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<i>President,</i>	MRS. A. O. RUTHERFORD.
<i>Vice-President,</i>	DR. AMELIA YEOMANS.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	MRS. EMMA R. ATKINSON.
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	MRS. R. W. McLACHLAN.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. TILTON.

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Mrs. Chesley, Nova Scotia.	Mrs. J. McClung, Manitoba.
	Mrs. Strong, Prince Edward Island.
Mrs. Burpee, representing Mrs. McLeod, New Brunswick.	
Mrs. Gordon Grant, representing Mrs. Alex. Lamb, British Columbia.	

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Mrs. Saunby, <i>Recording Secretary</i> , Ontario.
Miss Jennie McArthur, <i>Treasurer</i> , Ontario.
Mrs. S. P. Leet, <i>Treasurer</i> , Quebec.
Mrs. C. Matheson, <i>Recording Secretary</i> , Prince Edward Island.

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 ham, Mrs. S. J. Craig, Miss
 Mrs. Rugg, Mrs. O. C. White
 Mrs. Reade, Mrs. T. Mood
 Miss L. E. Wiggins.

British Columbia—Mrs.
 Halliday, Mrs. Gordon Grant

Manitoba—Mrs. Moore,

New Brunswick—Mrs.

Burpee, Mrs. Borden, Mrs.

Nova Scotia—Mrs. Str
 McGregor, Mrs. Longer.

Ontario—Miss Cosford,
 Seymour, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs.

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Mrs. D. Goldie, Mrs. A. C.

Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Hunter

Mrs. Kenner, Mrs. Paton, M

Mrs. W. H. Orr, Mrs. M

Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, Mrs.

Mrs. Gordon Wright, Mrs.

Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Watson,

Taylor, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs.

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Mrs. G. Cleveland, Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. Fotheringham, Mrs. S. J. Craig, Miss E. S. Faircloth, Mrs. A. Gordon, Miss Tilley, Mrs. Rugg, Mrs. O. C. Whitman, Mrs. Metcalfe, Mrs. Ure, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Reade, Mrs. T. Moodie, Miss Dougall, Mrs. E. Cole, Mrs. Bascom, Miss L. E. Wiggins.

Delegates.

British Columbia—Mrs. Schooley, Mrs. Betts, Miss Kennedy, Miss Halliday, Mrs. Gordon Grant.

Manitoba—Mrs. Moore, Miss Colby, Miss Moore, Mrs. Carcary.

New Brunswick—Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Chipman, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. Borden, Mrs. Gorbell, Mrs. Sherriff, Miss Slipp.

Nova Scotia—Mrs. Strothard, Mrs. Whiston, Mrs. Wesley Smith, Miss McGregor, Mrs. Longer.

Ontario—Miss Cosford, delegate at large, Mrs. McKee, Mrs. (Rev.) Seymour, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Binnie, Mrs. Dent, Mrs. J. Raymond, Mrs. (Rev.) Percy, Mrs. G. J. Reed, Mrs. B. O. Britton, Mrs. D. Goldie, Mrs. A. C. Campbell, Mrs. T. Bennett, Mrs. Livingstone, Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Lynd, Mrs. Maybee, Mrs. Kenner, Mrs. Paton, Mrs. C. A. Wilson, Mrs. Hilborne, Mrs. E. Starr, Mrs. W. H. Orr, Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. C. A. Douglass, Mrs. (Rev.) Wilson, Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Calvert, Mrs. (Dr.) Bice, Mrs. Gordon Wright, Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. (Rev.) C. Burdette, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Waters, Mrs. W. C. Caldwell, Mrs. A. T. Taylor, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Brophy, Mrs. (Judge) Jones, Mrs. McGillvary, Mrs. McMaster, Mrs. J. Harrison, Mrs. Hart, Miss Martin, Miss C. McEwan, Miss Phelps, Miss Polden, Miss McEwan, Miss Fisher.

Prince Edward Island—Mrs. Mathews, Miss Mathews, Mrs. (Dr.) McNeil, Mrs. Holman, Mrs. Poole.

Quebec—Mrs. S. W. Foster, delegate at large; Mrs. S. Finley, Mrs. Mabon, Mrs. Waycott, Mrs. Therrien, Mrs. J. Geggie, Mrs. J. Radford, Mrs. C. G. Jones, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Miner, Mrs. Stackhouse, Mrs. R. S. Weir, Mrs. Skinner, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Jack, Miss M. J. Wright, Miss C. Richardson, Miss Finley, Miss Belle Cairnie, Miss Isa Monk, Miss Meiklejohn.

Life Member.

J. Hale Ramsay, Montreal.

Pages.

Miss Hilda Rutherford, Miss Bessie Spence, Miss Gertie Thompson, Miss Maggie Christie, Miss Helen Fisher, Miss Iris Stewart.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

December, 1896.

1st.—At the end of the time specified by resolution of the Executive for receiving Advertisements for the Annual Reports, only two orders having been placed, and as the Reports were being printed in Montreal at the rate of 85c. per page for 500, and 95c. per page for 1000, the difference in cost being very little, the Sub-Executive unanimously decided to publish 1000.

2nd.—By vote of the Executive, the Officers of the World's Union were offered their choice of dates for the World's Convention to be held in Toronto, during the first two weeks in Oct., 1897. For reasons not given, that time was not satisfactory, and they requested to be allowed to meet either Oct. 23rd or 30th, our Dominion Convention to precede the World's. The 23rd was unanimously agreed on.

April, 1897.

1st.—It was unanimously agreed to add to the Memorial Tablet of our departed Leader, Letitia Youmans, in Willard Hall, the Temple, Chicago, the words, "The Canadian Deborah," the cost, ten dollars (\$10.00) to be taken from the balance of the Youmans' Fund.

2nd.—It was unanimously agreed to extend a cordial invitation to Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen to attend the Dominion and World's Conventions.

3rd.—With much regret, the resignation of Mrs. A. W. Strong, Montreal, Supt. of R.R. Work, was accepted, and on her recommendation Mrs. A. B. Morrison, Owen Sound, was appointed to fill the position. In Mrs. Morrison we welcome an old member of the Executive back.

4th.—In view of the fact that Toronto is entertaining both Dominion and World's Conventions, and the latter have asked for four days, inclusive of Sunday, it was decided to forego our usual time of five days, including Sunday, and take three days, from Oct. 20th to 22nd, with full Executive on the 19th.

5th.—The President and Cor. Secretary, with the President of Toronto, were appointed to prepare the programme.

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6th.—Mrs. Parker, Winnipeg, having declined to take the Superintendency of Foreign Work, Mrs. Cowan, New Edinburgh, Ont., was nominated for the position.

May, 1897.

1st.—Acting on the last clause of the "Woman's Journal" Report (page 94 Annual Report), the Convener of the Plan of Work Com. opened up correspondence with Miss Scott, having in view the purchase of the "Journal." In order to get at a correct basis to work on, Miss Scott consented to the appointment of valuers—one by herself and one by the Dominion Union, and if necessary a third to be agreed on by both. Rev. Wm. Briggs, of Toronto, was unanimously chosen by the Sub-Executive.

2nd.—An invitation to send a fraternal delegate to the meeting of the National Council of Women at Halifax, June 15th to 18th, was accepted, and the President and Cor. Secretary authorized to arrange for such.

3rd.—It was agreed to if possible elect our delegates to the World's Union on this year's affiliation fees, the Treasurer to urge on Provincial Treasurers the importance of prompt returns.

June, 1897.

1st.—Mrs. Reede, Teeswater, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Bascom and Mrs. Brownell, Toronto, were appointed as our representatives to the Council of Dominion Alliance to meet in Toronto July 14th.

2nd.—A letter having been received from the Dominion Council of the R.T. of T. proposing the formation of a National Prohibition Committee for Canada, to be composed of representatives of all the great Temperance Societies which have local branches holding regular meetings and Provincial Organization. It was proposed to invite each Provincial and Dominion Organization to send one representative to a meeting to be called as soon as possible after a majority of the bodies named endorsed the movement. It was decided to endorse the proposition by a vote of three to two.

3rd.—Mrs. Cowan, of New Edinburgh, not being able to accept the Dept. of Foreign Work, no other appointment was considered advisable so late in the year.

4th.—Owing to the impossibility of having our returns in early, Mrs. Sanderson, Treasurer of the World's W.C.T.U., kindly promised to hold her books open that we may elect delegates on this year's returns. The following method was agreed on: To ask each Provincial Executive to nominate one delegate, then when the returns are

DECISIONS BY NCE.

December, 1896.

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Members of the World's Union to be at the World's Convention to be held in Oct., 1897. For reasons stated and they requested to be invited to our Dominion Convention to be held in Oct., 1897. Unanimously agreed on.

April, 1897.

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complete, either apportion the extra ones to the Provinces having the largest membership or elect them at Dominion Convention.

August, 1897.

The Dominion Union having been invited to send a representative to the Triennial meeting of the King's Daughters and Sons, the invitation was accepted with pleasure, and Mrs. Asa Gordon, Ottawa, appointed.

September, 1897.

The President, Mrs. Rutherford, was appointed to represent the Dominion at the proposed Conference having in view the formation of a National Prohibition Committee for Canada. Also, To extend the welcome at the banquet to be tendered the World's Convention on Oct. 22nd.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Toronto W.C.T.U. Headquarters, 56 Elm Street,
October 19th, 1897.

The Sub-Committee, with Mrs. Cleveland, Québec, and Mrs. McClung, Manitoba, met at 10.30 a.m. Mrs. Atkinson opened the meeting with prayer.

The Secretary read the interim minutes of decisions by correspondence.

The Corresponding Secretary stated that Miss Johnston, of Dartmouth, N.S., had in response to the request from the National Council of Women, attended their Annual meeting at Halifax last June, and had presented greetings from the Dominion Union.

The following recommendation was moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson: That, as we find that a misunderstanding in the Provinces has prevented the receiving of a full and correct report of our membership, a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to take a census of the exact number of members, whose fees have been paid into their local Unions (including Honorary Members) up to the 20th of October, and that the said Committee consist of the Provincial Presidents and the Dominion Corresponding Secretary, and that Mr. J. Hale Ramsay be asked to hold his offer of

\$500 to the Dominion to have doubled during turns shall be ascertained.

It was agreed that the General Secretary of the Dominion Council of R. T.U. representatives to state that as the W. at 10 o'clock, October Provincial Unions to so Dominion Council of R. T.U. representatives to to adjourn until a mor

Moved by Mrs. McClung, Yeomans and Mrs. Atkinson re the Communicatorian Order of Nurses Executive.

The full Executive meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the meeting. Dr. Yeomans submitted a communication bearing on this Dominion Executive Excellency's letter re Visitation as during the coming year Unions in carrying on their members have already had

to co-operate financially not be well for the Dominion.

Mrs. Thornley seconded. The following Committee Finance—Mrs. Tilton, Credentials—Mrs. Atkinson, Courtesies—Mrs. S. W. Toronto.

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\$500 to the Dominion Union open (in case the membership is found to have doubled during the year) until such time as the correct returns shall be ascertained.

It was agreed that the Corresponding Secretary write to Mr. Land, General Secretary of the Royal Templars of Temperance, Hamilton, stating that as the World's W.C.T.U. Convention will be in session at 10 o'clock, October 23rd, the time named for the Dominion and Provincial Unions to send representatives to a meeting called by the Dominion Council of R.T. of T., it will be inconvenient for the W.C.T.U. representatives to be present, and to ask if it would be possible to adjourn until a more convenient hour.

Moved by Mrs. McClung, seconded by Mrs. Cleveland: That Dr. Yeomans and Mrs. Atkinson be a Committee to prepare a resolution re the communication from Lady Aberdeen concerning the Victorian Order of Nurses, the resolution to be submitted to the full Executive.

3 p.m.

The full Executive met. Miss Tilley opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the morning meeting of Sub-Committee were read.

Dr. Yeomans submitted the following resolution: Resolved, that a communication be sent to the Countess of Aberdeen, stating that this Dominion Executive have considered the subject matter of her Excellency's letter re Victorian Order of Nurses, and concluded that, as during the coming year there will be great financial strain on our Unions in carrying on the expected Plebiscite Campaign, and as their members have already had an opportunity individually and otherwise to co-operate financially with the promoters of said scheme, it would not be well for the Dominion Union to take any action in the matter. Mrs. Thornley seconded the resolution.

The following Committees were appointed:—

Finance—Mrs. Tilton, Miss Jennie McArthur, Mrs. Moffat.

Credentials—Mrs. Atkinson and the Provincial Presidents.

Courtesies—Mrs. S. W. Foster, Knowlton, Que., Mrs. Brownell, Toronto.

Awarding of Prize Banners—Miss Tilley, Ontario, Mrs. Rugg, Quebec, Mrs. Gordon Grant, British Columbia.

Appropriations—Miss Cosford, Ontario, Mrs. G. Cleveland, Quebec, Miss Colby, Manitoba, with Mrs. Tilton, as an advisory member.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson: That the recommendation of Mrs. Day Smith, of Hamilton, re the Queen's

Jubilee, sent to the Executive, he handed over to the Committee on Resolutions to be embodied in their report.

It was moved by Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Thornley: That if the World's Union will allow representation on fees paid up to date (which would give the Dominion Union ten delegates), that Ontario be allowed three, Quebec two, and the other five Provinces one each.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Strong: That a section in the Pavillion be set apart for seating World's W.C.T.U. delegates, and that visitors and others be introduced to convention before the closing of the morning and afternoon sessions.

It was decided that eight minutes be allowed for reading and discussion of departmental reports. Miss Tilley was named Time-keeper.

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At 9 a.m. a consecration was held, and proved a success. Many guests were present.

At 9.45 the convention opened with the singing of A. O. Rutherford.

The roll call was read by the members of the Executive.

The minutes of the previous session were read, and on motion of the Secretary, were adopted.

The minutes of the Executive were read on motion of Mrs. Gordon.

The interim minutes of the Executive were read on motion of Miss Cosford, seconded by Mrs. Gordon.

The following pages were presented: Bessie Spence, Gertie Taylor, and Miss Cosford.

A telegram from Massachusetts was read, and the former Vice-President of the Executive received with applause.

Mrs. S. W. Foster and Miss Cosford presented telegrams of greetings.

Mrs. Bigelow, Superintendent of the Department, presented her report. The report was received with applause.

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MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DOMINION W. C. T. U.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING.

The Pavilion, Toronto,

October 20th, 1897.

At 9 a.m. a consecration meeting led by Mrs. Asa Gordon, Ottawa, was held, and proved a most helpful season of blessing to those who were present.

At 9.45 the convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford.

The roll call was responded to by all the officers and twenty members of the Executive, a total of twenty-five.

The minutes of the Sub-Executive meeting held October 19th were read, and on motion of Mrs. S. W. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Donaldson, were adopted.

The minutes of the Executive meeting were also read and adopted on motion of Mrs. Gordon Wright, seconded by Mrs. E. A. Wheeler.

The interim minutes of decisions by correspondence were, on motion of Miss Cosford, seconded by Mrs. C. G. Jones, adopted.

The following pages for the Convention were introduced: Misses Bessie Spence, Gertie Thompson, Hilda Rutherford, Maggie Christie.

A telegram from Massachusetts State Union, signed by Mrs. Todd, former Vice-President of the Dominion W.C.T.U., was read and received with applause.

Mrs. S. W. Foster and Miss Lillian Phelps were named to answer telegrams of greetings.

Mrs. Bigelow, Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, presented her report. The report was received on motion of Mrs. Bigelow, seconded by Mrs. Radford.

The report of the Department of Peace and Arbitration was given verbally by the Superintendent, Mrs. G. Cleveland.

The report of the World's Missionary Work was, in the absence of Miss Bowes, Superintendent, read by Mrs. Atkinson. The report was

accepted, on motion of Miss Dougall, seconded by Mrs. Livingston. Mrs. S. J. Craig, Superintendent of the Department of Heredity and Health, read her report. On motion of Mrs. Craig, seconded by Miss Meiklejohn, the report was adopted.

The report of Exhibitions and Fairs was given by the Superintendent, Mrs. Rugg. Mrs. Rugg moved, Mrs. Whitman seconded the reception of the report.

The Purity Report (Mrs. Cunningham, Superintendent) was read by Mrs. Gordon Grant, who moved the acceptance of the report. Miss C. Richardson seconded the motion.

The Devotional Hour was given up to a Bible Reading by Mrs. Asa Gordon, the subject being 'The Woman of Samaria.'

After introduction of World's delegates from England, Australia and the United States, the Convention, on motion, adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Gordon Wright, London, Mrs. Sanderson, Quebec, and Mrs. Maxwell, Ontario, leading in prayer.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

Miss Lottie E. Wiggins, Toronto, Chairman of the Convention Committee, gave the address of welcome to the Convention.

The response to the Welcome was given by Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Winnipeg.

Dr. Yeomans took the chair, and the President, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, delivered her annual address.

Mrs. Sanderson moved, Mrs. A. Gordon seconded the motion: That a very hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the President for her interesting and practical address. Carried by a rising vote.

The report of Sailors, Fishermen and Light-House Keepers was given by the Superintendent, Mrs. O. C. Whitman. On motion of Mrs. Whitman, seconded by Mrs. Gordon Wright, the report was accepted.

Mrs. Turnbull, Honorary President of New Brunswick, was asked to take a seat on the platform.

Hon. T. D. Craig, of Port Hope, was introduced and addressed Convention.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma R. Atkinson, was presented. On motion of Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, the report was adopted.

Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, of Ann Arbor, Mich., was introduced to Convention.

Moved by Miss Lilli that a telegram of sympathy be sent to the "Y's," whose homes have been destroyed.

Moved by Mrs. C. G. that the collection be taken and sent to the "Y's." Moved by Mrs. S. W. that the collection be deferred until the next meeting. Moved by Mrs. S. W. that the collection be prepared to give.

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The amendment was adopted. Mrs. Tilton, Treasurer, moved that the motion of Mrs. Sanderson be adopted.

Alderman Hallam, of Toronto, moved that the report of Work be taken and sent to the "Y's." Moved by Mrs. S. W. that the report be taken and sent to the "Y's." Moved by Mrs. S. W. that the report be taken and sent to the "Y's."

The report of the Delegates was read by the report. Mrs. Gordon moved that the report of World's delegates from England, Australia and the United States be introduced.

On motion, Convention adjourned.

The Horticultural Exhibition was given to the audience at the public meeting. The singing of the hymn was led by Dr. Potts read part of the report.

Mrs. Rutherford introduced the large audience singing.

Dr. Mary Wood-Allen moved that the report of the Purity Department be taken and sent to the "Y's." Moved by Mrs. S. W. that the report be taken and sent to the "Y's."

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Cornet solo—Mr. Herd. Address—Methods of Work.

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Moved by Miss Lillian Phelps, seconded by Miss Jennie McArthur, that a telegram of sympathy be sent to the Windsor, Nova Scotia, "Y's," whose homes have just been devastated by fire.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. C. G. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Percy, that a collection be taken and sent to the W.C.T.U. in Windsor.—Carried

Moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster, seconded by Miss Meiklejohn, that the collection be deferred until Thursday morning so that all may be prepared to give.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. McClung seconded by Dr. Yeomans: That the collection be taken at once, and that those not prepared to give add their gifts to-morrow.

The amendment was lost and Mrs. Foster's motion carried.

Mrs. Tilton, Treasurer, presented her yearly statement, which on motion of Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Mrs. S. W. Foster, was adopted.

Alderman Hallam, of Toronto City Council, was introduced.

The report of Work in the North West Territories (Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, Superintendent) was read by Miss Tilley. On motion of Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, the report was accepted.

The report of the Department of Franchise (Mrs. Edwards, Superintendent) was read by Mrs. Atkinson, who moved the adoption of the report. Mrs. Gordon Grant seconded the motion.

World's delegates from Australia, England and the United States were introduced.

On motion, Convention adjourned.

EVENING MEETING.

The Horticultural Pavilion was crowded with an appreciative audience at the public meeting. Mrs. Rutherford presided. After the singing of the hymn, "There are lonely hearts to cherish," Rev. Dr. Potts read part of the 5th Chapter of Matthew and led in prayer.

Mrs. Rutherford introduced Miss Willard, who was received by the large audience singing "Praise God from whom all Blessings flow."

Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, Ann Arbor, Mich., National Superintendent of the Purity Department, conducted a Purity Conference. The following items constituted the Programme:—

Address—Miss Willard.

Address—The Co-operation of Mothers and Teachers in the Training of Pure Men and Women—Mrs. Ada Marean Hughes, Toronto.

Cornet solo—Mr. Herbert Plant.

Address—Methods of Treatment of Outcast Girls—By Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Winnipeg.

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dent) was read by Miss Cosford, who moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded by Miss Monk.

Miss Dougall, Superintendent of Temperance Grocery Work, reported for her Department. The report was, on motion, adopted.

The Department of Systematic Giving (Mrs. E. Cole, Superintendent) was read by Miss Jennie McArthur, who moved the adoption of the report. Mrs. Sanderson seconded the motion.

The report of the Department of Work Among Police Stations, Prisons and Jails was read by the Superintendent, Dr. Amelia Yeomans. On motion of Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. C. G. Jones, the report was adopted.

At 11.15 Mrs. Asa Gordon conducted the exercises of the devotional hour. Mrs. Gordon Grant, of British Columbia, gave a Bible reading, the subject being "The Vine." After noontide prayer Alderman Scott, Toronto, was introduced, also Mrs. (Judge) Foster, Knowlton, Que., one of the members of the Committee on Courtesies. After singing "Praise God from whom all Blessings flow," Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Middleton, Quebec, conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read and confirmed.

The report of the Department of Lord's Day Observance was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Reede. The report was, on motion, accepted.

Miss Johanshottir, Iceland, and Miss Ericson, Finland, were introduced. They briefly addressed convention.

Work among Soldiers and Militia was reported by the Superintendent, Mrs. Tilton, who moved the acceptance of the report, seconded by Mrs. Ure.

A telegram from Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, Edmonton, Alberta, was read.

The Department of the Press and "Union Signal Reporter" was presented by the Superintendent, Mrs. Ure. On motion, these reports were accepted.

Miss Slack, Honorary Secretary of the World's W.C.T.U., and Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, Vice-President of the National Union, were introduced.

The Department of Juvenile and Sunday School Work was reported by the Superintendent, Miss Tilley. Miss Tilley moved, Mrs. C. G. Jones seconded the acceptance of the report.

