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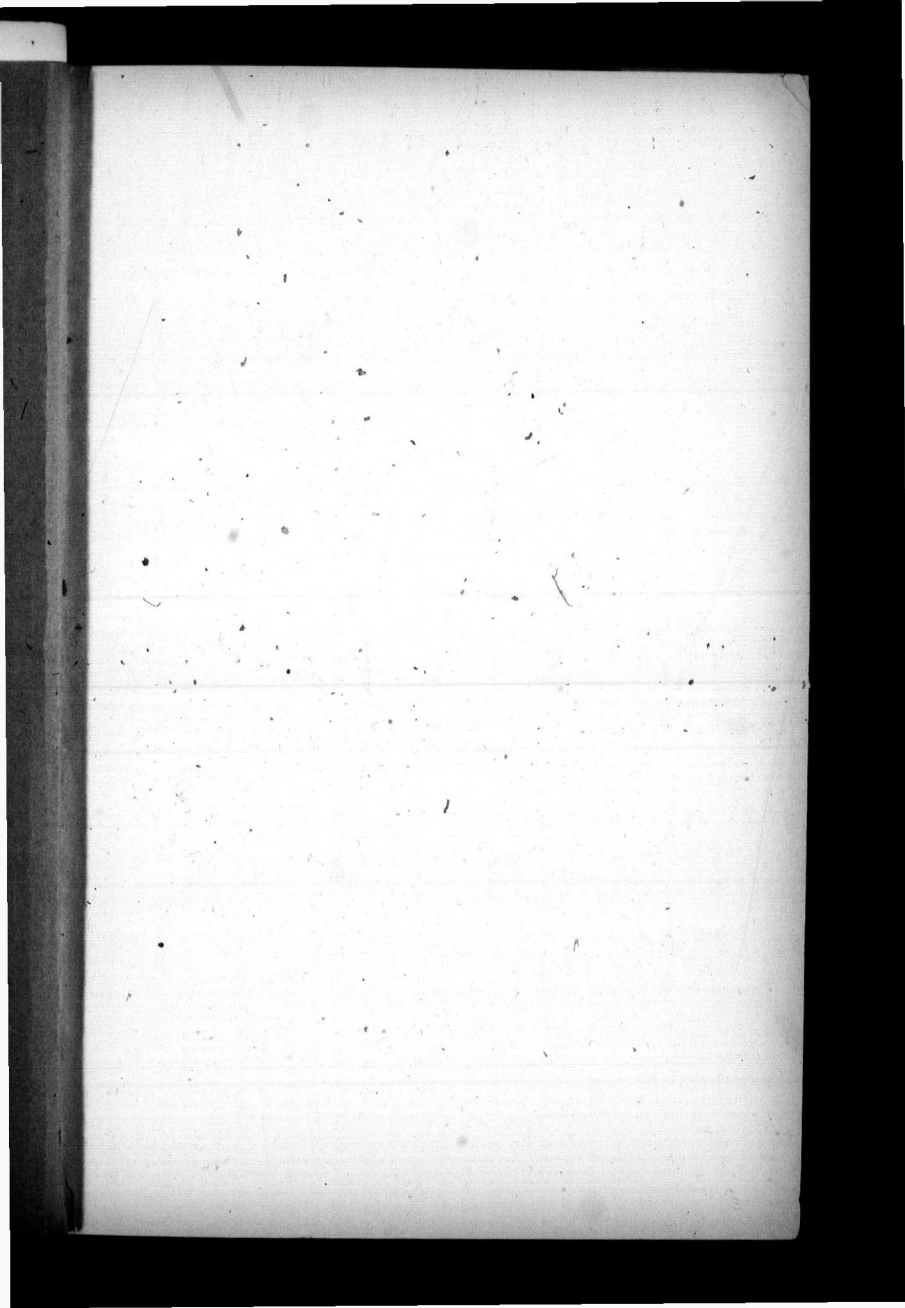
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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The seventeenth Convention of the British Columbia Woman's Christian Temperance Union convened in the Baptist Church, Chilliwack, Wednesday, September 12th, 1900, at 10 a. m. The President, Mrs. Gordon Grant, called the convention to order, expressing pleasure that so large a delegation was present.

The Crusade Psalm was read responsively, and followed by singing the hymn, "Give to the Wind Thy Fears." Rev. Mr. Iler, of Chilliwack, led in prayer, and the Convention joined heartily in singing "Blest Be He That Binds Our Hearts."

In the absence of Mrs. McDonald, the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Maude McDonald, of Ladners, was appointed Secretary pro-tem.

Fifteen Officers and Superintendents responded to the roll call.

Minutes of the Executive were presented, and, on motion, laid on the table until Convention assembled.

Mesdames Spofford, Brown and Kennedy were appointed Committee on Credentials.

An invitation was extended the Convention and its entertainers by Principal Hall of the Coqualeetza Institute, to an "at home" at the Institute, Wednesday evening, from 7 to 10 p. m. The invitation was accepted, with heartiest thanks.

A telegram from Mrs. Rutherford, President of the Dominion W. C. T. U., conveying loving greeting, and requesting that the B. C. Union assist during the coming year in increasing the membership in Canada to twenty-five thousand was received. This message was received with great pleasure by the Convention. The President urged the Unions to do their utmost to carry out the suggestion of Mrs. Rutherford, and a reply to the telegram was ordered.

While waiting for the report of Committee on Credentials, the report of the Organizer was called for. Mrs. Cunningham reported that nine new Unions had been organized, eight of which were in the interior and one on the Coast. These Unions were organized through the efforts of Miss Murcutt.

Mrs. Jenkins called attention to the artistic banner of the Chilliwack Union, and suggested that at future Conventions Unions be urged to have their banners present.

In the absence of Mrs. Fisher, of South Wellington, the evangelistic hour was occupied by the President. The subject chosen was "Trustfulness," the portion of Scripture, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day," forming the text of her remarks.

Miss Bowes and Mrs. Street led in prayer.

The Committee on Credentials reported Convention entitled to 38 Delegates, 24 being present.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:—

Nomination—Mesdames Jenkins, Betts, Powers.

Courtesy—Mrs. Hall, Mrs. George Chadsey.

On motion, visiting Delegates were invited to a seat in the Convention, with the privilege of taking part in discussions.

The programme, as prepared by the Executive, was accepted, subject to such change as might be necessary.

The President requested the Executive to meet at the close of the session, and the Convention adjourned to luncheon at the Harrison House.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention called to order at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Halliday, of Comox, conducted the prayer service. The minutes of morning session were read and approved. The organizer's report was brought before the Convention for adoption, after full discussion, in which Mrs. Jenkins urged the necessity of keeping an organizer constantly in the field. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:—

Committee on Awarding Banner—Mesdames Spofford and Henderson.

Finance—Mesdames Schooley, Ashton, Sinclair.

Evening Meetings—Mesdames T. W. Hall, L. Chadsey and Uhley.

Telegrams—Mesdames Kennedy and Manuel.

Obituary—Mesdames Scouler, Brown and Miss Day.

Programme—Mesdames Whiteside and Keenleyside.

Press—Mesdames Jenkins, Victoria; Scouler, New Westminster; Keenleyside, Vancouver; Powers, Nanaimo; Uhley, Chilliwack.

The Treasurer's report was then presented, showing total receipts for the year to be \$466.22; total expenditure, \$263.77; leaving a balance in the treasury of \$202.54. As the treasurer's books had not been audited, the adoption of the report was laid over until such should be done. On motion, Mrs. Betts was appointed Auditor, and requested to report at to-morrow morning's session.

The Convention then listened to the President's annual address, which called forth hearty applause and many expressions of deep appreciation. On motion, Convention decided to have printed 500 copies of the address in sheet form for distribution.

The next order of business was the reception of new Unions. Although so many new Unions were reported, only one as yet was represented by delegation—that of Agassiz, Miss Day and Mrs. Ashton being the representatives. The President and Mrs. Jenkins addressed the delegates, welcoming them to the work and commending it to their deepest sympathies and earnest effort. The delegates were then introduced to the Convention and given a hearty reception.

Mrs. Cunningham presented her report as Corresponding Secretary. This was in many respects the most interesting and important report ever presented to the annual meeting of the Union, because of the large increase in the number of Unions. The report embraced the work of twenty Unions, almost double the number of any former year.

The Courtesy Committee introduced Rev. Mr. Iler, of the Baptist Church, of Chilliwack, and Mr. Cairnes, of the same place, both of whom briefly addressed the Convention.

A parliamentary drill was conducted by Mrs. Spofford, and was largely participated in by a number of delegates.

As the New Westminster delegates were obliged to leave on Friday morning, the programme committee reported some changes advisable to be made in the programme. The report was adopted.

On motion, Convention adjourned, to meet at 10 a. m. Thursday.

On the evening of the same day, in response to the very cordial invitation of Rev. Jos. Hall, principal of Coqualeetza Institute for Indian boys and girls, the delegates and friends attended a reception. They were received at the entrance by the principal and his wife. After all had assembled, the visitors and delegates were conducted over the commodious building by Rev. Jos. Hall, while the band (composed of boys who were inmates of the institute), stationed on the lawn, rendered several suitable selections. On returning to the schoolroom, where the pupils were assembled, an excellent programme, consisting of kindergarten exercises, solos, choruses, quartettes, club swinging and wand drill; the latter, by the girls, was given. All demonstrating the care taken in their training, and the benefits accruing from a Christian education. At the conclusion of the programme, the Provincial President, in a few words, on behalf of the delegates and friends, expressed appreciation of the delightful entertainment. The principal then invited all the guests to repair to the dining room of the institute, which had been tastefully decorated for the

occasion. Here ice cream and cake were served by the elder pupils, and a very pleasant time was spent in conversation and inspecting the samples of needlework and kindergarten gifts, both of which called forth words of praise on all sides.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The meeting opened at 10 a. m., Miss Bowes, of Vancouver, conducting the devotional exercises. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. Wright, of the Presbyterian Church, of Chilliwack, was introduced, and, on addressing the Convention, gave a new interpretation of the initials W. C. T. U.

On motion, the election of officers was made the first order of business. Mrs. Travis, the delegate from Greenwood, having just arrived, was introduced and warmly welcomed by Convention. A letter was received from Mrs. Hay, of Rossland, expressing her regret at her inability to be present.

Miss Ostram, of Vancouver, led the Convention in prayer. Mrs. Betts, of New Westminster, and Mrs. Powers, of Nanaimo, were appointed tellers, and the election proceeded with, resulting as follows:

President—Mrs. Gordon Grant, Victoria.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster,

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. Spofford, Victoria.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. H. Brown, Vancouver.

The newly elected officers addressed the convention briefly, expressing their appreciation of the honors conferred, and willingness to do all that lay in their power to promote the interests of the work in the Province.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the time was extended for thirty minutes, in order to participate in the exercise, "Our Promoted Leader Called Back." Mrs. Manson, of Nanaimo, occupied the chair, and read for the Scripture lesson Eph. 4. Mrs. Mackin, a W. C. T. U. worker of long standing in Ontario, and Mrs. Cunningham, of New Westminster, gave reminiscences of the life of Frances E. Willard, the former dealing with the tender sympathetic love of our promoted leader, and power to draw out the capabilities of the women she desired to interest in the work; the latter, with her unfaltering loyalty to the cause, and her love for the great White Ribbon host. The hymn, "How Beautiful to Be With God," was sung, and the meeting closed with prayer. This was a season of deep thoughtfulness and tender sacred memory to all.

Meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention was called to order at 2:50 p. m., Mrs. Manuel, of Ladners, conducting the devotional exercises.

Mrs. Spofford, of Victoria, took the chair and proceeded to conduct the school of methods. The first department to be presented was that of "Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners." The Superintendent, not understanding that a paper on her department was expected, the Convention received her report instead. Full discussion followed, in which many helpful suggestions were brought out regarding methods by which this work can be prosecuted, amongst which were: Evangelist meetings on shipboard and in camps, helpful literature, an individual interest in the families, the use of comfort bags, etc. On motion, the report was adopted. At this stage of the meeting Miss Armson, of Victoria, delighted the audience with a solo, entitled, "The Angel's Gift," which was highly appreciated.

An excellent paper on Y. Work was read by Mrs. Schooley, of Vancouver, in which the ground, as to the methods of conducting this important department of work, was fully covered. All discussion seemed to lead to the importance of educating our young women in W. C. T. U. work, as they shall so soon be called upon to assume the responsibilities now carried by their mothers. Mrs. Schooley strongly urged the necessity of having a paid Superintendent who could visit the Y Unions from time to time, and thus assist them in their work. The advisability of having a young married woman as President of the Y's was also suggested. On motion, the report of the Refuge Home was taken up, as a number of delegates would be leaving Convention next morning. The report was presented by Mrs. Sweet, of Victoria. (See report.) After discussion, the report was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee were called on for a report. Further time was requested, which was granted.

Attention was called by the President to the question box. The benediction was pronounced, and Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock a. m.

THURSDAY EVENING.

A public meeting was held in the same church, presided over by the President.

Mrs. S. H. Brown read Ps. 46, and Rev. Mr. Wright, of Presbyterian church, led in prayer.

Mrs. D. McGillivray, on behalf of Chilliwack Union, presented the address of welcome, which was responded to by Miss Day, of Agassiz, and Mrs. Jenkins, of Victoria. A report from the delegate to the World's Convention was read by Mrs. Scoular, of New Westminster.

The President gave a talk on impression made by the Crusade, and exhibited a copy of a poster circulated by the saloon men of Ohio during

the days of the Crusade. The meeting was varied with solos, rendered by Mrs. McGillivray, of Sumas, and Mrs. Wright, of Chilliwack.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Meeting opened at 10 a. m., Miss Day, of Agassiz, leading the devotional exercises.

Minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

The Resolutions Committee presented a partial report, and were given permission to retire and complete their work.

On motion, the time for the meeting was extended, and the school of methods continued.

