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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

OWEN SOUND, OCT. 12th, 1886.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, met in the Methodist Church at 9.30 a.m.

The President, Mrs. Chisholm in the chair.

Devotional exercises were led by the President, using Responsive Exercise No. 2; Mrs. Youmans, Picton, and Mrs. Campbell, Owen Sound, engaging in prayer.

At 10 a.m. the President called Convention to order, when the Recording Secretary read the roll of officers and delegates.

On motion, Miss Scott, of Ottawa, was elected Assistant Recording Secretary during Convention. The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held Oct. 11th, were then read and adopted.

Reports from County Superintendents having been asked for, the following were read and adopted:

County of Huron, by Mrs. Leach, Goderich. Counties of Grenville and Dundas, were read by Recording Secretary.

The following little girls being introduced to Convention, were on motion appointed pages: Maggie Edgar, Pearl Galbraith, Lulu Corbett, Florence Melville, Millie Rutherford, Nellie Campbell and Minnie Trotter.

Mr. B. Allen, M. P., was then introduced by the Committee on Courtesies, and gave an interesting address welcoming the Convention to Owen Sound. Reports from Local Unions were then called for, when Guelph report was read by Mrs. Budd.

Toronto (central) by..... Mrs. McFarlane.
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 Aylmer, by..... Miss Pound.
 Goderich, by..... Miss Trueman,
 Clinton, by..... Miss White.
 Tilsonburg, by..... Miss Garnet.
 Flesherton, by..... Mrs. Guerdrum.
 Berlin, by..... Miss Weaver.
 Chatsworth, by..... Mrs. Cameron.
 Mitchell, by..... Mrs. Flagg.
 Galt, by..... Mrs. Beavers.
 Stayner, by..... Miss Johnson.
 London, by..... Mrs. Jones.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, Pastor of the Church, being introduced, heartily welcomed the Convention, stating that the whole Church was open to the Convention and at the disposal of the ladies.

Resolution of Condolence.—Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. Bowes, and resolved—

“That the hearty sympathy of this Convention be extended to the family of our dear departed sister, the late Mrs. Henderson, of London. May God sustain and comfort them in this their hour of bereavement.”

The Question Box being passed, some interesting ideas on Flower Missions were brought out.

Moved by Miss Bowes, seconded by Mrs. Sage, that a resolution of condolence be tendered Guelph Union by this Convention, through Mrs. Budd, on the death of their valuable Secretary, Miss Jennie Smith.—Carried.

Noontide prayer was observed and the Session closed by singing the Doxology.

FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p.m.—Devotional Exercises were conducted by Mrs. Youmans and Mrs. Finch, using Responsive Exercise—"Our Authority." The President took the chair at 2.30.

The Recording Secretary read Minutes of Morning Session, which were on motion confirmed.

At the request of Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Youmans took the chair, while she gave the President's Address.

Moved by the Recording Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Finch, that the President's Address be adopted and printed, and that the suggestions in it be referred to the "Plan of Work" and "Resolutions Committees"—Carried—Standing vote.

Mr. Brewer, General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Owen Sound, and Mr. Finch, of the Disciples Church, were then introduced to Convention and gave short addresses of welcome to the Ont. W. C. T. U.

In the absence of Mrs. Fawcett, the Corresponding Secretary, Report was read by Mrs. Wiley, Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of Mrs. D. L. Brethour, seconded by Mrs. McFarlane, the Report was adopted.

Mr. W. A. Stephens, a veteran in the work, was introduced to Convention—after which Convention joined in singing "All hail the power of Jesus name."

Mrs. P. C. Brethour then gave the Treasurer's Report.

On motion of Mrs. Rutherford (Toronto), seconded by Mrs. Sage, it was adopted.

The Question—"Is it wise to suspend all W. C. T. U. work during the months of July and August. Would it not be better to keep up the interest, even through the heat of these months, particularly among the children, that being the time when released from the school room, they are left with so much freedom?" was read by Mrs. Wiley and created full discussion.

"The best method of conducting Gospel Temperance meetings," was ably responded to by Mrs. T. M. Campbell.

On motion—(The hour of adjournment having arrived) time was extended for ten minutes.

Several other questions were presented and discussed.

On motion, all unanswered questions were laid on the table to be discussed first in order of business, Wednesday a.m.

The Session closed by singing the Doxology.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Convention opened with Devotional Exercises.

Mrs. Chisholm in the chair.

Recording Secretary read Minutes of last Session, which were adopted.

The Questions laid over from the previous day were then taken up and answered.

A motion was made, that any gentleman rendering valuable assistance to our local Unions, and being a total abstainer, may be made an honorary life member.

It was moved in amendment—"That in cases of receiving special assistance from gentlemen being total abstainers, that we constitute such gentlemen members of our Union."

On motion this resolution and amendment was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

On motion, Convention proceeded to the regular order of business, the Question Box to be opened Thursday a.m. again.

The Rev. A. H. Scott, Pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, and D. Creighton, Esq., M. P. P., were introduced to the Convention, and gave short addresses of welcome. Mr. Creighton was greeted with the Chautauqua Wave, he being the first member of Parliament to bring in any measure extending the franchise to women.

Mrs. Wiley then read a letter from the Secretary of the Quebec Provincial Union containing credentials of their fraternal delegate, after

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which the Committee on Courtesies introduced Miss Prentiss, of Aylmer, Que., Fraternal Delegate.

She was received by the Convention standing, and great interest felt in her words on account of the work in the sister Province.

Mrs. Wiley read a letter from Mrs. Judge Steadman, Secretary Maritime W. C. T. U. expressing regret that the distance prevented their sending fraternal delegates. Also the following letter from Mrs. Bright Lucas :—

16 MEMORIAL HALL, FARRINGDON ST. CL. SEPT. 25TH, 1886.

Dear Mrs. Wiley :—

Your very kind and beautiful letter came duly to hand ; please accept my grateful thanks for the affectionate invitation you give me to be with you at the time of your Provincial Convention. I have turned the matter over in my mind hoping I might accomplish what you so kindly urge, but, dear friend, it does not seem practicable.

I regret to be obliged to give you this reply, for I assure you it would give me great pleasure to meet and become personally acquainted with each officer of your executive body, and to meet the various workers in the good cause which is dear to our hearts.

It is with difficulty I leave my work here for only a few weeks to attend the Convention to be held in Minneapolis.

If I keep to my arrangement, I go in the *Servia* on Oct. 2nd, and look to being home again before the end of November.

We read with interest the progress made in Canada in Prohibition. This is the most successful mode of bringing the people to understand the principle of Total Abstinence, and if they see it is impossible to procure the liquor they find they can do without it.

I have had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of a warm advocate of the cause from your part of our Empire. The gentleman's name is D. V. Lucas, a minister of the Gospel. I think our name brought us to be introduced, he very kindly honored me by coming to take luncheon with me and we had a very interesting time conversing on your Canadian successes and the wonderful progress of the Dominion. I will forward you one of our reports of the B. W. T. A. of this last year. Our Association is just ten years old. Our progress has been good each year, but, alas, there still remains much to do. As it is nearly time this should be posted I must only add that I am hoping I may meet you or some of your Executive at Minneapolis. Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

MARGARET B. LUCAS.

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, and seconded by Mrs. Finch, that the greetings of the Convention be sent to Mrs. Lucas, congratulating her on her appointment as President of the World's W. C. T. U.

Mrs. McFarlane, of Toronto, read Report of The *Woman's Journal* Department, showing the regular circulation to be 3,000 copies, and that 221,339 pages of literature were distributed as premiums for same.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

Mrs. Rutherford (Toronto) moved, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, that the delegates from Napanee, Kingston and Flesherton, be allowed to leave Convention to-morrow—Carried.

Miss Bowes presented Report of Provincial Organizer.

On motion the Report was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy, that a meeting for children be held at 4.15 on Thursday afternoon, that Mrs. Youmans be asked to give an Address, and the Mayor of Owen Sound be requested to preside—Carried.

Reports of Departments not printed were called for, where the Report of "Hygiene and Heredity" was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Dr. Anderson, Burlington.

A paper on the "White Cross" movement, prepared by Mrs. Tilton of Ottawa, was read by Mrs. Stephens.

Reports of "Work Among Railroad Men," was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Jarman, Toronto.

Report of "Work Among Soldiers," by the Superintendent, Mrs. Greenhill, of Prescott, was read by the Recording Secretary.

"Work Among Sailors," was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Annie Rutherford.

On motion these reports were adopted.

Moved by Mrs. McFarlane, seconded by Mrs. Cowan, that all Reports of County Superintendents, Reports of Superintendents of Departments and local Union reports, including those not read, be adopted as being read.—Carried.

The Session closed after singing the Doxology, the Rev. A. H. Scott pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention opened with devotional exercises, led by Mrs. McRossie, of Kingston.

At 2.30 the President took the chair.

The Recording Secretary read Minutes of Morning Session, which were adopted.

Rev. Dr. Stewart, Baptist Minister, was introduced to Convention.

On motion, delegates from new Unions, who were prepared to affiliate or would vouch for their Union doing so, were allowed to vote.

It was moved and seconded, that election of officers be by open nomination and shew of hands.

Moved in amendment that it be by open nomination and ballot.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, that it be in the usual way by an informal ballot.—Carried.

At the request of the President, Mrs. Youmans took the chair during election of officers.

Convention bowed in silent prayer, followed by Mrs. Youmans leading audibly.

The result of the informal ballot was a solid vote for Mrs. Chisholm.

The Committee on Courtesies then introduced the newly elected President to the Convention, who received her standing, and greeted her with the Chautauqua Wave.

The result of the ballot for the other officers for the current year was as follows :—1st Vice-President, Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa ; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Cowan, Toronto ; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, Brockville ; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. Wiley, Richmond Hill ; Treasurer, Mrs. P. C. Brethour, Brantford.

Mrs. Fawcett, of Maple, the retiring Corresponding Secretary, not accepting office another year, the following resolution was passed :—

Moved by Miss Bowes, seconded by Mrs. Jarman,

“That the thanks of this Convention be unanimously extended to our now retiring Corresponding Secretary for her efficient, faithful and cheerfully rendered services for the past eight years, accompanied with our deepest sympathy relative to her family affliction. Deut. 33, 27.”

A resolution from the County of Bruce Temperance and Prohibition Alliance was read by the Secretary.

‘The County Bruce Temperance and Prohibition Alliance in Convention assembled, in the Town of Walkerton, County of Bruce, on the 7th October, 1886.

It was moved by Rev. R. W. Williams, seconded by the Rev. E. Potter, and unanimously resolved :

"That this Alliance hereby sends heart'est greetings to the W. C. T. Union so shortly to be assembled in the Town of Owen Sound. Fully recognizing them as fellow laborers in the *Great Cause* of Temperance and Prohibition; we hail with delight the great successes which have marked and accompanied their efforts in the past; as evidence of the good pleasure of our Heavenly Father.

We would, our sisters, pledge ourselves with you, never to cease our exertions till Entire Prohibition is no longer a stimulating hope in our land but a declared fact.

With this as a common and universal aim we promise, to you as to all other pledge workers towards this, (we believe) fast approaching result, our utmost efforts and most earnest prayers till we all rejoice together in the Victory Won.

REV. JOSIAS GREENE, President."

R. W. WILLIAMS Sec. *pro tem.*

The Recording Secretary then nominated the County Superintendents.

The nomination was seconded and the ladies whose names were read were elected.

Invitations to hold Convention at the following places in 1887 were received:—Napanee, Gue'ph, Aylmer, Picton, Goderich, and St. Catharines. On a ballot being taken the invitation to Napanee was accepted with thanks.

The Executive Committee being excused, Mrs. Youmans took the chair.

The Executive Committee returning, introduced the following report, recommending the appointment of Superintendents of Departments, which was adopted:—

Organization—Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Annie Rutherford, Brockville.

Temperance Literature—Mrs. Falconer, Ottawa.

Influencing the Press—Mrs. J. Harrison, Georgetown.

S. S. Temperance and Juvenile Union—Miss Tilley, Toronto.

Evangelistic—Mrs. Cowan, Toronto.

Work Among French—Mrs. Cowan, Ottawa.

Work Among Germans—Mrs. Cavers, Galt.

Unfermented Wine—Miss Willmott, Milton.

Work Among Lumbermen—Mrs. Fawcett, Toronto.

Provincial Exhibition & County Fairs—Mrs. Fotheringham, Toronto.

Prison and Police—Miss Inketer, Kingston.

Legislation and Franchise—Mrs. Rockwell, Kingston.

Hygiene—Mrs. Dr. Anderson, Burlington.

Railroad Work—Mrs. Jarman, Toronto.

Work Among Soldiers—Mrs. Greenhill, Prescott.

Work Among Sailors—Mrs. D. Morrison, Owen Sound.

Young Woman's Work—Miss Scott, Ottawa.

Flower Mission—Miss Eloise Smith, Ottawa.

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Kitchen Garden—Miss Pearson, Brantford.

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Woman's Journal—Mrs. McFarlane, Toronto.

Convention adjourned after singing the Doxology.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14th.

Convention opened at 9.30. Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Bowes.

The Question Box being passed, several topics of interest were discussed.

The President took the chair at 11.30. Recording Secretary read Minutes of previous Session which were adopted.

Rev. Mr. Somerville, Pastor of Division Street Presbyterian Church, was introduced to Convention.

Recording Secretary read the Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held Wednesday evening, which were adopted.

On motion, it was resolved to hold an informal meeting in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, to be addressed by B. Allen. M. P.

The Recording Secretary then read Minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting, which were adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Finch, seconded by Mrs. Flagg, that this Convention send greetings to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, which will meet in the City of Hamilton next week.—Carried.

On motion, Mrs. Youmans was appointed to convey the above mentioned greetings.

Mrs. Flagg, then reported for the Resolution Committee as follows:—

That the most cordial thanks of this Convention be tendered to those ladies who have so hospitably entertained the delegates during their stay in Owen Sound.

1. Resolved,—That we place on record our deep sense of the Divine blessing which has so richly accompanied our efforts in the past, and trust by faithfulness, earnestness and diligence, to secure in still larger measure, the blessing of the Master on our labors in the future.

2. Resolved,—That we desire to express our sympathy with the friends of those of our number, who during the past year, have been called from labor to reward, at the same time expressing our high sense of their worth, as laborers in this department of Christian effort.

3. Resolved,—That in view of the importance of impressing the youth of our country in favor of temperance principles, we gather them into bands, and throw around them Christian and temperance influences, and thus strive to raise up an army of workers for the cause of prohibition in the future.

4. Resolved,—That we heartily endorse the "Woman's Journal" as the official organ of our Union, and recommend that a Committee be formed in each local Union, whose duty it shall be to canvass for new subscribers and advertisements, thereby assisting to make it a financial success.

5. Resolved,—That we urge upon all temperance women to avail themselves of the privileges given them by the Ontario Government, in regard to the exercise of the franchise in school and municipal affairs, and we earnestly hope for a still further extension of the franchise.

6. Resolved,—That our thanks are due to the Minister of Education, for what has been obtained in the line of Scientific Temperance Text books, in our schools. We pledge ourselves not to rest satisfied until temperance lessons are taught to pupils of all grades in our public schools; that we will also faithfully labor to secure the use of the most approved works in this department, and ask that these instructions be made compulsory.

7. Resolved,—That we declare ourselves the uncompromising foe of license of every kind, and that we faithfully labor and earnestly pray for the time when prohibition shall take the place of the license.

8. Resolved,—That the most cordial thanks of this Union be tendered to those gentlemen, ministers and others, who have so kindly visited the Convention and shown by their presence and their words of encouragement, the sympathy which they feel for the work designed and already accomplished by our organization.

9. Resolved,—That our warmest thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to the ministers and trustees of the several churches which have been placed at our disposal for the purposes of the Convention.

10. Resolved,—That we most cordially thank the little girls, who have so kindly and faithfully been in attendance as pages at this Convention. Also, the friends who have so cheerfully furnished the music at our meetings.

11. Resolved,—That we tender our hearty thanks to the press and to the Railway Companies, for the courtesies extended to the members of this Convention.

On motion the Report of Resolution Committee was adopted as a whole.

Moved by Mrs. Jones,—

That we pledge ourselves not to deal with grocers who sell liquors and also to discountenance druggists who sell illegally or have a shop license.
—Carried.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Judge Pringle, of Cornwall.

On motion, it was resolved—

That the thanks of this Convention be extended to Mrs. Pringle for her generous donation, also that we express our regrets at her resignation as County Superintendent, with the assurance of our love and sympathy in her affliction, and with the prayer that our wise and loving Father, who doeth all things well, will comfort her heart while he prolongs her life and afterward reward her with an imperishable crown.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to Miss Meir, retiring Superintendent County of Grey, for her efficient and cheerfully rendered services during office. Also, to all Superintendents now retiring.

On motion, all unfinished business was left to Executive Committee to complete.

A resolution of condolence was passed expressing the sympathy of this Convention to the family of our beloved sisters, Mrs. Morrison and Miss Brown, who have been so suddenly bereaved during the sitting of Convention.

Convention then rose and sang the Doxology.

The President repeating the words—"The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another," declared Convention closed.

MRS. ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD.

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Proceedings of Executive Committee.

FIRST SESSION.

OWEN SOUND, OCT. 11TH, 1886.

The Executive Committee of the Ontario W. C. T. U. met in the committee room of the Methodist Church. The President, Mrs. Chisholm in the chair.

After singing two verses of "Nearer my God be to Thee," Mrs. Youmans engaged in prayer. The programme for Convention was taken up, when it was moved by the Rec.-Sec., and seconded by Mrs. Cowan, that the President's Address and Report of Provincial Organizer be given in the afternoon of Tuesday instead of the morning.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Flagg, seconded by Mrs. Leach, that reports of local unions, county superintendents, and superintendents of departments that have to be read, be given in the morning.—Carried.

On motion of Mrs Youmans, seconded by Mrs. McFarlane, the programme, with these exceptions, was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. Flagg, the Rec.-Sec. was nominated Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Mrs. P. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, jr., Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Campbell, Owen Sound, were nominated a Committee on Courtesies of Convention.

Committee on Finance.—Mrs. P. C. Brethour, Brantford ; Miss Earley, Owen Sound ; Mrs. Finch and Mrs. McFarlane, Toronto.

Com. on Resolutions.—Mrs. Flagg, Mitchell ; Mrs. Houston, Sarnia ; Mrs. Leach, Goderich ; Miss Meir, Owen Sound ; Mrs. McRossie, Kingston ; Miss I. Templeton Armstrong, Fergus ; Mrs. G. Wiley, Richmond Hill ; Miss Harvey, Aylmer ; Mrs. Brown, Wiarton ; Mrs.