The Y.W.C.T.U. report (Miss McK. Scott, Superintendent) was read

by Mrs. McClung. On motion of Mrs. McClung, seconded by Miss C. Richardson, the report was accepted

Dr. Yeomans read the following amended petition re work in prisons and Police Stations :

"The petition of the W.C.T.U. of the Dominion of Canada humbly showeth, that your petitioners represent largely the womanhood of the whole Dominion of Canada; that, as mothers, wives, sisters, etc., etc., they take a deep practical and tender interest in that class of our people who, for penal and reformatory reasons, are confined in our various prisons; that the close relationship confessedly existing between drunkenness (or indulgence in intoxication drinks) and crimes, make it incumbent upon them, in the prosecution of their work, to bring all possible good influences to bear on prisoners; that this work has been done with great benefit to the unfortunate class specially interested, and has reacted for good on the community at large. Your petitioners would ask you to consider that the W.C.T.U., being a thoroughly undenominational society, is especially adapted for the doing of evangelistic work in prisons. Necessarily but one Protestant denomination can be represented by the chaplain at any institution where prisoners are confined, while the convicts are of various faiths, and really value ministrations representative of their respective churches. The W.C.T.U. has found this to be the case, and sends her members from different churches, according to the nature of the need. Your petitioners earnestly ask that you will grant to them, in view of the foregoing considerations, the greatest possible freedom of access to Dominion prisons which may be consistent with necessary rule and discipline. In making this appeal, they speak from positive knowledge, both of the wishes and needs of the prisoners themselves, and the desirability of some modification of the present law, which makes their admission or exclusion as Christian temperance workers depend entirely on the will of the local officials in each Dominion penal institution. It will be admitted that no class of humanity more greatly needs religious instruction and comfort than convicts. Our simple, motherly visits and prayer meetings have helped them so much. When deprived of them the poor captives have themselves mourned over it, and asked that they be resumed. We crave from your honorable body increased facility in prosecuting this branch of our work."

Moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Middleton, that the petition as amended be sent to the Dominion Government.—Carried.

Mrs. T. Moodie read the report of her Department, Houses of Public Entertainment and Coffee Houses. On motion of Mrs. Moodie, seconded by Mrs. Rugg, the report was adopted.

Mrs. R. Stanley Welby, Lord."

The Department of Finance was read by Mrs. Fotheringham, Mrs. Caldwell seconded. The Collection for the year amounted to \$42.57.

Mrs. Wesley Smith, Mrs. Wick, seconded the motion. Chesley, President of the N. at Windsor, for distribution.

The School Savings Institution was read by Mrs. seconded by Mrs. Stron.

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EVENING

The large Hall was closed. The meeting was Foundation." Rev. Mr. scripture, and Rev. W.

The Choir, composed

Mrs. R. Stanley Weir, Montreal, sang the solo, "O rest in the Lord."

The Department of Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission was given by Mrs. Fotheringham, who moved the acceptance of the report. Mrs. Caldwell seconded the motion.

The Collection for the Windsor, N.S., sufferers was taken up, and amounted to \$42.57.

Mrs. Wesley Smith, Nova Scotia, moved, Mrs. Burpee, New Brunswick, seconded the motion: That the collection be handed to Mrs. Chesley, President of Nova Scotia, to be given by her to the Union at Windsor, for distribution at their discretion.—Carried.

The School Savings Banks Department (Mrs. E. Cole, Superintendent) was read by Mrs. J. Mabon. On motion of Mrs. Mabon, seconded by Mrs. Strong, the report was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was read by Miss Jennie McArthur. One hundred and three delegates were reported, with twenty-nine members of Executive, and four members of Convention, a total of one hundred and thirty-six.

Moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Whitman: That the Secretary send a letter of sympathy to Miss Smith, Truro, N.S., delegate to the Dominion Union, who was thrown from her sleeper en route to Toronto, and who had on her arrival to be taken to a hospital. The motion was carried by a rising vote. It was stated that the Toronto W.C.T.U. Flower Mission had sent flowers to Miss Smith.

Miss Anna Gordon, World's Superintendent of Loyal Temperance Legions, was introduced, and pleaded for more earnest work in the Department which she represents.

Mrs. Asa Gordon, Superintendent of the Department of Evangelistic Work, presented her report. On motion, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Hicks, Colorado, Mrs. Hughes, President of the Manchester Union, England, and Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing, New York, World's Superintendent of Evangelistic Training School, were introduced.

After announcements, the Doxology was sung and Convention adjourned.

EVENING MEETING—MASSEY HALL.

The large Hall was crowded in every part. Mrs. Rutherford presided. The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "How firm a Foundation." Rev. Mr. Wallace, Rector of the Cathedral, read the scripture, and Rev. W. Patterson engaged in prayer.

The Choir, composed of three hundred and fifty voices, under the

leadership of Mr. A. T. Cringan, sang "The Temperance Battle Hymn," after which the presentation of Banners took place.

The Dominion Banner, presented by the late Mrs. Ella F. M. Williams, was awarded to New Brunswick for the greatest increase of members. The Banner was presented by Mrs. Middleton, Quebec. Mrs. Turnbull, Honorary President of New Brunswick, received it for her Province.

The Dominion "Y" Banner, presented by Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, Montreal, was awarded to the "Y's" of Nova Scotia. Miss Finley, Montreal, presented it, and Mrs. Whitman received it for Nova Scotia.

A selection by the Elm Street Methodist Church Quartette, entitled "Hear, O Father, hear our Prayer," was followed by greetings from the Toronto Methodist Young People's Union representing four thousand members.

Mr. Rechab Tandy sang the solo, "Jerusalem."

Miss Wilard was introduced and received an enthusiastic ovation. She then delivered her address, "A white life for two." After another chorus by the Choir, and selection by the Quartette, the Doxology was sung and the Rev. W. Patterson pronounced the Benediction.

EXECUTIVE.

October 22nd.

Miss Dougall opened the meeting with prayer. There were present: Dr. Yeomans, Manitoba; Mrs. Gordon Grant, B.C.; Mrs. Strong, P.E.I.; Mrs. Burpee, N.B.; Mrs. Chesley, N.S.; Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. A. Gordon, Miss McArthur, Ontario; Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. S. W. Foster and Mrs. McLachlan, Quebec.

Moved by Mrs. McClung, seconded by Mrs. McLachlan, that the President and Corresponding Secretary interview the World's Officers in reference to the presentation of the Polyglot petition to the Dominion Government.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING.

Jarvis Street Baptist Church,

October 22nd.

The Convention was called to order at 10 a.m. After singing "All hail the power of Jesus' Name" and prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

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Introductions of World's delegates and visitors included those from Spain, the United States and Canada. Among these were: Mr. C. T. Williams, Montreal, the husband of the late Dominion President; and Mrs. Therrien, Montreal, President of the first and only French Union on the Continent.

Miss Jennie McArthur called the roll of officers, Executive, Mem-
bers of Convention, and delegates, which showed 120 voters present.

Mrs. Sanderson moved, Mrs. S. W. Foster seconded the following motion (of which notice was given last year): That Article III. of the Dominion W.C.T.U. Constitution be change to read: "The Biennial Convention shall be composed of the Executive Committee, and the Provincial Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer, one delegate at large from each Auxilliary Province, and one delegate for every hundred paying members of Auxilliary Provin-
cial Unions." The motion was carried, 82 voting for and 5 against.

The following ladies were appointed Tellers: Mrs. Geggie, Miss Cosford, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. Dobson, Mrs. Pratt, Miss Monk, Miss Mathews, Miss C. Richardson.

The time for the Convention Prayer Meeting having come, it was moved by Mrs. S. W. Foster, seconded by Mrs. Maxwell: That the time be extended until the election of officers is completed. Carried.

Dr. Amelia Yeomans took the chair and offered prayer, after which the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, Toronto.

Vice-President, Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Winnipeg.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma R. Atkinson, Moncton, N.B.

The noontide hour having come, Miss Dougall led in prayer.

Election of officers was continued, and the following officers were elected:

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

Treasurer, Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa.

A petition, addressed to the several governments of the Christian nations, prepared by the World's W.C.T.U. on the subject of Peace and Arbitration, was read by the President, who stated that a request had come from the World's Sub-Executive that the petition be signed on behalf of the Dominion Union.

Mrs. Radford moved, Mrs. Maybee seconded the motion, that the petition be signed by the President and Secretary on behalf of the Dominion Union.—Carried by a standing vote.

Rev. Dr. Stone was introduced and brought greetings from the Methodist Conference.

On motion, Convention adjourned.

EXECUTIVE.

1.30 p.m.

The officers, with Mrs. Sanderson, Quebec, Mrs. McClung, Manitoba; Mrs. Strong, Prince Edward Island; Mrs. Chesley, Nova Scotia; and Mrs. Burpee, representing New Brunswick, met in the Parlors of Jarvis Street Baptist Church. Mrs. Sanderson offered prayer.

The following Superintendents of Departments were nominated:
N.W. Territories—Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, Box 44, Edmonton, Alberta.

Conference with Influential Bodies—The Sub-Executive.
Peace and Arbitration—Mrs. Geo. Cleveland, Johnville, Que.
Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall, Ont.
Heredity and Health—Mrs. S. J. Craig, Compton, Que.
Purity—Mrs. D. V. Lucas, Grimsby, Ont.
Evangelistic—Mrs. A. Gordon, 146 Daly Avenue, Ottawa.
Foreign Work—Mrs. R. J. Buchannan, 306 Carlton, Street, Winnipeg.

Exhibitions and Fairs—Mrs. (Dr.) Rugg, Stanstead, Que.
Unfermented Wine—Miss E. Cora Hind, Dundee Block, Main Street, Winnipeg.

Raftsmen and Lumbermen—Mrs. Trites, Sussex, N.B.
Legislation and Petitions—Mrs. J. Geggie, Quebec.
Equal Franchise and Christian Citizenship—Mrs. (Dr.) Edwards, 127 Metcalf Street, Ottawa Ont.

Parlor Meetings—Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, Paris, Ont.
Y.W.C.T.U.—Miss Scott, 26 Albert Street, Ottawa.
Kitchen Garden—Miss Elizabeth S. Faircloth, 59 Bleeker Street, Toronto, Ont.

Woman's Journal—Miss Scott, 26 Albert Street, Ottawa.
Sailors, Fishermen and Lighthouse Keepers—Mrs. O. C. Whitman, Canso, N.S.

Soldiers and Militia—Mrs. E. Starr, Montreal.
Narcotics—Mrs. (Dr.) Metcalfe, Thurso, Que.
Press—Mrs. Ure, 917 Dorchester Street, Montreal, Que.
Railway Employees—Mrs. Morrison, Owen Sound.
Police Stations, Prisons and Jails—Dr. Amelia Yeomans, 249 Garry Street, Winnipeg.

Lord's Day Observance—Mrs. Reede, Teeswater, Ont.
Houses of Entertainment and Coffee Houses—Mrs. T. Moodie, 185 Mance Street, Montreal.

World's W.C.T.U. Missionary Work—Miss S. Bowes, 100 Cormorant Street, Victoria, B.C.

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Systematic Giving—
Literature Depository—Mrs. A. M. Bascom, 56 Elm Street, Toronto.
Work among Young Peoples' Societies—Miss Wiggins, 29 Metcalfe
Street, Toronto.

AFTERNOON.

2.30 p.m.

The opening devotional exercises were led by Miss Dougall, Mon-
treal.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the Executive were, on motion, adopted.

Moved by Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. McClung: That a reso-
lution of sympathy be sent from this Convention to Mrs. Watson,
President of the Toronto Central "Y's," whose husband has just
died.—Carried by rising vote.

Mrs. Thornley, Convener of the Plan of Work Committee, pre-
sented her report. Moved by Mrs. Foster, seconded by Mrs. C. G.
Jones, that the Plan be read through.

Moved by Mrs. Bigelow, in amendment, seconded by Mrs. Sander-
son, that the Plan be read seriatim. The amendment was lost, and
Mrs. Thornley read the whole plan through at one reading. After-
wards the Plan was read and voted upon seriatim.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. McLachlan: That the
recommendation re "Y" Work just received be embodied in the
Plan of Work.—Carried.

After discussion, it was moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs.
Maybee, that the Plan of Work Committee's report as amended be
adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Maxwell, seconded by Mrs. W. H. Orr: That the
reports of Superintendents not read, be referred to the Executive for
adoption.—Carried.

Dr. Yeomans, Convener of the Committee on Resolutions, pre-
sented the report. By consent the resolutions were read and voted
upon seriatim.

After discussion and amendments, it was moved by Dr. Yeomans,
seconded by Mrs. Whiston: That the resolutions as amended be
adopted as a whole.—Carried.

Mrs. Foster moved: That in view of the fact that on account of

the Plebiscite, this must be a most critical year for the Dominion, the resolution making the Convention Biennial do not come into effect until after the next annual meeting, which would cause the Dominion and World's Conventions to come on alternate years." Miss Dougall seconded this motion; but a visiting delegate who was Superintendent of Parliamentary Usage in the United States, declared that this motion was unparliamentary, and it was therefore dropped.

Mrs. Foster gave notice of the following motion: I give notice that at the next Dominion Convention, I, or someone for me, will move to amend the Constitution by substituting the word "Annual wherever the word "Biennial" appears. Mrs. Foster stated that her reason for giving this notice of motion was that we would then be able to judge whether the Annual or Biennial sessions were most helpful to our organization, and that if notice was not given at this time it might be four years before it could be acted upon.

Mrs. Thornley also gave the following notice of motion: I hereby give notice of motion that I, or someone in my place, will move to amend the pledge of the Dominion Union so that it shall include the prohibition of the use of opium and other narcotic drugs.

Moved by Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Whitman: That all unfinished business be left to the Executive.—Carried.

The minutes of the Afternoon Session were read, and on motion, confirmed.

Mrs. Sanderson, on behalf of Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, Montreal, presented to the Dominion Union a handsome Banner for competition among the Provinces for Juvenile Membership. Mrs. Rutherford stated that the Banner had been won by the Province of Quebec for the greatest increase of members in Bands of Hope and Loyal Temperance Legions, and that she had much pleasure in presenting it to the President of that Province.

Mr. Rutherford, husband of the Dominion President, was introduced and addressed Convention.

The hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung, and on motion of Dr. Yeomans, the Convention adjourned sine die.

EXECUTIVE.

Jarvis Street Baptist Church,
October 26th, 1897.
9 a.m.

The Executive met, Dr. Yeomans in the chair. After singing the Doxology, Mrs. Todd, of Boston, former Vice-President of the Dominion Union, led in prayer.

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The following report of the Committee on Appropriations was Mrs. Tilton.

It was moved by Miss Dougall, seconded by Mrs. Burpee: That an additional \$50 for office help be added to the grant allowed the Superintendent of the Literature Depository, provided Mrs. Bascom retain the Superintendency.

On motion of Mrs. McClung, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, the report of the Committee on Appropriation as amended was adopted.

The report is as follows:—

"Your Committee on Appropriations deplore the fact that at present there are no funds on hand.

But we recommend that if funds be received for general purposes, that the following appropriations be made for the next two years:

1st.—That the custodian of the Literature Depository receive an allowance of \$100.00 each year with fifty dollars extra for office help provided Mrs. Bascom retains the position.

2nd.—That Superintendents of Departments receive \$5.00 each year if required.

3rd.—That the Recording Secretary be allowed \$20.00 for compiling the report.

4th.—That \$80.00 be granted for the use of the President and Corresponding Secretary each year.

The Treasurer, in reply to a question, stated that all the collections at public meetings of the Dominion Union had been handed over to the Convention Committee, who had assumed all expenses for the Dominion and World's Conventions, and that if there is a balance it will be divided equally among the World's, Dominion and Toronto District Unions.

Miss Dougall urged that an effort be made in each of the Provinces to secure Life Members for the Dominion Union.

Moved by Mrs. Rugg, seconded by Mrs. Bigelow: That a Department of Curfew Bells be created with Mrs. McKee, Barrie, Ont., as Superintendent.

Mrs. King, Annapolis, N.S., was appointed Superintendent of the Flower Mission Department, with Mrs. Fotheringham as Assistant, Mrs. Fotheringham to have charge of the Texts contributed by Invalids for the work of the Department.

Mrs. Rogers, Hopewell Hill, N.B., was appointed Superintendent of the Juvenile Department.

Mrs. W. J. Matheson, Charlottetown, P.E.I., was named as the Reporter to the "Union Signal."

Mrs. Thornley moved, Mrs. Lucas seconded the motion: That a Cairn be erected on the grounds of the Toronto Headquarters in

memory of Sir Leonard Tilley, and that the Sub-Executive prepare a circular describing a Cairn, and urging, through the Provincial Unions, that each Local Union send a stone for the Cairn.

Mrs. H. B. Todd, Boston, a former Vice-President of the Dominion Union, addressed the Executive, expressing her joy in again meeting her old co-workers.

Moved by Mrs. McClung, seconded by Mrs. Craig: That Miss Willard be requested to ask Mrs. Carse to explain the working of Baby Bands.

Mrs. Tilton stated that the World's and Dominion Executives had agreed to present a souvenir to the members of the Convention Committee. By consent, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. McClung, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Wheeler were named a Committee to confer with the World's W.C.T.U. Committee re the souvenir.

EXECUTIVE.

The Pavilion,
Oct. 27th, 2 p.m.

Mrs. Rutherford presided. Mrs. Chesley led in prayer. There were twenty-five members present. The minutes of the last Executive meeting were adopted, on motion of Mrs. Wheeler, seconded by Dr. Yeomans.

Mrs. Cunningham was appointed Superintendent of Schools Savings-Banks.

Mrs. Alison Sectt, Ottawa, was re-elected Auditor.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Gordon: That Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Bascom, Miss Tilley, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Hudson be the Literature Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Dr. Yeomans: That 500 copies of the Report be printed, but if sufficient advertisements can be secured to pay the additional cost, 1000 be published. The printing to be done by John Dougall & Son, Montreal, according to tender received.

Moved by Miss Dougall, seconded by Mrs. Geggie: That in view of the expected plebescite during the coming year, we feel that a backward step has been taken by the Dominion Union in the vote which decided that the Union should meet Biennially, and that the Executive Committee be empowered to call a special meeting of the Union next year, if circumstances seem to demand it.

Mrs. Bascom gave a verbal report of the Literature Depository, which was received with satisfaction.

The President suggested that Provincial Unions adopt the plan

used in Ontario in sending literature suitable for beginning

The Corresponding Secretary sent three large photographs of Queen, which had been taken in Somerset.

Moved by Mrs. Grant "Woman's Journal" Convention and Provincial President. On motion, the Comm

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used in Ontario in sending each new Local Union a packet of literature suitable for beginners in the work.

The Corresponding Secretary was requested to acknowledge the three large photographs of the Polyglot Petition as presented to the Queen, which had been sent to the Dominion Union by Lady Henry Somerset.

Moved by Mrs. Grant, seconded by Mrs. Cleveland: That the "Woman's Journal" Committee, consisting of the Sub-Executive and Provincial Presidents have full power to act.

On motion, the Committee adjourned.

ELIZABETH WEIR McLACHLAN,
Recording Secretary.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

MRS. A. O. RUTHERFORD, Toronto.

Comrades Beloved;—My heart rejoices to-day to see so grand a gathering on this the first day of our Convention, and from the general feeling of interest manifested in this great and the other great Convention which follows it, I am inclined to think that we shall be favored with yet larger audiences at our sessions.

We all understand that for the past year there has been very little else talked of among our White Ribbon sisters but Convention.

Toronto has been truly named the Convention City, and it has been fully demonstrated during the year that it is such, and that it may be justly proud of the name. With the first great Convention in July, that of the International Epworth League, then following it the big Associated Charities and Correction Convention; then in August the British Science Association; now comes our own Dominion W.C.T.U. Convention, but greatest of all, and that for which we have worked hardest and prayed most is the great World's W.C.T.U. Convention which will convene in our city this week. As hostess of the greatest Convention, the Dominion W.C.T.U. feels deeply grateful to the Convention Committee, which is composed of members from the District Union, who have worked so incessantly, so earnestly and so faithfully in carrying out the plans and helping it to what we feel safe now in predicting a grand success. This Committee stood in the place of the Dominion Union in doing the hard work of the Convention, and before our Sessions close I will esteem it a

pleasure to present to you this army of faithful ones who have been doing the hardest and have yet to do the hardest work for us in entertaining the world's W.C.T.U.

We have to thank the press for their generosity in giving these Conventions so much space, and so much careful attention, and it has not been a matter of space for days alone, but for months past they have cheerfully given all the space desired. Of our own city papers we need not particularize, for they have vied with each other who should do most valiantly for us. Outside of the city special mention may be made of the "Templar," of Hamilton, they having given us column after column in their weekly, and having devoted one whole number of the "Templar Quarterly" to the W.C.T.U. Conventions. The "Montreal Witness" also deserves special mention. All these agencies we believe, with God's blessing, helped in making these Conventions what we see and anticipate to-day.

I am not going to make any apology for brevity in an address this year. The woman whom we all love so well in our White Ribbon Army—God's honored Captain of the Great Host—Frances E. Willard, will deliver an address. No doubt that will more than cover any ground which I might mention to-day; and believing she will do it in a much more interesting way than I can, I will content myself with mentioning a few facts in our work during the past year which are of most interest to our Canadian workers.

The Corresponding Secretary's report this year is encouraging. Last year we were obliged to report a decrease in membership. We could hardly credit that the numbers were less, and you will pardon me if I hint a little carelessness on the part of Unions in reporting membership. We have made up our minds that such will never occur again in Canada. We are going to make bigger efforts than we have ever done along the line of increasing our membership crusade in down right earnest.

Our Honorary Life Member, Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, very generously offered to donate \$500.00 should we double our membership during this year in Canada; and while this was a great incentive to work for increased membership, it was not, and is not, the only consideration in getting our sisters into the White Ribbon ranks. But it means for every new name one more pledged mother or sister or daughter—one more total abstainer and one more consecrated heart to work for the putting away of the drink curse, and the uplifting and purifying of humanity generally.

Although not in a position to give just the exact number of the year's increase, I fear we cannot claim the \$500.00 unless the kind

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I am sorry that our noble and self-sacrificing worker and organizer
in the North-West Territories—I refer to Mrs. McDonald—cannot
be with us. For the past two years she has hoped and planned to
be with us, and what a sacrifice it is to her that at the last moment
circumstances were such that she could not come. Her report is
here, and it tells of her work in that distant part of our fair Do-
minion. We had hoped by this time to have added another Provin-
cial Union to our list, but the sparseness of population and the great
distances are barriers hard to clear away, and the time seems not
yet for all our hopes from that great North West land to be realized.
I trust you will remember Mrs. McDonald at the Throne of Grace.

The Literature Depository under the supervision of Mrs. Bascōm
has done a wonderful amount of work, and is growing constantly ;
and if our good sisters would only put themselves in the position
of knowing all the helps there are in that department for W.C.T.U.
workers, trade would increase rapidly in the department, and we
would have more efficient workers in the field. Every Department
of our work can find suitable helps and literature for general dis-
tribution.