Mrs. S. H. Brown, of Vancouver, read a very comprehensive paper on work amongst railroad employees. The paper was discussed at length, discussion leading to the advisability of procuring literature in other languages besides English, that foreigners engaged on railroads in the Province might thus be reached. Miss Bowes presented the department of "The world's missionary work," and suggested that the Unions raise their money for this branch during the month of November. Mrs. Grant stated that the Victoria Central Union observed Miss Frances E. Willard's heavenly birthday as the day on which the members of this Union make an offer for world's missionary work.

No paper had been received on "Flower Mission Work," but the secretary read an excellent report for the Superintendent, Miss Edwards. The report called forth earnest discussion, and was, on motion, adopted.

Miss Ostram, of Victoria, conducted the noontide devotional meeting, which was deeply spiritual and uplifting.

Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Meeting opened at 2 p. m., with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Irving, of Vancouver.

Minutes of morning meeting were read and approved. Committee on telegrams reported as to reply sent to Mrs. Rutherford, Dominion President. Moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Moved, as an amendment, that a letter be sent instead of telegram. The amendment was lost, and the report of the committee adopted. Report of Committee on Resolutions was called for. On motion, these were considered seriatim, as follows:—

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge the guiding hand of our God during the 17 years of our existence as an organization.

Resolved, That, owing to the constant and open violation of the Fourth Commandment, as manifested by canneries being operated, railways, steamers and street cars run, fruit, tobacco stores and barber shops kept open, we emphatically urge upon Local Unions to more persistently agitate for a better observance of the Lord's Day.

Resolved, That we urge upon all Local Unions the necessity of making a more determined effort to secure the enforcement of the law prohibiting the use of tobacco or cigarettes by minors. We also recommend that each union endeavor to organize anti-cigarette leagues in connection with their Loyal Legions, Sunday Schools, or in any other method whereby the best results may be obtained.

Resolved, That owing to the prevalence of the gambling evil in British Columbia and the apparent inability or inactivity of the rightful authorities in coping with its suppression, this Convention puts itself on record as being opposed to gambling in every form, and in favor of its entire abolition; also that decisive steps be taken for securing the enforcement of existing laws.

Encouraged by the success of Manitoba and Prince Edward Island in securing prohibitory laws, that we, in conjunction with other organizations, strive to secure the same boon for our own Province.

Realizing the benefits already received by the rising generation attending the schools in our Province, enjoying the advantages of compulsory scientific temperance instruction,

Resolved, That we continue to press the matter upon the local school boards; also upon the Council of Public Instruction, until every school in the Province obtains the same advantage.

Resolved, That Presidents of Local Unions be recommended to secure from their members of Parliament and municipal officers a copy of the Criminal Code Laws for the Dominion and Province; also the municipal by-laws affecting the morality of the people.

Resolved, That every W. C. T. U. woman be urged to remember the importance of observing daily the noontide prayer, and suggest, as an aid to the observance of this rule, that the noontide meal be made the occasion; recommending, also, that verbal reports of such individuals be called for by each Local President during the year.

Whereas, Effective work is done by the Scottish Temperance League, through its paid agents, who regularly go through the country, holding meetings and lecturing, it is suggested that the Provincial Executive take the initiative in devising a scheme by inviting the different temperance organizations to co-operate in the employment of agents, or in any way as effective in bringing about similar results.

Resolved, That, in order to assist Local Unions in strictly observing Art. 3 of the Constitution, we recommend that a registration book be

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provided by each Union for the use of their Secretary, in which a copy of the Pledge and Constitution be inserted and wherein each member be requested to inscribe her name.

Believing that Unions should receive support and be strengthened by the Provincial, we recommend that each one be visited at least once during the year by the Provincial President, Organizer, or other officer appointed by the Executive for that purpose, and that the sum of \$100 be placed at her disposal to assist in defraying the expenses of such visits.

We recommend that the form for the reception of new members, also that of suggestions to Superintendents, be preserved and inserted each year in the printed report of proceedings.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are heartily tendered to the ladies of Chilliwack for their home hospitality and admirable luncheon arrangements; to the Deacons of the Baptist Church for the use of the same; to the soloists and organists, who so materially added to the enjoyment of the Convention, and to the transportation companies for reduced rates of travel.

The report was then adopted as a whole.

The school of methods was resumed, Mrs. Spofford taking the chair.

Moved and seconded, that as the time for the school of methods is so short, departments be first taken up on which papers have been prepared. Juvenile and kindergarten work was presented by a paper prepared by Mrs. Cooper, of Nanaimo, containing some excellent suggestions regarding this all important branch of W. C. T. U. work, and was discussed at some length.

In the department of Literature and Woman's Journal, Mrs. Cunningham made a strong plea, urging the necessity of every W. C. T. U. woman giving the "Journal" her loyal support. Miss Bowes also spoke on behalf of the paper. Time having expired for the discussion of this department, on motion, it was extended in order that a letter from Mrs. Bascom to the Cor. Secretary, relative to the paper, be read. A paper on Heredity and Hygiene was read by the Secretary in the absence of Mrs. Halliday, who had been obliged to leave Convention. Mrs. Kennedy, of New Westminster, presented a paper on Systematic Giving, which had been prepared by Mrs. Scoular, Superintendent of that department, who also had been obliged to leave Convention. Press Work was presented by Mrs. Henderson, of Chilliwack, and discussed to some length; the necessity of using the press to further the interests of the work being emphasized.

Mrs. G. Grant then addressed Convention on the work of Legislation, Petition and Franchise, going very fully into the work of this department and making an explanation as to why petitions, which had been largely circulated by Local Unions last year, had not been presented to the Legislature, all of which was quite satisfactory. The petition on narcotics, it was stated, must be ready by November, in order to be presented to the Dominion Government next session. On motion, it was decided to have headings for petitions prepared for Local Unions.

The hour for unfinished business having arrived, the President took the chair.

The Committee on Finance presented their report, which was, on motion, received.

Moved and seconded that letters of condolence be sent Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. C. Chadsey and Mrs. McDonald (Recording Secretary), into whose families bereavement has come during the past year, and expressions of regret from the Convention at their non-ability to be present.

On motion, Mrs. Schooley, of Vancouver, was appointed Auditor for the ensuing year. The appointment of conveners of standing committees followed, which were:

Resolutions—Mrs. M. Jenkins, Victoria.

Plan of Work—Mrs. A. Lamb, New Westminster.

Committee of Management of Refuge Home—Mesdames Robson, Spencer, Sweet, Flett, William Grant, G. Grant, Humber, Hayward, Shakespeare, Burkholder, McDiarmid, Vichert and Miss Perrin.

Nominations for Superintendents of Departments by the Executive Committee were confirmed. (See Report.)

Mrs. Spofford and Mrs. Jenkins were, on motion, appointed to compile and have printed the annual report of Convention.

Moved, seconded and carried, that the date of Convention for 1901 be decided by the sub-Executive.

A motion, of which Mrs. Cunningham gave notice at Convention of 1899, to amend Art. VIII. of Constitution, to read: "The fiscal year shall close two months previous to Convention, was seconded and put to the meeting. The motion was lost.

Mrs. Cunningham then gave notice that at next Convention she, or some one in her place, will move the same amendment.

The question box was opened, and a number of questions pertaining to the work satisfactorily answered.

On motion, all unfinished business was left to the sub-Executive.

Moved and seconded, that this Convention do now adjourn. Carried.

With joined hands, all united in singing: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts." The Mizpah benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Jenkins, and the President declared, this very, successful, Convention closed.

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FRIDAY EVENING.

The chair was again taken by the President, and the church filled to its utmost capacity. Mrs. Spofford, of Victoria, read Joshua, 1st chap., and Rev. Mr. Iler led in prayer.

Mr. Cairns, of Chilliwack, addressed the audience. Subject of address, "What next"? Mr. Kingcombe rendered a vocal solo, which was followed by an address by Mrs. Spofford. A feature of this evening's programme was the presentation of the prize banner to the Union showing the greatest increase during the year. The presentation was made by Mrs. Townsley (nee Wells), of Selby, Yorkshire, and Rossland Union was the winner of the banner. Mrs. Connor favored the audience with a vocal solo. A collection was taken and the benediction pronounced, thus bringing to a termination the seventeenth annual Provincial Convention.

MRS. MAUDE McDONALD, Secretary pro. tem.



PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Beloved Comrades:—

It is a little over seventeen years since our dearly loved, though now sainted, leader, Frances Willard, with her invaluable companion, Ama Gordon, came to our Province and we listened for the first time to the story of the woman's wonderful crusade against the liquor traffic and its afterthought the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Miss Willard came to us with reason in one hand, love in the other and with Christ in her heart, and showed us so clearly that God was waiting to commission us as his children and co-workers in this work for home and humanity that we bowed in humiliation and obedience, praying for the purifying influence of the Holy Spirit as we listened to that still, small voice as it said: "Whom shall I send?" and, with Isaiah of old, each of our hearts responded: "Here am I Lord; send me." Perhaps few, if any, of us realized all that our prayer that day meant to our lives. We did not dare look out into the future, but simply took up our work from day to day, resting on those wonderful words of God: "Thou art my servant, I have chosen thee. Fear thou not, for I am with thee. Be not dismayed, for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, and I am God; there is none that can deliver out of My hand. I will work, and who shall let it." What this work has meant to each of us we scarcely yet realize; but there has come into our lives a deeper earnestness, a greater charity, a more fully consecrated spirit, a tenderness and sympathy for the downtrodden and fallen, a love for sinners, a willingness to be anything, to go anywhere, to do everything which will help anyone or will make the world a better place for the unprotected to live in. The more we have tried to help others, the greater blessing has come into our own lives. As we glance down the years we can see that the efforts of the past have not been in vain, notwithstanding the fact that we have not accomplished all for which we have striven. Well for us it is that our watchword is, "Be not dismayed, for I am God," or else we would long ago have been crushed with our disappointments. I was going to say defeats, but we are Britons, and Britons know no defeat; nay, we are more, we are Christians whose King says, "There is none that can deliver out of my hand; I will work, and who can hinder." Our work, however, today is to plan for the future; to plan wisely, taking up the work that is the most important and not undertaking too much. The foundation upon which we must build is the evangelistic department. Was our organization called only for the destruction of the saloon? Nay; but to save souls. Why were we agitated about the saloon? Because it destroyed souls. Our work is offensive; but for that the crusade would never have existed. Not only must we work to remove temptation out of the way, but the tempted one must be made strong to resist. When our work commenced we saw but two things—the saloon and the man who went to ruin in it. Afterwards we saw what was behind

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it, and we learned that hosts would perish while we were trying to uproot the saloon, and we felt that we ought to try and save the perishing ones that were being destroyed. In this work we need to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." We do not want to antagonize any. Let us make our mission clear to those with whom we work, so that they may feel that we love the sinner, although we hate the sin that transforms the man made in the image of his Maker into the vile creatures which fill our saloons, our jails and our asylums.

Our organization is one of ministry, and when we do not feel that our consecration must be made fully to our Divine Master, He cannot use us in that ministry. But we may fulfil the prophesy of Psalms 68:11, "If we are willing to be used by God. The prophesy read in the old Jewish Bible: 'The Great Eternal gave the happy tidings, and it was published by female messengers—a great host.'" I would repeat again, dear sisters, that our work must be built on the evangelistic department. The meaning of which is the soul-saving department. Along this line of work I know all our Unions have been doing something—either visiting the prisons, visiting hospitals, carrying flowers to the weary, helpless, sick ones, talking to the railroad employees, the sailors, the lumbermen, the soldiers and the volunteers, scattering literature and speaking strong, helpful words to all they have met in their daily rounds. But may I suggest that this year we may extend these efforts? I have taken the thought from a little band of ten women who form a Union, and upon whose hearts laid the burden of helping the sailors, the soldiers, those men who never visit churches, strangers in the town who wander round to find a welcome somewhere, and that somewhere was too often the saloon; and these women, numbering at first but three, gave themselves to prayer, and the way soon opened for them to start a mission hall. God has blessed the work; souls have been brought to Him, and many a man has been helped over a hard place in life and has gone away a better man for having found the mission. This is a need all our cities must feel, and I would earnestly suggest that our city Unions might seriously consider each the need in their own locality of the establishment of a mission hall. It was with pleasure I learned that in Africa, where the war is being carried on, our W. C. T. U. members have established mission halls, where our soldier boys can go to get a cup of coffee, to write a letter home, to rest and have a chat with the lady in charge and at stated times to attend service. Our boys appreciate these havens of rest. It gives to them the nearest feeling of home and mother possible away in that distant land. When other mothers' boys visit our coast, should we not try to help and befriend them?

The W. C. T. U. is a protest against the inroads of the home. Organized motherhood stands first for a pure home. We mothers need to guard our little ones. "We need to be up early," as some one has expressed it, and get their first confidences, and then keep their confidence. You may have to a greater or less degree been trying to take up this work. It is delicate work, but none the less important. It is a work that needs careful, thoughtful study, and mothers would find it helpful to give at least one half hour each week to read the literature prepared by our W. C. T. U. workers for mothers along the line of child culture and mothers' responsibility. As we believe that in the adult there should be a white life for two, so with our children. Our boys as well as our girls need to be carefully guarded. One mother has said, and others have echoed the thought:

Don't send my boy where your girl can't go
 And say "there's no danger for boys, you know,
 Because they all have their wild oats to sow."
 There's no more excuse for my boy to be low,
 Than your girl. Then please do not tell him so.
 Don't send my boy where your girl can't go;
 For a boy or a girl, sin is sin, you know,
 And my baby boy's hands are clean and white,
 And his heart as pure as your girl's to-night.