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Bennett, Georgetown; Mrs. Philips, Mrs. Oakley, Mrs. Kelcher, Uxbridge; Mrs. Bates, Woodstock; Mrs. Anning, Picton; Mrs. Cowan, Toronto; with power to add to their number from counties not already represented.

Moved by Mrs. Flagg, seconded by Mrs. McFarlane, that the general officers be the "Plan of Work" committee.—Carried.

The Committee then adjourned.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD,
Rec. Secretary.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6.30.

The President in the chair.

Moved by Mrs. Rutherford, seconded by Mrs. Youmans, that a committee be appointed to interview the ladies from Wellington County, relative to their County Union, and that Mrs. Youmans and Mrs. McRossie be that committee.

On motion it was resolved that we suggest the following :

1st. The formation of girls' friendly branches or clubs, in connection with local senior unions, where a Y. W. C. T. U. does not exist; also that our influence be added to secure seats for the young women employed in our stores, where they may rest when not engaged in serving a customer.

2nd. The employment of a paid missionary by our local unions, where time cannot be given by any member for that purpose.

3rd. The formation of county unions in each county.

4th. That we correspond with our sisters in the N. W. T., asking them to unite with us in presenting a petition to Parliament, praying for the abolition of the "permit" system in that territory.

5th. That county conventions be held for Band of Hope and Loyal Legions during the summer months, to be called "Re-unions of the Army."

6th. That we become an incorporated body, that we may receive bequests and hold property.

7th. That we adopt a floral emblem for our Provincial Union.

8th. That we give our influence and help to what is known as the "White Cross" movement, the pledge of which declares "The law of purity as equally binding on men and women."

9th. That a special public service be held by our local unions, on or near Thanksgiving Day, at which collections shall be taken up for the purchase of temperance literature."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, A. M.

The Executive Committee met in the Committee room.

The President in the chair.

Moved by Mrs. McFarlane, seconded by Mrs. Cowan :

“ That the Provincial Union advance the affiliation fee to the Dominion Union, and suggest that local Unions be asked to raise a sum equal to five cents per member at the earliest date possible, and forward to the Provincial Treasurer for this purpose.

Resolved,—That we ask the World's W. C. T. U. to retain the word *Christian* in the name.

Resolved,—To suggest that the Y. W. C. T. U. do not use the abbreviation “Y's.”

Resolved,—That the advisability of holding summer meetings be left to the Executive to decide.

Resolved,—That blank forms of Reports from Correspondent Secretary be sent out half-yearly instead of quarterly.

Resolved,—That local Unions be asked to bring banners to Provincial Union meeting.

Resolved,—That sample helps to the extent of 50 cents be sent to each new Union from the Literature Department.

Resolved,—That 2000 copies of Annual Reports be printed, and that the President and Miss Scott, of Ottawa, be a Committee to prepare the same for publication, with power to add to their number.

Resolved —That \$29.00 paid into Provincial Treasury by the Brantford Kitchen Garden be refunded.

On motion Mrs. Budd, of Guelph, was nominated County Superintendent for Wellington.

Resolved,—That our President, Mrs. Chisholm, be sent as fraternal delegate from this Convention to the National W. C. T. U. to be held in Minneapolis.

Committee adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 1886.

The Executive Committee met in the Committee Room at four o'clock. President in the Chair.

On motion, Miss Bowes was appointed a fraternal delegate to the N. W. C. T. U., with the understanding that her travelling expenses be paid from Milwaukee to Minneapolis, one way only.

PROCEEDINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At Miss Scott's request, Miss Skinner, Toronto, was appointed Assistant for the West in the "Young Woman's Work" Department.

The subject of Organizer for the coming year being discussed, it was decided to engage Miss Bowes at the rate of \$25.00 her month and expenses. The collections taken to go to the Provincial Treasury. Miss Bowes consenting to this arrangement.

Committee then adjourned.

MRS. ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD,

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FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

A welcome meeting was held in the Methodist Church, a large number of delegates and visitors being present.

The chair was occupied by the President of the Prov. Union.

Rev. A. H. Scott, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, led the devotions.

Excellent music was rendered at intervals by a select choir.

The Address of Welcome was given by Mrs. Wm. Kennedy, Jr., of Owen Sound. She said:—

Address of Welcome.

Mrs. President,—

Members of Convention, and Christian friends, whose interest in the Christian Temperance work has brought you here, we extend to you a most cordial welcome to our hearts and to our homes.

This pleasant duty on behalf of the co-workers of the Owen Sound Union would be only partly expressed were I to say it is an English, an Irish, or a Scotch welcome. It is a Canadian welcome, which combines them all.

We realize anew that the bond which unites us is not merely a name, it is a reality.

We welcome you with all your individual gifts and talents. Though these gifts vary, yet they are all needed for the great work in which we are engaged, the rescuing of our fellow beings.

As co-workers with you, we receive you all the more truly, when we humbly and gratefully remember our common Union with Christ our Head.

Another stimulus to our welcome is the conviction of the good which we are sure will result from so many Christian ladies meeting together in Owen Sound.

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Let us all remember that "a word spoken in due season, how good is it," and that our efforts, though weak in themselves, shall be strengthened through Christ the Lord.

We need information, a clear presentation of facts, and a fuller consecration to our work ; and by God's blessing, we expect much of all these from your coming amongst us.

We pray that it may be said of each one present that "She hath done what she could," and that we may all try to make some one happy during her stay in Owen Sound.

May our everlasting God and Saviour be felt in our midst with blessings rich and lasting, bestowing freely upon each one present the graces of the Holy Spirit, so that our meeting may be to the manifestation of His glory.

BESSIE KENNEDY.

Mrs. Symington, Napanee, responded on behalf of the delegates :—

Response to Address of Welcome.

Mrs. President, and Ladies :

Our hearts have been stirred with thankful emotions by the gracious words of welcome to which we have just listened. We gratefully acknowledge the courtesy and thoughtful kindness of the Union of Owen Sound, which has found such eloquent and hospitable expression in the salutation with which we are received.

We have anticipated this meeting with pleasure. It has been in our minds to say that the lines had fallen to us in pleasant places when, in the order of events, we learned that our annual Convention for the present year was to be held in this historically interesting and prosperous town ; and we should have the privilege of personal association with the sisters, tried and true, who are here nobly exemplifying our work and whose praise is in all our Unions. Our expectations are abundantly realized, and we know not how in fitting words to give adequate utterance to our appreciation of the excellency of our official greeting by those whom, not having yet seen, we had learned to love.

We meet for mutual counsel, the elevation of humanity, the devising of means to reclaim the fallen, the upholding of the weak, the preservation of home, and the continuous and systematic individual and organized effort to overthrow the crying evil of our generation—the drink traffic.

The appalling magnitude of the evil of intemperance, its countless miseries, the wideness of its desolating effects, and its cruel and relentless warfare against the happiness, the hopes, the lives, bodies and souls of our sex, amply justify the organization of women for purposes like ours. We need make no apologies, for we are but exercising inherent rights. The first public advocacy by any person of a great and recognized principle or idea, that is controverted by opponents, as well as backed up by supporters, is a matter that necessarily demands some explanation. The numbers and standing of the audience we have the honor of addressing, naturally tend to heighten the conviction ; we feel you have a right to enquire on what grounds we appear before you. It will be sufficient to say by the invitation of our respected President, and the representative of Napanee Auxiliary, W. C. T. U., and a firm friend of the temperance cause. It may be doubted whether any agitation commencing within such circumscribed limits ; confronted at the outset by sneers and ridicule ; opposed in its growth by the

blindest prejudices, supported by the influence of moneyed and class interests ; discouraged at every step of its onward course by the extreme apathy and indifference of those who should have been the very first to identify themselves, heart and soul, with its fortune, and at last, as we see it now, when it is driving its enemy to bay, turned upon with the most vindictive hate ; has in the same space of time, under the same circumstances, made such rapid march toward the accomplishment of so great an undertaking.

To look back over a few years, we cannot fail to observe how the opinions of those worth having have changed. We view with astonishment the fast-gathering ranks of men, women and children, who are uniting their strength against the force of destruction and death.

Very much of our literature has been hurtful to the cause. Even the moral part of it has hitherto ignored the deep issues of the temperance movement, and of the secular press, but a small part has kept pace with the ideas it should have been the first to promulgate, and which some have only now adopted when they fear longer to be guilty of the unnewspaper-like error of being behind the times.

There can be no doubt that changes are going on in the work and influence of women. They, too, have moved rapidly in the last score of years. There are great philanthropic and Christian movements which owe their power to the wisdom of the wives and daughters. The W. C. T. U. is such a movement, and, without possibility of being accused of exaggeration, we may say no temperance organization has ever equalled it in power and extent, and its steady, persistent agitation of temperance reform is a convincing proof of the ability of women in organizing and administering large affairs. The fourth and youngest champion of the temperance cause has been in many respects the most successful of them all. Miss Francis E. Willard, standing at the head of such an organization, commands the world's respect for her ability. Free from political bonds, either from ambition within or preferment without, composed of women from the home, it speaks and acts for God, and home, and native land. As all great reforms must be effected through organization, the women who stand at the head of the W.C.T.U. must be viewed in the light of deliverers, and we believe they represent the principles and methods of temperance that must win. "Total abstinence for the individual, prohibition for the world." The grandest and most soul-stirring victory that this world has ever witnessed will be achieved when all nations and people can join in the proclamation of emancipation from the chains of intemperance.

The world needs effort such as ours. The fields are white unto the harvest, and the laborers are all too few, but their numbers are increasing. The present is fruitful in good works. The world moves, the din of battle and the shock of combat pulsates in every hour of our experience. The tread of the great total abstinence army, the increasing Bands of Hope, freighted with richest promise, the various temperance organizations, with their trained hosts and well directed movements, Prohibition and Local Option in Canada and the United States steadily widening their territory, the United Kingdom Alliance in Great Britain, the Church of England Temperance Society, the deliverance of the numerous Ecclesiastical Courts, Assemblies, Synods, Unions and Conferences, in this country and elsewhere, afford overwhelming evidence that the consciences of thinking Christian men and women are aroused and finding utterance in restless and prodigious effort.

It is a significant sign of the times that one of the great daily newspapers of our own province has recently pronounced its future adherence to Prohibition. With the past full of encouragement, with the present full of activity, and with

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the future full of hope, our position ought to be full of inspiration. Let us thank God and take courage. Trusting that all that we shall do in this Convention may be begun, continued, and ended in Him, we gladly join in your deliberations.

Mrs. Letitia Youmans and Miss Bowes, Provincial Organizer, then addressed the audience and the remarks of each were received with great attention and frequent applause. The delegates were then invited to the lecture room of the Church where they were entertained by the Owen Sound ladies, refreshments being served and an opportunity given to become better acquainted with each other.



Public Meetings.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Y. W. C. T. U.

This meeting was held in Knox Church and was presided over by Miss Scott, Superintendent of Young Woman's Work.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Revds. A. H. Scott and T. W. Campbell. Miss Allie Tucker, of Owen Sound, welcomed the young lady delegates in the following words :

"It is with feelings of pleasure and joy that on behalf of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this town I welcome our young sister workers from other unions, who are working with us "for God and home and native land." We are greatly encouraged to know that not only in Ontario and Canada, but that throughout the whole world, temperance is being advocated with much more ardour and zeal than ever. Oftentimes the quiet worker, unknown and unseen by the world, may be doing the most blessed work. The young woman's influence in the home and in the school is very strong, and where the little seeds are sown unconsciously or openly they will bear fruit. We welcome our beloved sisters to our growing town ; we ask you to be strong in the cause which has been so willingly undertaken by you, and we wish you to go

on bravely in this most blessed work, ever sure that by faith and prayer your efforts and ours will be ultimately crowned with success."

MISS TILLEY'S REPLY.

Miss Tilley, Toronto, in reply said :

"I have much pleasure in accepting, on behalf of the Young Woman's Unions, your most cordial welcome we have had extended to your town and to your homes; where we have received the kindest offices of genuine hospitality. We are to remember in all our greetings and gatherings our dependence for success on Him without whom we can do nothing. In His name we raise our banners, and by His strength, assisted by His spirit, through means of conference and counselling together, are we to achieve the great triumph surely before us. (Applause.)"

Rev. A. H. Scott extended to all the delegates a cordial welcome from the Temperance Society in connection with Knox Church, to which Mrs. Youmans responded.

The annual address of the Superintendent followed, for which with papers read by young ladies on different branches of the work, see "Addresses and Papers of the Convention."

After the singing of a hymn, reports were read from several Unions and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close. Rev. A. H. Scott pronouncing the benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. J. K. Barney, of Rhode Island, was warmly welcomed in the Methodist Church, and gave a Bible Reading prepared specially for the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Mrs. Barney gave an address on "The Question of the Hour," in Division Street Presbyterian Church. The night was exceptionally stormy, but the interest taken in the temperance cause was fully shown by the large audience assembled, and the earnest attention and enthusiasm with which the address was received.

The music as on the previous evenings was fitly chosen and well rendered, adding much to the success of the evening's entertainment.

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The President's Address.

MRS. ADDIE CHISHOLM.

We stand to-day where two roads meet. One lies behind us over which we can yet see the sunshine and the dark shadows that lie here and there across its path, while tender memories linger round the track of feet that eagerly rushed to do the bidding of the Master, or grew tired and heavy as the darkness came on.

A peculiar tenderness is in our hearts for this way through which we have come, for in it we have left so much of ourselves. Our influence, our faithfulness and our love have prepared many resting places and removed many obstacles for those who came after us, or our indifference and lack of love have frozen some springs, and hung icicles for leaves on the trees which God meant for refreshing shade. In either case we may take no backward step, we pass this way but once.

What have we brought with us from this road thus trodden once for all ?

Have we plucked the blossoms of patience and worn them in a mantle of divine charity, and has the light of heavenly wisdom rested on our brows? If so, although our feet may have stumbled, and our hearts grown sad many times, still we have come to the present looking out with a brave heart and earnest face into that other road into which we are even now entering.

We look back over ten years and see that in Canada temperance history is making rapidly. One by one are occurring the incidents, which when all woven together, as they shall be in the not distant future, will make up the completed story of a great struggle and a great triumph. To our eager minds events march slowly, especially when as in this case the evils are so patent and the remedies so plain. But we must remember that old abuses die hard, and that the common sentiment and harmonious action of most are necessary to the final step. A minority may leaven with appeal and persuasion and arguments; only a majority and a generous, steady, and thoroughly convinced majority at that, can effectively act.

By thought and deed, by word and pen, by life example, and consistent tireless action, we are to work upon the great mass of society and hopefully await the consequent and certain results.

These results are neither few nor tardy. Take these ten years of Canadian history and sum them up. We have seen the passage of the Crooks Act in Ontario by which two thousand drinking places were closed, and a wiser and stricter espionage of the traffic imposed than ever before. Then came the passage of the North West Prohibitory Law which has marked out almost a continent as sacred from the legal manufacture, sale and use of strong drink. Then followed the enactment of the Canada Temperance Act in 1878, under which about 70 counties and cities of Canada comprising fully one-fourth of her population have outlawed the traffic.

Next came the settlement before the highest tribunals, of the vexed question as to where the power to prohibit lay and where the power to regulate by license.

We can record the birth of a new and vigorous spirit of enforcement of law which despite apathy, difficulty, obstruction and dynamite, is to-day potent and mandatory.

We have seen the rise of the Alliance which binds Temperance legal effort together, and centres it upon the point where sentiment is transmuted into legal force and whence legal force is directed and applied. There has been the militant attitude of the Church which has year by year widened and practicalized its Christianity until now it is in the field of pure politics, to be heeded and reckoned with in the disposal of the vexed question.

We have witnessed the growth of the W. C. T. U., ten years ago almost unknown in Canada; now a chaste, tireless, intelligent and mighty power, drawing upon the sweetest and purest sympathies of society in its battle with the home foe.

And we cannot but note the growth of newspaper influence, which, whether prompted by abstract temperance principles or concrete political policy, shows to-day a front of almost solid hostility to the foe of intelligent and national progress.

And all the while in home and society the purer forces of total abstinence and sympathizing effort to promote its blessings, are expanding into grand proportions.

The World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union is now an accomplished fact, and Unions have already been planted by Mrs. Leavitt, the round-the-World temperance missionary, in the Sandwich Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and probably China. We have been asked to contribute five cents each to this grand movement. Shall we not comply with this request at once and urge unanimous action upon it in all our local Unions. The first petition sent out by the World's W. C. T. U. to be signed by women of all nations, asking the different governments of the world to refuse the sanction of the law to the Drink Traffic and Opium Trade, are being numerously signed, and certainly must have their effect. We had hoped to welcome to our Convention the President of this great Association, Mrs. Bright Lucas, sister of Hon. John Bright, but have been dissatisfied in this.

OUR BADGE.

We learn from Miss Willard that the white ribbon was suggested by Dr. H. Reynolds to the W. C. T. U. of Waltham, Mass. which he had just organized. Men belonging to what was known as the Reynolds Reform Clubs wore the Red Ribbon, while the Murphy movement had adopted the Blue. The white ribbon in its significance of "purity, consecration, helpfulness and loyalty," as Mrs. Barney has so beautifully phrased it, was then chosen by the ladies of Waltham, in 1876, who claim to be the first Union adopting it. In 1877 at the National Convention, the white ribbon was adopted as the distinctive Badge of the National W. C. T. Union.

Since the formation of the first Union in Canada, in the very town where we are now assembled, the white ribbon has been worn by our members on *state occasions*. It was adopted as our badge eight years ago by resolution at our Provincial Convention, and this resolution has been reaffirmed at nearly every annual meeting. The wearing of it has often proved a help and strength to others and affords us many times an opportunity to speak of our work. It is of more importance than we are apt to think. If only two or three wear it in any one place the liquor dealers will see only the apparent weakness of a small number, but when at market and in the store, on the street and in the house, on

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our boats and in the cars, and *everywhere* they are confronted by this little badge, they will have a truer conception of our numbers and strength, and of the solid wall which, in common with other workers, we are building up around our homes and up and down our land against the invasion of this wily and cruel foe.