It is a matter of regret that through the illness of her dear
mother and our sister, that Miss Scott is not with us this year to
tell of the "Woman's Journal" and its prospects, and just here let
me say that with our membership of at least 10,000, we know it to be
a fact that there are only about 3000 subscribers to the "Journal."
Now, there is not much encouragement to the Editor in her financial
risk, and it is not quite fair to ourselves as workers. If we are to
accomplish the work we profess we want to we have no other medium
through which we can in a general way receive our instructions and
hear the wishes of the officials than through our official organ. It
ought to be that "no woman should be eligible to office as a White
Ribboner who does not buy a copy of the Annual Report for the pre-
ceding year and subscribe for the "Woman's Journal," our national
organ.

What have we gained in legislation during the year? Not much,
because not much was urged. We had hoped twelve months ago
that at this Convention we could have reported a plebiscite vote by
the Dominion; but hope has been deferred—it is not yet. When it
will be we cannot promise. In anticipation of the plebiscite little
was asked for from the Provinces.

In Ontario, at the last session, the legislature, on the strength of
the plebiscite majority, were asked for great things in the way of res-

all the mothers in our land, the rich as well as the poor, to realize what it means. And I wonder if any inducement could be brought to bear on our medical friends to make them more careful in prescribing liquor to patients? It has pained me to hear how liquor is literally poured down the throats of patients in our hospitals. Surely in this day, when science has taught us that so much is not necessary, physicians should not be the most flagrant violators.

I would urge that our Juvenile Work be more thoroughly organized. We must be training up children to take our places. As in the Loyal Temperance Legion provision is made for representation at the National Convention, I think it could be planned that our Band of Hope could have representation in the W.C.T.U. in Canada.

Just a word in closing. During the year I have visited 11 places outside of the city, have addressed or presided as Dominion President at 67 meetings, and add to this 50 meetings which I have addressed in Toronto, makes 117 meetings during the year just closed; and in my coming and going I have met myself with this query time and time again: "What do our workers need most as an inspiration in the White Ribbon ranks?" and it has come to me so forcefully that what is wanted most is to get our women to accept and understand their individual responsibility in the great cause in which we are working, that each will seek out the niche in which she feels by God's blessing she will accomplish the most, and go to work earnestly and prayerfully for greater successes, and the coming of the glad day when all round the world the White Ribbon will be the signal that humanity's arch enemy is slain and the era of peace, purity and sobriety is ushered in.

"Let us do our duty, and pray that we may do our duty here, now, to-day; not in dreamy sweetness, but in active energy; not in the green oasis of the future, but in the dusty desert of the present; not in the imaginations of elsewhere, but in the realities of now."

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The reports of work done in the various Provinces of the Dominion show a marked improvement and advance in almost every particular, while from many of the Provincial Secretaries comes the cheering words, "the best year in our history." Your Secretary has tried to get in touch with the work and workers, and with this end in view has written quarterly to every Union in the North-West Terri-

ories, hoping the letters would be helpful in bringing the Dominion work very definitely before them, and cause them to forget if possible their isolation from other Unions which must be such a drawback to their work. So far as I know, all your instructions, as well as those of the Sub-Executive, have been carried out. Miss Tillev's place I find not easy to fill; but the One who allowed my appointment to the office has carried its burden and borne its responsibilities, so that what I undertook in fear and trembling has really been a wonderful blessing to me.

With the President's permission, the list of questions heretofore sent to Provincial Unions was revised and increased, but as it was done the same day on which the permission was received, there is still room for improvement. The reports given by the Provincial Secretaries are as follows:—

MANITOBA.

Besides the 24 departments carried on, much has been done in Post-Office work and medal contests. Rev. E. O. Taylor has also lectured throughout the Province. The work and standing of the W.C.T.U. is excellent, but it requires constant fostering, and they are planning to divide the Province into Districts so that all Unions may be reached by some of the prominent workers more frequently. It is hoped that this will strengthen the cause greatly. The greatest encouragement has been found in the Juvenile Department and Medal Contests. Increase in affiliated membership, 189.

QUEBEC.

39 Departments carried on, and this the 14th year of the Quebec Provincial Union has been the best in its history. The increase of W.C.T.U.'s and L.T.L.'s has been very encouraging. The Corresponding Secretary writes: The attitude of the press towards our organization, has altogether changed. With the exception of the Montreal "Witness" none of the papers would publish items about our work without pay. At the last Provincial Convention five papers were represented by their reporters. The work among the young has also been of special interest and encouragement. The devotional meetings at Provincial and County Conventions have been blessed seasons, and many testify to the quickening of the spiritual life there received. We thank God for earnest spiritually-minded members of our W.C.T.U. whom GOD has blessed in efforts to lift Christian women to a higher, holier life." Increase in affiliated membership, 191.

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NEW BRUNSWICK.

The report of this Province is of only seven months' work, and as a New Brunswicker, I ask all to bear this in mind. Last year, owing to so many Societies meeting in the autumn, it was almost impossible to find a time for our Provincial Convention, so we found it necessary to meet in June instead. But the work is most encouraging, and the W.C.T.U.'s position in this Province is well established, and it is recognized as a power by both friend and foe. 23 departments of work are carried on. It is expected that Rev. E. O. Taylor's lectures will be of great benefit to this Province as well as to the others which he has visited. This is the only Province reported as taking up Youmans' Band Work to any extent, 88 such members being reported. Of other work not embraced in the departments, the Little Girl's Home, instituted and maintained by the St. John Union should be mentioned. Increase in affiliated membership, 236.

ONTARIO.

The only remarks made by the Secretary in this Province is that the Ontario Union has just completed the most successful year's work ever recorded, denoting an increase on all lines, and the reports, both statistical and otherwise, bear out her statement. The only work of which I have learned not belonging to any particular Department is the Girl's Shelter in Toronto in connection with the Headquarters, 56 Elm Street. 30 Departments of work engage the earnest attention of this Provincial Union. Increase in affiliated members, 797.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Owing to the efforts of Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, the well-known Evangelists, many of the Unions in this Province report a good increase in membership, several doubling their number. The work, therefore, has a great impetus in some places and along certain lines. Others have just worked along as usual. The Departments of Mothers' Meetings and work among sailors and in the jails are spoken of as being especially encouraging. 89 members reported as a result of the Crusade, Windsor "Y" leading with 25 Active, 7 Honorary and 1 Life Member.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A highly successful Provincial Convention, with more delegates than usual present, has just been held. In Vancouver the Union has

spent much money and time in maintaining a Home—unfortunately named by them a Y.W.C.A., which name of course belongs to another organization—and that organization now wants to take the home over. The New Westminster Union owns and maintains a Woman's Hospital, which has done and is doing grand work. The Provincial Government last year granted \$200, and this year increased it to \$500. \$1000 was received from patients during 15 months. There is also a Provincial Refuge Home located in Victoria. Three properties belonging to this have been bought and paid for, and efforts are being made to raise a fund for the erection of a Home in a better locality.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

18 Departments of work are carried on by this Province. Special work not embraced in list of questions has been Medal Contests and Rev. E. O. Taylor's Lectures. They consider the latter have been of great benefit because of the scientific way in which the subject of temperance is handled. They have, however, found the greatest encouragement in Mothers' Meetings. The increase in affiliated membership for the year has been 61. The W.C.T.U. in Prince Edward Island is overcoming to a great extent the prejudice existing against it, and is gaining members and friends from unexpected quarters.

Receipts of Local Unions.	139
Members Lost by Death.	4
No. Depts. Worked.	24
Members Having Right to Vote.	1
Conventions held.	1
Day of Prayer.	1
Kept Crusade Day.	1
Literature Distributed.	6000 and over
Pledges Obtained.	191
Annual Income.	9
Meetings held.	9
Woman Members.	315
Membership.	315
Hands of Hope.	9
Unions died.	8
Unions organized During year.	6
Honorary Membership.	20
Active Membership.	579
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Adding the 62 Unions organized this year to the 404 reported last year, and deducting the nine reported as having ceased to exist, should leave us with 459 societies, but instead of this, we find only 450 reported. The fact that 31 were organized in Ontario, while the actual increase of Unions in that Province was only 15, probably explains the mystery somewhat. Those who have followed this report closely will notice that only four questions were answered by every Province, namely, number of Unions, Membership, Conventions held and Members lost by death. The desirability of a little more carefulness on this point as well as of having a uniform schedule of questions will be seen at once. The total increase of Unions is 41; increase in membership, 1510. Adding the members of local Unions—Honorary, boys and girls of the L.T.L.'s, and the Members, we have 21,314 in the various branches of our organization. The increase in the number of pages of literature distributed is grand, nearly doubling previous report. Ontario alone distributed almost as much as was recorded last year by the whole Dominion.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA R. ATKINSON.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

DOMINION W.C.T.U. CONVENTION, TORONTO, 1897.

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Oct. 20.

By Collection—Perition

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Paid Mrs. Chesley, N.S., for the Windsor, N.S.,
W.C.T.U. \$49.57

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“ “ —Windsor W.C.T.U., N.S.....	42 57
	\$96 77
Required to meet expenses..	120 62

EXPENDITURE.

Paid Mrs. Chesley, N.S., for the Windsor, N.S., W.C.T.U.....	\$42 57
Paid Treasurer “Convention Committee” towards Expenses Conventions.....	49 20
Treasurer Convention, Special Collection for Purity Work.....	5 00
	\$ 96 77
Officers' Travelling Expenses— Vice-President-at-Large.....	\$36 95
Corresponding Secretary.....	29 50
Recording “.....	12 90
Treasurer.....	10 00
	\$ 89 35
Printing and Telegrams— R. G. McLean, Toronto: 1,000 Conven- tion Programmes.....	\$12 50
A. Kent & Sons, Toronto: 450 Badges..	18 00
Telegrams.....	77
	\$217 39

TORONTO, Oct. 22nd, 1897.

ROBERTA E. TILTON, *Convener Finance Committee.*

TEMPERANCE UNION

November 1st., 1896,

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Treasurer, D.W.C.T.U.
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IN ACCOUNT WITH ROBERTA E. TILTON, TREASURER.

to October 1st, 1897.

EXPENDITURE.		
To Affiliation W.C.T.U., 1896		\$84 49
Balance due on Convention Expenses, 1896		73 93
Custodian of D.W.C.T.U. Literature		100 00
<i>Printing</i> —		
Charles Miller, Toronto, Printing Stationery	\$6 00	
John Dougall & Son, 1000 copies Report	137 18	
John T. Hawke, Moncton, 375 P. Cards	4 75	
Robt. G. McLean, Toronto, 1,000 Letter and Note Pads	5 50	
John Dougall & Sons, Wrappers and Mailing Reports	5 59	
Express paid on Reports to Toronto	2 80	
	<u>161 82</u>	
<i>Officers' Expenses</i> —		
President, Postage and Clerical Help	8 18	
Corresponding Secretary, Postage	3 85	
Recording "	4 25	
Treasurer, Money Orders	5 57	
	<u>21 85</u>	
<i>Appropriations by Order of Convention</i> —		
President	40 00	
Corresponding Secretary	40 00	
Recording " compiling Report	20 00	
	<u>100 00</u>	
<i>Superintendents</i> —		
Evangelistic Department, 1896	3 20	
" " 1897	4 96	
Narcotic Department, 1896	2 00	
" " 1897	2 97	
Scientific Instruction, 1896	67	
Schools Saving Bank	5 00	
Systematic Giving	4 44	
Y. P. Associations	1 50	
Heredity and Hygiene	5 00	
Soldiers and militia	1 10	
	<u>30 84</u>	
Ontario W.C.T.U., third payment on Literature Stock		100 00
<i>Missionary Work</i> —		
Treasurer World's W.C.T.U.	86 24	
Woman's Journal, N.W.T.	6 00	
	<u>92 24</u>	
<i>Memorial Fund</i> —		
Engraving the words "The Canadian Deborah" on Mrs. Youman's Tablet in "The Temple," Chicago		10 00
<i>Woman's Journal</i> —		
Editress Woman's Journal on account "Souvenir Debt Fund"	134 10	
Advertising Directory, W.C.T.U.	13 36	
	<u>147 46</u>	
Returned to Superintendent N.W.T.		90
Collections on Draft		721 33
		<u>\$1,645 26</u>

RECAPITULATION.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Balance.
General Fund	\$ 929 96		
Missionary	306 79	686 69	243 27
Memorial	261 51	92 24	214 55
Woman's Journal	134 10	10 00	251 51
Convention Expenses	12 00	134 10	12 00
Supt. N.W.T.	90	90	
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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

The reports from the Unions are favourable and hopeful. All the lines of work engaging their attention last year are still carried on, and the work is extending by the taking up of other branches. The more familiar the members become with the aims and objects of W.C.T.U. work, the greater their interest; and while I am compelled to state there are many members of the "do-nothing" class, there are also many noble examples of the "do-everything" order.

The passage of the ordinance by the North-West Assembly prohibiting the sale of narcotics to minors was the direct result of the combined efforts of the members of the W.C.T.U. throughout the Territories.

In Edmonton we have obtained the Curfew Bell, which is doing good work, and for which we have received many flattering commendations. We have also secured the privilege of female attendance upon women prisoners and lunatics, wherever justice is administered in the North-West.

We are now agitating for the appointing of a woman as part of the escort conveying female lunatics to the Brandon or other Asylums.

The distribution of temperance literature is well looked after. One Union (Mocsomin) has fifteen boxes for the purpose, which are kept supplied, and I have distributed some thousands of pages during the past year in the Edmonton district.

The granting of liquor licenses and the establishing of saloons are combated wherever possible; but the liquor element is a powerful foe, and until Legislature lays its strong hand upon the manufacture and sale and importation of intoxicating liquors, the desired end will not be obtained.

Bands of Hope and Loyal Temperance Legions are enlisting the children in the crusade against drunkenness. In some cases (Edmonton and Calgary) this work was handed over to the Templars; but as nothing has been done in the case of Edmonton, we are taking steps to assume control again, and carry on the work as before.

The Press of the North-West in general is favorable to the Temperance reform, in some cases more pronounced than others, and when aided by the Town Councils, becomes a strong ally in the cause.

I have organized a new Union in South Edmonton, with nine members, and good prospects of a large addition to their numbers. This will be known as "Victoria" Union.

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that our number for the Territories this year is 142, against 120 last year.

The same obstacles and difficulties of other years still lie in our path, namely, the isolation of the Unions, the length of time required for communicataions, and the lack of opportunities for holding intercourse depriving the Unions of the benefit of an interchange of ideas that would be helpful and suggestive ; also the smallness of the towns, and limited fields of labor, the apathy and indifference of many to whom the carrying out of the principles of W.C.T.U. work would be an inestimable blessing in their families. These are hindrances hard to be overcome. But the work will go on, and we hope the Conventions will give such an impulse to the whole organization as will be felt by the most remote Unions, and with God's blessing, greater results will crown our efforts for another year.

For God, and home and every land.

C. A. R. McDONALD.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

The summary of the work done in this Department, as received from the Provincial Superintendents, shows that there has been a decidedly increased activity, and a more persistently aggressive purpose manifest. The "always at it spirit" and the "whatever way you can" determination seems to have pervaded and permeated the atmosphere in which our workers have lived and moved, and in consequence there has been a more general and practical recognition and application of W.C.T.U. theories of preventive education than in any preceding year since this work began in Canada.

Ontario.—In this Province the Department has received the strength and impetus to be derived from 196 of Rev. E. O. Taylor's wonderful addresses, presenting to and compelling people's attention to the revelations of science regarding the use of alcohol and other narcotics by the human family. The Superintendent's circular outlined a plan by which local Unions were to supply teachers monthly with a set of leaflets on the subject of study assigned to the month, thereby furnishing the material for the familiar conversations which constitute the oral teaching given to the junior classes.

Quebec.—Miss McCallum says: "The year's effort has been directed towards interesting, arousing and enlisting the teachers. A thousand printed postal cards containing argument and appeal,

forceful and pertinent were addressed to the teachers. Local Unions were asked to provide leaflets according to the same plan used by Ontario County and Local Superintendents, and appear to have been very faithful in the discharge of their respective duties. We are assured by the Secretary that in the Roman Catholic School system hygiene is a subject for all Model Schools and Academy grades, and is taught from books approved by the Roman Catholic Committee."

Nova Scotia.—Mrs. Powers gives us an account of the usual work on the customary lines, but records one item which we repeat here because of its suggestive character. The need that prompted this action is felt in every Province: "The Provincial W.C.T.U. resolved to memorialize the Council of Public Instruction to have a separate examination prepared on Temperance."

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. McLeod gives an encouraging account of the efforts put forth under her supervision. We note this: "All the Unions have Local Superintendents." And in any community that has no Union some interested person is secured to look after this work. We commend this plan to meet the needs of every corner, everywhere.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Philips received very satisfactory replies to her pertinent comprehensive question as to whether the provisions of the law were being fully carried out in the schools in each locality, and gives as one reason for the very encouraging condition of affairs in her Province that the Chief Superintendent of Education urges the importance of Scientific Temperance Instruction constantly upon his Inspectors and teachers. It is well with the people when the righteous are in authority.

British Columbia.—Mrs. McDiarmid reports energetic earnest and effective effort in the larger places, and in fact wherever Unions could manage to take hold of it; but they are yet striving after a Provincial Compulsory Law, and in the meantime are grateful to the local authorities that make Scientific Temperance Instruction imperative in the schools of Victoria, New Westminster and some other places.

Manitoba.—Mrs. McClung tells us that as a rule they find their teachers good temperance workers, ready to co-operate cordially with W.C.T.U. Superintendents, and this fact gives a comfortable assurance that progress is being made and ultimate victory assured.

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All the Provinces tell us of schools visited, teachers interested, associations addressed, medical men and ministers enlisted, literature distributed, etc., and as the outcome, not only of this year, but all the years of such agitation and education we believe the time draws near when the men and women of Canada shall be ready to give an intelligent reason why they should be total abstainers from, and why the traffic in strong drink should be prohibited.

Meantime, we will "thank God and take courage," seeking from day to day in humble dependence upon Infinite Wisdom to evolve better methods for the speedier attainment of our hopes.

C. B. BIGELOW.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HEREDITY.

British Columbia.—Mrs. Halliday, Superintendent. Six Unions responded to the Superintendent's circular letter, five of which are taking up the work. Original papers and readings, followed by discussion in the Union meetings are the favorite methods used, also addresses and discussions at open meetings of the W.C.T.U. The magazines, "Life and Health" and "The New Crusade" taken. At the Provincial Convention, held this fall, it was decided to memorialize the physicians throughout the Province re the effects of alco-

hol and opium on the human system, asking them where possible to use a substitute for the same.

North-West Territories.—As this is our home mission field, the Dominion Superintendent sent Mrs. McDonald, Superintendent of the Territories, circular letters, literature and question blanks for all the Local Unions, which she kindly sent out. Three Unions reported, although these are not all that are interested in this important theme judging from letters of enquiry received from various sections.

Manitoba.—Mrs. McClung, Superintendent. Seven Unions are taking up the subjects, and active work is being carried on, chiefly through Mothers' Meetings, the distribution of literature, etc. Indeed, what may we not expect from a Province which has had as Superintendents of this Department two of their Provincial Presidents, Dr. Amelia Yeomans and Mrs. McClung.

New Brunswick.—Dr. Anna L. Brown, Superintendent. We regret very much that no report has been received from this Province.

Nova Scotia.—As this fair Province down by the sea is the only one having no Superintendent of this Department, a third appeal was sent to the Provincial Executive just before their full Convention. The President, Mrs. Chesley, replied that the letter would be submitted to the Executive, and she would try before that time to find someone willing to take the Department. The Department is taken up by some of the Local Unions, which have communicated directly with the Dominion Superintendent.

Prince Edward Island. Mrs. W. A. Brennan, Superintendent, reports three Unions as actively engaged in the work, and the subject is brought before many outside our ranks. Several copies of the "Health Culture" quarterly are taken by these Unions, also "Good Health" and "The New Crusade." One Union arranged for monthly meetings in this Department, with original papers and symposiums on the different branches, while another mentions two books, "Transmission" and "Parents' Guide" as being a power for good, and sought for by women not belonging to the Union. At the Island Convention last June the Superintendent read an article on "How Women can help stop the Drink Curse," showing what hygienic conditions in the home may accomplish.

Ontario. Miss Edith Hyder Murray, Superintendent, tells of much good work done. A leaflet on "Physical Culture" was sent out, several letters published in the "Woman's Journal," and the Local Union at London addressed by the Provincial Superintendent. There are 42 organized Counties in Ontario, 13 have County Superintendents and 7 Counties have reported; but it is thought work has been done in all. In some Unions the public school teachers and doctors

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Quebec.—Mrs. Craig, Superintendent, gives the following statistics: Number of Unions taking up the Department of Health and Heredity, 43; number of County Superintendents, 7; number of Township Superintendents, 1; number of Local Superintendents, 32; Counties having memorialized the Physicians, 6; letters and post cards written by the Provincial Superintendent, 82; circular letters sent out, 104; pages of literature distributed by the Superintendent, 2800. Aside from this, hundreds of pages of literature have been distributed by the Local Unions and several copies of "Good Health," "Life and Health" and "The New Crusade" taken. A large number of sermons, talks, papers, addresses and lectures have been given throughout the Province. Last spring I hoped to have ready for publication a "Symposium on Heredity," from the pen of different Canadian workers in this Department, but owing to the unavoidable delay with the last two headings, it has not yet appeared, although we expect it will in the near future. During the year I have sent out circular letters to all the Provincial Superintendents and Local Unions in the North-West Territories, also several Dominion Reports; have written 70 letters and post-cards in the interests of the work, and circulated 2086 pages of literature.

May the time soon come when every Union will devote thirty minutes, at least, once in three months to this great subject which concerns humanity at large, as well as their descendants.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA G. CRAIG.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PURITY.

As this work touches the mainspring of all family and social life, it commends itself in a superlative degree to all W.C.T.U. women and our Local Unions generally feel inclined to undertake it in some of its many and diversified methods.

The Provincial Superintendents seem to understand the importance of the work, and how it may best be accomplished. One lack is still evident which proves perplexing when the Provincial reports are asked for—that is, the arrangement of the Departments so similar in design, to correspond with each other in both Dominion and Provincial Unions. For example, Manitoba sends word that their

purity report has been sent with that of Health and Heredity to the Dominion Superintendent of the latter Department, and Nova Scotia Union sent their purity report to the Dominion Superintendent of Mothers' Meetings.