I feel I cannot emphasize the work of mothers in their homes too much. Spurgeon said "A boy may have a heart of iron, but the mother is the magnet that can open it." Closely allied with the work of home comes our juvenile work, our school work, our Bands of Mercy, the teaching of the physiological effect of liquor upon the victim, the savings banks through which the boys and girls learn to save their nickels and have their bank accounts. I would suggest that this year this department be made a separate one and that an energetic person be appointed in charge of the work. If we can persuade the children to garner their savings we shall be developing character as well as preventing waste and the forming of bad habits. A very important branch of work among children is the department known as narcotics. It has become important by the unwelcome knowledge being forced upon us that the youth all over our Dominion are cultivating the habit of smoking cigarettes, and we fear that it is not confined to the youth, but that the boys and girls of our cities and towns are becoming victims of this habit. The evil effect of the cigarette is well known. It deadens mental powers, stunts the growth and destroys souls. Mr. George Torrence, Superintendent of the State Reformatory, Pontiac, Illinois, said at the recently closed conference of charities and correction held in Cincinnati: "I am sure cigarettes are destroying and making criminals of more boys than the saloon. In the reformatory there are 278 boys. Of 63, averaging twelve years of age, 58 are cigarette smokers. Of 133 averaging fourteen years of age, 122 are cigarette smokers. Of 82, averaging fifteen years of age, 73 are cigarette smokers. There are only 22 boys out of 278 who are not cigarette victims." "Is not this an awful record against the legal sale of the cigarette? While these figures are taken from an Illinois reformatory our own Dominion is beginning to realize that the victims of the cigarette habit are increasing only too rapidly in our own country, and during the coming year we propose to petition Parliament from all parts of the Dominion to pass a law prohibiting the sale and manufacture of cigarettes. This will be one of the subjects brought before you at this annual meeting. We have been watching with interest the first fruits resulting from the Dominion Government refusing to comply with the request given by the six provinces and one territory of Canada who asked by their votes for Prohibition, but who were politely but defiantly told that they could not have it as Quebec did not wish it. But some of these seven children of our Premier are wilful and will not be ruled by Quebec, and so the Provincial Governments are changing, Manitoba leading the way and Prince Edward Island following, with the result that both are going to have Prohibition in so far as their provinces can give it to them. When we can get the temperance vote cemented as strongly as the whiskey vote we shall be able to say to any government that we must have Prohibition, and we shall have it. But in this work we must stand shoulder to shoulder; we must vote as we pray. One of the works of the W. C. T. U. is to redress wrongs and to lighten burdens. Let the motherhood of this

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country raise its protest against the strong oppressing the weak, against the sacrifice of humanity for the extension of commerce. The day we are afraid to criticize the government that day the foundation of liberty has begun to decay, and any government is a failure who cannot protect the poor, the weak, the humble, as well as the rich and powerful. We want to uphold our government in all that it does that is right, but we must not fail to cry out when laws are unjust and when human lives are sacrificed for trade and commerce. Before closing I want to send a message to those who have not come up to our gathering, to those who perhaps scarcely ever are able to attend our local gatherings, to those whose time is limited, whose environments are such that they are among the obscure workers and who perhaps knowing that their opportunities are rare, feel that they are doing nothing for this great work. You 'shut-in ones' have a special call to work and if you do it faithfully your power will be felt and seen. You will remember that when the apostles had to attend to the wants of the poor as well as all the needs of the early church, they felt their work suffered for the lack of time which they ought to have spent in prayer, and so they had chosen seven men full of the Holy Ghost who should do this work that they might give themselves to prayer and the study of the word. We need in our work that you "shut-in ones" who have time to spend alone with God should remember our noontide hour and plead with God for the work and workers.

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than the world dreams of . . .
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

I want to quote to you a beautiful passage from the evangelistic leaflet sent out by Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa:

"Several times in the late American war with Spain, reference was made to the stokers who wrought in the midst of the great battle ships, never knowing which way the strife was going; theirs only to keep the fires hot. So they worked and the mighty engines throbbed and the ship obeyed its master. The Captain and his men fought above, but there could have been no victory unless the stokers had stoked.

"In God's work prayer is mightier than the mightiest machinery for doing good. The devout souls who pray are the stokers who keep the Spiritual furnaces aflame. Sisters of a common hope, if we are to have victory it will not be through the magnificence of our organization, not by the diversity of the departments, nor by our influence, or numbers, but by the power of God in the heart of the individual member. Let us never lose sight of this fact."

"And so dear friends, wherever we find wrongs to right, let us not be afraid to face the difficulties, but earnestly, unflinching, prayerfully undertake the work before us.

As we go out into the untried work of the new year, let us go each determined we shall do our best for our Master. Let us be patient each with the other. Let us be generous each with the other, each esteeming other better than herself. Let us endeavour to appreciate each other's efforts and say so.

If you have a word of cheer
That may light the pathway drear
Of a sister pilgrim here,
Let her know.

Show her you appreciate
What she does, and do not wait
Till the heavy hand of fate
Lays her low.

If your heart contains a thought
That would brighter make her lot,
Then, I beg you, hide it not;
Tell her so.

Life is hard enough at best,
But the love that is expressed
Makes it seem a pathway blest
To our feet;

And the troubles that we share
Seem the easier to bear
Smile upon your sister's care
As you greet.

Rough and stony are our ways,
Dark and dreary are our days,
But another's love and praise
Makes them sweet.

Perhaps we may think differently on many subjects, but we can be bound by that love which binds our Saviour to us. We can have that charity which "suffereth long and is kind, that is not easily provoked, that thinketh no evil." May we go from this Convention inspired with courage repeating the words of the writer who says. "I am but one, but I am *one*. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I ought to do, and what I ought to do by the Grace of God I will do."

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Madam President and Sisters:—

You have already heard my report of the newly organized unions. We are thankful indeed to have such a foot-hold in the interior. They loyally belong to us and have expressed themselves as being truly sorry that distance prevents them from mingling their voices with ours in this Convention. It is a great loss to them being so separated from each other and from us. The thought has come to some of us that the difficulty might in a measure be overcome by organizing a district union and holding district Conventions. Nelson would have proved just the place for such a gathering had it been possible to organize there. Some of the new unions have said in writing that they would find it a help. When Miss Murcutt left she was very anxious that some one should follow her at once. She said there was room for three good women to travel through the upper country all the time. Mrs. S. J. Thompson, of Revelstoke told her she would be glad if she could visit them once a month. We had hoped to have our Dominion President, Mrs. Rutherford, come to us this fall, attend our Convention and visit all our unions. She desired very much to do this, but upon returning home from the World's Convention found it quite impossible to leave again this year.

Mrs. Norine Law, one of the United States National lecturers, a woman of considerable ability as a speaker, singer, elocutionist and evangelist, would have come to us on the same terms as Miss Murcutt worked and gone through the interior also, but she could not wait our time before letting her know that Mrs. Rutherford could not come and has now engaged herself until next spring. Every winter she is engaged by the church pastors in evangelistic services. It will be wise for us to discuss, during this Convention some scheme for the up-building of the newly organized unions.

VICTORIA, CENTRAL UNION.

Victoria, Central Union, reports 100 active and six honorary members. They meet every Thursday in the parlour of the Refuge Home. They have a Loyal Temperance Legion with 125 members. They visit the gaol and hospitals and hold services. Temperance is taught in the Victoria Public Schools and in the Sunday schools. Six copies of the "Woman's Journal" and four copies of the "Union Signal" are taken by the union. The population of the city is given at 25,000; there are 19 churches, an I. O. G. T. and a Royal Templar Lodge, and 100 saloon bars. The union carries on 12 departments of work and has found the

Ontario departmental leaflets very helpful during the year. The newspapers give them each week a space of 35 or 36 lines. Total money raised during the year \$314; sent to Provincial Treasury \$35.10, for affiliation dues \$25 and for Refuge Home \$25. President, Mrs. M. Jenkins, 8 Franklia street.

VICTORIA Y. UNION.

The Victoria Y's report an active membership of seventeen, and twelve honorary members. The total money raised, \$51.90. Departments worked, hospital, orphanage, and old ladies' home. Respectfully,

H. SELINA FORMAN,
Superintende nt.

VICTORIA WILLARD UNION.

Organized January 31st, 1900, by Mrs. Gordon Grant. President, Mrs. Frank Adams.

NEW WESTMINSTER UNION

Reports 60 active members. They meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Scientific temperance instruction is compulsory in all the public schools of the city. The Union gave two very instructive parlour socials during the year, one to hear the report from the Seattle National Convention, another to commemorate the Heavenly Birthday of Miss F. E. Willard and World's Dominion Day of Prayer. A "rest" room is provided in the argicultural building at exhibition time and temperance literature distributed. Service is held in the gaol chapel every Sunday afternoon with excellent results. New Westminster has a population of about 6,000, contains nine churches, one Royal Temperance Lodge and 19 saloons. The Temperance Union carries 12 departments of work and has found the department leaflets and programmes very profitable. Twenty-six W. C. T. U. women have their names on the voters' list. Total money raised during the year, \$98.89. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$14.45. Amount of affiliation dues, \$15. Sent to Refuge Home, \$34.30. Local President, Mrs. D. Robson, Royal Avenue.

VANCOUVER UNION.

Reports 49 active and four honorary members. They meet the first and third Friday of each month in the Y. M. C. A. parlour. They have a Loyal Legion with 30 members. Temperance teaching is not yet compulsory in the public schools, but the union has interviewed the school inspector and he has agreed to attend to this matter. The quarterly temperance lessons are taught in the Sunday school. The union members subscribe for 14 copies of the "Woman's Journal." A few take the "Union Signal." The evangelical superintendent has made 156 visits to sick and suffering ones, reading the Scriptures and praying with them. She has also had charge of the devotional exercises of the bi-monthly and gospel temperance meetings. A regular gospel service is held every Sabbath afternoon in the gaol. Average attendance at service, 15. Litera-

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Vancouver Union still makes and supplies ten city churches with unfermented wine for the Lord's Table, which gives perfect satisfaction. Two petitions have been circulated by the union, viz., the Anti-Cigarette and the Woman's Franchise. The Provincial Legislature was petitioned for a Children's Protection Act, and the City Council was asked not to grant the request to amend the Sunday By-law, so as to allow the selling of fruit, etc., on the Lord's Day.

The ships have been visited and literature given to the sailors, also a quantity sent into the mining camps of Rossland, Grand Forks and Klondike. The population of Vancouver is estimated at about 30,000. The city has 17 churches, and four other temperance orders, viz., Dominion Alliance, Sons of Temperance, Royal Templars and I. O. G. T. Three W. C. T. U. women use the municipal franchise. Two members have been lost by death. The union conducts 16 departments and has held 15 public meetings, 10 mothers' meetings, one parlour meeting, and observed the Day of Prayer, using the prepared programme given in "Journal." Vancouver has six saloon licenses and 69 hotel and shop licenses.

Total money raised during the year, \$685. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$37; to Refuge Home, \$20; paid for affiliation dues, \$13; balance on hand, \$97.75. Local President, Mrs. S. H. Brown, 800 Richards street. Vancouver Y's disorganized in March.

CHILLIWACK UNION.

Reports 14 active members. They meet the first and third Tuesday of each month. Temperance is taught in all the public schools and once a month in the Sunday schools. They have no Loyal Legion now. Ten departments of work are carried on. Ten members of the union have their names on the voters' list. Two copies of the "Woman's Journal" are subscribed for. Population of the town, 500, but a large population in the district. Four churches representing as many denominations, in Centerville. A number in the settlement. Also a W. C. T. U. and a Royal Templars' Lodge. Chilliwack has never had a licensed house, but suffers from the steamboat bars and the club-room dispensary. Total money raised during the year, \$20; sent to Pro. Treasury, \$5; for Pro. affiliation dues \$4; money sent to Refuge Home, \$10. President, Mrs. T. W. Hall, Methodist parsonage.

CHILLIWACK WILLARD Y. UNION.

Reports 15 active and three honorary members. They meet every alternate Friday evening. They conduct four departments of work, viz., literature, press, fair and parlour meetings. Two copies of the "Union Signal" are taken by the members, but none of the "Woman's Journal." During the year they have held three social gatherings and served refreshments at the agricultural fair in their own tent. In the winter months the roads are bad and as the members live quite a distance apart it is difficult to meet regularly, but these Y's have shown considerable courage and

perseverance, and are bound to succeed. Total money raised, \$99.75; sent to Pro. Treasury for affiliation dues, \$2.75; expenses met, \$78.15. President, Mrs. W. Anderson.

RICHMOND UNION.

Reports five active members and one honorary member. They meet the first Wednesday of each month. They take five copies of the "Woman's Journal." One member has her name on the municipal voters' list. There are three churches and five saloons in the settlement. No other temperance society. The little White Ribbon Union stands alone against the licensed liquor traffic. May God give them courage to fight His battles. Total money raised, \$7.40; sent to Pro. Treasury for affiliation dues, \$1.25. Local President, Mrs. A. Kilgour, Eburne P.O.

LADNER, MURCUTT UNION.

Reports 16 active and 10 honorary members. They meet the first Tuesday of every month in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches alternately. They have held five public meetings during the year, also observed Day of Prayer. They have lost two members by death. The names of 14 W. C. T. U. women are on the voters' list. Four copies of the "Woman's Journal" are subscribed for. The Ladner Union has always been noted for its courageous efforts to put out licensed evil from its midst.

You will be interested in this report from the Secretary:

"In April last our union, through our President and Secretary, made a charge against the bar keeper of the Delta Hotel, Ladner, for supplying liquor to an intoxicated woman. The case was first tried before our local justices, four in number, who found the charge proven and fined the defendant \$20 and costs. The case was then appealed to a higher court and later was tried in New Westminster before a jury, Judge Bole presiding. We engaged two lawyers, Mr. Hagel, of Vancouver, and Mr. Howay, of Westminster. The appellant also engaged two, Hon. Mr. McBride and his law partner. About twenty witnesses were examined on both sides, with the result that the appellant again lost his case. As a consequence, though we have not succeeded in closing the bar, as we hoped to do, we have succeeded so far as to compel them to keep within the law, and the improvement is decidedly manifest. We give God thanks for the victory won for our cause."