Then, too, for ourselves, let us wear this badge constantly. Wherever we see a white ribbon worn we need never wait for an introduction, but rejoice in having found another member of the large W. C. T. U. family. In the words of Mrs. Esther Housh:—

Love that twines her mystic letters in a four-fold chain,
And a little knot of ribbon white, in and out again,
Tied so strong that all the world can never break in twain.
Love that binds the homes together of the east and west,
Links the north and south as one; ah! you know the rest,
You dear women with the badge of white upon your breast.

Our general officers have each had their share of work and responsibility, and here I must digress to express my own personal sorrow and regret that our beloved Mrs. Fawcett, who for eight years has filled the office of Cor.-Sec. of our Ontario Union, owing to the ill-health of her husband and sister, will not be able to be with us at this time. She also writes me that she could not take office during the coming year. I am sure each heart will sympathize with her as she sits in the sick room, her thoughts every now and then going out to us, for she writes "I shall be thinking of you at Convention and cannot help the tears falling as I write." We will not fail to pray that this dear sister may be abundantly blessed and comforted in these trying and dark hours.

The Superintendents of our Departments have cheerfully done the work set before them and have given much time and thought and labour to the subjects under their care.

TEMPERANCE LITERATURE

has been scattered far and wide in connection with each Department, some having been sent to the Maritime Provinces, British Columbia, Manitoba and the North-West.

WORK AMONG THE GERMANS

has been carefully begun and plans laid which will bring about a good result in the coming year.

THE JUVENILE WORK

has increased in strength and numbers, and is already a mighty power for good. We find that in Canada among the Methodist denomination alone there are 88,513 children pledged against the use of alcohol and tobacco, while the S. S. paper of that church published in Toronto, contains a regular quarterly temperance lesson. The number of children mentioned is out side of our Bands of Hope or Loyal Legions, but with all united what an army of little ones are coming up to our help in this great reform. Well may King Alcohol tremble, for these "are growing up."

In this connection there comes a thought of danger lest the Band of Hope work may degenerate into a system of entertainment, and here we ought to be on our guard, giving it a solid educational basis which will be of untold benefit to the growing boys and girls of our land. When we think of this education, in relation to the effect of alcohol on the human system, going on among the children not only in America but of Europe, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, we have great reason to hope that if the present generation places general prohibitory laws on our statute books, the next generation will accept the sacred trust bequeathed to them without question, and see the laws faithfully carried out. I would recommend the adoption of the name "Loyal Legion" of Ontario for our Juvenile Societies, these to be divided into companies A. B. C. etc. Added to the

usual instruction there might too be a simple military drill, thus supplying a help by means of which the larger boys and girls may be kept in those societies. The

EVANGELISTIC WORK

of our Unions has been faithfully prosecuted, yet we trust another year will show greater results from this work. From private letters received and from many talks had with our workers, we find that the one great desire and need seems to be for greater spiritual power to rest upon every member and officer in connection with our Unions, that our love may be increased, our faith strengthened, and that our diffidence in speaking of the great truths which lie so near our hearts may be overcome in the strength of Him who will give us the victory.

WORK AMONG THE LUMBERMEN.

This department has been faithfully looked after by the earnest Superintendent, though much of the time sitting in the shadow of a great personal sorrow. The Department of

COUNTY FAIRS

has been in the charge of a Superintendent who has given to it her best thought and care, and more work has been done by our Unions at "Fair" time this year than at any previous time. This has been the first year of our

PRISON AND POLICE WORK,

and something has been accomplished, but we urge greater and more persistent effort to reach and help the unfortunate and erring ones within prison walls, especially as in the majority of cases they are the victims of strong drink. In all our towns and cities a police matron should be provided, even at the expense of the Union if need be, and if the authorities will not arrange otherwise. In this way, women prisoners will be approached and searched by one of their own sex, the desirability of which must be obvious to all. Then, too, men and women prisoners are often thrust into the same apartment and left to await their trial. In many places this is an outrage against all claims of decency, to say nothing of a feeling of delicacy which ought to prompt to an immediate reform in this particular.

The Report of the Superintendent of

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK

will show great advancement in this branch. There are now twelve "Ys" each one actively engaged in the good work. We bespeak for these younger societies the loving encouragement of their senior sisters and the sympathy and active help of all. Do not think that a "Y" in any place of considerable size will interfere with the work of the senior Union. The records all point the other way. Young ladies naturally feel more at home with a president and officers of their own, arranging and planning for their own work. Then their influence will be greater and more widespread when banded together as societies than as individuals, and they can reach and influence for good those whom the older ones among us cannot touch. Flower Mission and Kitchen Garden work have been successfully prosecuted. In at least one of the Y. W. C. T. Unions, a Girls' Friendly Branch has been carried on for some time and with good results. A paper will be given on this subject at the public meeting conducted by our "Y's," which I hope may be an inspiration to many hearts of young and old in the audience, to thus lovingly work.

The Superintendent for the Department of Heredity and Hygiene, appointed by the Convention last year, found herself unable to act, and it was quite late in the year before a suitable superintendent could be found to take her place.

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culars have been sent out however, to each Union and the work put in shape for the coming year. Some of our Unions say "We have the Scott Act pretty well enforced and there seems nothing for us to do." To such we recommend the formation of clubs to study this subject. We are what we are to-day because our fathers and mothers were what they were. Their features are reproduced in ours, their little tricks of gesture and habit, the very poise and attitude of the body, trifling as it may have seemed to them, are ours to-day because they were theirs in the years that are gone. And so with our mental nature, our bias of mind and our prejudices, our likes for certain kinds of mental food and our dislike of other kinds. It is also true of our appetite for certain kinds of food for the body, and our dislike of others, and saddest of all, many who are to-day under the thralldom of strong drink, have inherited the appetite from father or mother, or from both. We are just waking up to the importance of this great question and to the necessity of our understanding more perfectly than we do the laws of health in order that we may do the very best for ourselves and for our children. There are Unions who give an hour every fourth meeting in the month to the study of this subject, and many ladies who do not belong to the Union make it a point to attend on "hygiene day" as the time and subject are advertised in the papers and visitors made welcome.

Something has been done in

RAILROAD WORK,

but much more might be done by individual effort here. As our white ribboned women travel to and fro, especially during the summer months, a few words spoken here and there, not officiously or offensively, to the different officials and men on the road, with a little suitable leaflet at parting, may be in itself a little act but may lead to great results.

"The Woman's Journal" has grown stronger and larger with each month of the year, and thanking the friends of the Local Unions for the support given in the past, it asks again for your loving interest and attention. The Superintendent of this Department will report on this more fully.

THE PRESS

Department has been again under the supervision of the same earnest Superintendent, and I ask you to read carefully this report, with the others placed in your hands, and note the progress which has been made.

The question of Prohibition is raising difficulties before the minds of many. Business men whose interests are more or less closely allied with the liquor traffic, are afraid of the subject, even some churches speak in a very timid voice regarding it, politicians are afraid of it, and Governments do not know what to do with it. Amid all these forces the "Press" is the only power that is out spoken and handles this subject without gloves on both sides and it is a matter of congratulation that we have now the two leading papers in Ontario "The Mail" and "The Globe" openly advocating Prohibition.

Our Organizer has done faithful work again this year. Under the supervision of the Superintendent of this Department and with the assistance of the County Superintendent, new Unions have been formed and many weak Unions helped.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

We have been looking forward for sometime to the introduction of the promised text book of Physiology and Hygiene with special reference to the use of Alcohol and Narcotics and their effect upon the human system, into our public schools. The book is out. It is an attractive book and no doubt a very superior

book in the study of Physiology and Hygiene. It has one chapter devoted to alcohol and tobacco, which fulfils in a measure the promise given to the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions and for which we are grateful. At the same time we are bound to say it does not compare at all favorably with the series of text books issued for the use of public schools in the U. S. and endorsed by the N. W. C. T. U.

Desiring to know what was being done in the other Provinces I communicated with the Chief Superintendent of Education in N. B. and had the following reply.

FREDERICTON, OCT. 5TH, 1886.

MRS. ADDIE CHISHOLM,

Press. W. C. T. Union, Ottawa.

DEAR MADAM,

In reply to your communication of 27th ult. relative to Temperance Instruction given in the Public Schools of this Province, I beg to say that the Board of Education which is authorized by Law to prescribe the subject of instruction for the Public Schools, includes the subject of Temperance in its course of instruction. The subject is not outlined for the several grades of pupils as are the other subjects of the course, but it is expected that each teacher will adopt the instruction to the requirement or intelligence of his classes. In some schools but not in a very large number, the advanced pupils require scientific instruction in the subject. The only text-book prescribed is Richardson's Temperance Lessons, but the teacher is at liberty to illustrate the effect of alcoholic drinks upon the tissues during his lessons in any related scientific object. More and more attention is being given to the subject of temperance in our schools. The increased number received instruction last year being nearly 1000 over the previous year.

Yours truly,

WM. CROCKET, Chief Supt. Edn.

From Manitoba I have the following:—

WINNIPEG, OCT. 2nd, 1886.

MRS. ADDIE CHISHOLM,

President W. C. T. Union, Ottawa.

MADAM.—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th ult., enquiring as to temperance education in this province, which I referred to the Superintendent of Education. He informs me that Dr. Richardson's Scientific Book on Temperance is among those recommended for study by teachers, and that regular lessons on temperance are given to the pupils through the reading books used in the public schools of this province.

I have the honor to be, Madam,

Your obedient servant,

C. W. BROWN.

Provincial Secretary.

The following is from Prince Edward Island :

CHARLOTTETOWN, OCT. 14th, 1886.

MRS. ADDIE CHISHOLM.

DEAR MADAM.—I am in receipt of yours of the 27th ult., asking for information respecting Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools of P. E. I. In reply I beg to say that Scientific Temperance Instruction is not given in the

Public Schools of this Province. Two or three years ago Dr. Richardson's Temperance Manual was authorized as a text-book in the Public Schools, but it has not been used to any great extent. In fact there is little need of enforcing temperance instruction in the schools of this Province. The Scott Act is in force in all parts of the Province, and although strong drink is still bought and sold, yet the young men seem much better protected now from the vice of intemperance than formerly. Under our present law only the *experienced* drinkers are able to get supplies, the training of new recruits is much less vigorously prosecuted, and among the very young men almost entirely abandoned.

Yours very truly,

D. MONTGOMERY, *Chief Supt. Education.*

When attending the Quebec Provincial Convention in September, I was glad to hear that this subject was receiving great attention in that Province. The Protestant Board of Education had placed it on the School Curriculum and a book was to be authorized from a selection sent the Board by the W. C. T. U. during this present month. I asked the opinion of the W. C. T. U. Supt. of this Department in that Province on our Manual of Hygiene which she had examined with a view to lay it before their Board, and I give you her reply which coincides with that of our own Superintendent who says "It does not meet our desires and expectation." Mrs. Noyes writes :

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUCTION OF THE QUEBEC
PROVINCIAL W. C. T. U.

Dear Mrs. Chisholm,

I have examined the "Manual of Hygiene" which the Educational Department of Ontario have authorized for use in Normal and Model Schools in that Province.

As a work referring directly to the effects of Alcohol, Tobacco, Opium and all Narcotics upon the human system, to say the least, it is practically useless; I fear *worse* than useless; as, having been prepared for use by your Elocutional Department, there is great danger that it may prevent the adoption of a better series of books.

All that is said of Alcohol, Tobacco, &c., &c., is crowded into one short chapter; less than a page being given to Tobacco, Opium and all other Narcotics. Advanced scholars with the aid of Worcester's Dictionary, will, *generally*, be able to understand its phraseology; but it will be *all Greek*, arranged and illustrated as it is, to nineteen-twentieths of the scholars in your schools, and will not make the facts it teaches *clear* to the minds of the *other* twentieth.

Worse than this, even the chapter supposed specially to inculcate temperance principals, gives, in some places, an *uncertain sound*.

It compares most unfavorably with the Barnes Series, which our American sisters have endorsed, as being, all things considered, better adapted for the use of "all pupils in all schools," than any other series; certainly much better than any single book. It is the series we, as W. C. T. U. workers, wish to see introduced into our Provincial Schools; and which has, already, been adopted for use in many of our schools. The majority of the scholars in our country never have the advantage of a High School education, but the pupil, who shall have advanced no farther than to have studied the "Child's Health Primer" of the Barnes Series, goes out into the world fully warned, and aware that Alcohol, Tobacco, Opium, &c., are accursed things to be left untouched.

exclaims, "We cannot introduce American Books into our Canadian

Schools." There is perhaps an objection to introducing American *Reading Books* into our schools ; but surely a series of scientific works, in which neither country is mentioned, is not going to Americanize our Canadian youth. Let us strive for the introduction of the best works extant on this subject ; surely there is no better series, at present, than the Barnes series. Let our people throw sickly sentimentality aside.

LUCY M. NOYES, Superintendent.

Many of the States in the neighboring Republic have adopted a similar resolution to that enacted by the State of Maine, which reads as follows :

"AN ACT requiring Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools.

The people of the State of Maine, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Provision shall be made by the proper local school-authorities for instructing all pupils, in all schools supported by public money or under State control, in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effect of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics upon the human system."

SEC. 2. No certificate shall be granted to any person, to teach in the public schools of the State of Maine, after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, who has not passed a satisfactory examination in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effect of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics upon the human system.

While we in Ontario are grateful for the advance that has been made and would not wish to undervalue any gain, however slight, I would urge you to give your most earnest attention and loving labor to secure for the *children of every age* in our schools instruction in this branch.

WORK AMONG THE SOLDIERS

has been attended to with good results as the report will show ; and our worthy Recording Secretary, who kindly undertook the charge of

WORK AMONG SAILORS,

has been successful in creating a new interest in our "blue jackets," and a new sympathy for them in their lives of exposure and great temptation.

Last year we resolved that we would lend our influence to secure the election of temperance men in all municipal offices. Those of our number who had votes pledged themselves to vote for temperance men *irrespective of party politics*. The report of the Superintendent of

FRANCHISE

will show that we have made a good beginning. Our education in this line has just commenced. Let us show a better record during the coming year, remembering that, as in the past we ceased not to importune our brethren, who alone had the right of the citizenship, to vote for temperance candidates ; so now to be consistent and true to our declaration of principles, it becomes our duty to make sacrifice of personal prejudice or comfort, and use the ballot which the Ontario Government has put into our hands.

INDIFFERENCE.

We hear much from many sources as to the little interest taken by whole neighborhoods in this temperance work, but we think the indifference of many is to be attributed to a lack of knowledge of our system and plans of work, and of the relation which the temperance reform bears to the welfare and prosperity

of the country. That which will ruin the individual will not build up a nation, but will in the end bring disaster and disgrace. Are we doing all in our power to obtain for ourselves a clear insight into every department of temperance labor and then intelligently to present these different phases to those in our communities?

The great army of indifferent or opposing ones read the character of our W. C. T. Unions in the active work which is brought to their notice, and our character as Unions, will be according to our faith in God and our intelligent understanding of the work we are attempting to do. There are many helps for our perfect equipment, not so costly as to be beyond our reach, and yet we are not all furnished with them. The time has gone by when we can hold the attention and sympathy of the many by ordinary meetings and methods. The intellect, the conscience and the heart, sit in judgment at the presentation of any great moral reform, and all these must be convinced and satisfied.

We find ourselves weak as local unions often because we fail to recognize that the subject which has banded us together is the question of the age. Drink has taken its deadly way wherever the English language is spoken. It is the cause of the fatal sunstroke in tropical climes, it induces insubordination and mutiny among the guardians and protectors of our homes, our soldiers and our sailors; it enters by means of the "permit" system into the ranches and settlements of our great North West, where we fondly hoped our young men might be safe, while from every city, town and village ascends the cry of the helpless and innocent, suffering and dying—sacrifices to strong drink. This evil is not only a stain upon the hand of our government, but it is a disease that has come into the very blood of our people. While we may seek to remove the stain by the application of Scott Act or other measures, the disease still remains, and so we find this constant breaking out of evil in the great body of the people—we hear of incendiary fires, dynamite outrages and assaults. The virus is still at work and not until a healthy state can be established will this cease. While we remove the foul blot from our statute books, we must not forget, I think, that deep into the physical nature of the many, this poison of intemperance has eaten until the whole being is changed by it. Hence the difficulty in enforcing the Scott Act.

The perverted nature of the man or woman calls for the poison it has learned to love, and so long as this can be had by fair means or foul it will be obtained, even at the price of blood.

The only safe, sure and speedy remedy is that which we have so long sought and without which the temperance people of Canada will not rest content—the

ENTIRE PROHIBITION

of the manufacture, sale or importation of any thing that can intoxicate.

We have long become accustomed to read in the morning papers of murders, suicides and fiendish tortures, committed under the influence of drink, and because of the frequency of this sad story it has not the effect it ought to have on our actions and on our lives. Let us take the next cases we read of as if they were of our own family, (for we are not brethren and sisters in this great family of humanity,) and present them for consideration at our meetings, praying God to quicken our zeal, enlarge our vision, broaden our love, and to direct our every effort.

MEMBERSHIP

We need to be reminded that greater efforts might be made to increase the membership of our Unions. It would be well to obtain a complete list of the names of women on the church records of any place, and not to be satisfied without greater interest and practical help being shown by these each succeeding year.

Let us take time patiently to explain our methods, and thus in a wise and inoffensive manner enlist a greater number into our white-ribboned ranks. Shall we not make more effort to induce those whose loved ones are in the hands of the destroyer to join our ranks? A false feeling of delicacy keeps them from us many times.

Dear sisters, let us be very tender and careful not to wound by look or tone or act any whose hearts are already sad and sore under the burden of a cruel sorrow, but by joining our prayers with theirs and giving them our loving sympathy, we shall infuse new life and hope into discouraged and drooping hearts.

May we again call the attention of our Unions to the importance of filling out the blank forms sent them by the Secretary. Many may think their number is so small and their work so little it is not worth reporting, but the aggregate strength and numbers of all these smaller Unions forms a large and powerful wing of our army which is marching on under the banner of the Lord of Hosts. It would be of a great deal of interest to us to know just *how much each Union expended* in the work, also to read of special donations given by private individuals whether for the purchase of literature or in paying their expenses as delegates to conventions. The sacrifices and efforts of our sisters are not all reported, and we believe a fuller report would show a greater loyalty and devotion to our cause and would stimulate others to follow a worthy example.

