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HELD AT

STANSTEAD PLAIN, OCTOBER 7th, 8th and 9th, 1884.

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## OFFICERS FOR 1884-5.

### President :

MRS. MIDDLETON, Coaticook, P.Q.

### 1st Vice-President :

MRS. DUNKIN, KNOWLTON, P.Q.

### 2nd Vice-President :

MRS. WALKER, 108 University Street, Montreal.

### Corresponding Secretary :

MISS LAMB, 192 Valier Street, Quebec.

### Recording Secretary :

MRS. R. W. McLACHLAN, 99 Osborne Street, Montreal.

### Treasurer :

MISS LUNN, 679 Sherbrooke Street, Montreal.

### County Presidents :

Hochelaga,	-	-	-	MISS DOUGALL.
Stanstead,	-	-	-	MRS. C. W. COWLES.
Shefford,	-	-	-	MRS. (REV.) D. LINDSAY.
Compton,	-	-	-	MRS. W. E. JORDAN.
Sherbrooke,	-	-	-	MRS. DR. BOMPAS.
Brome,	-	-	-	MRS. S. W. FOSTER.
Missisquoi,	-	-	-	MRS. (DR.) COTTON.
Quebec,	-	-	-	MRS. S. CORNEIL.
Argenteuil,	-	-	-	MRS. MCPHIE.
Rouville,	-	-	-	MRS. WHITFIELD.
Drummond,	-	-	-	MRS. S. STEVENS.
Huntingdon,	-	-	-	MRS. SCRIVER.
Richmond,	-	-	-	MRS. SAUNDERSON.

### Superintendents of Departments :

*Heredity and Hygiene*—MRS. D. V. LUCAS, 182 Mountain Street, Montreal.

*Scientific Instruction*—MRS. C. MORTON, 41 St. Mark Street, Montreal.

*Juvenile and Sabbath-school Work*—MISS WEBBER, Richmond, P.Q.

*Temperance Literature and Influencing the Press*—MRS. JACK, Chateaugay Basin, P.Q.

*Evangelistic Work*—MISS KNOWLES, East Farnham, P.Q.

*Prison and Police Work, and Work among Intemperate Women*—MISS BARBER, 108 Mansfield Street, Montreal.

*Social Work*—MRS. DALKIN, Richmond Terrace, Quebec.

*Legislation*—MRS. JAS. GEGGIE, 20 Denis Street, Quebec.

*Finance*—MRS. JOHN EWING, JR., Richmond, P.Q.

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STANSTEAD, October 4th, 1884.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held this afternoon. There were present, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Cowles, Miss Dougall and Mrs. McLachlan.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Walker, after which the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mrs. Cowles, seconded by Mrs. Walker: That Mrs. W. B. Colby be asked to act as Treasurer during the Convention.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

October 6th.

A meeting of the Executive was held this afternoon. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises. The members present were, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Cowles, Mrs. Walker, Miss Dougall, Miss Lamb and Mrs. McLachlan.

The Secretary read the resignation of Mrs. E. F. M. Williams, Superintendent of Social Work. Mrs. Walker moved, seconded by Mrs. Cowles: That the resignation be accepted and that we hereby tender our sympathies to Mrs. Williams in her illness.

The resignation of the Treasurer, Mrs. A. McK. Forbes was read. On motion of Miss Dougall, seconded by Miss Lamb, the resignation was accepted, and the Secretary was requested to write to Mrs. Forbes, thanking her for her valuable services during the past year.

Miss Rhynas, Superintendent of Juvenile Work having sent in her resignation it was on motion of Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Cowles, accepted with regret.

The resignation of Miss Morgan, County Vice-President was read and accepted.

Moved by Mrs. Cowles, seconded by Miss Dougall. That Mrs. C. C. Colby and Mrs. Cobb be a Committee on Courtesies.

Mrs. Cowles moved, seconded by Mrs. McLachlan: That Miss Lamb, Mrs. Blodgett, Mrs. Bugbee and Mrs. Carpenter, be a Committee on Credentials.

#### EVENING SESSION.

October 6th, 1883.

Mrs. Walker, Vice-President presided. The Secretary read the minutes of Morning Session, which were confirmed.

Moved by Mrs. Jordan, seconded by Mrs. Lindsay: That the Provincial Unions order their literature through Mrs. Gales, Montreal, widow of the late secretary of the Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance.

Moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster and seconded by Mrs. Chas. Morton: That the minutes of Sub-Executive be accepted as read.

Moved by Mrs. Cowles, seconded by Mrs. S. W. Foster: That the next Annual Meeting shall be held on the last Wednesday of September, to remain in session three days.

The meeting was adjourned.

# MINUTES OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

## FIRST DAY.

STANSTEAD PLAIN, October 7th, 1884.

The first Annual Meeting of the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Methodist Church.

The first half hour was spent in a consecration meeting led by Mrs. Walker, Vice-President.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Middleton.

The Secretary called the roll of officers and superintendents, ten of whom responded.

The minutes of the Executive meetings held since last Annual Meeting were read and adopted.

The following committees were appointed:

*Committee on Credentials.*—Miss Lamb, Quebec, Mrs. Blodgett, Stanstead, and Mrs. Bugbee, Stanstead.

*Committee on Courtesies.*—Mrs. C. C. Colby, Stanstead, Mrs. Cobb, Stanstead.

*Committee on Resolutions.*—Mrs. S. W. Foster, Knowlton, Mrs. Blodgett, Stanstead, Mrs. Dickson, Trenholmvile, Mrs. Lindsay, Waterloo, Miss Dougall, Montreal, Mrs. Dalkin, Quebec, Mrs. Bridgett, Sawyerville, Mrs. Williams, St. Andrews, Mrs. Sanderson, Danville, Mrs. Morton, Montreal.

*Committee on Plan of Work.*—Mrs. Cowles, Stanstead, Mrs. Putney, East Hatley. Mrs. Emily L. McLaughlin of Massachusetts and Mrs. Hidden of Vermont were introduced to the Convention.

Mrs. Blodgett, on behalf of the International Union of Stanstead, delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Dalkin of Quebec. (See appendix.)

The President, Mrs. Middleton, delivered the annual address, which was listened to with marked attention. (See appendix.)

Rev. Mr. Powas, Vermont, Rev. Mr. Bond, Stanstead, Rev. Mr. Pitcher Sherbrooke, were introduced, and each addressed words of comfort and cheer.

## AFTERNOON.

Devotional meeting was held for half an hour, conducted by Miss Dougall, Montreal.

The President called the meeting to order.

The Corresponding Secretary read her annual report, which was on motion adopted. (See appendix.)

Rev. D. V. Lucas was introduced and addressed the Convention.

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Mrs. Morton, Superintendent of Scientific Work, read her report of work done during the year in that department.

Mrs. S. W. Foster, Vice-President for Brome County, read a report of work accomplished.

Mrs. Lindsay, Vice-President of Shefford County, related many interesting facts in connection with her work in the County.

Mrs. Jordan, Vice-President of the County of Compton, gave most encouraging accounts of new unions formed during the year.

Mrs. Morton moved, seconded by Mrs. Foster: That a telegram be sent to Mrs. Williams, Superintendent of Social Work, expressive of the sympathy of the Union in her illness and regret on account of her resignation.

The delegates were invited to attend a reception at the residence of Mrs. Lee Terrill. The Convention adjourned to do so, and over one hundred and twenty partook of the kindness and hospitality offered.

#### EVENING.

A public meeting was held in the Methodist Church, which was filled by an appreciative audience. A service of song was held during the first half hour, led by an efficient choir.

The Rev. Mr. Bond, pastor of the Church, presided and introduced Mrs. Emily L. McLaughlin, who delivered a most impressive address on the evils of the liquor traffic.

#### SECOND DAY.

Wednesday, October 8th.

The devotional meeting was conducted by Miss Barber, Montreal.

The Committee on Credentials reported 9 officers and 66 delegates present.

The roll of officers and delegates was called.

Mrs. Dalkin, Quebec, read the report of Miss Knowles, Superintendent of Evangelistic Work. (See appendix.)

Mrs. Morton, Montreal, gave a most instructive lecture on "The effects of alcohol on the human stomach," illustrated by charts.

Moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Lindsay: That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to Mrs. Morton for her interesting lecture.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Cutter, Sutton, That the *practical suggestions* of the President's address and the addresses of Superintendents of departments be referred to the Plan of Work Committee, and suggestions as to the principles involved to the Committee on Resolutions.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

12.30 p.m.

The President called the meeting to order.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Walker : That the order of business on the Programme be suspended, and that the order decided on by the Executive be carried out.

Moved by Mrs. McLachlan, and seconded by Mrs. Lindsay : That the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws for the Provincial Union be left with a Committee composed of Miss Dougall, Mrs. Foster and Miss Lamb, for completion.

## AFTERNOON.

Devotional meeting led by Mrs. Cowles, Stanstead.

The Convention was called to order. Dr. Cowles was introduced and read a paper on the effect of tobacco, morphine and alcohol on the human system. (See appendix.)

The thanks of the Convention were unanimously voted to Dr. Cowles for his able paper.

Miss Barber, Superintendent of Prison and Police work, gave an address about what was being done in her department, and she especially urged the Unions to remember the workers at a throne of grace.

Mrs. Lucas, Superintendent of Heredity and Hygiene, read her report, also the following petition, which she requested the Union to send to every physician in the Province,

*To the Medical Practitioners of the Province of Quebec.*

GENTLEMEN,

We, the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in our annual meeting assembled, beg to express to you the high regard we entertain for yourselves as gentlemen, learned in a noble profession, and our gratitude for the kindness which it is (with very rare exceptions) the good fortune of ourselves and our families to receive at your hands. We do not forget the incalculable importance of the work you are doing, neither do we forget the toil and self abnegation which so frequently characterize your work. Our special object is to call your attention to the sad effects of alcohol, as seen in its influence upon the home and the individual, and we fear that much of the evil has resulted from an opinion among physicians in the past, that it was a useful and necessary medicine.

We are well aware that the opinions of many physicians of this age differ widely from those of a former generation. We would not venture to offer our opinion regarding the power of alcohol medicinally considered, we will only ask, seeing our race and more especially our sex have suffered so much from it, whether something less dangerous in its effects cannot be substituted in its place. If in your judgment it cannot be entirely dispensed with, may it not be less frequently used.

We are more solicitous in this matter because of the burdens borne, sometimes by ourselves and so often by our suffering sisters, whose husbands or sons have been addicted to the excessive use of alcoholic beverages.

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Whether alcohol is a necessity or not, we leave to your superior judgment to decide, but we think however you will agree with us in saying, as a beverage it is not a necessity, but a very great injury. We therefore pray that in this latter respect at least we may be aided by your acknowledged influence in society, to abolish its use as such.

E. ADELIA LUCAS,

*Supt. of Heredity and Hygiene.*

The President read the report of Mrs. Jack, Superintendent of the Department of Temperance Literature and Influencing the Press. (See appendix.)

The Corresponding Secretary read the report of Miss Rhynas, Superintendent of Juvenile Work. (See appendix.)

The report of Mrs. Geggie, Superintendent of Legislation and Petition, was also read by the Secretary. (See appendix.)

The President asked for local reports. That of St. Andrews was read by Mrs. Williams, of Māgog, by Mrs. Somers, and those of Aylmer and Cowansville by Miss Lamb.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING.

6.45 p.m.

Mrs. Walker, Vice-President, in the chair.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Jordon : That all petitions emanating from this body to ecclesiastical and other bodies, be first presented to the Executive.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Jordon : That the Executive recommend the Constitution and By-laws just read, for the use of local Unions.

Moved by Mrs. Jordon, seconded by Mrs. Foster : That the Provincial Union Constitution and By-laws, as revised and now presented by the Committee, appointed, be accepted.

The meeting was adjourned.

#### EVENING.

A public meeting was held in the Methodist Church. The Pastor, Rev. Mr. Bond, presided.

Mrs. Hidden of Vermont, read a paper on "Temperance Work in the Sunday School."

Rev. D. V. Lucas gave an interesting address respecting the work in Counties where the Scott Act had been submitted. As the voting on the Act was to take place the next day in the County of Stanstead, the audience listened attentively to the speaker's reasons for believing that the Act would be carried.

## THIRD DAY.

October 9th.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Sanderson of Danville. After the meeting was called to order, the question of allowing delegates to vote by proxy was discussed. It was decided that those delegates present could vote only for themselves, and not for the delegation sent from their Unions.

Local reports were read from the Union of Sutton by Mrs. Cutter, and that of Compton by Mrs. Harvey.

The election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows :—

*President*—Mrs. Middleton, Quebec.

*First Vice-President*—Mrs. Dunkin, Knowlton.

*Second Vice-President*—Mrs. Walker, Montreal.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Miss Lamb, Quebec.

*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. R. W. McLachlan, Montreal.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. Corse, Montreal.

*Auditor*—Mrs. Foster, Knowlton.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Jordon : That the Superintendents of Departments be members of Executive.

## AFTERNOON.

Devotional meeting was led by Mrs. Jordon, Coaticook.

The minutes of Executive meetings read and adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Cutter : That a Department of Finance be appointed by the Executive.

Miss Dougall, on behalf of the Committee appointed for the revision of the Constitution and By-laws, reported.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Blodgett, that the report be adopted.

Mrs. Foster brought in the following report from the Committee on Resolutions, which, on motion made by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. Pettes, was received.

The Committee on Resolutions desire, before presenting their Report, to present a resolution of thanks.

*Resolved*,—"That we express our appreciation of the care and forethought exercised by the International 'Woman's Christian Temperance Union' of Stanstead, Rock Island and Derby Line, in the arrangements for the reception and comfort of the members of this Provincial Convention, and tender to them, and to other citizens who have welcomed us to their homes, our sincere thanks. To the ladies of the committee of reception and committee on entertainment. To the lady who so kindly opened her beautiful house for our reception, and gave us the opportunity of meeting, outside of convention, with our gifted lecturer and each other. To the pastor and stewards of the Stanstead Methodist Church,

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the beautiful edifice which has been so freely opened for the meetings of this convention. To the committee who have decorated it with flowers. To the singers of the choir. To the young lady pages, who have so silently and promptly distributed our communications. To the lady from Vermont, who addressed us on juvenile work. To the present pastor of this church, and to its former pastor, who have so kindly encouraged and strengthened us by their addresses. To the Secretary of the Dominion Alliance for the valuable information given as to the onward march of our common cause; and to Dr. Cowles, the husband of the honored president of this International W. C. T. U., for his admirable address upon the medical aspect of the temperance question. To the various lines of railway for reduced rates on our journey hither; and to each and all who have planned and contributed in any way to our comfort and pleasure, and seemed to make these working days spent at Stanstead days of pleasure as well as profit.

#### REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE, AS ADOPTED.

Your Committee were instructed to consider the suggestions as to the principles involved in the address by our president, the reports of general officers, superintendents of departments, etc., but, before submitting these for your consideration, we desire to acknowledge, with gratitude and reverence, the good hand of our God upon us during this first year of our organization, remembering, especially, the great advance of public sentiment on the subject of temperance in its broadest sense,—the demand for prohibition threatening party politics,—and the increase of efforts put forth by both men and women, for the prevention of the evils of intemperance.

We set forth the following as a declaration of the principles upon which our work for the coming year should be carried on, and, remembering the vast amount of work to be accomplished, we recommend the following resolutions:

*Resolved*,—"That as total abstinence from alcoholic beverages is the only foundation upon which we can raise a building, symmetrical and strong,—that it is God's law for man, the breaking of which brings its own punishment upon the individual, the efforts of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union should be put forth persistently, to secure a more widespread adherence to this principle in all classes of society."

*Resolved*,—"That the prohibition of the sale and manufacture of all intoxicating liquors should be the principle of our Government in dealing with the liquor traffic."

*Resolved*,—"That as the law protecting the liquor traffic is its strength, and as women are not allowed to express their sentiments upon this by ballot, we believe it to be the duty as well as the privilege of Christian women, to bend their energies towards securing the ballot upon all moral and educational questions,—and that those women who are taxpayers, and are unrepresented at the polls, shall be able to cast their votes for those laws which shall help to protect our homes."

*Resolved*,—"That we approve of the insertion of a clause in title deed and lease, prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicants on the premises, under penalty of a forfeiture of title or lease; especially would we urge every woman of property to carry out this suggestion."

*Resolved*,—"That as temperance literature is a power whose influence can reach all conditions of men, we recommend the distribution of such literature broadcast over the land, and that every member of the W. C. T. U. keep her own supply and do this silent work."

*Resolved*,—"That as the most important and most effective weapon of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is prayer, this Convention holds that no Union is living up to its privileges which does not hold frequent prayer meetings, to seek the guidance and blessing of the Lord on every branch of its work."

*Resolved*,—"That we will do all in our power to assist the Dominion Alliance and other temperance organizations in their efforts for the submission of the Scott Act throughout our Province."

*Resolved*,—"That as a Society, we would be especially mindful of the needs of our unfortunate sisters, and shall rejoice in the establishment or opening up of any movement having for its object their care and protection."

*Resolved*,—"That we especially condemn the grocers' license as being productive of great evil in our homes, and recommend that the members of the W. C. T. U. give their patronage to those dealers who are not affiliated with the liquor traffic."

*Resolved*,—"That the objects of this Association would be promoted by an Act of incorporation, inasmuch as without such an Act the Association is incompetent to receive gifts, or legacies, or hold property by a valid title."

*Resolved*,—"Finally, that in the prosecution of all branches of our work, as a 'Woman's Christian Temperance Union,' we be '*diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.*'"

Moved by Mrs. Foster, and seconded by Miss Meiklejohn: That letters of loving sympathy from this Union be sent to the following, who are unable to be present with us: Miss Rhynas, Montreal, Mrs. Corneil, Quebec, Mrs. Geggie, Quebec, Miss Knowles, East Farnham.

The hymn "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, after which the President led in prayer, especially remembering those who had been detained at home on account of personal and family affliction.

Mrs. Cowles, on behalf of the Plan of Work Committee, reported: That the Committee recommended the Plan that had been used for 1883, but would call special attention to the great importance of more earnest work among the young is urging Scientific Instruction on the evils of alcohol in the Public and Private Schools, and also that more attention be given to the Bands of Hope already formed, so that the rising generation may be well instructed. They further recommend that the Executive take steps to petition the Government that the franchise be granted to widows and spinsters who are rate payers.

Miss Dougall moved, seconded by Mrs. Blodgett: That the following be added to the Plan of work.

*Resolved*,—"That the Convention recommends to every Union in the Province, the formation of a Loan Library of books on Alcohol, Temperance Work, Woman's Work and Christian Experience, for the free use of the members, commencing such a library with one book if that is all that can be obtained, and adding others in the course of time by purchase or donation, as may be thought best.

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Moved by Mrs. C. C. Colby, seconded by Mrs. Blodgett : That the report of the Plan of Work Committee be adopted.

Mrs. C. C. Colby read a communication from Mr. Hugh Elder, pioneer of Temperance work in the County of Stanstead, which was full of cordial sympathy and practical advice to the Union.