Another noteworthy item in the report is that all their members wear the white ribbon. In Ladner there are two licensed bars, five churches and only one temperance society—the W. C. T. U. Total money raised during the year, \$98.60; sent to Provincial Treasury, \$7.25; \$4.25 of which was affiliation dues. They also sent \$16.60 to the Provincial Refuge Home fund. Local President, Mrs. Stainton.

NANAIMO UNION.

Reports 13 active and two honorary members. They meet regularly the first and third Tuesday of each month. They have a Loyal Legion

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with 57 members. Temperance is not yet taught in the Nanaimo Public School. The Union is working eight departments, and the members wear the white ribbon badge. One copy of the Woman's Journal is taken by the members and three copies of Union Signal; a quantity of temperance literature is distributed. The population of the town is given at 6,500. The city has six churches and three other temperance societies, viz., Royal Templars, Sons of Temperance and Good Templars; also 22 licensed bars. The W. C. T. U. holds services both in the jail and hospital.

Total money raised, \$59.65. Sent to Provincial Treasury, \$10.40. For affiliation dues \$3.25. President, Mrs. L. Manson, Haliburton Street.

WELLINGTON UNION.

Sends no report, though a faithful few still remain. The mines have been abandoned, and the people scattered.

COMOX UNION.

Reports 11 active and five honorary members. They meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. They have had one public meeting. They distribute 32 pages of literature weekly. Temperance is taught in the public schools and in the Sunday Schools. They complain in their report that they cannot make their meetings interesting and at the same time state they have made no use of the departmental leaflets and programmes sent them from time to time. I fear some of our unions do not realize the true value of this literature as a means of interest and instruction to their members. Ten copies of the "Woman's Journal" are taken, which is a good sign, and the members wear the white ribbon. Cheer up dear workers, better days will dawn if you only persevere.

The population is given as 500. The W. C. T. U. is the only temperance society there. They have three churches and four saloons. Total money raised, \$68.15; sent to the Provincial Treasury, \$12; of which \$2.75 was affiliation dues. They sent \$30 to the Refuge Home Fund. Well done! President, Mrs. Dingwall, Sandwick, P. O.

COMOX Y's.

Report seven active and 23 honorary members. They meet every alternate Thursday evening in a hall at Sandwick. They have held one Gospel Temperance meeting. They have a circulating library, and try to interest their honorary members, who certainly seem loyal to the Union, retaining their membership year after year. Would that all our unions had such a number of gentlemen members. Money raised during the year \$; sent to Provincial Treasury, \$; affiliation dues, \$1.75. President, Miss M. Berkeley, Courtenay, P. O.

VERNON WILLARD UNION.

Reports 16 active and 14 honorary members. They meet the last Thursday in each month. Of late quite a few of their members have

been absent from home, which has slightly discouraged them, nevertheless they can tell of good work done. They distribute flowers and literature in the hospital; temperance is taught in their public schools and the quarterly temperance lessons in the Sunday schools. Miss Murcutt had four public meetings under their auspices. They have sent \$5.00 to the Provincial Refuge Home and \$4.00 to Pro. Treasury for affiliation dues. The population is about 750. The town has four churches. The union takes eight or nine "Woman's Journals" and one copy of the Union Signal. Acting President, Mrs. A. M. Carswell, in the absence of Mrs. L. Clark.

This union uses the department leaflets at its meetings. The Band of Hope has been given up in favour of public school scientific temperance instruction. A flower mission has been started. Literature has been placed in the depot and distributed in the hotels every week. At the end of 1899 a petition was drawn up and signed by the President and ten officers and members of the union, and presented to the Mayor and Aldermen of the city asking them to make an investigation respecting the commonly reported gambling carried on in many of the hotels and private rooms in the city, and, that if necessary, steps be taken to enforce the law. After a lengthy discussion the Council (formed into committee) reported that they had referred the petition of the W. C. T. U. to the Police Commissioners, thus shelving it.

In February last two petitions were circulated, one asking the Provincial Legislature to grant woman's suffrage, and another asking that the manufacture and importation of cigarettes be prohibited. Both were largely signed. One parlour social was held at which 100 were present.

REVELSTOKE UNION

Reports as follows: "Our membership has not increased as we should have liked to have had it do, owing, mainly, to quite a number of our members leaving here. During the past year, we lost nine members, most of whom have left town, while the others have withdrawn. We have yet a membership of thirteen active members, and four honorary members, all of which are very much in earnest in the work. Number of meetings held during the year, were fourteen. At the beginning of the year meetings were held twice a month. This was continued until spring was well advanced; then we considered once a month better until the end of the year. Our meetings were held in the homes of the different members, as we had no hall, and the attendance seemed better when we held them in the private houses than when we held them in the churches.

Two parlour socials were given at which small charges were made, and the money realized at these was devoted to temperance and rescue work. One parlour meeting was held at the home of our President, Mrs. S. J. Thompson. Miss Murcutt was present and delivered an able address on W. C. T. U. work as it was carried on at the different places she had visited.

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work has proved quite a success; the report from the superintendent showing a membership of sixty-eight.

We have been very much helped in our work in receiving plans of work from different departments in our Dominion. Two petitions were drawn up and taken around the city by our members. The first relating to woman's suffrage, the second as a request to keep the City Council from granting a license to a saloon in town. We do not know yet the result of the first, but our second was unsuccessful.

Rescue work has been our best work for the year. Two girls were sent to the Refuge Home in Victoria, through the aid of the members of the W. C. T. U. in town. We also furnished a room at the President's for use for rescue work, one of the girls being kept there for ten days previous to our sending her to Victoria. Literature was freely distributed, over one thousand pages being distributed through the city and to the various camps in the hills.

In speaking of Miss Murcutt I forgot to mention that three public meetings were held during her stay, and that through her influence three honorary members and one active member were added to our membership.

Total amount of money raised by our branch for the year was \$41.90, while our expenditure amounted to \$39.95, leaving a balance of \$1.95. Sent to Pro. Treasury \$11.70, of which \$3.75 was affiliation dues. Amount sent to Refuge Home building fund, \$5.00; four members subscribe for the "Woman's Journal." Six departments of work have been taken up. Both: Crusade Day and Day of Prayer was observed. Population, 2,000; churches 4; no other temperance society; 9 hotel bars. President, Mrs. Annie K. Thompson, Methodist parsonage.

ROSSLAND UNION.

Reports 33 active and 12 honorary members. They meet every alternate Tuesday in the parlour of the Presbyterian church. They have a Loyal Legion with 60 members. Since December they have distributed over 2,000 pages of literature. During the year they have held ten public meetings. Eleven women belonging to the union have their names on the voters' list. They have taken up nine departments of work. There are five churches in the city, one Salvation Army, one I. O. G. T. Population, 8,000. Total money raised during year \$117.75. Sent to Pro. Treasury \$13.25; for affiliation dues Oct. 3rd, \$3, and Aug. 8th, \$8.25. President, Mrs. Geo. Agnew.

AGASSIZ UNION.

Organized by Miss Murcutt February 4th, 1900. Reports six active and seven honorary members. They meet the second Thursday of every month. Nine members' names on municipal voters' list. Total money raised, \$6.50. Sent to Pro. Treasury for affiliation dues, \$1.50. Population about 200; four denominations hold services there. There is also a Royal Templar and I. O. G. T. lodge. President, Miss A. C. Day.

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PROVINCIAL W.C.T.U. TREAS.' REPORT.

MRS. K. SCHOOLEY, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand.....	\$176 32
Bank interest.....	1 05
Convention collections....	41 90
Victoria central affiliation dues.....	25 00
Victoria Willard dues.....	2 50
" Y.W.C.T.U. dues	3 75
Vancouver.....	10 00
Westminster.....	15 00
Rossland.....	11 25
Kamloops.....	5 25
Vernon.....	4 00
Wellington.....	4 25
Chilliwack.....	4 00
Ashcroft.....	2 25
Chilliwack Y.W.C.T.U.....	2 75
Greenwood.....	2 00
Revelstoke.....	1 75
Nanaimo.....	3 25
Comox.....	2 75
Agassiz.....	1 50
Ladner's affiliation dues...	4 25
Eburne.....	1 25
Convention reports Comox	2 00
" " Victoria	4 00
" " Westm'r	1 70
" " Slocan..	1 40
" " Chilliwack	1 80
" " " Y's	80
" " Eburne..	1 40
" " Victoria Y's	1 00
" " Nanaimo	1 70
" " Rossland	1 00
" " Vernon	1 20
" " Vancouver	2 50
" " Revelstoke	1 50
World's Miss. Fund—	
Revelstoke.....	1 45
Ladners.....	2 00

EXPENDITURE.

Order No. 1, Mrs. Hallidays	
Leaflets, etc.....	\$ 2 00
No. 2, Mrs. Lamb, postage.	1 50
3, Mrs. Cunningham,	
sundries.....	5 35
4, Mrs. G. Grant, T. ex.	4 70
5, Mrs. Schooley, T. ex.	70
6, Ref. Epis. church...	5 00
7, Miss Murcutt's lecture	18 00
8, Dom. Aff. dues.....	19 95
9 (a) World's M. Fund..	18 25
9 (b) Mrs. Bascom, but-	
tons.....	10 86
10, Columbian Ptg. Co..	8 00
Cash, exp. orders Nos. 8, 9a,	
9b.....	30
No. 11, pos. order Mr. Wat-	
terson per Mrs. Grant	3 35
12, Mrs. Chapman.....	1 25
14, exp. order Mrs. Mc-	
Donald, per Mrs. Cun-	
ningham.....	2 50
15, Mrs Thornley, Lon.,	
postal note.....	5 09
13, Columbian P. Co.....	68 00
16, Y.W.C.T.U. excess	
paid last year.....	5 25
17, Aff. dues for 50 new	
members.....	2 50
18, Con. to D. P. exp....	5 00
Cost of order.....	10
Receipt book.....	15
Advt. for reports per Mrs.	
Cunningham.....	50
No. 19, Mrs. Odell for D. P.	
exp.....	3 00
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World's Miss Fund—		No. 21, Mr. Peter Rutherford	
Comox	5 00	for advertising Wo-	
Chilliwack	1 00	man's Journal.....	30 00
Vancouver	1 65	Paid to Ref. Home per Mrs.	
Nanaimo	7 00	Grant's statement....	40 00
Victoria.....	5 10	Stamps	1 47
Westminster.....	7 10	Cash on hand.....	202 54
Dominion delegates ex. to			
World's convention...	10 00		
Refuge Home—			
Comox.....	30 00		
Vernon.....	5 00		
Wellington.....	3 00		
Dr. Loyal Legion.....	2 00		
Revelstoke	5 00		
Vancouver	20 00		
Chilliwack	10 00		
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

W. C. T. U. REFUGE HOME.

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The Committee of the W. C. T. U. "Refuge Home for the Friendless and Fallen" beg to present their thirteenth annual report, and in doing so they feel that the mere stating of the number of cases is no record of the year's work; at the same time, it can readily be understood that no details or special results can be published, as many of those who have been inmates are still in the city. The figures are small and some people may question whether they justify the maintenance of such a home; but this work cannot be gauged by numbers; there is a higher standard necessary. Has the home during the past year been used as the means of leading one tired weary one back from a life of impurity and degradation, has one character been so changed during a stay in the Home, that it has been made strong, and free from the power of evil and the bondage of sin; has one soul, sunk in the depths of sin, here learnt that by the help of God she may rise to a new and a better life, and with this knowledge made a fresh start in the world; has one girl, friendless and alone, found her a safe shelter and assistance in procuring a respectable situation? Then, no matter what the number of inmates, for by Him, who seeth not as man seeth, the work is accepted and blessed.

There have passed through the Home during the twelve months seventeen. Of these eight have been maternity cases; two were received from Revelstoke, two from Nanaimo, one from Northfield, one had lately come from Winnipeg, and the remainder were from different parts of Victoria. Of these five are now in situations, and one child has been received into the Coqualeetza Home.

The post of matron has during the year again been vacant, owing to the decision of Mrs. Spofford to undertake missionary work in the city. Her resignation was received with much regret by the Committee. Mrs. Hall, who had been assistant matron for some months, was invited to undertake the duties of matron, and Mrs. Wright was appointed to fill the position of assistant matron.

The thanks of the Committee are sincerely given to the following medical men for their voluntary services to the Trustees of the Home: Doctors Fraser, Gibbs, E. Hall, F. Hall and H. Robertson; also to the proprietors of the Colonist and Times for the daily supply of newspapers, and to the many friends who from time to time have given food and clothing of all kinds for the use of those in the Home.

During the year twelve Regular and two special meetings of the Committee have been held.

Comparing this report with those of other years, it will be seen that the work has been faithfully carried on, in spite of the difficulties and special needs, which were plainly stated in the report of last year, and for which, as yet, no solution has been found.

The hope was then expressed that before another W. C. T. U. Convention at all events the beginning would be made of a new Home; but this hope not having been realized, the need still remains. The same story of sin and shame and misery has to be heard, and with the Home situated in the centre of the city, with temptations and snares at its very doors, the work is hampered and success is often rendered impossible.

During the past, as in other years, some who were friendless and alone have been looked after and helped in various ways. Some have been rescued from the clutches of sin and turned from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God. The Home has proved a safe shelter to others, who, without it, would have gone back again to their sinful life. But, while thankful for what has been done, the Committee cannot rest satisfied with the inadequate provision made in this Province for rescuing and helping the wandering and fallen ones; only the bare fringe of the work is being touched, and the appeal made last year must be repeated.

Let a Home be built away from the city, where women and girls can be received and kept in safety, not only for a few weeks or even months, but, if necessary, for a year or two, during which time habits may be changed and characters formed, and where they may be taught and prepared to earn an honest living in the world; where they may be under Christian influence, and so be led back step by step from the ways of sin to trust in a loving Saviour for pardon, grace and strength. Then, and not till then, can it be felt that a real effort is being made to stem the awful tide of evil and immorality that now flows in our midst.