We look back of the representatives gathered here to day, to the local Unions, to the quiet homes where brave and tender women minister to loved and loving ones, women of strong faith and dauntless courage, to whom the message of gospel temperance has come, and whose hearts cry out "woe is me if I preach not this Gospel." Women, busy with household cares and whose hands are weary with toil, have gladly given up their well earned hours of rest to this work. Pen and brain have been moved and quickened into new life as the sob of the drunkard's child has fallen on the ear, or a new danger discerned for loved ones around them. Our local Unions are our stay and support, and they are the life of our Provincial Union. So we say to every member of every local Union: "The prosperity of our work as a Provincial Union depends to a large degree on you as an individual worker," for are we not all members one of another? In this connection we desire to make grateful mention of the work done by our country Unions, which does not appear on the surface. Living miles apart, as many of the members do, and depending very often on the chance of the husband or son having time to drive to the village with them, or sparing the horses for this purpose, it has required much courage and the grace of a holy persistency to accomplish what has been done by many of these Unions. We have heard of our women walking many miles to obtain a few signatures to a petition and that over rough country roads. All honor to the brave women of our country Unions. May their spirit of sacrifice and zeal spread through all our ranks. I would offer to the consideration of the Convention the following

SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL WORK

which we might take up during the coming year.

1. Work among colored people.
2. Overthrow of the Tobacco Habit.
3. The formation of Girl's Friendly Branches or Clubs in connection with the local senior Unions where a "Y" does not exist. Also that our influence be used to secure seats for the young women employed in our stores where they may rest when not engaged in serving a customer.

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4. The employment of a paid missionary by our local Unions where time cannot be readily given by any member for this purpose.

5. The formation of County Unions in each county.

6. That we correspond with our sisters in the N. W. T. asking them to unite with us in presenting a petition to Parliament praying for the abolition of the permit system in that Territory.

7. That county conventions be held for Bands of Hope and Loyal Legions during the summer months to be called "Re-Unions of the Army."

8. That we become an incorporated society, that we may receive bequests and hold property.

9. That we adopt a floral token for our Provincial Union.

10. That we provide for honorary members to the Prov. Union, who shall sign the Pledge and pay a fee of one dollar.

11. That we give our influence and help to the work known as the White Cross movement, the pledge of which declares "I will maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women; I will endeavor to spread their principles among my companions, and try to help my younger brothers, and will use every means to fulfil the sacred command: "Keep thyself pure."

12. That a Supt. for the "Department for co-operation with the "White Cross Movement" be appointed by this Convention, and Local Unions urged to undertake this work.

13. That a special public service be held by our local Unions on or near Thanksgiving Day, at which collections shall be taken for the purchase of literature on this last named subject and on tobacco.

And now beloved sisters, coming together in this way at our annual Convention, we are subject, as are all general societies, to the criticisms of the public. It may be the kind stroke of a friend, who while seeing errors, can make allowance for much, seeing the spirit that is in us, or it may be the hostile criticisms of a foe that seeks to discover the weak points.

Through all and beyond all let us remember that greater than these, there rests upon us the eye of the loving Father who has called us to this work. Let us look to Him for guidance and we shall at all times act in the spirit of that love "that thinketh no evil" "that suffereth long and is kind." Let us remember that in this Convention and during every day of the coming year, "duties are ours, results belong to God.



Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. President and ladies of the Ottawa W. C. T. U.

We come before you to-day, with the Corresponding Secretary's Report for the past year. We present it with a feeling of deep regret at the absence of our worthy and beloved Secretary, Mrs. Fawcett, whose presence and counsel have hitherto been a very pleasing and profitable feature in these annual gatherings.

The following is the report furnished from the returns made to the Secretary. As it would be tedious to take up the work in each Union, we will give statistics from each County, commencing with

LAMBTON.—4 Unions heard from. Sarnia, Pt. Edward, Forest and Wyoming. Membership, 102. 1 Band of Hope, 101 children. Arkona and Petrolia not heard from this year. Both new Unions.

BOTHWELL.—2 Unions. Ridgetown and Bothwell, 48 members. 1 Band of Hope, 150 children.

ELGIN.—Aylmer heard from, members 55. Band of Hope, 50 children. St. Thomas not heard from.

PERTH.—4 Unions heard from. Listowel, Stratford, St. Mary's and Mitchell, 148 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 30 children. Palmerston not heard from.

MIDDLESEX.—6 Unions heard from. London, Parkhill, Glencoe, Komoka, Lucan and Ailsa Craig, 178 members. Bands of Hope, but number of children not given. Exeter and Mt. Brydges not reported.

HURON.—6 Unions reported. Goderich, Clinton, Seaforth, Wroxeter, Gorrie and Blyth, 134 members. 4 Bands of Hope, 413 children. Bluevale and Wingham not heard from. One of these a new Union.

BRUCE.—2 Unions heard from. Tiverton and Teeswater, 39 members. Kincardine not heard from. This is, I think, a new Union.

GREY.—6 Unions reported. Owen Sound, Owen Sound Y's, Flesherton, Kemble, Chatsworth and Thornbury, 219 members. 3 Bands of Hope 646 children. Meaford not heard from, a new Union.

WELLINGTON.—5 Unions reported. Guelph, Fergus, Elora, Mt. Forest, and Arthur, 117 members. 2 Band of Hope, 267 children. Guelph Y's and Hariston not heard from. One of these a new Union.

WATERLOO.—8 Unions heard from, Galt, Berlin, Galt Y's Linwood Breslau, Preston, New Hamburg, and Waterloo. 278 members, 4 Bands of Hope, 691 children. Branchton, Hawkesville, Roseville, Hespeler, and Doon not reported. One new Union.

OXFORD.—7 Unions reported. Ingersoll, Woodstock, Scotland, Embro,

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Tilsonburg, Zion's Church and Shakespeare, 155 members. 7 Bands of Hope, 195 children. Oakland not heard from. New Union.

BRANT.—4 Unions reported. Brantford, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Vernon and Paris, 180 members. No Band of Hope reported. St. George and Brantford Y's did not report. Took membership of Y's from the "Journal."

NORFOLK.—Port Dover heard from, 8 members. Haldimand, Fonthill heard from, 25 members.

WELLAND.—3 Unions heard from, Thorold, North Pelham, and Niagara Falls, 58 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 180 children.

LINCOLN.—2 Unions reported. Campden, and St. Catharines, 58 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 150 children. Beamsville not heard from.

WENTWORTH.—Hamilton, and Hamilton Y's report 220 members. Bands of Hope, with 700 children.

HALTON.—3 Unions heard from. Milton, Burlington and Georgetown, 204 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 250 children.

PEEL.—3 Unions heard from. Streetsville, Port Credit, and Springfield, 45 members. 1 Bands of Hope, 120 children.

YORK.—Reports from 10 Unions. Toronto Central, Toronto North, Toronto Y's, Toronto West, Parkdale, Richmond Hill, Weston, Aurora, Newmarket and Stouffville, 266 members. 7 Bands of Hope, 684 children. Riverside, Eglinton, and Toronto Junction not heard from.

SIMCOE.—5 Unions heard from. Barrie, Orillia, Collingwood, Stayner and Angus, 150 members. Midland and Edgar not heard from.

ONTARIO.—Reports from 7 Unions. Oshawa, Oshawa Coll., Whitby, Sunderland, Beaverton, Prince Albert and Uxbridge, 312 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 398 children. Epsom and Manchester not heard from.

VICTORIA.—2 Unions reported. Lindsay and Bobcaygeon, 33 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 300 children. Fenelon Falls, Oakwood, Little Britain, Dunsford, Westwood and Keene not heard from.

PETERBOROUGH.—Peterborough Union heard from, 24 members. Norwood not reported.

DURHAM.—Reports from 4 Unions. Bowmanville, Newcastle, Orono and Hampton, 88 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 221 children.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Cobourg heard from, 36 members. Baltimore, Grafton and Warkworth not reported.

PRINCE EDWARD.—4 Unions heard from. Hillier, Consecon, Picton and Wellington, 162 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 300 children.

HASTINGS.—Reports from Madoc and Trenton, 50 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 240 children. Belleville not heard from.

FRONTENAC.—Kingston heard from, 70 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 247 children. Cataraqui, Sydenham and Westbrook not heard from.

DUNDAS.—Morrisburg and Iroquois heard from, 33 members. West Winchester also heard from, with Band of Hope, but otherwise not in working order.

STORMONT.—Cornwall and Aultsville report 63 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 390 children. Moulinette and Lunenburg not reported.

LEEDS.—5 Unions heard from. Brockville, Gananoque, Farmersville, Smith's

Falls and Smith's Falls, Y's, 232 members. 3 Bands of Hope, 444 children. Brockville Y's and Newboro not heard from. One new Union.

GRENVILLE—7 Unions heard from. Prescott, Kemptville, Spencerville, Oxford Mills, Prescott Y's, Vankleek Hill, and East Hawkesbury, 174 members. 5 Bands of Hope, 406 children. Hawkesbury and Merrickville not heard from.

RENFREW.—Heard from, Pembroke and Arnprior, 75 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 150 children.

LANARK.—Perth heard from, 22 members. Carleton Place not heard from.

CARLETON.—Ottawa and Ottawa, Y's report 147 members. North Gower and Metcalfe not heard from.

LENNOX.—Napanee, a new Union, reports 25 members.

There are also several new Unions from which no report has been received. Forms for returns were sent them, but were not returned. I wish the Corresponding Secretaries of our Local Unions knew how anxiously the returns are looked for by our Provincial Secretary. I am sure if they did, they would be more prompt in replying, by filling up the forms sent and returning to her all the information desired. Forms have been sent to 55 Unions without once being returned, through the whole year. Sometimes a postal is received stating that the forms had been mislaid, and simply giving number of members and nothing else, not even, in some cases, the name of the Union. This is done from want of thought on the part of the Secretary receiving the form, but it causes very much trouble and anxiety to our worthy Corresponding Secretary, who has worked so faithfully for years, and whose labors we should all strive to lighten and make as pleasant as possible. As nearly as can be ascertained from sources at hand, 40 new Unions have been organized, whilst 17 have been reported as *extinct*. In summing up our membership, we find a total of 4,119. At the first glance you may think that this is below our number. Allow me to state that, as many Unions have reported very many less the last quarter than they did the first, and our Corresponding Secretary decides, and I think quite correctly, that the last returns *made* are the statements on which to depend, we come to the conclusion that only paid members are returned, that is, those who have paid their fees for the year, and for whom affiliation fees have been paid into the Provincial Treasury. There is also another thought in connection with this. Last year, in many counties, active work for Scott Act was in full force, and kept all employed. With the success or failure of this work, the interest seems to have died. What our Unions require is something definite to do. "*Labor is life. Who works not lives not,*" is a well known axiom, and if it be true in regard to individuals, how much more so when applied to our Unions? Then again, if we consider the 55 Unions not reported, and allow them a correct average, it will bring our membership up to the neighborhood of 5,000. We find 61 Bands of Hope, an increase of 19, or nearly one-third, and 7,099 children. This is a most encouraging fact. Our "Bands of Hope!" Well are they thus named, for in them is our "Hope" for future workers, and for the voters who will in the coming time give us prohibition. May the loving Father help us in our care for these little ones, and may He guide our Band of 7,000 in the paths of virtue and temperance. Number of pages of literature distributed falls below that of last year, something less than 200,000 pages being reported. This reporting pages of literature is not very well attended to. I think our Unions distribute a great many thousand pages without taking the trouble to count them. We find that nearly 3000 meetings have been held in connection with Union work. Just think of that my sisters, think of the thousands of prayers ascending to God, from these meetings for the suppression of the traffic in strong drink. Let our petitions be offered in faith and let us

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With regard to finances, I will merely state that the returns give receipts from members fees \$1,235.08. How much of this has found its way into the Provincial Treasury, our worthy Treasurer's Report will show; and the Literature Department will tell what part was expended there. \$348 26 were spent in charitable work, this is more than double the amount reported for that purpose last year. This is another step in the right direction. We have many Sabbath Schools reported as having the temperance pledge; many churches using unfermented wine; many newspapers supplied with temperance item, temperance work at fairs, signatures to temperance petitions, but as we expect reports from these departments it would be unnecessary for me to attempt to give any further report as that from each special department will be more interesting and reliable.

MRS. WILEY, Corresponding Secretary.



Treasurer's Report.

STATEMENT OF FINANCES OF THE ONTARIO W.C.T.U. FROM OCTOBER 1st, 1885, TO OCTOBER 1st, 1886.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
<i>Affiliation Fees.</i>			
Aultsville.....	12 90	Oct. 15th—To expenses of Con-	
Aurora.....	6 51	vention of 1885.	\$192 62
Aylmer	5 00	To Miss Phelps, Supt. of Press	
Barrie.....	8 00	Dept., 108 letters to editors,	
Bothwell.....	3 50	postage on circulars and let-	
Burlington.....	4 25	ters.	5 21
Brantford.....	20 00	To County Supt. of Grey, Miss	
Brockville.....	9 13	Weir, stationery and postage.	3 00
Berlin.....	9 86	To County Supt. of Waterloo,	
Blythe.....	4 25	Mrs. Graham, travelling ex-	
Bowmanville.....	7 42	penses and postage.	2 36
Bobcaygeon.....	4 25	Miss Dora Allen, Supt. of Evan-	
Belleville.....	7 38	gelistic Dept., postage.	2 45
Cornwall.	6 68	Mrs. S. French, Supt. of Scien-	
Campden.....	5 09	tific Tem. Dept., postage. . . .	1 36
Chatsworth.....	5 30	Miss H. Foster, Supt. of S.S.	
Consecon.....	2 00	and B. of Hope Dept., pos-	
Durham.....	60	tage on circulars and letters.	4 00
Elora.....	3 75	Miss S. Bowes, Prov. Organizer,	
Elmira.....	2 00	for organizing eight Unions.	40 00
Farmersville.....	7 41	Mrs. M.S. Fawcett, Cor.-Sec., let-	
Fenelon Falls.....	5 75	ters, schedules, R.R. certificates,	
Gananoque.....	14 53	circulars, etc., postage, etc. . .	26 79
Goderich.....	9 00	Mrs. Wiley, expenses as Cou'y	
Gorrie.....	4 37	Supt., York.	2 50
Galt.....	5 37	<i>Advertiser</i> , Pub. Co. London for	
Guelph.....	5 00	advertising an'l meet. of '85.	3 95
Georgetown.....	22 26	C. W. Mitchell, Ottawa, 500 an-	
Hamilton.....	15 00	nual hymns, 1,000 program-	
Hamilton Y. W. C. T. U.....	3 00	mes for Convention.	8 50
Hastings.....	2 50	Mrs. J. Rockwell, Kingston,	
Hillier.....	2 00	Supt. of Legislation and Fran-	
Galt Y. W. C. T. U.....	12 57	chise Dept., printing circu-	
Ingersoll.....	21 00	lars and postage.	14 45
Kingston.....	17 50	Miss S. Bowes, for organizing	
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Little Britain.....	3 75
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Milton.....	20 00
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Merrickville.....	1 25
Madoc.....	1 63
Mount Forest.....	6 24
New Edinburgh	1 82
Newtownville.....	1 88
Newcastle.....	6 55
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Ottawa.....	24 50
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Prince Albert.....	4 50
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St. Catharines.....	5 50
Seaforth	5 00
St. George (too late for report last year).....	3 00
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Spencerville.....	4 00
St. Thomas.....	5 00
Streetsville.....	7 64
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Toronto Central No. 1.....	8 00
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Teeswater.....	4 50
Tilsonburg.....	4 80
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Listowel.....	4 00
Uxbridge	5 69
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Whitby.....	9 19
Waterloo.....	6 29

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1 ream note heading	3 00
1,000 quarterly rep's	3 75
100 circulars, Depart- ment of Organiza- tion, and 100 envel- opes	3 50
2,000 8th Annual Re- port, 98 pages.....	110 00
34 extra pages.....	25 50
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Feb., 1886—To Supt. of Lit. Dept. Ont. W.C.T.U., for literature sent Supt. of Lum- bermen Department.	7 52
Feb. 9, 1886—To Supt. of Lit. dept. samples of B. of H. lit.	1 67
March—Mrs. Coates, Pres. (sum- meeting) bal. of expense of Niagara summer meeting.....	21 31
March—Miss S. Bowes, organiz. 11 unions and re-organizing 1	57 50
The News Publishing Co., St. Catherines for circulars for Supt. Press Dept.....	6 00
March—Miss H. Fosters, Co. Superintendent (Welland) and Lincoln expenses in organiz- ing unions	5 00
To "WOMAN'S JOURNAL" per 2,000 W.C.T.U. pet.	11 50
200 cir. Day of Prayer.	3 00
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Mrs. H. Watson, Supt. of Prison and Police Dept. postage etc.	1 40
Miss S. Bowes for organizing 9 unions	45 00
June—Mrs. S. Fawcett, Cor. Sec. postage acct. from Oct. 1885 to June 1886.....	14 46
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Preston.....	6 00
Beemsville (paid last year, but overlooked).....	1 63
Sydenham	70
Mount Pleasant	4 00
Vankleek Hill.....	3 15
Paris	2 27
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New Hamburg.....	1 76
Perth	2 50
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Ailsa Craig.....	4 87
Wyoming.....	6 04
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Lucan.....	2 04
Glencoe.....	1 19
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Kemble.....	2 12
Thornbury	3 50
Collingwood.....	1 75
Woodstock	5 07
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Stayner	3 88
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Brantford Kitchen G...	20 00
From sale table (add.)	
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EXPENDITURE.

