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Delegates.

Manitoba—Mrs. (Rev.) A. Gordon.
 New Brunswick—Mrs. Nugent, Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Gorbell, Miss Slipp, Miss Trueman, Miss Lockhart.
 Nova Scotia—Mrs. Whiston, Mrs. Woodbury, Mrs. Hemeon, Mrs. DeWolfe, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Rowe, Miss E. Smith, Miss F. Musgrave.
 Ontario—Mrs. Hilborn, Mrs. S. Odell, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. C. S. Scott, Mrs. W. H. Orr, Mrs. Borbridge, Mrs. Mickle, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. (Rev.) German, Mrs. J. P. Smith.
 Prince Edward Island—Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Baker, Miss McRae, Mrs. Brennan.
 Quebec—Mrs. S. W. Foster, Miss Meiklejohn, Mrs. A. J. Dyer, Mrs. E. A. Dyer, Mrs. W. Miner, Mrs. J. Currie, Mrs. Luddington, Mrs. Ingalls, Miss Jack, Miss Monk, Miss Merrill.

Honorary Delegate.

Mrs. J. Matheson, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Fraternal Delegates.

Mrs. Harriot T. Todd, Boston, Mass., from National W.C.T.U.;
 Mrs. Addie Northam Fields, World's W.C.T.U. Organizer.

Visitor.

Mrs. Archibald, Missionary from India.

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Miss Lida Heckman, Miss Gladys Boreham, Miss Jennie Moir, Miss Lily Crease, Miss Jean Bayer, Miss Nora Power.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

January 6th, 1898.

Mrs. Cole, of Montreal, having withdrawn from the W.C.T.U., thus leaving the department of Systematic Giving without a Superintendent, Mrs. A. M. Phillips, of Toronto, was appointed to fill the position.

It was decided that unless a sufficient number of advertisements were received to pay the difference in the cost between publishing 500 and 1,000 reports, that only 500 be published.

March, 1898.

Immediately following the translation of our beloved chieftain Frances E. Willard, the National W.C.T.U. of the United States, sent the following cablegram to Lady Henry Somerset: "Love and loyalty to you, World's President." With one dissenting vote the Sub-Executive decided to send a similar message from the Dominion Union.

At the time of the World's Convention in Toronto, October, 1897, a conference of representatives from temperance societies was held, resulting in the organization of a "National Prohibition Federation." The President, Mrs. Rutherford, had been appointed to represent the Dominion Union at that gathering, but owing to duties in connection with the World's Convention, it was impossible for her to be present. Referring to the recommendation of Convention, page 110, clause 5, of the Dominion Report, a voting paper was sent out, asking, "Are you in favor of joining this federation?" The result was a tie.

In connection with the National Prohibition Federation, Mr. Geo. H. Lees, of Hamilton, was appointed convener to call a meeting of the representatives of the various temperance organizations of Ontario to consult re plans of action for the Plebiscite campaign, etc. The Dominion Union was invited to send a representative to this meeting, to be held in Toronto, March 25th. This also resulted in a tie.

A letter having been received from Mr. G. Lane, President, and Sol. Cutter, Secretary, of the National Prohibition Federation, requesting each affiliated body to contribute \$10 towards establishing a

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fund to meet current expenses, etc., a vote was taken which resulted in a tie, and the matter was deferred for action till the meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held at Ottawa in May.

By a unanimous vote of the Sub-Executive it was decided that a donation of \$15 be made to the Headquarters Board of Toronto District W.C.T.U., as a slight recognition of their kindness in placing a room for the use of the Literature Depository, free of rent.

PRESENTATION OF THE POLYGLOT PETITION OF THE
"WORLD'S WOMAN CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION" TO
THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT.

OTTAWA, MAY 3rd. 1898.

National Anthem.

Invocation—Rev. Dr. Saunders.

Scripture Reading, Crusade Psalm—Mrs. Asa Gordon.

Anthem—Choir of Dominion Church.

Address—Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, Toronto, President, Dominion W.C.T.U.

Address and Presentation of Petition—Mrs. E. R. Atkinson, Moncton, N. B., and Mrs. Alexander, Ottawa.

Reply—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada.

Solo—Mrs. E. Palmer Cowan.

Address, "Prohibition in Maine"—Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, Portland, Acting President, National W.C.T.U.

Anthem—Choir of Dominion Church.

Short Addresses—Provincial W.C.T.U. Representatives and Dominion Alliance, and Senator Scott.

Doxology and Benediction.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Ottawa, May 4th. 1898.

The Executive Committee met this morning at 10 a.m., in the parlors of the Y.W.C.A., Metcalfe Street, Mrs. Rutherford, President, in the Chair. There were present Dr. Yeomans, Vice-President, Mrs. Atkinson, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Tilton, Treasurer, Mrs.

McLachlan, Recording Secretary, Mrs. Sanderson, President, Quebec Province, Miss Jennie McArthur, representing Ontario, and the following superintendents:—Mrs. Bascom, Mrs. Craig, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Gordon, Miss Dougall, Miss Scott.

The President read the 121st Psalm, and all present offered sentence prayers. Two verses of "Nearer my God to Thee" were sung.

The President gave a synopsis of the business done by the Sub-Executive since Convention. On motion the items were voted upon seriatim.

The question of the Dominion Union federating with the Dominion Prohibition Federation was fully discussed, after which it was moved by Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, that the Dominion W.C.T.U., having fully considered the question of affiliating with the Dominion Prohibition Federation, do not deem it wise to federate with that organization.

Moved by Miss Dougall, seconded by Mrs. Craig, that this Executive Committee endorse the action of the Sub-Executive in sending a loyal and loving message to Lady Henry Somerset, who had become Acting President of the World's W.C.T.U., owing to the death of Miss Willard.

The following is a copy of the letter sent, and the reply received:—

March 18th, 1898.

Lady Henry Somerset, President World's W.C.T.U.

Dear Comrade,—

Representing, as we do, the "White Ribbon" Host of the Dominion of Canada, we, the undersigned, desire to express to your Ladyship our great joy and delight at your late letter to Lord George Hamilton, in which you clearly and bravely withdraw any apparent endorsement of legalized vice in India. We are so glad, as you must be, that it was written before our dear Miss Willard's death, and that her expectations were realized and her prophecy concerning you fulfilled.

We sorrow with you in the great loss which we have sustained; our loss is mutual, and seems just now to be such a blow to the cause which we love. We wish to convey to you our sympathy for you who held so large a place in her dear, loving heart—a heart so true and loyal to her friends, even when not seeing eye to eye with them. Our prayers are yours that you may be sustained in this hour of trial, that your physical strength may be renewed, and that you may be of those unto whom "There ariseth light in the darkness." We assure you of our loyal and hearty support in upholding the principles of

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The Cottage, Duxhurst, Reigate.

April 20th, 1898.

My dear Friends and Comrades,—

I thank you from my heart for your letter sent on the 18th of March. I am glad that you rejoiced in the fact that the letter to Lord George Hamilton was written before our blessed leader went home.

I pray that no divergence of opinion may rend asunder that which she knit together by her life and love, for I would rather a thousand times stand aside than be the cause of any division in our midst. But rather it seems to me that, as we now see eye to eye, let us forget all bitternesses, let those who differed from me believe that I was sincere although mistaken, and that directly I saw that I was mistaken I was ready to acknowledge it; and so forgive the mistake, and let us so work and live that the spirit of guidance may be more near to us than ever, so that in all things it may be that we go where God leads. It seems difficult to face the work without her who was its inspiration and its life, but I only want to do that which she would have us do during the time that remains. May God bless you all.

Yours in sincere affection,

ISABEL SOMERSET.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter which had been sent to the Sub-Executive from Dr. A. Yeomans, Vice-President of the Dominion Union, in which she condemns the action of the World's Union in re-electing Lady Henry Somerset as Vice-President, and urges the Dominion Union to secede from the World's Union.

On motion the Committee adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Gordon led in prayer. The discussion on Dr. Yeoman's letter was resumed. The President read extracts from letters received from absent Superintendents, in which they expressed loyalty to Lady Henry Somerset and the Dominion Executive. The Superintendents writing thus were, Mrs. Rugg, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Ure, and Mrs. Geggie.

The question was asked whether Dr. Yeoman had any right, as Vice-President, to issue a good-bye letter to the local Unions, containing statements contrary to the views of the Executive. The majority of the Committee decided that she had not.

On motion the Committee adjourned.

8 p.m.

Mrs. Edwards opened the meeting with prayer.

It was moved by Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, that the Dominion W.C.T.U. Executive, in view of the fact that Lady Henry Somerset has, under the Providence of God, become the President of the World's Union, and that after the reading of letters and testimonies relative to Lady Henry's attitude to Prohibition, we are persuaded that the charges made against her are not well founded, but that her views on this subject are consistent with the principles of the W.C.T.U.; further resolved that we hereby extend to her our loyal and loving support, also that a copy of this resolution and the motion endorsing the action of the Sub-Executive in sending a letter of sympathy to Lady Henry on the death of Miss Willard, and her reply thereto, be sent to every local Union in the Dominion.

Moved by Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Mrs. Starr, that a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to the absent members of Executive for their vote before being sent to the local Unions.

Dr. Yeomans stated that she wished her vote recorded as being opposed to the resolution. All the other members of Executive present voted for the resolution.

Moved by Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Edwards, that Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Dougall and Mrs. Gordon be a committee to prepare a statement for the local Unions, showing the grounds for confidence in Lady Henry Somerset.

The Corresponding Secretary read replies from the Montreal Branch of the Woman's Methodist Missionary Society, and the Niagara District Episcopal Woman's Society, in answer to a request from the Dominion Union that all women's Missionary boards in Canada be asked to recommend to their members that at least one prayer a month be offered for the prohibition of the liquor traffic in Canada.

Letters were read from the Dominion Alliance and the Royal Templars extending sympathy to the Dominion Union in the loss sustained to the cause by the death of Miss Willard.

A letter was read from Miss Lottie E. Wiggins, Toronto, offering to engage in Union work, and asking commendation from the Dominion Union.

Dr. Yeomans moved, Mrs. Atkinson seconded, the motion that we welcome Miss Wiggins into the special work which she desires, and that the Union give her the commendation asked for:

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A letter from the manufacturers of Happy Thought soap was read in it they offered to the Dominion Union one cent for every soap wrapper returned to them. The time limit to be till June 1st, 1899. Samples of the soap had been sent to the general officers, and was highly commended by them.

A label scheme was also offered the Union. These labels consist of the names of fruits, etc. Twenty-four kinds, a dozen of each. The books to retail for fifteen cents each. The Unions were offered a profit of six cents on each book.

Moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Starr, that the provincial Unions be offered 30 percent. on soap wrappers sent by them to the Dominion Union.

The details of the label scheme were left to the Sub-Committee.

Mrs. Edwards, Superintendent of Equal Franchise, recommended that the work in her department be suspended until such time as the legislators shall decide on the Franchise Bill. Consent was given.

A letter was read from Mr. Geo. H. Lees, Secretary of the Royal Templars, offering 2,000 paper-covered revised Testaments to the Union. On motion the gift was accepted with thanks.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. McLachlan, that the testaments be distributed among the provinces as follows:—Ontario, 550; Quebec, 350; Manitoba, 250; British Columbia, 250; New Brunswick, 200; Nova Scotia, 200; Prince Edward Island, 100; and North-West Territories, 100.

A letter was read from the Temple trustees of Chicago, asking subscriptions of a dollar each from the membership of the Dominion, the subscriptions to be devoted towards making the Temple a monument to Miss Willard.

It was moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Miss MacArthur, that we answer the appeal of the Temple trustees, expressing sympathy with their object, and stating that we will recommend the collection of subscriptions of a dollar per member, more or less, in Canada to further it, on condition that the money be retained in the hands of the Dominion Treasurer, to be turned over only when it becomes apparent that the alleged object of the Temple trustees can be effected, otherwise that the money shall be at the disposal of the Dominion Union.

The Doxology was sung, and Mrs. S. J. Craig offered prayer.

May 5th, 1898.

The General Officers, with Mrs. Sanderson, representing Quebec, and Miss MacArthur, Ontario, met at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Sanderson led in prayer.

The Committee on the "Woman's Journal," appointed by the Dominion Convention, reported.

It was decided that the petition to the Government in reference to the traffic in Chinese girls in British Columbia for immoral purposes, be left to the Sub-Executive; Mrs. Atkinson to try and interest those in authority in the subject.

The resignation of Mrs. Moodie, Superintendent of Coffee Houses, was accepted with regret, and the hope was expressed that she might very soon again become a member of the Executive.

The President and Secretary were empowered to fill the vacancy.

Consent was given to Mrs. Wheeler, Superintendent of Parlor Meetings to issue a circular to the Unions in reference to work that might be taken up during the summer months in the interests of the department.

Letters from the following Superintendents in reference to work in their departments were read: from Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. Phillips, and Mrs. Lucas.

Moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, that the matter of preparing a Digest of existing legislation affecting W.C.T.U. work be referred to the Dominion Superintendent of Legislation and Petition, with a recommendation that the work be done in each Province by some capable woman, who will report to the Dominion Superintendent, who shall attend to the Dominion part of the work, and condense the whole into a leaflet, to be submitted for approval of Dominion Sub-Executive.

A letter from Mrs. Eliza Spencer Large, Tokio, Japan, asking aid for her work as Press Superintendent, and the Rescue Home for Japanese girls, was read.

Moved by Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Dr. Yeomans, that Mrs. Bascom be asked to send literature to Mrs. Large to aid her in Press work in Japan.

It was decided to publish that part of Mrs. Large's letter in reference to the Rescue Home, in the "Woman's Journal," and that the attention of the Unions be called to the need, and that any money contributed be sent to the Dominion Treasury through the Provincial Treasurers.

Moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson: Whereas it has been learned that permits have been granted by the Territorial Government, with the consent of the Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, for the sale of liquor in the Yukon district; therefore resolved that the Honorable gentleman be respectfully requested to withhold, in the future, his consent to any such permits.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. McLachlan, that a petition be presented to Hon. Mr. Blair, asking for permits on the Cana-

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Moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, that we approve of appointing a Children's Day, on which day signatures shall be obtained from children all over the Dominion in favor of Prohibition, the details to be left to the Sub-Executive.

The Committee adjourned.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY DOMINION CONVENTION, 1897, RE "WOMAN'S JOURNAL."

Ottawa, May 5th, 1898.

The Committee appointed at Toronto, to consider the question of the "Woman's Journal," having very fully discussed the matter, resolved, on motion of Mrs Sanderson, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, that, having considered carefully the question of the "Woman's Journal," the Committee find it impossible for the Dominion Union to purchase the paper.

July, 1898.

The resignation of Dr. Amelia Yeomans, as Superintendent of Prison and Jail Work, was received and accepted.

September, 1898.

The resignation of Dr. Amelia Yeomans as Vice-President-at-large, was received and accepted.

Montreal, Oct. 21st, 1898.

The Sub-Executive met in the Girls' Evangelistic Hall, 2424, St Catherine Street, at 10 a.m. There was present Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Atkinson, and Mrs. McLachlan. Mrs. Atkinson led in prayer. A letter was read from Mrs. Tilton, Treasurer, regretting that she could not be present.

Letters were also read from all the members of Executive who were not at the meeting at Ottawa. All but Miss Hind and a member who declined to vote, voted in favor of the Sub-Executive's action re Lady Henry Somerset. The President stated that Dr. Yeomans's resignation as Vice-President, had been received and accepted by the Sub-Executive. It was decided to publish her resignation in the "Woman's Journal," accompanied with a statement from the Sub-Executive. The Sub-Executive regretted that Dr. Yeomans had thought it necessary to take such a stand.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. McLachlan: whereas Mrs. Bascom has written that Dr. Bascom has placed a room in his home for the Literature Depository at the disposal of the Dominion Union, and has asked the Sub-Executive to consider the matter; resolved, that it be left with Mrs. Bascom to do what she considers best in the interests of the work, and that she suit her own convenience.

A letter was read from Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, President of the National Union, asking that a fraternal delegate be sent to their Annual Convention at St. Paul.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. McLachlan, that Mrs. Rutherford attend the National Convention as fraternal delegate from Canada.

AFTERNOON.

The Committee met at 2 p.m. Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Ure, Mrs. Edwards, and Miss Dougall met with the Committee.

Miss Dougall opened the meeting with prayer.

The President stated that it had been deemed desirable to send a message to the provinces from the general officers, as there would be no Dominion Convention this year. Suggestions were made for Scientific Temperance Instruction and Juvenile work, also work among older girls in the public schools. It was suggested that societies of these girls might be called "Girls' White Ribbon Branches."

Miss Dougall suggested that the 29th of September be observed throughout the Dominion as Plebiscite Day. That the Unions organize processions with flags and banners for the Schools and Bands of Hope. That the children be given object lessons in balloting, and that some treat be provided to mark the day as one of peculiar interest.

It was recommended that the suggestion be sent to the Convener of the Dominion Plan of Work. The matter of preparing a heading for a children's petition in favor of prohibition was left to the Superintendent of Juvenile Work and the Sub-Executive.

The President stated that good work was being done in Toronto by White Shield Societies composed of young ladies. It was decided to ask Miss Harris, of Toronto, to take charge of this work, and to report at next Convention.

A letter was read from Mrs. A. M. Phillips, Superintendent of Systematic Giving, recommending that a thank-offering be asked from the members of the W.C.T.U. of the Dominion.

Moved by Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, that the suggestion of Mrs. Phillips be carried out in connection with the 25th

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Mrs. Edwards urged that some effort be made in the interests of the Department of Christian Citizenship, especially among the children. Mrs. Edwards volunteered to prepare a leaflet on the subject said leaflet to be submitted to the Sub-Executive.

October-22nd.

The Sub-Executive met at 10 a.m. Mrs. Ure and Miss Dougall were also present. Mrs. McLachlan offered prayer.

Mrs. Atkinson read replies received from Mr. Balfour, the Marquis of Salisbury, and Lord George Hamilton, acknowledging receipts of resolutions passed at the last Dominion Convention, re the India Cantonment Acts; also a reply from Hon. D. Mills, Minister of Justice, in answer to the letter calling his attention to the importation of Chinese girls in British Columbia for immoral purposes.

It was resolved to ask Mrs. Harry Lavell, Smith's Falls, to take the Superintendency of the Flower Mission Department.

Mrs. R. A. B. Phillips, Frederickton, was appointed Convener of the Resolutions Committee.

Miss Dougall recommended that the resolutions at next Convention be limited to twelve, and that none shall be copied from those of last Convention.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Rugg to arrange for a Dominion W.C.T.U. Exhibit at the Paris Exposition, 1900.

The Secretary was requested to ask Superintendents to gather in their yearly reports of Departments.

It was recommended to correspond with Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, to see if it would be feasible to start a Territorial organization, with Superintendents to work certain departments.

Miss Dougall suggested that each local Union should be recommended to subscribe annually, at least three dollars, to be divided equally between World's, North-West, and Provincial Home Work.

In view of the great field for W.C.T.U. work in Canada, and as it is desirable to institute a memorial for Miss Willard, therefore resolved that a Frances E. Willard Memorial Organizing Fund be started.

It was decided to have in the Dominion report a standing notice of the Dominion Banners, stating by whom donated and the terms of competition.

A report of the "Woman's Journal" Debt Fund was read. Resolved that the Corresponding Secretary write each Provincial Secretary stating how much had been subscribed by the respective provinces, and asking for further donations to wipe out the debt.

A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Barber for the use of the Girls' Evangelistic Hall for the Committee Meetings. Committee adjourned.

March, 1899.

By unanimous vote of the Sub-Executive, Mrs. Emma A. Wheeler, of Paris, Dominion Superintendent of Parlor Meetings, was made fraternal delegate to the National Woman's Suffrage Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 18th.

As the time and place of meeting of the Dominion Convention, according to the Constitution, is decided by the Executive, and invitations having been received from Halifax, N.S., and Quebec City, a voting paper was sent out to the full Executive; 36 replies were received, 31 voting in favor of Halifax, 3 in favor of Quebec, 2 not voting. By the unanimous vote of the full Executive, the arrangement of dates was left with the Sub-Executive, and were finally settled for Nov. 10th to 14th inclusive.

June, 1899.

By unanimous vote of the Sub-Executive it was decided to devote one afternoon of Convention to a School of Methods.

Mrs. Asa Gordon, Dominion Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, to be asked to deliver the Annual Sabbath Afternoon Address.

The Dominion President, Dominion Corresponding Secretary, and President of the Halifax Union, were appointed a Programme Committee.

It was decided to send an invitation to the Newfoundland W.C.T.U. to send fraternal delegates to the Dominion Convention.

The National Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, which were to meet in Toronto, beginning June 27th, invited the Dominion W.C.T.U. to tender an address of welcome at a public reception on the evening of the 28th. By unanimous vote of the Sub-Executive this invitation was cordially accepted, and the Dominion President appointed to convey greetings.

EXECUTIVE.

Halifax W.C.T.U. Headquarters.
Nov. 9th, 1899.

The Executive Committee met at 3.30 p.m.. The President, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, in the Chair.

Mrs. Asa Gordon read selections of Scripture, and Mrs. Sanderson led in prayer.

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The roll was called, fourteen members responding. Moved by Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Miss Wiggins, that the programme as printed be accepted, subject to necessary changes. The following Committee were nominated:— Credentials—Mrs. Atkinson and the Provincial Presidents. Finance—Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Charles Archibald, and Mrs. C. A. Wilson.

Courtesies—Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Barnstead, Mrs. S. W. Foster. Awarding Prize Banners—Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. (Rev.) Gordon. Appropriations—Miss Meiklejohn, Quebec; Miss MacArthur, Ontario; Mrs. D. M. Hopper, Nova Scotia; Mrs. Nugent, New Brunswick; Mrs. Poole, Prince Edward Island, with Mrs. Tilton as advisory member.

By consent it was agreed that each Provincial President nominate a member from her province to fill the vacancies on the Resolution Committee.

Moved by Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, that Mrs. S. W. Foster be appointed Chairman of the Resolution Committee in place of Mrs. R. A. B. Phillips, the Convener, who cannot be present.

Consent was given that Mrs. (Rev.) A. Gordon represent Manitoba on the Plan of Work Committee.

Letters were read from the Woman's Hospital in Toronto, asking help in extending the work.

It was moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Whitman, that we heartily endorse the idea of a Woman's Hospital, with women doctors as the physicians, and that the letters just read on the subject, be handed to the Resolutions Committee.

The President stated that eleven churches and a number of Sunday schools had asked for W.C.T.U. representatives to give addresses on Sunday 12th. Mrs. Asa Gordon and Mrs. Charles Archibald were named a Committee on Pulpit and Sunday School Supply.

The Committee adjourned to attend a concert at the School for the Blind, which had been specially prepared for the entertainment of the delegates.

EVENING.

The Public Welcome Meeting to the delegates of the Dominion W.C.T.U. was held in Fort Massey Presbyterian Church. The attendance was large.

Mrs. Whiston, the President of the Halifax Union, presided. The following constituted the programme:—

Quartette—Jerusalem—Fort Massey Church Choir.

Hymn—"Who is on the Lord's side?"

Reading of Scripture—Rev. Mr. Gandier.

Prayer—Rev. Mr. Bond.

Hymn—"Christ for the world, we sing."

Address of welcome on behalf of Nova Scotia—Mrs. M. R. Chesley Lunenburg.

Address of welcome on behalf of the Halifax and Dartmouth Unions—Mrs. Whiston, Halifax.

Response to addresses of welcome on behalf of the Dominion Convention—Mrs. S. W. Foster, Knowlton, Quebec.

Vocal Solo—"The Star of Bethlehem—Miss Sheriff.

Address—Hon. George Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia.

Address—Mayor Hamilton, Halifax.

Solo—"The Gleaner's Slumber Song—Mrs. G. S. Campbell.

Address—W. J. Gates, on behalf of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance of North America.

Address—Rev. R. S. Stevens, on behalf of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Nova Scotia.

Reply to the various greetings—Mrs. Gordon Wright, London, Ontario.

Doxology and Benediction.

The large audience were invited, and accepted the invitation, to adjourn to the parlors of the church, where a reception was held by the members of the Halifax Union and the ladies of the Fort Massey Church.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th, 1899.

MORNING.

LEGISLATIVE HALL.

The Convention was opened by a consecration service led by Mrs Asa Gordon, Superintendent of the Evangelistic Department. The meeting was largely attended, and proved a season of blessing.

At 10 o'clock Mrs. A. O. Rutherford took the Chair and called Convention to order. The Crusade Psalm was read responsively, after which the hymn, "Give to the winds thy fears," was sung, followed by prayer led by Mrs. Tilton.

The roll-call of officers, ex-officio members, and superintendents was called, fourteen responded.

The minutes of the Executive meeting of the 9th November were read and adopted on motion of Mrs. Gordon Wright, Ontario, seconded by Mrs. W. H. Orr, Ontario.

Miss Lida Heckman and Miss Jennie Moir were introduced as the pages for the day.

Mrs. Sprague, New Brunswick, moved that each Provincial Delegation at Dominion Convention wear a card below their white ribbon, having the name of the province and the delegate's name. The motion was seconded by Miss Trueman, New Brunswick.

In amendment, Mrs. Chamberlain, Ontario, moved, Mrs. Bascom seconded, the motion that each Provincial delegation wear a distinctive color.

An amendment to the amendment was moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, that the matter of wearing cards or colors be left optional with the delegations. This motion resulted in a tie. The President cast her vote as against the amendment to the amendment.

The amendment was lost, also the main motion.

The Interim Minutes of decisions by correspondence, January and March, 1898, were read, and by consent adopted.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee held at Ottawa, May, 1898, were read, and on motion of Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, seconded by Mrs. W. H. Orr, Ontario, were adopted.

The Minutes of meetings held by the Sub-Executive, and Interim Minutes of decisions by correspondence since May, 1898, was, on mo-

tion of Mrs. Thorpe, Ontario, seconded by Mrs. Stevens, Ontario, adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary read a cablegram received from Lady Henry Somerset, also a letter of greeting from Miss Agnes E. Slack, Secretary of the World's Union.

Moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, seconded by Miss Lockhart, New Brunswick, that Mrs. Atkinson reply to the greetings just read. Carried.

Mrs. Addie, Northam Fields, World's W.C.T.U. organizer, and Mrs. Harriot T. Todd, of Boston, former Vice-President of the Dominion Union, were introduced, and on motion of Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, Quebec, Mrs. Fields and Mrs. Todd were made members of Convention with all privileges except the vote.

Mrs. Todd, who came as fraternal delegate of the National Union addressed the Convention, bearing greetings from the 200,000 White-ribboners in the United States.

Mrs. Field brought greetings from the National Union recently formed in Bermuda.

At 11.30 the President stated that instead of a memorial service for our promoted chieftain, the hour would be spent in reminiscences of her life and work. Miss Willard's favorite hymn, "Gently, Lord, O gently lead us," was sung. Mrs. Todd sang the second verse as a solo, Mrs. Asa Gordon read selections from Scripture and led in prayer.

Rev. Dr. Black, of Halifax, told of the different occasions on which he had met Miss Willard, dwelling particularly on the large, enthusiastic meeting which she had addressed in Erskine Church Montreal, of which he then was the pastor, and which was the first church in Canada to open its doors to Miss Willard.

Mrs. Charles Archibald, Halifax, gave a touching account of Miss Willard's kindness to her in a time of personal sorrow.

Mrs. G. S. Campbell sang with much feeling, "The Better Land."

The following spoke on the influence Miss Willard had exerted upon their lives:—Mrs. Bullock, New Brunswick; Mrs. Todd, Boston; Mrs. Matheson, Prince Edward Island; Mrs. (Rev.) Gordon, Manitoba; Miss Wiggins, Ontario; and Mrs. W. H. Orr, Ontario.

After singing the hymn, "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me," Rev. Dr. Black pronounced the Benediction.

On motion Convention adjourned.

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The President took the Chair and the Minutes of the morning were read and, on motion, adopted.

Mrs. Atkinson gave a preliminary report of the Credential Committee.

The report of the department of Unfermented Wine was read by Mrs. Atkinson, who moved the reception of the report. This motion was seconded by Miss Wiggins, and carried.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Asa Gordon, that that part of the report of Unfermented Wine, referring to the number of churches in Ontario using unfermented wine, be eliminated from the report, as it did not give a correct estimate. Carried.

The report of work among foreigners, Mrs. Buchanan, superintendent was, in her absence, read by Mrs. Atkinson. On motion of Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, the report was accepted.

Moved by Miss Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Baker, Prince Edward Island, that ten minutes be allowed for reading and discussion of reports. Carried.

Miss Wiggins was appointed time-keeper.

Mrs. S. J. Craig presented the report of the department of Health and Heredity. On motion of Mrs. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, the report was accepted.

Mrs. Tilton, Treasurer, presented her financial statement, which on motion of Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Mrs. Matheson, was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Chamberlain, that the one dollar credited to Ontario Union for World's Missionary work be changed and credited to the individual or Union that had donated it. Carried.

The President intimated that she had received from Dr. and Mrs. Alice B. Reede, a cheque for fifty dollars, as a thank-offering, to be applied to the general fund.

An invitation from Miss Cunningham, Superintendent of the Soldiers' Institute, was read, inviting the delegates to visit the Institute on Saturday from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Thornley took the Chair, and Mrs. Rutherford delivered her Biennial address.

On motion of Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Miss McRae, Prince Edward Island, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the President for her admirable address; also moved that the suggestions therein contained be referred to the Plan of Work and Resolutions Committees. The motion was carried by a rising vote and applause.

Miss Hobrecker rendered very acceptably the solo, "The Gift."

The report of the Literature Depository was read by the Superin-

tendent, Mrs. Baſcom, who moved the adoption of the report. The motion was ſeconded by Mrs. S. J. Craig, and carried.

The report of work in the North-West Territories was read by Miſs Wiggins, who moved the reception of the report. The motion was ſeconded by Mrs. John Currie, and carried.

Mrs. Gordon Wright, Ontario, read the report of the Purity Department in the abſence of Mrs. Lucas, the Superintendent. The reception of the report was moved by Mrs. Gordon Wright, ſeconded by Mrs. W. Miner, Quebec, and carried.

A telegram containing greetings from the Ottawa "Y" Union, and alſo from Miſs Scott, Ottawa, Dominion Superintendent of the "Y" Department, was read.

At the requeſt of Mrs. Atkinſon, Mrs. Stevens, Ontario, was named to aſſiſt her in replying to the greetings.

A telegram from British Columbia, inviting the Dominion Union to hold its next Convention at Victoria, was read by the Preſident. The invitation was received with applauſe.

Mrs Charles Archibald called the attention of the delegates to the table in the ante-room which had been brought from England by Cornwallis, at which the firſt Council of Nova Scotia had ſat.

On motion Convention adjourned.

EVENING MEETING.

The public meeting devoted to the children was largely attended. Orpheus Hall was filled with an appreciative audience. The large platform was crowded with the ſchool children of Halifax. Mrs. Rutherford preſided, and the following programme was preſented:—

Chorus—"Rule Britannia."

The Lord's Prayer—The audience joining.

Chorus—Welcome ſong.

Address of welcome—Miſs Margaret Halliday.

Vocal ſolo—"All round the world the Ribbon White is twined."—Miſs Beatrice Cook.

Chorus—"For God, and Home, and Native Land."

Practical Illuſtration of Scientific Temperance Inſtruction as taught in the public ſchools of Nova Scotia—Prinſipal Kennedy.

Chorus—"Saloons muſt go."

Address—Mrs. A. O. Rutherford.

Chorus—"The Ribbon White."

Illuſtrated address to the children on the benefits of Temperance and evils of Intemperance—Mrs. Addie Northam Fields.

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SECOND DAY.—NOVEMBER 11TH, 1899.

MORNING.

The Consecration Service conducted by Mrs. Asa Gordon was well attended, many taking part in the meeting.

At 9.45, the President took the Chair, and gave out the hymn, "How firm a foundation." Mrs. Black, Nova Scotia, led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on motion confirmed.

The pages for the day were introduced—Miss Gladys Boreham, and Miss Lily Crease.