For all rescue work must be slow and must be individual. If we read the statistics of any home or penitentiary that has its refuges and shelters, and compare the number of inmates, it will be seen how few of those who enter the shelters and refuges are willing to yield to the necessary restraint of the longer discipline; but these few are the real fruit of the work; these are the successes in after life who, do not just seek admission for a time of rest, or for nursing through a time of sickness, but who are willing to put themselves under the personal influence and loving care of those, who having themselves drunk deeply of the love of God desire to show it forth in their love and care for others, and so, after maybe a year or more, they are made really strong in their determination, by God's help, to live in the ways of purity, honesty and truth.

But where the shelter and the home have to be under the same roof, where no separation whatever is possible between the friendless and the fallen, between the young and those who have grown old and hardened in the ways of sin, any one can see the impossibility of carrying on the work properly and satisfactorily.

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In this Province we are behindhand; there is no organized rescue work; no special efforts made to induce the women to leave their life of sin; very little "midnight mission" work, and why? Not because there is a lack of earnest workers, not for want of interest on the part of the Committee, but because there is really no safe place of shelter to which an invitation can be extended. And why is this Home not built? For the same reason that so much good work is paralyzed to-day—because the funds are not forthcoming—a sum of four thousand dollars, the estimated cost of building and furnishing; and for want of this the evil goes on, and souls for whom Christ died are perishing in their sin and misery.

There seems to be a hope that the Provincial Government, that has always liberally supported this Home, may also help in the matter of building.

A scheme was laid last year before the W. C. T. U. for securing the assistance of the various Unions of the Province, and at the coming Convention it will be shown how this plan has succeeded.

In the meantime the appeal for help is renewed to everyone, not in the name of the Refuge Home not for the sake of those suffering ones who are in need of help, but in the name and for the sake of Him, whose invitation and promise stand to-day for each and for all. "Come unto Me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto Me."

Respectfully submitted by EDITH C. PERRIN,
Corresponding Secretary,
On behalf of the Committee of the Refuge Home.

August, 1900.

REFUGE HOME.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1899-1900.

CASH RECEIVED.

Balance brought forward.....		\$ 962 33
Interest to December 31st.....	\$19 67	
Rent of lot.....	3 00	
Board and nursing.....	130 50	
Sewing.....	30 06	
W.C.T.U. for use of room.....	25 00	
Donations—		
City Council.....	25 00	
Mrs. Miles.....	40 00	
Mrs. Wm. Grant.....	10 00	
Mrs. J. A. Gould.....	7 00	
Mrs. A. & W. Wilson.....	5 00	
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CASH PAID OUT.

Salaries	502 35
Groceries	214 55
Fuel.....	44 50
Medicine.....	28 60
Milk.....	41 00
Vegetables.....	9 60
Meat.....	67 40
Furnishing and Repairs.....	75 25
Water.....	12 20
Taxes.....	47 70
Telephone	27 50
Sundries.....	12 10
Affiliation to Local Council of Women.....	2 00
Hack hire and travelling expenses.....	6 25
Scavenger.....	1 50
Advertising Home for sale.....	8 60
Board for baby.....	10 00
Shoes.....	1 75
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Balance in General Fund.....	144 66
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STATEMENT FOR BUILDING FUND.

Brought forward	\$613 00
Received from Comox	30 00
" " Vernon	5 00
" " Wellington	3 00
Loyal Legion,	2 00
Received from Chilliwack	10 00
" " Vancouver	20 00
" " Revelstoke	5 00
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SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

REPORT OF LITERATURE.

(Woman's Journal.)

Before presenting the report for this department allow me the privilege of saying that it is not the fault of the Unions from which no report appears that they are not mentioned, but simply that since being appointed Superintendent of this department circumstances have prevented me from doing anything in the work. The following reports reached me through the kindness of the local Superintendents, as I have not once written a letter or postal in connection with the work during the year. Allow me a word of commendation for those sending their reports. If all members and Superintendents did their work as these have done—each doing her duty, as far as she knew, without waiting for any one else—what an advance the work would make in the coming year.

Nanaimo reports efforts constantly made to increase the circulation of the "Woman's Journal" and "Union Signal." Items are published in the local press and regular meetings reported.

Chilliwack reports keeping a wall pocket in the post office supplied with literature and the department discussed at the regular meetings of the Union. Two of the members subscribe for the "Woman's Journal," and all members help in supplying suitable literature for the wall pocket.

Slocan Union reports keeping five literature boxes supplied, besides having distributed about 300 pages of literature, four copies of the "Woman's Journal," and a "Union Signal" is taken by one member.

New Westminster reports five subscribers to the "Woman's Journal" and one copy of the "Union Signal," which is circulated amongst the members.

The following report reached me through the Provincial Corresponding Secretary, but as it is not dated and the name a new one to me, I cannot give credit to the proper Union, but report the work. This Union spent \$8 in literature, and with contributions liberally given by many of the members and friends of the work. A total of about 20,000 pages have been distributed since last December. I enclose a circular letter, re the "Woman's Journal," sent out some months ago by the Dominion Executive; but as it only reached me a few days ago, there was not time to take any action in the matter, but send it on to Convention as the statements are so clear regarding the work of publication and the needs of the paper that the Convention might take the time to hear and discuss the matter, as with a very little effort on the part of the Unions the number of subscribers required from B. C. might be secured, and the Journal put on a footing where improvement is possible. Regretfully yours,

B. S. LAMB.

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WORK AMONG SAILORS, LUMBERMEN AND MINERS.

The Nanaimo Union has much pleasure in this work, and have visited the ships as they come into harbour and distributed good literature, mostly "temperance literature," and keep two boxes at the wharf filled with reading matter; also one box at the "lumber mill." The miners have been visited, and literature distributed, in all about eight thousand pages.

New Westminster reports having supplied literature to the "lumber ships" which sailed from there, and the Union members have distributed good literature and reading matter from the "Mission hall" to the sailors off the ships.

Vancouver reports: The Superintendent of the department has visited the boats and personally conversed with the seamen and passengers, and at the same time distributed good reading matter; also sent literature to "mining camps" in the North, Rossland, Grand Forks and Klondike.

Wellington—I am sorry to say since our last Convention Wellington has been scattered, through no fault of their own, simply on account of the mines shutting down. Some members are gone far away, and their absence is felt to be a great loss. But we hope our loss will be the gain of others far away in the Old Country. Mrs. Perry, the late President, who is now removed to Scotland, will no doubt remember us at this, our 17th, Convention, and though distance separates us all, "prayer is still efficacious."

M. A. PRIESTLY, Superintendent.

LEGISLATION PETITION AND FRANCHISE.

The report in this department is necessarily short, not, however, because work was not planned by your Superintendent or that your local Unions were not willing to carry out those plans, but owing to the unsettled, uncertain and unsatisfactory condition of our late Governments. A petition for the enfranchisement of women was circulated throughout the towns and districts of this Province where Unions exist, and although not as largely signed as at other times, owing to the fact that our ladies found it difficult to get canvassers, there is a fair number of signatures. In order to avoid the repetition of the work already done, your Superintendent would suggest that the petitions be type written and a copy of the names of each locality be kept by the Union of that locality, as well as by your Superintendent. The work of the past year would not then be required to be done a second time should our petition at the session of the House of Assembly be refused to us.

During the past year some of our Unions have circulated petitions addressed to the Dominion Parliament asking for the prohibition and manufacture of the cigarette. We trust that during the coming year this work will be taken up by more of our Unions. It is a very important question to us as a nation, more so, perhaps, than many are aware of, for it touches our boys and girls, it touches their physical development, their

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Some of our unions are still petitioning their city councils for curfew by-laws and better Sabbath laws, but only with very meagre success. Our work is seed-sowing. To-day we see some of the fruit of many years' work, and while rejoicing in this fact, we must not idly stand still and rejoice, but, with glad hearts, continue our work, hoping, trusting, praying that as Christian mothers, as Christian citizens, we shall ere long have the privilege of joining hands and votes with our fathers, brothers, husbands and sons in putting down wrong and in upholding right.

MARIA GRANT, Superintendent.

HEALTH AND HEREDITY.

My report this year is a little improvement on last year, but not nearly so good as I would like. In New Westminster one evening meeting for women only was held, which was well attended. Mrs. Forster, M. D., read her Convention paper, and gave a short talk, and it was a very helpful meeting. The prepared programme was given at one of the regular Union meetings. The difficulty seems to be how to get the information into the hands of the wives and mothers who do not attend the meetings. In Vancouver a good deal of literature bearing on these subjects has been distributed, and at one meeting, which was a social one, Mrs. Forster's Convention paper was read and discussed. A number of ladies who are not members were present and expressed pleasure and profit in hearing such a splendid paper on such an important subject.

Nanaimo received the literature I sent and brought the matter up for consideration, but being so few in number did not think it practicable to carry out the programme at present, but may later on.

Ashcroft Union took "Health and Heredity" as a programme at one of their meetings. Mrs. Forster's paper was liked very much, and they intend to go more fully into the matter as soon as possible.

Revelstoke Union received literature, but has not used it, having only monthly meetings during the summer, but intend to use it soon.

Slocan reports the paper on "Health and Heredity," by Mrs. Craig, given at a mothers' meeting, which proved very interesting and instructive. It was decided that the paper should be given at one of the regular meetings very soon. Two or three dozen leaflets have been distributed. They also hope to give a good report in another year. The Comox Union has found it so hard to keep the Union in existence that nothing has been done except distributing leaflets to as many as possible.

MRS. HALLIDAY.

PRESS REPORT.

Temperance has been having its influence in this Province through the press during the past year. Every Union which has tried to use the columns of the daily or weekly newspapers has reported that the editors have been courteous and obliging and usually quite willing to give space to the announcement of meetings and the reports of the same. Victoria has secured part of a column once a week, which is kept supplied with bright, spicy articles. We hope other Unions will try to do the same.

E. J. HENDERSON, Superintendent.

REPORT OF L. T. L. WORK IN B. C.

From Victoria I learn (June 27) that the Loyal Legion had only lately been well started. Twelve members were already enrolled, and they appeared on the W. C. T. U. float on May 24th. On another occasion they had a successful little stall of work, etc., at a W. C. T. U. "at home," held at Mrs. Gordon Grant's house. Mrs. Frank Adams is the Superintendent, and she may be congratulated on this energetic beginning. Monthly meetings are held.

From Spring Ridge, Victoria, I hear that a L. T. Legion was organized on May 18th; membership 12, and monthly meetings are reported.

From Nanaimo I learn the Loyal Legion has a membership of 62, with average attendance of about 30. The meetings are held weekly, except during the school holidays. Last year the meetings did not re-open until September 22nd. Thirty-five meetings were held between that and June 22nd. Two prizes were given by our W. C. T. U. President, one for regular attendance and one for bringing most new members. The former was won by a girl who never missed a meeting. Copies of the "Northern Messenger" are distributed weekly, and a very successful concert was held during the winter. Temperance blackboard lessons are given and temperance catechism is taught. Mrs. Powers is the Superintendent. This report is very encouraging and indicates steady work.

From Rossland, the Superintendent, Mrs. Hay, reports: The Legion was enrolled on February 14th, with 13 members, now the names number 60. In addition to the usual officers, their branch has a captain and ensigns, the latter look up the absentees and report at each meeting the reason of their absence; this seems to be a good plan. Mrs. Fallis teaches them singing and they have already had one public meeting of which the children took full charge, and it went off well. The local President gave a prize for the member bringing in the most new members. The Superintendent purposes having a silver medal contest shortly which will assuredly quicken the children's interest in the Legion.

From Revelstoke, Mrs. W. J. Dickey, Superintendent, sends the following report: Their Legion has existed since October, 1899. Meet-

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ings are held weekly and the Superintendent is helped by Mrs. Hutchin-
son, a teacher. Scientific Temperance is taught, and the resident minis-
ters. from time to time address the children. There are 68 members on
the roll, with an average attendance of 22.

These reports are encouraging; the work among children is very
important, but difficult. We hope these faithful labourers will take
heart and go on for the love of the Master who blessed little children.

The Wellington branch has, I believe, died a natural death, because
the place is fast becoming empty, owing to the coal mines being nearly
all closed.

H. OCTAVIA COOPER,
Provincial Supt. Juvenile Work.

REPORT OF PARLOR WORK.

The Superintendent of Parlor Meetings begs to report as follows:
In Vernon one parlor meeting was held, while in Victoria the number
of parlor meetings during the year was 12. The average attendance 25.
The meetings for the first part of the year were somewhat varied in char-
acter, while for the latter part the Union has endeavoured to have a more
definite plan, and for this purpose programmes, which were sent from
Ontario, formed the basis of very enjoyable as well as instructive lessons.

One of the great blessings of this department has been, and always
will be, the social ties formed among people of different denominations,
who are led to mingle with each other in the homes which are always
so kindly opened for this branch of our W.C.T.U. work.

A. MUIR,
Supt. Parlor Meetings.

FLOWER MISSION.

Dear Sisters:—

It is with deep regret that I send to the members of the convention
this report of the department which has been under my superintendence
during the past year.

With the exceptions of Nanaimo and of Wellington none of the local
Unions have responded to my call for reports, although I have delayed
sending this until this late date. I am afraid that the flower and fruit
department is rather neglected at present, and I earnestly wish that the
Convention would consider its importance and impress on each Union
the necessity of taking up this work. Those who have experience in
it can tell how many sore hearts have been cheered, and dreary lives

brightened by simple bunches of flowers, while fruit, food and more substantial gifts assure those in distress that our workers are practical ones.

I owe many thanks to the Dominion Superintendent, Mrs. Lowell, for her suggestions and encouragement.