Moved by Mrs. Jordon, seconded by Mrs. Fraser : That we accept this communication, and ask Mrs. Colby to tender the thanks of the Convention to Mr. Elder for his kindly thought of the Union.

Mrs. Cutter, Sutton, addressed the Convention respecting the work of the different departments,

The President stated that she had received a letter from Mrs. Youmans, Ontario, sending greetings to the Union and regretting that she could not attend the Convention, being engaged in work among the counties, where the Scott Act is soon to be submitted.

Moved by Mrs. McPhee, seconded by Mrs. Cowles : That our President be appointed fraternal delegate to the Ontario Provincial Union meeting in Toronto and the National at its annual meeting in St. Louis.

Moved by Mrs. C. C. Colby, seconded by Mrs. McPhee : That voluntary contributions from the Unions be received towards defraying expenses of delegate to the above named Conventions.

Moved by Mrs. McPhee, seconded by Mrs. Cutter : That a vote of thanks be tendered from this Convention of the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union to the Proprietors of the Montreal *Witness* for their unflinching defence of Temperance and Truth, and for their kindness in publishing all announcements from the Associations connected with this Union, and also to the editors of all newspapers who have kindly granted a Temperance Column to be filled with clippings or original contributions from members of our W. C. T. U.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING.

7 p. m.

A meeting of the Executive was held, at which the following County Vice-Presidents were elected.

County of Hochelaga .....	Miss Dougall.
" Stanstead .....	Mrs. Cowles.
" Compton .....	" Jordon.
" Richmond .....	" Saunderson.
" Brome .....	" S. W. Foster.
" Missisquoi .....	" Cotton.
" Argenteuil .....	" McPhee.
" Sherbrooke .....	" Bompas.
" Rouville .....	" Whitfield.
" Drummond .....	" S. Stevens.
" Quebec .....	" Corneil.
" Huntingdon .....	" Sriver.

The Superintendents of Departments were elected as follows ;—

Heredity and Hygiene.....	Mrs. D. V. Lucas.
Scientific Work.....	" C. Morton.
Juvenile and S. S. Work.....	Miss Webber.
Temperance Literature and Influencing the Press.....	Mrs. Jack.
Evangelistic Work.....	Miss Knowles.
Prison and Police Work.....	" Barber.
Social Work.....	Mrs. Dalkin.
Legislation and Petition.....	" Geggie.
Finance.....	" Ewing.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Cowles : That the Corresponding Secretary's traveling expenses to the Union be paid.

Moved by Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Mrs. Jordon : That the proceedings of the Convention be printed in book form.

#### EVENING.

A Praise meeting was held for the victory of the Scott Act in Stanstead County. The Rev. Mr. Saunders, Governor of Stanstead College, presided. After an hour spent in praise and thanksgiving, the meeting was called to order by the President.

Moved by Mrs. Foster and seconded by Mrs. Jordon : That the Unions be requested to send in their fees when convenient, and that those Unions paying yearly be requested to send in their payments early in September, before the Annual meeting of the Provincial Union.

Moved by Miss Meiklejohn, seconded by Mrs. Cowles : That the local reports be accepted and handed to the Secretary.

Invitations for the next Annual meeting were received from St. Andrews and Coaticooke. Although Coaticooke had been first with the invitation, the delegates kindly withdrew in favor of St. Andrews.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Trenholme : That we wear white and blue ribbon as the badge of the Convention.

On motion the meeting was adjourned to meet (D.V.) next year at St. Andrews.

ELIZABETH McLACHLAN,

*Recording Secretary.*

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## MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

October 10th, 10 a.m.

A meeting of the Executive was held, the President in the chair.

Moved by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Mrs. McLachlan : That Mrs. Cowles be the delegate to the "National" St. Louis, and Mrs. Foster the delegate to the Ontario Provincial Union at Toronto, in place of our President who did not feel able to undertake such long journeys.

Moved by Mrs. Cowles and seconded by Mrs. Dalkin : That the salary of the Corresponding-Secretary be fifteen dollars per month for the coming year.

The meeting was adjourned.

MONTREAL, November 20th, 1884.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Y. W. C. A. Rooms. There were present, Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Foster, Miss Dougall, Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Lucas, Miss Barber, Miss Webber and Mrs. McLachlan.

The President presided. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises. The Secretary read the minutes of the last Executive meeting, which were, on motion, confirmed.

The Treasurer appointed at the Annual meeting having declined the office, it was moved by Mrs. Walker and seconded by Miss Dougall : That Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. McLachlan be a committee to secure a Treasurer for the Union.

Moved by Mrs. McLachlan and seconded by Mrs. Walker : That the Superintendents of Departments may be allowed to draw on Treasurer to the amount of five dollars for the coming year.

Moved by Mrs. Lucas and seconded by Miss Barber : That the Corresponding Secretary write to the Presidents of Local Unions urging them to follow closely the order of business recommended by the Provincial Union, calling especial attention to the correspondence, that it may be submitted at each meeting.

Moved by Miss Dougall, seconded by Mrs. Foster : That owing to the extreme length of some and absence of other local reports, that they be not printed in the Annual Report.

Moved by Mrs. Foster and seconded by Mrs. Walker : That the following be printed in the Annual Report.

Minutes of Annual Meeting.

Address of Welcome and response.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

President's Address.

# Reports of Superintendents.

Dr. Cowles' Paper as read at the Convention.  
Constitution and By-Laws of Provincial Union.  
Constitution and By-Laws for Local Unions.  
Plan of Work.

Names of members of Local Unions, with time and date of meetings of the Union and Band of Hope.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Miss Barber : That an estimate for printing Reports be asked for from the *Witness* Office.

Moved by Mrs. Walker, seconded by Mrs. Morton : That 750 copies of the Report be ordered.

Moved by Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Miss Dougall : That Mrs. Foster be appointed to draft a suitable heading for the Department of Finance.

Moved by Mrs. Morton, seconded by Miss Barber : That Mrs. Lucas be authorized to print the memorial to physicians.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Walker : That the account for the Programmes used at Convention be paid.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Jack : That the Superintendent of Scientific Instruction has authority to purchase a set of Stomach Charts.

Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Walker : That as a Provincial Union we recommend that the meeting of the Dominion Union be postponed until another year.

The meeting was adjourned.

November 21st.

A meeting of Exécutive was held this afternoon, at which the Committee appointed to secure a Treasurer reported that Miss Lunn had kindly promised to accept the position.

The meeting was adjourned

Mrs. Blodgett, of Stanstead, gave the following address of Welcome.

MRS. PRESIDENT AND LADIES :

It is a matter for sincere rejoicing to the members of the International Union of Stanstead, Rock Island and Derby Line, that having been the first Union organized in the Province of Quebec, it is permitted us to be honored with the privilege of extending a most hearty welcome to the officers and delegates assembled here in Stanstead, at the first annual meeting of the Provincial Union.

It is also a matter for sincere congratulation that we, who welcome your coming, are permitted to rejoice with you over the rapid progress which the great temperance reform is making throughout our Province.

We welcome you as faithful co-workers in this great battle which is being fought for truth and right throughout our country. We welcome you as dear friends and fellow-sufferers from this fearful curse, which we are striving to uproot and cast from our midst.

I shall occupy but a few moments of your valuable time in speaking of women in connection with this all-absorbing subject. We have reached the happy epoch

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in this progressive age in which women are thoroughly alive to the necessity of working openly and publicly for the pulling down of the monstrous evil of intemperance. It is ten years since Christian women in the United States commenced their public work in behalf of the temperance reform. Men had been working loyally and faithfully to stem the fearful tide of intemperance which swept over their country at the close of the civil war. Women at last began to comprehend the fact that by keeping quiet, by enduring their misery in silence, they were in part accessory to a great crime, for crime it is, to license a traffic which is the cause of so much poverty and degradation, such unparalleled misery to the human race. Women were obliged to speak, and act, too, or give up their children to utter ruin through the solicitations of the dram shops. Hence the crusade inaugurated by a few Christian women in Hillsboro, Ohio, was the commencement of a mighty struggle for the right, which, born in fear and trembling, has, through the united prayers and efforts of the women of our sister country, grown and strengthened and spread, until there are numberless local Unions in every State and Territory, all subordinate to the State Union, and over all, the Grand National W. C. T. U., which is wielding such a mighty power in this war against the liquor traffic.

From the first inception of this great work, brave and thoroughly competent women have stood ever ready to carry it on, step by step, through the eventful decade just passed. It is a fact, established beyond dispute, that those women, our honored leaders, have shown themselves possessed of a remarkable power for thorough, systematic organization. They have dived down deep and have been able to get at the very root of difficulties—to commence at the foundation and build upward—to reduce their work to system—to divide it into separate, distinctive classes and assign superintendents to each department of labor.

When we contemplate the immense field over which the women of our sister nation have extended their organizations, we must, indeed, stand amazed at the magnitude of the work accomplished. Let us take a brief glance at the W. C. T. U. work in Vermont, in which work numbers in this Union possess a vital interest. The women of Vermont commenced their temperance work in the crusade days, but the State organization was not affected until 1875. In 1878 there were 15 auxiliary Unions. There were only 30 in 1880. In 1883 they had increased to 60, and since the commencement of 1884, 50 new names have been added, so that now there are over 100 active working Unions. At the 10th Anniversary lately held in Middlebury, the reports of the Secretaries and Superintendents showed thorough work, with good results in all the departments. The Treasurer reported the total receipts for the year were \$1640.42, disbursements \$1473.67, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$166.75. Through their united efforts they have been able to influence the Legislature to enact a compulsory educational law, requiring the teaching of hygiene and the effect of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics on the human system. The women of Vermont have also secured the right to vote on all school matters, and to enter office as Superintendents, etc. What is true of the progress made by Vermont W. C. T. U. is eminently true of the other States and Territories. From Maine to California, from Florida to the far North and West, Unions are established, and the glorious work for the emanci-

pation of a nation from the curse of alcohol is going bravely forward. The old bitterness between the women of the North and South, engendered by the events of the civil war has melted away. They have, in truth, clasped hands over the bloody chasm. They are, indeed, most cordially united in their battle against the common enemy. The question which arises for the consideration of the women of our Province is, What have we to do with it? The hearty response from the noblest and best all over the Province in the rapid organization of Unions is, we have much to do with it. First and foremost, we owe a lasting debt of gratitude to the Dominion Alliance, under whose auspices the temperance sentiment of Canada has been strengthened and fostered, through whose influence we have secured all the prohibitory legislation we have at the present time. Shall we, who are so deeply interested in this mighty struggle, sit with folded hands, supremely idle, supremely indifferent, while the brave temperance men of our Province are putting forth such efforts to secure for us the blessings of prohibition? Shall not the answer be no!—a thousand times no!! We will do everything in our power to strengthen the hands of these our loyal brothers. We will give them our hearty sympathy, we will render them practical assistance in every manner in which the way shall be opened up to us. We believe we can do this best by thorough organization. While our women can exert a great deal of individual influence, we believe that much greater results can be obtained by united effort. Through the department of evangelistic work we can reach many people, both in and outside the churches. We can, in like manner, reach the superintendents and members of our Sabbath-schools. We can render very effective assistance to the Alliance through our department of temperance literature, and who can estimate the amount of good we may be able to do through our department of influencing the Press. So with all our departments of work. It is united, earnest, prayerful effort, through which we are able to garner rich harvests. Although we were so much later in commencing our work than our sisters across the border, we are demonstrating that we, too, have noble women to lead us onward, and that earnest Christian workers are plentiful in our midst. We must not lose sight of the fact that we ourselves are receiving much benefit from our temperance work outside from its bearing upon the liquor traffic. This movement is an educating force, both intellectually and spiritually. How many women throughout our Provinces know anything, comparatively speaking, about Provincial or Dominion Legislation in regard to the liquor traffic?

By our connection with the W. C. T. U. we have been led to inform ourselves upon these points. We have learned to investigate for ourselves, to understand more thoroughly the relation between cause and effect. So, also, in spiritual matters. Can a suffering woman ask her Creator to remove this terrible curse without being drawn nearer to her Heavenly Father? Are we not impressed with a broader meaning to the word charity? Do we not realize more fully that we are working in our Master's vineyard, who has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Are we not made to realize the full import of the words, Where art thou? Where is thy brother? When we come before our Maker with the sense of our

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own responsibility weighing heavily upon us, our hearts are uplifted and purified, our perceptions quickened, and we become better fitted to bear our burdens, and to help others to bear theirs.

It has been truly said, that the time has gone by when it was necessary to depict the misery caused by the liquor traffic. In this vicinity we have seen the manifold evils of the license system. From our earliest recollection we need no reminders of what it has done in our midst. Every sister who has mourned the ruin of a beloved brother; every mother who has wept tears of agony over her fallen son; every wife who has waited through lone hours of weary watching for the home-coming of her fallen idol, can bear swift testimony to the misery which the liquor traffic has wrought in our midst. We venture to affirm that every village throughout our Province has had a like experience, and we, by keeping silence, have been lending aid and comfort to the enemy. Having become aroused from our apathy, we do not intend to keep quiet. Like that mere handful of Abolitionists who kept up this agitation until the glorious emancipation proclamation struck the shackles from 4,000,000 slaves, we mean to agitate and agitate until the last vestige of the liquor curse is driven from our land. If by some untoward chance the liquor party should be triumphant in the election which is so near at hand, then woe be to the electors of this country, for we will give them no peace. And if, as we fully expect, the Scott Act is adopted by a large majority, then we shall stand behind these same electors, thrusting with the red hot prods of our righteous indignation if they do not enforce the law. The great argument on the other side has been, "Prohibition does not prohibit," and they have never tired of holding up Maine as proof that the law is a dead letter. We're quite willing to look at Maine, and Halton, too. Maine, that glorious pioneer State, after a trial of prohibition for over thirty years, has spoken in thunder tones by a non-partisan vote of three to one in favour of the Constitutional Amendment. Just now, Canadian women are turning their eyes to Maine and Halton with much satisfaction and rejoicing that the Scott Act is to be the battle-cry, until county after county shall be wheeled into line in the temperance ranks. We realize that we, as well as the Dominion Alliance, have got much hard work to do, and many discouragements to encounter. The enemy is sowing tares everywhere, and oftentimes our own dim vision will be able to see nothing but clouds of adversity. We must cultivate a patience and a perseverance that will never give up, a faith that knows no faltering.

Thro' error's dark and dismal night,  
 There shines afar a beacon light,  
 With radiance soft, and pure, and bright,  
 To guide our bark to that glad day,  
 When hushed the strife, the conflict o'er,  
 Sweet peace shall reign from shore to shore,  
 Foul alcohol shall reign no more,  
 If you but work, and watch and pray.

Mrs. Dalkin of Quebec, replied as follows:—

*Mrs. President and Ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Stanstead.*

DEAR FRIENDS:

Allow me on behalf of the Delegates and other friends from our Quebec Local Unions, to thank you for the cordial welcome you have extended to us, for the

hospitality that has opened its arms to receive so large a number of guests, for the stirring words of truth to which we have just listened, and for this noble building which has been placed at our disposal ; its beauty reflecting great credit upon the taste of your people of Stanstead.

It seems very right and pleasant, that we should gather together at this our First Annual Meeting, in the town where the first Union of our Temperance Society was organized.

We do indeed feel it a great pleasure and privilege, thus to come into Christian contact and association during a few days of each year, for the interchange of thought and feeling, of desires and hopes. One of our best English lady poets sings, sadly enough,

Oh ask not, hope not thou too much,  
Of sympathy below ;  
Few are the hearts, whence the same touch,  
Bids the sweet fountains flow.

Felicia Hemans could not have so felt and written, had she lived later in the century and enjoyed the honor of belonging to our Christian Temperance Union. The bonds that unite us so closely to one another are strongly welded, and will remain as long as the necessity of our work exists, and even after time has ceased, we may trust.

The "Blue Ribbon" is the badge of a true fellowship, and ensures wherever it is seen a warm welcome to the wearer, even though a comparative stranger.

The electric chain of sympathy in one common cause of interest now almost encircles the world, Hearts beat in unison everywhere with "one faith, one hope (and we trust) one Baptism of the Holy Spirit," urging our women to work by tongue and pen, with an all-powerful desire and unflagging zeal for the world's redemption from a scourge more direful than cholera, more fatal, because the souls of the men and women who are its victims go down to eternal death, chained by the most irresistible temptation that can lure and hold captive the human race. Therefore "Women to the rescue, and the world for Prohibition and Salvation, through faith in a Crucified Saviour," may well become our watchword.

"In God's own name we set it up, this banner of the Cross,  
Uplifted for the cause of Christ, the cause of Truth and Right ;  
The cause that none can overthrow, the cause that must prevail,  
Because the promise of the Lord can never, never fail."

Valiantly and unceasingly is the great object kept prominently before the public.

By the nobly aggressive spirit of the devoted and talented women in the United States, of whose wonderful work we have just heard so graphic an account, who, when they enlist in any great and good cause, prove themselves heroines in the fight, and God helping them, will come off victorious. "It is no use to ask for Constitutional Prohibition" said a gentleman to one of their leading members "It will take ten years to win." "Ten years," she replied "is that all ? then we will begin to petition this year, and there will be only nine left." All honor and affection we give them !

This object is also kept in view by our own Canadian sisters, who are pushing on with rare spirit and self consecration, whom the Lord our God is blessing, aye, and will bless, yet more and more.

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May we not here express our high regard and appreciation of our beloved and zealous President, Mrs. Middleton, who has accomplished so much for this temperance cause, since she gave her life to its work a few months ago. May her health and energy be long spared, her love and zeal abound yet more and more, until the desire of her heart and ours shall be fully granted. Then indeed "At her eventide it shall be light," and God, even our own God, shall bless His faithful servant.

Our cause is His, dear friends. We know it, we feel it, we would acknowledge it. Did we not bow in gratitude before Him a few weeks ago, when against powerful, aye Satanic opposition, men, woman and children toiled and prayed beseeching help from their only Helper, that He would touch the hearts of the voters in Halton, and by that sovereign act, incline them to vote justly and mercifully for their people. Was that help ever sought in vain? "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear," Was this not verified in the tidings that so immediately came to us? "Halton victorious" rang back in exultant peels to our expectant and rejoicing ears! And the answer is coming still! The hearts of the people of Canada, as of other lands, are responding to the call to service; because they are awakening to the sense of the terrible deadly danger that lurks under the sway of the 'License Act'; and the better law of Prohibition appeals to them as the Gospel interpretation and carrying out of the Saviour's golden rule and the Apostle's short but nobly self-sacrificing creed! Thus upon the highest ground we plant our feet, and trust that from these delightful reunions, with all the warmth and sweetness of Christian fellowship clinging to us, making us strong to do and dare, we may buckle on anew our armour and go forth, each to her own sphere of work at home and in social life, never wavering, never desponding, relying, not on human wisdom or on any arm of flesh, but on the strength of the everliving and loving God.

Again, dear friends and co-workers of Stanstead, would we acknowledge your friendly courtesy and Christian welcome, and trust that the desire of your hearts may be gratified, and prayer be as signally answered for your County as it was for Halton; and may all assembled here this day meet at last, (when all earthly unions shall have been dissolved,) at God's right hand and hear the happy words so full of promise and recompense,

"Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the Kingdom prepared for you, before the foundation of the world."

#### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

##### DEAR FRIENDS:

What cause for gratitude have we who are gathered here to-day on this the first anniversary of our Provincial Unions? Gratitude to God for His sparing mercy to those of us who last year formed this organization, and also because with us are so many other dear sisters, representatives from Unions formed during the past few months.

In the increase of our numbers, from sixteen to forty-five, we cannot but say "What hath God wrought?" And we not only speak with gratitude of our increase in numbers, but of what is at least of equal importance, the influence we have as workers with the good and benevolent.

Christians and ministers of the Gospel regard us as fellow-workers, in this the greatest moral reform of any age. We are not unfrequently greeted with words of cheer in the prosecution of our work. On every hand we meet with holy philanthropic men, who acknowledge that as women guide and guard the household, so they are entitled to speak and labor for temperance and the total abolition of the liquor traffic. That whereas women have been the greatest sufferers from the great evil, so they have a right to claim a front place amongst those who by voice and pen are laboring to bring about such a condition of society as shall procure safety for her sons, protection for her daughters and the general good of all, by advancing the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We have not any great *victories*, but we *have* been associated with the large body of temperance workers who form the Dominion Alliance in their endeavors to carry the Canada Temperance Act in many of our counties, and while we are sitting in our Convention the decision will be made whether it shall be victory or defeat in this beautiful county of Stanstead. I ask you, dear sisters, in all the devotional meetings to remember *this*, and likewise to raise your hearts *even now* to Him who hears and answers prayer. A sigh can reach His ear; a look can bring Him to our aid. To me there is a significance in the fact that while we are met on this first day of our Convention, the women of the neighboring Republic, the grand sisterhood forming their National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, have been called by their officers to make this day, the 7th of October, a day of prayer throughout the Union for the blessing of God to rest upon the National Convention soon to be held at St. Louis, that it may be the most effective and earnest temperance meeting ever held on this continent; that the Crusade fire may burn in every heart and a Pentecostal baptism rest upon the land. Sisters, shall not we join with them in these prayers, that as we never can forget the example and inspiration we have received from them, and the burning words to which we have listened from their beloved President and other noble and devoted women from their Unions, and also that we are being entertained by one of our Unions, which is *international* and which makes the link stronger, so our God may behold us a united people waiting at His feet.

Our work, as women, is to lift the cause of Total Abstinence before the whole country, and immortal souls are connected with every effort. We want a wide and safe path for our youth to walk in. We want the Rum-shops driven from our land. We want the laws on the side of the victim, not on the side of the oppressor. We want the path of Prohibition cast up that the ransomed of the Lord may be first sobered and then converted, and so return to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; we want the powers that be to be indeed ordained of God.

We have discouragement, but remember, He who commands us is the King of kings and Lord of lords, and Christ walks with His children through the fire and they cannot be burned. We have made mistakes, and consequently, failures; but we trust that He who has seen the sincerity of our intentions has forgiven the errors and will regulate all to His glory and the good of the cause.

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would glance at some of them, so as to bring them more especially under your notice. As the children are our particular care, we therefore rejoice that efforts have been made to influence school boards on the subject of text-books in our schools, with what success we shall leave those whose special work it is to show. And now I would suggest that whilst those with which we have been supplied are excellent for the advanced scholars, we should seek to place in our schools and Bands of Hope such as by their simple arrangement can be perfectly understood by the youngest scholar. The question of Temperance teaching must be more persistently urged than heretofore. It is all-important that the children should be rightly instructed.

We are anxiously looking for additional help for our department of Juvenile Work. Everywhere our sisters are ready to labor for the young, and we ought to do our utmost to aid *them*.

In this Province we have but few large cities or towns, consequently, some of our departments are limited, notably, Prison, Gaol, Reformatory and Hospital work, but the dear children are in the rural districts as well as in our large cities and we may do them good in the Band of Hope and in the day and Sabbath school. In the adjoining State of Vermont, the last named forms a separate department over which a Superintendent is placed. Though feeling the special importance of this branch, I will not enlarge as we have with us one who has labored successfully during the past year, and who will, I hope, during the Convention favor us with the benefit of her large experience.

I shall next touch upon Evangelistic work. Our beloved Superintendent of that department has been the prisoner of God's providence throughout the year, but she has been faithful in the discharge of duty. Whilst deprived of the privilege of holding Evangelistic Services and Bible-readings, work for which she is well fitted and which she committed to other hands, she has kept her department before our Unions and before our Ministerial bodies, by her correspondence with them; to the latter on the subject of the unfermented juice of the grape at the Lord's Table, and to the former on the same subject, joined with requests for Bible-readings and devotional meetings. I have dwelt thus lengthily on this department, as the Superintendent is unable to be with us to-day, and because we believe the real success of our work depends largely upon that entire consecration which her department is calculated to promote. The grand and self-denying work amongst prisoners and the unfortunate of our own sex is under the supervision of one, whose experience and sympathy we know how to appreciate, and we have especial reason to thank God that it is so, as none but one that is properly qualified can do justice to this branch of our work.

I desire now to speak of our department for influencing the press and conducting the literary work for our Unions. Who is there amongst us that does not understand something of the power of the *press*? A nation is made or unmade by the books she reads and the songs she sings. We have not undervalued this power, and *therefore* we have this department, and whilst we know both in our Provincial and Local Unions something has been attempted, we still feel much more must be accomplished before we become the power we ought to be. Reach the outside world by your newspapers, instruct and interest the home by

keeping standard works on Temperance upon your tables, so that our young people may grow up better instructed concerning the evil we want to put down and the elevation to which we are so surely rising. And here I may fitly speak of our department of Hygiene and Heredity. To the first of these we are looking for a better understanding of health laws, and to the latter for a terrible revelation upon a subject which most forcibly proves that "the sins of the father are visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation." I have touched lightly on the department of Scientific Instruction when speaking of text-books, and we hope we may be favored with a lecture or address which may be illustrated in a scientific manner.

Our Social Work commends itself to *all* our Unions, whether in town or village, and we feel confident that you are waiting to be instructed with respect to Parlor Meetings and any other part of that most interesting department that your position in society may enable you to undertake. Will you not make your public meetings places of power? Circulate the Pledge at the close of every meeting. Arrange for Parlor Meetings. You may possibly find some ladies who have not yet united with you, but who are friendly to your cause, who are willing to open their houses, and who may thus be enthused and interested, and possibly be, in future, amongst your best workers. We have not yet been called upon to do anything special in the Legislation Department, but confidently hope the day is not distant, when, by our signatures to petitions, we may be known to the Legislature of our country and recognized as the half of an intelligent community that should be heard.

I urge it upon you, my dear sisters of the Auxiliary Unions, to form departments, corresponding to as many of these as you can suitably undertake, and then carry them on vigorously; so that whilst your own Unions are benefitted, we may be encouraged by your reports. Keep up your Devotional Meetings that your souls may be filled with love to God and to your fellow men.

We have not had a department of Finance during the past year. Need I tell you that we have felt this want? Our work requires money. All work, to be successful, does. Evangelistic work, mission work, benevolent work, all require it, and our organization comprises all these. We, therefore, need a Finance Department, and it should be felt as a duty and privilege to assist by the various methods that Christian women, guided by Christian principles, can advise. To the honor of a Superintendent of Juvenile work in one of our Auxiliary Unions, I would record the co-operation with one of the older members of a Band of Hope, a youth of musical talents and deeply interested in our work, who gave a Temperance Concert, realizing a sum which was very useful to our Provincial Treasury, and with the promise of repeating the kind act during the coming year. Let all our Unions do something similar, and however small the sum raised, a great gain will be achieved, as by working in a noble cause, our young people will feel their own interest in it greatly increased.

During the coming year we hope to have Young Women's Christian Temperance Unions formed, and thus secure the interest of those who are being instructed and trained in our ladies' colleges and seminaries, who, whilst they give to us their bright and varied talents in the beauty and freshness of their youth, we, in

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Women are awakening to the fact, that if our homes are to be protected from the Dram shop, they must be largely instrumental in accomplishing the result. Woman's part in the Temperance work grows in importance every hour. Our work is *real earnest work*, and its greatest need is qualified workers. Many are willing, but have come to find that zeal without knowledge is not as powerful as when combined with it. Bear in mind no woman can do everything, but there is work for each of us. Let us find our work and place and then work with a will, for on you and me rests the responsibility. God make us faithful to the end.

At length we have come to appreciate the situation, and Prohibition has become our aim, and we must never lower the standard or call a halt until the people of this Dominion decide the question in favor of the Home against the saloon. It is every woman's duty to stand by the men who are laboring to carry the Canada Temperance Act, and prove to our legislators that we are one for God, and home, and the land we love. There is a dignity in unity and a well-defined position before the world. We want to be understood as standing for the right, whether by that we gain or lose the friendship of those around us. God is on our side and He is a buckler to those who trust in Him. Is your Cause good? Let the world know that you think it so.

I must hasten to a close, and in so doing would gratefully acknowledge the kindness I have received from all my dear sisters whom I have visited in Unions previously formed or when organizing new ones; to Ministers and officials for the use of churches and halls, and for the kind manner in which they have endorsed our work; for the very efficient assistance I have received from our Provincial Corresponding Secretary and others of our Executive Committee; but, above all, to our kind Heavenly Father, for the protection in journeying and the strength to work for His cause. Many of us will pass away before our work has secured its final result; but remember, dear sisters, we are working for *all time*, and to some and I hope not a few, will be given the honor of being present at the victory, a victory not *yours* but God's; then, when in solemn gladness you raise the song of thanksgiving for a deliverance so long prayed and labored for, you will transmit to your daughters, and they to *theirs*, those same principles which swell your hearts to-day, and encourage them to be faithful in the same noble cause to which we are now pledged. Some of my sisters, who are here with us, represent Unions formed in localities where there are no saloons, no liquor stores, and we have been asked, "But what can we do? There are no drunkards to reform, no unfortunate sisters to rescue." To such we have answered, "Instruct the youth, fortify *them* with a knowledge which is power, make them acquainted with the ruinous properties of alcohol, even in its smallest quantities, and thus secure them as intelligent workers in the future, which is near or more distant. And yet another work for you to do, is, to pray for those whose work is in the hard and stony places; prayer moves the hand which moves the world." Well, dear sisters, as we have said to those, so we now say to you with regard to that future to which

we have referred, the young must from generation to generation be under the care of our true and loyal hearted sisterhood, and the voice of prayer must still go up that the grand reform may go on till He shall come, whose right it is to reign, and all hearts shall be given to Him, and the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

Go labor on, while it is day,  
The world's dark night is hastening on;  
Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away,  
It is not thus that souls are won.  
Men die in darkness at thy side  
Without a hope to cheer the tomb;  
Take up the torch and wave it wide,  
The torch that lights time's thickest gloom.

#### REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

"Commit thy works unto the Lord." Such is the motto chosen for this Convention by our President, and surely no more fitting one could have been selected. The foundation stone of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union rests upon a belief in the great truth taught by our Lord himself, "Without Me ye can do nothing." In this spirit the work of Gospel Temperance was begun more than ten years ago, by our sisters in the United States; in the same spirit taken up in the Provinces of our own Dominion, and we trust having been begun, shall be continued and ended in Him who is the source of all wisdom and strength. As this is the first report of the Quebec Provincial Union, it may be appropriate to take a brief survey of the steps which led to its formation. In the winter of 1883, Mrs. Letitia Youmans, ex-President of the Ontario Provincial Union, made a tour through a part of our Province, and by her earnest words and convincing arguments aroused many women to a sense of the responsibility resting upon them. As a result of her visit, fifteen Local Unions were organized. Previous to this, Stanstead was the only place in the Province of Quebec where such a society existed, the ladies there in connection with those of Rock Island, and Derby Line, Vermont, having united to form one in 1877. This Union, although now affiliated with the Provincial, is still in a certain sense an international one. Mrs. Youmans strongly advocated the formation of a Provincial Union, and in this matter the Montreal ladies took the initiative. Having obtained the co-operation of other workers, a circular letter signed by the different Presidents was sent to each Union, as well as many places where it was thought such might be organized, inviting them to a Conference in that city in October. In the work of obtaining names and addresses, valuable aid was received from the Rev. Mr. Gales, the energetic and highly esteemed Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, who has, since then, entered into rest.

The invitation given met with a hearty response. Each Local Union sent delegates, and the result of the Conference was a regularly organized Provincial Union, with its full staff of officers, County Vice-Presidents and Superintendents of departments. At this time, although eighteen Local Unions were counted, there

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 time one at Adamsville, Brome County. In April, branches were formed at  
 Warden and South Stukeley, Shefford County, and Trenholmvile, Drummond  
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 Compton County, and a few days ago one at Bedford, Missisquoi County, and  
 one at Cassville, Stanstead County. There are now forty-seven Local Unions in  
 this Province, an increase of thirty since the Convention in Montreal. Most of  
 this success is due to the self-denying zeal and energy of our President, who has  
 given both time and talents to the advancement of the cause. In this she has  
 been ably assisted by some of the County Vice-Presidents, notably: Mrs. Jordon, of  
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 were organized, and afterwards herself formed five more; Mrs. Lindsay, of Wat-  
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 Cowles, of Stanstead, who has organized one Union and done considerable  
 pioneer work to assist in the formation of others; Mrs. Cotton, of Cowansville,  
 who has formed two Unions, and Mrs. Foster, of Knowlton, who took the lead  
 in organizing one at Rougemont, just after the conference in Montreal.

As reports are expected from Local Unions, we shall only give statistics from  
 reports sent in:

*Montreal* has: Members, 1,285; Associate, 232; total, 1,517; increase since  
 February, 944; average attendance, 40 to 50; also two Young Ladies' Auxiliar-  
 ies, numbering about 20 each; has held 84 Prayer and Cottage Meetings, 10  
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 signatures to the Pledge, 30 of which were from prisoners in jail; distributed  
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 dreds more against the granting of Liquor Licenses; has 3 Bands of Hope in  
 Benevolent Institutions numbering 63, 40, and 25 respectively, in each of which  
 a regular Temperance lesson is taught; has petitioned the School Board to adopt  
 Dr. Richardson's Lesson Book, and obtained its use as a text-book in all the  
 Public Schools, and has paid \$61.50 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Quebec* has: Members, 72; Associate, 24; average attendance, 22; increase  
 of membership; has held 52 Prayer and Cottage meetings, 13 Business, 1  
 Annual, and 1 Public meeting; distributed 3,000 tracts; obtained 503 signa-  
 tures to the Pledge, and a large number to a Temperance petition, and paid  
 \$17.50 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Sherbrooke*: Members, 30; average attendance, 10 to 12; holds Business and  
 Devotional meetings monthly; has distributed Temperance Literature; secured  
 160 signatures to the Pledge, and has a flourishing Band of Hope.

*Coaticook*: Members, 126; Associate, 61; average attendance, 10; increase of membership, 69; has held 23 Business and Mothers' meetings; distributed 320 tracts and papers; has a Band of Hope, and paid \$17.25 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Stanstead*: Members, 40; average attendance, 10; has held weekly meetings, Prayer, Business or Social; distributed a large number of tracts; secured hundreds of signatures to a Temperance petition; has a Band of Hope, and paid \$8.87 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Waterloo*: Members, 70; average attendance, 20; increase of membership, 33; secured about 300 signatures to the Pledge; has held Business meetings semi-monthly; sustains a Free Reading-room; has a very prosperous Band of Hope, and paid \$9 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Knowlton*: Members, 35; average attendance, 13; has held 40 meetings, Business, Devotional and Public; distributed several hundred tracts, secured a large number of signatures to a Temperance petition, and several hundred to the Pledge; has a Band of Hope, and paid \$6.50 to Provincial Treasurer.

*St. Andrews*: Members, 36; average attendance, 16; has held 11 Business meetings; secured 126 signatures to a Temperance petition, and reports in consequence of this a decrease of taverns during the year; has a large Band of Hope, and paid \$8 to the Provincial Treasurer.

*East Farnham*: Members, 35; average attendance, 12 to 15, has held 33 meetings; secured 125 signatures to the Pledge; distributed Temperance Literature; has a Band of Hope, and paid \$2.50 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Sutton*: Members 68; average attendance, 20; increase of membership, 14; has held 24 Business meetings; distributed 800 tracts and papers; secured 180 signatures to the Pledge, and 129 to a Temperance petition; has a Band of Hope, and paid \$11.50 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Cowansville*: Members, 41; average attendance 10; has held Business and Social meetings weekly; distributed 200 tracts; has opened a Free Reading-room, and small Circulating Library; has a Band of Hope and paid \$5.50 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Granby*: Members, 25; Associate, 3; average attendance, 12; has held Monthly Business meetings; obtained 163 signatures to the Pledge, and 360 to a Temperance petition; has a Band of Hope, and paid \$4 to the Provincial Treasurer.

*Richmond and Melbourn*: Members, 16; average attendance, 8; has held Business and Devotional meetings semi-monthly; distributed 400 tracts and 20 Temperance papers weekly; secured 80 signatures to the Pledge, and 700 to a Temperance petition; formed a Band of Hope, and paid \$4 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Danville*: Members 66; average attendance, 7; has held Business and Devotional meetings monthly; obtained 800 signatures to a Temperance petition; has a Band of Hope, and has paid \$2.25 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Aylmer*: Members, 23; average attendance, 9; has held 31 Business and Devotional meetings; distributed a large number of tracts; secured many signatures to the Pledge; has a large Band of Hope, and paid \$6.25 to Provincial Treasurer.

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*Rougemont*: Members, 11; average attendance, 7; has held 5 meetings, Devotional and Social; obtained 58 signatures to the Pledge, and distributed a few tracts.

*Hatley*: Members, 29; average attendance, 7; has held 17 meetings, Business, Devotional and Public; distributed 200 tracts; obtained 1,000 signatures to Temperance petitions; has 4 Bands of Hope, and paid \$6 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Magog*: Members, 28; average attendance, 10; increase of membership, 11; has held 11 meetings, Business and Devotional, and organized Bands of Hope in three churches, including one Roman Catholic.

*Trenholmville*: Members, 11; average attendance, 5; has held 6 Business and Devotional meetings, and formed a Band of Hope numbering 24.

Of the Unions recently organized, *Compton* has: Members, 32; Associate, 3; increase of membership, 9; has held 10 meetings; distributed 250 tracts, and formed a Band of hope numbering 24.

*Sawyer ville*: Members, 51; average attendance 18; held semi-monthly meetings, and organized a Band of Hope.

*Eaton*: Members, 15; average attendance, 6; has held 5 Business and Devotional meetings, and formed a Band of Hope with 20 members.

*Birchton*: Members, 20; average attendance, 15; increase of membership, 7; held 5 Business and 1 Public meeting; obtained 50 signatures to the Pledge, and 25 to a Temperance petition, and formed a Band of Hope.

*Bukwer*: Members, 13; average attendance, 7; has held Business and Devotional meetings; obtained 20 signatures to the Pledge, and organized a Band of Hope.