June 14—To Mrs. A. Rutherford Supt. "Work among Sailors" department, 500 circulars...	2 00
June 14—C.W. Mitchell, Ottawa 500 Constitutions.....	4 00
1 ream letter paper printed	2 00
1 ream of note headings.	1 00
500 Leaflets.....	1 00
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500 letters to Y. W. C. T. U.	4 00
2,000 petitions to Com- mons and Senate.....	17 00
500 Leaflets, (Flower M.)	1 00
500 circular letters	2 00
500 Unfermented wine ..	2 00
1,000 envelopes printed..	2 00
1 ream of note headings..	1 00
500 circulars, "Work among Soldiers".....	2 00
500 Leaflets, "Work among Railway Men ..	2 00
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July—C. W. Mitchell 1,000 pamphlets, dept. hygiene. . .	12 00
July—To WOMAN'S JOURNAL 27 copies six months for Supt. Press department.....	4 05
Aug—Mrs. Falconer, supt. Lit. dept. samples of lit. to new U's	3 60
German tracts for Supt. of German work.....	9 00
Tracts for "Soldier's dept. . . .	5 00
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August—To G. Hall, Chicago, 5 copies, Deutch Americaner, German paper for Supt. of German Dept.....	1 75
Miss Scott, Supt. of Y. W. C. T. U. Dept. postage.....	7 00
Aug.—C. W. Mitchell, Ottawa, 1 ream note paper....	\$1 00
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Oct 17th, 1885, to July 1st, 1886.....	37 66
Mrs. Thos. Houston, Supt. Lambton, Co, travelling expenses and postage.....	1 25
Mrs. D. L. Brethour, freight express and postage on reports.....	34 15
Treasurer's postage acct. from Oct. 1885 to Sep 17th, 1886....	19 53
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Mrs. J. H. Leach, Supt. Huron Co. postage.....	1 75
Miss Willmott, Dept. "Unfermented Wine".....	2 25
Mrs. Wiley, Richmond Hill, expenses as assistant Cor. Sec.	3 60
Mrs. J. Rockwell, Kington, Supt. Dept. Legisla'n and Franchise printing.....	19 50
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Mrs. Fotheringham, Supt. of County Fair Dept.....	5 01
Mrs. Coates, Supt. of Grenville Co. travelling expenses and postage.....	5 50
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MRS. D. L. BRETHOUR, *Treasurer.*

I certify that I have examined the different accounts of Mrs. Brethour, Treasurer of the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and also the vouchers for the different items of expenditure, I have pleasure in saying I find them in good condition. Above sheets contain a correct statement of the state of the finances.

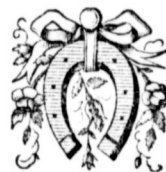
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WILLIAM WILKINSON, Auditor.

Report of Convention Finance Committee.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENSES.
Collection at Methodist Church. . \$23 63	Printing, postage, stationery, etc \$24 56
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MRS. D. L. BRETHOUR, Convener.



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EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MRS. COWAN, TORONTO.

I regret to say that I have received very few returns of the work properly coming under this department from our Unions.

I hope that there is much of this work going on, as the general reports prove, but only two separate reports from the Unions have been given to me.

Successful Evangelistic work has been done in Ottawa, where Mrs. Jones the Superintendent, held thirteen meetings in the month of May, and visited from house to house. In July she held twenty meetings, but discontinued them during the heat of August. Many were impressed at these cottage meetings, and some began to attend church who never did so before.

The Superintendent of Evangelistic Work in connection with the Goderich Union, writes:—

“We have, I trust, by visiting from house to house, reading the scriptures to the sick and destitute, and praying with them, visiting the jail, conversing with the unfortunates, and prevailing upon some of them to sign the pledge, in this way done something for the advancement of the Redeemer’s Kingdom. In cases of need we seek as far as may lay in our power to relieve them.

Something like a hundred visits have been made by members of our Union to the sick, destitute or ignorant of our town; and in several cases we have had much satisfaction in seeing joy and comfort, and occasionally conversion, where before all was a perfect blank.”

Hoping to give a fuller report of our Union during the ensuing year.

I am, in fellowship,

MRS. D. MCGILLICUDDY.

We trust the reports of Local Unions will show much more Evangelistic Work done than appears in this report.

PRISON AND POLICE WORK.

MRS. H. K. WATSON, OTTAWA.

Early in the season a Circular Letter was sent to each of the Unions located in towns containing prisons. The question was asked,—“Have you done anything for the prisoners?” and the request made that a report of work for the year be sent in by the fifteenth of September. I regret to say that no such report has

been received. From the replies to "Christmas Letters to Prisoners," we do not doubt that much good work has been done. These letters, unfortunately, came too late to reach their destination on Christmas Day. They were sent to thirty-one Unions. From these thirteen, answers were received, and most encouraging words were written in regard to their reception. Nearly all received them gratefully, and some said "all these things show that somebody thinks of us, and cares for us," and many thanks were sent to the good W. C. T. U. ladies.

Now, dear sisters, engaged in this branch of work, will you not resolve, at the beginning of another year, to keep some little record of work done, from which you may select interesting items to cheer the hearts of your fellow laborers? and may we take the promise as ours. "I, the Lord Thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

WORK AMONG THE LUMBERMEN.

MRS. M. SHORTREED, TORONTO.

The W. C. T. U. work among the lumbermen has made considerable advance this year over the preceding one. We have gained access to more camps, and have had a larger and better stock of literature at our disposal for distribution; testimony has also been received that the work has been appreciated both by employers and employees.

Thirteen parcels of literature, varying from three to five pounds in weight, have been sent out. The men in nine camps have been supplied with suitable reading matter, and a few visited by an evangelist interested in the work, to whom literature was sent for distribution. The Superintendent of this department, in submitting report, would beg to bring before the convention the need in the lumberman's department of some one to visit the camps, meet with and exhort the men, and at the same time distribute suitable literature; the work, we think, cannot be carried on satisfactorily without this. The Superintendent also desires to tender her thanks to the ladies who so kindly and readily responded to her appeal for literature, which appeared in the *Woman's Journal* of Dec. 8th, 1885.

Balance of literature still on hand:—66 Leaflets for Young People, about 500 Union Hand Bills, 250 Moral Suasion Leaflets, 200 4 page series Canadian W. C. T. U. Leaflets, 55 Miscellaneous Leaflets, 1 copy "The Little Captain," 1 copy "Just for a Lark."

WORK AMONG THE GERMANS.

MRS. JAS. R. CAVERS, GALT.

From various causes the work in this department has not received the attention it ought, therefore my report will be rather meagre. The first thing done was to see and advise with some gentlemen who are well acquainted with the German people, their customs and habits. They strongly recommended the free distribution of temperance literature in German, as, although the majority speak and understand English, they will more readily read anything printed in their own language, and it is not so likely to be thrown aside. Samples of tracts, etc., were procured from the W. C. T. U., Kirkwood, Mis., the Temperance Pub-

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lishing Co., New York, and the American Tract Society, and submitted to competent men, who read and commented upon them. Several kinds were chosen, which the Literature Department have. One great drawback was the high price at which they are published, which, with the duty, would make them too expensive for general distribution. This has been remedied by having tracts printed in Canada, which are sold at 35 cents per hundred. We are indebted to the Rev. S. L. Umbach for kindly translating these tracts into German, and assisting us in many other ways. This gentleman is well acquainted with the Germans all over the Province, is an energetic temperance worker, and has kindly offered to write a tract suited to the necessities of our work, which offer we hope to be able to accept at some future time. Samples of the tracts have been sent to most of the Unions in German localities, but having no reports from them, cannot say whether any have been distributed. Objections have sometimes been raised as to spending funds for this purpose, because results are not immediately seen, but it is one of the best means of educating the people, and many a time a thought has been conveyed through a tract or paper, which has resulted in untold benefit, not only to the reader, but all who have come within his influence. Money cannot be spent in a better way. Let us give it ungrudgingly, accompanied by prayer, that the seed sown may be watered, and bring forth fruit, even though it may be "after many days." We cannot over-estimate the importance of this means of education, especially when as in this particular branch, the Press is decidedly opposed to us. Could it be gained, and the German Pastors, victory would soon be ours. Now the work is slow and difficult, very little to encourage, and needing much faith and trust in the master for whom we are laboring. This past year has seen a *very* slight advance, but with God's blessing upon our labors, we hope that in a short time the majority of the 200,000 Germans in our province will be ranged upon the side of prohibition. Circulars were sent out to all the Unions early in the year, followed by postal cards, and replies were received from 122 out of nearly 200. There are only eighteen Unions in German localities, and some of them are doing a good work in spite of much to discourage. A great obstacle is the diffidence of the German ladies. Even though their sympathies are with us, they do not care to take any part in public work. Those who work among the Germans tell us how difficult it is to induce them to attend a meeting, and if a temperance meeting is announced they can scarcely get an audience. It is a common saying, and one constantly acted upon, if you cannot get the masses to come and hear the Gospel, it must be taken to them. We may apply this thought to the Germans particularly, and take temperance to them, leave it in the shape of tracts at their doors, and speak of it whenever possible. There must necessarily be much *individual* work, and let every sister feel that she can do her little. "A word spoken in season how good it is!" There are five German newspapers published in this province. The editors of two of them have promised to devote a space for temperance items, and the department are sending them the "Deutch Amerikaner," an excellent little German paper, published monthly by the N. W. C. T. U., Chicago. In addition to this, we hope the Unions will see that they are kept regularly supplied, and appoint a special person for that purpose. We would also recommend that each Union in German districts elect as early as possible, a Superintendent of German work, so that regular communication can be kept up between them and the Prov. Supt. Probably the most successful means of reaching the people will be by influencing the young, therefore we would urge the formation, wherever practicable, of Bands of Hope, or Loyal Legions, and the holding of children's meetings. Let these be made as attractive as possible, with singing, recitations, etc., combined with instructions. Miss Colman's Catechism in German, for the use of Bands of Hope, can be procured

from the Literature Department at 5 cents each. New plans, and schemes to bring the children out will constantly have to be devised, and every means taken to interest them. These gatherings also form good centres for the distribution of Literature.

THE "PRESS" DEPARTMENT.

MISS M. PHELPS, ST. CATHARINES.

This is the Newspaper age, and whatever stands in the sunlight is photographed on its pages—if it be a political, moral or religious movement this mighty "Camera" of public opinion photographs and "*Retouches*" and "*works up*" and "*prints*," the intensity of public thought, until thought itself, becomes peopled with living souls. All the mighty inventions, which have characterized this age, as the grandest in human progress—the mightiest in social reforms and the most advanced in scientific discoveries, are but the agents of this grandest of human enterprises, for the public weal or woe. The telegraph, the telephone, the power of steam and the Atlantic Cable, have all united to make the "*press*" of today the mightiest factor in Political, Social, Moral or Religious movements. It humanizes the world, and by the aid of the telegraph gathers up the hopes and despairs of human progress and happiness, from the four quarters of the globe—like a thermometer it registers the pulse of national life, and gives to the world a report of the same. Last night the great problem of Home Rule for the Irish Nation was discussed in the English Parliament, this morning the result of that debate is read in our papers. Yesterday, the great problem of labor and capital was discussed pro and con in some great convention, to-day, by the aid of the telegraph, the *press* has gathered the result and we read from both extremes of society the "coming events which cast their shadows before them."

The parlor does not monopolize the press of to-day—it has its sway in the kitchen—the palace is not its chief propagandist, but it is read everywhere, under all circumstances, on all occasions, by all classes of people, whose standard of public questions is derived from what "the papers say about it."

Human remedies are but the outcome of human needs. The great inventions are the great results of man's needs for his happiness. Around the home is centred the nation's citadel of power. The Government is in existence for the protection of the home, industries are for its sustenance, the Gospel of Christ is for its salvation, and the "press" is for its education, and all exists for its happiness. The great problem of to-day is the question of human happiness, and man, seeing that need, is seeking a remedy. The tariff question—the problem of labor and capital—the liquor question under all its varying forms—all combined is the problem of human happiness. It is this problem that has called the W. C. T. U. into existence—it is this problem that has called this convention together, so that after a year's working at the solution we may mark the progress and make still greater advances. The work is before us—how shall we use the open doors of the "press" that they may close the ever swinging and open doors of the saloon? Your Superintendent has drawn your attention during the year to the fact that four classes of journals present themselves before you as intelligent W. C. T. U. workers. the religious, the agricultural, the domestic and political,—of these four classes the people have more than 300 daily, weekly and monthly messengers, going into thousands of homes, reaching more than one hundred thousand readers, whose intercourse with the great moving thought of the world is only to be found in the printed word.

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It is a lamentable fact, that thousands of our people never hear a sermon, much less a temperance lecture, and it is with these people the turning point in a political and temperance canvass rests. It is always with the doubtful ones that the balance of power is held. How then are we to reach this class of people if not through the secular and religious press. The Weekly Journal of this age is pre-eminently the agricultural Journal, and can be used as an important factor against the rum power, as they reach a class of people whose intelligent vote counts for morality and good order, and through the leaves, the very bone and sinew of our future civilization is moulded by these pages. In deciding the liquor problem at the ballot box, the country will depend on the farmer to over-balance the saloon element in cities and centres of population.

In reply to circulars sent out to the Local W. C. T. Unions, and to which you are all familiar, we have gathered these facts—in reply to the following questions :—

- 1—Name of Union ?
- 2—How many newspapers are published within your circuit of local service ?
- 3—How many of them give space to temperance matter, and are used by the W. C. T. U.
- 4—Give the name of your Union and County Superintendent ?
- 5—Have you appointed a press committee ?

Uxbridge.....	2	papers supplied by W.C.T.U.	Ridgetown... ..	1	paper supplied by W.C.T.U.
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Many of the Local Unions are not located within the reach of a local paper, but from correspondence I find the Toronto dailies largely circulated as well as the Montreal "Witness," and now, that the "Mail" has unfurled the banner of prohibition, and the "Globe" has in its Saturday edition a column devoted to Temperance matter, we may fairly say we have come to the *cross roads* where the *sign board* points to *prohibition*. Then again, many Local Unions report that the editors prefer making and selecting their own matter. We have interviewed, during the year, every editor of the province, and have had replies from the greater majority.

Sending out from this department the following circular letter, and receiving replies to the same, we have reached a conclusion which otherwise could not have been ascertained.

"As Provincial Superintendent of the Press Department of the W. C. T. U., it is my duty to collect all the facts possible in reference to the attitude of the Press of Ontario upon the subject of temperance. We would be glad to know—

1. If you publish temperance articles.
2. Editorials, contributed or selected ?
3. If you devote space to a temperance department ?
4. Conducted by yourself or by the local W. C. T. U. ?
5. What do you believe to be the best way of securing temperance license or prohibition ?

6. Are there any women employed on your paper as assistant editors or in care of any departments—please give name and address.

The courteous attention and prompt replies to circulars sent from this department of the P. W. C. T. U. encourage us to still push our cause and ask the attention of the periodicals of this Province to a question that will sooner or later come up before the people for a settlement. Will you by the printed word help us to settle it 'for God and Home and Native Land?'

In reply to No. 1 question, there was not an exception, but all give space in some degree to temperance matter.

No. 2. Both editorials and contributions are largely used.

3. No especial department.

4. In most cases conducted by the editor-in-chief, and in several cases space being offered the W. C. T. U., but for some reason not being used by them.

5. We find in reply to question 5th, a varying of ideas. In the larger cities many believe high license to be the "cure all" for this liquor problem. In some rural districts, the prohibition of the sale and manufacture is the solution, and just here is the great line of action. Many good people are taken up with the high license delusion and do not see that in *itself* rests the evil, that *high* licensed whiskey somehow has the same results as *low licensed* whiskey. Another fact to be gained from this interview is, that women are going into journalism in Canada, and from journals of the standard of the "*Globe*," a helping hand is given. What does this mean? Just the difference as Frances E. Willard puts it, "between the smoking and drawing room cars on a railroad train illustrates that between average journalism as it is, and as it will be, when men and women sit in their desks in the same editorial and reportorial sanctums. One is full of FUMES, the other of PERFUMES. No truth, theological, political, or economic can be seen in its entirety, until the stereoscopic view from the *two* angles of vision, the *masculine* and *feminine*, give it precision and bring it into symmetry. The daily press which has become already the peoples' university, is to be largely the pulpit and the forum of the future."

What shall be its attitude upon this question which is of so much importance to the women of this nation. It is for the women themselves to answer.

"The crisis presses on us;
Face to face with us it stands
And with solemn lips of question—
Like the Sphinx in Egypt's sands;
This day we fashion destiny,
Our web of fate we spin;
This day for all hereafter,
Choose we holiness or sin;
Even now from starry Gerizim,
Or Ebal's cloudy crown,
We call the dews of blessing,
Or the bolts of cursings down!"

APPENDIX.

To the following I may add a word of suggestion. Looking over my work in this department for the past three years, I see grand prospects for the future in every department that the Ontario W. C. T. U. has entered into. In the German field the German newspapers may be used as a medium. In the French work, the French papers may be the educating agency, and in the broad field of temperance and hygiene, or the "physical effects of alcohol upon the human system" the educational Journals may through the superintendent of "Scientific Temperance Instruction" cut the road for something better. Indeed the editor of the "School Journal" published in Toronto replied to my circular that articles "bearing on education and school hygiene would have a space in this widely read

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Journal. This is the thin edge of the wedge, let us push ahead. We advise in this connection that as far as can be used the college Journals be interviewed, the periodicals devoted to trade and labor with especial reference to labor and liquor, and the "organs" of every "society" be utilized as far as possible. Above all let the WOMAN'S JOURNAL, be sent as an exchange to editors willing give us space, and if a Union were in the locality, to see that the space given is fully occupied. This past year the executive committee have acted on this suggestion and in consequence many editors are learning of the methods and work of the W. C. T. U.

ORGANIZATION

MRS. J. TILTON, OTTAWA.

The Superintendent of Organization begs to submit the following report:—

In compliance with the wish of the Executive, that each department should issue a circular, that accompanying this report was prepared and circulated in November last. Thirty-two County Superintendents were communicated with, and to fourteen individual ladies in unorganized counties, the circular was also sent.

It is a sign of marked improvement in the year's work that twenty replies have been received, so that the usual complaint of our women not acknowledging letters and circulars cannot be made by the Superintendent of this department, and she would now gratefully acknowledge the prompt attention given by so many of the County Superintendents to her circular.

The Superintendent regrets that more of the County Superintendents did not avail themselves of Miss Bowes' services, or rather did not communicate concerning the special needs of their counties so that arrangements could have been made to facilitate the organizer's good work. She has arranged mostly for herself. Her report will give to her fellow workers the story of her "March" of 1885 and 1886, but to no human ear can she convey the experiences of encouragement and discouragement coming into the life of an unwearied organizer.

Much work has yet to be done in the west, and far more in the east, of Ontario, and it is to be hoped that the County Superintendents of the coming year will labor steadfastly to work up the living interests of the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union" in their separate counties.

A quotation from a communication received from a lady appointed as County Superintendent at the last convention, and to whom a circular was sent, may prove how soon one woman became interested, and, possessing the willing spirit, has been prepared during the past year for future work. She writes, "My position as County Superintendent is, I think, a singular one, having been appointed some months before I was even a member of a local Union. There were five Unions in this county before our Union was formed. I had need of instruction myself, rather than the knowledge to instruct others. Our Union, since its organization has been fairly active, and I feel now that, having some knowledge of the work, I might do something if again appointed. My heart is in the work of saving our country from the blighting effects of intemperance, and I hope to be at the Provincial Convention, and gain the needed inspiration and information for the work."