Prince Edward Island.—Combines Purity and Mothers' Meetings, but has made Purity in Art and Literature, a separate Department, from which no report, however, has been received. Mrs. Holman, of Summerside, says that in Prince Edward Island Purity Work is coming more and more to the front among the Unions. One consecrated Superintendent got the names of about twenty-five young men belonging to quite respectable families, and went to the Mothers of these lads (as many as she could reach) and to all the clergymen, and asked them to talk to the boys on the subject of purity. They all promised to do so. Mrs. Holman highly recommends Dr. Wood-Allen's books, "Almost a Man" and "Almost a Woman;" also "The New Crusade," published monthly by the Wood-Allen Publishing Co., at fifty cents per year.

New Brunswick.—Combines Gospel Purity and Mothers' Meetings, but has not taken up "Purity in Art and Literature." Mrs. Hartley, of St. John West, writes: "Ten of our Unions hold Mothers' Meetings regularly, and in these meetings Purity is freely discussed and much literature distributed. Prison work is carried on by a number of our Unions, and copies of purity leaflets and "White Cross Series" are freely distributed in these places. Some of the Unions are trying to get the ministers of the Churches to preach on the subject of Purity in the homes and the responsibility of parents in the training of their children for pure lives."

Quebec Union.—Miss E. G. Barber, Superintendent. Good work has been done in Sunday Schools, Day Schools and Bands of Hope on Purity lines. Mothers are realizing their responsibility as to the home training of their children and the imparting of sought-for information on these subjects from pure and loving mothers' lips before the child has heard it elsewhere. The Local Unions in their regular meetings discuss the subject of Purity, distribute literature, and do a good deal of individual work. The "Y's" are also taking up this Department, preparing papers for their meetings, and reading extracts from Mrs. Kellogg's book, "A Talk with Girls." They propose holding Mothers' Meetings, and Miss Barber expresses the wish that throughout the Dominion the "Y" Union would throw their life and energy into the work of Purity. Interesting talks on Purity have been given by Miss Phelps. The leaflet, "The Teachers' Opportunity," has been freely distributed, and others sent by mail to mothers.

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The Temperance Bible Woman of Montreal has made sixty-four visits to immoral houses. Girls rescued from these houses have been sent home to their friends in the city, in Ontario, in the States, one at a cost of \$29.00. One of the worst haunts of iniquity in the city, frequented by colored men and white women, has been broken up. Some of the girls found there were well connected, yet fallen so low! A girl of fifteen has lately been rescued from her own father, who threatened to kill her and her mother if thwarted in his wickedness. This man (or devil) got six months in jail as punishment of his crime, and at the same time a young man was sent to the penitentiary for either three or four years for "stealing some iron." Such are our laws!

A large number of maternity cases have had to be cared for during the year. Many of them were children, some of them from good families, daughters of ministers and Christian workers, and the Superintendent longs to send out a cry that will reach every mother in the Dominion, praying her to guard well her girls from the evils of the day.

Ontario.—The Department of Purity in the Ontario Provincial Union is being well worked by Mrs. D. V. Lucas, of Grimsby. During the year she has sent out 350 copies of a circular headed "An Emergency!" to the Local Unions, and 210 circulars calling for reports of special lines of work designated by question forms. She has also written 168 letters and 55 post-cards, and sent five petitions in the interests of Purity. The Local Unions of Ontario have sent sixty letters and sixty resolutions to members of Parliament.

Twenty-five Unions have discussed the subject in their meetings, also at one County Convention and two Schools of Methods. Three sermons have been preached, two addresses have been given at Young Peoples' gatherings, and one address to men only. 2335 pages of Purity literature has been circulated. This not a full report, but as much as could be obtained from Local and County Unions. The Ontario Union has fallen into line with the Dominion Plan, and is working all its Departments in uniformity thereto. It has evidently devoted much effort to securing amendments to the penal code, and has done what it could to support reform measures in the Dominion Parliament by sending letters to Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. John Charlton and Provincial M.P.'s at Ottawa re (1) Age of Protection, (2) Lotteries, (3) Race Gambling and (4) Kinetoscope Exhibitions. British Columbia Union joined Ontario in this petition work, and doubtless other Unions did likewise. Owing to some hindering cause, both Sir Oliver Mowat's and Mr. Charlton's Purity Bills failed to receive the final stages and to become law; but the cause has

been advanced, and Mr. Charlton says a change of sentiment in the right direction has taken place in the minds of the members. A good many of the Ontario Unions are striving to suppress prohibited papers, as "Hearth and Home," "The Home," "Chicago Blade" and "Detroit Sunday Sun." Mrs. Lucas has written to the Postmaster General, and he replied that if the postmasters carry out the instructions given them, there can be no trouble about the matter, so she thinks we must conclude the difficulty lies with the postmasters, and to them we must look for assistance. If we could convert them to our way of thinking, all would be well ; but in the event of obtaining reliable information and convicting evidence the penalty attached to a violation of the law is two years' imprisonment.

British Columbia Union.—Still maintains its "Refuge Home" for Fallen Women. During the year fourteen inmates have entered the Home and received from the Matron and the Committee ministrations of love, which have applied to both Spiritual and physical needs. Five of these girls have again taken situations, four have returned to their homes or gone to friends, and one turned a deaf ear to all entreaty and went back to a sinful life. Eight helpless little lives have started on the unknown voyage of life in this Refuge during the year. The Provincial Government continues the generous annual grant of \$1000.00 towards the expenses of this work and the Local Unions are pledged to raise all the money they can to create a building fund with which to erect a more suitable building in a better location. The site is bought and paid for. The Local Unions also carry on Purity work by distributing literature, visiting the fallen, and studying the subject in Mothers' Meetings and in their regular meetings.

Early in the year your Superintendent sent to Mr. Anthony Comstock, Secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, for a copy of the bill which was then pending before the Legislature at Albany, N.Y., and received from him a most kind and brotherly reply, in which he said that "No W.C.T.U. woman either in Canada or any other country need hesitate to apply to this office for any help along the line of your work. I beg to assure you that it will be my delight to be of any possible service." With this I received a copy of the bill I asked for, also a copy of the existing penal code of New York State, a copy of the United States Statutes, together with the decisions of the Courts construing these sections of law.

In compliance with the resolution re Purity Department, which was passed at last Dominion Convention, I wrote to Sir Oliver Mowat, and at the same time forwarded to him the copy of the bill I had obtained from New York, as I believed it to be just what we wanted

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In conclusion, I wish to mention the arrangements for the Dominion Convention under the direct supervision of the Dominion, a great good to the cause.

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In conclusion, I would express my satisfaction and sympathy with the arrangements for a Purity Conference at the Dominion Convention under the direction of Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, and I pray that great good to the cause may result.

M. A. CUNNINGHAM.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT.

Miss Willard, in speaking of the importance of Evangelistic work in connection with the W.C.T.U., says : " It is the pivot on which all others turn. It has been the shield and buckler of our work from the beginning. From its consecrated meetings have gone forth our most effective toilers, and this will be always, for we cannot work out that which has not already been wrought in us by the Spirit of God : We are no stronger than our consecration, we are no more effective than our character."

Nova Scotia.—Mrs. Marshall, the Superintendent, writes : " The meetings held have been weekly ; Sunday afternoon Evangelistic and Temperance meetings led by the members of the Union ; Bible meetings, mothers' meetings, cottage prayer meetings for poor and aged. Weekly services in jail and poorhouse, all of which have been well attended, and resulted in great blessing. The general work has been visiting the sick, aged, poor, and drunkard, and endeavouring to get non-churchgoers to attend church services ; also taking little children from the lowest homes to attend mission services, employing Bible women, and distributing large quantities of literature.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Seymour, Superintendent, reports good work done ; all branches of this Department steadily carried on ; weekly Evangelistic services in halls, almshouses, hospitals, and sailors' missions ; day and week of prayer observed Sunday Schools organized, and services held with young girls prior to their commitment to jail ; sick and lonely ones cheered with messages of love and erring ones admonished, resulting in the salvation of precious souls, many girls living in sin being plucked as brands from the burning.

Manitoba.—Mrs. McTavish, the Superintendent, reports : Litera-

ture distributed, sick and poor visited, services held in hospitals, jails, etc. General advancement in all lines of work and much encouragement.

Quebec.—Miss E. G. Barber, Superintendent, writes: All the counties have held Union prayer meetings, and nearly all have observed the days of prayer appointed by the Dominion W.C.T.U. Visited the sick and dying, and distributed literature, food, flowers, etc., as they were required. Montreal Union (Central) reports: Bible woman's visits, 553; tracts, papers and text cards distributed, 5193; pledge cards, 125; cottage meetings held, 39. In City Unions money was raised for various purposes, notably for Christmas trees laden with warm clothing, toys, etc. Also dinners, fuel and shelter; and in summer for the passages of invalids to the Convalescent Home at Murray Bay, and sending children on the "Fresh Air" excursions. The cottage meetings have proved a blessing to many souls, drunkards have been reclaimed and led to Christ, and good Evangelistic work done in the Female Prison. Many women have been cared for in the Sheltering Home and Gospel meetings held there. In the Evangelistic Hall and Girls' Reading Room working girls of Montreal have been gathered in Bible Classes, consecration meetings, industrial and educational classes. Also an Evangelistic service for children and a sewing class numbering two hundred. In the same Hall meetings for prayer and the deepening of spiritual life have been largely attended, and returned Missionaries have spoken with much power. Meetings held there by the Dominion Superintendent for one week last January were the means of leading many souls into closer communion with God. From three to four thousand volumes have been taken from the free library and about three hundred thousand pages of literature distributed.

Ontario.—Mrs. Gordon, Superintendent. Gospel meetings held, 636; prayer meetings, 484; besides Mothers' Meetings, Bible readings, Temperance sermons, services in hospitals, houses of refuge. A Chinese School, Sunday School for tramps, Sunday School Class for colored people, and children where there was no Sunday School given reading matter. The general work has been: Visiting the aged, infirm, bereaved and sick; the poor have been clothed and fed, and the Gospel preached unto them; Christian, Christmas letters, and cards sent; the Sababth School children pledged; and the children of drunkards brought to Sunday School; assisted with money the suffering Armenians, the people of India and the Girls' Shelter of Toronto. Of literature there has been 19,650 leaflets and tracts in different languages distributed. Some of these were put in barbers' shops, livery stables and in Indian settlements. Public libraries sus-

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Your Superintendent has written one hundred letters, and fifty-
 seven post-cards ; addressed sixty public meetings, besides assisting
 at services held in hospitals, reformatories, jails, etc. Distributed
 400 programmes for day of prayer ; also circulars, leaflets, tracts,
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SUGGESTIONS.—Appoint County and Local Superintendents.
 Have at least one week's special services in each Union. Make the
 devotional meetings interesting. " Crown Him Lord of All."

Respectfully submitte'

A. GORDON.

REPORT OF EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.

Very much imperfection attaches to the report of this Depart-
 ment. The Provincial reports are incomplete, as the Fairs are held
 so near the time of the Provincial Conventions, some even occur-
 ring after, and often there is not time for County and Local Super-
 intendents to make out complete returns.

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 work is done. I believe the Maritime Conventions are in Septem-
 ber, about the time that fair work begins. So that the Dominion
 report of this Department is chiefly the report of Ontario and Que-
 bec. From the last " Woman's Journal " I copy the following item :
 " Winnipeg Central.—This Union has bought a tent for permanent
 use on Fair Grounds. A great deal of work was projected this year,
 but heavy rain during almost the entire week prevented anything
 but the distribution of literature. This was engaged in both on the
 Fair Grounds and at the railway depot."

Ontario.—Reports twenty-six county fairs at which the W.C.T.U.
 were represented. At nine fairs refreshments were served, the re-
 ported net proceeds amounting to \$177.00. Literature was distributed
 at seventeen fairs ; amount reported, 4850 pages ; 200 pounds of the
 " Templar " distributed. Attention is called to the following items :
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On two fair grounds the W.C.T.U. waged successful war against the giving cigars or cigarettes to boys as prizes for throwing balls.

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One "Y" Union gave away 70 bouquets with Scripture texts attached.

W.C.T.U. work at Exhibitions has assumed mammoth proportions in Ontario. Two years ago I reported that Toronto and Ottawa were following the example of the "Chambered Nautilus," and "building more stately mansions." This year even London "has left the past year's dwelling for the new," at an increased expenditure of \$700. One day of the Exhibition they served 1000 dinners. Entire receipts this year, \$1182; net profits, \$405.

Toronto District owns a palatial dining hall, which is two years old, which cost \$2000, and which has paid for itself all but \$800, besides doing something each year to liquidate the debt on the headquarters. The Exhibition lasted ten days. During seven days the tables and lunch counters were packed at meal times. Some have estimated the service at from 1500 to 2000 at each meal. Still the service is insufficient to meet requirements. They believe they could fill a building double the size.

16,000 pages of literature were distributed. Devotional meetings held every forenoon.

Quebec.—The W.C.T.U. were represented at nine county fairs. Literature was distributed at every one. At Brome Corner Fair 23,737 pages were distributed. Total reported amount at the nine fairs, 30,462 pages. Refreshments served by five Unions. Total net receipts, \$145.46.

On one fair ground fancy work was sold to the amount of \$26.15.

On another the Local Superintendent gave out three thousand pages of plebiscite literature to the men only, only asking every man as she did so how he was going to vote when the Dominion plebiscite is taken. If that fair ground is a type of the country, Prohibition is going to carry.

At a military parade during the Jubilee celebration the Sherbrooke Union placed three barrels of lemonade on the parade ground, and they themselves dispensed it free of charge to the soldiers and officers who highly appreciated it.

At the Montreal Exhibition the Eastern and French Unions worked together at the request of the Street Railway officials, who patronized them. They served refreshments, but made no money. They rented a piano and sang hymns, and thus collected a crowd. For this a hotel-keeper threatened to have them arrested for disturbing the

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The Northern Union served refreshments, clearing over \$200. The Northern Union do not distribute literature or hold Evangelistic meetings at the Exhibition, but spend the fair work money in employing a Bible Reader for Evangelistic work in the city during six months in the year.

ELLEN C. RUGG.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF UNFERMENTED WINE.

Nova Scotia.—No Superintendent, but reports all Protestant churches with exception of Episcopal use unfermented wine, and some of these now asking for it.

Quebec.—"All the Protestant churches in counties where there are Unions use unfermented wine with exception of Episcopal, and of these some are now using it. A good deal of the wine is given to the sick."

Manitoba.—Nineteen Local Unions report the use of unfermented wine in all churches (Protestant) except Episcopal, and many of these now use it. In many small places the wine is made by the Union and supplied to the churches known to use the unfermented. One of these is Episcopal (St. George's). Throughout the Province many doctors are now recommending it to their patients, and are finding it most beneficial. Manitoba has a most energetic Superintendent in Mrs. Isabel Chamberlain, who has held the office for seven years.

Ontario.—Nine counties report work done in this Department. 131 churches use unfermented wine; 9 churches during the past year changed from using alcoholic wine at the Lord's Table to the pure juice of the grape.

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REPORT OF WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN AND RAFTSMEN.

Encouraging reports of work done in this Department have been received from the three following Provinces: Quebec, New Brunswick and British Columbia.

The Superintendent in Quebec reports work done in six counties. Thirty-nine lumber camps were supplied with literature, christmas letters and comfort bags. Services in both English and Gaelic were conducted by an ordained minister in a number of the lumber camps. Ottawa County distributed 18,483 pages of literature in English and French.

The Superintendent in New Brunswick reports work done by nineteen Unions. Eighty-three camps were kept well supplied with reading matter during the season. Two Unions distributed 140 lbs. of reading matter; three, 5800 pages; three, 243 packages; one, 540 magazines; and one, 12 well-filled comfort bags. Considerable work was done in this Department, of which no account has been kept.

The Superintendent in British Columbia reports box at lumber mill supplied with literature by Nanaimo Union. Logging camps supplied with quantities of literature, and one logger cared for in sickness by the Vancouver W.C.T.U.

M. L. TRITES.

REPORT OF THE FRANCHISE DEPARTMENT.

Prince Edward Island.—Has found out that petitions are of little use, and have resolved to educate both their men and women on the question of woman Franchise.

Nova Scotia.—Report of its experience is most instructive. A Bill for equal suffrage was brought before the House last session. Nova Scotia, in its usual energetic manner, left nothing to chance. Each county attended to its own member, soliciting his support for the Bill. In some counties nearly every village sent petitions with names of prominent party workers attached, to their representative in Halifax. Notwithstanding all this, the Bill met with an overwhelming defeat, six for, twenty-six against. Mrs. Reed, the Provincial Superintendent of Franchise, attributes this to the change from widows and spinsters to equal suffrage, as many who would have voted for a bill on municipal lines voted against married women having the right to vote.

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British Columbia. As we turn our faces westward, we turn them to a land of progress. Truly British Columbia has made progress in the enfranchisement of women. Two women on the School Board of Victoria, and a bill with the object of giving to women the franchise was introduced by H. Dallas Kelwken, Esq., Q.C., and supported by 12 votes for 16 against.

Quebec. Mrs. S. W. Putney, East Hatley, Superintendent, reports an increase of interest in the Department during the year. Literature has been distributed, addresses given, and papers have been prepared on the subject, and the discussion following the reading has always proved helpful. Many of the women qualified to vote have done so. The encouragement received from the men is no unusual thing. They realize that when women have the full franchise it will be the surest means of cleansing the corrupt places in political life. The revision committee on the civic statutes in Montreal have been petitioned to change the law so that widows and spinsters in the city many have a vote on a basis of rental as well as property owners.

In presenting this brief report of work done throughout the Dominion, allow me to impress upon the Convention the conviction that is steadily growing in the minds of women who are seeking legislative reform to help them in their struggle against evil, that, until we get the ballot we are going into battle without ammunition. To do our work well, that ammunition has to be got. Our very failures are additional reasons for the effort. We have tried and failed. If we cannot get in at one door, let us try another. I think a bill on municipal lines would get a very good reception in the Dominion House. Many of those who voted against the former bill would vote for a bill extending the franchise to widows and spinsters. I would suggest to the Plan of Work Committee that each Province be requested to present to their Legislature a request for enfranchisement to widows and spinsters, and that a similar bill be drafted by the Dominion Superintendent to be submitted to a Committee appointed by the Union to consider and correct. This committee to work with the Dominion Superintendent in furtherance of the passage of the bill through the Dominion House.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRIETTA MUIR EDWARDS.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLOR MEETINGS.

I am glad to report encouraging progress in this Department.
British Columbia.—Mrs. N. Shakespeare, Victoria, Superintendent, reports that three Unions held seventeen parlor meetings; twelve new members were secured. Readings, essays, addresses, discussions and choice music were features of these meetings.

Manitoba.—Mrs. B. R. Hamilton, former Superintendent, reports that eight Unions held nineteen parlor meetings. At nearly all of these meetings contributions were received and new members were secured, but no statistics have been given. Mrs. Lobb, of Rolland, is the new Superintendent.

Nova Scotia.—Louise F. Blanchard, Windsor, Superintendent, reports thirteen Unions held twenty-eight parlor meetings. New members, active and honorary, were secured at nearly every meeting.

Ontario.—Emma A. Wheeler, Superintendent. Twenty-four counties reported. There are twenty County Superintendents, an increase of five during the year. Sixty-two Unions held one hundred and sixty-eight parlor meetings. Fifty-one active and twenty-nine honorary members were secured. \$294.53 was contributed, \$166.53 more than last year.

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. Emma McNeil, Kensington, Superintendent, reports six Superintendents, an increase of one. Four Unions held twelve parlor meetings, five more than last year. \$40.00 was contributed.

Quebec.—Mrs. L. H. Tomkins, Granby, Superintendent, writes: "In the Province of Quebec the Department of Parlor Meetings is growing more in favor, and slowly but surely commending its methods to all who give them a fair trial. . . . We need new literature. Every leaflet in print has been the rounds twice, and some of them three or four times. . . . Hochelaga and Compton counties take the lead in our work, but in other counties many meetings have been held, money raised and new members added."

SUMMARY.—Six Provinces reported. We have six Provincial and twenty-six County Superintendents, an increase of eleven. Ninety-two Unions held two hundred and forty-four parlor meetings, an increase of twenty-six Unions and one hundred and sixteen meetings. The statistics regarding new members, and amount of contributions received, is so incomplete, that it is not fair to give it. Two Provinces, Ontario and Prince Edward Island, report \$334.53, an increase of \$192.33.

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Ontario.—Superintendent has 18 Flower Missions, 10,730 texts, 6,260 pecks fruit, 50 dozen eggs (of 500), 660 visits to homes received, \$118.50 expended, 400 lbs. flour, 225 lbs. coffee, 9 lbs. butter, 700 18 pies and puddings, provisions, 4½ cords wood, 35 yards new shaker, 100 tramps, accompanied by 100 distributed to Bands of Hope and match-safes, 45 w. Hebrew Testaments given, Sunday Prayer Meetings, of pleasure and profit.

Quebec.—Miss Laura has about 70 Flower Missions, 10,034 bouquets, 5,222 visits to private homes, weekly visits to jails and rescue homes, boxes of clothing, help to doctors provided, church many delicacies, but no children.

New Brunswick.—Superintendent to 37 Unions, 18 reports, 1000 bouquets, 200 visits to private homes, \$4 re. Homes visited, work done, Union. 7 Unions reported for months ending 18th March, gifts distributed.

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Quebec.—Miss Laura Hurd, Sherbrooke, Superintendent. Quebec has about 70 Flower Missions, 66 in organized counties. Summary: 10,034 bouquets, 5,222 texts, 12 dozen eggs, 125 pledges, 106 visits to private homes, weekly visits to several hospitals, old ladies' homes, jails and rescue homes reported. Miscellaneous: 383 pots jelly, boxes of clothing, help given in many ways to poor, sick nursed and doctors provided, churches supplied with flowers, funeral wreaths, many delicacies, but no account kept, 1,242 plant slips given to children.

New Brunswick.—Superintendent, Mrs. J. H. Gray, Fairville, wrote to 37 Unions, 18 reported, 10 carry on Flower Mission work. Summary: 130 bouquets, 250 texts, 3 quarts jelly, 8 pecks fruit, 226 visits to private homes, \$4 received, \$4 expended, jails, hospitals and Girls' Homes visited, work carried on by city missionaries and members of Union. 7 Unions report no record kept. (Report given for 6 months ending 18th May.) All kinds of delicacies and substantial gifts distributed.

Nova Scotia.—Superintendent, Mrs. J. F. McLarren, Lower Argyle. Only 7 Unions have reported, which is disappointing, says the Superintendent, when I know there is a good work being done throughout the Province. Summary: 490 bouquets, 25 texts, 100 pages literature (235 delicacies to sick), 100 visits to families, \$10 expended (100 items clothing, fuel, etc., to poor).

North-West Territories.—Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, writes: "I am interested in the Flower Mission, believing it is one of the best means employed to reach the masses as well as the classes in the cities; but there is not much chance for such work in small places."