*Martinville*: Members, 10; average attendance, 7; increase of membership, 5; has held 4 Business and Devotional meetings; distributed *War Notes*; obtained 17 signatures to the Pledge and 52 for Scott Act, and formed a Band of Hope.

*Waterville*: Members, 20; average attendance, 16; held 4 meetings; obtained 43 signatures to a Temperance petition, and organized a Band of Hope.

*Beebe Plain*: Members 12; average attendance, 8; held 2 Business meetings; organized a Band of Hope, and paid \$3 to Provincial Treasurer.

*Barnton*: Members, 5; nothing done yet, but resolved to persevere.

*West Shefford*: Members, 10; average attendance, 8; formed a Band of Hope.

*Robinson*: Members, 22; held 2 meetings; has a Band of Hope.

*Gould*: Members, 14; held 1 meeting.

*Island Brook*: Members, 20; nothing to report, being so recently organized.

*Cookshire*: Members, 12; average attendance, 7; held 5 meetings.

*East Clifton*: Members, 15; average attendance, 12; held 6 meetings, Devotional and Social.

*Mos's River*: Members, 20; average attendance, 8; held 8 meetings; obtained 27 signatures to the Pledge, and formed a Band of Hope.

*Woy's Mills*: Members, 22; average attendance, all members; held 5 Business and Devotional meetings; obtained 65 signatures to the Pledge, and formed a Band of Hope numbering 20.

*South Stukeley*: Members 21; average attendance, 7; held 3 meetings and formed a Band of Hope.

*Stanbridge East*: Members, 16; has organized a Band of Hope.

*Bedford*: Members, 31.

*Cassville and Newville*: Members, 16.

Several Unions have not sent in returns. So far as reported, the total number of Members are 2,610; meetings held, more than 944; signatures to the Pledge, 2,963; to some form of Temperance petition, 3,984; tracts distributed, more than 7,646; Bands of Hope organized, 39; paid to Provincial Treasurer, \$174.62. These figures deal with results and do not represent all the work undertaken by our Auxiliaries.

Efforts have been made to rescue the fallen of our own sex, and nearly all have attempted individual work among the victims of intemperance, but no direct fruits are reported. Evil habits, once formed, are difficult to overcome, and this emphasizes the need for constant, unwearying efforts amongst the children. It is satisfactory to know that such have been made and there are now many bands of boys and girls pledged to Total Abstinence, of whom the Woman's Christian Temperance Union may say, in the language of the Apostle, "What is our hope, or joy or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye?"

In the month of May Mrs. Middleton, by request of the Committee, had a letter published in several papers, giving directions about the formation of Unions and urging the women of our Province to interest themselves in the work. The first direct fruit of this came from the town of Moosomin, Province of Assiniboia, N. W. T. Several Christian women there, seeing the letter in the *Canada Presbyterian*, resolved, after thought and prayer, to form a Union, and sent a request for information how to proceed. *This*, with some helpful literature, has been forwarded to them. That far distant Union commends itself to our prayerful sympathy.

In the month of June, we, in connection with the Provincial Union of Ontario sent a Memorial asking for recognition and sympathy to the Congregational Union meeting in Montreal, and in due time received from the Secretary the following resolution passed by that body:

"*Resolved*,—That we cordially respond to the Memorials of the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions of Ontario and Quebec, respectively, and earnestly pray for the Divine blessing upon their efforts for the suppression of the traffic in intoxicating liquors; that we repeat our testimony in favor of personal Abstinence from their use in any form, and call upon our churches and ministers to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty hosts of the traffickers, and to consecrate time, money and influence to the establishment and enforcement of the Scott Act throughout the land."

During the winter, a petition to the Dominion Government asking for Total Prohibition was circulated, but afterwards withdrawn, being considered premature. When the proper time arrives, our Society will combine with others to prosecute this work. A learned French-Canadian judge, in one of our cities, a short time ago, when charging a Grand Jury, made this statement: "We cannot deny that intemperance is the most prolific source of crime and misery in our country." In connection with this opinion from an administrator of the law, it is interesting to notice the striking words of Professor Foster, M.P.: "The

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In concert with our sisters of Ontario, we observed the 8th of September as a day of united prayer for the success of the Scott Act, and while called to rejoice over the victory in Halton, are looking for like results in Stanstead and other counties.

During the year Mrs. Emily McLaughlin, of Boston, has given addresses in several parts of the townships as well as the cities of Montreal, Quebec and Sherbrooke, and by her powerful and eloquent words, created a deeper interest in the cause for which she is such an able advocate. Miss Greenwood, of Brooklyn, also visited Montreal and gave several interesting addresses, one of the largest churches in that city being filled with an appreciative audience.

We have to return thanks for assistance from some young people of Quebec toward the funds. A 10 cent concert, planned and superintended by Master Arthur Cornell, of that city, realized the sum of \$15. Thanks are also due to Messrs. W. Stanley & Co., of Quebec, and other friends for donations of stationery, and to several friends for small sums towards postage.

If anything of a personal nature may be permitted in this report, your Corresponding Secretary would desire to express sincere thanks for the sympathy and forbearance of the President and other officers of the Union; for the cordial and friendly letters from Secretaries of Local Unions and others; also, for kind assistance in several matters from the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Ontario Provincial Union. All this has rendered work more a pleasure than a toilsome duty.

The first Report of a Society naturally excites a feeling of interest in the minds of those who have watched it from its inception, nourished it with sympathy, and strengthened it by prayer. As the results of the year's efforts are thus gathered up and presented, we are thankful for what has been accomplished; and while humbly acknowledging mistakes and failures in our work, would desire, with greater earnestness of purpose and stronger faith, to seek for that wisdom which cometh from above and is promised liberally to all who ask.

Respectfully submitted.

LUCY E. LAMB,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

NOTE.—The Unions of Sawyerville, Wayville, and Cassville and Newville paid in their fees at the Convention after the Treasurer's books were closed, consequently do not appear in this year's Report.

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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EVANGELISTIC WORK.

## DEAR SISTERS :

It is well known by you that the Provincial Union, at its organization, appointed two Superintendents for this department. It has, of course, been noticed that the lady appointed with me has not been associated with me in any work during the year, and does not unite with me in this Report. An explanation, therefore, is in order.

Soon after receiving notice of our appointment, I wrote her with reference to it. She replied that she had only consented to be named as *Assistant Superintendent*; that she much regretted consenting even to that, and that the work in which she was already engaged in the city of Quebec (under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A.), was so exactly similar to this, she must withdraw from the appointment, altogether, and to this conclusion she has steadfastly adhered. You will readily understand that this position of affairs has somewhat embarrassed me, as well as entailed upon me the whole responsibility of the diversified work of the department.

Being closely confined at home I could only act by way of correspondence. This has necessitated the writing of about 150 letters and postals, and the preparation and sending out of the necessary list of questions for the Annual Report.

The work has been a pleasure to me, and the only drawback a sense of my own inability to fully carry out the suggestions of the Provincial Union.

The honored President and the efficient Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial Union have rendered valuable assistance from time to time. The officers of the Local Unions have been kind and generally attentive to my suggestions. Very little can be said of results, as the work of this first year of our organization has been "pioneer work," which we, however, confidently believe will render a future harvest.

## EVANGELISTIC.

All the Unions that have reported to me (except one) open all meetings with devotional exercises, consisting of Scripture reading and prayer. Seven Unions have held meetings for devotional purposes—about seventy such meetings reported as held during the year. One report says: "All our meetings have been Prayer meetings," and the same Union holds monthly a Mothers' Prayer meeting.

Under the auspices of three Unions, nine Gospel Temperance meetings have been held during the year. Montreal and Quebec report a large number of Cottage meetings of a devotional character.

The subject of a Union Quarterly Temperance Prayer meeting of the churches has not been fully agitated, therefore we have nothing to report with reference to it. We hope it may receive more attention during the year to come.

Early in the year I forwarded to all the Unions then organized, a copy of the *Monthly Bible Reading Leaflet*, prepared by Hannah W. Smith (Superintendent of Evangelistic work for the United States), for use in Devotional meetings. Those who have listened to the earnest works of this consecrated woman, need

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## SOLDIERS.

No work reported, except in one instance, when some Union ladies visited a camp near by and distributed a large amount of Temperance literature and asked the pastor of one of the churches to preach them a Temperance sermon. It is desirable that such work as this should be done at every encampment another season, and also that Gospel Temperance meetings should be held and the Pledge freely circulated. Let us pray that wisdom from above may be given for this line of work, which calls loudly-upon us.

## RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

Nothing done except in two or three places where Temperance literature has been scattered and the pledge circulated.

## SAILORS.

No work among this class under our auspices. In Montreal they were well cared for by other organizations. Have not been able to ascertain concerning Quebec and other points.

## COMMUNION WINE.

Four Unions report no effort to introduce unfermented wine into the churches with which they stand connected. Others have been very faithful in this matter and with much success. Others still have seemed to labor in vain, but to them is the promise, "In due season ye shall reap, if ye faint not."

The Union of Montreal committed this subject to the charge of one lady, who has done good work. In addition to personal appeals, she has circulated a variety of tracts and pamphlets upon this subject.

A brief Memorial was prepared early in May and forwarded to the four Ministerial Assemblies convening in May and June, viz.: the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Methodist Conference, the Diocesan Synod of the Church of England, and the Congregational Union.

In one of these the Memorial was read, received, and referred to the Standing Committee on Temperance.

In another, after the reading of the Memorial (followed by some discussion), a resolution was passed, recommending the ministers connected with that body to use "only unfermented wine at the Table of the Lord."

Another received and read the Memorial, but had last year recommended the use of unfermented wine to all their churches, therefore took no action upon it.

The Memorial directed to the remaining assembly was withheld by the minister having it in charge, for reasons he has promised to apprise us of, but has not yet made known.

I have sent to the Local Unions several of the tracts containing recipes for unfermented wine, also copies of a tract entitled, "Does the Bible sanction the use of fermented wine at the Lord's Supper?"

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I also prepared, by request, at the opening of the grape season, a short article for the *Witness* in which were inserted the recipes.

I am very hopeful about this part of our work, believing the day is not very distant when few ministers or churches will be responsible for putting the cup of destruction to the lips of communicants.

#### TEMPERANCE SERMONS.

With regard to the issuing of invitations to Ministers of the Gospel to preach the annual Temperance sermon, Rev. D. V. Lucas, Secretary of the Quebec Alliance, writes: "A resolution or circular from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union would greatly aid us in securing the object aimed at by our action."

In answer to some inquiries, he states: "I should think some time in November or December would be a good time to have ministers preach on Temperance, perhaps the middle of December, so they may speak directly of the temptation offered at Christmas and New Year's and warn their hearers accordingly. Of course they must be asked to say strong words in favor of Prohibition. You will gather from what I have said that the meeting of the Provincial Union will be quite early enough to move in the matter."

Feeling that the action of the Provincial Union in Convention will carry more influence with it than my action as your representative, I refer the subject to you, hoping you will take some action upon it.

There is much that is sweet and grand, and encouraging, that cannot be included in my Report,—silent influences that have been moving many hearts since this movement has commenced in our Province. The many earnest secret prayers, the new consecrations to service, the waking up to new responsibilities and duties have their surest record in the heart of our loving Lord, who calls us to our duty, gives all the wisdom and strength for every service, and then assures us that a reward shall be rendered us for even so simple a deed as a cup of cold water given *in His name*. This work has developed, ennobled and enriched multitudes of our sisters of the neighboring Republic, as its greater responsibilities has led them into a closer walk with God, as a preparation for increasing usefulness and success. May He lead us by His Holy Spirit into *united, continued, fervent* prayer that the Christian women of our own loved country may freely give ourselves to the Master; and, in His name and strength, to this work "for God and Home and Native land," in which it is a Heaven-bestowed privilege to be engaged.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The cost of stationery and postage I have very cheerfully borne myself. I have received from the Provincial Treasurer \$5, \$1 of which has been expended for printing and the \$4 remaining will be placed in the hands of your Superintendent of this department for the coming year, or returned to the Treasury, as you decide.

Yours faithfully,

MARY S. KNOWLES,

Acting Superintendent Department No. 5.

DR. COWLES, of Stanstead, read the following paper :

I have been requested to present to the ladies of this Convention some thoughts upon certain subjects suggested by them. The shortness of the time given me to do this will be my excuse for any failure in method or statement which a more careful consideration might have avoided. The first subject of inquiry is, "The effect of tobacco on the human system."

To detail the effects of tobacco may seem to be to repeat an "oft told tale," and yet there may be those that are not so well or generally known.

The use of tobacco as a medicine, and its use by smokers and chewers, are essentially different. This difference is owing mainly to the properties extracted by such use.

In medicine small doses are given and it acts as a sedative narcotic, emetic and diuretic. It is sometimes beneficial in dropsical affections, but the tendency to produce excessive and distressing nausea, precludes its use, particularly as an internal remedy. Its administration in this way would be as an infusion, and it is in a similar form that it is *taken* by chewers. The mixture of saliva with the extracted juice and the expectoration of chewers, so lessens the amount of poison taken into the system, that habitual use is not as injurious to themselves, but more repugnant to others.

But the smoking of tobacco is by far the more general way it is used and by far the most injurious. The smoke drawn through the stem of a pipe condenses into an empyreumatic oil, which is one of the most poisonous substances known. While tobacco may be used without marked injury by some, and through a long life, yet its usual effect is to diminish the nerve power, to weaken the heart's action, and consequently, weaken the power to resist disease. I have known apparently strong, robust men succumb to disease not seemingly severe, simply because the vitiated blood, sent out from an enfeebled heart, returned still more vitiated by the diseased system through which it had coursed.

But perhaps the most pernicious use of tobacco is by boys. As this is a phase of the subject which is engaging the attention of medical men, as well as of those who are teachers in public schools, it may be of advantage to us to examine it more closely.

The smoking of cigarettes has increased so strangely in the last few years, more, possibly among students than other boys, that the matter was investigated by the Principals of the Phillips Exeter Academy and the Boston Latin School. In these two the result showed the use of tobacco by half the boys. A city paper also stated that seventy-five per cent. of the school-boys over 12 or 13 years old smoked cigarettes.

As to the relative harm to adults and boys, one writer says : "Whatever injurious effects the excessive and constant use of this drug may have upon adults, they are more marked and intensified in the case of the youthful users of tobacco, and, moreover, the youth are more inclined to its use to excess, for theirs is an age of immoderation." One boy about 15, smoked a bunch of cigarettes a day and could not be induced to abandon the habit by the promise of a trip to Europe. Some of the specific effects of tobacco on the young are, a "tobacco-heart," so-called from its irritable and irregular action. There were so many of these cases

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among the cadets in the United States Naval Academy that the use of tobacco was prohibited in that institution. Another effect was what was termed "defective muscular co-ordination," i.e., a tremulousness of the hand and an inability to draw a straight line. This tremor of the hands is not, however, seen in young smokers alone.

Again, its use is an obstacle to mental application and effort. Napoleon III. appointed a commission to examine the young men in the Government Training-schools of France. In the Ecole Polytechnique it was found that the non-smokers took the highest rank in every grade, and that the smokers continually lost grade. A merchant said, "if a successful salesman to whom I was paying a high salary should begin the use of tobacco, I should feel that 15 per cent. of his vitality or ability was taken from him, and hence should be taken from his salary." When to this already long enumeration we add impairment of the memory, defective vision, indigestion, etc., we do not wonder so much has been said and written against the use of tobacco, from the "Counterblast of James I." down to the careful and scientific investigation of to-day.

But I pass to the second subject of inquiry, "The effect of morphine." The use of this drug is not so widespread as that of tobacco, but it is much more so than is generally believed. I suppose druggists alone can approximate to anything like a correct estimate of its use. The habit is easily acquired by some, and though at times truthfully ascribed to physician's prescriptions, yet it possibly comes as often from the voluntary and deliberate act of the individual. As to the effects I do not think these, as commonly observed, are so fanciful and extravagant as those delineated by Dr. Quincy, or by others whose writings border quite as much on the sensational.

Notwithstanding the use by so many, I should say from my own observation, that comparatively few carry it to great excess. The successive stages resulting from a single dose, the stimulation and vivacity, followed by heavy narcotic sleep, and this by dull, depressing lethargy and morbid craving for another dose, when repeated day after day and month after month, must render life intensely miserable, and it is indeed a habit exceedingly difficult of cure.

The "morphine habit" is a fruitful subject and it would be interesting to pursue it further, but the one still to be considered, alcohol, is so closely connected with the work of this Convention and its allied branches, I might almost say, all over the world, that it especially claims our attention. Alcohol is the product of vinous fermentation, in which it is necessary that there should be present, sugar (or some substance capable of forming sugar, as starch) a certain quantity of water and a ferment (usually yeast). This process is undergone in the making of bread, but the baking dissipates the alcohol. Many suppose that alcohol is modified by the method of producing it, indicated by the various names of liquors sold. But these names arise from the substance from which it is obtained. Thus when procured from the expressed juice of grapes, currants, gooseberries, etc., it is called *wine*; when from a decoction of malt and hops, ale or beer; from a mixture of honey and water, mead, etc. So when the vinous liquid is distilled, it takes various names from a like cause, as ardent spirits, brandy, rum from grape wine, rum from molasses or treacle, *Corn spirit* from grain, *Arrack* from rice or

palm wine. Gin and whisky are *Corn spirits flavored*. I do not need, however, to speak further in regard to the production of alcohol, for this is being well and aithfully taught by the dissemination of books, &c., by your Unions. The physiological effects of its use are more directly presented to our notice at this time.

Upon this point there has been a great change of opinion among medical men within the last twenty-five years, and perhaps no subject has more generally engaged the labors of scientific men. It is now held to be a poison and that its use, for whatever purpose, is to be based upon this fact. Some urge that it is one of the good things God has given to man, so steel is good for manifold necessities of daily life, but it is not good when it sharpens the dagger of the assassin, the sword of the duellist, or when shaped into the pistol of the highway robber.

Alcohol taken into the stomach, is taken up almost immediately and carried by the blood vessels to the brain.

Then it acts on the brain cells, causing fungoid growths which are clearly seen under the microscope. These develop with greater or less rapidity, and in a corresponding measure affect its functions, so that when, as the seat of the will, the source of nerve power, it should control physical action and guide it into normal and useful lines, it loses its control and the system goes its own way unchecked to ruin. I had once an opportunity to know the rapidity with which alcohol enters the vessels of the brain. A man fell into a shallow stream of water headforemost. He was so intoxicated that although the water was not more than three feet deep, he drowned.

This was during the night and must have been soon after he drank the liquor. The next day an inquest was held and I made a *post mortem* examination of the brain. The odor of the alcohol was so strong that it filled the room, and was remarked upon by all present.