With the Lord's own blessing upon the work of the W. C. T. U. (and is there one of our members who is not fully assured of that), and the unlimited facilities for procuring intelligent information on the various departments in the organization, let all avail themselves of such help, and be found not only ready but fully equipped for the work of 1886 and 1887.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

MISS SCOTT, OTTAWA.

"If we cannot all gather sheaves, we can each glean an ear."

"Another year of patient toil
A few sheaves won from rocky soil,
May seem not much to thee;
But al thy work is with the Lord,
And thine exceeding great reward,
Thy God himself shall be."

A promising year of Young Woman's Work has just closed, and for the fourteen Y. W. C. T. Unions now in Ontario, your Superintendant would bespeak the tender watchfulness of every white ribboned sister.

As a report from each Union will be given, a brief sketch will suffice.

SMITH'S FALLS has 20 active and 2 honorary members. Branches of work—"Loyal Legion" and Flower Mission. Emblem, Rose. Motto, Jer. 31. 16, "Thy work shall be rewarded."

BROCKVILLE has 25 members. Branches of work, Flower Mission Band of Hope and Relief Committee. Emblem, Heliotrope. Motto. Phil. 2. 13, "For it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

PARKDALE has 13 members and carries on a Flower Mission which has distributed 600 boquets during the past year. Emblem, Chrysanthemum. Motto. "My presence shall go with thee."

TORONTO has 40 members, sustains three Bands of Hope and has a normal class which meets every week, subject of study being "Alcohol and its effects on the human system." 300 geranium slips were given to the Band of Hope children, who are looking forward to a Flower Show. 182 names were obtained to the World's Petition and assistance was given the Y. M. C. A. in teaching the Italians. Motto.—Gal. 6. 9. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

CORNWALL has 17 members and supports a Flower Mission and Sewing Circle. Emblem, Snowball. Motto. Matt. 5. 16. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good words and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

OTTAWA has 87 active and 52 honorary members. Branches of work, Girls night school, 3 Sewing Schools, Kitchen Garden, Reading Circle, Flower Mission, (which distributed 700 boquets in the past year.) Evangelistic work and Distributing Literature. Emblem, Pansy. Mottoe "The love of Christ constraineth us."

DEMILL COLLEGE, OSHAWA, has 75 members, with a literary society which meets once a month. Motto, "Defile not the temple of God."

GALT has 50 members, and 32 honorary members. Branches of work, being Boys' night school, girls' sewing school, weekly prayer meetings, evening entertainments for Boys, and Flower Mission. Emblem, Wild Daisy. Motto, "The battle is the Lord's, be of good courage."

OWEN SOUND has 40 members. Branches of work are night school and sewing schools.

BRANTFORD has a membership of 45, and sustains a Kitchen Garden, Boys' Night School, and Flower Mission, which has distributed 557 bouquets.

PRESCOTT has done a good work among the children, but owing to the absence of some of the members their work is suspended for a time.

HAMILTON has a membership of 130, including honorary members. 750 children are under temperance instruction. 57,600 pages of literature have been distributed. Branches of work—Girls' Sewing School, Band of Hope, Juvenile Temperance Union and Boys' Night School.

GUELPH has a membership of 15, and sustains a Flower and Letter Mission and Bible Readings.

Your superintendent has had the privilege of visiting some of the Unions in the past year, namely: Hamilton, Galt, Brantford (which she organized) Toronto, Brockville, Smith's Falls and Cornwall, and in every case was delighted with the earnestness of those, who, despite many discouragements, worked cheerfully on.

There are two Kitchen Gardens in Ontario, under the supervision of the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Unions, viz: OTTAWA AND BRANTFORD.

The first named was started by Miss McClees, National Superintendent of Kitchen Garden, in January 1885, who taught a normal class. Since then classes of sixty children are held from October to May.

BRANTFORD Kitchen Garden was established by your Superintendent who acted for Miss Johnson, and taught a normal class. The splendid exhibition given in the Opera House of that place shewed plainly how carefully the children had been taught by the young ladies. The Kitchen Garden is now an established fact in Ontario, and those connected with the working of it have been privileged in hearing of good results therefrom, of homes made brighter, more tidy and therefore happier. In the absence of the Superintendent of Flower Missions in British Columbia, we might speak of the growth of this blessed work. Almost all the Y. W. C. T. Unions have Flower Missions, and also some of the W. C. T. Unions.

WHITBY has distributed 154 bouquets, and BERLIN 271, with texts attached. The testimony of the Flower Missionaries being that "they knew their labour was not in vain, for they were themselves benefitted."

Circulars on Young Women's Work were sent to all the Unions in Ontario, and with the hope of influencing the school life of many young women, circulars were sent to the following Ladies' Colleges: Whitby, Brantford, Ottawa, London, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Toronto and boarding schools kept by the following ladies: Miss Champion and Berthou, Madame Richard, Mrs. Nixon, Miss Matheson, Miss Haight, Toronto; Miss Harmon, Ottawa, and Messrs. Gilbert, Brampton.

Mutual interchange of ideas with Mrs. Barnes, Supt. of National W.C.T.U. has been very helpful.

About 400 letters, post cards and circulars have been sent out on behalf of this Department.

We look for a great success in the number of Y. W. C. T. Unions in the coming year, as they are the recruiting grounds for the Woman's Unions, where the members learn not only to stand shoulder to shoulder in the ranks against the opposing enemy, but to fill up the gaps, and perhaps refresh with a cup of cold water the wounded and dying.

LEGISLATION, FRANCHISE AND PETITIONS.

MRS. J. ROCKWELL, KINGSTON

The chief difficulty which presents itself in reporting the work of the past year is not *what to say* but how to condense into a reasonable space all that ought to be said in connection with this department. There has been a decided lull in Scott Act agitation during the past year, and public attention has been drawn more to the enforcement, or rather the *non* enforcement of the act. Government officials having been remiss in the performance of their duty, the cause has suffered in consequence. A few brave men have had the moral courage to stand firmly for the right, and have thereby exposed themselves and their property to injury, and even risked their lives, as, in the case of Mr. Munro, of Orangeville. We are glad to see that the Ontario Government after having "*taken the matter into serious consideration*," has at last issued a circular containing emphatic instructions to Inspectors and other officials, as regards the enforcement of the law, reminding them that neglect of duty shall prove sufficient cause for dismissal. They are also taking steps to secure the punishment of the dynamite out-laws as shown by the recent arrest at Sarnia. The surrender by the Dominion Government, of the right to appropriate the fines, in cases of breaches of the law, has, no doubt, helped wonderfully toward these results.

THE LICENCE FEES

have also been raised considerably with the provision, that all the additional revenue go to the Government. The plea urged for this step was that as the Scott Act was in force in so large a portion of the Province (thirty counties and two cities with a population of 1,013,000 being under the operation of the Act.) that the falling off in the revenue from licence fees must be made up some other way, and so, the remaining thirteen counties, and eight cities, *must be made to carry this additional load and raise so much more "blood-money."*

In accordance with a resolution passed at our last convention, special effort was made to induce those ladies having the right of the

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to use it at the municipal elections in the election of temperance candidates, *regardless of politics*. As a full report of this appeared in the "*Woman's Journal*" for March it will be hardly necessary to give a detailed account of it, but merely a summary, including two or three places whose returns came too late for publication:—

Circulars were sent to one hundred and sixty-seven Unions, and replies were received from fifty-eight. The total number of lady voters reported was 6,779. Number who voted at municipal elections, 1,517. Number who voted at school elections, 172. Number of temperance candidates elected, 157; number defeated, 43. The grand way in which the ladies of Toronto responded to this call has done much to give an impetus to this branch of the work. Other places did nobly, too, in proportion, but did not attract the same notice. The principle has been established as to woman's right to a voice in municipal matters, at any rate, and she has actually asserted that right, not only by voting herself, but by working hard to get others to vote, and with undeniably good results. We would recommend the remark of a certain defeated candidate to the consideration of aspirants to political honors in this Province, from this time forth. He advised "all who intended running for office to "*first go and join a temperance society.*" A bill was introduced at the last session of the local House, "to enable widows and unmarried women to vote for members of that House," but, at Mr. Mowat's suggestion, it was withdrawn. He stated that public opinion was not ready for so great a change. We

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would suggest that if a little pressure were brought to bear upon the occasion of the introduction of a similar bill next session, the results might be different. It was found necessary to petition against the

BREWERS' AMENDMENT

to the Scott Act, which was introduced at the last session of the Dominion Parliament, which provided that beer and light wines be allowed to be sold in Scott Act counties. The time was very short in which to work up this petition, and yet a total of 9 674 signatures was secured through the exertions of our Unions.

We give the list of each place, with the county and number of signatures obtained:—

		COUNTY.			COUNTY.
Ailsa Craig.....	73	Middlesex	Smith's Falls....	163	Lanark
Newington	23	Stormont	Guelph	181	Wellington
Iroquois	74	Dundas	N. Augusta.....	32	Grenville
Brockville	287	Leeds	Ingersoll	161	Oxford
Hamilton	523	Wentworth	Perth	103	Lanark
Newcastle	21	Durham	Consecon	88	P. E.
Toronto	256	York	Picton	220	"
Eglinton.....	14	"	Weston	102	York
Mount Forest... 43			Beamsville.....	110	Lincoln
Gananoque	112	Leeds	Tiverton	52	Bruce
Consecon.....	102	P. E.	N. Pelham	42	
Lunenburg.....	96		Burlington.....	103	Halton
Trenton	193	Hastings	Renfrew	71	Renfrew
Vankleek Hill... 54		Prescott	Oshawa.....	82	
Lindsay	236	Victoria	Elora	51	Wellington
Farmersville ... 71		Leeds	Ballersea.....	185	Frontenac
Waterloo,	21	Waterloo	Kingston.....	354	"
Cardinal.....	38	Grenville	Westmeath	28	Renfrew
Newmarket	120	York	Bothwell	85	Bothwell
Aurora	84	"	Newcastle	149	Durham
Chatham	131	Kent	Delta	56	Leeds
Mount Vernon .. 137		Brant	Hespeler	27	Waterloo
Ottawa	34	Carleton	Tiverton	36	Bruce
Komoka	14	Middlesex	Breslau	41	Waterloo
Moullette	13	Stormont	Kemptville	117	Grenville
St. Marys.....	186	Perth	Cataraqui	70	Frontenac
Gore	63	Huron	Westwood.....	22	
Thorold	113	Welland	Oxford Mills ... 115		Grenville
Aultsville	45	Stormont	Elginburg	16	
Galt	99	Waterloo	Peterborough... 638		
Beachburg.....	27	Renfrew	Orono	185	Durham
Parkdale	85	York	Port Dover.....	72	Norfolk
Georgetown	92	Halton	Corrwall.....	149	Stormont
Mohawk	63	Brant	Goderich	111	Huron
Arnprior.....	62		Seaforth	56	"
Bobcaygeon	85	Victoria	Prince Albert... 159		Ontario
Bowmanville.....	276	Durham	Belleville	106	Hastings
Harrowsmith.... 40		Frontenac	Highgate	33	
Arthur	57	Wellington	Brantford.....	456	Brant
Prescott.....	30	Grenville	Credit	59	Peel
Durham Centre.. 47		Oxford	Aurora.....	29	York
Pembroke	456	Renfrew	Owen Sound and } 37		Grey
Hillier	26	P. E.	Town Council... }		
Sydenham	32	Frontenac	Barrie.....	115	Simcoe
Ridgeville	196				
Point Edward... 48					
			Total.....	9,674	

At the suggestion of Mrs. Ellen M. Watson, Cor. Sec. of Pennsylvania State mission, some copies of the "Day of Prayer" petition were printed, and sent to the different conferences assemblies' synods, &c, for their signatures and approval. Several were returned signed, and were forwarded to Mrs. Watson, but not before the International committee had met and granted the petition. We were not made aware of the date of its meeting or this work would have been for naught. Our last and present work is 'he famous World's Union petition, which we had hoped to be able to report in full, but owing to to the fact of so many unions closing up for the summer months, the members have not had time to circulate it thoroughly, and several have asked to have the time extended, which has been done in a good many instances. We think that we can safely say that we have fifteen thousand signatures returned already with a good many more to follow. We will still be glad to furnish blanks to anyone who thinks she can secure a few more names. We cannot close this report without acknowledging the kind forbearance and ready assistance which has been extended us all through the year by our worthy President. May our efforts in the coming time prove even more fruitful of good results than they have in the past.

M. ROCKWELL.

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

MRS. FALCONER, OTTAWA.

A report such as can be here presented must necessarily be but a half told story of what has been done through the Literature Department.

That good has been done we have no right to doubt, but its nature or extent cannot be stated.

Exact figures can be given as regard the number of tracts, &c, sent out, and the amount of money received and expended; and details can be presented as to the Unions through which this Literature has been issued. But little can be stated in regard to the more important facts, as to the reception the printed words of truth, of warning, and of pleading have met with, or as to the minds which have thereby been enlightened, the hearts which have been touched, the higher and holier resolves which have been prompted, and the longing desires implanted for the deliverance of Home and Country from the dark shadow of the evil we seek to combat. Because of the mighty power for good of which the written page may be made capable, it would be well for us to realize more fully than we do that the success of this branch of work depends upon the measure we follow those Leaflets, with heart-felt prayer that the Spirit of God may impress the truths which they contain, on the hearts and consciences of those into whose hands they fall.

Occasion may be taken to again urge the necessity to which the President referred last year, for the appointment by each Union of a Superintendent of Literature whose duty it would be to order such tracts, books, &c. as may be suitable to the work carried on in that locality.

Last year nearly one-half of the amount of money received was for Scott-Act Literature. On account of the lull in Scott Act work little or nothing has been called for in that line. This accounts for the money receipts being so much less. Much good Literature however has been sent out by this Department, as is shewn by the statement which follows.

It should moreover be remembered that many thousands of the Moral-Suasion Tracts have been furnished to the Unions and put in circulation in connection with the *Woman's Journal*.

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We here present a complete list of amounts expended by each Union, which does not include any order supposed to be sent by private members of the Union or any order sent by any Scott Act Association, but simply orders sent in Union work :

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Almonte.....	1 00	Breslau.....	21
Arthur.....	27	Brandon.....	25
Aultsville.....	12 09	Cornwall.....	5 22
Aurora.....	86	Cumberland.....	1 00
Alexander.....	35	Chatsworth.....	3 00
Ailsa Craig.....	3 00	Credit.....	46
Aliston.....	60	Carleton Place.....	20
Brockville.....	11 22	Clinton.....	1 00
Bowmanville.....	16 59	Collingwood.....	1 32
Brantford.....	28	East Templeton.....	
Belleville.....	33	Flesherton.....	21
Bothwell.....	45	Forest.....	5 62
Beaverton.....	1 00	Farmerville.....	15
Barrie.....	5 00	Gananoque.....	11 24
Goderich.....	3 10	Parkhill.....	1 92
Georgetown.....	2 70	Parkdale.....	15
Glencoe.....	1 55	Point Edward.....	4 77
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Hawkesbury.....	70	Richmond Hill.....	4 22
Hespeler.....	53	Smith's Falls.....	10 18
Ingersoll.....	6 07	Smithsville.....	3 50
Iroquois.....	2 10	Sunderland.....	2 19
Komoka.....	3 15	Scone.....	1 15
Kingston.....	2 00	Stratford.....	5 16
Mount Vernon.....	1 00	Seaforth.....	55
Mount Forest.....	1 55	Scotland.....	7 00
Maple Ridge.....	45	Spencerville.....	9 50
Mitchell.....	2 89	Streetsville.....	57
Madoc.....	5 94	St. Catherines.....	5 76
Meaford.....	9 14	St. Eugene.....	33
Merrickville.....	30	Sumac.....	70
Mohawk.....	2 75	Staynor.....	4 03
Maxwell.....	\$ 55	Trenton.....	1 03
New Hamberg.....	2 10	Toronto.....	7 80
Newcastle.....	88	Tiverton.....	55
Norwood.....	50	Tillbury Centre.....	25
Ottawa.....	18 22	Thurso.....	50
Oxford Mills.....	4 61	Williamstown.....	7 50
Oshawa.....	30	Woodstock.....	10 89
Owen Sound.....	12 52	Whitby.....	3 13
Orono.....	81	Wyoming.....	2 59
Peterborough.....	8 61	Waterloo.....	60
Pembroke.....	6 65	Weston.....	4 08
Perth.....	47	Winnipeg.....	11 00
Prescott.....	5 27	Victoria, B. C.....	3 55
Preston.....	85		
Paris.....	1 61		
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No. of pages of literature sent out by this department..... 271,925
 No. of parcels..... 350

DEPARTMENT OF INFLUENCING FAIRS.

MRS. D. FOTHERINGHAM.

Circulars containing the following questions were sent out:—

- I. How many fairs are held in your county, where and on what dates ?
- II. At how many fairs have you reason to believe that liquor has been sold ?
- III.—How many have excluded liquor selling from grounds ?
- IV.—Are fairs, county or township held near you, and what distance from your W. C. T. U. ?
- V.—Has your union a department or committee for influencing fairs ?
- VI. Has your union ever been represented at fairs, and in what way ?
- VII.—Has your union done any work at fairs this year and of what kind ?
- VIII. Has your union distributed literature at fairs, and how much ?
- IX.—Has your union contributed literature to general stock for circulation at county fairs, when it has not been personally represented ?
- X.—Have you had any temperance addresses at fairs and how many ?

Please give full account, at time above mentioned, of any special work at fairs. If you fail to be represented at fairs, please send your replies to these questions not later than Oct 1st.

The following are the replies in brief :

Barrie.—We kept a tea and coffee tent at the fair in this town, and distributed literature.

Brantford.—No action.

Brantford Y. W. C. T. U.—No action.

Brockville.—No fairs in immediate vicinity.

Branchton.—Two fairs held in the county at Berlin, Oct. 5th and 6th, and Ayr, Oct. 7th and 8th. No action taken.

Bowmanville;—Three fairs held at Clarke, or Newtonville. Newcastle, Sept. 24 & 26. Bowmanville, Sept. 30th, and Oct 1st. Scott Act in this county. At Bowmanville fair last year we gave a dinner, and had literature distributed in fair grounds. 300 tracts were distributed.

Burlington.—Has a township fair. The county fair being twenty miles distant —no action.

Clinton.—Has a township fair. Our Union provided a cheap dinner on fair day, which was well patronized and appreciated, and literature was also distributed.