Although Nanaimo has had no Superintendent, the work has been carried on by the members, a large number of bouquets with scriptural texts attached having been distributed in private homes and public institutions. Twenty books and two large boxes of clothing were collected and distributed among the needy. In Wellington the work was carried on by Miss M. C. Edwards, 94 bouquets were arranged, 30 of which had Scripture texts attached to these with books and a large quantity of fruit were distributed during the year in five institutions and twenty-six families.

MAUDE C. EDWARDS,
Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS.

Literature and written letters sent to each Union in the Province; also Anti-Cigarette Exercise and petitions to be signed to present to the Senate, also one to the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada.

Of the fifteen Unions written to five only have replied. Four Unions can so far be counted on for aggressive work in this line, namely: Vancouver, New Westminster, Agassiz and Chilliwack. Vancouver reports the two petitions above referred to duly signed, the distribution of several hundred pages of literature personal talks with boys and an endeavour to introduce pledge cards into the Sunday Schools.

New Westminsterites are earnestly concerned for the boys, and I am informed that this department is in charge of an enthusiastic Superintendent, but regret I have no report.

Agassiz reports petitions signed by Unions, W. C. T. U., R. T. of T. and I. O. G. T., and expect to go on to larger work in the future.

Chilliwack was to have the subject before the "mothers' meeting," and will no doubt be able later on to report success.

All of which is most respectfully submitted, with an earnest prayer that much larger success may attend the efforts of the Superintendent for the incoming year.

MRS. C. S. FINCH,
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CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

I sent out notices in July to fourteen different Unions regarding the work of this department, and up to time of Convention had received replies from five of these—Victoria, Vancouver, Ladner, Chilliwack and Revelstoke. Two of these were forwarded to the Superintendent of Legislation, Petitions and Franchise, as they seemed more properly to belong to that department.

Victoria replied that no work in my line had been reported to the Union there up to time of writing, but would let me know if any was done later; but no further report was sent me.

Vancouver had conferred with influential bodies on about ten occasions during the year with regard to and in the interest of the work.

Ladner interviewed the Municipal Council twice in the matter of the appointment of a constable. The one who was being appointed being an ex-bartender, and likely to favour liquor men. No other reports.

M. A. KENNEDY,

WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Provincial Superintendent Conference Influential Bodies.

In submitting the World's Missionary Fund Report of B.C. to the W. C. T. U. Convention of 1900, I wish to say that every reasonable effort has been put forth to secure increased interest, and in consequence increased funds, that I might present a creditable report at the coming Convention.

Shortly after Provincial Convention last Autumn I sent out my circular to each of the Unions, which was short and explicit, relative to the work to be accomplished. Shortly after I forwarded a Dominion circular to each Union. Very early in July I wrote each Union asking for a report of the work done. The following have responded:—

Chilliwack Union	\$ 1 00
Vancouver Union	1 65
Ladner Union	2 00
Revelstoke Union	1 45
New Westminster Union	7 00
Nanaimo Union	7 00
Victoria Union	5 10
Comox Union	5 00
Total	\$30 20

Nanaimo and New Westminster are ties, consequently are both banner Unions for having sent in the largest amount. The total is a slight

increase on any former year. I trust all the said Unions will fall into line in the first year of the new century and honor the God behind all substantial missionary work by sending to the Provincial Treasurer the monetary result of their best effort for the World's Missionary Fund. With greetings to all.

S. BOWES,

Prov. Sup't of World's Missionary Fund, 80 Burrard Street, Vancouver.

PRISON WORK.

Dear Sisters:—

In submitting this annual report of prison work, I might say that I have received reports from Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver. They have been, on the whole, very encouraging, particularly so that of Nanaimo, which says that the jail has been visited every Sunday with a few exceptions when sickness prevented. Papers and tracts have been distributed every Sunday, and a number of New Testaments given to men who, it was ascertained, did not possess one themselves. There had been four conversions during the year, all believed to be genuine. The number of pages of literature distributed was 8,000. The Superintendent also speaks of the great drawback to our work in the want of a suitable place for prisoners to go when they are freed from prison. She says that the only open door is the saloon, and believes that we should have some place where a temporary home could be provided, where the men worked for their board.

We have received a very good report from Victoria. Services have been held in the jail every Sunday, literature distributed and assistance (money and otherwise) given to prisoners who have served their terms.

In New Westminster services have been held every Sabbath, the prisoners attending with every evidence of appreciation. The different ministers of the city churches have assisted in turns, and seemed to enjoy speaking to the men.

Service has been held in the Vancouver jail every Lord's day, with an average attendance of fifteen. Seven thousand four hundred and eighty-nine pages of literature have been distributed to the men, and 3,225 pages left in the station-house boxes. The usual courtesy of the officials has been uninterrupted. Order during the services has been very good. Earnest attention has prevailed, and many have expressed desires, and, we believe, formed resolutions to lead a new life. A number have also signed pledge cards.

Every Superintendent has made mention of the help received in the singing; and it is only right that we should record thanks to those who have assisted in that and many other ways.

MARY TUFTS,

Prov. Sup't Prison Work.

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SOCIAL PURITY.

This report will not include any efforts made in reclaiming those who have wandered away from mother and home and purity, as an account of that work will be in the report of the Refuge Home, but of the work among mothers, the important work of prevention upon which we cannot lay too much emphasis. In the early part of the year I sent out to all local Unions a most helpful circular letter prepared by the Ontario Superintendent in this department, containing suggestions that were both practical and helpful, with a list of literature suitable for study and distribution. Some of our Unions have found the letter and leaflets very educative and have used them in their studies for mother's meetings. If in our local Unions a committee, even if it only be a committee of one, who would take up the work of studying the leaflets and circulating suitable ones among mothers, especially young mothers, a great deal of work could be done along preventative lines, and the lives of both parents and children would be happier and better for it. Select a wise, quiet woman, who can visit among the mothers occasionally, to do this work, and when we meet another year I will, I am sure, have reports from all our Unions, instead of two.

EMMA SPENCER,

Sup't Social Purity.

REPORT SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

This department of work has not been taken up by the Unions as it might be, but I trust that more interest will be manifested in the future in this important subject. As Christian women, we should all be agreed upon the duty and privilege of rendering unto God a portion of that which He has given us. We all do give, more or less, but it is desirable to know what we give by keeping an account of our givings, and to give with wise discrimination to the different objects which we may be called upon to assist. Too many still give without any system, and while thinking they are giving a great deal, may in reality be giving very little. There is a blessing attached to this improved method of giving, and many W. C. T. U. women are cheerfully practising the tenth plan of systematic and proportionate giving. I have sent out literature and programmes on this subject to all the Unions twice during the year.

Victoria reports one meeting given up to reading literature and discussion. Growth of sentiment, though slow, is steady.

Vancouver—No report.

New Westminster—Subject discussed and literature read at one meeting, and programme to be taken up shortly.

Nanaimo—No report. Some time ago had not taken up this department.

Work.

Chilliwick—No Superintendent appointed, but subject discussed at meeting.

Comox—Appointed Superintendent, but no report sent.

L. W. SCOULEE,
Superintendent Systematic Beneficence.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

During this year the Unions have all received a very excellent and educative programme on this department of work prepared by the Ontario W. C. T. U. Superintendent. Nearly all the local organizations have felt these programmes to be inspiring and helpful, and they have been the means of rousing public sentiment in the Unions and in some Young Peoples' Societies, as they have studied the question of Sabbath observance with our programmes. In Vancouver the union petitioned the city council to prohibit the Chinese laundry working or carrying their clothes through the streets on Sunday, and report that their petition was granted. An effort was made in the same city to allow fruit stores to be opened on Sunday. The Union strongly opposed this being done, and were successful in their efforts. In Slocan the Union secured the enforcement of the Sabbath law regarding the closing of the saloons on Sunday. They have also distributed considerable literature on Sabbath observance.

L. GOULD,
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ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Madam President, Dear Sisters and Friends of the W. C. T. U.:-

In the name of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Chilliwack, I extend a welcome to you all. You have reached the lovely Chilliwack Valley. Some of you have been with us before and we meet as old friends; others are strangers in the flesh, but not in spirit, for our hearts re-echo the words, "We were brought up together. We can each one say: "Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindnesses, for they have been ever of old;" even so, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." "As women we are sisters, though our lives are far apart." Love for God and home and native land has touched a subtle chord that makes us all akin. We are thankful that no fumes from the bar of a licensed saloon can come to you as you drive or walk from and to your respective homes every day. We are proud that King Alcohol is not enthroned in Chilliwack. The majority of our citizens believe that to license the sale of strong drink merits the curse. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to his lips." We rest in the fact that these are not our words, but those of Holy Writ. Our people have shown their faith by hard work, and proved, too, that their labour has not been in vain. This is not only encouraging to ourselves, but we hope will be so to you when you go back to wage war against the soul and body-destroying traffic that would make drunkards of our boys and break the hearts of our daughters. We say "our," for our hearts go out to all who are liable to suffer from the drink evil—and who is not liable? While we do the duty lying nearest and work in our own little corner, we want also to be so imbued with the Spirit as to keep in touch with Him; that while we work at home consecrated thoughts may go abroad from us as loving, helpful messages to our suffering sisters, their saddened little ones, and to our mistaken, erring brothers. May faithful prayer go up to God that shall not only reach Heaven but come back in power to earth, and do much to hasten the coming of the kingdom of righteousness and peace when "nothing shall hurt nor destroy." But we have to labour on; we cannot lay down our oars. Prohibition has not reached us yet, even here in Chilliwack we have to pull against wind and tide at times. Liquor is obtainable; we see some, and hear more of its evil effects. "This day the noise of battle" sounds in our ears. We White Ribboners are here to teach, it may be, certainly to learn more of all that is good and pure in relation to the soul, and last, but not least, in relation to the body, the "Temple of God;" broken down temples, not at all like the image of their model, so many of them are!

As our eyes rest on our glorious mountains, whose peaks reach up toward Heaven, may we be inspired to "climb a little longer" to look unto

the hills from whence cometh our help, and to "follow the Gleam," for at the top of our upward journey is the "Beautiful Home," the "City of God." Climb we must, or go down into the valley of death to all that is good and pure. We sit in humble pride at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the inspiration that prompted one of his followers to say: "Whether, therefore, ye eat, drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." We bow in reverence before the loftiness, the lowliness, the everyday practicability of such teaching. It is a fact that purity and consecration are applied to all of the physical relations of life. The outlook for generations to come is full of hope; the eye of faith enables us to see that while we sow our children and our children's children will reap. But much must be done in our different departments, and by consecrated individual effort. So little is known by so many of the common laws of health, or, if known, is often practically ignored. The remembrance of our own mistakes gives us a sympathetic yearning to pass on the knowledge we may have acquired to help make the lives of others better. Our hearts ache when we think of the fathers and mothers who know so little of hereditary law, who, not willingly, but unwittingly, violate the Golden Rule, "Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," and who are not giving what they would have chosen for themselves, could they have done so, namely, the inheritance of a more noble birthright. The say-nothing-do-nothing motto is not ours. Our young people need training by those who are pure, wise, kind and capable of teaching much about the sacred though not secret laws of mind and body. Morality is not advanced by diligent repression, but rather by the study of active virtue. Parents and teachers, as well as the young, need light; there is work to be done, and need of workers to bring forward and permeate society with righteous principles, which shall reach and purify that which is the very foundation of life. We believe that in many cases the liquor appetite is an inheritance—a terrible legacy bequeathed from parent to child; hence, to reach and destroy the root is more in accordance with reason than to make nature so hard to bend, to make life so terrible a struggle against such a besetting sin. Self control, will power to prove that man may be the master and not the slave of appetite and passion cannot be attained in a few days, a few short months; it takes years to perfect education in any line. For precept must be upon precept: line upon line line upon line; here a little and there a little. Honored, indeed, is our world-wide organization, including women of many lands, and of all ranks and stations in life. Honored are we to be able to claim connection with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with its "do everything" policy, its varied talent, its all embracing plan of work, which suits the capabilities of the workers and yet meets the needs of humanity, with its far-reaching, searching, educative influence. But weak and humble seem our efforts when we think that "there is more, so much more, we can do." Thank God for the "can," and let us add we "will" do. The day is coming when "There'll shine from each God-like face the image of Christ, the Child." We recall with pleasure that some months ago our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria extended her hospitality to the representatives of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union. We would be glad if all those who sing "God Save the Queen" would join heart and hand with her and wish us God-speed.

We trust that this Convention of the closing year of our century may be a blessed one; may thought and work be given to help the Convention of 1901 to start on the new century with increased faith, hope and love in

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humanity. May we be in the spirit, and so be "in power." Again, we bid you welcome, and may God's richest blessing rest on us all.

MRS. D. MCGILLIVRAY.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

Because some temperance organizations have prescribed lengthy initiation ritual, thus hampering themselves by curtailing their all too brief hours of meeting, the W. C. T. U. has, perhaps, run to the other extreme and too lightly emphasized introduction into its sisterhood.

Each woman who casts in her lot with us should, by some simple earnest ceremony, framed so as to make impossible for degeneracy into a heartless form, be indelibly impressed with the steps taken; old members ought also to be placed in position to recognize and welcome the fresh blood constantly entering the body politic.

A number of facts have come to my attention this past year that, could I take the time to repeat, would impress you, as they have me, with the evils arising from the careless method of receiving members in vogue in many Unions. Besides this, calls for a reception service have reached me from a number of points. It therefore seems an opportune time to give the brief ceremony most commonly used for this purpose.

After the 30 minutes of devotional exercises, which should precede each meeting, the President opens the business session by calling for the reading of the minutes. These having been pronounced correct and accepted, the next item on the President's programme should always read, "nomination and reception of new members."

Let me pause here for an aside. If the church that has no additions is dying from the top and bottom too, so the Union that is all in a flutter of excitement over a new member is in bad shape, unless, indeed, all the available women of the neighborhood are already secured. New members should be an every-meeting-day occurrence.

There are two methods of nominating members. Some Unions have a membership committee, to whom all the names of applicants are handed. In others, any member has the right to nominate. The latter plan I have always followed, because it gives the woman who has secured the fresh name the privilege of mentioning it.