There is one phase of this subject, which, though not in the line of the questions proposed to me, I wish briefly to notice. It is the hereditary tendency to drink or to become drunkards. I often hear this said in excuse of the drinker, "it was born in him." Perhaps I have not the charity I should have for such argument, but I certainly have little patience with it, or respect for it. When I see a man of robust frame, strong and independent will in his business affairs, or his intercourse with others, yield to drink, disgrace his manhood and lower himself to the level of a brute, and when I hear his paltry excuse, "I couldn't help it, I inherited the taste for, and the desire to drink," I am constrained to say it is all a sham; "you, who are as able as any man to say 'I will and I won't' in other matters, to pretend you can't say 'I won't' when tempted to drink; out upon such flimsy talk; it is a libel on those who gave you birth." Every man is answerable for his own sin. "It shall no longer be a proverb in Israel, the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." To the question, "How far alcohol is absolutely necessary to revive in cases of extreme exhaustion?" I should answer, perhaps never. If one was fainting from loss of blood, from a sudden hurt, from the pain of a fractured limb, or any similar injury, I should by preference give camphorated spirits with water. I have seen better results from camphor than any other stimulant, and in weakened action of the heart it has proved, in my own experience, better than whisky.

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Nor do I believe it a good tonic in the form of beer in cases of general debility. Beer, from the hops used in its manufacture, tends to produce torpidity of the liver and a heavy, lethargic condition of the system generally: and persistent, long continued drinking would occasion, as in the German, a simple existence, like a vegetable.

There are other tonics safer and better. I have given spirits to revive, if possible, patients sinking into a moribund state in pneumonia, but never with satisfactory effect, and I have treated several cases of pneumonia without alcohol altogether and never with better result.

Alcohol is now acknowledged, by the best medical authority, to be unnecessary, and a hospital in Paris has been testing this question in a thorough way and with the same conclusion. And now, ladies, although I have treated these subjects in a very imperfect and discursive manner, still I may have said enough to show that alcohol is of very little use in medicine and that it need never be dispensed in a harmful way.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUCTION.

Your Superintendent in this Department begs leave to lay a short report before you at this time. While we regret that so little has been accomplished, we do not fail to perceive that this is one of the greatest departments in this great temperance work, knowing as we all do how much easier it is to train a *child* than to reform a *man*.

We are certain that children who grow up with an intelligent idea of what *Alcohol* is, and what *it will do to them*, gained from high scientific authorities, will be so fortified that we need have very little anxiety as to their future. This is not a work that can be accomplished in a day, it will be the patient work of years, but when it is done what a noble harvest we will reap.

Your Superintendent found herself in rather an anomalous position with reference to the work of this department, owing to the fact that sometime before our organization, two gentlemen of Montreal, impressed with the great importance of this line of work, anticipated our action, and sent to every teacher in the Province a copy of Dr. Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book, with a circular letter, urging upon all teachers its use in their schools. This was a grand move in the right direction, and at first it seemed as if there was nothing else to do, but we soon found out that the teachers could not use these books until authorized by their school boards. Our attention was therefore directed to obtain such authority, and in February last, in connection with a committee from the Montreal Union, we presented a petition to the Protestant Board of School Commissioners, praying that they would introduce *temperance* teaching into all of their schools. The petition was honored in a practical manner, the Commissioners on the 1st May last giving Dr. Richardson's book a place in the curriculum of the Protestant common schools of the city, to be used in all classes where the children are over 12 years of age, and promising that if the temperance workers would prepare a more elementary book, they would use it next year in the junior classes.

This is a great work accomplished, but we regret to state that the book has not been as yet introduced into the High Schools of the city. We suppose the Commissioners have some wise reason for the restriction; but we should urge all parents who have children attending these schools to demand the reason why their children are denied such instruction. The next movement was that of a committee who visited all the Ladies' Seminaries of the city, and asked for the introduction of temperance teaching into their classes. In nearly every instance the Principals of these schools expressed their sympathy with the work, but felt that they could not afford to risk the losing of pupils, as the greater part of them were drawn from families that used wine as a beverage.

We also communicated with some of the Colleges in the Province, and from one we received the gratifying intelligence that Dr. Richardson's book was in use in their classes. And this was from Stanstead College. Our next action was to write to the Secretary of the Council of Public Instruction at Quebec, to see what could be done to get that important body to introduce the book authoritatively into all the schools of this Province; in reply the Secretary advised us to use all efforts possible with individual schools and boards until such time as the question might be dealt with by the Council. We hope to be able to report more satisfactory results next year. We have sent a number of letters to the different Unions, urging them to use their influence with the local School Boards to introduce Temperance teaching into their schools, and we are happy to state that we have reports from 20 schools in the Province that are using Dr. Richardson's book, and we presume that there are more who are using it that have so far not reported to us. We trust that there are, but what we want is that this subject should be taken up by the teachers themselves with more enthusiasm, and for them to feel that though it is important for them to teach children to read and to write, yet it is much more important for them to impart instruction which may save many of their pupils from making shipwreck of life.

What we must have, before very satisfactory results can be expected, is to have not only teachers who are fully alive to the dangers of the Great Evil, but also to have the Counsel of Public Instruction authorize such teaching in all their schools, and that all schools neglecting it shall forfeit their Government grant; to have this subject introduced into our Normal Schools, so that all teachers will go out prepared and expected to teach it.

This is the work before us for the coming year, and until it is done we need not hope for great results. What we must have in our schools is intelligent teaching on the subjects of Hygiene, and the physical effects of alcohol upon the human system, and until our school authorities give us text books on these subjects, and our inspectors be imbued with the temperance spirit, we will not have satisfactory teaching in this department.

It is the intention of your Superintendent to go from this meeting to lay these matters before the teachers of this Province at their Convention this week at Cowansville, and to impress upon them their duty in regard to them.

All respectfully submitted.

LOUISA H. MORTON,  
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF DEPARTMENT VI.—PRISONS,  
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The Report of the Department of Work for Prisons, Police Stations and Intemperate Women, must necessarily be a poor one this year, your Superintendent having met with an accident soon after her appointment, which laid her aside from active work until the beginning of June. At that time she was also appointed Local Superintendent for the Montreal W. C. T. U. As the work of this department is divided into three distinct parts, it will be well to report each under its own head.

I.—PRISONS.

Nothing has yet been done outside Montreal, with the exception of one visit to the Penitentiary at St. Vincent de Paul. Permission has also been asked of Sheriff Foster to visit the Jail for the District of Bedford, which was most kindly granted. The Hon. Mr. Chauveau, Sheriff of Montreal, cordially gave a written order admitting your Superintendent to the two Jails there for the work of the W. C. T. U. The Female Prison, she had, however, already visited in connection with the Bible Society for six years, most of the time holding a weekly service for the prisoners, and superintending a Bible woman.

The work there is very encouraging, although there are great difficulties to contend with in the want of room to classify and separate the prisoners. The Protestants have only part of a wing of the building, the main part of which is occupied by the Roman Catholic prisoners, under the charge of nuns. It was suggested by the Chaplain that according to the Statute of page 30 of the 34 Victoria of 1871, Government might give all the Protestant prisoners into the hands of an incorporated body of ladies, who would then organize a Reformatory Prison for the Province of Quebec in the same building with the Common Jail for Montreal. Your Superintendent has been earnestly working in this matter, and now asks your prayers that God will grant His blessing and guidance in all efforts to this end. A small meeting of ladies was held at the Bible House, Montreal, for prayer and consultation, and the Inspector of Prisons invited to attend to give information and advice. Subsequently a few gentlemen met the ladies at Sir Wm. Dawson's, and it was proposed, if possible, to get some land on Papineau Road, now in the hands of the Cemetery trustees, and ask the Government to erect a plain brick building suitable for a Common Jail, Reformatory Prison, and Reformatory for girls from 12 to 16 years of age. His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, Sir Wm. Dawson and the Hon Mr. Ferrier were asked to approach the Government on the subject and we prayerfully await the result. For many months the Spirit of God has been working on hearts in the Female Prison. Some of the prisoners have stood up before all the others, and confessed that within those walls they had found Christ as their Lord and Saviour, and it is most touching to hear their expressions of thanksgiving that they were arrested and imprisoned where the Gospel of God's grace was lovingly pressed home to their hearts. Did time permit, many deeply interesting details of spiritual work could be given. Sixteen female prisoners signed a petition for prohibition and a

H. MORTON,  
*Superintendent.*

number of them have signed the Pledge and joyfully wear the blue ribbon. Many of them are passed through Homes and situations found for them at the expiration of their term of imprisonment. Others are sent to a distance—some to Vermont to be under Prohibitory law—and some are returned to their friends in various places.

In the men's jail the work is much more restricted. Thus far opportunity has only been given to visit during the Chaplain's hours, one day in each week. The prisoners are delighted to be visited and come forward with bright, eager faces to receive the books and tracts constantly distributed, and some of them have signed the Pledge. Their families are visited outside and much good is already resulting from the work.

#### II.—POLICE STATIONS.

Judge Dugas, the Police Magistrate, was waited on by your Superintendent with a request to allow the Montreal W. C. T. U. to appoint a Police Matron. He asked for an official letter, which was accordingly written by the Secretary and signed also by the President. He expressed himself as strongly in favor of the appointment; but as yet nothing is done, which is a matter of deep regret, as the poor women when arrested are taken to the police-stations (often in a state of intoxication), are searched by men. Alderman Stroud also was waited upon in behalf of the female prisoners who are taken from the Recorder's Court to the old jail, in the same closed van with the male prisoners, there to receive their commitments before being removed to the female prison. Most disgraceful scenes have taken place owing to this arrangement, and we earnestly hope the representations made will be attended to.

#### III.—WORK AMONG INTEMPERATE WOMEN.

Under this head there is a most difficult and painful, though blessed branch of work in which there has been more encouragement than was ever hoped for in so short a time. It is one, however, which cannot (for obvious reasons) be thoroughly reported even to this Convention, and which we entreat be not reported at all by the press lest the open door be closed against us. This is the visitation of houses of ill-repute. Our dear Police Matron (so called although the appointment is not yet permitted), has gained access to nine of these "houses" already,—not once or twice, but to most of them repeatedly. She has had most touching conversations with both mistresses and inmates; has read the Bible and prayed with some of them; has taken inmates to the hospitals; written letters to friends for them; and has been to them as a loving sister, seeking their welfare in every way. It is almost too soon to speak much of results, but we, who are laboring and praying for them, day by day, are quite satisfied to leave results in this, as in all other work, in the dear hands of Him who came to seek and save the lost, and who has filled our hearts with an intense desire to bring them to Him. Intemperate women have also been visited in their own homes, and we are now seeking for a room in one of the worst neighborhoods as a mission room to which the most abandoned can be invited and assured of a warm welcome—one spot in this hard world where they will ever find a loving friend, with outstretched

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A Band of Hope for adults has been organized, but is still in its infancy. From 30 to 40 signatures to the Pledge have been obtained, all from the lower classes—mostly prisoners. Five hundred and sixty-two tracts have been distributed, and ninety books circulated. The General Hospital has been visited, especially the Lock ward; also two Homes for fallen women.

A vast field lies open before us, but the cry is still: "The fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few." O for laborers with consecrated hearts, with the unwavering faith that echos Christ's words, "and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

#### REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE AND INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

By ANNIE L. JACK, *Superintendent*.

The position of Superintendent of the Press Department of the W. C. T. U. is so important that I have often wished it had fallen into abler hands than mine, and that some more powerful pen could be wielded in behalf of the cause we all have so much at heart.

On account of the organization being new and rather unsettled, it was some time before this department could be brought into working order, but as soon as possible each local Superintendent was brought into correspondence, and before the end of March of the present year twenty-five letters and twelve postals had been written, and answers received to all but three of the letters of inquiry.

Up to that date I had written and published twelve original articles in various newspapers, during the winter months, bearing upon some phase of the Temperance question, several of them the result of suggestions from correspondents, who asked me to write articles for the press touching upon certain points that came under their personal knowledge.

Since that date I have been occasionally informed of the work of various Unions. The untiring Provincial Secretary has kept me informed of new Unions that have been added during the summer, but I have not communicated with them yet, thinking it best to wait until they were fully organized, as I have found that new Unions are seldom able at first to do anything toward the Literary Department of the work; in fact, seem rather to undervalue it. Each Union with which I have been in correspondence gives encouraging answers to questions regarding the Richardson Text Book, and clippings that I have sent to local papers are always gratefully received. The Cowansville *Observer* was answered by so many as a local paper that I began to consider it the chief corner-stone, while the Waterloo *Advertiser* came next in its wide circle of readers who quoted it as their special organ. With others, that Sword of Temperance, the Montreal *Witness*, was their literature, and some had been so busy as not to be able to attend to the subject at all, though ready and willing to be put in the way of doing good in this manner, if possible.

In order to make the literature of Temperance of interest to those whom it is intended to benefit, it must be made more attractive. Bright stories and poems that touch the heart through the senses, pleasantly told incidents that infer the intended meaning in an agreeable form are more effectual than the solemn tracts which tell their unflinching truths to the culprit in so pronounced a manner. Render Temperance literature *attractive*, and place it within the reach of the young, who are generally eager for such reading, and they will be unconsciously influenced. I know it needs plain speaking and words of warning, but from observation I also know that nothing needs more *fact* in distribution than the literature of Temperance. In the hands of such writers as Mrs. Alden (Pansy), the reading is so pleasant that the moral comes in as a part of the story, and influences the mind more than threats of vengeance, more than tales of horror bluntly told, that the people shun and often pass by, as showing too plainly their intention.

Editors of newspapers have invariably been kind and courteous when asked to publish anything in connection with the cause, and we all know the difficulties they have to encounter by the way. Truly the pen is mightier than the sword, its point is both *keen* and *deep*, and is our most valuable weapon of defence, of argument and of reformation. An influential organ of the liquor traffic calls attention to the fact that there are 153 newspapers and periodicals in America devoted *altogether* to the Temperance cause, besides the legion of dailies and weeklies that admit literature upon the subject; and it gives the alarm, asserting that *this* is the most powerful foe the liquor dealers have yet had to contend with.

This confession is great encouragement, and should spur us on to fresh endeavors that "he who runs may read." Wendell Phillips said, "The hardest thing to accomplish is to get men to listen to any reform movement." But men *can* be made to listen to and read Temperance literature, if depicted with power and skill. So well incorporated is this question with the religious papers of to-day that one would as soon expect to dine without salt in their food as to find a religious newspaper that ignores the righteous cause. Among other things I commend the plan of prize giving to young people for essays on this subject, as it is sure to develop their faculties and stimulate the mind; and if, in every school in the land, temperance literature was introduced and openly discussed, the influence would be of great value to the rising generation, on whom so much depends for the success or failure of the cause in the future.

Let the babies be taught with their alphabet, that

*T* stands for Temperance true to the test.

*W* for water purest and best,

and let all children learn the full meaning of the magic letters W. C. T. U., and know the true story of its noble work; its efforts at reformation, its sacrifices and its successes.

Among the subjects of great moment, is that of unfermented wine, which has been brought to my notice in various ways, with requests that I would give the influence of my pen towards its being adopted.

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A little incident that came under my own notice proved to me in a very decided manner that the minds of even the children are pondering this subject. After witnessing the communion service in the church of which I am a member, a little girl of twelve years said to her mother, "I can never join the church, mamma," and when pressed to tell the reason of this decision, she answered, "Because they drink *wine*, and I have signed the pledge." Occurring as this did, where there is no Band of Hope, no Temperance meetings, or influence, I confess that I was pleasantly surprised to learn such working of the youthful mind.

A gloomy side of this subject was presented to me by a friend lately, who told me of a young man, an only son, who, to the joy of his family, signed the pledge, and was thought to be thoroughly reformed. He then joined the church, and at the first Communion the smell and taste of the fatal cup, was too much for his weakened nature, and he returned to his former habits, to die a year afterwards a shocking death by suicide. And he was so firm in his resolution until that time, continued my friend, that I blame nothing else but Communion *wine*, the strong port odor overcame his senses, and renewed the thirst for liquor. How can Ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ pray, "Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil," while they allow the weak to be tempted in this terrible manner.

Looking back upon the past year's work in this department, it seems as if little has been done, and I should like to suggest that each local superintendent send in to the Superintendent of Press Work, monthly, or at least quarterly reports of what has been accomplished. It is well to keep a box for clippings on Temperance subjects, to serve as quotations in many instances, and the exchange of items of local interest among the officers would broaden the work and prove of great advantage. No one can tell another's need, unless they live their life, and while willing to do our part, it is difficult to know how and where to render assistance without the earnest co-operation of the local unions.

Strong drink is the Samson of the age, and slays its tens of thousands, but the women of to-day and of future days have discovered its *weakness*, as well as its great strength, and by the power of the Press it will be shorn of its mighty influence. Let us take courage by every struggle, and by every victory, for we know that this is the work of the Lord, and that our labour shall not be in vain, and by the prayers of wives and mothers, their sufferings and their tears we once more renew our vow, that the *press* and the *literature* of the day shall prove the great motor, and become the terror of the liquor traffic, and the sword of the Lord throughout the length and breadth of the land, and so we can only say of the Temperance ship.

"Wait cheerily then, O mariners  
For daylight, and for land,  
The breath of God is in your sail  
Your rudder in His hand.

Sail on, sail on, deep freighted  
With blessings, and with hopes,  
The saints of old, with shadowy hands  
Are pulling at your ropes.

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Take heart, be brave, and fear not,  
God's errands never fail,  
Sweep on through storm and darkness,  
The thunder and the hail.

Sail on! the morning cometh  
The port ye yet shall win.  
And all the bells of God shall ring  
The good ship bravely in.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF JUVENILE WORK.

In presenting this First Annual Report on Juvenile Work, it is felt, and cannot but be acknowledged by all, how large and important is this field of labour. Great as is the work the other branches of our Union are doing to stay the hand of the destroyer, yet who can look on the happy and hopeful hand of children who pledge themselves to abstinence from that which is hurtful to both body and soul, and say ours is labour lost, knowing, as we do, that in a few years in their hands will be the destinies of our land.

Who can look back to childhood's years and not remember some little action or word, seen or heard, which has influenced all their future lives, either for good or evil, and not feel how the good seed now sown will bear abundant fruit.

The Department of Juvenile Work, like the other departments is new, and, therefore, this Report, which can scarcely yet be called a yearly one, must necessarily be short. As regards the Bands of Hope, we have much cause to be thankful that so many have been established, and for the number of workers enlisted. There are between thirty and forty Bands of Hope in the Province in connection with the W.C.T.U., numbering from twenty to a hundred and forty members, though the exact number cannot be given, as some of the Unions have failed to send in their reports. This does not include Montreal and Quebec, where, though nearly all the leading churches have their own temperance societies, there are only a few connected with the Union. It is different, of course, in the smaller towns where the officers of the Band of Hope are generally members of the Union, and they (the Bands) are for the most part composed of children from all churches and denominations. The Catechism on Alcohol and the Juvenile Temperance Manual are used in several of the Bands of Hope, and they may be highly recommended as text books and teachers' guides to all who have not yet seen them. In most of the societies the children are formed into classes with teachers of their own, which is decidedly the best plan, especially where they meet once a week or fortnight. Another idea, which has been introduced successfully in some places, is for the girls to bring knitting or any other work of the kind, and the boys to cut out pictures or engage their fingers in some other useful employment while the lessons are going on.

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A number of very pretty triple pledge cards of the Canadian W.C.T.U. have been distributed during the last few months, as well as other temperance literature.