DOMINION STATISTICS.

Provincial Superintendents	7
Bouquets distributed (10,000 less)	23,500
Texts	16,200
Number of pages Literature	6,360
Quarts of canned fruit	890
Pecks of fresh fruit	350
No. dozen eggs (Easter)	60
No. dozen oranges	90
Pledges obtained	1,070
No. of visits to Institutions	660
No. of visits to private homes	1,100
Receipts	\$57.50
Expenditure	\$132.50
No. articles of clothing	1,150

33 letters, 23 post-cards have been written in the interests of this Department. There have also been sent out 108 forms, 7 sample Record Books, 5 Dominion Reports, 25 World's and other leaflets, sample texts, and 1 article to the "Journal."

There is danger that we forget that the Flower Mission Department is a department of temperance work as well as one of ministry to the sick and poor. Once a month at least let hospital visitors distribute temperance leaflets and clippings, place them in pockets of clothing to be given away, print references on Easter Eggs. It is a cause of regret that out of 23,500 bouquets, nearly 8,000 were destitute of texts, not to mention glasses of fruit, clusters of grapes, etc., Glasses of fruit, as well as bouquets, should each bear a Gospel message. Prayer should always be offered before distribution. Hearts and faces also of those that carry them should be full of His love who went about doing good. We need a new and large variety of texts, so simple and inexpensive that no gifts needs be without these precious soul-winners. Let us guard our missions from becoming merely relief departments. The cordial and increasing commendation given by clergymen and Christian workers to the value of Flower Missions is most encouraging; also the countless personal testimonies of blessing and comfort received through them. Our

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REPORT OF THE "Y" W.C.T.U. DEPARTMENT.

A splendid year of work has been completed by the Canadian "Y's." As the clear, bright Canadian winter paralyzes the efforts of the tenderlings, it only stirs the blood and brings the roses into the cheeks of its happy-hearted daughters, thus showing that difficulties which might seem insurmountable are in their hands turned to incentives to fresh courage and inspiration.

There are Y.W.C.T. Unions in every Province in Canada under the guidance of kind and loving Superintendents, who do not always receive the help and sympathy of the senior Unions as they should, for the "Y" Unions ought to be the recruiting ground for the W.C.T.U.

Ontario (Eastern Division).—Miss May Gordon, Ottawa, Superintendent. The territory extends from Georgian Bay south along the eastern boundary of Simcoe County and the western boundary of York County.

The "Y" Unions are Toronto (Central), Dovercourt, Ottawa (Central), Ottawa (New Edinburgh). New Unions added this year are: Ottawa (Emmanuel), Ottawa (Thornley), Ottawa (Rutherford), Ottawa (Hintonburgh), Pembroke, Campbellford, Hastings, North Bay, Toronto (Western), and a "Y" Committee in Cobourg.

There are 13 Unions and 1 "Y" Committee, an increase of 9 more than last year. The following branches of work are taken up: Lumbermen, 4 Bands of Hope, 7 Flower Missions, 6 Missionary, 1 Relief, 1 Scientific Temperance-Instruction, 2 Railway Work, 2 Press, 2 "Journal," 1 Evangelistic, 2 Anti-Tobacco League, 1 Parlor Meeting, 1 Night School.

Ontario (Western Division).—Mrs. A. B. Reede, Teeswater, Superintendent. There are 7 "Y" Unions: Lucknow, Teeswater, Chatham, St. Catharines, Otterville, Hamilton and 1 "Y" Committee, with a membership of 127 active and 49 honorary members. Lucknow has 8 members, and branches of work are Parlor Meetings, Flower Mission, Lumbermen and Literature. Teeswater has 22 active and 15 honorary members. Three public meetings have been

held. Branches of work are: Parlor Meetings, Medal Contests, Flower Mission, Lumbermen, Railroad, Press and Parlor Meetings. St. Catharines has 18 active and 4 honorary members. Departments are: Christmas Letter, Jail, Mission, Railroad, Lumbermen, Relief, Narcotics and Parlor Meetings. 125 books and a number of magazines were collected for the library at the jail. A "Y" returned from India addressed one Parlor Meeting, at which a sum was raised for the famine stricken districts. Discussed the etiquette of the marriage relation to create interest in our meetings, and had a good attendance. Hamilton has 59 active and 30 honorary members. It has 6 Bands of Hope and 3 Sewing Schools, 500 children attending. It has Newsboys' Clubs, with 250 boys enrolled. Night school is held three nights a week and a Bible temperance one night. A junior "Y" has been organized, with over 20 members. Over \$600 has been expended.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Dr. Gray, Fairville, Superintendent. There are "Y" Unions in Moncton, St. Stephen, Sackville and Hartland. St. Stephen has 30 members and 6 Departments of work: Evangelistic, Mission, Fruit and Flower Mission, Literature, Circulating Libraries and Picture Circulation. Saxville (March 25th, 1897) has 26 members and has taken up Literature, Press Work, Narcotics, Health and Flower Mission. Hartland (Sept. 13th, 1897) has a membership of 13, with good prospect of earnest work. One feature is a White Ribbon Choir, the only one in the Province who wear the dress suggested by Miss Willard.

Quebec.—Mrs. Nutting, Waterloo, Superintendent. There are 10 active Unions in this Province, 3 being formed during the year. There are: Montreal, Westmount, Montreal (Central), Sutton, Montreal (Western), Waterloo, Lachute, Richmond, Thurso, Sherbrooke and Danville. Montreal has 3 Bands of Hope and a Sewing School, including altogether about 300 children. A junior "Y" has been formed in the Sewing School. A picnic was given the Sewing School in the summer with a temperance programme and distribution of prizes. At Christmas 20 dinners and parcels were given to the poor and needy. Hundreds of leaflets were distributed, 22 prayer meetings held and a regular course of Bible study conducted. A series of entertainments have been held in the poorer districts of the city with 5 cents admission fee. This Union contributes funds to the House of Refuge, Girls' Reading Room, the Good-Will Club, the Diet Dispensary, the Middleton Memorial Fund and the World's Missionary Work. Westmount "Y" gave a drawing-room meeting, with a debate and a garden party, at which literature was distributed. The Western "Y" is a flourishing Working Girls' Union recently

organized. Waterloo Calisthenic Class. Literature is sent to be placed in the Sunday schools for Scientific kept filled with literature have been held, one Three parlor socials Poets, and 2 entertainments. There is also a flower members and has a the "Woman's Journal;" 12 comfort have been distributed and \$2.00 to the W. temperance societies 45 active and 32 hours and interesting debate "Debt Fund and the W.C.T.U. in dis- Jubilee celebration. hon. members. Rich- to Montreal. Danville British Columbia. dent. There are the Sandwick (March 27 Flower Mission work couver has 22 active meetings have been literature distributed. Flor- ings given on Hygiene Mary McNeil, of Victoria given to the Public alcohol on the Mind Mayor in the chair, a Bible readings was given and profitable. Victoria of parlor socials. Nova Scotia. Miss are: Halifax Willing Victoria "Y" of Ken- hon. members, 118; ments of work have

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organized. Waterloo "Y" has Mothers' Meetings, Sewing School and Calisthenic Class. Evangelistic monthly leaflets are distributed. Literature is sent to the North-West. Temperance books have been placed in the Sunday School Libraries. Prizes are given in the schools for Scientific Temperance Instruction. Wall pockets are kept filled with literature at the railway stations, 2 public meetings have been held, one a lecture by our bright Canadian, Miss Phelps. Three parlor socials have been held, also a free lecture on Canadian Poets, and 2 entertainments for financial purposes and a Topic Tea. There is also a flourishing Flower Mission. Sutton has 38 active members and has a Band of Hope, with 100 children. 25 copies of the "Woman's Journal" are taken, and 7 copies of the "Union Signal"; 12 comfort bags have been made, 15,280 pages of literature have been distributed, \$2.00 sent to the Middleton memorial fund, and \$2.00 to the World's Missionary work. It also assisted other temperance societies in Gospel temperance meetings. Lachute has 45 active and 32 honorary members. Parlor socials have been held and interesting debates. Subscriptions have been sent to the "Journal" Debt Fund and French Mission work. Sherbrooke joined with the W.C.T.U. in dispensing free lemonade to the volunteers at the Jubilee celebration. Thurso has held an "at home" and secured 13 hon. members. Richmond, reorganized in May, 1897, sends flowers to Montreal. Danville Junior "Y's" assist in the Band of Hope.

British Columbia.—Mrs. Schooley, Vancouver, B.C., Superintendent. There are three "Y's," Sandwick, Vancouver and Victoria. Sandwick (March 27th, 1897) has 10 active members. Juvenile and Flower Mission work is carried on, and literature distributed. Vancouver has 22 active and 12 honorary members. Gospel temperance meetings have been held and socials given; also Temperance literature distributed. Flower Mission and Relief work sustained, readings given on Hygiene and Heredity, and a "health talk" by Dr. Mary McNeil, of Victoria, to 200 girls and women. Prizes were given to the Public Schools for the best essays on "The effects of alcohol on the Mind and Body," and a public meeting held with the Mayor in the chair, at which the prizes were presented. A course of Bible readings was given by Mr. R. Meikle, which were well attended and profitable. Victoria has a Flower Mission, and has held a series of parlor socials.

Nova Scotia. Miss Ellie Smith, Windsor, N.S. The "Y" Unions are: Halifax Willing "Y," Halifax Floral, Windsor, Yarmouth and Victoria "Y" of Kentville. Total number of active members, 197; hon. members, 118; signatures gained by pledge, 50. Ten Departments of work have been adopted: Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mis-

sion and Relief work. Halifax Floral bought 100 fans and covered them with texts for the hospital. Yarmouth "Y" keeps a bag of bed linen for lending to the sick poor. They report successful socials, parlor meeting and Flower Mission. Halifax Willing "Y" reports Relief work and Fresh Air Fund, by which 20 children and a number of old women enjoyed fresh air in the country for a fortnight. Windsor "Y" has Coffee Rooms, does Relief work, has parlor meetings and Evangelistic work; distributes literature; has Press work and Parliamentary Usage. Had a Demorest Contest. Windsor "Y" adopted a little waif 9 years old last winter, whose only home was in a little hut in the woods, and whose surroundings were those of the greatest degradation. The "Y's" are sending her to school. She is christened Katherine Y. Yeomans. A challenge was sent to the W.C.T.U. by the Windsor "Y" for a membership contest, and 46 new members were added, which gives the total membership of 244 active, 128 honorary and 50 pledged. Public meetings are being arranged for where they are no Unions. The Windsor "Y" can report a life member in the Hon. E. Young, American Consul.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY MCKAY SCOTT.

REPORT OF THE KITCHEN GARDEN DEPARTMENT.

In this Department no work has been done in any of the Provinces except Ontario. The class which had been carried on so successfully in St. John, N.B., has for the past two years been in the hands of the "King's Daughters." In Toronto two classes were carried on with success, and, we trust, with benefit to the girls attending.

This Department is very much in need of the sympathy and cooperation of Unions in large centres, where little girls can receive the first lessons in house-keeping who have not the opportunity in their homes.

We are looking forward earnestly to the time when manual training will become part of our educational system, then the Kitchen Garden will take its proper place in the Kindergarten Classes.

In the meantime, let the W.C.T.U. "Hold the Fort," trusting in God to bless their efforts to advance His cause along this line.

ELIZABETH S. FAIRCLOTH.

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REPORT OF THE "WOMAN'S JOURNAL."

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Quebec	299
N.W.T.	275
New Brunswick	123
Manitoba	117
Nova Scotia	70
British Columbia	60
P.E. Island	20
United States	25
Foreign	13
Total	2046

MARY MACKAY SCOTT,

Editor.

REPORT OF JUVENILE AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS
AND BANDS OF MERCY.

Your Superintendent regrets that this Department has not been attended to as it should, feeling and knowing its importance, but trusts that during the coming year someone may be appointed who has time to devote to this important work

Quebec.—In this Province there are 32,000 children of school age. Of these only a small percentage have been reached. There are 68 Juvenile Societies, including Bands of Hope, Loyal Legions and Anti-Cigarette and Tobacco Leagues. One of the latter being organized in a college town among the boys of the Elementary School. There are also 16 well-established Bands of Mercy.

The Word of God is the basis of work in every society. The Plebiscite has been discussed and explained to the children. There is an increase of 2 Juvenile Societies and 6 Bands of Mercy; membership, 2492. Among the Sunday Schools a large amount of literature has been distributed. Honor Roll and Pledge Cards placed in nearly all the Schools. Temperance concerts and quarterly prayer meetings held in some; sermons preached and quarterly temperance lessons taught; letters on narcotics distributed in some schools. This Province has decided to allow its Juvenile Societies to send delegates to County Conventions.

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Ontario.—In this Province the Juvenile work has revived and flourished, and the Superintendent writes: There is no cause for discouragement. The number of Bands of Hope, 75; members, according to Corresponding Secretary's report, 6285. Ten sewing schools are carried on, 2 Boys' Brigades, one New Boys' Club in connection with the Juvenile, and 6 Medal Contests have been held. An increase of 6 Bands of Hope during the year. In the work among Sunday Schools, there are reported 19 Superintendents, 57 Sunday Schools take quarterly lesson; 18 Schools distribute Pledge Cards; pledged scholars, 4977; Schools addressed by temperance speakers, 43; Schools visited by Superintendent, 42; 11 Schools added temperance books to their libraries.

Manitoba.—No report has been sent from this Province, but the printed report gives 315 members, 8 Juvenile Societies. Seventeen Medal Contests have been held (15 silver and 2 gold). The Bands of Hope and Loyal Legions have representation at the Provincial Conventions.

British Columbia.—3 Bands of Hope are reported, but the membership is not given. Temperance work is being done in the Sunday Schools and the triple pledge cards have been introduced.

New Brunswick.—As no report has been received, we can only gather the number from the Corresponding Secretary's report, which gives 7 Bands of Hope, with 457 members. The Sunday School branch of the work is well conducted, quarterly lesson regularly given. Great harmony exists between the Provincial Sunday School Association and the W.C.T.U. The Field Secretary recommends W.C.T.U. methods to the Sunday Schools.

Prince Edward Island.—No report received from this Province, and we can only hear of one Band of Hope with a membership of 25. The temperance teaching is largely done among the young through the Sunday Schools. In this Province there are 2 Industrial Schools, with 104 pupils.

Nova Scotia.—No report of Juvenile work received, but from the Secretary's report we find 3 Bands of Hope, with 215 members. From the Sunday Schools we find 33 per cent. of members are pledged abstainers. The White Ribbon Army has been recommended and adopted by many schools. Temperance topics and lessons urged upon all County and Township Sunday School Conventions. Fourth Sunday in November universally observed as Temperance Sunday.

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Respectfully submitted,

JULIA TILLEY.

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Your Superintendent, in presenting her report this year, would strike a key-note of praise and thanksgiving that the work in the Sailors' Department has broadened and deepened in a greater measure during the present than in any previous year. The distribution of Bibles has been more marked, and the work generally more thorough.

British Columbia.—The work done in this Province in the Sailors' Department is united with that of Lumbermen and Miners. The report is interesting and varied, though very little outside of statistics may be given. Over 11,600 pages of literature have been distributed, while parcels of papers and Bibles are reported, but not numbered. Very many visits have been made to a Marine Hospital, and evidences of good results stated. Four Gospel Temperance services have been held on board naval ships, and eight sailors were supplied with supper previous to meetings. Invitations are given to sailors to visit the homes of members of W.C.T.U., where they are encouraged in right habits of living. Several sailors are spoken of as converted at the services held at a Mission Hall in New Westminster, and a promise secured from the Captain that during the voyage he would allow them time for religious exercises. This Captain was much pleased at the interest taken in this port in Sailors; he had found no trouble in keeping his men in order during their sojourn here. Good work was also accomplished among the fishermen at the time of their annual sports. The Mission Hall was thrown open and made attractive by games, music and refreshments. A Look-Out Committee from the ranks of the W.C.T.U. was sent out to get in as many fishermen as possible. There were a large number helped in this way. An Evangelistic meeting was also held in the evening. Such work must tell for God and humanity!

Ontario.—The Provincial Superintendent in this Province is at work. Letters were sent to all Lake Port Unions early in the spring. Later, magazines, scrap-books and letters were sent. In addition, a further supply of 8000 pages of literature was placed on the boats. Six well-filled comfort bags and a number of small scrap-books were sent for distribution during the summer.

Quebec.—The work done here is very encouraging. 348 illustrated papers, 52 magazines, 50 comfort bags, 3 baskets of fruit and 5 baskets of flowers have been sent to the Sailors' Institute, Montreal. In addition, 8500 tracts, illustrated papers and booklets, also calendars in English. French and Norwegian have been given to sailors,

JULIA TILLEY.

fishermen and lighthouse-keepers. Also 40 comfort bags. This does not nearly represent the work done. Regular visits have been made to the sailors in hospitals. These visits have been a source of great comfort to the patients. Lighthouse-keepers have expressed themselves as most grateful for supplies of literature. A large number of the tracts had a special bearing upon Gospel Temperance.

New Brunswick.—The Superintendent in this Department hopes for increased good work for another year. Every Union in New Brunswick was written to re Sailors' work early in the year; 10 Unions have replied, 4 have taken up the work actively. 200 books and papers were sent to the Seamen's Institute, St. John. Twenty-eight Gospel meetings held there; also 1 box of books and papers, several packages of books and papers, and 3 personal letters were sent to sailors at St. John Institute.

Prince Edward Island.—At Souris, a Sailors' Rest is kept open throughout the fishing season by the W.C.T.U. of the place. Many men usually visit the room during the period they are in port. Papers, daily and weekly, are donated by Gloucester, United States and Nova Scotia publishers, for which thanks are returned by the ladies of the Union, through the Dominion W.C.T.U.

Nova Scotia.—Not quite so many Unions have taken up work this year in this Department, but those that have done so have worked much more efficiently than heretofore. 252 packages of papers are recorded, 128 visits to vessels, 442 leaflets, 11 Christmas cards, 65 comfort bags, 350 magazines and papers, 10,460 pages of literature, 1000 papers, 1000 pages of literature to lighthouse-keepers, 96 Testaments given away; donations in money to Sailors' Rest at Canso, \$2.50; pledges taken, 7.

I would like to suggest that in this Department especial attention be paid to the distribution of prohibition literature through the year. That this work be commenced immediately, and cease not until no farther work can be done in this line.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. WHITMAN.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS AND MILITIA.

Manitoba.—Nothing, to my knowledge, has been done in the way of work in the Department of Soldiers and Militia. The only point where such work could be done would be in the city of Winnipeg. I would be glad indeed could something be done for such, but it

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New Brunswick.—We have no Superintendent of this Department, but have held social evenings and furnished literature for distribution whilst the men were in camp.

Prince Edward Island.—The Superintendent understands that work was not undertaken whilst men were in camp, through unwillingness on the part of Local Unions; but, it being known that the Y.M.C.A. had undertaken work, it was considered unnecessary for the W.C.T.U. to act.

North - West Territories.—Literature distributed among the Mounted Police. A more extended work expected for next year.

Quebec.—Mrs. Dickson, Superintendent of the Province of Quebec, says: "This has been a year of hindrances to my work. After I had issued my letter to the Unions, we had the misfortune to have our farm buildings struck by lightning and burned to the ground, so I have no end of home duties. I do not see that I could have done more than urge Unions near camps to do what they could, as I could not be supposed to go where there was no Union to support and second one's efforts."

Ontario.—The Dominion Rifle Association encampment in Ottawa was visited for the purpose of distributing literature; the workers found that many men were in sympathy with the temperance work, and others were total abstainers. The work in the Province has been done chiefly through Local Unions. The number of battalions in camp this year has been unusually large. Reading tents furnished in two encampments; two hospitals visited; refreshments served in four turn-outs; flowers and greetings sent upon several occasions. - Early in the year a letter of congratulation was sent to Lieut.-Col. Kitson, Commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston, that a temperance measure had been started in the College.

Always remember, dear sisters, that the Militia force of Canada is a great national organization, preparing for foes which may invade this land, and the W.C.T.U. a national organization to meet and overcome the foes already in our Canada, and must labour faithfully and true to do its best to overcome the enemies which would prevent our precious sons from being fully equipped as men for the service of their beloved country.

The thanks of the Dominion W.C.T.U. is extended to District officers and other officers in command who have been so gracious and courteous to our Provincial Superintendents during the year.

ROBERTA E. TILTON.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS.

The workers in this Department are becoming more and more convinced that they need to walk softly, act thoughtfully "be wise as serpents and harmless as doves," if any real good is to be accomplished.

Ontario reports, through its Superintendent, Mrs. Caldwell, of Lanark, having heard from 18 counties. In many cases these reports were most encouraging, showing increased interest. Thousands of Anti-Narcotic leaflets have been distributed at fairs, Unions, Bands of Hope, Sunday Schools, railway stations and on board steamers. Copies of the Provincial Tobacco Act have been placed in the public schools as well as in stores and shops where tobacco was sold. Anti-Cigarette and Anti-Tobacco Leagues have been formed in public schools, Sunday Schools and Bands of Hope. Sermons showing the evils of narcotics have been preached and talks have been given by different Superintendents. Papers on the subject have been given at C.E. and Epworth League meetings. Some counties report the enforcement of the Tobacco Act, and that in some cases parties selling tobacco to minors were fined. Editors have been interviewed or written to regarding Cigarette Advertisements. In nearly every case most courteous and satisfactory replies were received, many of them promising to grant what had been requested. One firm gave as their opinion that at the next meeting of the the O.I. Press Association the matter would be brought before the meeting, most likely with the result that such advertisements would be classed as unclean.

Quebec.—Mrs. Miner, of Granby, Superintendent, reports 14 counties having taken up this work. In the absence of any Anti-Tobacco Act, Mrs. Miner sent the County Superintendents copies of the Appeal to Merchants, Grocers and Hotel-keepers. These were in many cases faithfully presented and many signatures were obtained. Special attention has been laid upon the free distribution of literature both in French and English. The "Anti-Tobacco Gem" has been largely circulated. Public school teachers have been interviewed with the result that some of them bring this matter weekly before their pupils. Essays have been written on the injurious effects of tobacco on the system. Evening public meetings were held in which the prize essays were read. Three attempts were made to have an Anti-Tobacco resolution passed by gatherings of influential ladies, only one of which was successful. Some of the Catholic clergy of Quebec City are awakening to the evils of narcotics, and two have expressed a wish that the Province had an Anti-Tobacco Law. The Quebec Legislature is to be again petitioned, at next ses-

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Nova Scotia.—Mrs. Just, Superintendent, reports : During the past
year but little has been done in this Department. Fifteen Unions
have reported the circulation of Anti-Narcotic Literature and copies
of the Minors Protection Act, as well as doing what they could in
various ways to check the use of tobacco in any form. In the public
schools the children are taught the effects of tobacco on the system,
and in the Sunday Schools efforts are made to carry out the same
teaching by appeal to Higher Authority. In these ways seed has
been sown for which we hope for fruit in the shape of cleaner, purer
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Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. McLeod, Summerside, writes that
things are in exactly the same position as they were last year, that
is, the work is taken up in connection with Scientific Temperance
Instruction. Each of our eight Unions has a Superintendent of
Scientific Temperance Instruction and Narcotics, the two subjects
being almost evenly divided in the attention they receive.