Mrs. Charles Archibald, Halifax, read an invitation from the Lieutenant-General Lord William Seymour, inviting the delegates to visit the Citadel.

Mrs. Atkinson presented the report of the Committee on Credentials, which stated that 42 delegates, 15 members of Executive, and 7 members of Convention were present.

By unanimous vote Mrs. J. Matheson, Union Signal Reporter for the Dominion, was made an honorary member of Convention.

The report on Sabbath Observance was read by Miss MacArthur, Ontario, who moved the acceptance of the report. Mrs. Nugent, New Brunswick, seconded the motion, which was carried.

Moved by Mrs. Asa Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Chamberlain, Ontario, that a loving message of sympathy be sent by telegram to Mrs. E. E. Starr, Superintendent of the Department of Militia and Volunteers, who is ill in St. John's Hospital, Toronto. Carried.

The report of Legislation and Petition was read by Mrs. J. Currie, Quebec. Mrs. Currie moved, and Miss Merrill, Quebec, seconded, the adoption of the report. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Miss McRae, Prince Edward Island, that an invitation be sent Lady William Seymour and Mrs. Daly (wife of Governor Daly) inviting them to attend the Convention. Unanimously carried.

The report of the department of Militia and Volunteers was read by Mrs. Tilton.

The discussion on the report proved so interesting that, on motion, an extension of time was granted. On motion of Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Mrs. Lockhart, New Brunswick, the report was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Chesley, Nova Scotia, seconded by Mrs. Whitman, Nova Scotia, that as full a report as possible of the violation of the law in the camp at London, Ontario, in regard to selling of liquor, as just told by Mrs. Thornley, be sent to all the Halifax papers. Carried.

Mrs. Charles Archibald, Halifax, stated that she wished to let the Convention know that a large supply of liquor offered to the Nova Scotia Contingent, who had just left for Africa, had been refused only a small case for medicinal purposes being accepted.

During the devotional hour Miss Bartlett, Halifax, conducted a Bible reading, her subject was "Being led out by God." The service closed with the noontide prayer.

AFTERNOON.

Mrs (Rev.) A. Gordon, Manitoba, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read, and, on motion, confirmed.

The Corresponding Secretary read greetings from F. S. Spence, Toronto, on behalf of the Dominion Alliance, also from Miss Murcutt of Australia, who, since the last Dominion Convention, has been laboring in W.C.T.U. interests in Canada and the United States.

The report of the department of Peace and Arbitration was read by Miss Meiklejohn, Quebec. On motion of Miss Meiklejohn, seconded by Mrs. Whitman, the report was accepted.

Mrs. Asa Gordon presented the report of the Evangelistic Department. Mrs. Gordon moved, Mrs. Stevens, Ontario, seconded, the motion that the report be adopted, which was carried.

The President read a telegram from J. Dougall and Son, Montreal, stating that a daily supply of the "Witness" would be sent, also that a parcel of the "Weekly Witness" and "The Messenger" had been sent to Convention for the delegates.

Mrs. C. O. Whitman read her report of work among Sailors, Fishermen and Lighthouse Keepers. On motion of Mrs. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. S. J. Craig, the report was adopted.

The report of Scientific Temperance Instruction was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Bigelow. By consent an extension of time was granted for further discussion of the report. On motion of Mrs. Bigelow, seconded by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Atkinson was requested to stand on the platform, so that all present might see the first woman who had sat on a school board in New Brunswick.

Miss Butler sang "The Holy City."

The report of Equal Franchise and Christian Citizenship was read by Miss MacArthur, Ontario. On motion, the time for discussion was extended. Miss MacArthur moved, Mrs. Baker, Prince

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Miss Johnston, Nova Scotia, read the report of the department of Parlor Meetings. On motion of Miss Johnston, seconded by Miss Lockhart, New Brunswick, the report was adopted.

The report of the Kitchen Garden Department was read by Mrs. Campbell, Prince Edward Island. On motion of Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, the report was accepted.

Mrs. Rutherford gave a report of the "Woman's Journal." On motion of Mrs. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, the report of the "Woman's Journal" was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. O. C. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Bigelow, that the thanks of the W.C.T.U. be tendered Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford for their labor in editing and issuing the "Woman's Journal." The motion was carried by a rising vote.

The report of Temperance Groceries was presented by Miss Dougall. On motion of Miss Dougall, seconded by Mrs. (Rev) A. Gordon, the report was accepted.

The Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Report was read by Miss Isa Monk, Quebec. Miss Monk moved, Mrs. Woodbury, Nova Scotia, seconded, the adoption of the report, which was carried.

Mrs. Cahan, of the Woman's Christian Association, Halifax, was introduced, and brought greetings.

Mrs. Charles Archibald, President of the Woman's Council of Halifax, also brought greetings from that society.

Mrs. Archibald extended a cordial invitation to the delegates and visitors to take tea on Tuesday, at 5.30, at her home. The invitation was accepted with applause.

The Misses Cunningham and McIntosh, who had charge of the children's entertainment on Friday evening, in Orpheus Hall, were introduced. Miss McIntosh addressed the Convention.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Miss Wiggins, that Miss McRae, of Prince Edward Island be appointed to solicit subscriptions during the Convention, for the "Woman's Journal." Carried.

On motion, Convention adjourned.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.—NOVEMBER 12th.

ORPHEUS HALL.

At 4 p.m., Mrs. Rutherford took the Chair. The hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung, after which the Crusade Psalm was read. Mrs. Atkinson led in prayer.

The solo, "I heard the voice of Jesus say," was sung by Mr. Hebb.

Mrs. Asa Gordon delivered the Annual Sunday afternoon address, taking as her subject, "The Rights, Privileges and Obligations of the Christian Citizen and Temperance Worker."

Miss Sherriff sang the solo, "Calvary."

After singing the hymn, "There are lonely hearts to cherish," Mrs. Asa Gordon pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.—NOVEMBER 13th, 1899.

MORNING.

The Consecration Meeting was held as usual, Mrs. Asa Gordon presiding.

The Convention was opened by singing the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesu's Name. Mrs. Nalder, Nova Scotia led in prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and, on motion, confirmed.

The Misses Jean Bayer and Norah Power were introduced as the pages for the day.

A letter was read from Geo. L. Sinclair, Inspector of the Charities of Nova Scotia, asking that some interest be taken in the inmates of county asylums and poor houses. On motion of Mrs. Chamberlain, Ontario, seconded by Mrs. Asa Gordon, the letter was sent to the Plan of Work Committee.

Miss Dougall moved, Mrs. Bascom seconded, the motion that By-Law No. 7 be amended as follows:—That the words "the expenses of the President or Acting President, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and Treasurer," be substituted for the words, "the expenses of general officers, exclusive of Provincial Vice-Presidents." Carried.

Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, moved, Mrs. W. Miner, Quebec, seconded, the motion, of which notice had been given at last Convention, that the constitution be amended by substituting the word "Annual," for "Biennial." The motion was lost, thirty voting against, and nine for.

The following tellers were appointed by the Chair:—Miss MacArthur, Ontario; Mrs. Bullock, New Brunswick; Mrs. Powers, Nova Scotia; Miss Monk, Quebec; Miss McRae, Prince Edward Island; Mrs. Mickle, Ontario.

The devotional hour having arrived, it was moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, seconded by Mrs. Chamberlain, that the business of Convention be extended half an hour. Carried.

The President called Mrs. Thornley to the Chair, and after Mrs. Harriot T. Todd had led in prayer, the election of officers was pro-

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The President intimated that a donation of booklets containing views of Halifax, had been received from Mayor Hamilton, of Halifax.

On motion of Mrs. Asa Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Odell, Ontario, the thanks of Convention were ordered to be sent to His Worship for kind gift.

The election for Vice-President resulted in the appointment of Mrs. Charles Archibald, Halifax, to that office.

Miss Wiggins presented the following notice of motion:—"I give notice that I, or some one in my place, at the next Dominion Convention, will move to amend Article VI., of the Constitution by striking out the words 'fifty dollars,' and substitute 'twenty-five dollars.'"

It was moved by Miss Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. W. Miner, that five minutes be taken for the noon-tide prayer, and that the election of officers be concluded before adjournment. Carried.

Mrs. Asa Gordon took the Chair. One verse of "How firm a Foundation" was sung, and prayer was offered by Miss Dougall and Mrs. Thornley.

The election of officers was continued, and Mrs. Emma R. Atkinson was elected Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. R. W. McLachlan, Recording Secretary.

Moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, seconded by Mrs. Whiston that a letter of loving sympathy from this Convention be written by Mrs. Asa Gordon, and sent to the mother of Lieut. Wood, of Halifax, news of whose death in the war in South Africa, has just been received. Carried.

The report of the Press department was read by Mrs. Atkinson. On motion the report was adopted.

The "Y" report was read by Miss Wiggins. On motion of Miss Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Woodbury, Nova Scotia, the report was accepted.

By request, Miss Isa Monk told of a visit to the Young Ladies' College in Halifax; 22 signatures to the pledge had been secured.

Mrs. Atkinson read the report of work in Police Stations, Prisons, and Jails. On motion the report was accepted.

Owing to Mrs. Tilton's refusal to be nominated for Treasurer, the votes were so scattered that it was moved by Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, that the first business of the afternoon be the election of Treasurer. Carried.

On motion Convention adjourned.

5.30 p.m.

The general officers and ex-officio Vice-Presidents met. Mrs. Rutherford in the Chair.

The following Superintendents were nominated:—

- North-West Territories—Mrs. Bulyea, Regina.
- Peace and Arbitration—Miss Olive, St. John, West.
- Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. C. B. Bigelow, Cornwall.
- Health and Heredity—Mrs. S. J. Craig, Compton.
- Purity—Mrs. D. V. Lucas, Grimsby.
- Evangelistic—Mrs. Asa Gordon, Ottawa.
- Foreign Work—Mrs. Buchanan, Winnipeg.
- Exhibitions and Fairs—Mrs. Rugg, Stanstead.
- Unfermented Wine—Mrs. (Rev.) McClung, West Selkirk.
- Legislation and Petition—Mrs. J. Geggie, Quebec.
- Parlor Meetings—Mrs. Wheeler, Paris.
- Flower, Fruit, and Delicacy Mission—Mrs. Harry Lavell, Smith's Falls.

- Y.W.C.T.U.—Mrs. Alice B. Reede, St. Thomas.
- Kitchen Garden—Miss Faircloth, Toronto.
- "Woman's Journal"—Mrs. Rutherford, Toronto.
- Soldiers and Militia—Mrs. E. E. Starr, Montreal.
- Sailors, Fishermen, and Lighthouse Keepers—Mrs. O. C. Whitman Canso.
- Narcotics—Mrs. W. Miner, Granby.
- Railway Employees—Mrs. Morrison, Owen Sound.
- Temperance Groceries—Miss Dougall, Montreal.
- Systematic Giving—Mrs. A. M. Phillips, Toronto.
- Schools, Savings Banks—Mrs. Cunningham, New Westminster.
- Literature Depository—Mrs. Bascom, Toronto.
- Work among Young People's Societies—Miss Wiggins, Toronto.
- Curfew Bells—Mrs. S. J. G. McKee, Barrie.
- White Shield Societies—Miss Harris, Toronto.

EVENING.

The public meeting of the "Y's" was held in the First Baptist Church. The large edifice was filled with an interested audience. Mrs. Rutherford presided. The programme was as follows:—

- Hymn—"All Hail the power of Jesus Name,"
- Reading of Scripture—Miss Johnston.
- Prayer—Rev. Mr. Chute.
- Quartette—"Lead, Kindly Light"—Male voices.
- Address of Welcome—Miss Smith, Halifax.

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It was moved by Miss Wiggins, seconded by Miss Isa Monk, that a
reply be sent to Mrs. Barnes' kind message. Carried by a rising vote.

Solo. “ Ninety and Nine ”—Miss Fraser, Dartmouth.

Address—Miss Isa Monk, Montreal.

Reading, “ Noble Christian Womanhood ”—Miss Ellis, Windsor,
Nova Scotia.

Quartette—“ The Lost Chord ”—Male voices.

Collection Speech—Mrs. Addie Northam Fields.

Address—Miss Wiggins, Toronto.

Chorus—“ How Beautiful to be with God ”—Choir.

Hymn—“ Hark, the Voice of Jesus calling.”

Benediction—Rev. Mr. Chute.

NOVEMBER 14TH, 1899.

9 a.m.

The Executive Committee met. Mrs. Rutherford in the Chair.

Mrs. Sanderson stated that she had received from Dr. Bazin, Mont-
real, a paper on “ Government control of the Liquor Traffic,” which
he wished the Dominion Union to consider.

Moved by Miss Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, that we re-
cognize in Dr. Bazin's scheme of the Government control of the Li-
quor Traffic, a step better than our present license laws. but we can-
not, as an organization, endorse any scheme short of the total pro-
hibition of the liquor traffic.

A letter was read from the “ Royal Templar Advocate ” offering
space in that paper for items of news about the Dominion W.C.T.U.
Mrs. Charles Archibald was appointed to supply items for the “ Royal
Templar Advocate.”

Mrs. Rutherford stated that the proprietors of Happy Thought Soap
had failed to keep their agreement with the Union; over 5,000 soap
wrappers were on hand but the firm had failed to redeem them. The
Union, however, had not been at any expense in the transaction.

Mrs. Sanderson was nominated as superintendent for World's Mis-
sionary Work.

FOURTH DAY.— TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 1899.

MORNING.

The Consecration meeting was held at 9 o'clock. Mrs. Asa Gordon
presiding.

At 10 o'clock Convention was called together. The hymn "There are lonely hearts to cherish" was sung. Mrs. Addie Northam Fields led in prayer.

The minutes of Monday's meetings were read, and on motion confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting held by the general officers and ex-officio Vice-Presidents was adopted on motion of Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson.

The minutes of the Executive meeting just held were read and adopted.

Mrs. Atkinson presented the report of Corresponding Secretary, which, after discussion, on motion of Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, was adopted.

Miss Isa Monk asked why provision had not been made on the programme for the "Y's." The President explained that the programme committee could not find out whether any of the "Ys" would be present at Convention. Miss Wiggins stated that a profitable conference of the "Ys" had been held on Saturday evening.

Moved by Mrs. Harriot T. Todd, seconded by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Quebec, that a telegram be sent to the husband of our President, informing him of her splendid re-election to the office of President. Carried.

Dr. Woodbury, representing the Nova Scotia Branch of the International Sunday School Association, was introduced, and told of the splendid temperance work being done by the Sunday Schools of Nova Scotia. Dr. Woodbury stated that some recognition from the Dominion Union would be appreciated.

It was moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, that Dr. Woodbury's request be sent to the Committee on Resolutions. Carried.

Dr. Annie I. Hamilton was introduced. She brought greetings from the Dominion Council of Royal Templars.

The Plan of Work Committee reported through its convener, Mrs. May R. Thornley. It was agreed to discuss the report clause by clause.

The time for noontide prayer having arrived, the reading of the Plan of Work was suspended, and Mrs. Asa Gordon led in prayer.

On motion Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Miss Meiklejohn, Quebec, conducted the opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of morning meeting were read and confirmed.

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The report of the Department of Schools Savings Banks was read by Mrs. Atkinson. Mrs. Atkinson moved, Mrs. Mickle, Ontario, seconded, the adoption of the report. Carried.

Miss Wiggins read the report of work among Lumbermen. On the motion of Miss Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Foster, the report was adopted.

Mrs. S. W. Foster, Québec, read the report on Narcotics. On motion of Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Mickle, Ontario, the report was accepted.

The reading of the Plan of Work report was resumed by the convener.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Baker, Prince Edward Island, that the report of the Plan of Work, as amended be adopted. Carried.

It having been learned that a White Ribbon sister, Mrs. Maddock, of Newfoundland, is lying ill in the Victoria Hospital, Halifax, it was resolved to send a letter of sympathy from the Convention, accompanied with a bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. S. W. Foster presented the report of the Resolutions Committee. By consent, the resolutions were voted upon seriatum.

Moved by Mrs. Asa Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, Prince Edward Island, that a copy of the resolution about the violation of the law against selling liquor in military camps, be sent to the Minister of Militia. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Chesley, seconded by Mrs. Gordon Wright, Ontario, that a copy of the resolution be sent to each of the Halifax newspapers. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Chamberlain, Ontario, that the report of Resolutions Committee as amended, be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Gordon Wright, Ontario, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, that this Convention would place on record its unalterable opposition to the licensing of liquor sales in connection with our military service, and deeply regret the unintentional garbled report of our Saturday morning session that appeared in the "Halifax Recorder," by which it was made to appear that the charges made against the conduct of some camps of instruction were false, and had been successfully contradicted, also that a license system would be preferable to the present prohibitory regulations. Carried.

Mrs. G. S. Campbell rendered with much feeling the solo, "Bonnie Prince Charlie."

Mrs. Tilton presented a partial report of the Convention Finance Committee. On motion of Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Miss Lockhart, New Brunswick, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Tilton reported the awarding of the Prize Banners. Manitoba was awarded the Dominion Banner for the greatest increase in membership, also the Juvenile Banner for greatest increase in juvenile membership.

Moved by Mrs. Chamberlain, Ontario, seconded by Mrs. Thorpe, Ontario, that the Sub-Executive ascertain the number of "Y" members in the different provinces, and award the "Y" Banner to the Province having made the greatest increase in "Y" membership since last Convention. Carried.

Miss Meiklejohn presented the report of the Appropriations Committee. On motion of Miss Meiklejohn, seconded by Mrs. S. W. Foster, the report was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. O. C. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Woodbury, Nova Scotia, that the hearty thanks of the Dominion Union to be sent to the Toronto District W.C.T.U., for the use of a room at their Headquarters for the use of the Dominion Depository. Carried by a rising vote.

The report of Mrs. Rugg, Dominion W.C.T.U., World's Fair Commissioner for the Paris Exposition, was read by Mrs. S. W. Foster. On motion of Mrs. Foster, seconded by Miss McRae, the report was adopted.

Moved by Miss Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. W. H. Orr, Ontario, that the suggestions in Mrs. Rugg's report be referred to Executive. Carried.

The following is the reply received to the letter of sympathy sent by order of the Convention to the parents of the late Lieut. Wood:—

67 Morris Street, Halifax. November 16th, 1899.

Mrs. A. Gordon.

Dear Madam,—

We are deeply touched by your kind note, and feel most grateful to you and the ladies of the Christian Temperance Union for their sympathy and prayers, which we now, indeed, most sorely need.—

Believe me, yours sincerely and gratefully,

L. M. WOOD.

Mrs. Foster suggested that the Provinces send photographs of their historic places to the W.C.T.U. Exhibit at the Paris Exposition.

The President, on behalf of the members of Executive, presented two of Miss Willard's works to Mrs. Tilton, as a token of their appreciation of her valuable services as Treasurer. They also desire to record their regret that she could not longer remain in office.

Mrs. Mylius and Mrs. Johnston, of the Convention Musical Committee, were introduced.

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The Pages of the Convention were presented by the President with silver enamel white bow badges.

A letter was read from Wm. H. Studd, President of the Halifax Sunday School Association, thanking Convention for sending speakers to the Sunday Schools on Sabbath the 12th.

Mrs. Asa Gordon stated that thirty-eight services in churches, Sunday Schools and Institutions had been addressed on Sunday by White Ribboners.

Moved by Miss MacArthur, Ontario, seconded by Miss Wiggins that all unfinished business be left to the Sub-Executive. Carried.

The minutes of the afternoon meeting were read, and on motion confirmed.

The Doxology was sung, and Mrs. Asa Gordon pronounced the Benediction.

Convention adjourned to partake of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Archibalds' hospitality at their home, 32 Inglis Street.

N.B.—The following recommendation of the Plan of Work Committee was referred to the Sub-Executive for consideration:—

"That the Dominion Superintendent of the Foreign Work Department have a sum of money assigned her by this Convention for the purchase of foreign literature, in all the languages largely represented in Canada. That she keep a stock of leaflets, and actively promote their distribution through provincial channels, and directly in unorganized parts of our country."

EVENING.

The Public Farewell Meeting of the Convention was held in the Brunswick Street Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rutherford presided. The following items composed the programme:—

Hymn—"Rock of Ages."

Reading of Scripture—Rev. Mr. Fach.

Prayer—Rev. Mr. McPherson.

Addresses—Mrs. Chesley, Nova Scotia; Mrs. (Rev.) A. Gordon, Manitoba; Mrs. Sanderson, Quebec.

Solo—"Fear not, O Israel."

Address—Mrs. McLeod, New Brunswick.

Trio—"Saviour, breathe an evening blessing."

A telegram of greeting and thanks for message of sympathy from Convention was read from Mrs. E. E. Starr, Superintendent of the Department of Soldiers and Militia.

Address—Mrs. Harriot T. Todd, Boston.

Mrs. S. W. Foster moved, Mrs. Harriet T. Todd seconded, a resolution of thanks to all in Halifax who had, by their kindness and courtesy, helped to make the Convention so successful. The motion was carried by a rising vote.

Address—Mrs. May R. Thornley, Ontario.

Quartette—"Abide with me."

Collection Speech—Mrs. Charles Archibald, Halifax.

Solo—"Some Glad Day," Mrs. Harriot T. Todd.

Hymn—"Blest be the Tie that Binds."

On motion of Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, the eleventh Annual Convention of the Dominion Union adjourned sine die.

EXECUTIVE.

Wednesday, November 15th, 1899.

The Executive Committee met at the Legislative Hall at 9 a.m. Mrs. Rutherford in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Sanderson.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Archibald, that the appointment of four delegates to the Dominion Alliance be left to the Sub-Executive. Nominations to be made after the place of meeting is decided upon.

Moved by Mrs. Asa Gordon, seconded by Mrs. (Rev.) Gordon, that Mrs. Tilton be appointed auditor.

Moved by Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Mrs. S. J. Craig, that we place on record our appreciation of the services of Mrs. Tilton, who for years has so faithfully attended to the finances of the Union, also to the Superintendents who retire from the Executive this year.

Moved by Mrs. Asa Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Archibald, that the reports of Superintendents not read at Convention, be accepted as read.

Moved by Mrs. Asa Gordon, seconded by Mrs. McLeod, that, realizing the great importance of putting God first in everything, therefore resolved that the devotional hour at Conventions be strictly observed, according to the time allotted for such exercises upon the programme.

Moved by Miss Dougall, seconded by Miss Wiggins, that the Superintendents present at Conventions have precedence in presenting their reports.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, that five minutes be allowed for reading reports, and five minutes for discussion.

The following Superintendents were appointed:—

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Equal Franchise and Christian Citizenship—Mrs. Charles Archibald, Halifax.

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Lord's Day Observance—Miss Sara McRae, Charlottetown.

Official Reporter to "Union Signal"—Mrs. E. Matheson, Charlottetown.

Juvenile—Mrs. I. B. Borbridge, Ottawa.

Literature Committee—Mrs. A. M. Phillips, convener; Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Bascom, Miss Tilley, Miss Winnifred Wilson, Miss Wills, Miss Baker.

The Superintendents of the Press also Police Stations and Jails were, on motion, left for the Sub-Executive to appoint.

Mrs. May R. Thornley was named convener for the Plan of Work, and Miss Dougall, Montreal, convener of the Resolutions Committee.

Moved by Miss Dougall, seconded by Mrs. (Rev.) A. Gordon, that a special fund be raised for the expenses of sending the Dominion President—Mrs. Rutherford—to the World's Convention at Edinburgh, June, 1900; Mrs. Archibald, Halifax, to have charge of said fund.

Moved by Mrs. Bascom, seconded by Mrs. Asa Gordon, that the Dominion Union endeavor to raise fifty dollars towards the traveling expenses of Mrs. Sanderson, the World's W.C.T.U. Treasurer, to the World's Convention. The suggestion was made that other National W.C.T.U. organizations might, if written to, contribute towards this object.

Moved by Mrs. Asa Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Thornley, that the delegates from Canada to the World's W.C.T.U. Convention, be elected on the same basis as in 1897—Ontario, three; Quebec, two; and the other provinces one each. The limit of time for sending in names of delegates from the provinces to be February 1st, 1900. The Presidents and Corresponding Secretary to fill any vacancies in the delegation.

The Committee adjourned to accept, with the delegates, the drive around Halifax, kindly arranged for by the Mayor. Twenty-three double carriages, containing four persons in each, left the Legislative Building.

November 15th, 1899.

The adjourned meeting of the Executive met at 2.30; the President in the Chair.

It was decided to have 500 copies of the Biennial Report printed.

As the Resolution Committee had not reported on the resolutions referred back to them about the drafting of one re a Woman's Hospital, it was referred to the Sub-Executive in accordance with the

views expressed by the full Executive at their meeting on November 9th.

The President brought forward the advisability of establishing Archives in connection with the Dominion Union, and it was agreed to ask Miss Lillian M. Phelps to undertake the collection of records chronicles, etc., in view of such establishment. Miss Phelps' identification with the organization since its inception and her well-known fondness for such pursuits peculiarly fitting her for the undertaking.

The Executive, having learned that Mrs. Wiswell, Secretary of the Halifax Union, was laid aside through illness, and had not been permitted to attend Convention, desired to express to her through the Corresponding Secretary, their sincere sympathy, and hope for speedy restoration to health. A resolution of sympathy was also ordered to be sent to Miss Lillian M. Phelps, of St. Catharines, Ontario, who had been a sufferer for months last winter while engaged in W.C.T.U. work in the State of Iowa, resulting in the loss of the sight of one eye. It being earnestly hoped that the means employed may prove adequate to the complete staying of disease, thus saving the sight of the other eye.

The propositions in regard to the "Woman's Journal," which had been presented by Mrs. Edith J. Archibald at the morning meeting, were again considered, and it was unanimously agreed, that we endeavor to bring up the circulation of the "Woman's Journal" in every province, according to a pro rata allotment to cover the present expense of publication, such allotment to be based upon the existing subscription lists in each province, so as to guarantee the estimated expense of publishing the Journal for one year.

Also feeling that it is desirable that the organ of the Dominion W.C.T.U. should be owned and operated by the Union, a Committee be formed to consider the possibility of organizing a White Ribbon Joint Stock Company to publish it. The following Committee were appointed:—Mrs. Edith J. Archibald, Convener; Mrs. Annie M. Bascom, Miss Jennie MacArthur, Mrs. S. P. Leet.

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REPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE.

1st.—That Superintendents receive \$5 each year, if required, for work of their departments.

2nd.—That \$40 be granted for the use of the President and Corresponding Secretary each, annually.

3rd.—That the Recording Secretary be allowed \$20 for compiling the report.

4th.—That \$25 be donated in the Toronto District W.C.T.U. for the use of a room at the Headquarters for the Dominion Literature Depository.

5th.—The Committee would suggest that as generous a grant as possible be given towards the necessary expenses of Mrs. Rutherford, the Dominion President, to the World's W.C.T.U. Convention, to be held in Edinburgh, June, 1900.

6th.—That the interest of the memorial Fund, now in the Treasurer's hands, be used for the distribution of literature by the Superintendent of Work among Foreigners, Mrs. Buchanan, of Winnipeg.

7th.—That the custodian of the Dominion Literature Depository, Mrs. Bascom, Toronto, be granted \$150 annually.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Comrades:—Two years ago, when Convention elected me your President, and right on the heel of it amended the Constitution, making Conventions biennial instead of annual as heretofore, I felt almost as one stranded, realizing the weight of responsibility that in this state of things rested on the general officers. We had to face the prospect of the work almost standing still, or shoulder the responsibility that otherwise would have been assigned by Convention, in putting forth plans for the development and strengthening of the work throughout the Dominion. There were times when the responsibility weighed so heavily it became almost unbearable, but relying on the help which cometh from the Lord, we are here to-day to report progress all along the line.

We gather together in our biennial Convention with thanksgiving on our lips for the way the Lord our God has led us. We have more causes for thankfulness than time will permit us to specify, but there are some I would like to make special mention of. Our first cause for thankfulness is that we stand here to-day a united body. Not so long ago the clouds lowered and there seemed a storm

minent—a possible dissention in our ranks—but the Christ spirit overruled, the sunlight broke through, and the darkness scattered. While we did not and cannot all see alike, yet with honesty of purpose, differences were buried and the broader view taken, and we march forward, a solid phalanx, to meet our common foe, and as a great unit to break down the enemy's stronghold. Another cause for thankfulness is manifest. The realization of man generally, that the whole world is verging towards a universal brotherhood, that the spreading of Christianity—the emulation of Christ—the Christ life and example—is forcing the question, “Am I my brother's keeper?” into a living one to-day, so that Christianity everywhere accepts the responsibility of man's humanity to man. A proof of the growth of this statement, this brotherly, yes, sisterly love, has been practically shown, in that it was possible, during the past year, to chronicle that historic event, the Peace Conference, held at the Hague (in the domain of a woman, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, too), in May last, and convened at the instigation of the Czar of Russia—a country whose rulers, whether deserving it or not, bear the stamp of the greatest of Despots.

Further proof is gleaned from the self-evident fact that, after almost a century's—one might call it—estrangement, there has so great a bond of sympathy and brotherly feeling sprung up between the two great English-speaking nations, the British and the American.

I say this all shows the trend of the world's thought, and a coming toward a fulfilment of the angel's proclamation at Bethlehem—of “Peace on Earth—Good Will toward Men.”

Another cause for thankfulness is the magnificent victory recorded at the polls on the 29th September, 1898, whereby the voters of Canada declared in favor of the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic by a majority of 13,687.

By Provinces the result showed as follows:—

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Ontario	154,498	115,284	39,214
Quebec	28,436	122,760	94,324
Nova Scotia	34,678	5,370	29,308
New Brunswick	26,919	9,575	17,344
Prince Edward Island	9,461	1,146	8,315
Manitoba	12,419	2,978	9,441
British Columbia	5,731	4,756	975
North-West Territories	6,238	2,824	3,414
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Our own organization was no small factor in the bringing about of this result, and in a most emphatic manner demonstrating the educational value of our "Do everything Policy."

Although the voice of the people declared so emphatically for Prohibition, we have now to face a bitter disappointment in that the Government has refused in the least degree to listen to the voice of the people, and there have been times since, I think, when we consider this question we feel that we could say, with the prophet Jeremiah, "I am full of the fury of the Lord," and there surges in us a divine indignation against the "Powers, monied and political," that are maintaining wickedness in high places. But I have faith in the stalwart, true men of Canada who voted for Prohibition, that they have the moral courage of their convictions, and will stand by them until the work is accomplished, and Prohibition proclaimed. This can only be brought about by sending men to our Parliaments who can be relied upon to carry out the will of the people. One of the weaknesses in bringing about the desired results has been the difficulty of "focussing" the temperance vote. To overcome it the Dominion Alliance propose what seems a feasible and reasonable plan, calling for 100,000 pledged voters, who will, at the next Federal Election, bury party and vote only for such candidates as will agree to do all in their power to obtain the immediate enactment of such Legislation as will secure the total Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic in, at least, those provinces and territories that gave a majority for Prohibition in the Plebiscite, this pledge to be null and void unless 25,000 signatures to it are secured.

THE CHURCHES' CENTURY FUNDS.

The Methodist Church in Canada is asking for \$1,000,000 as a twentieth century fund from its membership. The Presbyterian Church is asking for a similar amount in their church. The Alliance is asking for 100,000 pledged voters. It is but fitting and reasonable that the Great White Ribbon Army in Canada call for recruits to its forces, so that at roll-call, when Convention meets at the beginning of the new century, we shall number, at least, 25,000.

ADVANCE IN ENGLAND.

We in Canada had not cause for great faith in Royal Commission, nevertheless the Royal Commission appointed by the Government in England to enquire into the license system there, has resulted in a great victory for the temperance movement. This Commission consisted of twenty-four members—eight to represent the trade, eight to

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POLYGLOT PETITION.

On the 4th of May, 1898, in the Dominion Methodist Church, Ottawa, there took place an event of historical interest to us as an organization, the presentation of the Polyglot Petition to the Dominion Government, it being the third Government to whom the wonderful scroll has been presented, viz., Great Britain, the United States, and Canada. When the World's W.C.T.U. met in Toronto two years ago, through the kindness of Lady Henry Somerset, who was at the expense of shipping the petition to this country, it was used in the decorations, and proved a great object lesson to thousands. It was hoped to plan for its presentation to the Dominion Government at a time when our loved leader, Frances E. Willard could be present. This had been her earnest desire, but we were unable to arrange a suitable date before the illness attacked her which ended her beautiful life on earth.