After the acceptance of the minutes the President should say: "Are there any new members to be nominated?"

In case there is a membership committee, the chairman of this will then rise and read over the names approved by her committee, giving the address of each in full. Where the second plan is adopted, any member may take the floor and nominate any man or woman whose consent to the Union she has secured. In either case, as soon as all the names are received some should move, "that the ladies and gentlemen named become eligible for membership." This motion having seconded, stated and carried, the President will invite those nominated to come to the front and surround her desk.

After explaining to them the desire of the Union that all who unite should do so intelligently, she will call the Corresponding Secretary to the platform and ask her to read the first two articles of the revised constitution (printed in the end of last year's report); at the conclusion of the reading the President will make a statement similar to the following: "You have now heard the object for which our organization is banded together, also the conditions of membership; if you can subscribe to these, please raise your right hand."

To those who thus signify their desire to assist in the attaining of the aims of the society, their intention of signing the pledge and paying the yearly dues, the President will then address a few words of welcome, concluding with a brief prayer, during which all should rise and stand with bowed head.

The applicants for membership retire immediately, with the Treasurer, to an ante-room or the rear of the hall where the meeting is held, sign the pledge, pay their dues, and receive their first bow of white ribbon, which should also be the gift of the Union.

This is the service in full; a few words of comment may be helpful.

The President will find it both a relief to herself and a help to the work to ask frequently some one of the Vice-Presidents or other Officers or Superintendents to say the words of welcome and offer the closing prayer. Let her guard this carefully, else she will have a speech on her hands. The whole ceremony ought not to occupy more than ten minutes. Furthermore, the prayer should not travel over the world, or the Dominion, or even the Province; God's blessing on those about to enter the White Ribbon Fellowship is the requirement of the hour. Some hint of this sort may be found necessary.

Upon Crusade Day—when a greater length of service may be permitted—some officer should be prepared to give a more formal welcome, five minutes being allowed. I have heard speechlets made under such circumstances that were a happy surprise to everybody; their authors included, I imagine. The prayer may be offered by another officer, and be followed by a five minutes' intermission for hand shaking between new and old members.

As the gentlemen can rarely attend at the hours chosen for the meeting, some members of the committee or the lady who proposed the name, should carry the pledge book or card to each applicant. I once attended a reception for honorary members alone. It took place in the evening; was similar to that already described, but was succeeded by a temperance programme and refreshments.

If the various Presidents who have requested the service will please cut this article out and paste into their W. C. T. U. scrap books (and of course, every White Ribbon leader has such an article) a good deal of unnecessary correspondence on the subject may be avoided.

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ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

It becomes my pleasant duty to report the organization of nine new unions since our last Convention; eight in the upper country and one in Victoria.

This gratifying increase represents largely the indefatigable energy and self-sacrificing labours of our last year's Convention speaker, Miss F. J. A. Murcutt. After visiting all our Coast cities and working for the local unions already established she left Vancouver February 1st on the C. P. R. for Agassiz, where she was kindly received by Mrs. J. J. Ashton. On Friday afternoon she addressed the public school children, and on Sunday afternoon took the service for the Methodist minister. After her address she was requested to organize a W. C. T. U. A prayer meeting was held, each asking God's blessing on the work, and the first new union was officered with Mrs. J. J. Ashton as President, but at the first meeting following she resigned in favour of Miss Day, who has had much experience with temperance work in England. Agassiz Union meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month. The fourth Thursday has been set apart for Bible readings led by the President, and greatly appreciated by the members because they say she is so clever and practical in her interpretation of the word.

From Agassiz Miss Murcutt proceeded to Ashcroft, where she spent a week very profitably. Sunday night, February 11th, she had a grand meeting in the City Hall, the largest attendance ever had there for any religious service. Wednesday evening before leaving she laid the claims of the W. C. T. U. before the women and started the nucleus of an earnest and progressive union. It is quite significant that the three first officers elected were ministers' wives, belonging to the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches. These exerted themselves among the members of their respective congregations, and secured the co-operation of other ladies.

Leaving Ashcroft at midnight Miss Murcutt arrived in Kamloops early Thursday morning, February 15th, and was given a warm welcome in the home of Mrs. Jas. Wilson. On February 20th a strong union was organized consisting of eighteen active and twenty-six honorary members, with Mrs. Jas. Guest, formerly of New Westminster Union, as President. Being organized so nearly at the time held sacred by the death of our beloved chieftain, by common desire it was named "The Francis Willard Union."

At 2 a.m. Wednesday, February 21st, Miss Murcutt again boarded a train, on her way to Vernon, which place she reached at ten o'clock

a.m., remaining with them a week, and leaving for Revelstoke February 29th, where she found our W. C. T. Union, of which Mrs. S. J. Thompson is president.

Leaving Revelstoke she went to Slokan City in the Kootenay district and found women who were ready and longing to be organized into a W. C. T. U., Mrs. W. J. Andrews, a capable and consecrated woman, having written beforehand asking that someone might be sent to them. There Miss Murcutt had a splendid time and held large, enthusiastic meetings in the opera house. The union was organized March 12th and named for the organizer, "The Murcutt Union." This union now numbers 21 active and ten honorary members.

The growing city of Nelson came next in line of travel. There the expenses were very heavy, but the people turned out well and the opera house was packed night after night. When the organization of a temperance union was proposed twenty women and fourteen men gave in their names as willing to join. A bright young woman, who had belonged in Toronto was made president, March 20th, but no one could be found to accept the other offices, and it was decided that another meeting should be held on Miss Murcutt's return from Rossland, when the organization should be completed. On the 5th of April she returned to Nelson and after a vain attempt to rouse the women again she writes as follows: "I sent word to send out post cards to all those who had given their names in as members to meet me at a special meeting. The lady to whom the message was written instead of going to the President herself, sent the message by another who forgot all about it. Only three came together. I tramped Nelson the whole afternoon, visiting people whose names had been given me as likely officers, but without avail. The truth is we are too late in the field. Every church has its Ladies' Aid, besides Woman's Council, Ladies' Hospital Aid and several others. Rather than see it a failure I let it drop through, but I tell you I have not much hope of this upper country unless some one can come to the rescue. It would take days to tell of the degradation and sin and of the struggle the poor ministers have. Sin in every form is only laughed at. People think naught about it. From my windows the red lights are to be seen glaring from the front doors of the houses of ill-fame, the colour being just an emblem of where the inmates are fast hastening.

"Directly after the first attempt to organize Nelson I received a very cordial note from the President elected in which she manifested the true spirit of our society by putting herself at once in communication with the Provincial Union. I replied promptly, giving her every encouragement and it is a matter for deep regret that we cannot record a successful organization there."

From Nelson Miss Murcutt went to Greenwood March 21st and on March 23rd organized "The Lady Henry Somerset Union" with Miss Travis as President, whom she designates "a lovely, bright young woman." Mrs. Travis writes May 21st: "When Miss Murcutt left us we were supposed to be about seventeen strong. Three of these changed their minds immediately. A number refused to sign the pledge and we are at present eight strong with only five who are willing to take an office or superintend a department. However, one member is undertaking the distribution of literature, another said she would try to carry the hos-

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The other departments cannot be carried along until we have more members. We have decided to try to do a little work on election day—serve tea, coffee and sandwiches, also distribute tracts, etc. We are also preparing some little bags for the miners. We will extend the work as rapidly as possible."

Grand Forks was the next place visited, and after spending several days in reaching the people by means of public meetings an organization was effected March 30th. Among the women who joined the union was a great admirer of Mrs. Clara Hoffman, the U. S. National W. C. T. U. Secretary, so at her request the union was called "The Clara Hoffman Union." All the offices were filled and five superintendents of departments chosen, viz., for children's and hospital work, literature, public meetings and unfermented wine. Twelve active and 12 honorary members joined, and the regular meetings are held the first and third Friday in each month.

From Grand Forks Miss Murcutt went to Rossland, March 31st. There we have a grand cause and her letter dated April 1st comes as a gleam of sunshine after rain. I know she never dreamed I would use it in this way, but I do not believe she will be displeased. So here it is: "I arrived in Rossland last night 10:30 and spoke to-night in the Miners' Hall, which is the largest here, to a packed place. I never saw such lovely order. I had a beautiful home to come to—Mrs. Hay's. They had large placards through the town, a beautiful motto across the platform, 'For God, Home and Humanity.' Ushers wearing white ribbon, collectors ditto, pot plants—not a hitch. If Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster had done the same we would have done better and I could have spoken better. I was so surprised by my surroundings that I felt at my best, and numbers congratulated me on my address. It is a treat. I can only think of little Wellington that prepared for my coming in like manner. There are some lovely women up here. Mrs. Humphrey's the president is a dear, so is Mrs. Hay. They simply followed the code of rules I sent them; hence the success. It was just a wonderful meeting Monday night. Tuesday and Wednesday I speak in the Presbyterian Church, a magnificent building, which seats between 400 and 500 people. I have five meetings in the three days to come."

Miss Murcutt next reports having put in a very busy week as follows: Friday, April 6th, left Nelson for Lemon Creek; lectured there same night. Saturday, 7th, reached New Denver; distributed handbills, visited saloons at night and prepared lantern. Sunday, 8th, held two services. Monday, 9th two meetings. Tuesday, 10th, left for Silverton, visited a great many homes there; lectured at night. Wednesday, 11th, in the afternoon held a children's service with lantern; later, a meeting for women and an evening lecture. Thursday, 12th, returned to Denver, visited the W. C. T. U. women and left for Sandon, lecturing there at night." April 9th. While in New Denver Miss Murcutt organized a W. C. T. U. with ten members in prospect, electing a President and Secretary. I am sorry to add that this union too was short lived, owing to the fact that the officers were not only busy women but moth-

ers of young children and they feel that for the present their first duty is in their homes.

On Easter Monday, April 16th, Miss Murcutt organized a union in Kaslo with a full staff of officers, our superintendents of departments, 20 active and four honorary members. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. D. Menzies, of St. Andrew's Manse, wrote to me August 24th sending a very nice report, but regretting that a number of those whose names were given in as members during Miss Murcutt's visit have refused to join for various reasons. Some of the officers even declined to act. She says "the town is small, liquor interests strong and business men, I fancy, do not want their wives identified with the W. C. T. U. Then the women who would work are already doing all they can in connection with church societies." They still have 12 active members and one honorary member, and I feel sure the work will grow in the care of the devoted women who now hold office.

This ends Miss Murcutt's work in British Columbia. From Kaslo she returned to Revelstoke April 20th and left there for Toronto Saturday, April 21st, at 8:30 a.m. In Revelstoke Mrs. S. J. Thompson met her and insisted on taking her home. Everything was enjoyable. They had a parlour social Friday night in aid of our Provincial Refuge Home. Miss Murcutt gave a recitation by request. During the evening she gained nine honorary members for the union. In summing up her labours she says: "Just ten weeks since I left Vancouver. I have, in that time delivered 77 lectures, including pulpits filled for ministers, and special afternoon lectures for children. Organized ten unions, visited and spoken in 16 towns; 500 boys have taken the pledge against smoking and use of alcoholic liquors; 600 girls, 225 men and 312 women have taken the pledge against alcohol. The work is just killing. I am worn out, but I am really glad I ever came to the upper country, for I feel God has used me. I regret though the unions on the Coast did not work up their meetings well. Had they done so I would have had a little money for work in this district." In one letter she says she thinks her expenses averaged about \$40 per week. We could not have found another woman who would have had the courage to risk such a journey, starting out alone, a stranger in a strange, new land, without a financial backing or guarantee. She certainly deserves our sincerest gratitude.

In crossing the continent she travelled with 42 soldiers belonging to the Strathcona Regiment, bound for South Africa. Some were very intoxicated, but as soon as they sobered down a bit she went down to their car at 7:30 p.m. and held a service, having previously sent down word she would like to come, and received a reply saying they would be glad to welcome her.

Mrs. Shakespeare, of Victoria, was on board, and accompanied her although she took no part. The long carriage was packed with men. They all sang, "Shall we gather at the River." One soldier took the pledge the next morning, and at Winnipeg they had a big send off, but he came at night to tell her he remained firm.

The Willard branch of the Victoria W. C. T. U. was organized January 31st by Mrs. Gordon Grant, our Provincial President. Mrs. Frank

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Adams was elected President. The Secretary reports as follows: "There are at present ten active members and one honorary member. Six meetings have been held since organization, the first hour being taken up with the discussion of mother's work in the home, her duty to her children and her duty to those outside of her home; the second hour being spent in business. The meetings have been intensely interesting and profitable. In conjunction with the Central Union, a representative float was arranged for the parade on Queen's birthday, and won the first prize of \$50. On June 21 an 'at home' was given for the Union by Mrs. Gordon Grant, at which the members of the Loyal Legion, which had been organized but six weeks, arranged a table of doileys, handkerchiefs and plants, and made thereby \$11.

The organization of the Willard Union was largely the result or outcome of a conviction on the part of some of the members of the Central Union that a W. C. T. U. Mission Hall was a necessity, if the work lying near at hand was to be accomplished by them. The project, not meeting with sufficient support in the Union, the few upon whom God had placed the burden of desire, resolved they would have a second Union, and in His name attempt the responsibility. Previous to this \$212 had been raised by a canvass among friends and the business men of the city. This, with the consent of the donors, was handed over to the Willard Union, and the sum increased to \$252. Much courage born of strong faith was needed, and to increase both the few earnest women interested decided to keep ever before them the inspiring memory of our translated leader by calling themselves the Willard Union.