North-West Territories.—Mrs. McDonald, of Edmonton, reports
that the bill which last year was presented to the North-West Assem-
bly praying "that the sale of tobacco in all forms to minors be pro-
hibited" has become law. This bill met with much opposition, one
member saying the age (16) was too high, it should be ten (10). An-
other stated that he knew men whose children smoked, and they had
nothing against their doing so. These items appeared in the local
papers, so Mrs. McDonald promptly sent copies of the leaflets, "Why
use Tobacco," and "Yale and Amherst on the use of Tobacco among
students," to each member of the North-West Assembly, with the
effect that the bill passed and became law on 1st January, 1897.
Before this petition came before the N.W. Assembly, Mrs. McDonald
had a petition framed, copies of which she sent to each local Union,
and asking the members to obtain as many signatures of the best men
and women in their vicinity as they possibly could. Mrs. McDonald
writes that she was astonished how readily men signed this petition,
believing it to be a step in the right direction. A number of the
men signed while smoking, and said they wished such a law had been
passed when they were boys; others regretted that they had ever
learned to smoke. It had gotten to be such a habit that they could
not give it up. Mrs. McDonald writes that the law is working well.
A druggist in Edmonton had given up the sale of cigarettes because
the children were smoking so many.

British Columbia.—Mrs. Cunningham, New Westminster, Super-

intendent, reports: I hope I am correct in saying that in some places I do discover a little more earnestness on the part of the members, but it is still a very difficult subject to introduce, especially the part that relates to tobacco. So many of the women's husbands smoke, and so do their pastors and church officials. As soon as a word is said in a meeting against tobacco, you will hear the hush, hush from all sides. They say we have no right to dictate to others in these matters, nor to reflect upon those who use tobacco. In many of the Unions it seems impossible to keep a Superintendent of Narcotics. Those who are appointed shrink from doing the work planned out for them. A few have procured a full supply of literature bearing on the subject, and if they study it they may gain courage to do more. The S.S. Superintendents throughout the Province have been well supplied with copies of the "Anti-Tobacco Gem." The Methodist S.S. Convention passed a resolution to be sent to all the S.S. belonging to them as a denomination. Plans have been made in our Provincial Convention for more aggressive work in the Sunday Schools. In more of the cities the W.C.T.U. has been successful in getting the pastors in some of the churches to preach sermons denouncing the use of narcotics. Merchants have been requested to discontinue the sale of tobacco. It has been decided to procure a number of printed copies of the law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors, and to place a copy in the hands of all dealers with the request that they assist us in the effort to have it observed.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN MAC L. METCALFE.

PRESS REPORT.

One hundred and thirty-three years ago the press seed of the Dominion was sown in the city of Quebec in the shape of a paper called the "Quebec Gazette," and it would be most interesting to trace, even in barest outline, the growth of that little sheet into the great dailies of the present day.

The poet Cowper called the newspaper

"A map of busy life."

It is indeed far more than a mere instrument for chronicling the events of the day; the newspaper is the mouthpiece of a new power which it may almost be said to have created, one mighty for the

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advancement of the race, the intangible, impersonal, omnipotent power of public opinion; and one great mission of the press to-day and in the future is the strengthening and elevating of this power.

No doubt the majority of business men, after studying the telegrams, stock-lists and leaders of a paper, throw it aside with only a glance at what they consider the padding; but there are thousands whose sole intellectual food is gleaned from the daily papers, and who read everything down to the bargain advertisements and personals.

Even a brightly written temperance article teeming with scientific facts cannot rival such attractions, but with some it may cause that "arrest of thought" without which the best intentions so often wander aimlessly into dubious paths.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union recognises the immense assistance the co-operation of such a power as the press would be, and now is to a certain extent, to the furtherance of the two great principles which lie at the root of its being, Temperance and Purity.

What is being done in the Dominion of Canada towards this end?

It is the duty of a small band of women, about 175 in number, untrained, for the most part, in journalism, that profession which exacts so much from its followers, to strive to keep before the public the great aims of the Union.

The temperance papers published in Canada, so far as reported, are: "The Woman's Journal," Ottawa; "The Witness," Montreal; "The Templar," Hamilton; "The Templar," Manitoba; "Camp Fire," Toronto; "Forward" (organ of Sons of Temperance), Halifax; and the "Northern Messenger," of Montreal.

In regard to the "Witness," of Montreal, I would like to explain why it has a special claim on the temperance people of the Dominion. A daily newspaper depends in a great measure on the money obtained from advertisements for its support. The "Witness," by its refusal to accept liquor, tobacco or theatre advertisements, relinquishes a large source of revenue.

A detailed account of the work done in the eight provinces of the Dominion would be impossible, and is rendered unnecessary by the fact that these are given at the Provincial Conventions.

But it is encouraging to note that a greater proportion of the articles furnished to the 187 newspapers, which have signified their willingness to print such matter, is original. Provincial Superintendents also report a change from passive to active interest on the part of many editors of papers.

This is no doubt due in part to the fact that there has been some-

Nothing more definite to write about—the Plebiscite and World's Convention, both subjects of world-wide interest.

There is abundant material in the many departments of work taken up by the W.C.T.U. for writing articles upon.

Opportunities are opening out on every side. The best papers freely accept well-written articles on any of the subjects of the day in reform work, and almost all are willing to print abstracts of meetings or discussions of live questions.

The great difficulty in this Department is to find workers who have the capacity and are willing to use intellect and pen in a cause which cannot be called popular, workers whose hearts glow with the love of humanity and whose pens strike fire when their ears are filled with the wail of the tempted and fallen.

Is there any human being who has not at times flashes of insight into what it would mean if the two great enemies of mankind, intemperance and impurity, were trampled under foot and healthy minds inspired healthy bodies to live lives of mutual helpfulness.

May we not then, while thanking the press most heartily for much courtesy and assistance in the past, ask for a still deeper sense of that responsibility which is laid upon all in whose hands lies the power of moulding thought, especially at this time, when the result of the Plebiscite will so materially, as we believe, affect the happiness and well-being of thousands of homes in our beautiful Canada.

Sixty-nine letters, fifty-two cards and one hundred and twenty bulletins have been issued in the interests of this Department.

M. G. URE.

REPORT OF THE "UNION SIGNAL" REPORTER.

Ten reports have been sent to the "Union Signal" during the year with the view of keeping Canadian temperance work in touch with the official W.C.T.U. organ of our sisters in the States.

There are 596 subscribers to the "Union Signal" in Canada, and too much cannot be said of its efficiency and usefulness.

May the time soon come when there will be more reciprocity in official organs, and our own "Woman's Journal" cross the line as freely.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORK AMONG RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

This particular branch of our W.C.T.U. work does not perhaps receive the thought and consideration it should, as is shown by the fact that two out of our seven Provinces have not taken it up at all ; but we are hopeful that the worthy example of some of the Provinces will stimulate those also to engage in the work, and others to do so more heartily than heretofore. For there is a great field for endeavour among a class of men whose Sundays are generally spent in the same manner as their weekdays, and who seldom have the privilege of hearing a sermon or joining in the praises and prayers in God's house.

How can we do less for these our brothers than to put within their reach good, helpful gospel literature which may, by the direction of the Spirit, reach and influence their lives ? Let it not be said of us as individuals or Unions that this opportunity was lost.

British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Ontario and Quebec all undertake the work of this Department to a greater or less extent, though the absence of statistics in most of these reports prevent our Superintendent from giving an idea of the work done.

In British Columbia literature has been distributed among the railway men, and they have been visited when sick in the hospitals.

Manitoba reports twelve Unions engaging in this work, distributing literature freely in depots, boarding-houses, barber shops, construction camps and all such places where these men assemble.

New Brunswick has supplied racks at stations regularly with good temperance and gospel reading ; but having no Superintendent as yet, there has not been very much accomplished.

Ontario reports a marked and increasing interest in this work, twenty counties, representing forty Local Unions, as over against five counties last year. Circulars have been more promptly replied to, and more definite record kept.

Quebec has had a fresh impetus given to the work by the presence and help for the past year of a lady, Mrs. Keith, of Worcester, Mass., who is devoting her whole energy to work among railway men. Some seven counties and about twenty Local Unions report work done. The Manager of the G.T.R. shows a great interest in the welfare of the men, and there is a prospect of a building of their own in the near future.

The above is merely a brief outline of what has been accomplished in these five Provinces. Fuller reports will be found in the Provincial reports.

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REPORT OF PRISON AND JAIL WORK.

For another year the workers of the W.C.T.U. have found communion with their blessed Master in ministering to the prisoners in our Dominion. They have "visited" Him in very truth. Sometimes He has looked at them from the depths of aged, faded, perplexed but honest eyes of those who have succumbed under the stress of life only to find themselves classed and housed with criminals. Sometimes it has been the man in his strength caught in Satan's toils; sometimes young men or women with the flush of shame on their faces and a yearning for better things in their hearts; and sometimes even the "little child" is in our prisons, marred and defaced by sin, the victim of incorrigible parents, and an apathetic, politically one-sided Christianity—motherless as to the state which places it there.

British Columbia (New Westminster) says: "Weekly services are held according to a plan made out for each quarter of the year. Precious souls have been converted, and for these special weekly prayer meetings have been held, where it has been delightful to hear them offer up earnest prayer and praise for themselves and their companions." Mrs. Robson leads these meetings, and is assisted by many earnest workers. Mrs. Youdall writes of her: "She is the instrument in the Master's hands of winning many souls among prisoners and fallen women, such a sympathetic heart, a sweet persuasive smile, and a beautiful cultivated voice, which she uses entirely in the Master's service. They have a good prison library. From Vancouver alcoholic liquor is recognized as the fruitful cause of crime, and emphasis is laid on obtaining signatures to the pledge. The Flower Mission is used and prisoners are remembered by special ministrations on the birthday and Resurrection Day of our Lord. Nanaimo is also doing prison work. The mournful complaint comes from B.C., "Our boys are in the Provincial Jail with hardened men; we need a Farm or Reformatory for them."

North-West Territory.—Early in the year came piteous accounts of insane and helpless women taking long journeys, involving successive nights on the cars, and cared for solely by men, of women prisoners, who could never, whatever their necessities, escape from the watchful eyes of men guards. During the year, through Mrs. MacDonald's efforts, women have been provided to travel with female prisoners. A man named George Wood, confined in the Maple Creek Prison, N.W.T., wrote to the Dominion President, who referred his letter to me. I communicated with Col. Herchemer, Commissioner N.W. Mounted Police, who kindly looked well into the matter. Fin-

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he was, for this poor captive thus given his freedom at a time when
he could obtain work. Had he served his sentence he would not have
been released until the depth of winter, when, probably, he would
have joined the sad army of tramps, and sunk the lower for his
freedom.

Manitoba has an enthusiastic Superintendent, Mrs. Moor, who has
the work well commenced. Books have been obtained from the
Moody Institute for use of prisoners and they have been very lov-
ingly remembered at Christmas and Easter, in addition to other
ministrations.

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sion Work, Personal Visitation, all have been used in Prison Work.
Prison libraries also exist, and the W.C.T.U. co-operates with the
Prisoners' Aid Association, which is now establishing branches in
each country. Ontario can boast thirteen houses of refuge and a
Police Matron at Toronto.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have done good work.

Halifax is looking for the early appointment of a Police Matron.
The condition of Cumberland Co. Jail is said to be very bad. In
Halifax the W.C.T.U. has furnished each prisoner with a Bible for
his or her own, and also given each a plant in bloom. Very faithful
visiting, both of mail and female prisoners, is reported from St.
John and Moncton.

Every W.C.T.U. woman should sometimes visit the jails or police
cells in her vicinity. A touching instance of sympathy for a prisoner
came to my knowledge last year. A woman well dressed and lady-
like was being brutally hurried along the streets of New York be-
tween two policemen. The tears were streaming down her face,
which she was trying to cover with her poor hands ; a Christian
lady passing, thought of the golden rule of our dear Lord. She
begged the policemen to stop a moment ; at first they refused, but
she persisted and finally had her way. She took off her own veil
and tied it over the face of that poor woman, who gratefully thanked
her.

Our mission is like that of Jesus Christ, " the opening of the prison
doors to them that are bound."

Let us prosecute it in the strength of His love, in His spirit of

absolute self-sacrifice, and we shall emerge with those whom we help into an everlasting, widening, more glorious liberty, that which pertains to "the children of God."

AMELIA YEOMANS, M.D.

REPORT OF LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

In submitting the report for the year 1897, your Superintendent is glad to note progress in some parts of the Dominion, while in others we are becoming fearful lest the enemy of our sacred rest day in some measure is gaining the ascendancy. In view of these tendencies, we are constrained to cry out like Peter, "Lord, save."

Prince Edward Island.—The Corresponding Secretary writes: "We have not taken up the Department. The Day is universally put to its best use, and the Sunday laws are not violated to any extent."

New Brunswick.—A Lord's Day Observance Superintendent was appointed this year, and though no report has arrived, yet we trust that good work has been accomplished.

Nova Scotia.—This Union has not appointed a Superintendent, but the Corresponding Secretary asks for literature, which is a hopeful sign.

Quebec.—The Superintendent is preparing a leaflet showing the existing Sunday laws in the Province and the Dominion, so that no one may be in doubt as to the lawfulness of any action, and by leaflets bearing on the subject, are endeavoring to arouse public sentiment on the matter. "The W.C.T.U. must work with both hands, one with legal weapons, the other with moral suasion."

Ontario.—This Union reports an increase in the number of Superintendents appointed. Ministers of the Gospel have not forgotten to "cry aloud" against the growing evil of Sabbath Desecration. Literature has been distributed. Sabbath Schools and C.E. Societies have taken up the subject, and appeals have been made to the magistrates to enforce the existing laws.

Manitoba.—The Superintendent reports poor Sabbath laws. Notwithstanding this, the quiet restfulness of the people throughout the Province on the Lord's Day is often remarked by visitors. The Sabbath Observance Act is ready to be submitted to Parliament, and hopes of its passage are entertained.

British Columbia.—"There is a growing interest to preserve a day of rest wholly unto the Lord." Municipal Councils have been petitioned to pass by-laws enforcing Sabbath Observance. Some took

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Early in the year, your Superintendent wrote to all Provincial Superintendents concerning the seventh recommendation of the Plan of Work, urging its speedy consideration and their hearty co-operation. One letter appeared in the "Woman's Journal."

Hopefully submitted,

ALICE B. REEDE.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSES OF ENTERTAINMENT AND COFFEE HOUSES.

Coffee Houses in our wide Dominion number eight and one temperance hotel.

British Columbia has a Superintendent, who has been working for the desired object, and hopes before the winter sets in that Victoria will have opened in its midst a Haven of Safety in the way of a Coffee Room.

The Superintendent for the North-West Territories is alive to the importance of this Department, not for Edmonton, where they are supplied with restaurants, but for the Kootenay and Rossland, believing every effort should be made to have the work taken up there, where all that is evil is in full blast, leading men on to degradation, and as yet nothing to help stem the tide of evil.

Manitoba.—The Department has not been taken up.

Ontario.—No Superintendent. There has been some correspondence with Local Unions, without much apparent result.

Quebec.—Temperance Hotel at Bristol Corners continues, as in previous years, to do good work. Regrets that there is only one Coffee House, that under the auspices of the Northern Union, Montreal. Business not as large as formerly; but success brings competition. During the past four years five temperance eating houses have been opened within a few minutes' walk of the Coffee House.

New Brunswick.—This Province supports three Coffee Rooms. In St. John encouraging work done. Fredericton and St. Stephens not quite so bright as in previous years, yet hopeful.

Prince Edward Island.—One Coffee House in Charlottetown, self supporting, and helpful to the young people in a city where the Scott Act is repealed and liquor abundant.

Nova Scotia.—Amherst was obliged to close their Coffee House.

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In several sections of our Dominion, Coffee Rooms have been opened, and though now closed, they have done good service, inasmuch as Temperance Eating Houses have been opened by business men in their places.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. E. MOODIE.

REPORT OF WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Shortly after the last Dominion Convention, a circular letter was sent to the Provincial Superintendents, and in some cases to the Provincial Corresponding Secretaries, urging the appointment of Superintendents for this Department of work. The Provinces have been written to twice, and the following has been the response:

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TEMPERANCE GROCERIES.

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The aim of this Department is to encourage the temperance grocer who for conscience sake has relinquished a lucrative branch of business, to train the conscience of white ribboners in the matter, and to pray and labor for the complete separation of the trade in food and in alcoholic beverages. The laws and customs in the different provinces and even counties are not alike, and Provincial Superintendents have only so far been appointed in Quebec and British Columbia. In the former Mrs. Enright has done excellent work, and a number of Local Superintendents are active. In the latter Mrs. Sexsmith, of North Arm, B.C., has been working on this line for some time. Owing to the fact that Prohibition would wipe out this Department completely, and that the Plebiscite has been imminent for two years, your Superintendent has not seen her way clear to urge the appointment of new Superintendents, trusting that Prohibition may come, and that their work may not be required. Meantime, we must open our eyes to the fact that the licensed grocery is doing much harm. In the lower parts of Montreal, it is reported that in some groceries a cheap beer is kept on tap and given free to poor women to induce them to deal there. In the high-class groceries ladies can secretly order liquor and have it charged as articles of food, and thus supply an appetite which is sometimes long concealed from their nearest and dearest. English temperance papers have frequent utterances against the harm done by the licensed grocery, and we may hope that both lands will soon be free from this evil.

J. E. DOUGALL.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

After twenty years and more, we find that the weak point of the Women's Christian Temperance Union is that of finance. With a view to providing a remedy for this state of affairs, White Ribbon prospectors have been over the Dominion looking up the Kooten-

nays that lie close to the very door of God's people. What are the results as reported by these mining experts?

Quebec.—The thinking community are realizing that right living involves right giving. One French gentleman prepared a tract for the Department, entitled "A Gold Mine." It was published in French and distributed far and wide through the Province. Claims have been taken in several counties, and there are prospects of Klondikes all along the line.

Ontario has sunk deep shafts, and gospel dynamited the gold-bearing pledges with Bible Readings, Literature, Sermons, Papers on Systematic Giving, Discussions and Addresses. In the deep mining are the best gold finds, and so we augur great things for Ontario, and thank Mrs. Dent, of Mitchell, for the supervision of her claim.

New Brunswick sends its word of cheer. Mrs. McLeod writes: "I believe the practice of systematic giving is becoming more general. This helpful Superintendent sent out 1,158 pages of literature as so many drills, and used a strong lever in giving a talk on the subject at the Provincial Convention.

Manitoba.—The silence of the great prairie. Does the Evil One fear its proximity to untold wealth?

Nova Scotia.—Diggers—Givers—Doers, and a breath of inspiration is wafted up from the sea. In spite of feeble health, Mrs. Black has been educating and agitating.

British Columbia.—Into this report there comes a little tone of discouragement, and can you wonder? Will the Evil One give up this Province of great riches without a struggle? Let us all hold the ropes while Mrs. Scouler goes down undaunted for more valiant service.

Prince Edward Island.—No report as to this year's prospecting, but the thin edge of the wedge has been entered. Claims in time will be appropriated.

SUGGESTIONS.—My earnest request this year is that every member buy and read "Pansy's Pocket Measure." Its cost is 25c. If you have read it, lend it to someone else. In addition to this, teach your children from early childhood—that "the tithe is the Lord's."

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REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS SAVINGS BANKS.

Is a new idea, and in every Province we have found that the people require to be educated up to its advantages. Your Superintendent sent out during the year a large quantity of literature with her plan of work. Amongst others, it was sent to the Countess of Aberdeen. Her Excellency was much pleased with the scheme, and introduced it to the Woman's Council in Halifax at the Dominion Convention.

Prince Edward Island leads in this enterprise. In one school in one week the children deposited \$34.00.

New Brunswick is educating and agitating.

Ontario for a wonder is behind the times, and although the scheme is approved of by the Minister of Education, has not even appointed a Superintendent.

Quebec is thrifty. Has a Superintendent, and is awake.

Manitoba.—No end of trouble over school questions in the past. No school savings banks welcomed by Executive at present.

Nova Scotia.—Courteous and on the look-out committee as regards the problem.

SUGGESTIONS.—Three commodities :

Grace—Because Getting is the sin of the age, and children require to be taught early in life that it must be counteracted by Giving.

Grift—Because our girls, as well as our boys, require to be taught habits of thrift and the responsibility of the possession, use, and distribution of property.

Gumption—Because of its equalizing effect. The girl of the future, brought under its teachings, will demand the same wages as a man, providing she is as capable. Because the woman of the future, as well as the man, will have her own bank account, and the coming White Ribboner will not say, as many of you do, "Oh, we have no income for our own from which we can give systematically. Kindly carry home for School's Savings Banks these three thoughts :

GRIT,
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Submitted with "great expectations,"

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REPORT OF LITERATURE DEPOSITORY.

From different quarters and on all sides we have heard during the year of the stringency of the times, and the scarcity of money; but I am happy to say the Literature Depository has no cause for joining in the general refrain, nor has it been obliged to economise, as some of its sister Depositories have. The Manager has had printed everything she needed for the success of the work, and almost everything she wanted, with two exceptions, the revised edition of "Tete-a-Tete" and the promised new catalogue. These have had to wait till another year. We trust 1898 will see them both on the shelves of your Literature Depository.

For this prosperity we are grateful to our constituents, whose faithful support has enabled the Depository to more than pay its way, and in two years to almost double the stock. There has been greater loyalty to our own Canadian venture, and I trust Dominion White Ribboners will feel repaid for a little sacrifice to their feelings when they hesitated between the merits of Toronto Depository and the W.T.P.A. We wish our sisters across the border unlimited prosperity, but it must be remembered they have a large country to draw from, while our district is comparatively small. According to the support afforded by White Ribboners of the Dominion, will our Depository be enabled to extend its publications?

One great cause of thanksgiving we have is, the removal of the duty on leaflets printed in the United States, for which we desire to offer a tribute of gratitude to the Government. There is, however, still a "duty" on pamphlets and a very large percentage of Pledge Cards, which we trust we shall soon see removed.

The North-West Territories and Province of Manitoba have been active in sending literature broadcast among their people, and the Superintendents appointed have well attended to their work.