As from the nature and size of the petition, and the fact that only a member of Parliament can present a petition to the House, Sir Wilfrid Laurier kindly consented to receive a certified copy of it, and present it to Parliament in our behalf. A mass meeting was arranged for by the Ottawa Union in the Dominion Church, it being the largest auditorium in the capital. Excellent music was provided by the choir of the Church. Your President presided. Seated on her right hand, were Sir Wilfred Laurier, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. R. W. Scott, His Worship the Mayor of Ottawa, Hon. George E. Foster, Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary Dominion Alliance, the general officers of the Dominion W.C.T.U., and Provincial Representatives for Ontario and Quebec.

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Ottawa, reading the petition, responses being made by the Premier and Hon. Sydney Fisher. Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, of Maine (now National President W.C.T.U.) was present, and gave an interesting address, dwelling particularly on Prohibition in Maine. On the same evening that the presentation of this petition was made to the Government, the Plebiscite Bill had its second reading in the House of Commons, then in Session.

DEPARTMENTAL WORK.

The Temperance question stands in a unique position in Canada to-day, the traffic having been warned by the people that it must go, and yet its power is so great that absolutely no steps have been taken to hasten its going; that the battle which we had hoped had been fought and won is only beginning, and every inch of advantage gained in the past years we may rest assured will be stubbornly contested, and, if possible, wrested from us, therefore we must not relax our efforts in any direction, but see to it that our departments are better equipped, and the work more intelligently and practically done.

WORK AMONG CHILDREN.

Perhaps the most important department from an educational standpoint is that of Scientific Temperance Instruction, and we should not rest satisfied until every province has the best possible law for the teaching of this subject that can be placed on our Statute Books.

Greater activity is displayed each year in Sunday School work, but possibly the weakest spot in our whole organization is that of our Band of Hope work, it would seem as if our Unions had concluded that if Scientific Temperance was taught in the public schools and the pledge introduced, and more prominence given to the temperance lessons in the Sunday School, that that is sufficient, but this is a great mistake, for there are many aspects of the reform that can only be taught the children by gathering them into juvenile societies. We ought to be training up a generation well-informed and thoroughly imbued with the principles of our magnificent "Do Everything" policy, so that when they are ready to graduate from the Band of Hope, they are prepared to enter the ranks of the "Y's" or join the "Y" Committee in connection with the senior Unions. We can scarcely estimate how much this means to us in this day of innumerable young peoples' societies, but if we can succeed in gaining the interest and guiding the enthusiasm of the children we are almost certain to retain their loyal services in later years.

A movement has been inaugurated in one of our western cities in connection with the fourth and fifth book forms in our public schools, by a teacher who is an earnest white ribboner. Girls' branches have been organized with the object of enlisting their sympathies and educating them in the methods of work of the W.C.T.U. The movement as yet is in an embryo state, but the possibilities are great, and we hope that much success will result from their formation.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

I would commend this Department in a very special manner to your prayerful consideration. In my own province of Ontario there is a decided tendency to a looseness in the observance of the Lord's Day largely brought about by the advent of the trolley car. The Lord's Day Alliance of Ontario, an organization brought into existence to combat encroachments on the day of rest, have been legally fighting every breach of the Lord's Day Act until it became apparent that existing conditions were so different from those under which the Act was framed, as to permit of interpretations widely divergent.

A point of very great importance has recently been gained by the success of the Alliance in inducing the Government to submit to the Court of Appeal a special case for the purpose of establishing the jurisdiction of the province to pass legislation regarding the Lord's Day; and also for the purpose of obtaining an interpretation of the Lord's Day Act in many important respects. This case was settled in the spring, and it is expected it will be argued this fall.

As it is the intention of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada to organize in every province, I would ask that when the opportunity occurs, the W.C.T.U. will give their hearty support to render such organization effective. Let us more earnestly than ever, if that were possible, endeavor to mould public opinion, for this is the great power, as evidenced in old London, when those two large daily newspapers decided to publish a Sunday edition. Public opinion pronounced a most emphatic "No!" with such good effect that in an incredibly short time with one consent they abandoned the enterprise.

FRANCHISE.

If we never realized before what it meant to be deprived of that weapon "which executes the freeman's will as lightning does the will of God" we learned the lesson in the plebiscite campaign. The Dominion Franchise Act of the present Government relegates this matter to provincial legislatures, so it is to these our prayers and petitions must be carried. British Columbia came within one vote of

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ANTI-CIGARETTE.

Perhaps within the scope of the Anti-Narcotic Department the cigarette demands our most energetic attention. One province, at least, has been carrying on, this last year, a most searching investigation as to the evil of it. The information obtained has been sent out to the Unions as an Anti-Cigarette Exercise, and should prove a strong factor in rousing them to petition the Government against the manufacture or importation of the "nineteenth century pests." But as this power lies in the hands of the Federal Government, there ought to be action taken by this Convention which will ensure the strong, united action of the whole Dominion.

THANK-OFFERING.

In August of 1898, our consecrated Superintendent of Systematic Giving wrote me suggesting that a thank-offering be asked from the members of the W.C.T.U., saying that so far as she knew there never had been such a thing, and believing that it would prove a source of much blessing. The proceeds might be applied for use in the plebiscite campaign. I saw at once the suggestion came too late to be worked out in time for that, but the idea was such a beautiful one it clung to me, and remembering that on the 23rd of December we were to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of that wonderful crusade which had its origin in the little town of Hillsboro, Ohio, I thought here is the opportunity to put Mrs. Phillips' thought into execution. When the question of the disposition of the fund arose, like a flash it was borne in on my mind, here also is the opportunity to augment the Memorial Fund for the free distribution of literature, which had been established by Convention in 1896, in memory of Letitia Youmans and Ella F. M. Williams, and which the Sub-Executive were empowered to devise methods for increasing from year to year. In 1897 we had the great pleasure of entertaining the World's Convention with its corresponding weight of responsibility. In 1898 our energies were concentrated on the Plebiscite campaign, and while the claims of this Fund were kept in mind, it seemed best to await a

more opportune time for presenting them. When the plan was laid before the Sub-Executive, it was unanimously and heartily endorsed, the feeling being that no time in our history could be more favorable for a thank-offering than the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the movement which had resulted in this marvellous organization, following as it did the successful issue of the World's Convention and the Plebiscite campaign. Mrs. Phillips, who was authorized to put the plan in execution, has received many testimonies from those Unions who carried out the suggested programme, of the great spiritual blessings received, together with an augmented membership and substantial increase to our Memorial Fund.

WORLD'S W.C.T.U.

The Fifth Biennial Convention is to be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, beginning June 25th 1900. It is earnestly hoped that we will have our full representation present. Realizing the opportunity of education to be world-wide in connection with the Paris Exposition to be held from April 15th to November 5th, 1900, the World's Union, through its enthusiastic Secretary, Miss Agnes E. Slack, are endeavoring to arrange for space for a W.C.T.U. exhibit, etc. The most recent information tells us a space has been secured, 45 ft. by 32ft., in the Annexe, in the Bois de Vincennes, but we must erect our own building. Mrs. Ellen C. Rugg, of Stanstead, P.Q., has been appointed our Canadian Commissioner, and has been doing heroic work with (I am sorry to say) as yet little encouragement. Do not allow the matter of distance to dim our vision to the immense importance of this magnificent occasion of making known to all nations our White Ribbon movement, and for disseminating temperance literature, but let us stand loyally by our World's officers.

Just a word or two about our givings to the World's Union. We must accept it as a fact that it would not be possible to maintain the organization on the financial basis afforded by the Affiliation fee. When, in 1893, the 3rd of January was set apart as a Day of Prayer by our Dominion Union, it was decided to ask the Unions to take a collection to be equally divided between our own North-West Territory and the World's Missionary work. A study of the Treasurer's reports will reveal the fact that from a financial standpoint the result has not been encouraging. I am assured this is largely due to the fact that the date is not a good one for securing a large attendance at meetings, as so many of our members are actively engaged in connection with the municipal elections about that time. Therefore I hope some re-arrangement may be made. Our dear promoted leader, Ella F. M. Williams, whose sympathies were as broad as the

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universe, used to say to me, "I wish Canada would support one missionary in the World's W.C.T.U., and if we only had a Canadian in the field I believe they would." I know dear Miss Willard repeatedly urged her to secure at least one from our ranks for such service, but the call had not come to one of "our own" as yet. But now, without any effort on our part, but as it seems to me marvellously brought about by Providence, there is a Canadian in the field, and Mrs. Eliza Spencer Large is doing grand work in Japan. Last winter the suggestion came to me from more than one source that it would be a gracious and commendable act on our part to assume the responsibility of her salary, accordingly the provinces were communicated with. Nova Scotia is the only one whose reply was definite and they have raised the amount that would be their proportion according to membership. Under these circumstances I cannot recommend our assuming such a responsibility at the present time, but I earnestly trust such a stimulus may be given us as shall make it possible in the near future.

MEMORIAL DAY.

How glad we are that our Dominion Union was privileged to entertain that "best loved woman in the world," in our beautiful Queen city of Toronto, at what proved to be the last Convention she should preside over, when we could claim her as "our President," and that it was ours to accord her those little courtesies and attentions which tend to lessen the wearisomeness of Convention labors. In no other way can we raise to her such a lasting memorial as by building up and extending the organization to which she gave her beautiful life. To this end I would suggest that the 17th of February—the heavenly birthday of Frances E. Willard—be set apart.

OUR FUTURE.

Owing to the fact that all our Provincial Unions were organized before the Dominion, thus reversing their natural positions, the Dominion Union has not been looked to for the formulation of an aggressive policy, but rather for the cementing together of the almost unacquainted workers in the different Provinces. But, beloved sisters, if we are to measure up to our possibilities, we must strive to build up a strong national sentiment. If we are to develop provincially and locally, we must do all that in us lies to expand and enlarge our Dominion Union. We have only five or six local unions in that vast stretch of territory between Manitoba and British Columbia. These few Unions have been kept in touch with the work through the noble efforts of Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, of Edmonton,

whose bravery in Superintending the work so long in the North-West is much to be commended. Her work has been carried on without the inspiration one gets from meeting their co-workers in Convention, as since her connection with it she has not been within reach of even a county Convention. You will regret to hear that this faithful worker has been obliged to give up owing to ill-health, and will join with me in the hope that she may be speedily restored.

The North-West, which is now divided into districts is being rapidly populated, and they are enquiring how to organize W.C.T. Unions. The field is ripe, and waiting but for the touch of the reaper's sickle, and the land is ours for the possession. We ought to be in a position to organize this field, and render assistance to those Provinces requiring it. Another point to be considered is the influx of foreigners, who will soon be voters, and will prove an important factor in settling the question of Prohibition in our fair Dominion. We need to be on the ground ready to educate as opportunity offers. For some time to come this can only be done through the printed page. Therefore, literature in the languages of these people who have sought a home within our borders, must be prepared for distribution. Mrs. McDonald has offered to see to the distribution of literature to the Galicians if we can provide it, and Miss Wiggins, who gave herself entirely to this cause a year ago, and has been tried and proved by her work in Ontario and Manitoba, has signified her willingness to undertake a tour of the North-West.

We ought to be more loyal to our Literature Depository. I often wish it were possible for every member of our Unions to see for themselves the amount of time, and thought and money that has been expended in gathering everything helpful for the promotion of our cause and the education of our workers. And yet I venture to say there are many White Ribboners who visit the city of Toronto without taking advantage of the opportunity to thus inform themselves and many more who are absolutely ignorant of the fact that we possess such a necessary adjunct to the successful carrying on of our work. The unselfish devotion of our genial and painstaking custodian, Mrs. Bascom, is inestimable and demands your loyal support.

Our official organ, the "Woman's Journal," is also entitled to your substantial encouragement, which, I am sorry to say, at the present time it does not possess to such an extent as to warrant its publication much longer, unless there is a marked improvement very soon. Because the Union is not responsible financially, but an individual will be the loser, we ought to be more anxious for its success. I think there can be no two opinions as to the necessity for its existence. We must have an organ, and to be of real value it ought to be

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published twice a month. You will be surprised to learn that not nine per cent. of our membership subscribe for the "Woman's Journal." We cannot estimate the stimulus our work would receive if even a majority could be induced to read it. Let us resolve to support our official organ, so that it may become a more potent factor in the working out of the great temperance reform.

We are always pleased when we learn that a new star has arisen in our ranks, whether it is on the platform or in the realms of literature. It is a source of gratification to me to introduce to your notice, "Clipped Wings," by Lottie McAllister, a Canadian story calculated to strike a heavy blow at our enemy, the liquor traffic. Mrs. McAllister and I were chums in early girlhood. At the present time she is an active worker in the Union of a town in Western Ontario, and in addition to her marked success as a writer, she is a power on the platform. Let us help to drive home the blow she has struck by freely circulating "Clipped Wings."

When, two years ago, the Resolution Committee took my breath by recommending that the President should, if possible, visit the Provinces every two or three years, I had little thought of being able to carry out the suggestion, but circumstances have so transpired as to almost bring it about. I have attended the Provincial Conventions of Manitoba, Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, besides several County Conventions in Ontario. I represented you officially at the funeral of our loved World's President, and had the great pleasure of attending the National W.C.T.U. Convention at St. Paul last November. In all, travelling a little over 10,000 miles and giving about 100 public addresses.

After all, my sisters, the success of this and every effort depends on the individual. In this connection I was much impressed by the following paragraph in the address of Lady Henry Somerset to the B.W.T.A. last May;—

"We cannot but recognize that the key-note of the Gospel of Christ is his teaching of the infinite value of the individual—from the hour that He told His followers the story of the one lost sheep, and drew the picture of the shepherd who left all the rest and went into the bleak mountain fastnesses until he had rescued the straying lamb—through all the history of His life and dealings with men He emphasizes the value of the individual. In the house of the rich man He individualised the woman whose act of loving penitence was to be told to all the world; in His words to the young man who came with puzzled question, and on whom He looked with the eyes of tenderest compassion, and beholding him loved him—He loved the individual for his desire, pitied him because He knew that he would not live up

to his aspiration. He knew the idiosyncrasies of St. Peter, the difficulties of St. Thomas, the penitence of the Magdalene, the tenderness of His mother—each one stood out before Him, clearly outlined on the horizon of His mind, and it is this knowledge of the methods of Jesus that should make us realize that we have to give ourselves to the men and women, one by one, whom we want to rescue. And so, if we are to be of any use in the world, if, in our day, it is to be cleansed from the violence done through strong drink, from the iniquity of the sweating system, if the ignorant are to be taught and the degraded raised, if pauperism is to be wiped out and the Drink Traffic trodden under foot—it can only be as we accept the mission to the individual. Only as we, like Queen Esther, lay aside the trammels of conventionality, and are willing to go out for the salvation of our people, for thus and thus only can it be said of us that we 'came into the kingdom for such a time.'

"WE ARE CALLED TO SHARE THE LIVES OF OTHERS."

"But to be true to this work must mean that we are prepared to share the lives of others, to accept their happiness and their distress as our own; and the deeper both enter into the soul, the deeper and the more spiritual will our service become. We are called to an experience, not only of joy or of sorrow, but to that inseparable mingling of the two that go to make up all life, and therefore we must not only allow, but cultivate the sensitiveness of mind by which we really share the world's life, not merely see that which is wrong, but suffer in the seeing; not only recognize the good, but rejoice in the light. It is this personal touch that is the salient feature of Christ's ministry, as it must be the guiding principle of all our service."

Let us then enter on the closing year of this marvellous century consecrating ourselves, and remembering the words of our promoted leader, that "only the Golden Rule of Christ can bring in the Golden Age of Man."

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

A careful study of the reports of the W.C.T. Unions throughout the Dominion cannot fail to give much satisfaction to all interested, for, generally speaking, the progress has been both steady and sure. The action of the Dominion Government re the Plebiscite, has brought discouragement to some, but it has also emphasized the perseverance and determination of our great White Ribbon host. From almost

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every province come words of cheer, and evidences of earnest, patient, and faithful endeavor rewarded. It has been somewhat difficult to get full reports for the two years, several of the Provincial secretaries forgetting the necessity of answering the questions (sent them by your Corresponding Secretary) for more than the past year. But this is a mistake which we feel sure will not occur again, and even for this year we have been able to remedy it for the most part.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Provincial Corresponding Secretary writes that she feels they have cause for encouragement and thankfulness in regard to the work accomplished by the unions in Nova Scotia. The "Y" work is growing in interest, and the juvenile work is also much on the increase. The addresses by Miss Wiggins and Mesdames Conklin, Stevenson, and Fields, have been great powers for good, and a means of strength to the Unions engaging them. A benevolent spirit has been fostered by the local unions, and much charitable work, such as paying rent, assisting the poor through the winter months, visiting almshouses, is freely done. This charity, which may begin at home, certainly has not ended there, and at least two charities, which we may call "foreign" have been benefitted by Nova Scotia Unions, viz., Pundita Ramabai's work in India, and the movement in England towards the establishment of a hospital steamer for Labrador. Seventeen Departments of work are carried on by the Provincial Union, and of these that among sailors has been most zealously and generally taken up. Ten Unions have been organized since last Dominion Convention.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Eleven Unions have been organized in this province during the last two years, and the Corresponding Secretary's reports show that in almost everything the progress is most encouraging. Twenty-four Departments are carried on, special attention being given to Evangelistic, Mothers' Meetings, and Work among Sailors and Lumbermen. Much benevolent work is done also, and last year \$421 were expended for work outside the W.C.T.U., exclusive of the gifts of food, clothing, rent, etc., which have so constantly to be made to the poor. Every Union in the Province engaged in the Plebiscite campaign. This is one of the two provinces taking up the Department of "Youman's Band Members," and ninety are reported this year. An advance has been made in the matter of organization, and an organizer put in the field. The matter of remaining a Provincial Union having been decided in the affirmative, it is hoped that more aggres-

sive and definite efforts may be put forth. The Little Girls' Home is still carried by St. John's Union, and is winning the sympathy of the public. Speakers engaged by some of the Unions during the past two years have been Mesdames Barney and Stevenson, Professor J. Nichols, and the "Emeralds."

MANITOBA.

The Corresponding Secretary writes: "With regard to the progress and efficiency of our work, it is so largely pioneer work, and the workers are so inexperienced and untrained, that very much is left to be desired. The members worked with a will for the plebiscite and did good work. The fact that the Superintendents are such busy women, as well as a want of knowledge on their part, rather interferes, the Secretary thinks, with the accomplishing of as much as they would wish. But they are not discouraged. No, indeed! And they are praying for strength to do individually all they can do. Twenty-five Departments of work are taken up. In addition to the Provincial receipts for the two years, \$524 have been raised for the "Door of Hope."

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The British Columbia W.C.T.U. has a membership of 443 active members, and 113 Honorary, who have paid their dues. Quite a number of others do not wish their names dropped, but are not in a position to pay at present; 139 persons have withdrawn, being persons who were induced to give in their names under crusade pressure, but who did not find it convenient to attend the meetings. On the other hand there is an increase of seventy Honorary members over last year. The Refuge Home is still doing good work under the Provincial W.C.T.U. auspices, the Government still giving them a grant of \$1,000, and the Union owns two lots of ground, besides the property now occupied, all of which is paid for. It has been decided to sell the "Home" now in use, which is not very suitable, and to build, in the near future, on one of their vacant lots outside the stir of the city. Vancouver City Union supports a city Missionary who is kept busy visiting strangers, and looking after those who are sick or in need of friends. The New Westminster Union, after making a great success of their Hospital for Women and Children handed it over, last January, to the local Woman's Council, well furnished and almost free from debt. It is doing a grand work, and becoming by degrees self-supporting. In Revelstoke the Union kept a reading room open to the public during the winter months.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The Corresponding Secretary, through illness, was unable to prepare a report, and at only a few days' notice the Recording Secretary kindly undertook to do so, but she feels the time allowed her was so very short she cannot give her Province the standing which it should have. There has been no Provincial Convention since July, 1898, the majority of the officers having been, through sorrow and sickness, incapacitated for work during the past year, and in that way the local unions have had to be neglected. They are planning to hold a Convention in January, 1900. An immense quantity of literature has been distributed, especially during the Plebiscite Campaign, one Union alone—that of Summerside—purchasing \$45 worth.

ONTARIO.

Mrs. Wiley, Corresponding Secretary, writes:—"It will be seen on reference to the report of 1898 that we have now a smaller membership than in that year. This is not surprising when we consider the Plebiscite Campaign of that year, which roused an enthusiasm in our work, and brought in many new members who did not keep up the interest when the special need was over. But if we have a decrease in membership we have a steady increase in every line of work. Our many Departments have all been efficiently carried on, and encouraging reports have doubtless been received by the Dominion Superintendents. In special work the Unions have been unusually active. About twenty-five liquor licenses have been cancelled by Union efforts, and in several cases the granting of a license was prevented. A great deal of charitable work was done outside of department work, a larger amount of money was expended in this way than in any previous year. Grieved by the failure of the Government to carry out as promised, "the expressed will of the people" as presented in the plebiscite—yes, grieved, but not discouraged. Our Canadian women possess a goodly portion of that true British pluck and perseverance when fighting in a just cause, and we gather from the spirit which pervades the returns made, that our W.C.T.U. women of Ontario will with God's help, press the battle "to the gates." Yes, verily, to the gates of the strongly entrenched city of licensed liquorism, and although firmly and strongly fortified by political aid, moneyed interests, and other accessories of the vile traffic, the Right will win, and the early years of the new century will usher in a bright era when the white banner of Prohibition will proudly float over this beloved Canada.

QUEBEC.

There has been a slight decrease in Unions and members during the past year, thought to be due to discouragement caused by the action of the Government in refusing Prohibitory legislation. The two Provincial Conventions were inspiring and helpful. At the last one no Superintendents' reports were read, but the Departments were discussed under a School of Methods, the County Presidents as leaders, and Superintendents and delegates taking part in the discussions, which plan was found to be far ahead of written reports. The reports of Superintendents will be printed as usual in the Annual Reports. Another life member (the third) of the World's W.C.T.U. has been gained by this Province through the paying in of \$100 to the World's Union. Special work among the French has been begun; a Bible woman giving all her time to the work. Special temperance literature, such as Gospels, leaflets, catechisms and pledge cards have been distributed. The "Home Portfolio," containing helps to family worship, and "Bible Temperance for the Young," has been issued and is proving helpful. Altogether the outlook is hopeful, and the members seem more alert than ever to enter new avenues of work and combat evils which may arise in the community.

The following table shows there are 505 Unions, with a membership of 10,886, and 2,092 Honorary members. The membership of Juvenile Societies as given, is 8,531; members of Youman Band, 90; making a total of 21,552. Unions organized during the two years, 137, but the actual gain is 55; and 5 Juvenile Societies. Five Provinces report 6,732 meetings held by the Unions. Signatures to pledge obtained (Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and British Columbia not reporting) were 4,126. One hundred and sixty of our comrades have learned "how beautiful it is to be with God," being called to a higher service. 1,142,212 pages, 77,396 leaflets, 2,147 papers, 209 lbs., 36 boxes, 129 Bibles, and 1,400 Scripture cards have been distributed. Receipts of local Unions, as given by Provinces—only two reporting for two years—were \$51,366.58.

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Quebec	105	12	..	2167	383	10	13	67	2965	..	1473	..	1990	25	40	40	Vast amount.
Manitoba	43	834	443	15	2	12	558	..	1422	1286 40	731	2	28	12	3555 35	40,000 Leaflets and much more, but not reported.	
British Columbia ..	16	329	113	2	..	40	155	149 70	..	2	28	3	1195 87	Cannot state, but a large quantity	
Nova Scotia	42	..	1	826	164	10	4	98 99 98 99	220 226	..	1231	..	271	3	19	6	..	86,281 pages, 31,288 Leaflets, 103 packages, 2,147 papers, 111 boxes, immense amount unrecorded.	
New Brunswick ..	46	3	..	761	56	11	1	98 99 98 99	437 262	90	2967	857 51	1134	13	24	24	18078 86	349,453 pages, 4,461 Leaflets, 299 boxes, 2 barrels, 35 boxes of magazines and papers, 28 Bibles, 1,400 Scripture Cards.	
P. E. Island	9	200	10	4	3	2	47	..	179	41 85	..	1	15	No record kept, but an immense quantity. One Union got \$45 worth.	
North-West	505	46	2	10886	2062	137	24	189	8831	90	6732	\$3734 83	4126	46	182	160	\$40868 36

THE DOMINION WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

October 19th, 1897,

RECEIPTS.

<i>General Fund—</i>		
Balance October 19th, 1897		\$ 243 27
<i>Affiliation Fees 1898—</i>		
Ontario, W.C.T.U. 6331 Members	\$ 316 55	
Quebec, " 2326 "	116 30	
Nova Scotia, " 800 "	40 00	
Manitoba, " 584 "	29 20	
British Columbia, " 584 "	29 20	
New Brunswick, " 510 "	25 50	
Prince Edward Island, " 225 "	11 25	
North-West Territories, " 59 "	2 95	
	<hr/>	\$ 570 95
<i>Sundries—</i>		
Treasurer, Convention Committee	366 00	
Custodian Literature Depository	45 20	
Sale of Reports	19 30	
Advertisements in Reports	17 00	
Ottawa Petition Committee	23 56	
Donation	2 00	
Interest	7 47	
<i>Missionary Work—</i>		
Balance October, 1897	214 55	
New Brunswick W.C.T.U.	13 18	
British Columbia	29 65	
Ontario	22 61	
Quebec	100 00	
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<i>Memorial Fund—</i>		
Balance October, 1897	251 51	
Interest	7 54	
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<i>Woman's Journal Fund</i>	18 30	
Cash, Convention Expenses	12 00	
Willard Temple	2 00	
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ROBERTA E. TILTON,

Treasurer, D. W. C. T. U.

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November 1st, 1898.

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IN ACCOUNT WITH ROBERTA E. TILTON, TREASURER.

to November 1st, 1898.

EXPENDITURE.

General Fund—

Officers—

President, Travelling Expenses, Postage, Telegrams, etc.	\$ 112 06
Vice-President,	79 50
Corresponding Secretary	77 42
Recording Secretary	27 70
Treasurer	3 68
Telephone	2 10
	\$ 302 46

Superintendents of Departments—

Custodian of Literature Depository	150 00
Health and Heredity	5 00
Flower Mission	3 04
Police and Prison	2 50
Parlor Meetings	1 42
Literature Purity	1 25
Exhibition or Fairs	1 25
Y.W.C.T.U.	1 00
Scientific Instruction	53
	165 99

Printing—

Robt. G. McLean, Toronto	6 25
John Dougall & Son, Montreal—	
500 Dominion Reports and Packing	104 75
300 copies "Plan of Work"	4 00
Brown, Seale & Co., Toronto	11 00
	126 00
Treasurer Ontario W.C.T.U., balance for Literature ..	100 00
Dominion W.C.T.U. Convention Expenses	120 62
Woman's Journal Directory	8 30
Floral Design for Miss Willard	20 00
Affiliation Fee W.C.T.U.	99 59
Dominion W.C.T.U. Seal	4 00
J. Durie & Son, Ottawa, Account Book	1 50
Missionary Work—	
Treasurer Convention Committee	12 00
Treasurer World's W.C.T.U.	129 22
North-West Territories	14 19
	143 41
Miss Scott, Woman's Journal Fund	18 30
Balance	843 92
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SUMMARY—1898.

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Treasurer, D. W. C. T. U.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Balances.
General Fund	\$1294 75	\$948 46	\$346 29
Missionary Fund	379 99	143 41	236 58
Memorial Fund	259 05	259 05
Woman's Journal	18-30	18 30
Convention Expense Fund	12 00	12 00
Willard Temple	2 00	2 00
		
Balance on hand	843 92	843 92
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THE DOMINION WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION
November 1st, 1898,

RECEIPTS.		
<i>General Fund--</i>		
Balance Nov. 1st 1898		\$ 346 29
<i>Affiliation Fees--</i>		
North-West Territories - 44 Members (balance) 1898...	\$	2 20
Ontario, W.C.T.U. 5597 Members.....		279 85
Quebec, " 2167 ".....		108 35
Manitoba, " 834 ".....		41 70
New Brunswick " 711 ".....		35 55
Nova Scotia " 728 ".....		36 40
Prince Edward Island " 184 ".....		9 20
British Columbia " 399 ".....		5 10
North-West Territories " 102 ".....		5 10
<i>Memorial Fund--</i>		518 35
Balance.....		259 05
<i>Thank Offerings--</i>		
New Brunswick W.C.T.U.....	\$	82 62
Nova Scotia ".....		71 24
Ontario ".....		29 75
Quebec ".....		71 80
North-West Territories ".....		10 00
Manitoba ".....		75
British Columbia ".....		1 00
Prince Edward Island ".....		267 16
Japan ".....		236 58
<i>Missionary Fund--</i>		
Balance.....		\$ 100 00
Quebec W.C.T.U.....		12 92
Ontario ".....		11 06
New Brunswick ".....		5 00
Manitoba ".....		10 50
Prince Edward Island ".....		139 48
<i>Mrs. Large's Salary, Japan--</i>		
Nova Scotia.....	\$	27 75
Manitoba Y.W.C.T.U.....		2 00
Ontario.....		1 00
<i>Paris Exhibition --</i>		30 75
Ontario W.C.T.U.....	\$	30 00
Quebec ".....		25 00
New Brunswick ".....		9 50
Balance " Willard Temple".....		64 50
Manitoba, the World's Y Banner.....		2 00
Interest \$8.86 Memorial Fund.....		10
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ROBERTA E. TILTON,

Treasurer, D. W. C. T. U.

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November 1st, 1899.

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IN ACCOUNT WITH ROBERTA E. TILTON, TREASURER.
to November 1st, 1899.

EXPENDITURE.

<i>General Fund—</i>	
President Dominion W.C.T.U. Travelling Expenses...	\$ 24 60
Postage, Telegrams.....	68 44
<i>Officers—</i>	
Recording Secretary.....	2 35
Corresponding Secretary.....	17 54
Custodian Literature.....	150 00
Treasurer.....	3 80
	----- \$ 266 73
<i>Superintendents—</i>	
Evangelistic Departments, 1898 and 1899.....	\$ 9 14
Flower Mission.....	6 96
Young People's Meetings.....	6 00
Soldiers and Militia.....	5 00
Heredity and Health.....	5 00
Exhibition and Fairs.....	1 25
Systematic Giving.....	5 00
Flower Mission, 1899.....	5 14
	----- 43 49
<i>Printing—</i>	
Dominion Directory, <i>Woman's Journal</i>	\$ 20 00
J. Dougall and Son, Postage on Reports.....	2 24
Robert G. McLean, Toronto—	
5,000 circulars.....	8 75
Official stationery.....	5 50
John T. Hawke, Moncton.....	6 25
Robert G. McLean, Toronto—	
Thank-offering circulars and envelopes, Memorial Fund.....	24 75
	----- 67 49
<i>Missionary—</i>	
World's W.C.T.U. Treasurer.....	\$ 132 72
<i>Affiliation—</i>	
World's W.C.T.U. Treasurer.....	114 63
<i>Paris Exhibition—</i>	
Mrs. Rugg, expenses.....	\$ 12 10
F. S. Spence, ".....	3 00
	----- 15 10
Balance.....	1236 22

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SUMMARY—1899.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Balances.
General Fund.....	\$ 864 64	\$ 467 59	\$ 397 05
Memorial Fund.....	585 07	24 75	510 32
Missionary Fund.....	379 32	132 72	246 60
Mrs. Large's Salary.....	30 75	..	30 75
Paris Exhibition.....	64 50	15 10	49 40
Willard Temple.....	2 00	2 00
Y. W. Banner.....	10	10
Balance.....	1236 22
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November,
Receipts and Expenditures after

RECEIPTS.		
<i>Affiliation Fees—</i>		
British Columbia, 399 Members.....		\$19 95
Nova Scotia, 98 ".....		4 80
New Brunswick 50 ".....		2 50
Prince Edward Island 16 ".....		80
North-West Territories, 10 ".....		50
<i>Donations—</i>		
Mrs. Reede, St Thomas, Ont.....		28 55
Mrs. C. A. R. Macdonald, Edmonton.....		50 00
<i>Missionary Fund—</i>		
British Columbia.....		10 00
<i>Memorial Fund—</i>		
Ridgetown W.C.T.U., Ontario		18 25
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		\$110 05

OTTAWA,
December 1st, 1899.