As regards Sunday-school work we have been able to do but little so far, as in many instances prejudices are strong against the subject. Some of the schemes have temperance lessons at the close of each quarter, but these are in many cases disregarded and other Bible passages substituted in their place. Let us work and hope that the time will not be long before lessons on temperance may be considered as necessary to teach the children as the many other beautiful Bible truths. In the meantime, we will trust that an ever-widening work may be carried on in the Bands of Hope, and as we look back thankfully to the past, we will look forward hopefully to the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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The only work done in this department consists of the issue and circulation of a short petition to Parliament for a prohibitory law, which step was advised by Mr. Foster, at the time his resolutions were before the House. Though the Executive Board afterwards decided to recall the petition, it had been long enough in circulation to show that popular feeling towards us and our work has very greatly altered during the last few months, and had it been deemed advisable to continue the solicitation for signatures, we should ere long have had a petition bearing many hundreds of names.

LEILA GEGGIE.

QUEBEC, 1st October, 1884.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF HEREDITY AND HYGIENE.

I regret that I cannot speak of more work accomplished. My report will necessarily appear meagre, and yet, I believe I have done what was required of me. Several months of the year had passed before the work of the department was defined, when it was decided that, for the present year at least, nothing be attempted further than the distribution of literature; and then the funds at our disposal were so inadequate, we felt compelled to pass over more complete treatises on the subject, and select those better suited to our limited means. Five hundred leaflets of the N.W.C.T.U. series, entitled "Heredity and Hygiene and their Relation to Temperance," and "The Mother's Privilege" were procured, and during the months of May and June, small packages of these were forwarded to all the unions then existing in the Province, asking that they be read before the ladies, and urging them to give the subject the attention its importance demands. Lists of suitable publications were also given. I fear, however, few of us are yet as fully interested in it as we should be. It is a

matter that deeply concerns us all, and we cannot afford to be indifferent, and I feel confident, if we give it proper attention, it cannot fail to interest us. While I would not disparage in the least any line of work connected with our great organization, allow me to say "these ought ye to have done, and not to leave this other undone." The laws of Heredity are the laws of God, and cannot be studied and obeyed without immediate or ultimate results for good; neither can they be neglected or violated with impunity. When Jehovah issued the commands of the decalogue to the Israelites and to us, and to his creatures in all coming time, saying, "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations," it was intended there should be some meaning in that visitation, and when we rightly understand the laws of the human system, it will be seen this ordinance is not a dead letter. It has the same terrible significance to-day it had when first thundered from Mount Sinai. The hereditary transmission of the drink appetite, and of the diseases caused by its use is unquestionably one of the ways in which the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children,—certainly, one of the most saddening, and perhaps, the most serious of the innumerable evils inflicted by alcohol on humanity. Fearful legacy for parent to bequeath, fatal legacy for child to receive.

This inherited drink crave even where through a resolute will it has never been made manifest, is always latent, and ever ready to be up at the slightest provocation. Men and women on whom this dread inheritance has been forced, are everywhere around us bravely struggling to lead pure and sober lives. Persons ignorant of this inexorable law, rebuke and denounce these diseased dyspomanics, but it is clear to every medical expert that they are branded with this terrible alcoholic heredity. The little leaflets which have been distributed will not teach us all we need to know about the laws of Heredity, and the effects of alcohol on the human system, but if they serve to awaken an interest in this momentous subject, they will not have been scattered in vain. We hope that something further may be done. If it is not deemed practicable to form an institute, we might, perhaps, secure an occasional scientific lecture.

Dr. Mary Weeks Burnett says that, "to properly estimate the sum or resultant of the ages, the men and women of to-day, the ages must be ransacked. Their customs and household life must all be understood in order to know what has gone to make us what we are. Judging from the past, we may shape the future to nobler ends, by higher present aims and habits." In all the departments of our work, in the great temperance reform, no line of effort will yield better results than the study of the laws of Heredity and Health. It offers a field of the grandest possibilities. Let us enter heartily upon it and the results will not disappoint us.

We may sometimes feel discouraged and our work appear insignificantly small, yet if it tends in the smallest degree to widen the gap that should ever stand between alcohol and women, it is work done for God, and if we continue to do what we can, as our influence widens, and our opportunities increase, we shall receive His "well done," for not the smallest service rendered Him shall fail of its reward.

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Mrs. W. A. Fisher.	" Leggett.	" Jarvis.
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Miss Chesley.	Miss Henderson.	Miss H. Moore.
Mrs. Bonham.	" M. Henderson.	" K. Glass.
" J. Woodley.	Mrs. G. Wakeham.	" M. Glass.
" Raymond.	" G. Webster.	" Rolph.
" Pfeiffer.	" J. Dunlop.	Mrs. J. Healey.
" McKay.	" J. E. Jeaudron.	" Houghton.
" J. T. Harrower.	" G. M. May.	Miss Houghton.
Miss Strickland.	" Morkill.	

## SHERBROOKE.

Organized February, 1883. Meetings held 2nd and 4th Friday.

Mrs. De Bompas, <i>President.</i>	Mrs. J. N. Menzies, <i>1st Vice-President.</i>	
Miss L. A. Hind, <i>2nd Vice-President.</i>	Miss J. Smith, <i>Rec.-Secretary.</i>	
Miss F. L. Wood, <i>Cor.-Secretary.</i>	Mrs. H. Wilson, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Mrs. Morehouse.	Mrs. Dewline.	Mrs. Parker.
" Hyndman.	" Cattanaeh.	" Hoyle.
Miss Daigneau.	" G. Armitage.	" Lawrance.
Mrs. G. S. Morey.	" J. Wood.	" Gordon.
" McKechnie.	" Rogers.	" Hind.
" Lyford.	" Jenchie.	Miss Wilson.
Miss Foss.	Miss Lomas.	" McLellan.
	Mrs. Davis.	

## AYLMER.

Organized January, 1883. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

Mrs. Asa Gordon, <i>President.</i>		
Mrs. Harvey Parker, <i>Vice-President.</i>	Miss Nancy Klock, <i>Rec. Secretary.</i>	
" Chas. Hurdman,	" J. H. Prentiss, <i>Cor.</i>	"
" Thomas Symmes,	" Helen Bailie, <i>Treasurer.</i>	"
" James Davis,	"	"
Mrs. Chas. Wright.	Mrs. Geo. Morehouse.	Miss L. E. Lindsay.
" J. J. Godwin.	Miss Mattie Morehouse.	" Ida Chamberlain.
" Harry Cole.	" Maria Wright.	" Agnes Gordon.
" E. A. Cole.	" Louisa Hurdman.	" Isabella Clauson.
" Duncan Dewar.	Mrs. L. G. Prentiss.	" Minnie McLean.
" G. E. Taylor.	" G. A. Howard.	" Josie Gordon.

## RICHMOND AND MELBOURNE.

Organized February, 1883. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

Mrs. L. Thomas, <i>President.</i>	Mrs. Carmichael, <i>1st Vice-President.</i>
" J. Ewing, Jr., <i>2nd Vice-President.</i>	Miss A. M. Main, <i>Rec.-Secretary.</i>
Miss Luttrell, <i>Cor.-Secretary.</i>	" L. P. Lewis, <i>Treasurer.</i>



## COATICOOK.

Organized February, 1883. Meetings held every Friday.

Mrs. J. J. Parker, *President.*" C. Rice, *2nd Vice-President.*Miss Eva Merrill, *Rec.-Secretary.*Mrs. R. G. Trenholm, *1st Vice-President.*" P. Sutton, *Cor.-Secretary.*" E. Fisher, *Treasurer.*

Mrs. M. D. Kilburn.

" E. F. Tomkins.

" C. P. Carr.

" Otis Shurtleff.

" T. T. Shurtleff.

" Chas. Wheeler.

" Jones.

" J. Taplin.

" J. H. Knapp.

" A. F. Adams.

" D. W. Davis.

" S. Cleveland.

" Otis Johnstone.

" R. Baldwin.

" M. Ellis.

" Thos. Pickett.

" L. H. Andrews.

" H. Lovell.

" W. Lovell.

" E. G. Paige.

" W. E. Jordan.

" F. Munns.

" G. McKee.

" H. Edwards.

" I. Baldwin.

" M. H. Ives.

" S. J. Fletcher.

" S. A. Griggs.

" V. Bocher.

" J. P. Smith.

" N. B. Smith.

" E. V. Norton.

" E. Paige.

" B. P. Stevens.

" A. Hanon.

" W. C. Webster.

" A. A. Adams.

" F. M. Bullock.

" E. A. Bullock.

" C. F. Baldwin.

" C. Joliffe.

Mrs. W. Kilburn.

" P. T. Baldwin.

" R. W. Herring.

" Ida Mosher.

" C. E. Lyman.

" C. Sleeper.

" G. Kennedy.

" J. F. Wilson.

" N. Mather.

" S. Atwell.

" C. W. Kathen.

" G. M. Moulton.

" D. Robinson.

" L. Shurtleff.

" G. L. Masten.

" J. Keough.

" C. Pequin.

" W. J. Rugg.

" G. O. Doak.

" A. K. Fox.

" E. W. Akhurst.

" N. W. Thomas.

" Geo. Childs.

" N. Green.

" H. Smith.

" W. J. Kinney.

" E. Astele.

" M. B. Lovell.

" C. H. Lovell.

" C. Flanders.

" L. A. Sisco.

" E. A. Elsey.

" L. H. Jenks.

" M. M. Boynton.

" Wm. Cleveland.

" J. Todd.

" L. Stevens.

" Mrs. Packard.

" D. Rainville.

" Mrs. E. McKee.

Mrs. J. Woodside.

" S. Kinney.

" J. Baldwin.

" S. W. Andrews.

" H. Daniels.

" J. Johnstone.

" C. Ham.

" J. Chandler.

" C. Fox.

" A. Edwards.

" J. Drummond.

" F. Chamberlain.

" C. Merrill.

" J. Thornton.

Miss L. E. Adams.

" S. Hopkins.

" C. Rugg.

" C. Cole.

" A. Adams.

" P. Chandler.

" E. Rice.

" L. Goodhue.

" K. Bush.

" M. Welsh.

" C. Kennedy.

" F. Moulton.

" M. Stuart.

" J. Buckland.

" N. Buckland.

" G. Fuller.

" Sutton.

" M. Sutton.

" N. Adams.

" A. Hinton.

" A. Pollard.

" C. Wood.

" Rue Parker.

" Lucy Cathen.

" Miss Mitchell.

" C. Merrill.

Miss Dalkin.

Mrs. Stobo.

" Terhume.

" McConachy.

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" Josie Gordon.

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## DANVILLE.

Organized February 1883. Meetings held 3rd Friday.

Mrs. J. G. Sanderson, *President*.Mrs. Hughes, *1st Vice-President*.Miss M. S. Parker, *Secretary*." F. Brown, *2nd* "Mrs. Geo. Stockwell, *Treasurer*.

Mrs. E. C. Goodhue.	Mrs. L. Morrill.	Mrs. A. Lee.
" C. Boutelle.	" L. Parant.	" G. Silver.
" C. Hansen.	" S. Frost.	" W. Stickwell.
" J. Brown.	" A. Devey.	" E. Jarvis.
" R. McClay.	" G. Barlow.	" E. N. Wright.
" H. Brown.	" H. Barlow.	" G. Williamson.
" J. Morrill.	" A. Montgomery.	Miss M. Lynch.
" J. Riddel.	" T. Leet.	" J. Morrill.
	Miss E. Morrill.	

Mrs. Dr. C.  
" Nesb  
" Will  
Miss Edit  
Mrs. Mass  
" Hall.  
" Glass  
" Wood  
" Barto  
" Buzz  
Miss Cotto  
" Olives  
" Jones  
Mrs. Harri

## ST. ANDREWS.

Organized March, 1883. Meetings held 1st Monday in the month.

Mrs. F. McMartin, *President*.Mrs. Patterson, *Vice-President*.Mrs. C. Davis, *Cor.-Secretary*.

Miss Albright,

Miss J. E. Davis, *Rec.-Secretary*.

Mrs. T. Lamb.	Mrs. Todd.	Miss J. MacMartin.
" C. Wales.	" Graham.	" K. J. "
" C. T. Wales.	" Theodore Davis.	" C. "
" G. Williams.	" M. D. Simpson.	" M. Davis.
" S. Dale.	" W. K. Hibbard.	" B. Davis.
" J. Stackhouse.	Miss Turner.	" B. L. Smith.
" B. "	" H. Turner.	" H. Hibbard.
" G. "	" M. Hyde.	" G. P. Wales.
" J. MacGregor.	" Hyde.	" L. Harrington.
" MacPhee.	" P. MacMartin.	" J. Dale.

Mrs. Alvin  
" James  
" A. J.  
" F. Del  
Mrs. Julia  
" S. Sw  
" G. H.  
" Wm. J  
" Alfred  
" S. N. J  
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" E. A. J  
" H. Hu  
" F. C. J  
" W. H.  
" E. D.  
" E. Bar  
" L. A. S  
" J. K. V  
" A. M.  
" F. Pag  
" W. Ve  
" C. Pow  
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" M. Cull

## GRANBY.

Organized March, 1883. Meetings held 1st Friday in the month.

Mrs. (Rev.) Richardson, *President*.Mrs. (Rev.) Black, *1st Vice-President*.Mrs. Ingalls, *Cor.-Secretary*." (Dr.) Greene, *2nd* "" Kinney, *Rec.* " and *Treas.*

Mrs. E. T. Miles.	Mrs. H. G. Frost.	Mrs. G. H. Grigg.
" C. Carpenter.	" Joseph Taylor.	Miss Wilkins.
" G. Harvey.	" Holloway.	" Frost.
" James Kay.	" W. L. Bowker.	" Latty.
" Wm. Miner.	" Peter Jackson.	" Greene.
" J. H. McKechnie.	" McIntosh.	" McLean.
" R. L. Ball.	" W. Kimpton.	

## COWANSVILLE.

Organized March, 1883. Meetings held every Wednesday.

Mrs. Dr. Cotton, *President.*

" Nesbitt, *Vice* "  
 " Willett, " "

Miss E. Jacques, *Rec.-Secretary.*

Mrs. Parsonage, *Cor.* "  
 " Martin, *Treasurer.*

Miss Edith Jacques.

Mrs. Sloggett.

Mrs. Johnstone.

Mrs. Massey.

" Basher.

" Brewer.

" Hall.

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" Spaulding.

" Gleason.

" Carter.

" Oliver.

" Wood.

Miss A. Stonehour.

" Fuller.

" Barton.

" Harbeson.

" Holloway.

" Buzzell.

" Gilman.

" Steinhour.

Miss Cotton.

" Hodgeson.

Miss M. Steinhour.

" Oliver.

Mrs. McFarlane.

" Cleveland.

" Jones.

" Watson.

" Nesbitt.

Mrs. Harris.

" Schoolcraft.

" Williams.

" Leach.

## SUTTON.

Organized March, 1883. Meetings held every 2nd Friday.

Mrs. Alvin Tupper, *President.*Mrs. T. French, *Cor. Secretary.*" James Flannery, *1st Vice-President.*" F. A. Cutter, Jr., *Rec. Sec.*" A. J. Dyer, *2nd* "" G. C. Dyer, *Ex-President.*" F. Delong, *3rd* "" T. J. Mansell, *Ex-Vice-Pres.*

Mrs. Julia Griggs.

Mrs. N. W. Holmes.

Mrs. Amos Hawley.

" S. Sweet.

" Alfred Tupper.

" S. E. Westover.

" G. H. Boright.

" Harlam Tupper.

" V. N. Dyer.

" Wm. Dow.

" Wm. Allen.

" E. Seymour.

" Alfred Hunt.

" Charles Griggs.

Miss Naomi Scott.\*

" S. N. Miller.

" Philip Scott.

" Diana Wilson.

" Wm. Derrick.

" O. D. Chase.

" Wella French.

" E. A. Dyer.

" G. S. Wood.

" Jane Mills.

" H. Hurlbut.

" L. P. Chadsy.

" S. S. LaCanne.

" F. C. Boright.

" G. E. Lawrence.

" Lucretia Billings.

" W. H. O'Regan.

" Charles Billings.

" Ruby Allen.

" E. D. Ball.

" Marvin Hawley.

" Mary Billings.

" E. Barns.

" L. E. Dyer.

" Nina Hunt.

" L. A. Smith.

" Charles Ingalls.

" Minnie O'Regan.

" J. K. Whitcomb.

" A. J. Farnham.

" Harry E. Dyer.

" A. M. Call.

" M. A. Halse.

" Jennie Ramsay.

" F. Page.

" R. F. Hamilton.

" Nettie Ramsay.

" W. Wells.

" M. Blair.

" Emma Babcock.

" C. Powers.

" James McNeil.

" Hattie Hamilton.

" Orion Miller.

" R. P. Whitcomb.

" Penelope Hamilton.

" M. Culbrith.

" G. Shanks.

Mrs. O. E. Westover.

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Mrs. A. Lee.

" G. Silver.

" W. Stickwell.

" E. Jarvis.

" E. N. Wright.

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Miss M. Lynch.

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Davis, *Cor.-Secretary.*C. Davis, *Rec.-Secretary.*

Miss J. MacMartin.

" K. J. "

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## LACHUTE.

Organized March, 1883.

Mrs. W. A. Leggo, <i>President.</i>	Miss Meikle, <i>Rec. Secretary.</i>
" Mackie, <i>1st Vice.</i>	" L. Chinic, <i>Cor. Secretary.</i>
" Geo. Christie, <i>2nd Vice.-Pres.</i>	" Christie, <i>Treasurer.</i>

## EAST FARNHAM.

Organized March, 1883. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Mrs. A. P. Hurlburt, <i>President.</i>	Miss Jewell, <i>Rec. Secretary.</i>	
" M. B. Jewell, <i>1st Vice-President.</i>	Mrs. J. A. Buch, <i>Cor. Secretary.</i>	
" E. McRea, <i>2nd</i>	Miss Fass, <i>Assistant</i>	
" A. D. Calkins, <i>3rd</i>	" Hutchins, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Mrs. Godard.	Miss Barton.	Mrs. E. M. Hawk.
Miss Phoebe Bassett.	" H. Norris.	" R. H. Mansfield.
Mrs. Cartey Buck.	Mrs. M. E. Tabor.	" Hiram Shoefeld.
" R. T. Hutchins.	" John Norris.	Miss Mamie Ellison.
" Hilliard Allen.	Miss Alice Buck.	" Clara Ellison.
" Joel Banfill.	" Sarah Stevens.	" Cora Cawchrey.
" Peter Fuller.	Mrs. J. Skinner.	" Fanny Gilson.
" R. Stevens.	Miss Knowles.	" Emily Adams.
Miss L. Muoll.	Mrs. E. A. Fordice.	" Carrie Tabor.