Farmersville.—Eight fairs in the Co. Gananoque, Sep. 7, 8, 9. Munville, Sep. 15, 16, 17. Delta, Sept. 21, and 22. Lyndhurst, Sept. 23, and 24. Elgin, Frankville, Sept 30, and Oct. 1st. Lansdowne, Oct. 5, and 6, Scott Act in force. We had a committee this year who waited on the secretary of the Fair association, but found no way accessible for work this year, as we would have to apply at the first meeting of the society in January.

Gananoque.—Horticultural exhibition held in the town. Our Union has a Dept. for influencing fairs, and has been represented by furnishing refreshments, and distributing 500 pages literature at the fair.

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The books containing the accounts of this Department have been audited by me and found correct.
H. K. WATSON, Ottawa,

\$85 00

Liabilities..... \$85 00
Represented by Stock on hand \$146 43

Guelph.—Y. W. C. T. U., will assist the W. C. T. U. if any action is taken.

Hamilton.—No action.

London.—No action as yet.

Morrisburg.—Four fairs in County. Morrisburg, Dixon's Corners, Brock's Hill, Winchester. Have distributed literature at county fair.

Ottawa.—Y. W. C. T. U., will assist W. C. T. U. if any action taken.

Owen Sound.—The Drill Shed where the agricultural fairs have been held was burnt, and the new exhibition grounds will not be ready for use. We hope to be able to do something next year.

Port Credit.—Two fairs, Cooksville Oct. 15, and Brampton, Toronto Township fair, is held at Cooksville, three miles from our union. Last year we had a refreshment booth, and distributed 200 leaflets and 50 *Journals*. This year we have received full control of the Cooksville fair.

Pembroke.—Five fairs, Forrester's Falls, Pembroke, Beachburgh, Cobden, Renfrew and Arnprior.

In 1884, this Union provided dinner on the fair grounds, and distributed a quantity of literature. This year literature has also been distributed. Scott Act in force in the county.

Prescott.—South Grenville county fair, Sept. 23, 24, '25; Spencerville, Oct. county fair held in Prescott. Township fair at Spencerville. We have distributed literature at county fair.

Ridgetown.—Four fairs in the county. Howard township fair held in Ridgetown,—no action.

St. Catharines.—One fair in the county. Our Union has a department for influencing fairs, and has been represented by securing the control of the booths, and giving dinners. Literature has also been distributed.

Toronto.—We did not do anything at the Industrial fair this year, as the space for a tent was two hundred dollars. Last year we put a supply of literature in the Y. M. C. A. tent for distribution. Liquor was prohibited on the grounds this year.

Toronto Y. M. C. T. U.—No action.

Whitby.—No action.

REPORT ON UNFERMENTED WINE IN THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

MISS WILLMOTT.

I deeply regret that I have not a fuller report to present.

In May last, a circular letter was addressed to all the Unions then existing, 206 in number, which requested a reply not later than the 15th of Sept. Four only have been received.

London immediately responded, expressing through its efficient secretary its sympathy and hearty co-operation in this important department. Waterloo also at once acted upon the suggestion in the circular, and appointed a superintendent for the county, to carry out the principles of the same, which effort I trust has been successful. Guelph, true to her former promptness, reported encouragingly that

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the unfermented juice of the grape was used in three Methodist Churches, two Presbyterian, two Congregational and one Baptist. Owen Sound reported that a superintendent of this department was appointed in July, that three of the Churches in the town use unfermented wine, the Methodist, Baptist and Disciple.

Although so few Unions have responded, yet I confidently hope there is no great cause for discouragement; I have heard through Miss Bowes, who has visited many of the Unions, that successful efforts have been put forth for the removal of this insidious temptation. And, as the temperance cause is constantly gaining accessions of triumph, whereby public sentiment is being educated on the evil effects of alcohol, we trust that many that now adhere so tenaciously to past usages, will with advancing light see the imperative importance of abolishing from the Table of the Lord that which has proved detrimental to the spiritual life of the communicant.

Permit me then, dear Christian ladies of this Convention, to ask you in your representative characters to do all in your power to place the subject prominently before your respective Unions, praying that God may graciously smile upon and prosper your efforts.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

MRS. A. GRENHILL.

When this branch of work was intrusted to my care six months ago, a circular was prepared and a copy sent to every Union in Ontario.

I made repeated inquiries of the Minister of Militia where and when camps were to be formed for the summer, but regret to say that although promised, the information was not forthcoming until after some of the camps were formed and too late to make any special appeal to the Unions in their immediate neighborhood. I also wrote to General Sir F. Middleton, asking that his influence be used for the regulation of the canteen supply of temperance drinks and suppression of alcoholic beverages. He sent a courteous reply, saying he would be only too glad to do anything in his power to put down drinking in the Militia by discountenancing it as much as possible, and promising to pay particular attention to the canteens in the different camps. A few of the Unions replied to my circular stating that they were not able to do anything in that line of work.

Mrs. E. Starr, Superintendent of Volunteer Work for Toronto, reports having visited the fort at Niagara in August, was warmly received by the Secretary, who promised to make the best possible use of the 225 tracts left with him for distribution. She reports the reading room not well supplied.

A camp for Eastern Ontario was formed in Prescott in June, and although I was prevented by illness from taking any part, our ladies were instrumental in doing much good work. They obtained the assistance of Mr. Kuhring, Secretary Y.M.C.A. of Ottawa, who took charge of the tent where not only the necessaries, such as daily papers, writing materials, good drinking water, blacking and brushes were provided; but also entertainments consisting of quoits, draughts, croquet, music, etc. Gospel Temperance Meetings were held every evening. Ministers and laymen from the town and vicinity in every case gladly giving their assistance. Temperance night conducted by Judge McDonald and Rev. Dyson Haigh, of Brockville, when many were induced to sign the pledge was especially interesting. The expenses which were upwards of \$55 were

borne by the W.C.T.U. aided by the citizens and the young ladies Union, who opened a refreshment room, which was not only a source of revenue, but provided a tempting resting place for the men, which was gladly made use of by many. The Y's distributed tracts with bouquet attached as opportunity offered, thus giving pleasure and serving to show the interest of our temperance women in their welfare. The provision for the soldiers in this case was solely the work of the women, there being no Y.M.C.A. in the town; and as an encouragement to other Unions in the future, I wish to point out the desirability of taking advantage of such openings, and also to emphasize the direct return in the deep interest taken by both officers and men as shown by the crowded meetings every evening in a large tent, 60 by 30, while the entire camp consisted of only about 1,000 men. The citizens also contributed generously to its support, and seemed to take a warm interest in the exercises. If carefully managed, I feel sure that a large portion of the necessary outlay would be borne by the officers themselves. I would like also in closing, to recommend that this work be gone into fully and energetically next season. Several corps go from cities to smaller places, such as from Toronto to Niagara, London to Niagara, Ottawa to Prescott. It is unfair that the Unions in these smaller places should be called upon to do all the work and provide all the money. The Unions from which the corps go should interview the commanding officers, raise some funds, get contributions of books and papers, etc., etc., and then the Unions in the vicinity of camps could see to the carrying out of the work.

Thus, our influence for total abstinence may be felt amongst such an important class in the community as our volunteers.

WORK AMONG SAILORS.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD.

Though late in the season when this branch of our work was taken up, and it requiring a great deal of time to get this department in thorough working order, we feel that good has been accomplished during the season, and we feel encouraged by God's help to go on in the good work. In May I sent to all Unions where I supposed work in the department might be taken up the following circular letter:—

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Dear Sisters:—Each year, as the Provincial Union grows stronger, new departments of work are added. This year "Work among Sailors" is added to our list, and surely to no class of men in the world is total abstinence so valuable. Nor is there any class of society to which so little attention is given in this respect. So many lives and so much property being entrusted to their care during the season of navigation on our great lakes and rivers, necessitates a clear eye, a steady hand and a cool brain, to keep the ship off the rocks and steer her in safety to the destined port.

Will you, dear W. C. T. U., make a beginning in this new branch of our work; and as "order is heaven's first law," kindly appoint one of your members superintendent of this department, who will, with your co-operation, be required to plan and see carried out practical lines of work in this special branch, and report to me not later than Sept. 15th.

True, it will not be an easy task, and doubtless many obstacles will present

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themselves ; but prayer, faith and earnestness will surmount the greatest difficulties, and by His help you will be enabled to do some "Work among Sailors." Distribution of suitable literature is always practicable.

I would suggest that Port Temperance Associations for Sailors be formed. Endeavor to find one Christian man among officers or subordinates ; and should such be found, there is at once a bond of sympathy, and you can hope for much. A Port Temperance Association might be made auxiliary to the W. C. T. U., thus retaining a helpful influence, and assisting to hold such an association together. Where practicable, Reading Rooms might be established ; and as our sailors do not usually have a very long time to remain on shore when in port, secure rooms as near the docks as possible. Do not be afraid to solicit subscriptions for good journals and magazines from gentlemen in your community, for this is a work the success of which will be a benefit and blessing to all.

Gospel Temperance Meetings for Sailors might be held fortnightly or weekly, at which the pledge and a badge should be offered.

These suggestions, though imperfect, may perhaps be some help to you in getting this branch organized ; and may the Divine blessing rest upon this new department for "Work among Sailors."

Although we have received very few reports from Unions having done actual work, an interest has been awakened. This department has been given a place in a number of towns along our great chain of lakes, and another season we are anticipating great results. Sarnia, Cornwall, Gananoque, Brockville, Toronto and St. Catharines report *no work* this year, but have promised that next year they will endeavor to do some "Work among Sailors." Herewith appended are brief reports from Unions having reported work done.

OTTAWA W. C. T. U.

The boats lying at the canal basin and Queen's Wharf were visited upon the taking up of the work by the W. C. T. U. in June last.

Found the occupants not only willing, but pleased to accept the tracts and leaflets, and treated those who called upon them with much kindness. Talking with the women, we learned that intemperance was the cause of nearly all their domestic troubles.

Distributed fifty tracts and leaflets among the families and boat hands during the month of June. Sent the 1,000 tracts and leaflets (less fifty distributed), given by Mrs. Falconer, to Miss Falconer, who continued the work during July and August, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. T. U.

Upon enquiry, we found that early in the season, through depression in business, and other causes, the boats had been detained here, in some instances three or four weeks ; in all that time not one of those we talked with had attended any place of worship, or held any religious service whatever on the boats.

We felt the great need of taking the Gospel to them by holding Sabbath morning or afternoon meetings, and in this way bringing some at least to "know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge."—JENNIE COWAN, Supt. of Sailor Dept.

OTTAWA Y. W. C. T. U.

During the summer, a number of visits were made to the barges, and literature distributed among the sailors and bargemen.

This literature, provided by the W. C. T. U., was of a Gospel Temperance nature, and suited to the wants of these people, who think they cannot attend any place of worship while they are waiting to have their barges loaded, because they

do not care to go to a strange church. They were urged to attend, and told that they would be welcomed in any of the churches. We only met two men who had been to church through the summer.

The people on these barges are intelligent and fairly educated. Nearly all the boys and girls can read. When we were speaking to one woman, a little boy came up and advised her to take our papers, for there were such nice stories in them; but she said, "No, I have plenty to read." Another little child told us her mother would be glad to see us, for (to use her own words) she was terrible fond of company, and liked papers and sermons, and always got Spurgeon's sermon for Sunday. We found her mother, and truly she was glad to see us. Her husband was a temperance man, but he smoked, and she wanted something about tobacco. We felt quite pleased to be able to supply her with what she wanted.

Her little girl, as well as two others, seeing the flowers that we wore, said they would like them. So the next time we went we provided ourselves with a few bouquets, which pleased not only children, but the men and women, for they do not see flowers every day.

At all times we were received kindly, and felt encouraged to go on with our work.—KATE E. FALCONER.

BURLINGTON.

Dear Mrs. Rutherford,—At our regular meeting, before leaving home for the summer, your circular letter was read, and there being no one present willing to take the superintendency, I volunteered to do what I could. I found a man who was willing to take all the temperance and religious literature I could send, and distribute it as he met boats in the different harbors. The report was satisfactory. The men were eager to get the papers and books sent, and women and children would flock to the boats on the upper lakes, asking for a paper. I hope much more can be done another season. We who have more than we can possibly read, know little how to sympathize with the many who are hungering for reading matter of this kind, which could be sent with little trouble from almost every home. Hoping others have been able to accomplish more than we have, I am yours, very truly.—A. N. ANDERSON.

OWEN SOUND.

Boxes were obtained of suitable size, and with the initials "W. C. T. U." on each, and permission having been granted by the captains of the various steamers, these boxes were placed on the boats, with a supply of suitable literature. Hooks on which to hang tracts were also placed below deck. In addition to these means, some one hundred "Letters to Sailors" were placed in separate envelopes, and distributed personally, always being well received. Much more is hoped for next season, as we had a late start, and "the laborers were few" this year.—ALICE B. MORRISON.

Now, dear sisters in this work, I urge you, all who can, to be zealous in this branch, and may the Great Captain above make "Work among Sailors" a blessing to those who toil in it, and a great blessing to our Dominion.

When the mists of "Grog" and passion
Hide the reefs and shoals from sight,
God of Love, protect and save them,
Be their refuge and their light.
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REPORT OF MISS BOWES.

PROVINCIAL ORGANIZER W. C. T. U.

Another year with its record is numbered with the past. The seed has been sown on many fields and much culture bestowed, but what the yield of the harvest may be, we know not until the time of reaping, when the wheat shall be gathered into the garner and the chaff burned with unquenchable fire. I am thankful to be able to report some work accomplished indicative of W. C. T. U. progress, in the Province of Ontario. Organized since last Prov. Convention, the middle of Oct., 40 Unions. Visited and addressed, endeavoring to "stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance," 30 Unions, bringing some out of a trance into which they had fallen and remained for years. Prepared 40 papers for Recording Secretaries each occupying twenty-five minutes. Wrote 285 letters on the subject of Temperance, and 210 postage cards, besides several articles for publishing. Delivered 101 evening addresses.

The utmost is done by prayer, counsel and instruction, to encourage and nerve the officers and members of the W. C. T. U. and enthruse them for the work, hoping and trusting, they will keep alive and active, but I cannot be with them after organizing day, to help sustain, or keep the fire burning. I gratefully acknowledge the blessing and help of our Heavenly Father, in the bestowal and continuance of health; also, the genuine hospitality so kindly extended by the many pleasant homes to which I have had not only access, but received a hearty welcome. The Christian ministers have greatly facilitated my work. May the blessings of a true God of love, in the bestowment of an intelligent, increased activity, be showered upon the Christian households of our beloved Ontario, inspiring to a higher purpose and more noble deeds in not only "rescuing the perishing and caring for the dying," but in courageous, persistent effort, to remove the cause of so many perishing and dying, by the entire sweeping away of the liquor traffic and establishing prohibition, verifying the truth of Holy Writ, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Let us so labor, dear sisters, that we may obey the Divine mandate and be encouraged by the accompanying promise, Haggai, 2nd and 4th, "Be strong all ye people of the land and work for I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts."

HYGIENE AND HEREDITY.

MRS. (DR.) ANDERSON, BURLINGTON.

There is nothing which so vitally interests the human race as the two subjects combined, the superintendency of which has been committed to my care, in this great work in which we are engaged. I have asked that not a word be given me to say upon these subjects which will not be for the glory of God, and the good of mankind, my heart is in this great work which has brought us together. I know I can never find words to express what I feel, but God can use what he gives me for good.

In hygiene we can do much by careful thought and study, to improve the present state of affairs, in which we as women, wives and mothers, have a responsibility which no other person can bear. All living beings transmit to their descendants, besides the type of their species, the physical and moral peculiarities which characterize them. The study of the precise laws, in virtue of which the transmission of the qualities of the parents to the children takes place, has been

diligently pursued of late years. The subject of heredity is a most interesting one. In its important relation to marriage it deserves our most attentive consideration. It is a law of terrible yet mysterious force, which profoundly impresses our nature at the very outset of existence.

Not only are physical peculiarities, such as form, structure, the healthful and diseased conditions of the body, capable of inheritance, but also moral qualities, i. e. the thoughts, affections, talents, virtues and vices.

Dr. Harris, the reformer, gives some marvellous statistics in his story of a woman he called "Margaret the mother of criminals." Ninety years ago she lived in a village in upper New York State. She was not only poor, but she was vicious. She was not well provided for. There were no almshouses there. The public, however, somewhat looked after her, but chiefly scoffed at her, and derided her and pushed her further down in her crime. That was ninety years ago. There have been six hundred and twenty-three (623) persons in that ancestral line—two hundred of them criminals. In one branch of that family there were twenty, and nine of them have been in States Prison, and nearly all of them have turned out badly. It is estimated that family cost the county and state \$100,000 to say nothing of the property they destroyed. It is a fearful thing to be born in such an ancestral line. It makes a great difference, whether one descends from Margaret the mother of criminals, or from some mother in Israel.

One born in an ancestral line, in an hereditary line, where the influences have been bad, and there has been a coming down over a moral declivity, unless such an one has supernatural aid afforded him, he will go down under the overmastering gravitation. How much then do those who are born wrong deserve our pity, and our prayers for their rescue, and how should we guard our children from falling into this line.

Marion Harland says, the foundation of a happy home is laid in the kitchen. A man with a well cooked palatable breakfast goes to his business satisfied, his mind free to think, his system in good condition to perform the duties of the day cheerfully.

But if his coffee is muddy, his toast cold or burned, his steak tough from being badly cooked, he will feel dissatisfied with himself and every one he meets, and if he ever drinks he will very likely stop at the first corner if he lives where there is a saloon, and get a drink to satisfy the demand. The waste of bodily strength must be supplied by suitable food and drink. This is the greatest necessity of nature, and if errors are committed in this respect, our injured system must suffer the bad consequences. It is therefore of the utmost importance to pay particular regard to the selection of our daily food and drink in order to escape disease and often premature death.

Suitable food must have two paramount qualities; it must be nutritious and digestible; not all nutritious food is digestible food and *vice versa*.

By a thorough knowledge of hygiene which comprises a knowledge of instituting such a mode of living as is best calculated to preserve health, we may in a great measure overcome and rise above the mischief done by heredity, as a robust healthy person or child need not suffer from inherited disease, but when the system becomes enfeebled and vitality insufficient to throw off disease, then it may get beyond our control.

The clearer the knowledge of hygiene, and the closer we follow the rules of health, the surer the prevention of disease will be. It is certain beyond doubt, that less misery, disease and suffering, would mar this fair world, if its inhabitants would live more in accordance with the laws of nature, and less after their own

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often mistaken notions and passions. Reform in this respect has already commenced, and with a more rational method of healing, and the application of a more efficient and salutary tonic (the water) invalids and enfeebled mankind can look forward to a happier, because a healthier future.