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ROBERTA E. TILTON.

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November,

RECEIPTS.		
Cash Receipts, 1898.....		\$1966 09
" 1899.....		1032 46
After books were closed due for 1899.....		110 05
Receipts at Convention		102 54
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OTTAWA,
December 1st, 1899.

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Order 167.—Mrs. E. R. Atkinson, Cor. Secretary Dominion W.C.T.U., Balance due on allowance voted by Convention, 1897.....	\$60 00
Order 168.—Mrs. Alice P. Morrison, Owen Sound, Ont., Postage &c., Supt. Railway Employees.....	40
Order 169.—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall, Ont., Supt. Scientific Inst., Postage, &c.....	51
Order 170.—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster. Supt. Savings Bank Dept., Literature and Postage, &c..	2 00
Order 171.—Mrs. C. A. R. Macdonald, Supt. N.W. Territories, Edmonton, N.W.T., Expenses Dept. for two years.	10 00
* Order 172.—Mrs. E. Adelia Lucas, Grimsby, Ont., Supt. Purity Dept., Postage and Literature	3 00
Balance.....	34 14
	\$110 05

SUMMARY.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Balance.
General Fund	\$88 05	75 91	12 64
Missionary	18 25	..	18 25
Memorial.....	3 25	..	3 25
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STATEMENT.

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EXPENDITURE.

Cash Expenditure, 1898.....	\$1122 17
“ “ 1899.....	640 16
“ after books were closed 1899 account.....	75 91
Convention Expenses	143 65
Balance, November, 1899.....	1229 25
	\$3211 14

SUMMARY OF BALANCES.

General Fund	\$368 58
Memorial Fund.....	513 57
Missionary Fund.....	264 85
Mrs. Large, Japan.....	30 75
Paris Exhibition	49 40
Willard Temple	2 00
Y. World's W.C.T.U. Banner.....	10
	\$1229 25

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.
DOMINION W.C.T.U. CONVENTION, HALIFAX, NOVEMBER, 1899.

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Collections—Fort Massey Church.....	
—Orpheus Hall.....	\$ 18 86
—First Baptist Church.....	6 89
—Brunswick St. Church.....	29 40
Collection in Convention for Inebriate Homes in India.....	22 97
Required to balance expenses.....	\$ 85 12
	17 42
	39 61
	\$142 15
Officers' Travelling Expenses—	
President.....	\$38 85
Recording Secretary.....	20 25
Treasurer.....	26 20
Corresponding Secretary.....	3 00
Printing—	\$ 88 30
<i>Endeavour Herald</i> , printing programmes.....	\$14 00
<i>The Moncton Transcript</i> , Dominion Call for Convention.....	2 50
Express—	16 50
Cable, Telegrams and Flowers.....	5 18
Books, packages from Toronto to Halifax ..	4 75
Halifax expenses (per Mrs. E. J. Archibald)—	
Telegrams.....	10 00
World's W.C.T.U. Treasurer—for Inebriate Homes in India.....	17 42
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HALIFAX, November, 1899.

ROBERTA E. TILTON, *Convener Finance Committee*

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REPORT OF WORK IN THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

The report from the Unions in the North-West Territories for the past year, will, of necessity, be a short one, owing to my inability to attend to the work, and the scant information received from the Unions as a whole.

The usual work had been carried on throughout the year, and in some cases new departments have been taken up. In this respect Qu'Appelle stands at the head of the list.

McLeod Union has ceased to exist, but a new one has been organized at Pincher Creek, so our number (eight) is still the same. I have forwarded all information asked for, and have sent to each Union copies of all circulars bearing upon important subjects.

I have no correct statement of the number of members, whether of increase or decrease, since last year. In the Edmonton Union nine new members have been added during the year. There has, however, been a loss of six—five by removal to other parts of the Territories, and one by death, Miss M. D. Robertson, who had been a member from the formation of the Union. She was Treasurer and agent for the "Woman's Journal" until December of last year. She died on March 10th, 1899.

I much regret the indifference of many members, and have at times felt almost despondent at such meagre results where I had expected so much. One remedy for this would be the taking up of Departmental work, and I trust your new Superintendent will insist on each Union doing this. At our annual meeting I moved a resolution to this effect, and it was unanimously resolved to take up two Departments at least, these to be selected at our next meeting.

The field is so large, the Unions so isolated. What is most needed is a competent lecturer to make an annual tour of the Territories to instruct the members in the best plans and methods of work, and I am sure the results would justify the outlay.

C. A. R. McDONALD.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

While many of our skilled and faithful workers will be coming before you, presenting reports of work well done, rich and full like garnered sheaves, it is as one of the humble gleaners your Superintendent must present herself and offer her scattering grains of gold.

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Treasurer—for Inebriate
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ROBERTA E. TILTON, *Convener Finance Committee*

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HALIFAX, November, 1899.

We deeply deplore the fact that even while we meet in this "beautiful city that is seated by the sea" to discuss plans for promoting our peaceful warfare, some of the noblest and best of Canada's sons are on their way to the fields of battle and carnage. We humbly pray that God may so order events as to speedily bring to a close the war in South Africa, and make our beloved empire a stronghold of peace.

Since we last met in Dominion Convention, your Superintendent has endeavored, so far as her circumstances and ability would allow, to promote the interests of Peace and Arbitration in the Dominion.

Although we have been compelled, during these two years to witness the discouraging spectacle of the two most highly civilized and enlightened of earth's nations, each involved in war, we are not disheartened. We believe that the horrors of war have been brought home to the national heart in a way that has intensified the longing and looking for peace, and that there are thousands to-day thinking deeply on this question, who, two years ago, gave it but little place in their thoughts.

The wonderful Peace Conference at the Hague brought a little nearer to realization the hope of General Grant, for he was wont to say, "I have a dream that fills me with hope and peace, that the time will come when there will be a Supreme Court of the world, with its chief justice and associate judges, before whose bar nations shall stand for the adjudication of those international questions which are now settled by the sword on the field of carnage." God speed the day when this dream shall be fulfilled.

Shortly after our last Convention your Superintendent put in circulation some 3,000 pages of peace literature. W.C.T.U. workers have been corresponded with in regard to this Department and while appreciative and sympathetic letters have always been received in reply, we cannot report that the work is very well organized. The best and most effective work yet done in this line has been in the maritime provinces, which have some peace advocates at whose feet your Superintendent would willingly sit as a learner. We would especially mention the helpfulness of Mrs. McKay in Nova Scotia, and Miss Olive in New Brunswick.

In Quebec Province, where your Dominion Superintendent is also Provincial Superintendent, Superintendents of Juvenile Work, have been written to, requesting them to include the teaching of peace principles with the instruction given in Bands of Hope and Bands of Mercy. Literature was distributed at the Provincial Convention of 1898, and resolutions strongly endorsing peace principles passed at

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that Convention, also that of 1899. The subject has been up for discussion at County Conventions.

Although Ontario has no Provincial Superintendent the subject is not out of sight. The Press gave much prominence to the International Peace Congress. Some five editorials, particularly outspoken and impressive, appeared in the "Christian Guardian" and other religious papers, and we are sure there must have been an "arrest of thought" among the readers.

Manitoba and the North-West have this hopeful thing to report in reference to Peace. The population has been largely increased in the last two years by the advent of many Doukhobors, people who became refugees and aliens from their own land of cruel despotism because of their religious convictions against war and military service. May the diffusion of their sentiments bring to our fair land a blessing in return for the protection and prosperity she offers them.

That the leaven is working was evidenced by the protest made through the press in many quarters against the sending of a contingent of boy cadets to the American military Convention at Tampa, Florida. It was pointed out that this little act of friendly internationalism was dangerous to our boys because it fostered in them the love of military pageantry and other accompaniments of the war spirit.

A letter from a worker in Nova Scotia very strongly deprecates the military education and warlike spirit of Boys' Brigades. We have read lately of the formation in the United States of Boys' Brigades in which the objectionable feature of military drill is eliminated. May this better thing prevail.

Your Superintendent has written several articles bearing on this department and its work, for Toronto and Montreal papers. To Him who notes our smallest effort on behalf of his kingdom, we give praise for the comforting assurances that wars shall not always prevail, but that the Prince of Peace shall reign.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL M. CLEVELAND.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

Two years of toil and conflict, light and shadow, with their seasons of seed-sowing and ingathering, have come and gone and again we

pause to take a backward glance over the field of labor and achievement.

There have been discouragements by the way. Sometimes it has seemed as if we were being impelled backward by a current of almost irresistible influences, and it has required all the courage and strength we could muster to hold the position attained by the steady effort of the years. But to-day, as we look backward and forward and around, and note the attitude of Christian workers generally the changing tone of those in political life, the more favorable utterances of press and platform, we are assured that this phase of our great reform is gradually coming to occupy the place in public thought that its importance demands; and the time is approaching for which we have long worked and prayed when school textbooks "shall echo God's Textbook," and a scientific knowledge of God's law of total abstinence from poisons shall become the saving heritage of every child that receives an education in the schools of Canada.

In Ontario the Provincial Superintendent's circular, with its plans for work, goes to every local Union at the beginning of the year. The distribution of scientific Temperance leaflets, monthly, to all the public school teachers has been one of its most important features. Since our last report was presented, 65,393 pages of this leaflet literature, for the most part taken from Rev. E. O. Taylor's "Short Studies in Scientific Temperance," have been placed by Union workers in the hands of the teachers. Last year's circular contained a programme suitable for use in the preparation of a Union, parlor or public meeting in the interests of this Department, with the recommendation that wherever practicable such a meeting be held, and we are pleased to say that, in accordance with this request, a number of such gatherings, with the most satisfactory results, were reported.

There has been much discouragement, but the regulations of the Education Department are not yet just as we would like to have them, and the Authorized Lessons adapted to grade, and regularly appointed examinations to test are still an unattained goal.

Quebec.—Miss McCallum says earnest work has been done. Union local Superintendents are fully alive to the importance of Scientific Temperance Instruction. Many copies of the "Northern Messenger" and "School Physiology Journal", as well as leaflets recommended by the Superintendent, have been put in circulation. But while there was activity in W.C.T.U. circles, the Council of Public Instruction took some proceedings that were considered very detrimental to our cause. This would not have been likely to have occurred had our White-Ribboners been permitted to share in their

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deliberations and help in their law-making. Scientific Temperance was made optional in certain grades and a new textbook, containing but little of the instruction we advocate as to the evil effects of alcohol and other narcotics, was authorized. However, there is hope that steps may be taken to avert the evil that was feared from this change. The Provincial Union at its recent meeting decided to petition the authorities to not only restore this subject to its former position, but to make some improvements in the facilities afforded to teachers in their part of its work. So we are hopeful that a new and stronger life with a largely-increased activity may be the actual outcome of this apparent and, as we hope, only temporary retrogression.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Phillips says that on the whole the law compelling Scientific Temperance Instruction in their Province is being well carried out. An annual social, with this subject as the theme of its addresses and music, was given the Normal School students at Fredericton. A competitive examination was held and 81 carefully prepared papers, under the heading "Twelve reasons why a boy should not use tobacco, especially in cigarette form," were submitted. The research and thought required in the preparation of these papers, gave a helpful impetus to our cause, as "letting in the light" always does. An extensive distribution of literature prepared the way for this effort, so that there was no lack of information among the writers, and doubtless a rich harvest will yet be garnered from this wise and generous seed-sowing. The School Physiology Journal is furnished to city teachers.

Novo Scotia.—Mrs. Powers reports increased interest throughout her Province. Only some of the Unions have Superintendents, and they are nearly all public school teachers. Very important and encouraging testimony is forthcoming as to the proficiency of the teachers as shown in their examinations. Mrs. Powers also says that their memorial to the Council of Public Instruction, asking that Scientific Temperance be made the subject of a separate examination, was so readily granted that they felt encouraged to ask for more. An example worthy of imitation is that of a teacher who prepared three pledges, one each against alcohol, tobacco, and profanity, and every pupil, on passing into her department, was asked to sign one or more of these pledges.

Prince Edward Island seems to be working along the usual lines. Instruction on Scientific Temperance is given in many of the Schools but is not compulsory unless parents desire it to be taught. The W.C.T.U. gives prizes to encourage pupils in their study of the subject, and are taking steps to secure an amendment to the law making it compulsory in all schools.

Manitoba.—Mrs. McClung says the work of Scientific Temperance Instruction is being fairly well attended to in the public schools of that province. Last year forty-seven teachers were reported as members of unions. This year there are more, and a proportionate increase in interest and enthusiasm.

British Columbia.—The Council of Public Instruction recommends the teaching of temperance in the schools, and have made the following resolutions:—"The Board of Trustees of any School District may require that temperance, as a separate subject from anatomy, physiology, and hygiene, be taught in their school or schools, provided the authorized textbook on the subject be used." It is taught in all the city schools. In some thoroughly and well, in others it is but lightly touched. The W.C.T.U. have been urging their legislators to enact a law making it compulsory, and placing it on examinations for both teachers and pupils, and they say: "We intend to persevere till we gain our point."

Summary.—The whole seven provinces have reported active aggressive work in this department; 106 copies of Mrs. Hunt's "School Physiology Journal" are taken in the Dominion; 48,226 pages of Dr E. O. Taylor's lessons on Scientific Temperance were ordered from our Literature Depository. We believe the "Northern Messenger" is becoming better known and more widely circulated from year to year. There have been meetings, addresses, lectures, drills, and discussions innumerable, all needed, and all helpful in carrying on our educational campaign.

Suggestions.—Perseverance along all the old lines of work that have given our cause its growing importance and popularity.

Continued agitation for the amendments needed in the laws and regulations that are now in force.

A general united effort to secure for women a place on school boards.

A determined effort to send our literature, and hold meetings, into every community, as well where there are no unions as where there are.

That we lose no opportunity in influencing others to think as we think, and feel as we feel in these matters, and one of our strongest convictions is that no person addicted in the smallest degree to the use of liquor or tobacco should ever enter a school room as a teacher, for example is more powerful than precept.

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HEREDITY.

British Columbia.—Mrs. Haliday, Superintendent, has communicated with all the unions under her charge, and sent out a large number of leaflets on various phases of the Department to educate the workers up to a better understanding of the same. "Blood will tell," "Beer and the Brain," "Danger and Harmfulness of Patent Medicines," "Safe Remedies in Illness," "Doctors and the Use of Alcohol," and "Health and Heredity," by the Dominion Superintendent, were the excellent leaflets used. The Circular letter by the Dominion Superintendent was also distributed throughout the province. Mrs. (Rev.) Foster gave a most interesting paper on Heredity, at the Convention recently held at New Westminster. Quite an interest has been created under the head of food reform, a number using cereal coffee and whole wheat bread and biscuits.

North West Territories.—This is our Home Mission field. Circular letters, question blanks, and literature, were sent to each of the seven Unions in this section, which, we hope, will awaken an interest in this great theme.

Manitoba.—The Superintendent, Mrs. (Rev.) Laycock, Morden, sent a circular letter to each Union, laying before them a plan of work that seemed feasible, also thirty Dominion circular letters, and twenty-five post-cards. She also wrote two articles for local papers, prepared a paper for a monthly meeting, and addressed two public meetings. Eight Unions have taken up the work. Some of the Unions have taken the subject up at Mothers' Meetings, while others have papers given at the monthly meetings followed by discussion. One "Y" reports a good, full meeting when the subject was taken up; interesting discussion was followed by a Health Tea. In another town two nurses from the Toronto Hospital gave many helpful suggestions in regard to nursing the sick at home, and giving food that would nourish the body and keep it in health. Literature and books have been circulated, public addresses given, and interest seems to be awakening all along the line.

Nova Scotia.—Dr. A. J. Hamilton, Superintendent. Last year a circular letter was issued, enough copies being sent to the local Unions to supply each member with the same. A leaflet was also prepared on "The Preservation of Food," at the request of the Provincial Union, although not printed on account of lack of funds. The Superintendent is naturally much interested in "Non-Alcoholics in Medicine, and writes, "A most effective plan, in my opinion, is to educate the people against the medicinal use of alcohol. When a family ab-

solutely refuses to take it according to the doctor's orders, he can always find a substitute. I know of no better work dealing with alcohol as a medicine than "Alcohol and Science," by Wm. Hargreaves, M.D.

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. W. A. Brennan, Superintendent. Several of the Island unions are taking up the Department of Health and Heredity, Mrs. Brennan having pushed the work vigorously for some years. Large quantities of literature have been distributed in various ways, and the magazines, "Health Culture," and "The New Crusade" taken. One of the Unions has yearly printed programmes with four meetings devoted to Health and Heredity topics, such as "The Food We Eat," "The Air We Breathe," "The Philosophy of Exercise," "Dress and Reform," also one on "Consumption," by one of their doctors. They have now the promise of five evening meetings by the physicians of the town and the Principal of the School. At the last Provincial Convention, the Superintendent gave a reading entitled, "How Evolution Evolves," which treated of the influence of our ideals upon the generation following. Quite an interesting discussion followed on Heredity and Environment.

Ontario.—Miss Edith Hyder Murray, Superintendent, tells of much good work done. Two excellent circular letters were sent out during the past two years, articles written for "Woman's Journal," local Union addressed, and "she had done what she could in the interests of a better heredity." Fourteen counties have Superintendents of this department, of these six sent an encouraging report. The work done consists of special meetings in the interests of the Department, the reading of papers, and helpful, interesting discussions, lectures, and some practical physical culture. In some cases the public school teachers are interested. Sometimes a woman physician brings her scientific lore to the help of her sisters, who are eager for a better state of things. Thus the good work goes on among all classes.

Quebec.—Mrs. Craig, Superintendent, gives the following statistics for the past year:—Number of Unions taking up the Department of Health and Heredity, 47; number of County Superintendents, 9; number of Township Superintendents, 1; number of Local Superintendents, 38; counties having memorialized the physicians, 6; letters and post-cards written by Superintendent, 109; circulars sent out 125; pages of literature distributed by Superintendent, 3,105. Aside from this hundreds of pages of literature have been distributed by the local unions, and several copies of "Good Health" and "The New Crusade" taken. A large number of sermons, talks, papers, addresses and lectures have been given throughout the Province. The subject has been taken up with great interest by some of our

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Unions at Mothers' Meetings and Parlor Meetings, some special topic being discussed. Considerable interest has also been awakened along the line of Food Reform, and Non-Alcoholics in Medicine.

During the past two years your Superintendent has sent out circular letters and literature yearly to all the Provincial Superintendents and local unions in the North-West Territories, also several Dominion reports, and in 1899, several circular letters to British Columbia and Manitoba. Have written 140 letters and post-cards in the interests of the work, and circulated 8077 pages of literature. Health and Heredity are two of the most important subjects with which we have to deal, affecting not only our own lives, but those of many coming little mortals who throng the gates of life. Let us circulate literature freely on this subject at least quarterly, and secure subscriptions for the magazine "Good Health," both in and outside our ranks. May the time soon come when every Union will devote thirty minutes, at least, once in three months, to this great subject, which concerns humanity at large, as well as their descendants.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA G. CRAIG.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PURITY.

We rejoice to know that our cause is advancing. Public sentiment is changing in regard to a double standard of morality. What is sin in a woman is sin in a man. Purity is the crown of womanliness, it is also the crown of manliness. Science has exploded the widely-accepted theory that chastity was incompatible with health, and declares there is no disorder of mind or body prevented or removed by impure living. Instead of health, physical disease and death follow the violation of the divine law. There is also hope for our cause in the fact that parents are learning the folly of teaching their children what is untrue respecting the beginnings of life, and that later must be unlearned. Oh, the pity that they should ever allow chance to usurp their privilege as the child's first teacher of vital truth. If all legitimate questions were answered, and, moreover, if the little ones are warned against the secret words and deeds, before which some one says, "You must never tell," it would be easier to solve the perplexing problems of impurity among school children.

There is another matter to which I feel reference should be made, and that is, pre-natal infanticide. Immortal souls are thus by the mother's will denied a natural existence. We must remind them of

the command, 'Thou shalt do no murder.' Then there is the matter of immigration. Facts will justify the statement that greater care is necessary in the selection of those people who form so large a part of our population. We have enough immorality and impurity native-born and bred, without importing it direct from the slums and brothels of the old world. Not a few of the girls sheltered and cared for by our benevolent societies and institutions by their conduct prove themselves to be of the most abandoned character. The peril to posterity is far too great; minds and bodies are deformed and blasted, and brought down to depths of misery and woe. They are not only a misery to themselves, but a menace to society, and a burden to the country.

We must not forget the matter of impure literature. The list of prohibited papers is large and the penalty severe, yet these vile papers and books, "breeders of crime," and "polluters of our youth," find their way by thousands into our country. Our women should study the law that they may know what constitutes a violation of it. See Canadian Law Bill, sections 179 to 189 inclusive. The railways have "ruled out" the police gazettes and coarser illustrated papers, and we should make every effort to have all our news-stands and book stores cleared of them.

Frequently all that is necessary is to inform the dealers quietly, on the assumption that they do not know the law, that the State, to protect the youth, forbids the sale to any minor, or exposure where he may see them, of books or papers containing pictures and stories of bloodshed, crime or lust. Bill boards can often be cleaned by calling the attention of the mayor to the same law; he can insist on having all posters submitted to him for approval. For additional suggestions I refer you to those appearing on pages 100 and 101 in the last Dominion Report. At our literature depot, 56, Elm Street, Toronto, books, booklets and leaflets can be obtained on this subject. Dr. Wood Allen's publications are now so well and favorably known it is scarcely necessary for me to commend them to your notice.

With regard to legislation, while we have much to be thankful for, there is still much to be desired. The efforts made from time to time to introduce the principle of license for houses of prostitution, emphasize the need for purity work among those who hold high positions in society and the state, and the fate of the Bill respecting "age of consent" also shows the need for continued agitation. Preventive work is good, reform work is good, but we cannot do without legislation, and we cannot secure that without ceaseless agitation. Our aim must be to make virtue the only tolerated estate of the race. Along these lines we mean, with God's help, steadily to push the

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Ontario.—As the province has been without a Superintendent it is difficult to ascertain what has been done, but the President tells me a good many Unions have held purity meetings, and that she has responded to a great many appeals for suggestions and help. Miss Wiggins has devoted the most of her afternoon meetings to this work, and has recommended and circulated Dr. Wood Allen's books and particularly the magazine "New Crusade." Her experience as a school teacher having given her an insight into difficulties that are met with in our purity work.

Quebec.—This province has also been without a Superintendent since the death of the lamented Miss Barber. The "Sheltering Home" in Montreal, which she opened, and in which she was so deeply interested, has passed out of the hands of the W.C.T.U. though it is still assisted by contributions from the Unions. The work in the Evangelistic Hall continues with encouraging results and the Central Union in Montreal pays the salary of a woman who is engaged in rescue work all the year round. The subject has been discussed in meetings of the Union in many places, and literature distributed.

Manitoba.—Mrs. A. M. Laycock, Superintendent, has sent circulars and plans of work to each Union. Also thirty Dominion circulars and twenty-five post-cards. Twelve Unions reported to her. Books and leaflets have been circulated among the members, and readings and papers given at meetings in several places. Two well-attended and interesting meetings were held. The Superintendent wrote two articles for the Press and gave a paper at Convention, and addresses at two public meetings. "The Door of Hope," a refuge for inebriate and fallen women, which was opened by the Central W.C.T.U. of Winnipeg, in December, 1897, has been put into the hands of a Committee of Christian ladies of the city, as they could not pledge themselves to raise the amount necessary to carry on so large a work. An experienced matron has been secured, and large hopes are entertained for the continued success of the undertaking.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Katherine A. Hartley, Superintendent. Six Unions report having done something in this department. Several papers have been prepared for Mothers' Meetings, and readings and addresses given. The "New-Crusade" programs have been used and are commended. In Newcastle "The Mothers' Club Helper" has been used with satisfactory results. Home Government and Child Training have been emphasized. The Superintendent deploras the fact

that the class of women, viz., the young mothers, whom they desire to reach, do not attend the meetings as a rule, and desires some suggestion as how to reach them, and quotes Miss Willard's words, "If the mothers fail us, the nation is lost."

Nova Scotia.—Miss Jessie C. Smith, Superintendent. This dear sister has never recovered from the injuries she sustained when en route to the World's Convention at Toronto, two years ago. She says, "I am hoping against hope, but am, as yet, unable to do anything in the department, so far as the province is concerned." She addressed the Provincial Convention last autumn, has corresponded with the Unions, and done what she could at home. Mrs. Mabel Conklin gave some stirring addresses in the province, which must cause an arrest of thought, and lead the mothers to a more careful training of their little ones. Our sister's closing words are, "Pray that I may rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. Ellen Holman, Superintendent. This report is for last year only, as the Superintendent has been absent from the province the greater part of the present year. Number of meetings held, 30; local Superintendents, 4; books added to libraries 10; contributions have been sent to the St. John's S. A. Rescue Home. Mrs. Holman says, "The conviction is forced in upon me that if the purity work is not done in the home, it is only half done. Mothers should read and read, and so assimilate the truth they read, as to be able to talk easily with their children."

Your Superintendent corresponded with all the Provincial Superintendents three times, and with some of them oftener, giving suggestions and asking that all work done so far as possible, be ascertained and reported. Corresponded with John Charlton, M.P., re the law, recent enactment, petitioning, etc., etc., and with the Minister of Justice re impure literature. Prepared four articles for the Press, and gave three addresses. Have also spent a good many hours in consulting the statutes so as to be able to give information and advice in some special cases. Distributed several copies of "New Crusade" and fifty leaflets.

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REPORT OF EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT.

"It is not the deed we do,
 Though the deed be ever so fair,
 But the love that the dear Lord looketh for,
 Hidden with lowly care,
 In the heart of the deed so fair."

Nova Scotia.—Mrs. Marshall, the earnest and energetic Superintendent, reports fully, from which the following has been gleaned:—God has been working wonderfully among us in the conversion of souls, and many of these are now helping in the work. Where the work has been heartily entered into a gracious influence has attended all the devotional meetings. The week of prayer was observed, Sunday afternoon temperance meetings, Bible readings, services at Farm Colony, Sailors' Rest, at Old Ladies' Home, conducted by the "Y"; meetings held with aged persons who had not been to church for years; Have City Bible Readers and Evangelists; sick visited and relief given to sufferers, thus blessing came to giver and receiver; thousands of religious and temperance books, papers and leaflets have been distributed.

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. Baker, the Superintendent, visits the Unions regularly, finding nothing so helpful as heart to heart talks in order to bring out and develop workers. With one exception each Union has a local Superintendent. Regular devotional meetings are held monthly with much blessing and refreshing from His presence. Superintendent distributed "Helps and Hints," and much literature. The Superintendent is joining her utmost in this Department trusting the Father to bless the efforts made.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Seymour, Superintendent, writes:—"Think it a great pity and mistake that all Unions do not take up this work." Meetings held, 345, consisting of services in the Almshouses, which have been regularly visited for fourteen years; in Hospital Rescue Home, Gospel Monthly Meetings, Cottage and Prayer Meetings, with sick and shut in ones, Bible readings and Mothers' Meetings, thank-offering service and week of prayer observed; much literature distributed through the Province.

British Columbia.—Mrs. Forbes writes that—"Owing to ill-health and pressing home duties, the report will be meagre, as it was compiled by others." The Dominion calls to prayer and circular letters proved a great incentive to earnest work, especially during the Prohibition plebiscite campaign. Literature has been distributed and meetings held, the result of which will tell in eternity.

Ontario.—Mrs. Gordon, Superintendent. We rejoice in the intense spirituality of our women, as well as the increased interest in this Department, realizing it as the pivot on which all others turn. Twenty-six counties have reported. The devotional hour in most places being strictly observed, and consecration meeting, especially at Conventions, eagerly sought after. The customary meetings have been held in the usual places, such as hospitals, jails, houses of refuge, reformatory institutions, missions, churches, and among the houses of all sorts and conditions of men. As nearly as can be estimated at least 20,000 leaflets, papers, tracts, and books have been distributed broadcast. Poor and sick relieved and comforted. Much has been done for His sake, in His strength, and in His name.

Manitoba.—No report has reached me, yet I know good work has been done.

Quebec. The Province mourns the loss by death of their Evangelistic Superintendent, Miss Barber, who was called to her heavenly reward. The work has, however, gone on, all the Unions recognizing that the Evangelistic Department is the mainspring of the work. Prayer meetings, cottage meetings, prison and special calls to prayer, Gospel addresses, and distribution of literature, French and English, has been faithfully engaged in. Special meetings for workers have followed the week of prayer, and during the week preceding Easter consecration meetings have been held with blessed results.

SUMMARY.

This Department has been the shield and buckler from the beginning. From the Consecration meetings have gone forth our most effective toilers, and this will always be, for we cannot work that which has not been wrought in us by the Spirit of God.

The year has been one of advancement along all lines of work. Six provinces have reported, and to the personal knowledge of your Superintendent much has been done that has not, nor cannot, be tabulated; 850 programmes for the day of prayer have been issued and distributed each year, as well as 800 campaign calls, 32 letters written and 75 post-cards; 308 Bible readings and addresses, besides many weeks of special evangelistic services in two of the Provinces by your Superintendent.

SUGGESTIONS.

1st. For the success of our work in all its branches it seems imperative that the Provincial Superintendent should urge upon County Superintendents the necessity of the appointment of local Superintendents.

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2nd. Each Union should jealously guard the time allotted for devotional exercises, and rob neither themselves nor God by shortening the time, also that this part of the meeting be made as instructive and spiritual as possible.

3rd. That at least one series of evangelistic meetings be held in each local Union during the year.

4th. That Evangelistic Temperance work be presented in the Christian Endeavor and Epworth League Societies, and in the growing order of Kings' Daughters and Sons.

5th. That a Woman's Sunday be observed, to include services on the work of the W.C.T.U.

6th. That part of the Press column in local papers be devoted to the interests of this Department.

7th. In view of the increase of crime among children, and the extensive use of cigarettes, is it not incumbent on us to do something to counteract the evils of boys spending the hours between dark and ten o'clock upon the streets, constituting themselves a nuisance to passers-by and thus becoming accustomed to vicious ways.

Suggestions: Rent a room, ask for donations of table, chairs, black board, illustrated magazines, musical instruments, etc. Enlist some married lady as leader, with help from the bright "Y's" and their honorary members, one who can draw quickly, one to play, and several to sing. The plan would have to develop itself. The aim would be to make the place attractive for the street boys, and in time opportunities for moral teaching would offer. If, in several districts, this idea could be carried out under one managing committee, the plan would increase in interest. Your Superintendent is indebted to Mrs. Alexander, of Ottawa, for these suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. GORDON.

REPORT OF WORK AMONG FOREIGNERS.

There are really only two Provinces in the Dominion that have a foreign population—Manitoba and British Columbia. There is no lack for doing effective work in Manitoba. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Winnipeg Y.W.C.T.U. have sent a large amount of literature to the Gallicians, also several hundred pictures mounted on white cardboard. Flower mission work has been carried on among Germans in the city, about thirty German families being visited regularly by enthusiastic "Ys." Donations of clothing, literature and pictures were distributed among a number of Swedish

families, and assistance was given in teaching our language to the Doukobors. Morden Union distributed 3,000 leaflets to Mennonites and Germans. Winnipeg Icelandic Union, organized in January, 1898, with a membership of fifty, has a Loyal Temperance Legion under their auspices, with a membership of sixty. They have also translated temperance articles from the "Union Signal," and other papers, for the Icelandic papers. House to house canvassing was done among the Icelanders during the plebiscite campaign. Rat Portage distributed literature to miners during the plebiscite campaign.