Provincial Superintendents of Departments have very materially assisted in bringing increase of business to the Depository, notably Mrs. Bigelow, of Scientific Temperance Instruction, and Mrs. Garrett, District Superintendent of Purity in Toronto. In their plan of work they recommended certain books and leaflets, and took pains to place these in the hands of their Superintendents. I cannot speak too highly of the faithful work done in these Departments. It is to be hoped that Mrs. Mary H. Hunt's School of Physiology Journal, price 60c. per year, will be more widely subscribed for by Unions, for the use of their Superintendent of Narcotics, and to distribute amongst the teachers.

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The lack of information regarding the work in the different Departments is very great, as I receive requests for help which should be answered by County Superintendents. Would not the more frequent holding of School of Methods meet the required need?

For the Purity Department Dr. Mary Wood-Allen's books are always in stock.

"Marvels of the Bodily Dwelling," price \$1.10; "Almost a Man," price 25c.; "Almost a Woman," price 25c.; "Teaching Truth," 25c.; "Child Confidence Rewarded," 10c.; "Twenty Songs," for Mothers' Meetings, 25c.

These have been much sought after during the past twelve months, and we heartily recommend them as the best helps for mothers that can be found.

The attention of Franchise Superintendents is called to the very full line of leaflets on Suffrage. Last year, in anticipation of large orders, a full supply and great variety was ordered; but I regret to say very little was called for, or Superintendents patronized other Depositories, a conclusion I am loath to adopt.

Miss Greenwood's "Hints and Helps for Evangelistic Work" is of great value, and for distribution at Gospel Temperance Meetings there is a goodly supply of leaflets at 15c. per 100; \$1.25 per 1000; postage, 15c.

Band of Hope Work ought to be more earnestly carried on than it has been, and in this connection it is a pleasure to state that the new edition of "Tete-a-Tete" will be ready for issue the first week in January, 1898. If any Superintendents has suggestions to make as to new helps which have been "tried and proved," the Manager of the Depository will be pleased to receive them.

Mrs. Carman, of the National W.C.T.U., has prepared books for Medal Contests—Nos. 1 and 2—which to many minds are preferable to the Demorest Medal Contest. The latter, however, retains many of its old admirers, and both W.C.T.U. and Demorest Medal Contest Books will be kept in stock, and it is recommended that these Contests be heartily engaged in the coming winter.

In Narcotics there is a large stock of leaflets; also a supply of Anti-Tobacco Pledge Cards at 75c. per 100. Subscriptions are taken for the "Anti-Tobacco Gem," 20c. per year; send for sample card and see Club Rates.

For Systematic Giving there is a large and varied assortment. Many new additions: "Farmer's Tithe-Box," "Unholy Methods," "Bible Plan of Giving," "A Tithe for the Lord," "God's Tenth," by Dev. Dr. A. J. Gordon; for the children: "Rob's Tithe," by our own Mrs. Cole; and there are many old ones, than which there no better new ones can be found. "What I Owe," 1c. each; "Pray, Pay and Prosper," 25c. per doz.; "Thanksgiving Ann," 60c. per 100; and "Deacon's Tenth," 70c. per 100.

For the coming year in Scientific Temperance Instruction, Rev. E. O. Taylor's "Short Studies" and leaflets pertaining thereto will be kept in stock, and we urge Provinces to adopt Mrs. Bigelow's recommendations and place the leaflets in the hands of teachers, thereby introducing them to the scholars.

For Work Among Young People, we desire to recommend "Weapons for Temperance Warfare," price 40c., by Belle Brain, a most useful book to place in the hand of a President of a Temperance Committee of Christian Endeavor or Epworth League. "Temperance Committee at Work" and Christian Endeavor Pledge Rolls will also be found in the Depository.

The Pledge Cards adopted by the Presbyterian Church, and largely used in Sunday Schools of that denomination, may be obtained here, 50c. per 100.

Plebiscite Literature has been distributed freely at Fairs, etc., and orders have been received from every Province in the Dominion. If a subscription fund could be established similar to the Dominion Alliance Literature Fund, the Plebiscite literature could be sent out at cheaper rates; but as we have no subscription list, and everything we print must be made to pay for itself, we cannot offer anything different from present prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford and their daughter Hilda have been very kind in assisting your over-worked Superintendent, and to them we return our sincere thanks, as also to Mrs. Milne, a member of the Literature Committee. Thanks are also due the Quebec Provincial Union for free advertisements in their Annual Report, the Ontario Union for advertisement at a nominal rate; and the Toronto District Union for use of a room.

The business has increased, as you will see by the subjoined report:

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Oct. 31st, 1897.—Stock amounts to \$1226.27, and increased addition of \$537.07.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE M. BASCOM.

LEAFLETS PRINTED DURING THE YEAR.

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5,000 Cousin Jane and the Street Cars.
5,000 Sabbath Sunshine at Home.
2,000 Why a Pledge Against Cider.
2,000 Sow Beside All Waters.
2,000 A Working Union.
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2,000 Constitutions Ontario W.C.T.U.
5,000 Anti-Cigarette League.
10,000 Why Should I Belong to the W.C.T.U. ?
10,000 The Baneful Cigarette.
5,000 The Teacher's Opportunity.
5,000 The Master is Come.
3,000 Cider Trap for Children.
2,000 Spurgeon's Proverbs.
2,000 Power of Example.
1,000 The Root Beer Fraud.
2,000 An Appeal to Parents.
1,000 Cider in the Home.
3,000 Dangerous Road.
1,000 Hereditary Effects of Cider.
1,000 The Alcohol in Root Beer.
2,000 Will You Take the Responsibility ?
2,000 Influence of the Moderate Drinker.
2,000 Safety of Total Abstinence.

1,000	I Like Cider.
2,000	A Crusade Against Beer.
2,000	The Appetite Taken Away.
2,000	Temperance Alphabet.
5,000	Facts About Alcohol.
5,000	Does the Drink Make You Strong ?
5,000	On a Lehigh Valley Train.
5,000	A Short Story.
5,000	Canada's Drink Bill.
5,000	Physical Effects of Smoking.
5,000	Let There Be Light.
5,000	The Mission of the White Ribbon.
5,000	Dr. Richardson on Tobacco.
2,000	Right or Wrong—Which ?
5,000	Saloon Must Go.
5,000	Answer These Four Questions.
5,000	Hard Times.
5,000	Wanted—2,000,000 Boys.
5,000	Cost of Prisons, Penitentiaries, etc.
5,000	Ten Reasons for Signing the Pledge.
5,000	The Cider Drunkard's Appetite.
5,000	Workingmen and Drink.
5,000	Have You Any Boys ?
2,000	Some Conclusions about Beer.
1,000	Christian Missions and Temperance Reform.
500	Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission, Register Books.
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REPORT OF SCHOOL OF METHODS AND PARLIAMENTARY USAGES.

Prince Edward Island.—A partial school was held at the Provincial Convention, which met in June, of which the Superintendent writes: "A most interesting paper was read on 'Alcohol in Medicine.' This paper proved conclusively that all diseases treated hitherto with alcohol could now be successfully treated without its use. Testimonies were read from eminent physicians all over the world corroborating this statement. Another paper on 'Woman Suffrage' created a lively discussion. Education along this line was recommended before women were ready for the ballot." Parliamentary Usages are strictly enforced in all the discussions. No County or

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Local Schools have been held. Mrs. Thornley's leaflet and Mary Allen West's Manual have been used and proved most helpful.

Nova Scotia.—Held one School during the Provincial Convention, when the following topics were presented: "Y" work, followed by discussion; Poem on "Our Badge, why wear it;" "Jail and Prison Reform," a grand paper and full of food for thought. Discussion followed; "Woman's Relation to the Municipality." After this paper the discussion was very animated, and made doubly interesting by the presence of Miss Slack, who spoke at some length on the subject. "Parliamentary drill" was also conducted. All the helps recommended on page 111 of last year's report were circulated, and proved of great benefit.

The Superintendent was invited to hold some County Schools, but owing to ill-health was unable to enter these open doors.

New Brunswick.—Held a half-day school in connection with Annual Meeting of Provincial Union at St. Stephen. Two partial schools have been held in connection with Northumberland and St. John County Unions. Papers read and topics discussed were as follows:—"Evangelistic Work," "Systematic Giving," "School Savings Bank," "Purity," "Mothers' Meetings," "Heredity," "Why should women join the W.C.T.U.?" "The development of Department Methods and its advantages in W.C.T.U. work," "Free Parliament on the Plebiscite." Parliamentary Drill is conducted and the helps recommended have been used.

Quebec. The President writes: "You may put Quebec down as having done some good work, but that accounts have not been kept as to the amount." Open Parliament was held at one County Meeting, with papers on "What we should eat," "What we should drink," "What we should wear."

Ontario.—The advance in this Department has been marked.

"Last year we had 28 organized counties. We can now report 31. In these there have been held 24 full or partial county schools and 18 local schools, making a total gain over last year of 15 schools. At these 118 papers or addresses on department work—covering 24 different departments—10 on the Plebiscite and 40 on such topics as "Finance," "How maintain interest," Report Day, Christian Citizenship, Medal Contests, etc., were given. The total of papers last year was 95, this year 168, making an increase of 73. The departments receiving the most attention were Franchise, treated of in 11 papers; Scientific Temperance and Sabbath Observance in 10 each; Juvenile, 9; Lumbermen and Flower Mission, 7 each, etc. Two model meetings were held, 35 question boxes opened and 16 drills given.

Throughout the year correspondence with the Superintendents of this department—the County President's—has been maintained.

One leaflet, entitled "Programs," issued for the department by the Dominion Literature Depository, was sent to every Local Union in the Province. Its aim was to bring some kind of system into local meetings.

At the Pembroke Convention the half-day Provincial School was held. Three topics were presented and discussed and a question box opened."

AN EXPLANATION.

Some confusion of thought exists in regard to what are partial and what local schools. From some of the reports sent, the Superintendents have evidently confounded the Local Union educational hour with a local school.

A full school is one to which delegates from the various Unions of the county are invited and which occupies not less than one half-day. It may be in connection with the County Annual Meeting or in the spring. A partial school is one held in connection with a county convention and occupying less than a half day. A local school is held in connection with a Local Union, but the program is supplied by County workers, who come as teachers in their several departments.

Manitoba.—No report.

British Columbia.—No report.

DOMINION.

The customary half-day School was held at the Dominion Convention and proved the most interesting held yet. Splendid papers, followed by animated discussions, were given on the following subjects: "Lord's Day Observance," by Mrs. Alice B. Reede; "Saving and Giving," by Mrs. M. E. Cole; "The Latest Aspect of the Prohibition Question and How we are to meet it," by Dr. Amelia Yeomans; "How the 'Y's' Teach Housekeeping," was illustrated by Miss Faircloth giving an exhibition of a class in the Kitchen Garden.

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DOMINION PLAN OF WORK FOR 1897-98.

Mrs. May R. Thornley, London, Convener.

THE PLEBISCITE.

1st.—Recommended : That we pledge ourselves, when the Plebiscite Bill is before the country, to raise money, distribute literature, and co-operate with other Temperance Societies in all wise methods for awakening a favorable interest in Prohibition.

2nd.—That until the Bill is enacted we turn our attention to the temperance education of Canadian women, relying especially upon women's meetings, the distribution of literature and, where possible, personal appeals.

3rd.—That continuous prayer be made for the triumph of righteousness.

4th.—As our prayers for the Plebiscite vote are likely to be answered in proportion to the genuine self-sacrifice and hearty God-directed work we put into campaign preparations.

Recommended.—That White Ribboners begin the raising of money for necessary expenses by the consecration to this work of as large a proportion of their personal income as can be spared, remembering that petitions for God's help must come from those who have done their own best.

5th.—Recommended : That Unions contiguous to rural communities make it their business to visit the homes in the surrounding district that the wives of the farmers of this country may be supplied with plebiscite literature and facts, and may be interested in the coming campaign, the outcome of which will be for them pregnant of results.

6th.—Further recommended, and earnestly urged : That Plebiscite School Section Meetings be at once commenced, and that they be continued throughout the campaign. The distribution of literature at these gatherings is heartily commended.

THE DEPARTMENTS.

DOMINION SUPERINTENDENTS.

Recommended.—That Dominion Superintendents be requested to make their Departments depositories of knowledge, with reference to the conditions prevailing in the several provinces, so far as their lines of work are concerned ; and that in their recommendations and suggestions they take a more national view of the evils combated, or the reforms advocated.

HEALTH AND HEREDITY.

As the problem of health is of vital importance to the life that now is, and a wise solution of it will lay the true basis of a good heredity for future generations ;

We therefore recommend that it be given pre-eminence, and that the name of Department No. 5 be changed to read 'Health and Heredity.'

TEMPERANCE HOTELS AND COFFEE HOUSES.

Recommended.—That the name of Department No. 27 be changed from "Houses of Entertainment and Coffee Houses" to "Temperance Hotels and Coffee Houses."

PURITY.

Recommended.—That those Provincial Unions that have not already done so, combine, under one Superintendency, the two Departments of Social Purity, and Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS.

Recommended.—That the Department of Exhibitions and Fairs include patriotic and other large gatherings at which refreshments can be served and literature distributed ; that where Fairs extend over Sunday a service for the stock-men be arranged.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

Recommended.—That in each city and town a reliable druggist be approached and asked to obtain, and keep for sale, unfermented wine of standard quality, the Union agreeing to notify the public of the existence of this depot.

The brand of Unfermented Wine manufactured by Hagar Bros., of Welland, is especially commended.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Recommended.—1st. That Provincial Superintendents obtain, and send forward to the Dominion Superintendent, full and correct copies of all Provincial acts bearing on Lord's Day Observance, especially of those relating to the Sunday closing of bar-rooms.

2nd. That we co-operate with the Provincial Lord's Day Alliance in securing better Sabbath laws, and better enforcement of these laws ; and where there are no such Societies that we promote their organization.

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PURITY.

1st.—Recommended: That purity literature be more widely but judiciously scattered.

2nd.—That Mothers' meetings be held and the opportunity improved to impress upon them the sacred duty of safe-guarding childhood's innocence by knowledge, and of giving the little ones a conception of the purity and beauty of God's plan for the perpetuation of life, that they may, in later years, view marriage as a sacred relation not to be lightly entered into.

3rd.—That the purity pledge, which emphasizes the New Testament conception of the body as the Temple of God, be circulated.

4th.—That we co-operate, where possible, with other Societies engaged in Purity work, thus presenting to our legislators a unity of purpose and effort; and to this end we earnestly recommend

5th.—That the Ontario Provincial Superintendent of Legislation, Mrs. Asa Gordon, the Dominion Treasurer, Mrs. Tilton, together with one representative from outside Ottawa, be our section of the purity deputation which, it is hoped, will meet with the Minister of Justice and consider the provisions of the amendments to the criminal bill before their submission to the House next year.

6th.—That we further prosecute our efforts to obtain legislation for the better protection of women and girls, and to prevent the introduction into Canada of enactments that tend to perpetuate an unequal standard of morality for men and women; and that we continue to express, at every suitable opportunity, our utter abhorrence of the legalization of vice, as in the British Indian Cantonment regulations.

7th.—That, should there be a call for aid in support of legislation, instead of letters to M.P.'s and resolutions, our requests be sent in the form of petitions, bearing, besides the official signature of the Union, the names of six or a dozen prominent citizens.

The correct form of petition is subjoined and should be printed with this plan of work. Copies of such petitions should be duplicated and sent to the minister or member who has charge of the bill in each House, and to the M.P. at Ottawa representing the riding where the Union is located.

PETITION OF THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

To the Honorable, the Parliament of Canada, in Council assembled:
May it please your Honorable body.

The petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the undersigned residents of B. . . . sheweth, that whereas
And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

8th.—In harmony with the Apostolic Injunction, "Ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak," and in the interests of humanity, we heartily endorse the method of dealing with the degenerate and vicious classes of society, advocated by President Johnson of the late International Conference of Charities, viz., that they be cared for by the State, and while every effort be made to reform and uplift them, they be denied the right of burdening the State and blighting the race by perpetuating their species.

9th.—"The Christian Life" (a Journal, price 50c. per year, published at 70 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill.) is recommended to Superintendents of Heredity. "The New Crusade," by Mary Wood-Allan, price 50c., to be secured from the Wood-Allan Publishing Co., Ann Arbor, Mich., is especially recommended for Superintendents of Mothers' Meetings, and all women interested in the care of children.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Recommended.—That White Ribboners throughout the Dominion be requested to give one cent out of every ten cents of their tithing money to the work of the Plebiscite, and that the children be encouraged to do the same.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

Recommended.—1st: That in Provinces where the statutes or educational regulations do not require, in the public schools, systematic Scientific Temperance Instruction, adapted to the different grades, the Provincial Unions make continued effort to secure the authorization of such instruction, with graded text books and regular examination, to render the law effective.

2nd.—As an advance in the Scientific Temperance laws of any of the Provinces should be known all over the Dominion, that it may serve as a stimulus and encouragement to less favored sections.

That our Dominion Superintendent be requested to collect abstracts of the several laws or regulations now in force, and having digested the same, place the salient points thus gleaned before her provincial workers.

3rd.—That a general effort be made to elect women on School Boards when and where practicable, or failing that, to secure men who are known to be favourable to moral reform along W.C.T.U. lines.

4th.—We gratefully record our appreciation of the labors of the Rev. E. O. Taylor in the Provinces of Manitoba and Ontario, and because of the success and value of the work thus accomplished in the interests of Scientific Temperance.

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Recommended.—That some similar course be arranged for the coming year in each Province, in order that the general education as to the true nature and effects of alcoholic drinks may be continued, thereby forming, for our Scientific Temperance Instruction Laws, a strong background of popular sentiment.

NARCOTICS.

Believing that the results, physical and moral, of the use of cigarettes, if only more widely known, would produce a social revolt against their manufacture and sale.

Recommended.—1st: That our Dominion Superintendent of work amongst young people be asked to appeal to the Young People's Christian Societies of the country, earnestly requesting their assistance in inaugurating an educational campaign, looking towards the prohibition of the trade by Dominion enactment.

2nd.—That Provincial Unions approach the proper authorities, with a view to amending the various Pharmacy Acts, so as to procure more stringent legislation regarding the sale of morphine and other narcotics.

3rd.—That our Local Unions take up a course of reading, having as its object the instruction of our own women on the dangerous effects of morphine and other narcotics, particularly in the form of patent medicines, headache and sleeping powders.

4th.—That notice of motion be given for an amendment to the Dominion constitution by which total abstinence from opium and all narcotics shall be incorporated in our pledge.

PRESS.

Recommended.—1st: That Local Unions require of each Local Superintendent a brief written report at least once in three months; that said report, after its reading at a regular meeting, be passed on to the Press Superintendent for publication in the papers.

2nd.—That all Unions make special effort this year to extend our work through the press, and to circulate the publications of our Society.

FLOWER MISSION.

Recommended.—1st: That the Dominion Literature Committee take into consideration the printing of Dominion Flower Mission text cards.

2nd.—That Unions engaged in Flower Mission work endeavor, where practicable to establish loan or circulating libraries, linen closets, and dispensaries, and employ nurses and women physicians.

3rd.—That the Dominion Flower Mission Forms and Record

Books, to be obtained at the Literature Depository, be used by the Provincial Superintendents, and be recommended by them to County and Local Superintendents, to the intent that reporting may be rendered more correct and uniform.

4th.—That this Department be made a more active medium for the distribution of Temperance Literature, and, until the Plebiscite vote be taken, of Plebiscite Literature, to be obtained at 56 Elm Street, Toronto.

PARLOR MEETINGS.

Believing that one of the best means of building up temperance and prohibition sentiment is through our social lines of work :

Recommended.—1st: That Local Unions throughout the Dominion hold parlor meetings once a month, if possible, or at least once a quarter, at which papers and discussions dealing with prohibition, as it relates to the liquor traffic, shall be given.

2nd.—That a new leaflet be issued in the interest of Parlor Meetings, embodying Miss Willard's letter in the "Union Signal" of April 8th, 1897.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

Recommended.—1st: That a Superintendent be secured in each Province.

2nd.—That as far as possible we enlist the agency of the Press, Pulpit and platform on the side of the principles of Peace and Arbitration.

3rd.—That the W.C.T.U. endeavor to bring prominently into light the teachings of the New Testament concerning peace.

4th.—That in the Sabbath set apart by the Peace Society, Dec. . . . special prayer be made that peace may reign among the nations of the earth, and that the pastors of the several churches be requested to remember this theme in the opening devotional exercises.

FRANCHISE.

As many suffrage petitions signed by men only, or by men and women jointly, have been circulated and presented to Parliament, yet without visible result, and

As one of the stock arguments against the enfranchisement of woman is her supposed objection to bearing the responsibilities of full citizenship :

Recommended.—1st: That a simple form of petition, asking for full political equality with men, where the requisite property qualifications are possessed be circulated in all our Provinces, and be signed solely, by women over 21 years of age.

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2nd.—That the canvass for signatures be invariably accompanied by a distribution of suitable literature, in order that the educational side of the campaign may not be neglected.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Recommended.—That in view of the notoriously corrupt state of politics, all Unions be urged to correspond with the Provincial Superintendent of Franchise and Christian Citizenship, that more prominence may be given to this department, and our voters be taught their individual responsibility, and the sacredness of the trust they hold.

Lectures for adults and direct teaching for children are earnestly urged.

WORK AMONG SAILORS AND FISHERMEN.

Realizing that Sailors and Fishermen, owing to long absences from land, are especially liable to be the victims of the saloon when on shore, and holding in view the promised Plebiscite,

Recommended.—1st: That our Provincial and Local Superintendents of this Department pay marked attention to the distribution of suitable Prohibition literature as a means of informing the minds and influencing the votes of these classes.

2nd.—That the leaflets, "Thy Bottle," "What it Costs" and "Beer Drinking and Business," published by the Dominion Alliance, be amongst these thus distributed.

3rd.—That the printed appeal be reinforced by a personal canvass.

4th.—That other lines of work, as Sailors' Rooms, Gospel Temperance services, Comfort Bags, literature distribution, and Xmas letters be not forgotten.

5th.—That the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen which on this side of the Atlantic finds an outlet at Labrador, be commended to the consideration of our Unions.

6th.—That Provincial Superintendents subscribe for "Toilers of the Deep," a monthly record of Mission work amongst Sailors, in the pages of which accounts of the work done at Labrador may be found.

JUVENILE WORK.

Recommended.—1st: That Bands of Hope co-operate with the Junior Endeavors in asking the Government for Prohibition.

2nd.—That the Plebiscite be made a special feature of Band of Hope meetings during the season.