## WATERLOO.

Organized April, 1883. Meetings held 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Mrs. Lindsay, *President.*

Mrs. J. C. Ellis, <i>Vice-President.</i>		Mrs. M. J. Clark, <i>Cor.-Secretary.</i>
Miss Slack, <i>Treasurer.</i>		Miss Latimer, <i>Rec.</i>
Mrs. Carter, <i>Editress and Pres. Band of Hope.</i>		Mrs. Rose, <i>Librarian.</i>
Mrs. Hooper.	Mrs. John Wallace.	Mrs. W. Eager.
" McGill.	" Jameson.	" J. L. Keep.
" Kilbarn.	" D. Lawrence.	" M. S. Beers.
" E. G. Shaw.	" S. Cook.	" S. Barrington.
Richardson.	" E. A. Taylor.	" L. Whitcomb.
" Robinson.	" D. L. Allen.	" Philps.
" Darby.	Miss Stevens.	" Geo. Levers.
" G. H. Allen.	" G. Lawrence.	Miss M. L. Wallace.
" C. T. Allen.	" E. Lawrence.	" E. Whitcomb.
" G. W. Lawrence.	" P. Draper.	Mrs. Payan.
" Rockwell.	Mrs. O. W. Hills.	" W. H. Smith.
" Fass.	" A. Draper.	" M. Mitchell.
" Lytle.	" H. Hills.	" W. A. Lay.
" Noyes.	" J. C. Nichols.	" Wallace Shaw.
" Fisk.	" E. C. Wood.	Miss J. Wallace.
	" E. H. Shaw.	



## KNOWLTON.

Organized April, 1883. Meetings held the first Saturday in every month ;  
Bible and Prayer Meeting fortnightly.

Mrs. S. W. Foster, <i>President</i> .		Miss Meiklejohn, <i>Cor.-Secretary</i> .
" Dunkin, <i>1st Vice-President</i> .		Mrs. Cleaveland, <i>Rec.</i> "
" Israel England, <i>2nd Vice-President</i> .		" Vancor, <i>Treasurer</i> .
" N. Petiss, <i>3rd</i> - "		Miss Foster, <i>Librarian</i> .
Miss Barber.	Mrs. A. Cook.	Mrs. W. W. Lynch.
Mrs. Brown.	" O. Cook.	" L. C. Fettes.
" Cairns.	" N. Chamberlin.	" W. McLaughlin.
" Carr.	" Davis.	" Ranger.
Miss Carr.	" R. England.	" G. Robb.
Mrs. D. A. Carr.	Miss England.	" E. P. Stevens.
" G. R. Cleaveland.	" Edwards.	" Sanborn.
" A. Cleaveland.	Mrs. T. Eldridge.	Miss Taylor.
" Chatsey.	" H. S. Foster.	Mrs. F. P. Williams.

## ROUGE MONT.

Organized November, 1883.

Mrs. Whitfield, <i>President</i> .	Mrs. McBryde, <i>Secretary</i> .
" Evans, <i>Vice</i> "	" J. Bachelder, <i>Treasurer</i> .

## HATLEY.

Organized January, 1884. Meetings held every Wednesday.

## EAST HATLEY—BRANCH.

Mrs. S. W. Putney, *President*.

Mrs. B. F. Bowen, <i>1st Vice-President.</i>	Mrs. R. Emery, <i>Secretary.</i>
" N. Emery, <i>2nd</i> "	" Jas. Leavitt, <i>Treasurer.</i>
" H. Davis.	" Sutton.
" E. B. Papi.	" C. Heath.
" M. Webster.	Miss L. Heath.
	Mrs. E. Parker.
	Mrs. H. Kennedy.
	" K. Putney.
	" M. Leavitt.

## WEST HATLEY—BRANCH.

Mrs. L. Abbott, <i>Vice-President</i> .	Mrs. Menzies, <i>2nd Vice-President</i> .
" H. Hitchcock.	Miss A. Hitchcock.
" E. Plumley.	" L. Perkins.
" E. St. Dexier.	" M. Johnstone.
" L. Chilson.	" A. Hitchcock.
	Miss L. Hovey.

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ewell, *Rec.-Secretary*.  
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tutchins, *Treasurer*.

Mrs. E. M. Hawk.  
" R. H. Mangfield.  
" Hiram Shoefelt.

Miss Mamie Ellison.  
" Clara Ellison.  
" Cora Cawchrey.  
" Fanny Gilson.  
" Emily Adams.  
" Carrie Tabor.

and 4th Tuesdays.

M. J. Clark, *Cor.-Secretary*.  
Latimer, *Rec.* "  
Rose, *Librarian*.

Mrs. W. Eager.  
" J. L. Keep.  
" M. S. Beers.  
" S. Barrington.  
" L. Whitcomb.  
" Philps.  
" Geo. Levers.  
Miss M. L. Wallace.  
" E. Whitcomb.

Mrs. Payan.  
" W. H. Smith.  
" M. Mitchell.  
" W. A. Lay.  
" Wallace Shaw.  
Miss J. Wallace.

## NORTH HATLEY—BRANCH.

Mrs. B. Le Barron.	Mrs. J. Johnstone.	Miss J. Howe.
" H. N. Le Barron.	" L. Magoon.	Mrs. Jas. Wilcox.
" John Dean.	Miss A. Wadleigh.	" W. B. Le Barron.
	" E. Wadleigh.	

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Mrs. A. Parker.	Mrs. H. Ashman.	Mrs. C. Vaughan.
	" W. Morse.	

## ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

S. W. Putney.  
B. F. Bowen.  
J. Howland.  
A. Robinson.  
L. E. Parker.  
E. H. Le Barron.

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" " " J. Wheatley.  
" " " C. L. Percival.  
Rev. Mr. A. Stevens.

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## MAGOG.

Organized March, 1884. Meetings held every second Tuesday.

Mrs. G. O. Somers, *President*.

Mrs. G. P. Moore, <i>Vice-President</i> .	Mrs. D. Phippen, <i>Hon. Vice-President</i> .
" J. Hepburn, <i>Hon. Vice-President</i> .	" S. Sweeney, <i>Secretary</i> .
" M. Taylor, "	Miss E. Chamberlain, <i>Treasurer</i> .
Mrs. Flanders.	Miss L. Merry.
" A. H. Moore.	" Mayo.
" Abbott.	Miss S. Currier.
" Morrison.	" Lay.
" Wm. Moore.	" N. Smith.
" Tenny.	Mrs. Beaudoin.
" C. P. Dow.	Miss S. Sweeney.
" B. Coruth.	" C. Gilbert.
" G. Ayer.	" J. Millette.

Mrs. C. O  
" N. N  
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" Geo.  
Miss K. A  
" A. A  
Mrs. H. C  
" S. C  
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## SOUTH STUKELY.

Organized April, 1884.

Mrs. Garland, *President*.

Mrs. Fowler, <i>1st Vice-President</i> .	Miss M. Tenny, <i>Secretary</i> .
Mrs. G. Read, <i>2nd Vice</i>	Mrs. W. K. Knowlton, <i>Treasurer</i> .

Mrs. Kella  
" S. G.  
Miss Rugg,  
Mrs. Rand  
" Smith  
" Pray.  
" Carr.  
" Pome  
" Clark  
" Spaffo  
Miss Carr.  
Mrs. Farns

## ADAMSVILLE.

Organized April, 1884.

Mrs. Geo. Adams, *President*.

Mrs. F. Tabor, <i>Vice-President</i> .	Miss Littledale, <i>Secretary</i> .
" Harvey, "	" Mansfield, <i>Treasurer</i> .

Rev.

## WARDEN.

Organized April, 1884.

Mrs. W. McLaughlin, *President*.Mrs. Greenleaf, *Vice-President*.

" Austin Berry, "

Miss A. Curtis, *Secretary*." Raddigon, *Treasurer*.

## TRENHOLMVILLE.

Organized May, 1884. Meetings held every second Thursday.

Mrs. S. Stevens, *President*.Mrs. H. Trenholme, *Vice-President*.Miss Stevens, *Treasurer*.

Mrs. M. A. Trenholme.

" R. Trenholme.

Mrs. Crowe.

" Fessenden.

Miss Eva Dickson.

Mrs. J. Dickson, *Cor. Secretary*.Miss K. Trenholme, *Rec. "*

Miss Holland.

" Ermina Dickson.

## BIRCHTON.

Organized June, 1884. Meetings held 1st Saturday.

Mrs. C. O. Miller, *President*." N. Nutbrown, *Vice "*

" L. Smith, "

" Geo. Ayer.

Miss K. Ayer.

" A. Ayer.

Mrs. H. Coates.

" S. Coates.

" Henry Coates.

Miss Delia Coates.

" Leilia Coates.

" Persis Coates.

Mrs. J. A. McKnight.

" H. Sunbury.

" T. Sunbury.

Miss B. Todd, *Rec. Secretary*." Mrs. L. S. Le Sowles, *Cor. "*Miss L. Coates, *Treasurer*.

Mrs. E. Taylor.

Miss M. Simpson.

" L. Smiley.

Mrs. J. Taylor.

Miss Persis Taylor.

Mrs. A. Todd.

## COMPTON.

Organized June, 1884. Meetings held 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Mrs. Harvey, *President*.Mrs. Kellam, *1st Vice-President*." S. G. Craig, *2nd "*Miss Rugg, *Rec. Secretary*.

Mrs. Randall.

" Smith.

" Pray.

" Carr.

" Pomeroy.

" Clark.

" Spafford.

Miss Carr.

Mrs. Farnsworth.

Mrs. Rae.

Miss Pomeroy.

Mrs. Bayner.

" Raby.

" Saulbry.

Miss Saulbry.

" Hughes.

Mrs. Hackett.

Miss Sherman.

Mrs. (Dr.) King, *Cor. Secretary*.Miss Harvey, *Treasurer*." Farnsworth, *Librarian*.

Mrs. Porter.

" Munroe.

" Hitchcock.

" Paul.

" Moore.

" Allen.

" Rugg.

" Farnham.

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## BULWER.

Organized June, 1884. Meetings held 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

Mrs. J. Williams, <i>President</i> .	Mrs. C. Wheeler, <i>Cor.-Secretary</i> .
" A. Williams, <i>Vice-President</i> .	" E. Smith, <i>Rec.-Secretary</i> .
" E. Sunbury.	" M. Drake, <i>Treasurer</i> .
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" J. Colby.	Miss L. Colby.
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Mrs. J. )

## MARTINVILLE.

Organized June, 1884. Meetings held 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Mrs. E. W. Parker, <i>President</i> .	Mrs. E. Cass, <i>Secretary</i> .
" Julia Hodge, <i>Vice-President</i> .	" L. Haines, <i>Treasurer</i> .
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## EATON.

Organized July, 1884. Meetings held 2nd Tuesday.

Miss J. Skinner, <i>President</i> .	Mrs. C. M. Draper, <i>Treasurer</i> .
Mrs. L. W. French, <i>Vice-President</i> .	Miss G. Williams, <i>Rec. Secretary</i> .
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Mrs. Horace Alger.	Miss Katie Alger.
" L. A. Currier.	Mrs. James Hedge.
" Judson Heath.	" H. Mountain.
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## JOHNVILLE.

Organized July, 1884.

Mrs. M. Hamilton, *President*.

Mrs. W. Alger, <i>Vice-President</i> .	Mrs. J. Griffin, <i>Treasurer</i> .
Miss E. Alger, <i>Rec. Secretary</i> .	Miss E. M. Mayo, <i>Cor. Secretary</i> .

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## MOE'S RIVER.

Organized July, 1884.

Mrs. A. D. Jones, <i>President</i> .	Mrs. R. D. Putney, <i>Cor. Secretary</i> .
" A. Johnson, <i>Vice</i>	Miss D. Ayer, <i>Rec.</i>
" J. Colbuth,	Mrs. J. Baker, <i>Treasurer</i> .



## COOKSHIRE.

Organized July, 1884. Meetings held 1st Tuesday.

Miss M. Farnsworth, <i>President.</i>	Mrs. J. H. Goodwin, <i>Vice-Pres. &amp; Cor. Sec</i>	
Miss H. Chaddock, <i>Rec. Secretary.</i>	" L. Pope, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Miss Brooks.	Mrs. C. A. Bailey.	Miss A. Bailey.
Mrs. J. Frasier.	" G. Gamsby.	Mrs. E. Garvin.

## EAST CLIFTON.

Organized July, 1884. Meetings held every 2nd Thursday.

Mrs. Justin Cairns, <i>President.</i>	Miss A. Cairns, <i>Rec.-Secretary.</i>
" W. Hammond, <i>1st Vice-President.</i>	" E. S. Cairns, <i>Cor.</i>
" Geo. Read, <i>2nd</i>	" J. S. Cairns, <i>Treasurer.</i>
Mrs. J. Taylor.	Miss M. McVety.
" R. Betts.	" H. Kinnear.
" McVety.	" H. Blair.
" H. Cairns.	" C. B. Short.

## SAWYERVILLE.

Organized July, 1884. Meetings held 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Mrs. Wm. Sawyer, <i>President.</i>		Mrs. C. W. Drew, <i>Cor.-Secretary.</i>
" Wm. Williams, <i>Vice-President.</i>		Miss Lucy Gillis, <i>Rec.</i>
" (Dr.) Annable,	"	Mrs. J. W. Bridgette, <i>Treasurer.</i>
Mrs. (Rev.) R. Robinson.	Mrs. (Rev.) A. Gillis.	Miss Jennie Bridgette.
" Wm. Clough.	" Robert Halliday.	" Luella Currier.
" Chas. Clough.	" R. Cairns.	" Maggie Hodgen.
" James Munn.	" John Duncan.	" Flora Arnott.
" Herbert Osgoode.	" Wm. Annable.	" Louisa Arnott.
" Robert Cairns.	Miss Sarah Cairns.	" Bertha Drew.
" Greenville Williams.	" Esther Gillis.	" Alice Drew.
" Stephen Jordan.	" Ada Percival.	" Jane Whyte.
" Joseph Boyd.	" Josie Percival.	" Maud Duncan.
" Abin Warby.	" Cora Percival.	" Minnie Luther.
" Henry Thompson.	" Julia Percival.	" Persis Annable.
" John Currier.	" Alma Bridgette.	

## WATERVILLE.

Organized July, 1884. Meetings held 2nd Tuesday.

Mrs. James McIntosh, *President*.

Mrs. John Bell, <i>1st Vice-President.</i>	Mrs. A. A. Blount, <i>Secretary.</i>	
Mrs. James Osgoode, <i>2nd Vice-President.</i>	" E. M. Armstrong, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Mrs. Jas. Lyttle.	Mrs. R. Freeland.	Mrs. L. W. Winan.
" John McIntosh.	" E. Webster.	" C. O. Peterson.
" A. Wheeler.	" E. E. Ball.	" F. Fisk.
" D. M. Bean.	" C. V. Stevenson.	" C. H. Carlson.
Miss S. Swanson.	Miss J. Holyon.	Miss L. Davis.
Mrs. R. Webster.	Mrs. J. Webster.	Mrs. D. L. Webster.
	Miss C. Spafford.	

## WEST SHEFFORD.

Organized August, 1884. Meetings held 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Mrs. Watson, *President*.

Mrs. A. Roberts, <i>1st Vice-President.</i>	Mrs. D. C. Horner, <i>Cor.-Secretary.</i>	
" L. H. Lawrence, <i>2nd Vice-President.</i>	" J. Benjamin, <i>Asst. Cor.-Secretary.</i>	
" G. Tail, <i>Rec.-Secretary.</i>	" H. V. Newell, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Mrs. S. Neil,	Mrs. Z. Lawrence.	Mrs. A. C. Gilmour.
" Given,	" E. L. Roberts.	Miss Clara Kilburn.

## BARNSTON.

Organized August, 1884. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Mrs. W. L. Oliver, *President*.

Mrs. L. Sutton, <i>Vice-President.</i>	Mrs. S. A. Ives, <i>Cor.-Secretary.</i>	
" H. Buckland, <i>Rec.-Secretary.</i>	" James Parker, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Mrs. Sheldon.	Miss Esther Downs.	Mrs. Frank Wright.
" John Dumas.	Mrs. Paullette.	" Peter Buckland.
" Hollis Buckland.	Miss Rue L. Parker,	" Morrison.
Miss Myra Sutton	" John Grism.	" C. R. Remmick.
" Clara Wheeler.		

## BEEBE PLAIN.

Organized August, 1884. Meetings held 4th Thursday.

Mrs. Wm. Lorimer, *President*.

Mrs. Hall, <i>Vice-President</i> .	Mrs. Kay, <i>Cor.-Secretary</i> .	
" Flanders, <i>Rec.-Secretary</i> .	" B. Lorimer, <i>Treasurer</i> .	
Mrs. J. Lorimer.	Miss E. Bartlett	Miss Etta Bartlett.
" Miller, Sr.	Mrs. E. Miller.	Mrs. Colby.
	" Denis House.	

## DIXVILLE.

Organized August, 1884. Meetings held 2nd and 4th Saturday.

Mrs. L. Martin, <i>President</i> .		Mrs. R. C. Baldwin, <i>Rec. Secretary</i> .
" A. McCoy, <i>Vice</i> .		" J. B. Parker, <i>Cor.</i>
" C. B. Washer,		Miss M. Gilson, <i>Treasurer</i> .
Mrs. V. McCay.	Mrs. H. C. Jones.	Mrs. D. Gilson.
" R. Neil.	" T. Sunbury.	" T. Eggleston.
" J. Straw.	" J. E. Mayhew.	" M. C. Drew.
" B. Baldwin.	" R. W. Neil.	" P. Lemoine.
" W. Norris.	" Jno. Pollard.	" T. Humphrey.
" J. H. Norris.	" S. Cushman.	" E. Kingsley.
" N. Eggleston.	" W. Williamson.	" J. Williamson.
" A. Packer.	" W. C. Drew.	" M. Drew.
" L. Bean.	" S. Baldwin.	" — Brasier.
" J. Wright.	" B. C. Damon.	Miss L. Gilson.
Miss J. Hill.	Miss M. Baldwin.	" R. Converse.
" A. Wood.	" J. Damon.	" A. Henry.
" A. Mayhew.	" S. Bean.	" R. Bean.
" R. Parker.	" C. B. Martin.	Mrs. P. P. Eggleston.

## ROBINSON.

Organized August, 1884. Meetings held 2nd Friday.

Mrs. T. Prince, *President*.Mrs. (Rev.) Pierce, *Vice-President*.Miss E. Patton, *Rec.-Secretary*." (Dr.) Wales, *Cor.-Secretary*." D. Stokes, *Treasurer*.

Mrs. A. J. Cook.

Mrs. J. Lefebvre.

Mrs. H. Lefebvre.

" T. B. Munn.

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" J. Stokes.

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" H. Berwick.

" A. Berwick.

" Ellis.

" Beaton.

Miss L. Stokes.

Miss M. Stokes.

Miss C. Simons.

" R. Berwick.

" F. Berwick.

## WAYVILLE.

Organized August, 1884.

Mrs. James Libby, *President*.Mrs. Chas Libby, *1st Vice-President*.Mrs. L. Bachelder, *Treasurer*." J. Steel, *2nd*" C. Libby, *Secretary*.

## ISLAND BROOK.

Organized August, 1884.

Mrs. H. Metcalf, *President*.Mrs. R. N. Weston, *Vice President*.Miss E. Buchanan, *Rec.-Secretary*." J. Miller, *Cor.-Secretary*.Mrs. F. Holden, *Treasurer*.