British Columbia has not given any special attention to foreigners for two or three years; they find it difficult to get workers interested in this Department. They fully realize the necessity of educating these people who come to us from all lands, and promise to give the matter careful attention during the coming year.

Ontario reports that the work among colored people and Indians covers all their work in this department.

Prince Edward Island states that they have very few foreigners among their population, and have not felt the need of this Department.

Quebec have not any who could be classed as foreigners, but the French Union in Montreal has issued several leaflets, which have been distributed by thousands in the Province. A grand work is being done in the Hochelaga County Union in the Evangelistic Department, a French Bible woman giving all her time to visiting among French families. Large quantities of French Gospel literature has been imported for this work.

Early in March your Superintendent was requested by the Dominion President to write the Unions in the North-West Territories. Edmonton, South Edmonton, Calgary, McLeod, Regina, qu'Appelle, Whitewood, Moosemin, were communicated with. Only one of the number (Moosomin) sent a reply. Just recently a letter came from a member of the Moosomin Union, who has removed to Yorktown, requesting that samples of literature in German and Swedish languages be forwarded, as there was an opening for work among those nationalities in that vicinity. This request will be complied with at once, as samples of foreign literature have been procured from various sources. Manitoba has an energetic Superintendent, and more effective work will be accomplished in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.

Beginning at the Pacific Coast we pass with the rapidity of thought to Ontario, for we have received no report from Manitoba nor from British Columbia in the past two years. But a new Superintendent has been appointed in Manitoba, Mrs. J. Lovell, Winnipeg, and we expect to know something of the fair work in that Province in the future.

It is impossible in reporting fair work to keep the years distinct, for the work is done so late in the year that all reports do not reach the Superintendent before Convention, and go into the next year's report. I have Ontario's report for 1898 and 1899, but a great deal of the plebiscite work is reported in 1899, so I have decided to give the report of the two years.

In Ontario, in the two years, fair work was done on forty-five fair grounds. Literature was distributed on thirty-nine. The amount reported was about 60,000 leaflets. The real amount was probably very much larger, for many reports state "Literature distributed," but do not state how much. Refreshments were served on seventeen fair grounds. The nett profits as reported were over \$1800.00, but Toronto district did not report the amount cleared in the W.C.T.U. "Palace," on the Toronto Exhibition grounds in either year. In 1898 they made "40 percent. profit on the cost of provisions and running expenses, including the \$100.00 license." The largest amount realized as reported, was in the dining hall at the Exhibition at Ottawa, which was \$1000.00.

In Ontario's three large exhibitions, London, Toronto, and Ottawa, the W.C.T.U. have capacious dining halls, extensively furnished, which are every year filled to their utmost capacity. The work grows every year, but the W.C.T.U. grows with it. New appliances are constantly introduced. This year Toronto put in a \$50.00 soap-stone griddle for frying pancakes. This year the service was on the 5c. plan. Everything was 5c.—cup of tea, coffee, milk, ham sandwich, cheese, bread and butter, pie, cake, ice-cream, etc., etc. During the plebiscite the fairs were largely utilized for campaign work. Plebiscite literature was distributed, cartoons posted, and "Vote for Prohibition" banners displayed. Band of Hope children marched in procession with badges on which was printed, "Vote for Prohibition for my sake."

Province of Quebec—1898.—The W.C.T.U. was represented on fifteen fair grounds. Over 158,000 pages plebiscite literature distri-

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1899.—There was noticeably a falling off in number of Unions doing fair work and amount of literature distributed, but Knowlton Union alone, which had not only been through a plebiscite, but also a Scott Act campaign (Brome County), distributed 63,150 pages.

New Brunswick—1898.—Provincial Exhibition, St. John's. A room 16ft. x 33ft., was carpeted and decorated for a resting parlor. A red arch spanned the room, on which, in white, were the words, "New Brunswick Women's Christian Temperance Union. Under the middle of this hung Miss Willard's picture, with the Dominion and Maritime flags on either side. Local furniture dealers loaned furnishings. The face of Neal Dow, portraits of White Ribbon leaders, and a framed copy of the Polyglot Petition, plebiscite calendars, etc., adorned the walls. A committee of White Ribboners were in constant attendance distributing plebiscite literature and interviewing voters. On children's day a quantity of picture leaflets was given to the children. These were received with much pleasure, and it is suggested that in ordering Fair leaflets it would be well to order picture leaflets, such as are advertised in the W.T.P.A. bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN C. RUGG.

REPORT OF UNFERMENTED WINE.

Ontario.—The Superintendent has, during the year, written to the Secretaries of all the Protestant denominational annual gatherings with the view of getting the status of the different denominations on this question. The following in brief summary:—600 Anglican clergymen, nearly all using alcoholic wine. One resolution against the use of unfermented wine at Holy Communion. Methodist.—About 1,200 ministers are using unfermented wine. One resolution from the General Conference directing the churches to use unfermented wine. Presbyterian.—About 677 ministers. No statistics that can be tabulated. From prominent ministers and other sources in this denomination, it is evident that a large and annually increasing percentage use unfermented wine. No resolutions were passed by the synod. Baptist.—There are 300 ministers in Ontario. No Statis-

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Total number of Protestant clergymen in the Province, about 2934; 1348 reported using unfermented wine; approximate number that might be fairly added; 500; which would make a total of 1.848 ministers in Ontario who use unfermented wine.

Manitoba.—The Superintendent of this department in Manitoba, writes:—"It is encouraging to know that in all the towns where unfermented wine has been used it is still in use, and it has been learned that in Stonewall, Rat Portage, Brandon, Holland, Neepawa, Gladstone, and Keewatin, unfermented wine is used in nearly all the churches in the administration of the Lord's Supper. In Winnipeg a gratifying number of churches are using the clear juice of the grape. Last year the Central W.C.T.U. made a local druggist their agent for the sale of Hagar's unfermented juice of the grape. Several shipments have been sold by him, and he states that a very satisfactory feature of the sale is that it is bought as a beverage as well as for sacramental purposes.

North-West Territories.—In Edmonton, also, our Territorial Superintendent succeeded in having a depot established in one of their drug stores for the sale of unfermented wine, thus putting it in convenient reach for all churches desiring to use it.

In the Provincial Unions of Nova Scotia, New-Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, this Department has not been taken up, but it is well known that in the great majority of Protestant churches only unfermented wine is used.

Quebec has had this department since its organization. The superintendent writes that nearly all the Protestant churches in the Province with the exception of the Episcopal and several Presbyterian churches, use the juice of the grape at the Lord's Supper. It has also been largely used in the Flower Missions for use among the sick.

REPORT OF WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

Work in this Department has been carried on in four Provinces—Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and New Brunswick.

The Ontario Superintendent writes that the success which has crowned the efforts of workers in this Department has exceeded their most sanguine expectations. Ontario has a missionary engaged in the work. Local Unions raise funds towards the missionary's salary. In the year 1898, the amount raised was \$387.76; in 1899, \$532.21. Much good has been done through the missionary; many of the men have been led to Christ their Saviour.

The Superintendents from the other three Provinces also write encouragingly. They feel that their efforts have been much appreciated by the men. Several acknowledgments have been received, and in a few instances money has been contributed by the men to help along the cause. From the four Provinces are reported: Distributed among lumbermen—literature, 92,855 pages; leaflets, 27,512; papers, 7,885; literature by weight, 4,220lbs; comfort bags, 1,247; letters, 273; hymn books, 388; Bibles, 110; scrap books, 77; other books, 130; parcels, 63; boxes, 13.

Considerable work has not been reported, and much done that cannot be tabulated.

M. L. TRITES.

REPORT OF LEGISLATION AND PETITION.

Ontario.—Petitioned for Provincial prohibition after having written representatives at Ottawa to support the demand of the people for prohibition. Petitions for equal suffrage are being circulated. The Minister of Agriculture was asked to discourage the culture of tobacco. Petitions have been sent against granting shop and tavern licenses, only one was unsuccessful. Two local option by-laws were secured, due to White Ribbon influence and work at the polls. Several cases of conviction for offences against anti-tobacco laws. Assistance has been given to the Lord's Day Alliance in their effort to suppress Sunday traffic on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Prevented immoral shows and a sparring match. Tried to have shades removed from saloon windows, and to secure better enforcement of the law against selling liquor to minors, but failed. In response to W.C.T.U. representations the Government has placed on the list of Women's Institutes for the coming year a

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British Columbia.—An appeal to the Minister of Education to place Technical Education and Domestic Science on the school curriculum was met by him with the assertion that our children are over-educated. A request that all possible assistance be given medical men in their efforts to cure insane women, a promise conditional on the consent of the women's relatives was obtained. Government grant of \$1,000.00 secured for Provincial Refuge. A city council's attempt to disfranchise all women not property owners, was frustrated by an interview with the Attorney-General, after all other means had been exhausted. Now an amendment is being asked for to the Franchise Act, extending its privileges to all British subjects over the age of twenty-one years, regardless of sex, it was lost by one vote at last session. Two curfew by-laws were refused, one granted; aldermen are very indifferent on this subject. Several women have been elected on School Boards, and the franchise freely exercised in this respect.

Manitoba.—Has no Department, but the work is done by others. Two Sessions have refused Curfew legislation, but a third attempt is to be made. A strong effort to establish a reformatory for vagrant and inebriate women is being made, and a petition circulated to obtain Government support. The Legislature has, so far, refused a petition to make the signature of both husband and wife necessary to an application for license to sell liquor. Parliament, at its next session, is to be asked to amend the laws protecting married women who, in this province, have no claim to husband's property, which may be sold without a wife's knowledge, or willed away from her, a widow having no right to dower.

Quebec.—The Legislature has been petitioned to prevent the sale of liquor to minors; to refuse grocers' licenses; to include in the Sunday Closing clause all non-judicial days (such as Thanksgiving and Labor Days on which liquor shops are open); that a Government grant be refused to Exhibitions permitting indecent side-shows or gambling; also that women should be made eligible for election on School Boards, and that a Curfew clause be inserted in the Children's Protection Act. Later the House was asked to reject the proposed clause in the Montreal City Bill for the inspection of houses of ill-fame; this last clause was removed. Quite recently a petition to the Attorney General to prevent a boxing match resulted in the arrest of the combatants after it had taken place. A petition to Exhibition Committee to prevent liquor-selling and gambling was disregarded.

Prince Edward Island.—Failed to obtain a law refusing tobacco to

minors, but, on the other hand, many valuable amendments were made to the License Act.

Nova Scotia has no Superintendent, but this Province and New Brunswick have petitioned, as has every other Province in the Dominion, that Government should give a Prohibitory law in response to the result of the plebiscite; also that liquor, gambling, opium, and the social vice be kept out of the Yukon Territory. The Hon. Clifford Sifton was also memorialised by the Dominion Executive to the same effect. In response to your Superintendent's appeal, Ottawa must have been almost overwhelmed by representations from every part of the Dominion.

Respectfully submitted

LEILA GUGY GEGGIE.

REPORT OF THE FRANCHISE DEPARTMENT.

In presenting this report one feels that although we cannot point to any one step actually made in legislative enactment, yet advance has been made all along the line. This is felt by every Provincial Superintendent, and therefore we are certainly nearer the goal of equal suffrage than we were two years ago.

It is very noticeable to one who observes the signs of the times the decided change of opinion in women in favor of women's suffrage. Personally I know many women who were strongly opposed that are now in favor. This is due partly to two causes; first, the educational work done on this question by its advocates, and second, that women are more and more interesting themselves in questions of public welfare. Interest soon begets the desire to help, and that, sooner or later, brings them to the ballot box, which they find closed against them.

Ontario has done splendid work; 120 local Unions report on the Franchise Department. It has 47 local Superintendents; 32 have educational programmes; 163 discussions at regular meetings, 43 perlor meetings, 45 public meetings have been held; 41,760 leaflets, etc., distributed; 60 Unions circulated petitions, securing 6587 male signatures and 10,813 female signatures. The Provincial Superintendent, Miss Charlotte E. Wiggins, has written 580 letters and 275 post-cards sent out 400 suffrage leaflets, delivered 20 lectures, and also conducted Franchise Drill in 40 different places.

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considerable prominence has been given to woman suffrage in the Home department. There are nineteen local Superintendents, and much work has been done. At the Provincial Convention, held at Ormstown, one of the public evening meetings was given to Franchise. The large attendance attested the interest in the subject. Through the efforts of the W.C.T.U., municipal franchise has been granted to widows and spinsters in the city of Montreal, paying a rental of \$300 per annum. Formerly only owners of property had this privilege.

New Brunswick has worked hard and brought the question to an issue by having the following resolution brought before their Legislature:—"April 13th, 1899. Resolved that in the opinion of this house the time is now ripe for the enactment of a law providing that the rights of citizenship shall not be denied nor abridged on account of sex, but that full franchise be granted to the women of this province on the same terms as to the men." This resolution was lost, seven voting for, thirty-four against. The thanks of all interested in woman suffrage are due to the Hon. Mr. Emmerson, who moved this resolution and supported it in so hearty and able a manner.

There is not the slightest doubt in the minds of the advocates of woman suffrage that it will be granted sooner or later. Also in the minds of its opponents is a growing feeling that it cannot be much longer withheld. So let us stand to-day looking out upon another year's battle with hope and certainty of ultimate success.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRIETTA MUIR EDWARDS.

REPORT OF PARLOR MEETINGS.

The Department of Parlor Meetings has had a steady growth in some Provinces during the past year, and in others, I regret to say, not much has been done, according to reports received.

The benefit of this Department to the work of the W.C.T.U. is most appreciated wherever it is most vigorously pushed.

One Superintendent writes: "After years of experience in Parlor Meetings, I attribute much of our success as a Union to this Department. Many have come to our business meetings and joined who first became interested at our Parlor Meetings."

British Columbia.—I wrote early in October to the Superintendent

of this Department in British Columbia, but have received no reply. Manitoba.—Mrs. Leah Lobb, of Roland, Superintendent, sent out early in the season an excellent Plan of Work, and model programme for Parlor Meetings, and the results are very gratifying. Twenty-one Unions held sixty-six Parlor Meetings. She has written 132 letters and 44 post-cards. The interest in this Department is growing.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Seymour, of St. John, Superintendent, writes that the Department of Parlor Meetings has not been taken up this year. This is very much regretted by your Superintendent, and I fear the reason is because Mrs. Seymour has had too much put upon her, having two other Departments beside Parlor Meetings. I sincerely hope that New Brunswick will divide the work and give Parlor Meetings alone to a Superintendent the coming year.

Nova Scotia.—The Provincial Superintendent having removed, the report was sent by the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ellie E. Smith. The "W's" held thirteen Parlor Meetings, and the "Y's" held thirty-two. Miss Smith writes: "Our girls find these meetings very helpful, and always secure new members. It also gives them a chance to meet with the Honorary members of their society and enjoy discussion on the different subjects relating to our beloved White Ribbon work." I hope that ere this Nova Scotia has appointed a Superintendent to replace the former very efficient one, Miss Blanchard.

Ontario.—The work in Ontario has been most encouraging during the past year. Reports were received from 41 counties; 141 unions held 218 Parlor Meetings; 60 Unions have local Superintendents, and there are 22 County Superintendents; 181 active, and 168 Honorary members were secured through Parlor Meetings. Six counties reported having received \$118.55 in contributions at Parlor Meetings.

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. Kate D. Large, of Charlottetown, Superintendent, reports only two Unions having held Parlor Meetings. No statistics were given.

Quebec.—Mrs. L. H. Tomkins, of Granby, Superintendent, writes that much good work has been done, and six counties sent in fair reports. However, no statistics were given, so I am unable to judge of the progress made.

In all 329 Parlor Meetings have been held; 47 counties sent reports.

SUGGESTIONS.

1st. That each Province, not already having a Superintendent, appoint one at the earliest possible moment.

2nd. That no other Department be given to the Superintendent of Parlor Meetings.

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4th. That Provincial Superintendents communicate directly with local Unions where there is no County Superintendent.

5th. That Provincial Superintendents send out blanks for their reports in September, in order to make their report to the Dominion Superintendent in October.

EMMA A. WHEELER.

REPORT OF FLOWER, FRUIT AND DELICACY DEPARTMENT.

Flowers may fade quickly, but the beautiful thoughts they suggest live long in the memory. God breathes His love into our hearts through the flowers, and the more we share their sweetness with others the more love and brightness will they bring to us. Our report this year shows advance in most lines.

Ontario.—Superintendent, Miss H. H. Wiley, Richmond Hill, reports as follows:—"We have sent out 396 circular letters suggesting plans for work, with a programme on 'Flower Mission for use at a Union meeting.' We also sent 396 leaflets containing helpful hints on the work; wrote a letter to each County Flower Mission Superintendent asking her to enthuse local Unions and where there was no Superintendent, wrote to the County President, asking her to use her influence to have one appointed. We sent out 200 blank reporting forms, and accompanied each by a post-card to the Superintendent; also wrote ten letters bearing on the work. Twenty-six counties reported, and the following is the sum of the work done:—9,464 bouquets, 9,225 texts, 32,218 pages literature, 85 books, 673 quarts of canned fruit, 168 pecks fresh fruit, 88½ dozen eggs, 59 dozen oranges, 288 pledges, 3,638 private homes visited, and 93 public institutions; 836 articles of clothing distributed. Received \$372.22, and expended \$544.74; bread, milk, groceries, flour, cream, meat, jellies, soup, broths, and many other things have been given in varying quantities, but no strict account has been kept. Boxes and barrels of clothing have also been given.

Quebec.—Miss Laura Hurd, Sherbrooke, Superintendent. Out of Quebec's seventy Flower Missions, only twenty-five have reported, and the summary of the work is as follows:—13,035 bouquets, 7,007

texts, 1,370 pages of literature, 339 quarts of canned fruit, 41 pledges, 317 visits to private homes, hospitals in Montreal, Sherbrooke, and Quebec, and Old Ladies' Home visited, also many schools, clothing has been given out in large quantities, but no account was kept. The children are encouraged to help in most of the Unions, and take flowers to the hospitals; they also make scrap-books for the Children's Hospitals. In some places they have flower shows every autumn.

New Brunswick.—Superintendent, Mrs. J. H. Gray, Fairville, has been able to collect reports from only nine Unions. Summary:—821 bouquets, 909 texts, 47 pages of literature, 152 books, 12 quarts canned fruit, 301 pecks fresh fruit, 4 dozen eggs, 7½ dozen oranges, 51 visits to public institutions, \$12.00 received, \$26.00 expended, 223 articles of clothing distributed. New Brunswick Flower Mission workers interest themselves greatly in the "Little Girls' Home." They have sent a great deal of clothing to it, fruit, cake, and \$12.00 in money.

Nova Scotia.—Superintendent, Mrs. J. T. McLaren, Lower Argyle, reports an increase of interest, and an advance in methods of work in this department during the last two years. The number of Unions was not given, but 38 blank reporting forms were sent out. Summary:—2,261 bouquets, 2,699 texts, 3,307 pages of literature, 25 books, 266 quarts of canned fruit, 12 pecks fruit, 6 dozen eggs, 8 dozen oranges, 436 visits to private homes, 524 to public institutions, receipts \$318.97, expenditure \$624.36. Large quantities of clothing have been given to the poor, but no accurate account has been kept. Some counties report Unions as given over 100 articles, others as sent out by the box or barrel.

Prince Edward Island.—Superintendent, Mrs. N. D. Armour, Charlottetown, sends a partial report. The Provincial Convention has not been held, and returns from the Unions had not been gathered. Summary:—Bouquets 239, texts 290, pages of literature 127, books 2, 1 quart canned fruit, 4 pounds grapes, 2 dozen eggs, 3 dozen oranges, visited 12 institutions, 85 private homes, receipts have been \$12.72, expenditure \$11.18. Twenty articles of clothing, confectionary, fowls, beef, oysters, beef tea, junket, raspberry vinegar, bread, cakes, candies, butter, tea, soup, vegetables, flour, sugar, coal, and wood, have been distributed among the sick and needy.

Manitoba.—Mrs. P. H. Clark, Rat Portage, Superintendent, speaks favorably of the outlook in this department of work. Twenty reporting forms were sent out, and our Manitoba Superintendent testifies to their value. Summary:—810 bouquets, 810 texts, 256 books, 3 quarts of canned fruit, 3 dozen eggs, 1 dozen oranges, 65 private homes

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British Columbia.—Mrs. C. H. Keith, New Westminster, Superintendent has sent no report, but from the Journal of October 1st, we have gleaned the following items for cheer and encouragement:—At the annual meeting of the W.C.T.U. in Revelstoke, British Columbia, it was reported that 50 bouquets were distributed, and 1,000 pages of literature, and \$80 devoted to the expenses of a reading room.

Dominion statistics:—26,680 bouquets, 20,938 texts, 39,069 pages of literature, 520 books, 1,294 quarts of canned fruit, 481 pecks of fruit, 103½ dozen eggs, 78½ dozen oranges, 329 pledges, 697 institutions visited, and 4,541 private homes. Receipts \$715.91, expenditure \$1,207.03; 1,229 articles of clothing. 44 letters and 11 postal-cards have been written in the interests of this Department; six sample reporting forms have been sent out, and 258 have been purchased by Provincial Superintendents, besides 14 record books and 7½ packages of texts; two articles have been written for the Journal. We notice with regret the decrease in the number of pledges received. This Department surely has especial opportunities presented for gaining pledge-signers. As a general rule none are so softened and so ready to seek the help of the Strong Arm as those to whom we minister. Let us make this special effort to help the weak. If we are the instrument of saving even one soul from the evil of intemperance, is it not worth while? Who knows but that that one soul may save thousands of others. There seems to be an ever-increasing tendency towards making our mission merely a conglomerate of little "charities," instead of making it primarily a means of winning souls. Remember the texts (Christ's own messages) which should accompany our gifts; past records show us their unspeakable value. Through the coming year let us attempt great things for the Master, and let our motto be: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE C. LAVELL.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNIONS.

Ontario.—Miss Charlotte Wiggins, Toronto, Superintendent. There are 25 "Y" Unions in Ontario, with 671 members and 135 honoraries, viz.—Lucknow, Teeswater, Ottawa (5), St. Thomas, Brockville, North Bay, Otterville, Tilsonburg, Picton, Rockland, Toronto (7), Hamilton (3), Mount Forest, Ayr. These "Y's" conduct Bands of Hope, and carry on the following Departments of work:—Flower Mission, Lumbermen, Parlor Meetings, Evangelistic, Medal Contests, Franchise, Narcotics, Scientific Temperance, Hygiene and Heredity, Kitchen Garden, Press, Fair, Relief Work, White Shield, Purity, Press. Miss Wiggins wrote 230 letters and 105 post-cards on behalf of her Department, and sends on the following suggestions:—

1. That more thought and effort be given to educate the young people to an interest in the temperance reform (a) by suggesting lines of work and programmes for young peoples' societies (b) by enlisting the young women as a "Y" Committee, where a "Y" Union cannot be organized.

2. That the young men be allowed a vote and a voice in discussion, but they shall not be eligible to office or as delegates to W.C.T.U. Conventions.

Quebec.—Mrs. L. M. Nutting, Waterloo, Superintendent. There are 8 "Y" Unions in Quebec Province, viz.—Buckingham, Lachute, Montreal, Montreal Point St. Charles, Thurso, Sherbrooke Waterloo, Montreal Westmount. Branches of work taken up are:—Relief Work, Flower, Fruit, and Delicacy Mission, Distribution of Literature, Bands of Hope, Sewing Schools, Socials, Picnics for Children, Mite Boxes, Donations for World's Missionary Work, Parlor Meetings, Debates.

Thurso members take care of one of the churches in order to obtain money to educate a little Hindu girl in India. Scrap books are made for Hospitals and Lumbermen's work. Sherbrooke carries on Temperance work in the Boys' Reformatory, also Scientific Temperance Instruction, Portrait Party, and Sailors' Work.

Suggestions.—That County "Y" Superintendents be appointed, and in places where there is no "Y" Union a "Y" Superintendent be appointed in the local Union, whose duties it would be to bring the young women into the Union, and, where possible, to form a "Y" Committee, of which she shall be the convener. She should also bring the subject of temperance before other young peoples' societies. In places where a "Y" Union already exists, the

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New Brunswick.—There are four Unions in this Province, viz.—St. Stephen, Hartland, St. John, Sackville. The branches of work are:—Evangelistic, Distribution of Literature, Fruit, Flower and Delicacy Mission, Circulating Libraries. During the plebiscite campaign much literature was sent out, and donations of money given. Hartland "Y" Union served dinners to over 400 voters the day of the plebiscite election. Concerts were given to increase the funds. This Union also has the Departments of Parlor Meetings and Relief.

Nova Scotia.—Miss Ellie E. Smith, Windsor, Superintendent. There are four "Y" Unions, viz.—Halifax ("Willing," "Floral"), Yarmouth, Windsor, Aylesford "Y" Committee. A membership of 160 active, and 100 honorary members, and a "Y" Committee. Branches of work taken up are:—Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission, Evangelistic, Narcotics, Parlor Meetings, Press, Parliamentary Usage, Coffee Rooms.

Manitoba.—Mrs. Kate R. Marwood, Winnipeg, Superintendent. There are 3 "Y" Unions in Manitoba, and 8 "Y" Committees. Branches of work are:—Flower Mission, Literature, Work among Foreigners, Press, Social, Health and Heredity.

Prince Edward Island.—Miss Annie E. Johnson, Charlottetown, Superintendent. There are two "Y" Unions, viz.—Summerside and Charlottetown. Branches of work:—Willard Memorial, Socials, Narcotics, Flower Mission, Fruit and Delicacy Mission, Relief, Distribution of Literature, Work among Sailors, Parlor Meetings, Entertaining Students, Medal Contests, Parliamentary Drills, Work among colored Children.

Up to this date British Columbia has not sent in any report, but there is a good work being done in that province in young woman's work. A tabulated statement cannot be given, as the Provincial Superintendents, with the exception of two, have failed to send in numbers of members, etc. So far 48 "Y" Unions are reported.

Suggestions for Dominion "Y" Work.—Choose a bright, earnest, happy-hearted young woman as Superintendent and Organizer, and pay her expenses to travel and visit the different Provinces, and not only send help to the "Y" Unions, but strive to interest W.C.T.U. Unions in the younger members. Ask every member of the W.C.T.U. in the Convention to see to it that her own daughters are members of the nearest Y.W.C.T.U. Send help to the Clara Parrish Fund by ordering "Y" Almanacs from Mrs. Bascom at the literature Depository. Add a Department of Domestic Science to the "Y" work, for as the boys are to be trained in manual training, so our girls may

be trained in good housekeeping. In this connection I will offer a prize to the girl under twenty-five in any "Y" Union who can make the best loaf of bread. The decision to be left in the hands of the local W.C.T.U. of the place.

The suggestions of the Provincial Superintendents are sent on, but I do not approve of the men having a vote, or of "Y" Committees, but these are for my successor.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the many young women who have shared with me the sisterly service in this Department in the years since I began in 1884, and with every blessing to the "Y's" of the Dominion, I make way for another who "will pledge while life is young, her heart and hand to God, to Home and Native Land."

MARY MCKAY SCOTT.

KITCHEN GARDEN REPORT.

During the past two years work has been carried on, as far as your Superintendent could ascertain, only in Toronto. There it has increased with very good results. In response to the articles written for the "Journal," descriptive of the work, the Superintendent received one or two letters of enquiry, as to cost of utensils, etc., but nothing further has resulted. The price of one table complete is \$50, that is, if everything is procured from New York. This can easily be covered by giving entertainments when the little girls are trained, and the benefits resulting to children who have no home training are incalculable.

Your Superintendent believes that in every large city and town there ought to be at least one set of utensils in constant occupation. This would be a great help to the juvenile work, and she suggests that each district and county organization procure a set of utensils (when, perhaps, no individual union would feel able to do so) and start this Department in some locality where it is especially needed, consigning the work to a Union most convenient to such locality. This could easily be done, and would prevent Kitchen Garden sets from lying idle, as is the case in some cities of our Dominion at the present time. In one place a prominent member did not know that such a set was stored away in their cupboards until your Superintendent informed her. This should not be; these sets are too valuable not to be in constant use.

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As I cannot possibly be present to read my report, I thought a short description of the work might be a help in any discussion, if such should take place. The Kitchen Garden is a school in which girls from eight to twelve years are trained to keep house by the Kinder-Garten system. The utensils consist of a number of articles comprising all the principal departments of housework—building fires, setting tables, washing and folding clothes, scrubbing, making beds, sweeping, dusting, etc. The girls are seated at long, low tables on small chairs, and the lessons are taught by means of toy dishes, tubs, etc., catechism, songs and marching being also part of the exercises. A musical instrument is a great addition, but the lessons can be taught very well without if any of the teachers can lead the singing. Of course when an instrument can be had the work is much easier. A single table can easily be taught in a large drawing room. A manual containing songs with music and a complete catechism of the work is absolutely necessary, and is specially provided. Though the cost of one table complete from New York is \$50.00, by procuring the long table, chairs, and some other things in Canada, the cost would be reduced.

REPORT OF JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

British Columbia. There are Loyal Temperance Legions doing a good work among the young. In the Sunday schools the quarterly temperance lesson is taught, and a temperance programme is given by the children, pledge cards are given and names enrolled in a pledge book. Temperance books have also been placed in Sunday school libraries.

Manitoba.—Mrs. Mary E. Buchanan, Superintendent. Ten juvenile societies report a membership of 679. One of these societies is formed of Icelandic children, with a membership of 60. "The Manual," "Alcohol and the Body," and "Crusade Song Book," are used. "The Northern Messenger," "Onward," and "Our Dumb Animals," are also used by some of the Bands. Most of the Sunday schools have the quarterly temperance lesson taught. The Junior Endeavor also have a lesson every three months. Pledges are secured among the children in Sunday schools, and literature distributed. Mrs. L. C. Cranston, the Provincial Superintendent, reports faithful work being done among the young.

New Brunswick.—The Superintendent, Mrs. A. Rogers, has written in the interests of the Department 26 letters and cards, but only received

three answers. "In many places Bands of Hope are not considered necessary, as temperance is so effectively taught in the day schools."

Nova Scotia.—Juvenile work is not taken up as a Provincial Department, but several local Unions engage in the work. Mrs. Chittick, Provincial Superintendent of Work in Sunday Schools, has heard from 23 Unions, who report 1,100 children pledged in Sunday schools. Sermons have been preached, and the temperance lesson taught quarterly. A few books bearing upon kindness to animals have been placed in libraries. Much literature has been distributed, and scrap-books have been made for sailors.

Ontario.—Mrs. Emma F. Pratt, Superintendent. The seed sowing in this Department has been faithfully, carefully, and prayerfully fulfilled in some parts of the field. We have had reported 43 Bands, with 2,550 children meeting regularly for temperance instruction. Of course, this does not cover one-half of the work accomplished, as out of 31 County Presidents 17 only replied, and in unorganized counties the local Unions were approached and five only responded to the appeal. During the year, ten new Bands were organized. Some special interests of the work have been:—a Wild Flower Show, Sewing Schools, Crusade day and blue Ribbon tea. Boys' Temperance Club, Band of Mercy, Prizes given for best Essay on Alcohol, also a News-boys' Club with 200 members open every night, and cooking classes.

Four Medal Contests have been held as follows:—Two gold and two silver. Toronto also reports four Kitchen Garden classes.

A special effort was made in Band of Mercy work. A letter to be read to the children with a pledge was sent to every Union asking that the children might have the question of cruelty to birds laid before them and explained fully. Four petitions were returned with 88 signatures. The initial step having been taken, better work will probably be done in the future. This Department sent out 600 communications, besides answering fifty letters. Expended \$15.95.

The following is a summary of work done in Sunday Schools:—There are 15 Superintendents, 100 schools reported as teaching the Quarterly Temperance Lesson, 13 schools have had pledge cards distributed, 3,586 pledged scholars, 55 schools addressed by temperance speakers, 210 visited by W.C.T.U. Superintendents, 125 temperance books added to libraries.