3rd.—That Bands of Mercy work be carried on in connection with the Bands of Hope and Loyal Legions.

4th.—That a special effort be made to increase the number of members, and the Prize Banner be held out as an inducement for such effort; that more attention be given to statistical reporting with the hope that the Provincial Superintendent's and Provincial Corresponding Secretary's reports of members may agree.

THE "Y'S."

Whereas the "Y's" in different parts of the Dominion are now doing serious woman's work, often identical with that of the older Unions: and recognizing that they come long distances to the conventions and are desirous not only of conferring with one another, but of hearing the mind of the convention on the spirit and nature of their work: and feeling that "Y" evenings, or hurried "Y" conferences held during convention, do not fill this want:

Recommended.—That in Dominion, Provincial and County Conventions, a portion of a morning or afternoon session be devoted to the reading and discussion of papers on "Y" work.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Because Young People's Christian organizations (having provision in their constitutional machinery for temperance work) are sure to be interested and active in the plebiscite:

Recommended.—1st: That Local Unions confer with the leaders in Local Societies and seek their aid in the general educational efforts that must precede the vote.

2nd.—That Union Superintendents of work amongst young people be drawn from the membership of local young people's societies, and be supplied with literature for distribution amongst the temperance committees.

3rd.—That the Union Superintendent of work amongst Young People be provided, by the Union, with Miss Belle M. Brain's book entitled "Weapons for Temperance Warfare," price 40c., to be obtained at 56 Elm Street, Toronto.

4th.—That when the time arrives for a general dissemination of temperance literature the young people's societies, as in previous campaigns, be asked to lend their greater leisure and physical strength to this arduous and gravely important task.

5th.—That we promote the holding of young people's mass meetings, conducted and addressed by young people.

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Suggested.—That ribbon badges bearing the inscription, "vote for Prohibition for my sake," be provided, where the funds permit, for Junior Societies of Christian workers, as this plan has proved successful in similar campaigns, and has been the means of influencing many fathers to give prohibition their support.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SLAVERY IN CANADA.

Whereas there is now abundant evidence that the traffic in Chinese girls, carried on between China and British Columbia, is a veritable slavery for immoral purposes—the girls (often mere children) being sold for concubines or the brothel; and

Whereas Christian missionaries and ministers have, in their efforts to rescue these girls, faithfully tested existing laws and found them insufficient :

Recommended.—That the evils above outlined be brought, in some forceful way, to the attention of the Dominion Government ; and

That the said Government be urged to so amend the laws that the importation, for immoral purposes, of Chinese girls, and the buying and selling of the same, shall become impossible, and that the rescue of those already upon our shores may be rendered easy of accomplishment.

Further recommended.—That the various woman's missionary societies be invited to co-operate in securing the above reforms.

"THE JOURNAL."

Whereas the present plan of work committee has had an extended correspondence over the proposition to purchase the "Woman's Journal," and has come to no definite conclusion, owing to the wide difference in valuation placed upon the paper by the arbitrators :

Recommended.—That a committee, composed of the Dominion Sub-Executive and the Presidents of the seven Provinces, be authorized to further consider this very difficult question, and that the powers of said committee be defined by this convention.

THE BIRDS.

Recommended.—That our "Y's" and "W's" be asked to consider the duty, as well as propriety, of refraining as White Ribboners, from wearing the remains of birds in hat or bonnet.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

Recommended.—That all Unions have a total abstinence reading or study once in three months.

CONVENTIONS.

Recommended.—That in future all delegates coming to Dominion Conventions bring with them, from the funds of their Home Unions, and for the purpose of helping to provide boarding places for those for whom billets cannot be secured, the sum of \$2.00.

CHILDREN'S PROTECTIVE ACT.

Whereas, the excellent "Children's Protective Act," in force in Ontario, has been found of great service in dealing with the children of depraved parents, and in otherwise protecting the child life of the Province :

Recommended.—That the Unions of other Provinces make an effort to secure similar enactments.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

Recommended.—1st : That labor organizations be addressed, urging them to include total abstinence in their basis of membership, and to help forward all lines of W.C.T.U. work, especially prohibition.

2nd.—That White Ribboners seek the acquaintance of working girls, in order to befriend and defend them.

PLAN OF WORK.

Recommended.—1st: That several copies of this plan of work be sent, without delay, to the various Provinces.

2nd.—That during the year the standing committee (appointed in the same manner as last year) be charged with the duty of collecting and arranging suggestions and plans which, having been approved by Dominion Sub-Executive, shall be published in our official organ as "recommendations"

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Winnipeg, Convener.

PREAMBLE.

In Convention now assembled, we, the members of the Dominion W.C.T.U., would gratefully acknowledge the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father, and rejoice in our utter dependence upon Him, because we know that in His strength we "can do all things." We praise Him for our past, and confidently commit our future into His wise and loving hands. Resolved :

1. That the basis of this Society is Total Abstinence, Total Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic and Opium Trade, the Enfranchisement of Women, Purity of Personal Life, and International Peace and Arbitration, and we invite all earnest women who are like-minded with us to join our organization, put on the White Ribbon, and become soldiers in our peaceful war.

2. Whereas.—The keeping of the Christian Sabbath is enjoined by God in His word, and is also of great value/in giving rest and change to the mind and body, and provision for spiritual sustenance to the soul ; therefore, Resolved : That we pledge ourselves to hold it sacred, refraining from all work not absolutely necessary, and using it only for high and holy purposes.

That we do our shopping on Saturday as early as possible, so that those with whom we deal may be better prepared to spend Sunday properly.

That we deplore the fact that street cars are now run on Sunday in Toronto and elsewhere in Canada and express our deep regret that the effort to prevent this was not successful.

3. Resolved.—That in view of the sweet and helpful influence of our devotional services, we anew set our seal upon them, and pray that their gracious influence may increase in all our Unions, and that our noontide hour of prayer may be faithfully observed.

4. Whereas, it has been suggested by the liquor people to complicate the coming plebiscite by adding a question regarding direct taxation as a means of replacing the revenue now derived from the liquor traffic ; and also that the result should be determined by the majority of the votes of the Dominion ;

Whereas, the alleged purpose of the Plebiscite was to obtain an expression of the electors as to the desirability of the enactment of a Prohibitory liquor law apart from any other question whatsoever ; and

Whereas, there can be no danger of ultimate depreciation of

revenue when the enormous expenditure consequent upon the liquor traffic is considered, but on the contrary we may reasonably expect great stimulation along all legitimate lines of business ;

Therefore : Resolved, that we emphatically protest against the coupling of direct taxation or any other issue with the promised Plebiscite on Prohibition, and also against the proposal that the Plebiscite shall not be considered as resulting in favor of Prohibition unless more than half the votes on the Dominion List shall be cast in its favor.

4. Whereas, it is most desirable that all classes should be reached, their interest roused, and their minds kept alert on the temperance question so vital to all interests ; and

Whereas, Sailors and Fishermen, owing to the isolation of their lives when at sea, are specially susceptible to the influences of the saloon when on shore ;

Therefore: Resolved, that through our Provincial and Local Superintendents of this Department teaching on Prohibition be made a specialty during the present and coming seasons, so that its beneficial results may be kept before the minds of this class of men, and help them to decide to vote in favor of Prohibition.

5. Recognizing the need of concerted, harmonious and united action by Prohibitionists in the coming Plebiscite campaign, we, the members of the Dominion W.C.T.U. in Convention assembled, heartily endorse the proposed formation of a Dominion Prohibition Committee composed of representatives from every temperance body, nationally organized; believing that as a Central Executive it will be of very great assistance to the temperance cause.

6. Whereas, the legalized liquor traffic is, in our opinion, a national disgrace and crime, and its toleration a stain on our common Christianity, and an insult to the Captain of our Salvation, who was "manifested to destroy the works of the Devil ; "

Therefore : Resolved, that we rally all our members to a campaign of prayer that the eyes of nominal Christians may be opened in this matter, and their hearts stirred to a loathing of further compromise with sin.

7th. Resolved, that in cases of married people the signatures of both husband and wife should be legally necessary to constitute that of a household in cases of applications for licenses to sell spirituous liquors.

8th. Whereas, we have lately known of the most appalling loss of life through famine in India ; and

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9th. Whereas, State regulation of sexual vice has been subtly reintroduced into Her Majesty's Indian Empire under the guise of Cantonment Regulations ; and

Whereas, this means the assent of rulers, and through them, of the people, to constant violation of the Seventh Commandment, as well as of the teachings on purity of our Lord Jesus Christ ; and

Whereas, Social Impurity and the liquor traffic mutually sustain each other, and the W.C.T.U. has always recognized this fact, and opposed with all its might the legalization of vice in any form ;

Therefore : Resolved, that we are unalterably opposed to any and all complicity of Governments with sin, that as British subjects we strongly protest against the enactment of law permitting the regulation of vice in the Military Cantonments in India, and that we declare such law an outrage on Christianity, civilization and common humanity ; also

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Lord George Hamilton, the India Office, London, Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour, Government Offices, Downing Street, London, and to Lady Henry Somerset, Eastnor Castle, Ledbury, England.

11. Whereas, it is becoming increasingly apparent that the matter of woman's political freedom is intimately connected with the possibility of her consecration of all her capabilities to Jesus Christ ;

Whereas, such consecration is her highest privilege and her bounden duty ;

Whereas, she is possessed of every faculty necessary for the average voter, and the exclusion of her thought-force from the affairs of the nation which is her larger home (by making her opinion one which does not count), is deeply disrespectful to her, a reflection on her Creator by whom she has been so richly endowed, and is also highly injurious to the best interests of the human race.

Therefore : Resolved, that we engage very earnestly in the work of our Franchise Department during the coming year, urging its claims everywhere, and never resting in our efforts until our whole Dominion come up to the standard in this respect of the Isle of Man,

New Zealand, and South Australia, under our own flag, and of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Idaho across the southern line whose daughters are now free, fully enfranchised citizens of their respective commonwealths.

12. Whereas, the White Ribboners of Canada have had no earlier opportunity of testifying to their love for and loyalty to their beloved Queen in this Her Jubilee Year.

Resolved, that we now put on record these sentiments and add the prayer that her life and rule may be prolonged for many years.

13. Whereas, this is the Jubilee Year of our beloved Queen, and we are confident that the interests of her women subjects lie very near her heart ;

Resolved, that we ask the World's W.C.T.U. to join with us in asking Her Majesty to throw the weight of her influence towards giving to British women throughout her Dominion the inestimable boon of political freedom. We believe that this supreme act of justice would crown with added glory her splendid reign.

14. Whereas, the representative of the electors in the Dominion House of Commons have discriminated against young women while protecting young men ;

Therefore : Resolved, that we as a Convention protest against the unjust action which makes the age of protection for girls only sixteen, while that for boys is twenty-one. That we believe the tendency of all such legislation to be immoral, and call upon the representatives of the people to make the laws of our land harmonize with the laws of God.

15. Resolved, that while as members of the Dominion W.C.T.U. we rejoice that the Bar in the House of Commons has been removed by a vote of its members, showing that there is a growing temperance sentiment among the representatives of our people, we deeply regret that the Senators of the country have seen fit to keep open Bar.

16. Whereas, thousands of our young men are flocking into the Yukon and Klondyke regions, and will be exposed to many vicious temptations incident to mining camp life ;

Resolved, that we petition the Government to prohibit the importation and sale of intoxicating liquors, and forbid gambling in those places.

17. Resolved, that in the opinion of this Convention, the time has fully come when the Dominion Authorities should provide Industrial Reformatories for confirmed inebriates among women, where they could be compulsorily detained for a length of time adequate to form a basis of reformed life, the short term system having, after long trial, proved worthless.

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Also, that Refuges separate from these Homes are necessary for Girls, who should not be associated with older and more hardened offenders.

18. Resolved, that we would re-affirm the great importance of our Department of Narcotics, especially in view of the wide-spread use of cigarettes among young boys, and urge the paramount necessity of care, watchfulness and work in the interests of the rising generation.

19. Resolved, that we strongly condemn faking and gambling on the grounds of exhibitions and fairs, and pledge ourselves to oppose the same ;

And that we recommend Provincial Unions to petition Provincial Governments to withhold all Government grants from Exhibitions and Fairs that permit immoral and indecent side shows.

Resolved, that we urge a constant crusade against impure literature in any form, also against play-bills or shows having an immoral tendency, being on the alert against the assaults of impurity on the "lamb of the fold," whatever be their source or method.

20. That we earnestly intreat the members of the W.C.T.U. to discourage by their example the use of bird plumage for millinery purposes, especially the osprey, as this is only obtained from the mother bird during the nesting season. The death of the mother means starvation to the little ones.

21. Whereas, the man who has done more for the prohibition of the liquor traffic than any other the present century has produced, has but this month passed the boundaries of time, leaving behind him a record of unswerving devotion to the temperance cause ;

Therefore : Resolved, that the Dominion W.C.T.U. in annual convention assembled record their appreciation of the services rendered by the Hon. Neal Dow to humanity, and their sorrow for his removal from earth.

22. Whereas, the majority of the members of our Woman's Christian Temperance Unions are debarred the opportunity of either seeing or hearing their Dominion President, and as we believe that such contact would greatly tend to bind the different Provinces together, and prove an incentive to true temperance work and also tend to give our President a better idea of the varied needs of the Provinces ;

Therefore : Resolved, that our Dominion President make a tour of the Provinces either once in two or four years, and that expenses of such tour be met from Dominion Treasury or by public meetings held by the various Unions.

23. Resolved, that we extend our thanks—sincere and profound—to the Mayor and City Council for the free use of the Pavilion; to the

Convention Committee in all its different departments; to the Toronto District W.C.T.U.; to the citizens of Toronto who have so kindly entertained us; to the trustees of Jarvis Street Baptist Church; to the Convention Chorus, Carleton Street Methodist Church Quartette; to soloists and accompanists; to the sweet-faced, fleet-footed pages who have so courteously and promptly carried our messages; to the Press, who have so faithfully reported our work; and to each and everyone who has in any way contributed to the success of this convention.

GREETINGS.

To the Dominion W.C.T.U.:

Toronto, Oct. 21, 1897.

The Toronto Methodist Young People's Union in mass meeting assembled, representing 4,000 Epworth Leaguers, desire to extend greetings to the Dominion W.C.T.U., and wish you every success in your noble work for God, and Home and Native Land.

Signed on behalf of Toronto Methodist Young People's Union.

JAMES SIMPSON, President.

JAMES MAYOR, Secretary.

Taunton, Mass., Oct. 19th, 1897.

Massachusetts White Ribboners in convention send loving greetings to Canada.

HARRIET TODD.

Edmonton, N.W.T., Oct. 20, 1897.

Read Colossians, second chapter, fifth verse.

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Ottawa, Oct. 21, 1897.

Greetings to Convention.

Read to the "Y's" Ruth ii. 12.

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Would that I could be with you in person as I am in spirit. God bless you all in Convention assembled and guide in all your deliberations on behalf of the cause so dear to so many of our noble women all over the world.

THE WORLD'S DEMAND.

God give us women ! the present demands
 Level heads, true hearts, strong faith and willing hands,
 Women whom positions in office cannot destroy ;
 Women whom "boodle" can never, never buy !
 Women who have the courage of their convictions ;
 Women who have sufficient honor to stand by them.
 Women who dare to stand before a demagogue
 And deny his treachery without finching.
 Noble women—God crowned—who live above the dogmas,
 Whose duty in both public and private life
 Is for the benefit of humanity at large.
 No loud professions and their little acts
 Of selfish strife, while mercy weeps ;
 Let right be might, then justice will not sleep.

JESSIE B. ARCHIBALD,

of Truro, N.S.

PROPER FORMS FOR PETITIONS.

HEADING FOR PETITION TO THE SENATE.

To the Honorable the Senate of the Dominion of Canada
in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance
Union.

(Place and date).....Humbly sheweth,—That, etc., etc....

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signatures—at least three in number—on the page on which
petition ends. Petition must be type-written.)

HEADING FOR PETITION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS.

To the Honorable the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada
in Parliament assembled :

The Petition. etc. (as for Petition to the Senate).

HEADING FOR PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable Governor-General of the
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PREAMBLE.

We, the Christian Women of this Dominion, conscious of the increasing evils, and appalled at the tendencies and dangers of intemperance, believe it has become our duty under the Providence of God to unite our efforts for its extinction.

That we may the more successfully prosecute the work, we adopt the following—

PLEDGE.—I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including beer, wine and cider, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association (Auxiliary to the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union) shall be known as the "Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Canada."

ARTICLE II.

The Officers shall be, a President, a Vice-President-at-large, (the President of each Provincial Union being ex-officio Vice-President of the Dominion Union), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. The General Officers, with Presidents of organized Provinces and Superintendents of Departments appointed by Dominion Union, shall constitute an Executive Committee to control and provide for the general interest of the work, of whom five shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III.

The Biennial Convention shall be composed of the Executive Committee, and the Provincial Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer, one delegate-at-large from each Auxilliary Province and one delegate for every hundred paying members of Auxilliary Provincial Unions.

ARTICLE IV.

Any Provincial organization of W. C. T. U. may become auxilliary to the Dominion Union by endorsing its Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

A Biennial Convention, at which time the officers shall be elected, shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

Any person signing the pledge and paying the sum of fifty dollars may become an Honorary Member of this Union.

ARTICLE VII.

Each Provincial Union shall pay annually to the funds of the Dominion Union an amount equal to five cents per paying member of each Auxilliary Local Union.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any Biennial Convention, notice having been given in writing of such change at the Previous Biennial Convention.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

Sec. 1.—In case of the illness or death of the President, the duties of her office shall devolve upon the Vice-President-at-large. The President may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when she may deem it necessary, or in response to the written request of any five members of the Executive Committee, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to send to each Provincial Corresponding Secretary, at least three months before the annual meeting, a blank for the report of that Province for the current year. She shall then collate from each report her own biennial report.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

Sec. 3.—The Recording Secretary shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee, and keep correct record of their proceedings. She shall send to each member of the Executive Committee a proper notice of each meeting, and designate in said notice the topics which are to be especially considered at the meeting. She shall appraise members of Committee of their appointment at the first session of each biennial meeting. She shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last biennial meeting, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office.

TREASURER.

Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and to present a detailed report thereof to each biennial meeting. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate two weeks previous to the biennial meeting, when the books shall be closed.

ARTICLE II.—VOTING

General Officers and Dominion Superintendents shall vote in person, and their vote cannot be cast otherwise. Each delegation may fill its quota by visiting members from its own Province; if any Provincial President is absent, said Province may be represented on the Executive Committee by a member of its delegation.

ARTICLE III.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers, with the exception of Vice-Presidents, shall be elected on the morning of the third day of the Biennial Meeting, and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately. Should any candidate receive three-quarters of the vote cast on the informal ballot, she shall be declared elected, if not, the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast. The retiring officers shall retain their position until the close of each Convention.

ARTICLE IV.—COMMITTEES.

(a) The Committees on Credentials, Finance and Courtesies shall be appointed on the first day of the Biennial Meeting. (b). The conveners of the Plan of Work and Resolutions Committees shall be appointed for the ensuing year, on the last day of Convention as follows:—A Convener shall be elected by Convention with a Committee representing each Province, to be nominated by the Sub-Executive of said Province.

ARTICLE V.—BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall be the Business Committee of the Biennial Meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

All documents and announcements from the Dominion Union shall be sent to the Provincial Unions through their respective Corresponding Secretaries.

ARTICLE VII.

The expenses of General Officers (exclusive of Provincial Vice-Presidents) in travelling to and from the Biennial Meeting, also for postage and stationery, shall be borne by the Union.

ARTICLE VIII.—SUPERINTENDENTS.

Superintendents shall be nominated by the Executive Committee (excepting Superintendents of Departments) and elected by the Biennial Convention. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered, and the Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of Biennial Meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

At each Biennial Meeting a Committee shall be appointed on Courtesies of the Convention, to which shall be referred the charge of all introductions to the Convention.

ARTICLE X.

The General Officers shall constitute a Sub-Committee for the speedy transaction of business during the year.

ARTICLE XI.

Crusade Day shall be September 28th, and the Day of Prayer on January 3rd (Mrs. Yeomans' birthday.)

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ARTICLE XII.

"Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be the recognized guide of Parliamentary procedure in all cases where it does not conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of the W. C. T. U.

ARTICLE XIII.

These By-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Convention.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE DOMINION WOMAN'S
CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Whereas the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union has by its petition prayed to be incorporated with the powers and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition; Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Mrs. Letitia Youmans, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Ella F. M. Williams, of Montreal, Que.; Mrs. Harriot T. Todd, of St. Stephen, N.B.; Miss Julia Tilley, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton, of Ottawa, Ont.; Mrs. Mary E. Sanderson, of Danville, Que.; Mrs. May R. Thornley, of London, Ont.; Mrs. Edith J. Archibald, of Cow Bay, Cape Breton, N.S.; Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, of New Westminster, B.C.; Mrs. Myrtle Blakely, of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton, of Quebec City, Que.; Mrs. C. Spofford, of Victoria, B.C.; Mrs. C. W. Strong, of Summerside, P.E.I., and all others who are now or hereafter become associated with them, according to their Constitution and By-laws, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union," hereinafter called the Union.

2. The purposes of the Union are the banding together of Christian women, pledged to total abstinence for the preservation of the Home, the education of the young, the elevation of public sentiment with respect to the cause of temperance, the reformation of the drinking classes by the power of Divine Grace, and the securing of laws which shall totally prohibit the carrying on of the liquor traffic in Canada.

3. The Union may acquire all land and property necessary for its purposes, provided that the annual value of the real estate held at

any one time apart from that in the actual use of the Union, shall not exceed five thousand dollars: Provided that any devise of real estate shall be subject to the laws respecting devises of real estate to religious corporations, in force at the time of such devise in the Province in which such real estate is situate, so far as such laws apply to the Union.

4. The Union shall, within seven years after its acquisition of any real estate, sell or otherwise dispose of or alienate so much of such real estate as is not required for the purposes of the Union.

5. The Union may also make and pass regulations and by-laws for the direction and management of the Union.

6. The Constitution and By-laws of the Union now in force are and shall be the Constitution and By-laws of the Union hereby constituted until they are changed as provided therein.

7. The head office of the Union shall be at Toronto, or at such other place as is by By-law determined.

July 21st, 1894.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

1. Offered by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Knowlton, Que. :—I give notice that at the next Dominion Convention, I, or someone for me, will move to amend the Constitution by substituting the word "Annual" wherever the word "Biennial" appears.

2. Offered by Mrs. May R. Thornley, London, Ont. :—I hereby give notice of motion that I, or someone in my place, will move to amend the pledge of the Dominion Union, so that it shall include the prohibition of the use of opium and other narcotic drugs.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union the sum of \$..... and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

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