## AGNES.

Organized August, 1884.

Mrs. J. Kelley, *President*.Miss K. Kelly, *Secretary*.Miss S. Swan, *Vice*" F. McLeod, *Treasurer*.

Miss Swan.

Mrs. R. McDonald.

Miss A. Wilson.

" E. Wilson.

" A. McLeod.

Mrs. D. G. McLeod.

Mrs. M. McKay.

" N. Morrison.

Miss M. A. McLeod.

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" M. A. Morrison.

" Parsons.

Miss Kinghead.

" E. Bailey.

Miss McLean.

Mrs. J. McLean.

Mrs. J. Miller.

Miss Miller.

## SCOTSTOWN.

Organized August, 1884.

Mrs. A. Cromie, *President*.Mrs. J. Scott, *Vice-President*.Mrs. W. F. Bowman, *Cor.-Secretary*.Miss M. A. McDonald, *Rec.-Secretary*." St. James, *Treasurer*.

## GOULD.

Organized August, 1884.

Mrs. J. Cowan, <i>President.</i>	Miss B. Ross, <i>Cor.-Secretary.</i>
" McLeod, <i>Vice-President.</i>	" M. Murray, <i>Rec.-Secretary.</i>
" J. Hanright, "	Mrs. J. Hanright, <i>Treasurer.</i>

## STANBRIDGE EAST.

Organized August, 1884. Meetings held Wednesday, on or before full moon.

Mrs. E. Connell, <i>President.</i>	Miss Harriet Chandler, <i>Rec.-Secretary.</i>	
" E. J. Briggs, <i>1st Vice-President.</i>	Mrs. Theodora Moore, <i>Cor.-Secretary.</i>	
" H. C. Blinn, <i>2nd</i>	Miss Gertrude Welch, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Mrs. I. A. Welch.	Mrs. Emily Prescott.	Mrs. Carlton Hall.
Miss Anna J. Phelps,	" A. J. A. Free,	" Chas. Blinn.
" Josephine R. Wells.	" W. H. Briggs.	" Edward Eaton.
" Grace A. Blinn.	" J. C. Corey.	" J. Van Antwerp.
" Alma Welch.	" M. D. Corey.	" Samuel Jackson.
" Lucy M. Earle.		

Mrs. C. C.  
" R. B.

Mrs. Rev.  
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## CASSVILLE AND NEWVILLE.

Organized September, 1884. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

	Miss Oliva Libby, <i>President.</i>	
Miss Fanny Moulton, <i>1st Vice-President,</i>	Mrs. T. H. Langmayd, <i>Rec.-Sec'y.</i>	
Mrs. Stephen Boynton, <i>2nd</i>	" Chas. Lawton, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
" (Rev.) Isaac Wheatley, <i>Hon.</i>	" Eugene Morrill, <i>Cor.-Secretary.</i>	
Mrs. Eliphalet Cass.	Mrs. David Morrill.	Mrs. F. W. Locke.
" L. Bangs.	" (Rev.) A. Moulton.	" Chas. Sunbury.
" Howard Wells.	" Jacob Place.	" Austin Libby.
" Sanborn Bartlett.	" Webster Lincoln.	Miss May Morrill.
Miss Louie Bangs.	Miss Edna Cass.	" Agnes Smith.
	" Lilla Bartlett.	

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" Payan  
" Fish,

## BEDFORD.

Organized September, 1884.

Mrs. Shaw, <i>President.</i>	Miss Phelps, <i>Corresponding Secretary.</i>
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## UNIONS ORGANIZED SINCE CONVENTION.

### RANDBORO.

Organized November, 1884.

Mrs. S. N. Hurd, *President*.

Mrs. C. Chaddoc, *Vice-President*.      Mrs. J. W. Bridgette, *Cor-Secretary*.  
 " R. Beecher, *Treasurer*.      " F. Bowan,      *Rec.* "

### MONTREAL EAST.

Organized December, 1884.

Mrs. Rev. R. Lindsay, *President*.

Mrs. Rev. J. Kines, *1st Vice-President*.      Mrs. Morrison, *Treasurer*.

" " — Casey, *2nd*      " Miss Smith, *Rec. Secretary*.

" — Parker, *3rd*      " " M. Sloan, *Cor.* "  
 302 St. Andre street.

### ST. HYACINTHE.

Organized December, 1884.

Mrs. Cauban, *President*.

Mrs. Burnett, *Cor. Secretary*.

" Payan, *1st Vice* "

" Picard, *Rec.* "

" Fish, *2nd* " "

" Duclos, *Treasurer*.

### LENNOXVILLE.

Organized December, 1884.

Mrs. Dr. Powers, *President*.

Mrs. (Rev.) Graham, *1st Vice-President*.      Miss Racey, *Secretary*.

" Mrs. Abbott, *2nd* "

Mrs. Farwell, *Treasurer*.

### ULVERTON.

Officers not reported.

### MARBLETON.

Officers not reported.

## PREAMBLE.

We, the Women of the Province of Quebec, 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 THIS PROVINCIAL UNION.

To *unitedly* array the Christian Women of the Province of Quebec against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

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

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

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

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

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

To heartily co-operate with other Temperance Societies in combatting the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other Society or Association which is endeavouring 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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## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Quebec."

### ARTICLE II.

The Officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a County President for each County in the Province, Superintendents of Departments, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. These Officers shall constitute an Executive Board to control and provide for the general interests of the work, with power to fill vacancies in its own body.

### ARTICLE III.

The President, two Vice-Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and the Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board for the transaction of business, three of whom shall form a quorum.

### ARTICLE IV.

The Annual Meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board, two delegates for each Auxiliary Union, and one additional delegate for every fifty paying members of each Union.

### ARTICLE V.

Each Local Union contributing to the funds of the Provincial Union, at the rate of *twenty-five* cents per paying member, shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Unions, and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the Annual Meeting.

### ARTICLE VI.

Each Auxiliary Union shall make to the Corresponding Secretary annually, on the 1st day of September, a report embracing the following topics, and shall also forward copies of the same to the President of that County :

1. Names and addresses of all officers.
2. Number of members.
3. Number at last report.
4. Average attendance of members.
5. Number of prayer meetings held.
6. Number of business meetings held.
7. Number of public meetings held.
8. Number of meetings for all purposes.
9. Has the Canada Temperance or Dunkin Act been passed in your County ?
10. Number of prosecutions under these Acts.
11. Receipts from members' fees.
12. Receipts from all sources.

13. Amount sent to Provincial Union and at what date.
14. Time when regular meetings are held.
15. How many have signed the pledge, including W. C. T. U. and Band of Hope?
16. Have you Bands of Hope or Juvenile Unions?
17. Are they taught in classes?
18. Are any children's papers taken?
19. About how many temperance leaflets and tracts have been distributed?
20. Do you hold meetings in gaol or prison?
21. Any decrease of saloons by W. C. T. U. influence?
22. Number of signatures to any form of temperance petition.
23. Number of newspapers supplied with items by your Union.
24. Number of churches in your town using unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper.
25. Number of Churches using fermented wine at the Lords' Supper?
26. Have you done any temperance work at fairs or exhibitions?
27. Have you made any effort to introduce temperance text-books in schools?
28. With what results?
29. Do you offer prizes for temperance essays?
30. Do you hold Gospel temperance meetings for drinking men and women?
31. Do you have temperance prayer meetings in your different churches?
32. Have your Pastors been invited to preach any temperance sermons?

## ARTICLE VII.

The Annual Meeting, at which time the officers shall be elected, shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be appointed at the preceding Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII.

One or more sessions of the Annual Meeting—evening, if possible—shall be a mass meeting in which all men and women who deplore the evils of intemperance shall be invited to join.

## ARTICLE IX.

The sub-committee of the Executive Board shall meet annually, or, if necessary, oftener, at such time and such place as the President shall decide.

## ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be amended or altered by vote of two-thirds of those present at any Annual Meeting.

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## BY-LAWS.

## BY-LAW, No. I.

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

## BY-LAW, No. II.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and send to each Auxiliary, at least two months before the Annual Meeting, a blank for the report of that Auxiliary for the current year; from the information thus received, she shall prepare her annual report.

## BY-LAW, No. III.

The Recording Secretary shall also be Secretary of the sub-committee of the Executive Board, and shall attend all meetings of the Union and the Executive Committee, and keep a correct record of their proceedings. She shall notify committees of their appointment and of the business referred to them. She shall call the roll of delegates at the Annual Meeting, and read all papers which may be ordered to be read. At the first session of the Annual Meeting she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last Annual Meeting, and also shall perform all other duties belonging to the office.

## BY-LAW, No. IV.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and the Recording Secretary.

## BY-LAW, No. V.

Each County President shall hold supervision of the Unions in her County, and shall secure the organization of local Auxiliary Unions,—where practicable, form County Conventions,—and shall make Annual Reports of her work at the Provincial Convention.

# CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS.

## (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 Quebec.

### ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The objects of the Union shall be to meet together for prayer and conference, to plan and carry forward such measures as shall, by the blessing of God, result in the suppression of intemperance in our midst.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of the Association by signing the Pledge and paying fifty cents annually into the Treasury of the Union; twenty-five cents of which will go to the Provincial Treasury, and the remaining part be retained for home work. Gentlemen may become members of this Association by signing the Pledge and paying fifty cents a year or more. Honorary and Associate members are entitled to all the privileges of members except the vote.

### PLEDGE.

I hereby pledge myself in integrity and honour before God to abstain from the use of and traffic in all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and that I will not in any way offer the same to others to be used.

### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of a Union shall be a President; one or more Vice-Presidents who shall, if possible, belong to the different churches of the place; a Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer—these officers, with the Superintendents of Departments, shall form an Executive Committee for the transaction of business, and supervise and provide for the general interests of the work.

### ARTICLE V.

#### SECTION I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

President.—The principal duties of this office shall be to open the meeting at the time to which the assembly is adjourned, by taking the chair and calling the meeting to order, announcing the business before the assembly in the order in which it is to be acted upon. To put to vote all questions which are regularly moved, or necessarily arise in the course of proceedings, and to announce the result. To attest by her signature all acts, orders, and proceedings of the assembly.

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## SECTION 2.

Vice Presidents.—The Vice-Presidents of a Union shall, in their turn, perform the duties of the President when she is necessarily absent. They should likewise endeavour to forward the interests of the Union in the several churches to which they belong.

## SECTION 3.

Recording Secretary.—It shall be the duty of this officer to keep a record of the proceedings of the Union. To call the roll of members if ordered. To read all papers which may be ordered read. To notify committees of their appointment and of business referred to them. To take charge of all papers and documents belonging to the Union, and to present a report at the annual meeting of the Union, having first submitted the same to the Executive Committee.

## SECTION 4.

Corresponding Secretary.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct all the correspondence of the Union, and report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial Union annually on receipt of blank forms, giving such items of general interest as shall enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union.

## SECTION 5.

Treasurer.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all dues, keep all money subject to order, and to forward one half of membership fees annually to the Provincial Treasurer. To keep an exact book account of all moneys received, and to make a quarterly report to the Union if desired. To pay no money except by order of the Union. She shall pay no bills unless by an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

## BY-LAWS.

## SECTION 1.

All meetings of the Union shall be opened by reading of Scripture and prayer.

## SECTION 2.

Meetings of Executive shall be held as often as required.

## SECTION 3.

The order of business may be modified or suspended by a majority vote of the members present.

## SECTION 4.

Quorum.—Three or more may form a quorum, this shall be decided at the first meeting after organizing.

## SECTION 5.

Standing Committees or Departments of Work.—As many departments of work corresponding to Provincial departments shall be appointed as the circumstances of the Union may permit. Specially Evangelistic Juvenile Literature and Finance. The Finance department aims to assist the Treasury by devising such means as shall by honorable methods help to raise funds that will be useful in the purchase of literature, stationery and other necessary things to carry on our local work, and also to assist the Finance department of our Provincial Union.

By-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting, notice having been given at a previous meeting.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Devotional Exercises.  
Roll Call.  
Reading of Minutes.  
Unfinished Business.  
Reports of Committees.  
Reading of Correspondence.  
Discussion—Reading Paper on Temperance Discussion.  
Miscellaneous Business.  
Adjournment.

## FORM OF CREDENTIALS FOR DELEGATES TO A CONVENTION.

This is to certify that Mrs. A.....and Mrs. B.....are duly appointed by the W. C. T. U. of.....to represent said Union at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial, to be held at.....Sept.....18....

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## PLAN OF WORK.

### DEPARTMENT I.—HEREDITY AND HYGIENE.

SUPERINTENDENT,

MRS. D. V. LUCAS, 182 MOUNTAIN STREET, MONTREAL.

This Department aims to enlighten the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, concerning inheritance of the appetite for intoxicating drinks, by the circulation of books and leaflets, etc., also the study of the laws of health, including their relation to food, dress, cleanliness, exercise, ventilation and the entire physical conduct of life.

### DEPARTMENT II.—SCIENTIFIC INSTRUCTION.

SUPERINTENDENT, MRS. MORTON, 41 ST. MARK STREET, MONTREAL.

Aims to introduce such text-books in Chemistry, Physiology and Hygiene as inculcate the scientific importance of total abstinence into schools, seminaries and colleges.

### DEPARTMENT III.—SUNDAY SCHOOL AND JUVENILE WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT, MISS WEBBER, RICHMOND, P.Q.

Aims to teach temperance habits and principles from a Bible point of view, by means of exercises and lessons prepared for the Sunday School and by systematic temperance study introduced in Bands of Hope, etc., also by the offering of prizes for temperance essays and by temperance entertainments, etc.

### DEPARTMENT IV.—TEMPERANCE LITERATURE AND INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

SUPERINTENDENT, MRS. JACK, HILL SIDE, CHATEAUGUAY BASIN, P.Q.

Aims to prepare and circulate books, papers, leaflets, etc., for the general education of public sentiment, but especially for topical study in all the departments of Woman's Christian Temperance Union work, that our local meetings may be made interesting and profitable, and our members thoroughly educated in all branches of temperance reform, and to keep the press, both religious and secular, thoroughly informed concerning the movements of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, securing editorials and editorial paragraphs helpful to the education of public sentiment in favour of every department of our work.

DEPARTMENT V.—EVANGELISTIC WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES, SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, AND TO SECURE THE USE OF THE UNFERMENTED JUICE OF THE GRAPE AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

SUPERINTENDENT, MISS MARY KNOWLES, EAST FARNHAM.

Aims to increase the interest of our Societies in Bible study, especially with reference to the exposition of temperance principles, and to carry the Gospel *cure* to the drinking classes by holding evangelistic services in reading-rooms, depôts theatres, etc., also by inviting pastors to preach upon the temperance question, securing a Union temperance prayer meeting of the churches once a quarter on the regular prayer meeting night. To carry the Gospel and the temperance pledge to Railroad employees, and to organize among them Gospel and temperance clubs or Railroad Unions. To reach all soldiers and sailors with Gospel temperance, also the pledge and temperance literature through co-operation with commandants and chaplains, by correspondence, articles in papers read by soldiers and sailors, and personal visitation; also to convince all good people that the pure juice of the grape should be substituted for wine at the Lord's Table in deference to the Golden Rule and the Pauline doctrine of regard for the weaker brother. Circulation of literature and appeals to ministerial assemblies are the methods employed.

DEPARTMENT VI.—PRISONS AND POLICE STATIONS AND WORK AMONG INTEMPERATE WOMEN.

SUPERINTENDENT, MISS BARBER, 108 MANSFIELD STREET, MONTREAL.

Aims to carry Gospel Temperance to men and women in prisons, jails, and alms-houses; to co-operate in the work of Prisoners' Aid Associations; to aid in establishing Women's Reformatory prisons and Industrial Homes for the criminal class; to secure the appointment of women on Boards of Charities; and the maintenance of Matrons in all prisons and police stations where women are arrested or imprisoned. The Gospel and Police Matron work is directly related to the W.C.T.U., and carried on by personal visitation, by letter and literature. The other branches are co-operative with outside organization, and involve letters and petitions to influence legislatures and corporations. In this way philanthropic work on a grand scale may be instigated and inspired by our Societies. Also to establish, under Government patronage, and by private beneficence, Christian Temperance Homes for the drinking class among women, in two departments,—one for those who can pay for treatment, another for those who cannot. Also to circulate appropriate literature through the Post Office and by personal visitation in homes cursed by the intemperance of women.

DEPARTMENT VII.—SOCIAL.

SUPERINTENDENT, MISS DALKIN, RICHMOND TERRACE, QUEBEC.

I.—Y. W. C. T. UNIONS.

One special branch of this Department aims at the formation of Young Women's Unions, in which the young women can be trained in temperance work

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and fitted to take charge of the work among the children. It is important that a systematic course of reading should be adopted, by which the young women can be taught the scientific reasons for total abstinence.

## II.—KITCHEN GARDEN.

This work consists in teaching housework to girls by means of object lessons. By this means it is thought that the home-life of many poor families may be greatly improved, and many poor girls fitted to obtain situations as skilled servants. A fine opportunity is offered for instilling temperance principles, especially in teaching the art of cookery.

## III.—FLOWER MISSION.

This mission aims at the distribution among the sick and poor of bouquets of flowers and seeds, accompanied with temperance texts or other temperance literature. In many cases signatures to the pledge may be obtained. Whenever practicable, the members of the Y. W. C. T. U. should be interested in caring for the Kitchen Garden and the Flower Mission.

## IV.—PARLOR MEETINGS.

These are held in private houses; a special invitation to each lady having previously been given. After short devotional exercises, a paper on some special phase of temperance work may be read, or there may be a discussion on some practical temperance subject. At the close, pledges may be obtained and refreshments served. Sometimes gentlemen may be invited to come in just before serving the refreshments. The idea being to interest those who are not likely to attend public Temperance Meetings, it is necessary to make these gatherings thoroughly bright and interesting.

## DEPARTMENT VIII.—LEGISLATION AND PETITIONS.

SUPERINTENDENT, MRS. GEGGIE, 20 DENIS STREET, QUEBEC.

Aims to secure petitions to legislative bodies, systematic effort to enforce existing law, and a course of study and reading for local Unions are included under this department.

## DEPARTMENT IX.—FINANCE.

SUPERINTENDENT, MRS. J. EWING, JR., RICHMOND, P.Q.

Aims to increase the funds by voluntary contributions from Local Unions, proceeds of concerts, lectures, sales, etc., or any other legitimate means which intelligent women guided by Christian principles shall devise.

The plan of work Committee recommends the foregoing, which was used during the past year, and would also make the following recommendations:

That special attention should be called to the great importance of more earnest work amongst the young in urging scientific instruction on the evils of alcohol in the public and private schools, and also that more attention be given to the Bands of Hope already formed, so that the rising generation may be well instructed.

That the Executive take steps to petition Government that the franchise be granted to widows and spinsters who are rate-payers. Further, that every Union in the Province form a Loan Library of books on Alcohol, Temperance Work, Woman's Work, and Christian Experience, for the free use of the members, commencing such a Library with *one* book, if that is all that can be obtained, and adding others in the course of time, by purchase or donation, as may be thought best.