Quebec.—There are 65 Loyal Temperance Legions and Bands of Hope, with a membership of 2,404. Temperance literature has been distributed, silver medals given as prizes for regular attendance to the number of 33, one Gold Medal Contest held, prizes for scrap-books; great interest was taken in Flower Mission. One Band reports the girls making quilts and the boys scrap-books and toys for the poor. Literature has also been distributed in Sunday Schools, Temperance Sunday has been observed, sermons preached, temper-

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 literature distributed and papers written. Suggested that such books
 as "Beautiful Joe" and "Black Beauty" be placed in the Sunday
 School libraries; that women and girls be asked to pledge themselves
 against wearing birds and wings in hats or bonnets.

"WOMAN'S JOURNAL"

When it was finally determined that the Dominion was not in a
 position to purchase the "Woman's Journal," and Miss Scott found
 it impossible to meet the demand for improvements, or even long
 continue its publication under existing circumstances, I made ar-
 rangements by which it came under my control in June, 1898. With
 the co-operation of Mr. Rutherford, who undertook the business
 management, I decided to issue it semi-monthly at a straight sub-
 scription of fifty cents a year. This was based on the information
 received that the circulation was nearly 3,000. Our first issue was
 published in July, and a copy sent to every Union in Canada. An ex-
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 scriptions had expired as much as eighteen months or two years pre-
 vious had been allowed to stand, for, as Miss Scott expressed it
 "Many of our women are slow, but I think they mean to pay, and I
 did not like to cut them off." So that on October 1st, the paid-up
 subscription list did not exceed 1,058. With this limited circulation
 and circumscribed field it has been difficult to secure advertising
 patronage, so that the venture, viewed from a financial standpoint,
 has not been encouraging. As I could not feel it was right to run
 into debt, it was necessary to secure sufficient advertisements on each
 issue to warrant its publication. This has meant a tremendous effort
 on the part of the business manager, and has been secured mostly
 on personal grounds. I think it is only right to say that I would
 not feel justified in asking him to continue such responsibility or
 sacrifice of time much longer. There is an improvement this year,
 and with our membership it ought to be an easy matter to place our
 official organ on a safe financial basis. Shall it be done? On behalf
 of Mr. Rutherford and myself I wish to thank the many who, by their
 kind words of appreciation have helped more than they realized to
 nerve our energies and make us feel that our efforts were not in
 vain. If adverse criticisms have been made they have failed to reach

our ears. We have high ideals and hope some day to reach them, but feel perfectly safe in saying that, for the patronage accorded it, there is no better paper published. The following is the list of paid subscribers on October 1st, 1899:—Ontario, 728; Quebec, 194; Manitoba, 102; New Brunswick, 75; Nova Scotia, 75; British Columbia, 45; Prince Edward Island, 10; North-West Territories, 23. Total, 1,252. Being an increase of 194 over last year.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD.

REPORT OF THE WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

In submitting my two years' report I would like to say that if Canada had one "round the world" missionary of her own, I think it would greatly stimulate the local Unions to more persistent effort to raise money for the above-named fund. Contributions:—

	1897-98	1898-99	Total
Manitoba	—	5.00	5.00
Prince Edward Island	—	10.50	10.50
New Brunswick.....	—	11.06	11.06
British Columbia	29.65	18.25	47.90
Nova Scotia	12.60	1.00	13.60
Quebec	69.28	81.37	150.65
	<u>\$111.53</u>	<u>\$127.18</u>	<u>\$238.71</u>

In 1898 Quebec gave \$100 to constitute the Provincial President a Life Member of the World's W.C.T.U., and in 1899 the Provincial Superintendent of the World's Missionary was also made a Life Member.

Nova Scotia has contributed this year towards the support of Mrs. Large in Japan, \$31.25, which I have not included in the above figures. I give the amounts as reported to me.

British Columbia would have done much better this year had the Provincial Convention not made a mistake in the change of Superintendent (two parties in "honor preferring one another"), consequently only a part of the work was done.

Quebec is again the "Banner" province for World's Missionary Funds.

Your Working Comrade,

S. BOWES.

REPORT OF CURFEW BELL.

During the past year I have been in communication with the different provinces with regard to the work of my Department.

British Columbia, through Mrs. Gordan Grant, reports having influenced the legislature to pass the necessary legislative enactment, and was about to try it in the city of Victoria. I sent literature and helps.

Manitoba had the subject discussed, but, so far as I can learn, did nothing definite.

Ontario has a Department of Curfew Bell. The By-law has been adopted in about fifty towns and cities with good results in most cases.

Quebec has this Department. The Superintendent wrote to me for helps and instructions. Have not heard how many places have the law.

New Brunswick promised to bring the matter up at Executive meeting, and wrote to me for helps which I was pleased to forward.

This wise provision for the care of the young is gaining in favor all over the Continent, and the universal testimony is that it is a good thing when enforced.

S. G. E. McKEE.

PRESS REPORT.

"No despot leader, she—
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There is no factor in modern civilization which equals the power of the Press in moulding the opinions of men, and, consequently, their actions and lives.

The extent to which this mighty engine may be used by the W.C.T.U. is limited only by the ability, energy, and faithfulness of those into whose hands this work is placed.

If the W.C.T.U. is to be known throughout the world, not for self-glorification, but for the furtherance of its "Do everything" policy in the cause of all that is pure and true and ennobling in life, it must be done, in great measure, through the Press.

Personal work cannot be rated too highly, but thousands who will not allow themselves consciously to come under any religious influence, read eagerly whatever is within their reach, in nine cases out of ten, newspapers.

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into license, and the published details of one crime, or exhibition of human nature in its lowest forms, too often inflames the imagination and prepares the way for repetitions of the same. For these reasons, and many others crowded out by condensation, should not the W.C.T.U. put its best, most intelligent women into this Department?

Good work has been done during the last two years, but the W.C.T.U. does not occupy the place it should, especially in the secular Press.

Reasons for this are not hard to find. Journalism is a profession which requires special training, and how many of our women have had that? All honor is therefore due to those who have struggled so bravely against heavy odds, and the discouragement which always accompanies work where tangible result cannot be seen.

It is almost impossible to collect detailed statistics, nor is it necessary.

Ontario, with its eighty-five Press Superintendents, under Mrs. Helms, reports an immensity of work done.

Mrs. DesBrisay, of Nova Scotia, Mrs. Matheson, of Prince Edward Island, Miss Trueman, of New Brunswick, have faithfully led their respective provinces through the plebiscite fight, and are hopeful that "our Press work is helping to educate the people," but deplore that there "is still much ignorance in the backwoods and much indifference in society." Can nothing more be done to shake that paralyzing indifference out of those whose dearest, without suspicion on their part, may be in deadly danger?

Quebec, through Miss Merrill, gives quite a cheering report of increased work and keener interest.

Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, in the North-West Territories, is alive to the value of Press work, and is planning new methods for conquest.

Manitoba and British Columbia have not responded this year, so far, to the call for reports, which is the more to be regretted as it is known that much has been done and with excellent effect in both provinces.

Suggestions.—That the appointment of a local Press Superintendent should be as carefully considered and as necessary as that of President. That said Superintendent should send an account of every meeting held to local paper, remembering that a few readable paragraphs are better than columns of prosy moralizing, even if the editor would print it. That in cities, where there are several newspapers, a Press reporter should be appointed for each one to ensure variety and rapid insertion. That friendly personal relations should be established between editors and Press Superintendents.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF WORK AMONG FISHERMEN, SAILORS AND LIGHTHOUSE-KEEPERS.

Your Superintendent has received reports from six Provinces:—British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario.

British Columbia.—Provincial Superintendent Mrs. Priestly. The work for sailors has been faithfully carried on. Literature has been distributed, the ships in the harbours visited, a reading room is rented and furnished by the Wellington Union, meetings are also held, and the sailors find in this room good reading matter and writing materials. New Westminster Union is also active in this work; have services and supply the sailors with good literature, and quite a number have been converted to God. Regular visits are made at the Marine Hospital, literature supplied and the Scriptures read to the patients; at Christmas cards and fruit are distributed to the inmates. The Superintendent adds: "We feel sure that God has been made precious to many souls, and to Him we will give all the praise."

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. Poole, Provincial Superintendent, reports that the work in that Province has not been extensively carried on, one of the most largely frequented ports having closed its Sailors' Rest. One Y.W.C.T.U. reports work as follows:—104 parcels of papers and magazines distributed, 30 visits to vessels made, and \$1 sent to Labrador Mission steamer. Comfort bags are in course of preparation for next year, and the Superintendent hopes for improvement in this department.

Nova Scotia.—Provincial Superintendent, Mrs. O. C. Whitman. This Province by the sea has done better work in this Department than in any previous two years:—289 Bibles distributed; papers and magazines, 4,073; Xmas letters, 33; leaflets, 240; tracts, 749; comfort bags, 292; pledges, 142; vessels visited, 139; evangelist services, 26; 2,354 papers, magazines and tracts given away; also one large box of papers; 5 parcels sent to lighthouse-keepers; money raised for sailors' work, \$209. Thirty-four dollars has been donated for the new hospital steamer for Labrador. The latter is the report of last year's work, while many comfort bags and much literature and many Bibles have been sent for the use of the Labrador fishermen. We cannot say this is a full account either, for some Unions do not send statistics. Much work has been done in our Sailors' Rests that cannot be put down in figures, work the result of which will only be known in eternity. Our sailors dearly love to get a comfort bag; they seem to appreciate the letters found in them, even asking at times, "If there are no comfort bags, can they not have a letter?" A number of Unions have

received answers to letters sent during the past year, both from Labrador and Nova Scotia. Many of the lads visiting our Rests this year have gone out into the fog and tempest and darkness to be seen no more by mortal vision. No time then for idle resting, our part to labor; the Master's work requireth haste.

New Brunswick.—Provincial Superintendent, Mrs. Worden. Each Union in the Province has had postal cards sent urging co-operation in this Department; Dominion Superintendent's letter published in the Temperance column of "Daily News," St. John; nine copies of leaflet, "Dan's Comfort Bag," sent to as many Unions to help them in their work; also seamen's pledge cards; later, postals were written asking for returns of work done. The following summary of work done covering a period of two years since last Dominion Convention; 27 vessels have been visited, 10,005 pages of literature distributed, 22 comfort bags, 18 Testaments, 18 personal letters, and 27 evangelistic services are chronicled; 2 boxes of literature have been sent to the Seamen's Mission at St. John, and 1 box of useful articles valued at \$18 to the same institution. In St. John services have been held at the Seamen's Mission every Sunday afternoon by members of the Union. In one Union each member gave a Bible, while the Union furnished hymn-books and literature to give the sailors while in port. A number of social meetings have been held for sailors, and the bodies as well as the souls cared for. The report from New Brunswick is much more encouraging during the present year. The Department work is broadening and extending under the efficient superintendence of Mrs. Worden.

Quebec.—Provincial Superintendent, Mrs. Stobo. The Superintendent writes: "From Quebec down to the Gulf of St. Lawrence more than usual has been done in the way of providing literature for seamen, fishermen, and lighthouse keepers," 8,000 tracts and illustrated booklets have been circulated, 113 comfort bags, 1 scrap book, 175 papers, 17 personal letters, and 22 magazines have been given away. The sick seamen in the Jeffrey Hales Hospital have been visited regularly since the opening of navigation by members of the Union, who have done what they could to manifest sympathy and to relieve them in their hours of pain and homesickness. Through the kindness of the President of Quebec Union seventeen sick men on board the warships in the harbor were supplied with fruit and flowers, for which sincere thanks were tendered by Surgeon and Assistant-surgeon Gribble. Ninety-two comfort bags were sent to the 'Sailor' Institute, Montreal, made by "W's" and "Y's." Those sent by the "Y's" contained, in addition to other furnishing, a dainty needle-book, letter, assorted tracts, and pledge cards. Doubtless much more has been done in Quebec as in other provinces than the mere articles

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capable of being numbered; the visits and Christian words and influence are of untold value, and as Mrs. Stobo says, "instrumental in the making of character, and of more importance than the mere making of a living." Let us pray earnestly for this Department during the year.

Ontario.—Provincial Superintendent, Mrs. Lawrence. And now we have come to our last Provincial report, and we read it with a glad note of thanksgiving and approval for what has been accomplished in so short a time by our thoroughly efficient Superintendent, Mrs. Lawrence. That the progress should have been so rapid in a province that is not maritime, must certainly be due to the ability of the worker. The summary of work done is as follows:—Pages distributed, 21,872; papers, 2,139; tracts and leaflets, 3,514; comfort bags, 177; and booklets, 135. One large parcel of literature was sent to Sailors' Rest at Kingston; one box of literature and clothing, and one box of literature, two bales of clothing, and \$67.75 have been sent to Labrador Mission. How much effort has been expended in accomplishing so grand a showing can only be computed by one familiar with work for others. There should be a great deal of reading between the lines in order to accomplish it.

Your Superintendent has written during the last two years letters and cards to all the provincial Superintendents, outlining the work as far as practicable. Prohibition canvass and the Mission work at Labrador have been suggested as having urgent claims upon our Department. Letters have been written to the Unions through the columns of our official organ, the "Woman's Journal," in the interests of this Department. The pledge card for seamen has been sent to all the Provincial Superintendents, and its use strongly urged.

It gives me pleasure to say that the little book, "Dan's Comfort Bag," which has been used quite extensively in some of the Provinces, was brought to my notice by Mrs. Lawrence, of Ontario. It has proved very helpful in the work. Two hundred and sixty pledge cards have been sent out.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That in view of the fact that the Deep Sea Mission at Labrador takes in two of the subjects of our Department, and that the fishermen living at Labrador, as also those frequenting its coast, are exposed to great poverty and suffering; and taking into consideration that Labrador is on our side of the Atlantic, and should appeal strongly to the benevolence of the dwellers of our own land, suggested that we make the Labrador work a permanent object of our benefactions in this Department. That a contribution in money be asked from every Union yearly in aid of the support of the new hospital steamer, the "Strathcona." It will cost 700 pounds to cover

running expenses for eight months. All who contribute to this will please mark their donation "Labrador Steamer Maintenance Fund."

2. That the seamen's pledge card be more largely used in work among the classes covered by the Department.

3. That in furnishing comfort bags, the Bible or Testament, personal letter, and pledge card never be omitted.

4. That each Superintendent of this Department be given by her Union opportunity, annually or semi-annually, for a meeting with programme in the interests of her Department. That the various objects of this Department be advocated, and their character be intelligently discussed, so that interest may be aroused.

5. That each local Superintendent be diligent in advocating Prohibition whenever personal encounter with any of the classes covered by the Department is afforded. That the work suggested and being carried out by the Dominion Alliance be advanced, if possible, by this Department.

REPORT OF SOLDIERS AND MILITIA FOR 1897-98.

They say, that in one of the New England regiments of the Civil War, every member was a professed Christian, that this even included the brass band. Can we not take a lesson here, and help to bring about a like state in our Canadian forces; that as they advance to duty their hearts may be fired into flame for the cause of temperance and purity.

Quebec.—Three counties did active work, but only one reported number of leaflets distributed, namely, Hochelaga, 2,050 leaflets, along with 25 magazines. Kind letters of thanks were received from the Commanding Officers. Six literature baskets were placed in armories. Plebiscite was distributed at the Drill Hall, and St. Helen's Island visited, and leaflets and magazines provided. The Superintendent writes words of commendation of the Commanding Officers of the district for their kind consideration and attention.

New Brunswick has advanced so far as to appoint a Superintendent for this most important branch of the work.

Ontario reports thus for 1897-98:—The opportunities for work in this Department seemed larger this plebiscite year than ever before, and in every case when request was made for permission to distribute literature or hold services it was granted with the utmost courtesy, and we doubt not the eye and ear of many a man was reached when in camp, that would otherwise never have been gained at a plebiscite meeting in his own town. It has been our motto to endea-

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vor always to win for the W.C.T.U. the respect of the Commanding Officers, always conforming to military rules, and never entering the ranks without a permit. As is usually the case, the work has been done by the local Unions. Much noble work was done that should receive special mention would space permit. Similar to last year the number of battalions in camp was very large. Eight counties reported: Literature distributed, 15,861 leaflets, besides religious and temperance papers. It is estimated that upwards of 8,000 men were reached with plebiscite literature; 53 men signed the pledge; one soldiers' hospital was visited. At two camps refreshments were sold and two tables for reading and writing were provided, and much was done for which we did not receive figures, and a small amount of money was realized. The Superintendent wrote to the various Conferences, Synods, and Conventions held during the year, requesting them to adopt a resolution urging that steps be taken to enforce the law against the sale of liquor in canteens, and to make its sale illegal in Military Schools and Mounted Police barracks.

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No time in the history of the W.C.T.U. have we had such opportunities for work among soldiers as in the past decade. During the plebiscite campaign all our energies were strung to their utmost. Now in the past few weeks we have seen the real necessity for our work among the soldiers. Time and tide, army and navy, wait for no man, which only proves we have to work at all times and seasons, so as to be fit when the call comes "Forward, march."

Quebec.—Owing to the illness of the Superintendent, but little work has been done, though a continued effort has been made to interest the Commanding Officers, with somewhat of success. One recreation room has been provided with a year's magazines. In June the following appeared in "Montreal Witness":—"Sir,—Kindly inform the ladies of the W.C.T.U. through the columns of the "Witness" that they will earn the gratitude of over 6,000 men, and perhaps save a hundred boys from becoming drunkards, by immediately providing places in camp here where good cold pure water, cold tea, coffee and lemonade can be had by the boys. (Signed). "A Dry Trooper and Friend of Temperance." Camp Laprairie, June 25, 1899." From her sick bed the Superintendent sent out several appeals to White Ribbon workers, urging action, but, alas, the call was not responded to, and so our boys resorted to the canteen for "beers." Only when we are prepared to furnish the cup of cold water can we expect the disuse of liquor in the canteen.

Ontario.—The work of this Department has, during the past year, assumed a more important aspect than perhaps ever before. Our

attention has been principally devoted to the crusade against the sale of liquor in military schools, canteens, and mounted police barracks, and while we have not yet secured our object, we have strong faith that our late efforts have helped to reveal existing evils and to secure better conditions in the near future. In the spring a military leaflet, giving the facts of the case was prepared, and 1,422 were sent out over the province to members of Parliament, prominent men, conferences, synods, various conventions, and to all the Unions, and in each case request was made for co-operation. Besides this a circular was prepared in the form of an exercise suitable for the educational half-hour in local meetings, containing information regarding the needs of the case and our opportunities, and closed with the request that a resolution be adopted and forwarded to Hon. F. W. Borden, Minister of Militia, requesting the enforcement of a law against the sale of liquor in military canteens and places of military instruction. Dr. Borden's statement in the House created an erroneous impression, leaving even our membership in doubt of the actual facts, making it necessary to enlighten them. About 150 such letters were sent out. Much correspondence has also been had with temperance workers, military men, and others that cannot be tabulated. In the latter part of September, 327 report calls were sent out. In response 105 replies were received. Twelve Unions carried out the circular programme; 25 Unions adopted and forwarded the suggested resolution to Dr. Borden; the resolution was published in 25 different newspapers; a large number of influential men, and societies, conferences, synods, and conventions were reported as having written to Dr. Borden as requested; 3 Unions held services at military camps; 2 Unions prepared a reception for their battalions on return from camp. Total amount of literature distributed, 5,172 leaflets, and a large number of which no record was kept.

Before appealing to the Provinces for comforts for the Canadian Contingents to the Transvaal, your Superintendent wrote Colonel Otter, "Commandant," offering said comforts for his men, receiving in reply a letter of thanks and appreciation for kind interest displayed in their behalf. Though the call for Canadian forces for the Transvaal came so late that it could not be included in provincial reports, and so suddenly that all points in our wide Dominion could not be reached in time to do our work systematically, still your Superintendent feels that some reference should be made to this important move, and great credit is due for the prompt action of our forces. By letter and telegraph, messages were sent to seven provinces. Winnipeg for Manitoba reponded promptly that they would act and supply comfort cases including Testaments. New Brunswick united their aid with the Red Cross Society. Quebec and Ontario joined with local society workers, while Nova Scotia excelled all

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other provinces in their response, and with the aid of other workers, complete comfort cases were provided for their entire force.

In submitting my first Dominion report, I regret that an apology must accompany it. Severe illness for many months has kept me from duty, but, while deprived of the pleasure of active service, I have been able to study the needs of this Department, which is so full of opportunity. In fact, here we have our deepest and widest field among our voters. In no other Department do we come in direct communication with such a large body of men of all ranks, therefore it is that wisdom and care should be exercised to meet the needs of all. The influence of the Commandant Officer is felt all along the line, while the example of the pure life of the cadet has a wide influence. The dangers of soldiering are not found on the battlefield alone, but from the hour of enrolment the Sons of our Homes are surrounded by dangers small and great, and the question comes to us, are we doing all we can to help them? To defeat the enemy of intemperance, teetotalism and discipline should go hand in hand in our military colleges. Your Superintendent has, during the term, communicated with Provincial workers, military commanding Officers, and others whom she thought could advance the cause, visited the Yukon force while encamped in Ottawa en route, under Lieut.-Col. Evans, receiving his permission to forward literature, visited Kingston, and aided by suggestion the Department.

I. P. STARR.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS.

The reports of work done in this Department during the past two years are, on the whole, encouraging. Though we cannot claim that we have gained much in the way of legislation towards putting away the giant vices following in the wake of narcotic using, we know that Christian people generally are awakening as never before to look into this subject and ask, "Are these things so?" This arousal is largely due to the constant and wide dissemination of literature bearing upon this subject.

Ontario.—Taking the Provinces in order of organization, Ontario reports, through its Superintendent, Mrs. Waters, of Hamilton, two years of splendid aggressive work. In 1898: Triple pledge in 32 Sunday Schools, over 4,000 pages of literature distributed, 50 copies Tobacco Act distributed, 150 copies "Baneful Cigarette" distributed, 10 copies "Anti-Tobacco Gem" distributed, 1 Anti-Tobacco League formed, several under way; a number of faithful ministers earnestly

denounced the use of tobacco and cigarettes as health destroyers. Much personal work has been done in the way of asking conventions and conferences to pass resolutions denouncing the use of tobacco. Papers on the subject were prepared and read at many public meetings.

1899.—Reports from 38 counties received, all doing good work. Sixteen protests to Hon. Sidney Fisher were sent, expressing regret at his action in encouraging the cultivation of tobacco; 15 resolutions sent to members of Parliament; 1,128 pledges circulated; 141 copies Tobacco Act distributed; 13,486 pages literature distributed; 5 public meetings held on the streets; 19 Anti-Cigarette Leagues formed; 1 Anti-Tobacco League formed; 10 sermons preached by clergymen; 46 opinion against use of tobacco secured from prominent citizens; 1 Union succeeded in having two stores closed that persisted in selling to minors.

Quebec.—Mrs. Miner, Granby, Superintendent. The two years' work in this Province can be reported in one general report, as the work has been along the same lines both years. More work has been done this year than last, and more interest taken. Sixteen counties have taken up this Department. Special attention has been laid upon the distribution of literature which has been scattered freely. "Anti-Tobacco Gem" is largely circulated, some counties supplying it to all the English speaking schools within their jurisdiction. Several public addresses by public speakers have been given. Meetings held to which public school teachers were specially invited. At these meetings papers and essays were read and discussion and criticism were invited to follow reading of papers. Nearly all Bands of Hope have the triple pledge. Local papers are well supplied with items on the evil effects of narcotics. Ministers were interviewed and asked to preach at least one sermon a year against the habit; many complied, and good results followed. Sunday-school Superintendents and teachers were requested to bring the matter before their schools and classes. Some counties have received pledges from merchants and even hotel-keepers not to sell tobacco to minors.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Troy, Newcastle, Superintendent. Interest has greatly increased during the past two years. Strong efforts are being made to direct public attention to the injurious effects of tobacco. This year, 225 bills respecting the sale of tobacco to minors were distributed by the Superintendent. In addition to this copies of this Act were placed in the hands of grocers, restaurant-keepers, and all that sell tobacco in the city of St. John. As a result of the scientific lectures given by Rev. E. O. Taylor, numbers of leading men have given up the use of tobacco, and the influence of their example is having a good effect. Special effort has been made to

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secure the influence of public school teachers against the habit. They have been freely supplied with literature, and asked to bring the matter before their pupils. Juvenile tobacco pledges are circulated in schools, and many signatures were obtained.

Nova Scotia.—Mrs. Jost, Guysboro, reports as follows:—Of the 40 W.C.T.Unions in our Province, 18 report work done in this Department. Some have done nobly, working principally through the Sunday-Schools and public schools, distribution of literature, and the calling attention of grocers and general dealers to the law regulating sale of tobacco to minors. A number of the public schools have been supplied with mounted copies of this Act, thus keeping the matter constantly before the children.

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. McNeil, Summerside, Superintendent, has not sent a report this year. Last year she reported endeavoring to work the two Departments—Narcotics and Scientific Temperance Instruction—in conjunction. Her aim is to have the physiologies taught in every school, with a Superintendent in every district in charge of this special phase of the work. Every Union on the Island has a Superintendent.

Manitoba.—Mrs. Mason, Superintendent, reports as follows: Though there may not have been very much real practical work done, yet something is being done when an interest is awakened, and this work is being gradually taken up by our Unions. Literature has been distributed, signatures to pledges secured from public school and Sunday-school scholars, several sermons on the subject have been preached, papers have been read and discussed at public meetings.

North-West Territories.—Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald is as usual doing all she can in the Territories. She is doing much personal work, both in distributing literature, writing letters, and in every possible way bringing this matter before those whom she comes into contact with.

British Columbia.—Very little is reported from this province. The Superintendent was in England for some time, and the work dropped. A new Superintendent is now appointed and is reported as ready for work. Literature has been distributed, and the Superintendent of Juvenile Work is doing what she can along this line with the children.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MAC L. METCALFE.

REPORT OF WORK AMONG RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

Those who reply in the affirmative to the heart-searching question, "Am I my brother's keeper?"—who believe they are responsible for their influence over every life that touches theirs—are awakening to the fact that there is a very large class of men who quietly but steadily keep in motion the wheels of the great network of railways spreading over our continent, but who, by necessity, are cut off from almost all the influences that tend to awaken, nourish, and stimulate the moral and spiritual nature of mankind. As a result of this awakening, renewed and increased interest is shown by the erection and maintenance of reading-rooms by the Y.M.C.A., the holding of special services for railway men in season and out of season, whenever and wherever an audience can be secured. Chapel cars are being built, serving the double purpose of providing religious service for railway employees and for preaching to the settlers in scattered tracts of our country. And yet in proportion to the number of men employed these means are far from being sufficient to meet their needs, and it is just here that the W.C.T.U. has its opportunity to aid in this work by quietly placing in the hands of these brothers of theirs the helpful leaflet, the interesting, but wholly moral newspaper or magazine, and last, though greatest, the Bible. Then who is so fitted to minister to the sick and sorrowful, the stranger and the temporarily unemployed, as woman, with her God-given tact, tenderness and sympathy? May we rise to our opportunities, enter every open door, be faithful in that which is least, so that those often repeated, but ever meaningful words, may be truly said of each of us. "She hath done what she could." I will now give a brief synopsis of the Provincial reports:—

British Columbia.—The Plebiscite Campaign, so successfully carried on in this Province, hindered the work of this Department to some extent, but Mrs. Brown, the energetic Provincial Superintendent, did her best to interest the local Unions throughout the Province in the work, sending circulars and plan of work to each local Union. The results in reports have been rather inadequate, but another year may see greater things accomplished. Vancouver reports 17,945 pages of literature distributed, and 60 visits to sick men in hospitals. Nanaimo reports an indefinite but large amount of literature given out to railway employees. Chilliwack has placed brackets in stations and kept them well supplied with literature suitable for railway men. Vernon also has kept boxes at station supplied.

Manitoba.—Nine Unions in this Province reported in answer to the Provincial Superintendent's request for reports. It is to be regretted that no definite figures are given as to amount of literature dis-

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tributed, but systematic and faithful work has been carried on in Manitou, Boissevain, Rat Portage, Melita, Hartney, and Souris.

Nova Scotia has, as yet, no Superintendent, but some work is done in distributing literature and keeping boxes supplied at station by Windsor "Y" and Laurencetown W.C.T.U.

Ontario has done nobly this year, and shows an increase of two counties and ten local Unions taking up this Department. The condensed report is as follows:—counties reported, 22; local Unions, 50; tracts distributed, 46,826; papers, 4,500; magazines, 82; testaments, 6; comfort bags, 14; Bibles; 6 special sermons preached; 3 socials to employees; a number of employees homes visited, and personal work done, such as presenting the pledge, and speaking a word in season.

Quebec.—The report for 1899 is not to hand, but that of 1898 is as follows:—Seven counties report work done by some of the Unions in their limits. The work does not differ in detail from that in the other Provinces, though, perhaps, more prominence has been given to personal work, such as visitation of the sick and conversation with the men, with a view to inducing them to attend Sabbath services where possible.

ALICE P. MORRISON.

PRISONS, JAILS AND ALMSHOUSES.

Prison reform is evidently receiving an increased amount of thought and attention throughout the Dominion, and the Act passed by the Dominion Government at its last session, providing for the conditional liberation of prisoners in the penitentiaries of Canada, is, we believe, an outcome of that thought, and we trust will prove of benefit to those most concerned. It will be remembered that at the Convention in Toronto in 1897, a petition was prepared to be presented to Parliament asking that the W.C.T.U. be allowed to hold religious services in the various prisons of the Dominion. This petition was forwarded by our late Superintendent of this Department, to Mr. Richardson, M.P., who presented it, and from whom the following letter was received:—

House of Commons,

April 26th, 1898.

Amelia B. Yeomans, M.D.

Dear Madam,—The petition which you sent me to-day was duly presented this afternoon to the House. I got Senator Perley to present it in the Senate. I selected him because he is an eminently respect-

able man, and in entire sympathy with all moral objects, such as the one your Union has in view in the petition. Personally I am in sympathy with your object, and will take the first opportunity to speak to the Minister of Justice, and urge that the prayer be granted.

Respectfully yours,

R. L. RICHARDSON.

Ontario.—The report from this Province is most encouraging. A complete change has been made in the Refuge Department of the Mercer Reformatory, and now instead of having one person manage every department, they have five, so as to teach the girls the various branches of domestic economy, necessary to fit them for the homes where they may be employed after leaving the institution, namely, 1st. A first-class cook, thoroughly competent in every respect; 2nd. A first-class Normal School teacher; 3rd. A thoroughly competent dressmaker; 4th. A laundress; and 5th. Miss Elliott, who is still general manager of the whole. The girls are encouraged in their work and behaviour, and where found worthy of commendation are allowed privileges, such as choosing materials for their dresses, and how they are to be made, etc. In the Reformatory there are changes also being carried out. The corridors are being arranged so each individual will have a separate room, and will not be able to see anyone, except it may be while at work, and this is especially so among the more hardened ones. They are arranged in classes, and each class is not allowed to see the other. For some there seems no reformation, but others, especially those in for first offences, are glad to receive help and attention, and are anxious to reform. The number of Houses of Refuge is slowly increasing, and we hope that ere long the aged poor and insane will no longer be confined to jails. On June 2nd, a deputation from the Prisoners' Aid Association, accompanied by representatives from other organizations, including the W.C.T.U., obtained an interview with the Minister of Education and the Provincial Secretary, regarding the question of prison reform and the treatment of inebriates. At the request of the Prisoners' Aid Association, your representatives spoke particularly of the sympathy and interest the W.C.T.U. had always taken in questions of the treatment of inebriates, of resolutions adopted from time to time by them bearing on the subject, and that practical aid by the Government to promote the scientific treatment of inebriates would be gratifying both to the official and non-official members of the W.C.T.U. In reply to the deputation they expressed themselves as being in sympathy with such a movement, and though they could not promise that a hospital would be at once established, they favored some arrangement with the existing hospitals for the above treatment, and, if successful, a

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hospital would eventually be built. They would bring the question before their colleagues, and Mr. Ross said he was quite sure something would be done very soon. There are 20 Houses of Refuge in this Province, many of which are visited regularly.