The work was commenced on March 26th, since which time the rooms have been open daily from 9 a. m. until 10 or 11 o'clock at night. A generous supply of reading matter is furnished for the reading room. On Sunday and Wednesday nights a gospel service is held, at which the attendance has increased from sixteen to an average of seventy-five on Sunday evenings, and God has owned and rewarded the labours of His servants by the conversion of many souls. The different ministers of the city take turns in addressing the Sunday evening services. Every Saturday night a free concert is provided, when a good cup of hot coffee and cake is served to all comers, the programme being furnished by the various Young People's Societies. Frequently the sailors and soldiers take their turn and give the entertainment. It is reported that since the commencement of the work nearly 1,000 persons have visited the reading room, and lunches have been served to 209 men, many of whom have been needy cases. A large number of letters have been written to friends. The expense of the work monthly is \$60.

The committee of management have been very fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Spofford and Mrs. McNaughton to take charge of the work.

The location, on Johnson Street, is most suitable, as it is near the harbor, where the sailors are passing and repassing, and to them it must prove a great boon, giving them a safe retreat on shore. I have myself had the privilege of visiting this mission hall, and was greatly delighted with all I saw and heard. This is the work all our Unions should attempt, in one way or another, and thus protect mothers' boys.

Obituary.

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The compilers feel that their report cannot be sent to press without giving expression to the deep sympathy felt by every W.C.T.U. member throughout the province with our bereaved sister, Mrs. Fisher, of South Wellington, who was in such a sudden and painful manner bereft of her husband in the appalling accident on the E. & N. Railroad on the 15th September. The hearts of the whole membership beat as one in sympathy with our bereaved sister in this her dark hour of sorrow. We commend her to the loving care of the one who alone is able to comfort and sustain her.

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PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Province of British Columbia, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by intemperance, believe that it has become our duty, under the Providence of God, to unite our efforts for its extinction.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, this 16th day of October, 1883, adopt the following as the objects of our Provincial Union, also the following Constitution and By-laws:—

OBJECTS OF THE PROVINCIAL UNION.

To unitedly array the Christian women of the Province of British Columbia against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

To educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue.

To impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly, as well as guilt, of partaking of intoxicants of any kind or in any form.

To gather statistics, facts and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of temperance.

To labor individually for the inebriate, the liquor seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns hitherto unreached and uncared for.

To give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influences with which they are surrounded.

To heartily co-operate with Temperance Societies in combatting the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other society or association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure more advanced and stringent legislation on this subject.

To strive by every means in our power to secure the thorough enforcement of the Temperance laws we already possess.

For the accomplishment of these objects we shall faithfully and conscientiously employ all the means God has placed within our reach, and we shall continually seek His direction and blessing upon our work.



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PLEDGE OF W. C. T. U.

We hereby pledge ourselves to discourage, in all possible ways, the use of anything which can intoxicate; and, in order to strengthen our influence in this regard, we promise not to use any intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor in cooking, and not to furnish them for social entertainment.

WHITE SHIELD PLEDGE.

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Promise, by the blessing of God,

- 1.—To uphold the law of Purity as equally binding on men and women.
- 2.—To be modest in language, behavior and dress.
- 3.—To avoid all conversation, reading, art and amusement which may put impure thoughts into my mind.
- 4.—To guard the purity of others, especially my companions and friends.
- 5.—To strive after the special blessing promised to the pure in heart.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

PROVINCIAL.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of the Society are to educate public sentiment up to the standard of Total Abstinence, instil Temperance principles into the minds of the young, save the inebriate, and to engage in works of a charitable and philanthropic nature.

ARTICLE III.

The officers shall be a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Superintendent for each department of work. These general officers shall be elected by the members of the Convention at each annual meeting. The President of the Local Union now or hereafter to become auxiliary to this Society, shall, by virtue of their office, be Vice-Presidents to the Executive Board, and shall be entitled to a vote.

These general officers shall constitute an Executive Board to control and provide for the general interests of the work within the power to fill vacancies in its own body. The Superintendents of Departments shall not be expected to sit with the Executive at the meeting where such Superintendents are nominated.

ARTICLE IV.

The President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer may constitute a sub-committee of the Executive Board, three of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of special or important business, except during the general meetings of the Society. They shall have power to call meetings and special meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

The Annual Meeting of the Society shall consist of one delegate from each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every

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Delegations may be empowered by their own Union to fill their quota by visiting members of their own Union.

ARTICLE VI.

Each Local Union contributing to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of 6 1-4 cents per member, quarterly, shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Union, and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Each Auxiliary Union shall make to the Corresponding Secretary, yearly, a report as per blank form provided.

ARTICLE VIII.

The fiscal year shall close August 5th, and the general meeting of the Society shall be held annually the last week in August, in such place as shall be appointed at the preceding annual meeting. At each of such annual meetings new officers shall be elected to fill the offices of President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendents of each department of work, for the ensuing year. Such nomination and election shall be by ballot, and retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE IX.

All documents belonging to the Provincial Union shall be kept in the possession of the Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE X.

Travelling expenses of Officers to the Annual Meeting shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, due notice having been given at the annual meeting previous.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW NUMBER I.

The President may call special meetings through the Recording Secretary when she may deem it necessary, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to that office.

BY-LAW NUMBER II.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and send to each Auxiliary Union, not later than June 30th, a blank form for the report of that auxiliary for the current year. From the information thus received she shall prepare her annual report

BY-LAW NUMBER III.

The Recording Secretary shall be Secretary of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, and shall attend all the meetings of the Union and the Executive Committee, and shall keep a correct record of their proceedings. She shall call the roll of delegates to the annual meeting, and read all papers which may be ordered to be read. At the first session of each she shall read a synopsis of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting, and shall perform all other duties usually belonging to the office.

BY-LAW NUMBER IV.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of money, and to present a detailed report thereof at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and shall close the books a fortnight before the annual meeting.

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W.C.T.U. PROVINCIAL REFUGE HOME

I.—This institution shall be known as the W. C. T. U. Refuge Home.

II.—The object of the W. C. T. U. Refuge Home shall be to afford shelter for friendless women, or women desiring to forsake a life of shame, to provide for them while inmates of the Home suitable employment, as well as the administration of the Gospel, and, on leaving the Home, to put them in the way of securing an honest livelihood.

III.—The management of the Home shall be vested in a committee of twelve ladies, nominated by the Provincial Superintendent of Social Purity, and elected at the annual meeting of the Provincial W. C. T. U. (notice of whose election shall be forthwith forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Managers). The same to be known as the Board of Managers of the W. C. T. U. Provincial Refuge Home. The Provincial Superintendent of Social Purity to be a member ex-officio of the Board of Managers.

IV.—The Board of Managers of the W. C. T. U. Provincial Refuge Home shall have power to appoint an advisory committee, consisting of the resident pastors of all the Evangelical churches in the city and six laymen elected by the Board of Managers (these last to be total abstainers).

V.—The Board of Management shall hold stated meetings at least once a month.

VI.—The annual meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held during the third week in the month of August in each year, at which time full and accurate reports shall be presented of the work and proceedings of the previous twelve months, and the same forwarded by the Secretary to the annual meeting of the Provincial W. C. T. U.

VII.—At the regular meeting next following the annual meeting of the Provincial Executive, and up to which time all officers and committees shall hold office and be responsible for the discharge of their duties, the Board of Managers shall elect the officers for the ensuing year, the same to consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. At the same meeting, and thereafter at every monthly meeting of the Board, the Managers shall also elect from their own number, a committee of three ladies, to be known as the "Committee of Management." Such committee, subject to the rules and by-laws enacted by the Board, shall have charge of the internal management of the Home, determine, according to the spirit of this Constitution, the persons to be admitted, and at each monthly meeting present a report of the needs, the work, and the condition of the Home.

VIII.—The Board of Management shall have power, from time to time, to make, vary, and alter by-laws and rules for the government of the Home and for all matters and things relating to the management and conduct of affairs, provided always that the same be consistent with this Constitution, and that one month's notice of any proposed alteration be given at a regular meeting of the Board.

IX.—The Board of Management shall have power to fill vacancies in its own body that occur during the year.



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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

LOCAL.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be known as "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of ———, Auxiliary to the W. C. T. U. of the Province of British Columbia."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Union shall be to meet together for prayer and Conference, to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, and save the inebriate.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of the Association by signing the pledge and Constitution, and by payment of ——— per year into the treasury.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by payment of the regular fee. Honorary members are entitled to all the privileges of members except the vote and holding office.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICE.

Th officers of this Association shall be a President, First Vice-President, and a Vice-President for each church (when practicable), a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor.

The officers (excepting the Auditor), with the Superintendent of Department, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V. AUXILIARYSHIP.

Each Local Union shall pay to the funds of the Provincial Union a sum equal to six and a quarter cents per member quarterly, this amount to be taken from the ——— membership fee.

ARTICLE VI.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of July each year, at which reports of all officers and Superintendents shall be presented. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be published afterwards, if possible, in the daily newspapers.

At this meeting, officers, committees, and Superintendents shall be elected for the ensuing year, and such services held as shall tend to promote the objects of the Association.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW NO. I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1—President—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the organization and supervise its general interests, and she may, with any three members, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

Sec. 2—Vice-Presidents—It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President, while the Vice-President of each church shall endeavor to enlist women of their own church in the work.

Sec. 3—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, including the sending to Provincial officers and superintendents the names and addresses of corresponding local officers, and report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial Union, yearly, on receipt of blank form (having first submitted her report to the local Union), giving such items of general interest as will enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union. She shall prepare the report of the annual meeting of the Local Union.

Sec. 4—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Union, and shall notify members and the public of its meetings.

Sec. 5—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all membership dues, and devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Association. She shall receive and hold all money collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and, if practicable, make a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. She shall forward the yearly fee to the Treasurer of the Provincial Union.

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BY-LAW NO. III.—DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

If the demands of the work justify it there shall be the following departments of work: Juvenile Work, Temperance Literature, Influencing the Press, Evangelistic Work, Parlor Meetings, Heredity and Hygiene, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Kitchen, Garden, Flower Mission, Unfermented Wine, Inducing Physicians Not to Prescribe Alcoholic Stimulants, Relation of Intemperance to Capital and Labor, Prison and Gaol Work, Young Woman's Work, Work Among Railroad Employees, Work Among Soldiers, Work Among Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners, Legislation, Petitions and Franchise, Hospitals, Fairs, and such other as the needs of the locality seem to call for and the Provincial Union recommends.

BY-LAW NO. IV.—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting shall be largely a devotional meeting. Mass meetings shall be held as frequently as possible. The Executive and other Committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

BY-LAW NO. V.—QUORUM.

A quorum shall consist of such members as shall be present at a regular or special meeting, due notice of such meeting being given to the members.

BY-LAW NO. VI.—EXPENSES OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

The expenses of general officers for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling expenses of delegates to annual Convention shall, when at all practicable, be borne by the Union sending those delegates.

BY-LAW NO. VII.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, providing due notice has been given the annual meeting previous. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

I.—Every session for business shall open and close with prayer.

1—Roll Call of Officers.

2—Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Courtesy.

3—Roll Call of Delegates.

4—Call for New Unions.

5—Address of Welcome to Delegates.

6—Response to Address of Welcome.

7—President's Annual Address.

8—Reading Rules of Order from the Chair.

9—Appointment of Committees on Resolutions and Special Business.

10—Report of Officers.

11—Reports of Superintendents of Departments.

12—Report of Local Unions.

13—Report of Standing Committees —(a) Finance, (b) Plan of Work.

14—Report of Committee on Resolutions and Special Business.

15—Election of Officers.

16—New Business.

17—Appointment of Standing Committees.

II.—No member of this Convention shall absent herself from any session without leave from the President.

III.—No subject shall be discussed except on motion, and no debatable motion shall be entertained until a written copy of it shall be placed upon the table.

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IV.—No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave from the Convention.

V.—Any person about to speak shall rise, address the President, confine her remarks to the question, and use courteous and Christian language.

VI.—If any resolution or motion shall contain two or more parts, it shall be divided, upon the request of any member, and the vote taken upon each part separately.

VII.—The minutes of each day's proceedings shall be read the session following, except those of the last day, which shall be read immediately before adjournment.

VIII.—The Corresponding Secretary shall keep on file all the annual reports of Local Unions, and the business correspondence of the Convention; and the Recording Secretary shall keep six complete files of the Convention's minutes, all of which shall be held with the manuscript record book as the property of the Convention.

IX.—All reports offered to the Convention shall be written on legal cap paper, on one side of the leaves only.

X.—The names of the President and Corresponding Secretary of each Local Union residing within the limits of this Convention, with the postoffice address of each, shall be published annually in our minutes.

XI.—All new Unions seeking admission to the Convention shall send to its annual session with their delegates the record of their organization.

XII.—All committees, except as the Convention require, shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Convention.

XIII.—In all cases not provided for by these rules, the Convention shall be governed by the parliamentary practices laid down in Robert's Rules of Order.

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

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Reception of Communications.

Report of Committees.

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SUGGESTIONS TO PROVINCIAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Provincial Superintendents are expected to correspond with all Local Unions. Immediately upon appointment, a Provincial Superintendent should enquire the names and addresses of the Local Superintendents with whom she is to correspond. She should then send out a "preliminary letter" to each, announcing the fact of her appointment and her desire to aid and co-operate with the Local Superintendents to the greatest possible extent. She should also ask each one to at once write her, giving a bird's-eye view of the work done by her Union in that department. This brings them in touch with one another.

Should there be any Local Union which has not taken up this department as yet, it is the duty of the Provincial Superintendent to write the Corresponding Secretary of that Union, setting forth the claims of her department, and, with the utmost tact and courtesy, urging that it be adopted and a Superintendent appointed.

Each Provincial Superintendent is also urged to keep in touch with her Dominion Superintendent, procuring from her fresh "plans of work" and suggestions as to literature, with the object of making her department a study, resolving to do her best, and to do all as unto the Master whom we serve.

Having mastered her department literature and "plan of work," a Provincial Superintendent should cultivate a personal friendship with her Local Superintendent, and be prepared, in her turn, to furnish a local "plan of work" and recommend the literature best suited to local needs. At the close of the convention year stirring up her fellow workers to prepare a full account of work accomplished in good time for Convention.