned men during the week also, great good resulting.

Since last convention three public lectures have been given, under our auspices; the first by Miss Narcissa White, who will be long remembered by the delighted audience who filled the hall; and the other two by our own talented and beloved Dominion President, Mrs. Letitia Youmans, of Picton, Ontario.

Two out of the five Protestant churches of this city, use unfermented wine at the Sacramental services.

Some time ago our Union provided itself with pledge books, which the members are supposed to carry around with them; soliciting names, whenever the opportunity affords.

Nearly all our women take the *Woman's Journal* published at Ottawa, and several take the *Union Signal* also.

The income and expenditure for the year balanced, giving the result, \$311.10.

EDITH MAJOR, Rec.-Secretary.

BURREARD INLET W. C. T. U.

This organization, with a membership of twenty, four of whom are honorary, does not present so favorable a report for the past year as we should like, owing to the peculiar situation of this district we find it difficult to meet oftener than

monthly, even at those meetings the average attendance is small; in addition we have held one mass meeting, which was very largely attended and at which we realized a collection of \$20.

Since the dreadful fire, which in the course of half-an-hour's time, swept our city of Vancouver out of existence, our meetings have not been resumed till this month. Before that event we were making arrangements for opening a temperance reading-room and coffee house in October, and had been ably assisted in our efforts by large contributions of literature towards our library, which with all other things perished in the flames. However, we hope to be able to carry out our plans in the near future. Our field of labor is a singularly hard one, for in Vancouver alone there are over forty licensed liquor saloons.

Mrs. Trimble and Miss Harte were appointed to organize a Band of Hope there, but for some reasons not known they were not successful.

The Moodyville Band of Hope is in good standing condition, and meets regularly every month.

On account of the many duties of the superintendent and assistant Mrs. Thain, the meetings cannot be held oftener.

We have appropriated \$10 for literature during the past six months.

There seems a want of interest among the members. We trust new interest and sympathy will be enlisted through the eloquent appeals of the talented lecturer, Mrs. Youmans, whom we expect to have with us for a few evenings ere her departure from this province.

Temperance and religious literature has been distributed among the logging-camps and on the ships.

MAUDE KIRKLAND, Cor.-Sec. W.C.T.U.

REPORT OF THE YEAR'S WORK OF THE W. C. T. U., OF MAPLE RIDGE.

In reality our work is incomplete; it not yet being twelve months since our last report. Still we have not been idle these last ten months but have earnestly tried to exert our puny strength against the tide of intemperance; and though we sometimes feel as though we had changed places with the old lady, who with her broom, endeavored to sweep back the waves of the Atlantic, yet we have kept up interest and hope in the knowledge that we have at least swept one or two tiny drops into oblivion.

Our meetings are held regularly on the first Wednesday of each month; and though the attendance is not always what we might wish it to be, it is not owing to lack of interest in our work but rather to long distances to be traveled, and to home cares and duties that cannot always be put aside for an afternoon. Many of our members are mothers of small children; and while we are sure of their sympathy and earnest co-operation, we can not be certain of their regular attendance at the meetings.

Our membership at present numbers 15.

Six Gospel Temperance meetings have been held and well attended; as the result of these meetings 14 signed the pledge; and if all did not find the strength to keep inviolate this promise, we know that under all they are friends of the temperance cause and would gladly see its success.

We entered a complaint to the Licensing Court against an illegal license at Port Haney, which eventually resulted in the abolishment of the saloon.

No more licenses have been granted.

It is much to be deplored that liquor is so extensively sold from the steamers on boat nights; also that enemies of the temperance cause are selling without license, secretly of course—or openly "giving away" liquor at all times.

For the "giving" there is no law; for the selling, *knowing* is not *proving*; particularly where the law requires so much for proof. The whiskey ring blame the Union for this state of affairs, saying, "if we close the saloons we force them to subterfuge and illegal means;"—but we well know how dearly the Devil loves a Christian for a shield, or a good deed for a flimsy excuse.

The Band of Hope meetings are held regularly, and all done that can be to make them entertaining and of interest to the younger ones; still the Band is not so prosperous as it should be; many have moved away—and then again, parents are indifferent to the influence thus brought to bear upon the minds of the coming men.

It would be well for mothers to remember that if we can not go out and reform drunkards, we can raise and educate temperance men for the future. Not a mother amongst us doubts that her son is a future Statesman; let her educate him then so that he will legislate for temperance.

At the annual election of officers, Mrs. W. B. Seccombe was succeeded by Mrs. Geo. Howison as President, Mrs. Seccombe being chosen Vice-President.

(Mrs.) ELLEN R. C. WEBBER, Cor. Secretary.

Maple Ridge, August, 1886.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHILLIWHACK W.C.T.U.

During the past year this Union has made steady progress. Our monthly meetings have been held regularly, besides several special meetings. We have been visited by four lecturers, the last was Mrs. Youmans, who delivered two lectures, also an address to the Band of Hope children. Mrs. Youmans is a lady of great ability; her lectures were largely attended and highly appreciated, and have aided materially the temperance cause here.

We have also a Good Templar's Lodge here with a large membership and still increasing.

It is obvious to the commonest observer, that temperance principles are destined to prevail here, when we take into consideration the basis we are laying with the rising generation.

We have four Bands of Hope in active operation, and with God's help, the seed sown in comparative weakness, shall yield a mighty harvest.

CAROLINE McCUTCHEON, Cor. Sec. W.C.T.U.
Chilliwhack and Sumas.

VICTORIA BAND OF HOPE REPORT.

Mrs. President and Sisters of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union:

In bringing before you to-night the report of our Band of Hope School for the past year, I regret that it is necessarily somewhat meagre, as it is only about four months since this most important branch of temperance work was placed in my hands. During the former portion of the year the frequent change of leadership and the fact of its having been left for some weeks without anyone to look after it, caused a great falling off of interest among the children; consequently, although there have been over four-hundred names placed upon the roll, at the present time the attendance fluctuates, ranging from thirty to seventy-five.

The work is very interesting and cannot fail to profit both teachers and taught. A large number have signed our pledge during the year, and although we miss the faces of many of the older ones, particularly the boys who have

gone into the various businesses and professions of life; still we trust they carry with them the principles they learned while attending our Band. We hope to see in their lives the fruit of the seed which has been sown.

We rejoice that a Band of Hope under the auspices of the Church of England has been organized to study the principles of temperance; also one under our Union at Spring Ridge, and we hope that the coming year may see other Bands brought into operation; but, like all other branches of work this calls for willing workers. "The field is white to harvest, but the laborers are few."

We can scarcely realize what an influence the Band of Hope of to-day may exert upon the morals and politics of our province fifteen or twenty years hence. Permit me, then to urge upon you dear sisters the importance of insisting that our own children shall attend the Band of Hope. Let not the children of those who care little for the principles of temperance take more interest in the Band than the children of our own workers. For the encouragement of the teachers, for the children's own sake, and for the sake of the future of our province let us insist that our children shall receive, not only a secular and religious education but also a temperance education; then we may expect, and shall have earnest, intelligent workers in our beloved cause for "God, Home and Native Land."

In April last we held a public meeting in order to raise funds for the purchasing of books, papers, etc., at which we cleared \$30. After purchasing what was required for immediate use we have still a few dollars in the treasury.

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of each local Union residing within the limits of this convention, with the post-office address of each, shall be published annually in our minutes.

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

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

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

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

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