Nova Scotia.—The report of work done in this Department in Nova Scotia is also most encouraging, and our women seem to be fully alive to its importance. Several Unions have "Prison Libraries" for the benefit of the prisoners, one library, that of Halifax Union, containing 100 carefully-selected volumes. Visits are regularly made to the jails, services held, good reading matter—including a large number of anti-tobacco leaflets—and text cards are distributed among the prisoners. There have been a large number of professed conversions, and amongst these are many whose lives prove that the change was real. There have also been a goodly number who signed the pledge, and of these a good percentage have so far withstood the temptations so constantly around them. Very gratifying letters have been received by all our local Superintendents from prisoners after their liberation, and from their friends also, returning thanks for the kindness and interest shown them during their incarceration. In some places a Bible is given each prisoner on his release, and in every case comfortable clothing is provided the destitute, and efforts made to assist them in getting employment. The Superintendent speaks of the good influence flowers exert, and testifies to the truth of what has already been said so often by our workers, viz., that prisoners' hearts are oft-times touched, and their interest and attention gained by the gift of a little bouquet, when nothing else seemed to reach them. She also says it is almost pathetic to see the efforts made to preserve the freshness of the flowers. The lock-ups, in communities where there are no jails, are also visited faithfully, and everything possible done for the prisoners.

Prince Edward Island.—There are only two jails in this Province, and the Superintendent reports visits made and a large amount of literature distributed. The visits and conversations with the prisoners have always been well received, and the Superintendent feels that the efforts, though feeble, put forth in the spirit of love, have been owned and blessed by the God of all goodness.

New Brunswick.—Regular services are held in all jails situated in towns in which there are Unions, and good secular reading matter and Testaments sent to the inmates, as well as to the inmates of the jails which it is impossible for our W.C.T.U. women to reach. St. John Union is the only one giving any definite information of work done, but it reports 104 gospel services held with the women, and 115 visits made to the male prisoners. Every help possible is given by women of the Unions all over the Province to prisoners, both while in jail and after they have come out, and situations are often secured

for them. At Christmas the usual treats were given and also Christmas cards, on which were texts from the Word, which we look to our Father in Heaven to use to His own honor and glory. Lock-ups are also visited by our women as opportunity offers, and services held with them also. One service was held in the Maritime Penitentiary at Dorchester, addressed by Mrs. Barney, World's Superintendent of Prison Work.

British Columbia.—Reports self-sacrificing work well and faithfully done. New Westminster seems to be particularly active, holding two services each week in the jail. They also have a "Library" for the use of prisoners, which in most cases is much appreciated. Very definite and clear conversions have taken place in all the prisons visited by the W.C.T.U., and the Lord has set His seal of approval upon their services. The hearts of the workers have been cheered by letters received from those who were brought into light through their administrations, and who were rejoicing in that light, and the changed lives which it brought them.

North-West Territories.—By their untiring zeal and perseverance the Unions of the North-West have secured the attendance of a women upon all women who are taken either to the prison or insane asylum. This is an example which, we hope, will be followed by all our Provinces.

Quebec.—The Superintendent of this Department has been laid aside by illness. The Woman's Jail in Montreal is visited regularly, Gospel services being held every week. An effort has been made to get the Provincial Government to have larger premises, so that there may be classification of the prisoners, and also opportunity afforded for the inmates to learn house and laundry work. A committee from the W.C.T.U. waited upon the Provincial Cabinet with their request, which was promised consideration. The prison at Sherbrooke is also visited regularly by the members of the Unions in that place. A Band of Hope is held in the Boys' Reformatory.

REPORT OF LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

Your Superintendent presents this report with a deepening sense of the transcendent importance of this department of work. We labor to promote virtue and good morals. Sabbath-keeping is not only itself a virtue, but it is a base and pillar which supports virtue, and a barrier against all attacks on virtue. It has been well said, "The Son of God, the Book of God, and the Day of God, are His three great gifts to the Children of Men." Without the Day in which to read and

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We have received but three reports of this year's work:—Ontario, New Brunswick, and British Columbia.

Ontario reports 16 counties as having Superintendents of this Department, and also 46 Unions outside of these counties. Six of these counties have reported through the Provincial Superintendent, and including those in these six counties, 112 Unions. These report that \$103.05 has been contributed to the fund of the Lord's Day Alliance. Much unreported work has been accomplished, while we have not the record of this, our Master has, and His blessing will bring forth the fruit of faithful labors.

The Superintendent of New Brunswick has faithfully sown the seeds of literature, programmes for Union meetings, and has written personal letters. She also reports that there exists a better law in the Province for the protection of Sabbath observance than heretofore.

The Superintendent of British Columbia writes that there is in that Province a growing interest to preserve a day of rest wholly unto the Lord. May this interest increase until we get it both by law and inclination.

From Manitoba we received an excellent report of last year's work, and we are assured that the work thus well begun has been prosecuted earnestly this year, though no report has as yet reached.

All the Provinces, except two, now have Superintendents of this Department, and all are looking out upon fields of labour which are white for the harvest. All over the Dominion there is noticeable the great increase of Sabbath desecration, and we earnestly urge renewed activity along all lines touching this Department, lest the Evil One gain the mastery, and we be robbed of this blessed boon. We further urge hearty co-operation with the Lord's Day Alliance, both by words, works, and gifts, so that we may materially aid them in their efforts to secure better legislation for the protection of the right of Canadian citizens to enjoy the Day of Rest. May the people of Canada be given wisdom to do well their part, so that it may be said of this Dominion, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

"Welcome that day, the day of holy peace—

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And man's Redeemer; for the soul's increase
In sanctity, and sweet repose bestowed;
Type of the rest when sin and care shall cease,
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ALICE B. REEDE.

TEMPERANCE GROCERIES.

When the last report of this Department was given there were grounds for hoping that another report might never be required, that if the plebiscite did not bring us Prohibition, it might open the way for such legislation that the licensed grocery, at least, might be abolished. We are, however, left exactly where we were, and the man who supplies needful food to our families is permitted also to sell strong drink, usage varying only in the different provinces as to whether the liquor shall be sold in the same store, or whether a partition shall be required between the liquor store and the grocery, and, further, as to whether or not a door shall be allowed in this partition. Everywhere, however, stores are to be found conducted on strictly temperance principles, and it is the work of this Department so to educate the conscience of Christian people that they will be unwilling even in the slightest degree either to contribute to the profits of the man who sells liquor, or to themselves participate in those profits by purchasing groceries at a cheaper rate than from the temperance grocer. In this matter we must take high ground. As thrift is part of many people's religion, we must teach that Christian stewardship does not mean the obtaining the necessaries of life at the lowest possible cost, that the money saved may be expended for God's glory; but that it means that every cent expended by the Christian in daily life should be expended in a way which will bring glory to God. Surely this principle would rule out all dealings with the licensed grocer, even if there were a real economy in dealing with him, which many doubt, and would cause our temperance women to rally to the support of the man who, perhaps for conscience sake has relinquished this source of profit. A special reason why Christian women should work and pray for the abolition of the grocer's license, is that it furnishes such a source of temptation to women. Many who would never think of going to a wine shop will order at a grocery what would otherwise be practically beyond their reach, and in low city groceries it is said that cheap beer is kept on tap, and offered to poor women to secure their custom. Such a temptation to an underfed and overworked woman must be indeed difficult to resist. Moreover, there are women in whom the fatal appetite has been excited. Their friends make every effort to keep temptation out of their way, yet they find means to gratify this appetite secretly by having intoxicating liquor charged to the family account as flour, butter, molasses, etc. This particular phase of the question is dealt with in a leaflet just printed, entitled, "The Price of Blood," which may be had from Mrs. Bascom.

This Department has been worked as a Department in Quebec and British Columbia. In Quebec Mrs. Enright is the provincial Superintendent, and there are quite a number of local Super-

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intendents. It is peculiarly a question for cities, yet some rural counties have taken the matter up, and are on their watch against dangers in this direction, and endeavor to influence those who order their groceries in quantity from city stores. The great need of the Department is literature for distribution, and this we may hope to have supplied by degrees.

J. E. DOUGALL.

REPORT OF SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

The past two years have been times not only of seed-sowing in the Department of Systematic Giving, but of harvest reaping. We find that there is a steady increase of interest upon this subject as well as an increase in the number of persons who contribute systematically to the Lord's treasury.

No report comes from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, North-West Territories and Manitoba.

In British Columbia the Department is living, and hopes are entertained for greater results.

Ontario reports in 1898: 16 county Superintendents and 19 local, 5 Bible Readings, 3 Systematic Giving Meetings, 8 Unions distributing literature, 15 sermons preached, 8 papers given, 13 addresses, 1 question drawer, 13 discussions. In 1899: 7 county Superintendents, 38 local Superintendents, 267 Systematic Givers, 1,384 pages of literature distributed, 10 sermons preached, 4 Bible readings, 16 thank-offering programmes carried out, 10 discussions 6 addresses.

Going east to Quebec province we find in the past two years that faithful work has been done by the Superintendent, and reports are received of sermons preached, papers read, followed by discussions, and literature freely distributed.

Nova Scotia has not been behind in fidelity to this most important Department of work, and also reports addresses, discussions and papers on the subject, besides the free distribution of literature.

In January, 1899, envelopes and circulars were sent to the Provinces to give every White Ribboner, at the close of the first quarter of a century of the W.C.T.U.'s life, an opportunity of presenting a "Thank-Offering," the amount to be used in augmenting the memorial fund now in existence for the free distribution of literature. It was gratifying to note in the reports of the provincial Superintendents that in many instances the thank-offering programme had been carried out, and proved very interesting and helpful. Your Superintendent believes that the introduction of the

thank-offering movement has been a blessing spiritually to the Unions, and will be a blessing to the different provinces by means of the good done by scattering literature. She would like to suggest that this year, in order to systematize this method of contribution, mite boxes be introduced, and each White Ribboner be given one, so that upon a certain named date a thank-offering programme again be arranged and the mite boxes opened, the proceeds to be applied to the same object.

S. PHILLIPS.

REPORT OF SCHOOL SAVINGS BANKS.

Two years ago, at the Toronto Convention, you consigned this Department of work to me in place of the Department of Purity. Being unacquainted with the work accomplished by my predecessor, and receiving no instruction from her, I was obliged to begin, as it were, in the dark. I have to thank our World's Superintendent of School Savings Banks for her prompt and kind letter, accompanied by an assorted package of literature. This I began to study, preparatory to writing to the different provincial Unions, when the disastrous fire of September 10th, 1898, swept away my home with all its contents, and I found myself unable to think of much outside of home and family, excepting the all-absorbing and urgent work connected with the last two weeks before the plebiscite vote of September 29th, which then became all the more imperative. As soon as possible after this, I opened up a correspondence with the provincial Unions, and found that very little had been done in this Department by provincial officers.

Prince Edward Island W.C.T.U. had appointed a provincial Superintendent, Mrs. R. C. McLeod, of Summerside, who reported "a scarcity of large cities on the island, and consequently a lack of banking facilities which makes it extremely difficult to organize School Savings Banks." Charlottetown has for a number of years had a savings bank in connection with its city schools, but not at all connected with the W.C.T.U. In Summerside we succeeded in introducing it into our town school (this is the work of the local W.C.T.U.). The first deposit was made on the 20th of September, 1897, and the last on the 20th of June, 1898. During this time the pupils deposited \$707.00, and withdrew \$107.00, leaving to their credit in the bank \$600, exclusive of interest. I tried to get this year's total,

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but as the books were not fully made up, I could only get a statement to date (June, 1899), viz., that there is, now in the School Savings Bank the sum of \$811.27. Over a thousand dollars have been deposited, but the withdrawals have reduced it to the amount mentioned. We have been very fortunate in having as Principal of our Schools one who is enthusiastic on the subject, and, of course, that goes a long way in making any venture successful."

In New Brunswick the Department of School Savings Banks was created by the Provincial W.C.T.U. Convention two years ago, but the women being so much engaged with the plebiscite campaign, the work was not followed up. However, this year Mrs. Atkinson, Provincial Corresponding Secretary, has been setting things in motion by ordering literature, and a good commencement has been made. Early in the year, in answer to a letter of inquiry, Mrs. Atkinson reported having given the scheme a test in connection with the Mission in the Slum, of which she is Superintendent. She says: "It works beautifully, and although the people are of the very poorest class, quite a sum has been saved by men, women, and children. I purpose bringing the matter before the School Boards in the larger towns at once. Can do so with more confidence now that I have tried it myself." The system is carried on in connection with the schools at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and at my request the Supervisor wrote an article for the "Educational Review." Mrs. Oberholtzer, World's Superintendent, some two years ago, visited some of the cities in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and interested the School directors and principals in the work of her Department, thus sowing the good seed.

Although the Manitoba W.C.T.U. have for some time past had the subject of School Savings Banks under consideration, they have not succeeded in finding a Superintendent for work, but, in reply to my letter, the following information was furnished:—"At a meeting of the School Board's Special Committee on School Savings Banks, held on April 26th, 1899, the matter was thoroughly discussed, and the Committee unanimously decided to recommend the Board to introduce the system to Winnipeg's public schools. Mr. D. M. Horne, one of the Ward 3 representatives, has interested himself greatly in the introduction of penny savings banks to the schools, as he, with many others of the trustees believe that the children should be educated in thrift."

Quebec W.C.T.U. reports through their provincial President, Mrs. J. G. Sanderson:—"Some time ago we adopted the Department of School Savings Banks, but the teachers found a difficulty in working it under the banking laws of this province. This year I asked the Union to take it up again, as an antidote to the craze for lotteries and gambling. We have not found a Superintendent for it yet. Mrs. Oberholtzer has sent me her plan of work, but it is not suited for our

province. I am hoping that Mr. Mulock will do something to popularize the Post Office Savings Bank as it exists in England."

In Ontario the provincial W.C.T.U. are, through their Sub-Executive, bringing every Department into active operation by means of specially-prepared leaflets and suggested programmes, which are issued every two weeks to each local Union, and not only do they supply their own, but they reach out and supply the smaller provincial Unions, such as British Columbia. It is not surprising, therefore, that their President, Mrs. May R. Thornley, should say, when asked to consider the wisdom of creating the Department of School Savings Banks at her next Convention, "The idea of another Department to man and oversee gives me a cold chill. Every year another Department or two falls into line, and every one that does so gives the Provincial Sub-Executive, and especially the President, a great deal of additional anxiety and care. Despite all this, of course, I will lay your communication before our Sub-Executive, and ask them to give it their careful consideration." Local School Boards in Toronto and Galt, and perhaps some others, have introduced the School Savings Bank system into their schools quite independently of W.C.T.U. influences.

British Columbia Provincial Union has adopted the Department and appointed a Superintendent a year ago, but so far no local Union has undertaken to bring the matter before their public School Board.

Discovering that some of the Provincial Superintendents were anxious to procure additional information respecting "plan of work" for this Department, I sent to Mrs. Oberholtzer for six packages of assorted School Savings Bank literature, giving the addresses to which I wished them forwarded, thus providing six provincial Unions with a complete supply for reference. I trust an interest will be created in this Department at the Dominion Convention, and that much good work may be begun and executed before another year shall have gone by. Your Superintendent had the privilege of being present at the great National W.C.T.U. Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, October 20-26th, where she became personally acquainted with Mrs. Oberholtzer, the World's Superintendent of School Savings Banks, and received from her the kindest recognition and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. CUNNINGHAM.

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REPORT OF THE DOMINION LITERATURE DEPOSITORY.

Two years is such a length of time to report for that your Superintendent scarcely knows where to begin. The most important epochs in the temperance history of Canada is compressed into this period. Two years ago we were all astir, entertaining sister White Ribboners from every part of the world. Our hearts were aglow with love and admiration for our now sainted Leader, and the magnetism of her presence inspired us. W.C.T.U. work was at its brightest and best, and the notable gathering in Toronto was a fitting preparation for the plebiscite campaign which so soon followed. Weeks and months of unremitting toil were ours, and the last few months have been like the calm after the storm—"port after stormy seas." Every W.C.T.U. woman looks back on pre-plebiscite days with a sigh, and declares if she had not realized "the battle was the Lord's," that He never fails His children, and would supply the armor and strength for the campaign, her spirit would have fainted within her. At the Depository, although hundreds of pounds of literature were sent forth, the gains were not in proportion, in excess of other years, because the supply had to be kept up, and thousands more of leaflets were printed than were then disposed of, and this year we have profited by last year's expenditure. It was the printer's harvest. Departmental work took secondary place, and all our interest centred on Canada's Drink Bill, and topics of like character. This year we have returned to our Departmental work, and have introduced special features. Franchise and Anti-Narcotic literature have been printed wholesale. Miss Wiggins, of Ontario, has prepared two leaflets, "Should Women Vote?" and a "Woman's Suffrage Catechism." They are short, concise, and to the point, very readable, and sell at 20c per hundred. Eighty thousand of these leaflets have been printed, and about 60,000 of them disposed of.

Medal contests are recommended as a means of interesting young people, and also of raising money, and the W.C.T.U. Medal Contest Books, Nos. 1, 2, and 3, are always in stock. The law in Ontario regarding the sale of tobacco to minors has been printed on cards, 11in. by 7in., with perforated hole, suitable for hanging in barbers' shops, and places where tobacco and cigars are sold. Your Superintendent would like to receive the laws of other provinces on this subject. Anti-tobacco pledge cards can be supplied at 60c per 100. Dr. Mary Wood-Allan's books, "Almost a Man," "Almost a Woman," "Teaching Truth," and "Child Confidence Rewarded," have had a large sale. To these books on Purity have been added, "What a Young Girl Ought to Know," "What a Young Boy Ought

to Know," and others by Dr. Mary Wood-Allan and Rev. Sylvanus Stall, which ought to be in the hands of every mother to use as she thinks best. "The New Crusade," price \$1.00 per year. To our Schools of Methods Series will be added a Parliamentary Drill, by Mrs. Thornley, and a most excellent leaflet by Mrs. Gordon-Wright, entitled, "The Local Superintendent." The stock at the Depository is still on the increase; demands must be supplied, and a sufficient number printed to make it pay, and almost \$225.00 worth has been added. The room so kindly granted by the Toronto District W.C.T.U. is crowded beyond its proper capacity, beyond its good appearance, parcels being stowed away in all sorts of available places. It is, however, exceedingly comforting to look at the piled-up shelves and think they are all paid for; there is no incubus of a mortgage resting there. No doubt the different Superintendents will report the amount of literature distributed in their Departments, but I often wish there was a Superintendent of literature in each province who would study the needs of each Department, and be able to give Superintendents advice, and who would reply to letters at greater length than I have time for. When a letter is received from some one anxiously seeking information as to how to go to work in her Department, your Superintendent longs for a quiet season in which to sit down and have a quiet heart-to-heart talk with one, a discouraged one, it may be, but the memory of orders unfilled—a look at the little pile of letters on the table—the thought of anxious ones expecting parcels, nearly always by "return of mail"—drives out all possibility of such enjoyment. I had hoped to present to you an estimate of the expenditure of each province, but before I had gone over three months of the year I had to relinquish the idea in despair. The thought of nervous prostration laying hold of me and keeping me from this long-looked-forward-to Convention, prompted me to hastily close the books.

I may say, however, that Ontario is still the Banner Province in distributing literature. That province herself sent out in 1897-98 \$43.00 worth of literature, and in 1898-99, \$70.00 worth. Then, the cities of London, Cornwall, Toronto, and Hamilton are very liberal in educating their workers. Quebec Province is second, and the other provinces all help. New Brunswick has taken up the plan of sending supplies of literature to new Unions, each amounting to 45c, and I trust the other provinces will speedily realize the importance of pursuing the same plan. Superintendents have it in their power to materially assist the Depository, and at the same time spread knowledge by choosing literature and recommending it in their circulars, taking the precaution to always write me first and get the correct price of leaflets and pamphlets recommended. Some Superintendents

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have given me a great amount of trouble by failing to do this. I had hoped to be able to present a new catalogue of the Depository's treasures to each delegate present, but lack of time to prepare it is the cause of your and my disappointment. The truth is, the work is too heavy for your Superintendent to properly carry out her ideas. An allowance is certainly made for an assistant, and a young lady in Toronto is an efficient helper, but the Manager of the Depository should be a woman who has no home ties, and could place herself and her time fully in the work, and not endeavor to hold the reins of a home in one hand, while the duties of the Depository are running away with her altogether. The number of parcels sent out in 1897-98 was 2,146; in 1898-99, 1,399; the increase owing to the demand of literature for Plebiscite work. In 1897-98 I wrote 938 post-cards and 207 letters; in 1898-99, 1,000 post-cards and 175 letters. At least eight hours per day have been given to the work. My car fare to Depository in 1897-98 was \$14.97, in 1898-99, \$11.76, which I have not charged up. Our very grateful thanks are extended to the Province of Quebec for free advertisement on the cover of their provincial report; to the sister White Ribboners of Toronto District W.C.T.U., who have so generously placed at the disposal of the Dominion W.C.T.U. the use of a room for the Depository, and give to your Superintendent "the freedom" of their Headquarters; to Ontario Province who inserts an advertisement at merely nominal price; and to all the friends in the provinces who have been loyal in the support of the Depository.

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	Receipts.	Expenditure.
November	83 72	18 58
December	132 13	125 04
January	99 59	162 77
February	63 23	82 56
March	138 93	138 70
April	80 72	48 28
May	94 26	49 64
June	110 44	69 29
July	53 23	162 50
August	106 06	102 42
September	179 83	105 23
October	159 07	187 23
Postage Account		17 79
Total Receipts	1,301 21	1,270 03
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Balance	\$31 18	

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	Receipts.	Expenditure.
Balance from last year	31 18	
Interest at 3 percent. (32,11)	93	
November	172 18	110 22
December	76 38	85 04
January	50 13	106 23
February	54 39	114 79
March	92 08	135 57
April	62 71	32 25
May	68 63	14 72
June	116 52	156 54
July	40 14	29 51
August	40 75	9 83
September	46 19	9 87
October	334 08	162 50
Postage		13 28
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Balance	149 50	
Accounts unpaid to me.		52 74

Of the accounts in 1897-98, the amount of \$25.66 still remains unpaid. Of the accounts of 1898-99, \$52.74 is still owing; about two-thirds of which I consider collectable in the course of time.

SUGGESTIONS.

- When sending for samples please enclose 5c. Plebiscite year samples sent out not paid for amounted to \$20.
- That each province appoint a Superintendent of literature.
- That each Superintendent acquaint herself thoroughly as to new helps in her Department, and put herself in correspondence with the Dominion Superintendent.
- That each Superintendent carefully prepares a circular recommending suitable literature for her Department.
- That papers read at County Conventions and considered to be of importance to the work be sent to the Literature Committee.
- That literature be distributed more generally in Sunday Schools, and temperance books be placed in Sunday School libraries. Loyal Legion Leaflets at 50c. per hundred may be procured.

That Sunday School scholars be pledged. Pledge cards 90c. per hundred.

That special effort be made to introduce the Anti-Cigarette Pins—5c. each.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. BASCOM.

LEAFLETS PRINTED BY DEPOSITORY—1897-98.

- 10,000 Canada's Drink Bill.
- 10,000 Terrible Charge.
- 2,000 Roman Catholic Utterances.
- 5,000 Why Don't Christians Help?
- 10,000 Two Million Boys Wanted.
- 10,000 Have You Any Boys?
- 1,000 Honorary Members' Cards.
- 500 Travelling Cards.
- 2,000 Post Cards.
- 500 Bill Heads.
- 2,500 Order Forms (in books 25c each).
- 10,000 Answer these Four Questions.
 - 200 Man Who Died For Me.
- 5,000 Right or Wrong.
- 5,000 Woman's Voice Against Liquor Traffic.
- 5,000 Where is Thy Brother?
- 5,000 Home v. Saloon.
- 5,000 Church v. Saloon.
- 5,000 Live Issues for Living Men.
- 5,000 Why He Stopped Drinking?
- 5,000 How Alcohol Comes in Cider.
 - 500 The Man Who Died for Me.
 - 500 Deacon's Tenth.
- 5,000 Note Headings (W.C.T.U.)
 - 500 Note Headings (Literature Depository).
- 1,000 Honorary Members' Cards.
- 1,000 Tete-a-Tete (Booklets).
 - 500 Removal Cards.
- 10,000 Band of Hope Cards.
- 5,000 What Tobacco Money Came To
- 5,000 Havelock and His Croquet (for soldiers).
- 5,000 Impartial Testimony.
- 5,000 Saloons must Go.
- 5,000 Hints for C. E. Committees.
- 5,000 Missionary Work for Boys.

- 5,000 No Alcohol for Soudan Soldiers.
- 5,000 Where the Money Went.
- 10,000 Catalogues for Plebiscite.
- 75 books. Receipt Forms in Books.
- 10,000 Cider Trap for Children.
- 10,000 Wanted, Two Million Boys.
- 5,000 Roman Catholic Utterances.
- 5,000 I Started from Your Cider.
- 5,000 Will You Take the Responsibility?
- 5,000 I Like Cider.
- 5,000 Heredity Effects of Cider.
- 5,000 Ten Reasons for Signing the Pledge.
- 5,000 Cost of Prisons.
- 5,000 Hard Times.
- 2,000 Have You Any Boys?

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LEAFLETS PRINTED 1898-99.

- 10,000 On a Lehigh Valley Train.
- 10,000 A Practical Lesson.
- 5,000 Credential Forms.
- 20,000 Canada's Drink Bill.
- 10,000 Direct Cost of Liquor Traffic.
- 10,000 Indirect Cost of Liquor Traffic.
- 10,000 Have You Any Boys?
- 8,000 Why Should a Church Member Belong to the W.C.T.U.?
- 5,000 Sabbath in Social Life.
- 5,000 A Message for You.
- 5,000 Why should I Sign the Pledge?
- 5,000 A Dangerous Road.
- 5,000 Why not Go? (Sabbath Observance).
- 2,000 Reception of New Members.
- 40,000 Should Women Vote?
- 40,000 A Woman Suffrage Catechism.
- 8,000 Why Should I Belong to the W.C.T.U.?
- 8,000 Why Don't the Christians Help?
- 8,000 Hints to Boys.
- 8,000 Mission of White Ribbon.
- 10,000 A Terrible Charge.
- 25,000 Flower Mission Texts.

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REPORT OF WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Since the organization of the Young Peoples' Societies of Christian Endeavor and Epworth Leagues, and other similar societies in the various churches, there has been a falling off of "Y" Unions. While we do not think this is an adequate reason for the lessening of the membership of the "Y's," this Department was formed to bridge the chasm. The young people are banding themselves together for church work, and are doing much to build up the cause of missions. We know no greater work than this, and yet for this to be done successfully, the temperance work must go hand in hand; for does not intemperance lead men and women away from church? Does not the church lack funds to carry on her great enterprise, because of the great waste in the drink traffic. Then in missionary work—and I hope as White Ribboners we are all lovers of Missions, and identified with the work of our various Woman's Missionary Societies—who can fail to see that the drink traffic hinders and retards missionary progress in far away lands. These causes, in which we are all interested, must go hand in hand if we are going to realize our motto, "The world for Christ." The Woman's Missionary Societies have been amongst the largest factors for the spread of missionary knowledge, thus increasing zeal and gifts. Some of the young peoples' societies are now maintaining missionaries in the fields. Is it not time that we enlisted the energies of the young people for the great reforms for which the White Ribbon stands?

Manitoba is the only province that has a provincial Superintendent of this Department. In this province the work has been carried on in connection with the Sunday school work. The Young Peoples' Societies in Winnipeg and Boissevain have been regularly visited, and a Narcotic Exercise was given in three societies. As far as the Provincial Superintendent could gather, the large majority of the Young peoples' Societies have an active temperance committee, and hold regular quarterly temperance meetings.

In Ontario this work has been carried on in connection with the "Y" Department. Toronto carries on systematic work in visiting the Young Peoples' Societies, and at eight of the regular meetings White Ribboners gave addresses. The workers report that most of the societies have temperance committees, hold regular temperance meetings and circulate the triple pledge. The Assistant Superintendent of "Y" work succeeded in having the Department of Christian Citizenship emphasized in her own county C.E. Union, and suggestions were sent to the societies of the county for practical lines of work and programmes for interesting meetings. Seven county C.E.

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Unions were reached in this way. During the Plebiscite Campaign specially good work was done by the young people in distribution of literature, acting as scrutineers on voting day, and in other ways pushing the work. No figures that would be at all accurate could be gathered of this work, as in many cases the young people acted as auxiliary forces to Plebiscite associations and leagues.

The Dominion Superintendent has written twice to every province, urging the work and suggesting lines of work; has written 125 letters and 50 post cards; printed some suggestions just before the plebiscite campaign, as to the ways in which young people might help; has tried to interest the Young Peoples' Societies directly in her travels, and, through the head organizations, secured splendid recognition of this work.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That some systematic effort be made to reach the Young Peoples' Societies, to interest them in the great cause of Christian Citizenship.
2. That in this effort we recognize the zeal of the young people, and suggest plans of work whereby this energy may be wisely directed.
3. That we make a special effort to engage the Young Peoples' Societies in a systematic visitation of the homes of those people that we cannot reach through public meetings, with a thorough distribution of suitable literature in connection with it.
4. That we renew our recommendations to suggest and provide interesting programmes for the gatherings of the young people.
5. That we bring before the attention of the young people our Department of Franchise, asking them to have debates and parliamentary drills on woman's ballot, for the young men and women must be trained together to use the ballot for effective moral legislation.

CHARLOTTE E. WIGGINS.

REPORT OF WHITE SHIELD DEPARTMENT.

Your Superintendent has little to report. Is it because it is a new Department, or that people have come to look upon the subject of Purity, or any thing relating thereto, as impurity? However, as prayers ascend for this grand work, not only for the Home, but for the Nation we hope that in the near future this subject may be considered in its true and noble aspects. In reply to your Superintendent the provinces all expressed great need for this Department,

so that we see that our work will not be in vain, for the field is wide and ready, the laborers only are required.

In Quebec, their Superintendent having "crossed the bar" just after the Provincial Convention, little work was done. Some White Shield literature was distributed, and one of their "Y's" is at work.

Nova Scotia cannot find a member willing to undertake the work, and has not taken up the Department.

Prince Edward Island have not any White Shield Societies, but the need is great.

Manitoba distributed about 500 leaflets on the White Shield. The "Y" President, Mrs. Wallace, is very much interested, so we are hoping for great things in the future.

British Columbia have not any White Shield Societies. They hope to have White Shield books in their W.C.T.U. libraries next year. The need of the work is great. They suggest that a short paper be written covering the main points of the work, also suggesting some practical plans for carrying it out which could be sent from one Union to another, read in the meeting, and so reach the actual workers.

Ontario.—One Society organized in Salford (owing to the illness of the Superintendent of Ontario exact reports could not be obtained). Four societies are now organized in Toronto, with a membership of 125 which are affiliated to an Executive. They meet once a month, taking up different courses prescribed in White Shield Manual, besides other work. All appear interested. Then there is one in the Woman's Medical College, and a Junior White Shield Society, which is for girls under fourteen years of age, all of which are doing good work. There has been outside work done in a number of places which has not been reported, but will show results in time to come.

Two "Y's" have undertaken the work, one as a Department, and the other under Purity, and both are doing good, practical work, distributing White Shield literature and reading the books themselves. All of which is respectfully submitted by your Superintendent.

LOTTIE F. HARRIS.

REPORT OF "UNION SIGNAL" REPORTER.

Thought, that wonderful faculty which we possess in heart and brain, is the architect of one's own character. Thought crystallized into words and deeds helps to build the character of others. Hence the importance of giving our thoughts to others. Telling our achievements when they are in the right direction, give encouragement and

stimulus; and so we deem it necessary to use the Press, the great factor for moulding the public mind. The "Union Signal" organ of the World's and National W.C.T.U., has kindly placed at the disposal of the Dominion Union two columns of space monthly, expecting that we would be able to more than fill it, and yet we have failed to do so, because we lacked material. Only eleven reports have been sent to the "Signal" since our last Convention. These were compiled from seventeen reports which came from some of the different provinces, viz., Nova Scotia, 3; Ontario, 2; Manitoba, 1; North-West Territories, 1; Prince Edward Island, 11; Quebec and New Brunswick, none. Help in compiling these reports was also received from the "Woman's Journal,"

Respectfully submitted,

J. MATHESON.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER FOR DOMINION W.C.T.U. EXHIBIT AT PARIS EXPOSITION.

When I learned that I was appointed to arrange for Dominion W.C.T.U. exhibit at Paris I turned instinctively to those compendiums of W.C.T.U. practical wisdom (analytically and chronologically arranged) which are a guide to the unskilled, viz., W.C.T.U. Reports, in order to learn what had been done in the past along this line of work. In Dominion Report, 1893, I found that Miss Phelps, Dominion W.C.T.U. Commissioner for Columbian Exhibit, gives a summary of what was done at that time. As her report is full of common-sense, I determined to follow some of her methods. So I wrote to the provincial Presidents asking that provincial commissioners be appointed, and that they be empowered to solicit from local Unions in their provinces from 50c. to \$1 each for an exhibit fund. I then wrote up the subject for the "Woman's Journal," in order to bring it at once before our White Ribboners, giving details of the nature of such an exhibit, suggesting that the local Unions would doubtless be appealed to for funds, and asking for donations of plebiscite literature left over from the campaign. Replies from the provinces indicated that the following provincial commissioners had been appointed:—New Brunswick, Mrs. Turnbull, St. John; Nova Scotia, Mrs. Whitman, Canso; Quebec, Mrs. Leet, Montreal; Ontario, Mrs. Hilborn, Toronto; Manitoba, Mrs. Buchanan, Winnipeg. Mrs. Turnbull at once sent out circular letters to all the Unions in New Brunswick asking for contributions. Nova Scotia, at first inclined to put

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off the matter until provincial convention, but afterwards sent a fine provincial exhibit, details of which will be given hereafter. Quebec was willing to appeal to local Unions if the other provinces did; if not, \$25 would be donated from the treasury. Ontario objected to the appeal to local Unions, as their Union had already received several special appeals, but \$50 was donated from the treasury. Correspondence with the Dominion Alliance secured the very encouraging promise of a donation of a large quantity of plebiscite literature left over from the campaign, details of which will be given later.

Correspondence with Miss Slack, World's W.C.T.U. Commissioner, revealed that her plan at that time was to unite with other temperance societies in erecting a temperance kiosk or restaurant, in which the W.C.T.U. would have a room. In my letters to Miss Slack I emphasized the importance of our knowing not only the size of the room, but also how much space Canada could have, as the nature of our exhibit would depend on that. But it was impossible for Miss Slack to obtain this information as the plans even for the kiosk were not at that time perfected. Again, the kiosk was not to be on the Exhibition grounds, but outside the gates. This was a very grave objection, so much so that at last Miss Slack began to consider the advisability of securing space in the U. S. building. She laid the matter before Mrs. Stevens and Miss Gordon, President and Vice-President of the National Union and awaited their decision.

When I knew this I ceased to urge the preparation of provincial exhibits, and did nothing re Dominion exhibit, knowing that Canada's share in any allotment to the W.C.T.U. in United States building would necessarily be small, giving no room for display of banners, or other decorations.

My correspondence with the Government Commissioner revealed the unwelcome intelligence that all exhibits to be sent in charge of Canadian Government without expense of freight or duty must be sent in to the Commissioners by the first of September. Mrs. Asa Gordon, Ottawa, rendered valuable assistance in perfecting arrangements with the Government. While I was vainly trying to secure an extension of time, the "Regulations," published by the Commission, showed that the time for the reception of exhibits had been extended to November 1st.

At this stage of affairs there seemed to be only two things the Dominion W.C.T.U. could do in aid of the Paris work which would not be open to objection. One was to send a portion of the Polyglot Petition, for which Miss Slack had asked, the other was to secure as much literature as possible and make sure that all were in before November 1st. But this was not going to absorb our funds, and it seemed to me we might do well to publish some of our leaflets in French after the Exposition was opened. I accordingly had some cor-

respondence with parties in France re the expense of translation of leaflets and publishing of the same, all of which might be of interest to report, but of no practical value to us now, for on the head of it came word from Miss Slack that a spot had been secured on the Exposition grounds in the Baie de Vincennes for the erection of a W.C.T.U. Pavilion, and that there would be plenty of room and need of plenty of money.

I then set about the preparation of some bannerettes, containing our reform laws, intending to have one for each province. The Dominion and provincial officers had advised that as our reform laws are similar in the different provinces, to avoid duplicates, only one law of a kind should be printed. On one bannerette of white satin I caused to be printed clauses from Ontario's Factory and Shop Act; on another Quebec's Woman's Municipal Suffrage Act; I was preparing to put upon another New Brunswick's Scientific Temperance Instruction Law, but the printer could not have it done in time.

Nova Scotia had sent a bannerette on which was printed the Nova Scotia Anti-Tobacco Law forbidding the sale of tobacco to minors, so that gave us three bannerettes. Nova Scotia's exhibit was as follows:—Views of Commercial Cable Company's office, interior and exterior.; Piece of cannon ball from Louisburg. C. Breton; Views of Louisburg, 1746, viz., 1. Monument to commemorate the capture of Louisburg, 1745. 2. Powder Magazine at Annapolis Royal, built 1604. 3. French Sally Port and Officers' Quarters. 4. Old French Burying-ground. 5. Powder Magazine, restored in 1896. 6. View of Annapolis Royal from Queen Anne Fort. 7. Old French Black Hole and Annapolis River. 8. General view of Queen Anne Fortifications. 9. Powder Magazine and Port, restored 1897.. Halifax Views:—1. W.C.T.U. Coffee Room, interior and exterior. 2. Road to Point Pleasant Park. 3. Kent Lodge, Bedford Basin. 4. Band Stand, Public Gardens. 5. Town Clock, Citadel Hill. Narcotic Department. —Pledge Cards, Minors' Protection Act. Sailors' Department.—Views of Sailors' Rest, interior and exterior, Pledge Cards and Comfort Bag. Suffrage Department:—Article showing condition of suffrage in Nova Scotia.—Evangeline's Land:—Beautiful Views of Minas Basin, the Village of Grand Pré, Gaspereau Valley, the Mouth of the Gaspereau and Point of Embarkation, Arcadian University, which overlooks these classical scenes, were sent by the White Ribboners of old Acadia. All the views from Nova Scotia were connected with white ribbon, forming panels to hang for decoration. Nova Scotia "Y's" sent an exhibit so well boxed that I did not open it, and no list accompanied it. A piece of Atlantic cable was sent from the Cable Office..

Inasmuch as exhibits from the other provinces have been meagre, the Europeans will be in danger of thinking that Nova Scotia and

Canada are synonymous terms, but as that province is now entertaining so royally our Dominion White Ribboners, the latter will not be jealous. I have given the views in detail because our delegates, visiting these very scenes, will be interested in them and will remember them better.

These exhibits I packed in a strong box, together with 100lbs. of plebiscite literature, sent in from everywhere, a year's copies of the "Woman's Journal," and two souvenir books of Quebec city views sent from Quebec city union.

In the meantime Mrs. Tilton, Dominion W.C.T.U. Treasurer, and Mrs. Gordon, Evangelistic Superintendent, had re-packed and shipped to Montreal two cases of the Polyglot Petition. Mr. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, had packed and shipped a very large box of plebiscite literature, weighing 550lbs. It contained 112,000 pages of leaflets, and 62,000 "pointers," all of which at the price below cost, at which they were furnished at the Plebiscite Campaign, would amount to over \$50. This was a free gift. In the box also was a package of literature contributed by Mrs. Bascom, from the Dominion W.C.T.U. Literature Committee. It contained 5,400 leaflets, valued at \$6.

Now when we realize that all this great amount of literature has only cost us the shipping, when we consider that it is the best possible literature for the purpose, we feel very grateful to those who have furnished it.

The following is, as I understand, the statement of our Paris Exhibit finances. Two dollars were sent to me, the rest, I suppose, has been sent to Mrs. Tilton, Dominion W.C.T.U. Treasurer:—

DONATIONS:—

Ontario W.C.T.U.	\$50 00
Quebec "	25 00
New Brunswick W.C.T.U.	9 50
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DISBURSEMENTS:—

Expense of shipping Dominion Alliance box	\$3 00
Expense connected with Polyglot Petition	2 35
Two bannerettes	4 00
Express on Nova Scotia "Y" Exhibit to Stanstead	1 10
Express on piece cable	50
Express on Exhibit box from Stanstead to Montreal	1 50
Mrs. Rugg, Stationary and Postage	5 00
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Total	17 45
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Although nothing more can be sent by the Canadian Government, yet, as some of our White Ribboners expect to attend the Exposition, we can supplement our exhibit at very little expense. I make the following propositions:—

1st. That the photographs of our Dominion W.C.T.U. officers be framed together, the President in the centre, and the others around her, the frame to be of such size that it can be carried in a ship trunk.

2nd. That photographs of our provincial Presidents be framed in like manner.

3rd. That what is left of the fund be donated to the World's W.C.T.U. to help the Paris Exposition work. They have a great expense and work on their hands. The building at the last Exposition cost \$800, and it was erected economically. The World's W.C.T.U. will be there to do our work and give out our literature. We should help them to the extent of our ability.

If any of our White Ribboners expect to attend the Exposition, and can render a little service, I should be glad to know of it, and the time when they will be there.

I cannot close without referring to our official organ, the "Journal," which ought to be in evidence among our exhibits. Inasmuch as the editor and publisher have given their services without remuneration, the "Journal" having barely paid expenses, we cannot expect them to expend a dollar for this object. If our provinces that have not contributed to the fund would do so, and those that have given would give a little more, it would help the issuing of an extra fine number of the "Journal," and an extra large quantity of the same.

With these suggestions I beg leave to close my report.

ELLEN C. RUGG.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. S. W. Foster, Knowlton, Quebec, Convener.

PREAMBLE.

We give hearty thanks to God, not only for the blessings of the past year, but for all the way in which He has led us since our organization as a Dominion Union in 1883, and pray that His blessing may rest upon us yet more abundantly in the years to come.

"We pledge ourselves to a new and deeper consecration to the principles for which our White Ribbon stands, the principles of Total Abstinence—Prohibition—Purity—Peace—and Equality, legal, economic, and social," and to work still more earnestly to bring

about the happy day for which we pray, when we say, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

THE PLEBISCITE.

Whereas, the Dominion Plebiscite on Prohibition was a measure proposed by the politicians, and not by prohibitionists, and

Whereas, at its first proposal in the Dominion Liberal Convention of 1893, a member of the Cabinet said: "I propose to read the resolution which pledged the Liberal party, if returned to power, to give the people of Canada an opportunity to express their views on this question, and the Government in power must necessarily carry out the expressed will of the people," and

Whereas, the people of Canada were led to believe that if the promised plebiscite resulted in a majority favorable to prohibition a prohibitory law should be enacted accordingly;

Whereas, at the taking of the Plebiscite prohibition carried in the North-West Territories, and in six out of seven provinces, and had a majority of 43 constituencies, and of nearly 14,000 votes in the whole Dominion, and

Whereas, the Government refused to grant a prohibitory law, saying that the Plebiscite vote had not given a sufficient majority in favor of prohibition to warrant the Government in giving such a law; therefore

Resolved: That the Premier did not obey the expressed, but the un-expressed will of the people, and we declare that if he had so defined the plebiscite before the vote was taken, the measure would have been rejected by prohibitionists.

Resolved: That we protest against the failure of the Government to redeem its pledges, and that in the Parliamentary elections, we exert ourselves to defeat every candidate for political honors, who will not support the enactment of a prohibitory law for every part of the Dominion except Quebec.

Further Resolved: That this Convention heartily endorse the 100,000 prohibition voters' scheme proposed by the Dominion Alliance, and that we agree, as opportunity offers, to give it our active support.

THE LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

Whereas: The W.C.T.U. Department of Lord's Day Observance has for one of its aims to secure Sunday legislation, providing a day of rest for the laborer, and

Whereas, from the five great brotherhoods of railway employees in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, comes repeatedly the cry, "Give us rest on the Lord's Day," and

Whereas, it is imperative, in order to secure such legislation that only one day shall be acknowledged as the Christian Sabbath, and that, the Lord's Day—

Resolved: That we hereby re-affirm our uncompromising loyalty to our Department of Lord's Day Observance, and that while we concede liberty of conscience to all as to time and method in God's worship, we yet declare that our National and social interests are inseparably linked with the religious observance of the Lord's Day, acknowledged by nine hundred and ninety nine out of every thousand Christians to be the Christian Sabbath.

EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Resolved: That while we have been gratified to note a growing sentiment in favor of woman's ballot among our brethren in the church, as evidenced by resolutions at church conferences and assemblies, our own convictions deepen from year to year that woman's ballot both in church and state is the chief solution to many a vexed question, including the liquor problem, and that we request the World's W.C.T.U. to memorialize Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, asking her to use her royal prerogative for the complete political enfranchisement of her loyal subjects, and thus signalize the closing year of the 19th Century.

LIQUOR GROCERIES.

Knowing that liquor-selling grocers make a point of so reducing the price of their groceries as to tempt those wishing to practise strict economy to purchase from them,

Resolved: That we pledge ourselves to patronize only those who, for conscience sake, deal in temperance goods only, to the end that the W.C.T.U. can no longer be said to share in the profits of, or help in, the liquor trade.

LIQUOR IN MILITARY CANTEENS.

Whereas, we are assured by unimpeachable testimony, that the military regulations, prohibiting the sale, in canteens, of any kind of alcoholic liquors, have for years back been persistently and flagrantly violated in some of the camps of this Dominion, and

Whereas: When the facts concerning this year's camp at London, Ontario, were brought to the attention of the Minister of Militia, he attempted to discredit the author of the charges—

Resolved: That while the Minister of Militia was doubtless not aware of the conditions existing in the camp at London until they

were reported to him, we cannot now consider his silence and inaction other than most blameworthy, and believe the public will hold him directly responsible should there be any repetition of the offence in any part of this Dominion, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the various newspapers in this city (Halifax) for publication.

CIGARETTES.

Whereas, scientific research and every-day experience has proven, beyond contradiction, that nicotine, the active principle in tobacco, is a deadly poison and cannot be taken into the system without injury. Further, that it is more hurtful to children than to adults; that in the cigarette it may be found in its most pernicious form; and

Whereas: We regret to note that the cigarette habit is indulged in by women and girls, and that even amongst children is becoming so common that little ones scarcely out of the nursery are amongst its victims; it is known to be a well-defined and most serious cause of interference with school life; and is a source of great moral and physical degradation—

Resolved: That the only effective remedy for these conditions lies in the prohibition of the manufacture, importation, and sale of cigarettes or the materials for their preparation, and that we pledge ourselves to work towards this end, by spreading information, and seeking suitable legislation.

AGE OF PROTECTION.

Whereas, the representatives of the electors in the Dominion House of Commons continue to discriminate against young women, while protecting young men;

Therefore Resolved: That this Dominion Convention protest against the unjust action which leaves the age of protection for girls at only sixteen years, while that for boys is twenty-one, and call upon the representatives of the people to make the laws of this Dominion harmonize with the laws of God.

TREATMENT OF INEBRIATES.

Whereas the Canadian Medical Association have considered and reported upon the scientific treatment of not only confirmed drunkards, but of pauper inebriates, either in properly-equipped reformatories, cottage hospitals, or in a special Department of General Hospitals;

Resolved: That we express our hope that the outcome of this report may be that Provincial Governments may take this matter into serious consideration, and arrange for such treatment for these

poor unfortunates, both men and women, as shall restore them to Society, "clothed and in their right minds," and that we earnestly hope that the time is not far distant when hospitals for women under the charge of women physicians may soon be established in every large city of our Dominion, and carried on upon temperance principles.

THE "WOMAN'S JOURNAL,"

Resolved: That it is with great pride we note the ever-growing excellence of our official organ, the "Woman's Journal. We acknowledge our deep obligation to the editor, our Dominion President, and to the publisher, her husband, for their increasing labors in bringing the "Journal" to its present status, and we recognize that in no way can we better manifest our appreciation than by rallying to its support by laboring to increase its subscription list to at least 5,000 subscribers.

DREYFUS AND THE JEWS.

Whereas, the concentrated attention of the civilized world upon the second trial of Alfred Dreyfus at Rennes, the deep sympathy manifested for him by all lovers of justice, mark an epoch in the history of that people to whom were once committed the oracles of God:

As Christian women, watching for the prophesied restoration of the Jews to God in Christ, we place on record our hopes, and pledge our prayers, that this event may be the herald of such fulfilment, that to the Jews there may dawn the full significance of that other trial nineteen hundred years ago, when an innocent man was convicted by the testimony of false witnesses, and suffered the penalty of crime which he never committed; so that to these people may come the conviction that the times demand from them a "Revision" in their minds of the trial and sentence passed upon Jesus of Nazareth;

Resolved: That we endorse the action of the President of the World's W.C.T.U. in conveying to Madame Dreyfus the sympathies of our organization, and that we hope and pray that the nations of the earth may be led to accord to the Jews—God's ancient people—due justice and consideration.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

Resolved: That while the outcome of the Peace Conference at the Hague was not the breaking of the world's swords into ploughshares, yet that a victory for peace was scored, in that provision was made for a permanent arbitration tribunal. We regret that after that conference, the first nation to assume a warlike attitude should be

Great Britain, and we note with gratification that the self-offered mediator between that country and the Transvaal was a woman—the beautiful and good Queen of the Netherlands. We also rejoice in the fact that, at the first Session of the Conference, “looking down from the gallery, was a most interested spectator, the only woman admitted, the Baroness Suttner, whose book influenced the Czar to call the Conference.”

RUSSIA AND FINLAND.

Resolved: That with deep sorrow we read of the action of Russia in abrogating the century-old constitution of the Finns, thus endangering civic and religious liberties dearer than life. We commend the action of the Canadian Government in making overtures to these people to settle in Canada, and as a Dominion W.C.T.U. we will do all in our power to strengthen the hands of the Government by assurances of sympathy and support, in renewing their efforts to induce these industrious, liberty-loving people to become citizens of the Dominion of Canada.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

Resolved: That we re-affirm our conviction that Scientific Temperance Instruction should be made compulsory by the laws of every province, and because of its practical importance should have right of way in every school.

THANKS FOR LITERATURE.

Resolved: That the hearty thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Dominion Alliance for the very generous gift of a large quantity of plebiscite literature for distribution at the Paris Exposition, 1900 A.D. That our thanks are specially due to F. S. Spence, Esq., Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, who had all the labor of assorting, packing, and shipping this literature, also to Mr. G. H. Lees, of the Royal Templars, for the gift of 1,000 Testaments for use in our evangelistic work.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

Resolved: That we place on record our feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that He so signally used and blessed, to the amelioration of suffering humanity, the services of Florence Nightingale, and, although He has just removed her by death at the age of seventy-nine, that He spared her for so many years to see the fruit of her labors in the establishment of nursing centres in so many of the cities of the world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WHITE RIBBON ARMY.

Resolved: That we have listened with delight to Dr. Woodbury's explanation of the origin and purpose of the rapidly-increasing Sunday School White Ribbon Army, of Nova Scotia; that we heartily endorse the movement, and will endeavor to assist in its introduction into every province in the Dominion.

IN MEMORIAM.

FRANCES E. WILLARD.

When last we assembled in Dominion Convention our beloved W.C.T.U. Chieftain was with us. We were privileged to hear her almost last public addresses. The memory of it is sweet to us. It was ours to be bound to her by the ties of organization, and to walk in a path illumined by the light of her words, life and character. This is no place for lengthy eulogy, but among our resolutions we bring one flower of loving remembrance for her, who, on Feb. 17th, 1898, with the words, "It is beautiful to be with God," passed away into His presence for evermore.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved: That our thanks are due and are hereby extended to the members of the Provincial Government for the use of the Legislative Hall, for the sittings of this Convention;

To the Hon. Geo. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia, for his cordial greeting and words of encouragement;

To his Worship, the Mayor of Halifax, for the welcome extended to us on behalf of the city; for his kindness in placing carriages at our disposal and illustrated pamphlets of this city by the sea;

To His Excellency, Lord William Seymour, Commander in Chief of H.M. troops, for the invitation to visit the Citadel;

To the Pastors of the various churches, who have extended to us such cordial greetings;

And to the church officials, for the use of the different churches where the public meetings of the Convention have been held;

To the Press for the publication of the full account of our proceedings, especially to the editors of the "Halifax Herald" and "Recorder," as well as the Montreal "Witness," for the free distribution of copies of their papers in Convention.

To the Committee on Decorations for the beautiful mottoes and flowers which have silently spoken to us;

To the choirs of the different churches, and to those ladies and gentlemen who have, by the exercise of their musical talents, con-

tributed to make the meetings both profitable and entertaining, and to the Committee on Music, who have had these matters in charge;

To our swift-footed pages;

To the Committee of Headquarters of the W.C.T.U.;

To the citizens of Halifax, who have so cordially extended to us the hospitality of their homes—not forgetting the courtesy extended to us by our Dominion Vice-President, Mrs. Charles Archibald, in the reception which afforded us so much pleasure;

To the managers of the various railway lines for reduced rates which made it possible for so many to attend this Convention.

To the managers and inmates for the Home for the Blind, for their delightful concert rendered on Thursday afternoon, for the pleasure of the delegates;

To the President and members of the Halifax W.C.T.U., for all the labor and forethought expended for our comfort, and to all who have in any way contributed to the success of the Convention.

GREETINGS.

Bournemouth, England, Nov. 15th, 1899,

Loving greetings. Col. i. 9-13.

ISABEL SOMERSET.

Chicago, Nov. 13th.

Loving greetings and congratulations. Press on, agitate, educate, organize.

L. M. N. STEVENS.

ANNA GORDON.

Ottawa.

Ripley, Derbyshire.

To the Dominion W.C.T.U. National Convention.

My Dear Sisters,—

It is my great pleasure to send you the loving greeting of our world-wide sisterhood. We all wish you a most successful, harmonious Convention. We are specially anxious to welcome at the World's W.C.T.U. Convention in Edinburgh, next June, a full delegation from Canada. Our President would have been with you, but such an undertaking is impossible for her in her weak health. I may say in the enforced quiet of her life just now. Lady Henry Somerset is constantly upheld by the tender, loving trust of our women in every corner of the globe. We all pray, "God bless her."

God give you all loving tact and great-souledness, which we all need in our immense undertaking. I am, dear comrades, always affectionately and loyally

Your friend,
AGNES E. SLACK.

Greetings from Ottawa Y.W.C.T.U.. Read Isa. LX. 1.

Ottawa.

From Dominion "Y" Superintendent—read I. Sam. XXX. 24; John III. 4.

Ottawa.

British Columbia and Victoria invite Dominion Convention to Victoria, September, 1900.

Victoria. B.C.

MARY GRANT, President.

Toronto, November 6th, 1899.

Dear Mrs. Rutherford,—

Kindly lay before your Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union at its approaching Session, cordial fraternal greetings from the Executive Committee of the Dominion Alliance, and our sincere hope that your Session may be in every sense a great success.

The Alliance warmly appreciates the great work which has been done by the Women's Christian Temperance Union in carrying on the great campaign of education that has made our country so sound on the question of prohibition.

Heartily wishing your Convention and your great society continued prosperity in the great work you are carrying on, and with best wishes I remain, yours sincerely,

F. S. SPENCE.

Westgrove, Penn., U.S.A. Nov. 4., 1899.

To the members of the Dominion W.C.T.U. in Convention assembled.

Beloved Comrades.—

Two years of joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, have rushed onwards to the great ocean of eternity since we met with you in your Convention held in the beautiful city of Toronto. Two years as men count time, but a much longer period when measured by the earnest endeavor, patient suffering, prayerful watches, and the conquests achieved "for God, and Home, and Humanity." Two years since saintly Frances Willard held aloft the banner of a White Life for Two, but a much longer period when measured by the tears and

loneliness that were caused by her going away. Canada holds the proud distinction of having won, during this period the greatest moral victory of the 19th Century, a victory beside which the supremacy of the British arms in the Soudan, the naval engagement at Manila and the destruction of Cervera's fleet in Santiago Harbor sink into insignificance. Your victory was gained, not by shot and shell, but at the ballot box, when the manhood of Canada declared, by a majority of nearly 14,000 votes, that they did not want the liquor traffic in their fair land. Wily politicians have tried to shelve the question, but Canadian prohibition forces are like the tidal wave, which apparently retreats but in reality is gaining fresh strength, and returns a mighty, resistless force, sweeping everything before it. The Canadian prohibition tidal wave apparently repulsed, is gathering fresh momentum, and by-and-by will sweep in mighty power over the whole country, washing away the last vestige of the saloon. God hasten the day!

My greeting will be found in the 20th Psalm, and 7th verse: "Some trust in horses and some in chariots; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

Praying that God's richest blessing may rest upon you all, and that your deliberations may be overruled for His glory and the good of humanity, believe me,

Lovingly yours in His service,

A. L. A. MURCUTT.

(National Lecturer and Organizer W.C.T.U.)

PROPER FORMS FOR PETITIONS.

HEADING FOR PETITION TO THE SENATE.

To the Honorable the Senate of the Dominion of Canada
in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance
Union.

(Place and date).....Humbly showeth,—That, etc., etc....

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And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.
(Signatures—at least three in number—on the page on which
petition ends. Petition must be type-written.)

HEADING FOR PETITION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS.

To the Honorable the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada
in Parliament assembled :

The Petition. etc. (as for Petition to the Senate).

HEADING FOR PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable Governor-General of the
Dominion of Canada .

The Petition, etc. (as for Petition to the Senate).

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

PREAMBLE.

We, the Christian Women of this Dominion, conscious of the increasing evils, and appalled at the tendencies and dangers of intemperance, believe it has become our duty under the Providence of God to unite our efforts for its extinction.

That we may the more successfully prosecute the work, we adopt the following—

PLEDGE.—I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including beer, wine and cider, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association (Auxiliary to the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union) shall be known as the "Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Canada."

ARTICLE II.

The Officers shall be, a President, a Vice-President-at-large, (the President of each Provincial Union being ex-officio Vice-President of the Dominion Union), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. The General Officers, with Presidents of organized Provinces and Superintendents of Departments appointed by Dominion Union, shall constitute an Executive Committee to control and provide for the general interest of the work, of whom five shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III.

The Biennial Convention shall be composed of the Executive Committee, and the Provincial Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer, one delegate-at-large from each Auxiliary Province and one delegate for every hundred paying members of Auxiliary Provincial Unions.

ARTICLE IV.

Any Provincial organization of W. C. T. U. may become auxiliary to the Dominion Union by endorsing its Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

A Biennial Convention, at which time the officers shall be elected, shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

Any person signing the pledge and paying the sum of fifty dollars may become an Honorary Member of this Union.

ARTICLE VII.

Each Provincial Union shall pay annually to the funds of the Dominion Union an amount equal to five cents per paying member of each Auxiliary Local Union.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any Biennial Convention, notice having been given in writing of such change at the Previous Biennial Convention.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1.—In case of the illness or death of the President, the duties of her office shall devolve upon the Vice-President-at-large. The President may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when she may deem it necessary, or in response to the written request of any five members of the Executive Committee, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to send to each Provincial Corresponding Secretary, at least three months before the annual meeting, a blank for the report of that Province for the current year. She shall then collate from each report her own biennial report.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Sec. 3.—The Recording Secretary shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee, and keep correct record of their proceedings. She shall send to each member of the Executive Committee a proper notice of each meeting, and designate in said notice the topics which are to be especially considered at the meeting. She shall appraise members of Committee of their appointment at the first session of each biennial meeting. She shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last biennial meeting, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office.

TREASURER.

Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and to present a detailed report thereof to each biennial meeting. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate two weeks previous to the biennial meeting, when the books shall be closed.

ARTICLE II.—VOTING

General Officers and Dominion Superintendents shall vote in person, and their vote cannot be cast otherwise. Each delegation may fill its quota by visiting members from its own Province; if any Provincial President is absent, said Province may be represented on the Executive Committee by a member of its delegation.

ARTICLE III.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers, with the exception of Vice-Presidents, shall be elected on the morning of the third day of the Biennial Meeting, and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately. Should any candidate receive three-quarters of the vote cast on the informal ballot, she shall be declared elected, if not, the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast. The retiring officers shall retain their position until the close of each Convention.

ARTICLE IV.—COMMITTEES.

(a) The Committees on Credentials, Finance and Courtesies shall be appointed on the first day of the Biennial Meeting. (b) The conveners of the Plan of Work and Resolutions Committees shall be appointed for the ensuing year, on the last day of Convention as follows:—A Convener shall be elected by Convention with a Committee representing each Province, to be nominated by the Sub-Executive of said Province.

ARTICLE V.—BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall be the Business Committee of the Biennial Meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

All documents and announcements from the Dominion Union shall be sent to the Provincial Unions through their respective Corresponding Secretaries.

ARTICLE VII.

The expenses of the President, or Acting President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer, in travelling to and from the Biennial Meeting, also for postage and stationery, shall be borne by the Union.

ARTICLE VIII.—SUPERINTENDENTS.

Superintendents shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Biennial Convention. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered, and the Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of Biennial Meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

At each Biennial Meeting a Committee shall be appointed on Courtesies of the Convention, to which shall be referred the charge of all introductions to the Convention.

ARTICLE X.

The General Officers shall constitute a Sub-Committee for the speedy transaction of business during the year.

ARTICLE XI.

Crusade Day shall be September 28th, and the Day of Prayer on January 3rd (Mrs. Youmans' birthday).

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ARTICLE XII.

"Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be the recognized guide of Parliamentary procedure in all cases where it does not conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of the W. C. T. U.

ARTICLE XIII.

These By-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Convention.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE DOMINION WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Whereas the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union has by its petition prayed to be incorporated with the powers and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Mrs. Letitia Youmans, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Ella F. M. Williams, of Montreal, Que.; Mrs. Harriot T. Todd, of St. Stephen, N.B.; Miss Julia Tilley, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton, of Ottawa, Ont.; Mrs. Mary E. Sanderson, of Danville, Que.; Mrs. May R. Thornley, of London, Ont.; Mrs. Edith J. Archibald, of Cow Bay, Cape Breton, N.S.; Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, of New Westminster, B.C.; Mrs. Myrtle Blakely, of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton, of Quebec City, Que.; Mrs. C. Spofford, of Victoria, B.C.; Mrs. C. W. Strong, of Summerside, P.E.I., and all others who are now or hereafter become associated with them, according to their Constitution and By-laws, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union," hereinafter called the Union.

2. The purposes of the Union are the banding together of Christian women, pledged to total abstinence for the preservation of the Home, the education of the young, the elevation of public sentiment with respect to the cause of temperance, the reformation of the drinking classes by the power of Divine Grace, and the securing of laws which shall totally prohibit the carrying on of the liquor traffic in Canada.

3. The Union may acquire all land and property necessary for its purposes, provided that the annual value of the real estate held at

any one time apart from that in the actual use of the Union, shall not exceed five thousand dollars: Provided that any devise of real estate shall be subject to the laws respecting devises of real estate to religious corporations, in force at the time of such devise in the Province in which such real estate is situate, so far as such laws apply to the Union.

4. The Union shall, within seven years after its acquisition of any real estate, sell or otherwise dispose of or alienate so much of such real estate as is not required for the purposes of the Union.

5. The Union may also make and pass regulations and by-laws for the direction and management of the Union.

6. The Constitution and By-laws of the Union now in force are and shall be the Constitution and By-laws of the Union hereby constituted until they are changed as provided therein.

7. The head office of the Union shall be at Toronto, or at such other place as is by By-law determined.

July 21st, 1894.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Offered by Miss Wiggins, Toronto:—I give notice that I, or someone in my place, at the next Dominion Convention, will move, to amend Article VI. of the Constitution, by striking out the words "fifty dollars," and substitute "twenty-five dollars."

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union the sum of \$. and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

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