By the addition of the department of hygiene and heredity to the W. C. T. Union, this society wish to aid in the reform which has hitherto advanced so slowly. The circular contains subjects affecting the physical well-being of an individual. These are food and drink, sleep, air and exercise, clothing and occupation. I hope every one present will make an effort to get the young ladies interested with us in this department of our work. Nothing can more add to the happiness of our homes than a thorough knowledge of hygiene.

The oldest and best housekeepers are not too old to learn and can do much to interest and teach the young, that which will be of lasting value, and save many a man from seeking comfort elsewhere, which he should and has a right to expect in his own home, but from which many an one has been driven from a want of the knowledge which you can give them.

Circulars on hygiene and heredity were sent to all the Unions. The few who acknowledged the receipt of them could not take up the work until another year. As with most of the Unions all branches were about to close for the summer.

THE WHITE CROSS MOVEMENT.

MRS. J. TILTON, OTTAWA.

When so much time and talent is required for the extended work of the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union," our members may marvel that any other subject, than total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, (or whatever, may best promote that end) should claim the attention of your Executive, or be undertaken by those whom we recognize as our temperance workers.

Special effort put forth in *one* reform leads to a desire for the furtherance of another. Among the evils following in the train of intemperance, is the great evil of impurity.

We do believe what our dear Lord said, that all these evils "proceed from the heart," and do know that the Holy Spirit's own work is the only power by which any evil can be exterminated.

We do believe in that power that can bring the burdened soul into subjection to the will of God, and, with the angels, rejoice over one sinner that repenteth. With all this, the subtle power of the enemy is so great that even professing Christians have fallen into the snare, and the modern Church has witnessed a crucifixion of Christ afresh, within its very folds, by a practical denial of the Christ's power to keep that which has been committed to Him.

On the other hand, the young and innocent are led astray, some through ignorance, others through flattery and drink,—yes, and others, so sad to admit, willingly sacrificed.

Wicked designing men, subtle treacherous women, are used daily in the unclean hands of our Lord's enemy.

Ignorance on the part of the young, as to cause and effect, ignorance concerning the tender watchful care of the whole body, as necessary as the delicate care bestowed upon the eye or ear,—are reasons why the earnest faithful women of the W. C. T. U. should buckle on the armour and use their power and in

fluence in aiding on what is known as "The White Cross" movement. Last year the National Union deemed it its solemn duty to adopt it as a branch of its work and during the year Miss Willard has used much of her time and talent in speaking, and writing, upon the vast importance of this branch of Christian work. Shall we, as Canadian temperance workers, remain silent? Does not every daily paper contain sufficient, to cause shame upon our young nation, and cruel, bitter stings in many a mother's heart.

Let us be willing to do our duty, as Christian women. Let mothers be more than watchful in the choice of reading matter, and companionship for their young people. Warn them tenderly of the power and influence of impure thoughts; remind them constantly of our dear Saviour's own words. "Blessed are the pure in heart."

Be not afraid to read and circulate the "White Cross" literature. Send to the Department of Literature for specimen copies. Inform yourselves as to the course adopted by the promoters of this movement, for the overthrow or suppression of this evil, and have no fear, in using your talents to establish purity in our land as you have for nearly a decade so faithfully devoted yourselves in your united efforts to wipe off the stain of intemperance from this young nation. A few years ago, one of our clergymen said to me, "Intemperance is not the worst evil in our land, look at the sensualism and dishonesty." Temperance workers feeling that intemperance leads to these as well as other ruinous crimes, may perhaps, lose sight of the fact whilst laboring to reclaim the drunkard, or to destroy the traffic in intoxicants, that impurity is undermining many a character, and laying the foundation of disease and crime in hundreds of cases, where intemperance, or drunkenness does not exist.

May I ask this Convention to consider the matter and in the warfare against the power of darkness, enlist as good soldiers to aid in the "White Cross" movement.

"Be purity of life the test
Leave to the heart, to heaven, the rest."

RAILROAD WORK.

MRS. JARMAN, TORONTO.

Dear Sisters and co-workers in and for our W. C. T. U.

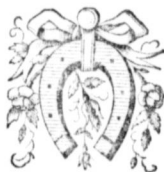
Not the least interesting part of this annual meeting will be the reports of work done by Superintendents and auxiliary Unions, during the past year. The report of work done always gives fresh strength and courage. And as we are called together in the interests of God and humanity, may this strength and courage come from above, and at the feet of the Son of God, may we ask for wisdom that will enable us to reach out and down if need be, and save all within our reach from this fearful scourge that is sapping the lifeblood from the fairest and dearest of earth, leaving desolate homes, and broken hearts, in our otherwise fair and happy land.

Sisters in the work, I know the tasks you have to perform are many and arduous, and I fain would lay any additional burden on other shoulders. But where can we find the loving sympathy and gentleness that will reach, without giving offence, the hearts and homes, of our Railway men. I know of no agency so well adapted as our band of Christian workers, with the mother love in their hearts, and sister help in their hands. And through our Local Unions we must hope to reach the grand, and warmhearted men and youth embraced in this class

of our community. Sisters of Local Unions, pardon me, for asking again do your efforts embrace work among Railway men. Early in the year I sent out my Circular to all our Local Unions. As the work was new to many the returns were not as encouraging as might be expected, but the seed is sown and from the answers received I may add there is a promise of a rich harvest for the coming year.

Our own Union, the Central, took up the work, the particulars you will hear from our Secretary's Report.

Looking forward to a rich blessing on our united efforts in promoting good to humanity; let us always remember to thank our Heavenly Father for the many blessings we receive in carrying out our work for God and Home and Native Land.



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Reports of County Superintendents.

COUNTY OF BRUCE

MRS. C. M'INTYRE.

In reviewing the work in the County of Bruce for the past few months, we feel grateful for the progress of the temperance cause. The bravery of the Police Officers in enforcing the law, has resulted in the conviction of six hotel keepers and one druggist since April last. The number of Unions in this county at last annual meeting were two, but at present there is but one in working order. The Union at Teeswater disbanded a few months ago, though they have still a Band of Hope. I wrote to several clergymen asking them to kindly send information as to the prospect of organizing a W.C.T.U. in their villages. I received two replies. One said they did their work in connection with the Scott Act committee, the other thought it would divide the interest too much. Assisted by some of the ladies of the Union we canvassed in behalf of the World's W. C. T. U. petitions and secured 306 signatures. We also circulated petitions against the Senate Amendment to the Scott Act. We met but three refusals. All the voters signed them. I cannot recall the number at present. I presented a petition including the Council, Clergy and Officers of Tiverton. The Reeve presented our petitions then to the County Council, asking for a police magistrate but they failed to grant our request. The work is arduous and the result is not what we desire; still the hour of promise beams in the future, and leaning upon Him without whose aid we can do nothing, we expect results, even the fulfilment of our brightest desires.

COUNTY OF DUNDAS.

MRS. CHAMBERLAIN.

Dundas County numbers but three Unions, one in Morrisburg, organized by Mrs. Youmans in 1881, another in Iroquois, started by Mrs. Kines and Mrs. Kane, in 1883, one in West Winchester, 17th of March, 1886, I think all willing and ready for active work in the coming year.

We now have a Band of Hope in connection with each Union in the County, the result of which, I hope will be seen in the future when they as voters are called to uphold the right and oppose the wrong. Attempts have been made to have additional Unions formed in other parts of the County, but so far with little success. An effort was made to hold a County Convention, but owing to the small number of Unions in this County it was thought best to ask Stormont and Glengary to join with us and defer the meeting till next year. I asked for reports from each Union, but not receiving any as yet I am unable to give a correct statement of work done in the past year throughout the County.

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In Morrisburg we have an increase of two in membership. We held our annual meeting last week for the appointment of officers. All changed but 1st vice-president. Now with the combined effort of new and old officers, backed by good zealous faithful members, we have good reason to look for effectual work to be accomplished in the coming year.

In reviewing the past year's work I regret so little has been accomplished but hope the coming year may be much more prosperous.

COUNTY OF FRONTENAC.

MRS. E. MCROSSIE.

This County gave a very large majority in favor of the Scott Act, which came into force on the first of May last, and is being well enforced. The temperance people are determined the law shall be carried out fully. Six Unions have been formed in the County. I have written twice during the year to each one. Also sent reports and copies of our constitution. As a rule their reports are not encouraging and from the answers received I am led to believe that the women prefer working with the already existing Temperance Societies.

Some time ago I organized a Band of Hope in the City with very encouraging results. We have a membership of over 200, 115 being at our last meeting.

COUNTY OF GRENVILLE.

MRS. T. COATES.

Prescott, the first born Union in the County of Grenville, has united with the Y's in renting a nice large building on the Main street. With their kind help and energy it was soon comfortably furnished, the large window facing the street having the prominent letters W. C. T. Union Hall, so that, dear sisters, if any of you should ever visit Prescott, you can easily find it out, and we will promise you a hearty welcome. We do appreciate highly having a home of our own, for our devotional and business meetings and Band of Hope work. The young ladies have held a very successful Band of Hope and Night School. I wish many more of our voters could have been present on the evening the young ladies gave the children and their parents a social tea. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and evergreens, and the bright little faces beaming with pleasure, reflecting a ray of sunshine and warmth on many of the mothers' care-worn countenances. The wife of a hard drinker said, as she shook my hand, "I never expected to spend such a happy evening with my children on this side of heaven." Oh, the joy in forgetting self and serving others. They had also some delightful pic-nics in our beautiful Pine Grove, and gave two most successful entertainments in Victoria Hall last winter.

We intend changing them into a Loyal Legion Army shortly. We have held some cottage prayer meetings in the homes of the drunkard, prevailed upon some of the mothers to send their children to Sabbath School and attend Church, also at the houses of the neglected aged ones, and the Divine Guest was present to bless.

The two Churches united in holding a very precious memorial service for the late J. B. Gough.

We have 59 subscribers to "Woman's Journal." Obtained signatures in April to the petition requesting that no alteration be made to the Canada Temperance Act. Also to the W. W. petition, 284 signatures.

Our much loved President on account of poor health from over taxing her strength, felt compelled to resign, which cast quite a gloom over our Union. Mrs. James Coates was elected in her stead. The second born, Kemptville Union, has been struggling too on account of the illness in the families of their principal workers. The Cor.-Sec. removed to Kingston. The reading room has had to be closed. The present President is Miss Wallace, Cor.-Sec., Miss N. Braden. This Union did such grand work during the Scott Act Campaign, and they are going to prosper again. Spencerville, in good working order and a sweet harmony prevails. Hold their meetings every three weeks. Their Band of Hope is prospering. Mrs. Kellock is elected President again. Miss Jeanie Kellock is still Cor.-Sec. Merrickville, 26 members and the promise of more. 90 boys and girls have signed the triple pledge. They meet once a fortnight and instructed from the catechisms on alcohol, are intensely interested in the good work. The W.C.T.U. women have been doing grand work. They were the means of breaking up a gambling table, a place that was fast gathering in the young boys, causing sadness to many hearts, but God answered the earnest prayers that went up from the Union and induced them with courage to take up the work and the place was very soon closed. Mrs. George Whitney is re-elected President. Correspondent Secretary is Miss Weir. This, dear President is needing the Christian sympathy of her W.C.T.U. sisters in her recent bereavement of a lovely sister.

Oxford Mills, good and flourishing condition. A good interest throughout the country in the temperance work and the W.C.T.U. sisters have done good faithful work. Band of Hope in good working order. What can I say of North Augusta, Cardinal Jasper, and Bishop's Mills, only that they are isolated children and we hope soon to be able to gather them under the Provincial mother's wing. I know you will be glad to hear that our united County Temperance paper is on a much firmer basis than last year, and visits weekly a great many homes, and kindly gives us a W.C.T.U. space to control. We held a most successful united counties Convention at Brockville, on the 18th, 19th and 20th of May, and we shall not soon forget the pleasant meetings convened in George Street Church, nor the fragrance of the tastefully arranged flowers. I think the delegates carried away with them delightful memories of the kind friends who entertained them. We were favored with the presence of our esteemed Provincial President, who rendered us much valuable service. Delegates from Delta, Newboro, Gananoque, Kingston, Smith's Falls, Farmersville, Oxford Mills, Prescott, Aultsville, Morrisburgh, Ottawa, and a large number of visitors and delegates attended. Very interesting reports were read and adopted, and some excellent written papers were read and discussed with much spirit. Public meetings were held each evening, and a delightful mass meeting of children one afternoon. A resolution of sympathy was sent to the Rev. J. Lawson, of Cobden. There is still so much work to be done that looking at its magnitude, the little accomplished seems trifling in comparison. Only a few perhaps have reformed, but you cannot put the price upon a single life reclaimed. One grand fact—our boys and girls are growing up under the Temperance banner with their names on the pledge. Our outlook for the future is hopeful. We are planning now to organize Loyal Legions throughout the county. We want an army of total abstainers among the boys and girls who will realize as does the W.C.T.U. that they are one in name, method and purpose. I hope the practical workings of this grand organization will be discussed and adopted as the plan of our own Ontario Army at this Convention.

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COUNTY OF HALTON.

MRS. L. L. BENNETT.

In looking over the past year in W.C.T.U. Work I feel that we, as a County, have great reason to thank God and take courage. In the midst of discouragements and apparent opposition, we felt that of ourselves we were perfect weakness. It seemed for a time, in the working of the Scott Act, as though things were going back, and that again our fair County was to be stained by the curse of the liquor traffic. But we can say the Lord has brought us safely through, and now we rejoice to know, that those engaged in the traffic do realize that law can be enforced and that prohibition does prohibit.

But to go back to W. C. T. U. work more particularly, the first quarter was spent in the annual canvass for new members and the renewal of old ones, while at the same time subscriptions for the *Woman's Journal* were solicited. This method was adopted by at least two of the Unions. We eagerly await the coming of the *Journal*, we receive it to our homes as a welcome visitor, and read it with very great interest. The membership for Halton is 215 with 83 gentlemen as honorary members; also a membership of 125 in Bands of Hope. The unfermented wine is used by nearly, if not quite all, the churches represented by the different Unions. Pledge cards are in nearly all the Sunday Schools. I have not been able to organize any new Local Unions, during the year, but have written to various places urging the necessity of organized effort, and have sent reports and constitutions to different parts of the County.

A Prohibition camp-meeting was held in Georgetown from the 12th to the 17th of August. The Sec. of our Union was instructed to correspond with Dr. Yeomans who very kindly granted us Saturday 14th, as W.C.T.U. day. I then communicated with the County Supt. of Peel, asking her to lay before her Unions the matter of organizing a County Union for the united Counties of Peel and Halton, and if it was thought desirable so to do, to come in as strong force as possible to Georgetown on Saturday 14th, with a view to organizing a County Union, and spending the day in conference with us, which I am happy to say they did, and a very pleasant and profitable time was spent. With the help of Miss Bowes we organized a County Union to hold its first meeting in the town of Brampton in May next.

COUNTY OF HURON.

MRS. J. H. LEECH.

The temperance sentiment in our County is steadily gaining ground, although a little discouraged at the difficulties in the way in enforcing the Scott Act during the past year, not having a police magistrate in the County. At present Mr. Stephen Yates, Inspector, who has been an indefatigable temperance worker for years past, is laid aside with serious illness. We miss him very much and pray that his health may be restored to him, still we are determined to not give up the battle until we see Prohibition.

While some of our Unions have been lying on their oars to see how the tide would float the bark, others have put forth more vigorous efforts than ever

and worked bravely during the year. The press of our County are nearly all advocates of temperance and render us good service from time to time. Bands of Hope are increasing in numbers and membership. One feature of the work in several Unions is a desire to look after the young men during the winter evenings, providing them with reading rooms and places of instruction. There is an increased desire to put away intoxicating wine from the Lord's Table, the majority using the unfermented juice of the grape.

I organized a Union last March at Wingham with very good prospects. There are now 9 Unions in the County and an increased membership.

COUNTY OF LAMBTON.

MRS. T. HOUSTON.

On my appointment last year to the office of Co. Superintendent, I had just made arrangements at Point Edward and Wyoming for organizing unions, when I received a letter from Miss Bowes, stating that she intended visiting Lambton in the early part of February, and requesting that I should make arrangements for her meetings in the most central localities of the county. I at once corresponded with known temperance workers giving notice of her visit, and as a result of the labor five new unions were formed.

Immediately after their formation I wrote to each of them, and have replies from several indicating a warm interest in the work.

In our county, especially in the town of Sarnia, it is now an ascertained fact, that most of all our officials, both governmental and municipal, are not in sympathy with the Scott Act, and as a consequence it is not so efficient as it otherwise would be, but we must just work on in faith, and earnestly pray that God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, would strengthen our hands and so bless the work of his servants, that success may yet crown our efforts to the glory of his name and the pulling down of the strongholds of Satan.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

MRS. M. P. LANCASTER.

When I entered upon my duties as County Superintendent I felt there was much work to be done, and hoped to devote a large share of time to it.

I regret exceedingly that, (owing to the miscarrying of letters from the Cor.-Sec.) I have so little to report. I wrote to a number of ministers but received but very few replies.

I obtained a large number of names which I gave to Miss Bowes, through whose energy eight Unions have been formed.

I received a package of "Reports" which I distributed to some of the new Unions and in places in which I thought we would be able to form Unions.

COUNTY OF PRESCOTT.

 MRS. SPENCER JONES.

On the 14th Sept. 1885, I organized a W. C. T. U. at Vankleek Hill, consisting of 60 members. They held fortnightly meetings, and during the Scott Act campaign did good service, aiding and abetting the central committee, both in raising funds and canvassing for votes, and to show that our defeat did not dishearten them, I may mention they are now holding a weekly meeting.

The same month I organized a W. C. T. U. in the township of East Hawksbury. They also canvassed the voters and scattered literature, but the long distances to the meetings told on the regularity of attendance, one faithful vice-president, always in her place, walked ten miles. I am glad to say though that in spite of the bad roads in autumn and winter, and the hard work in spring and summer, the long distances and the terrible defeat, they have managed to keep up an existence, and now have a Band of Hope using the temperance catechism.

The third W. C. T. U. I formed in the county was in the village of Hawksbury. During the campaign they worked nobly. The Congregational church was always at our service for meetings, but fearing to arouse a sectarian feeling, we hesitated to accept the kind offer, and the only other available place was a small cottage at the end of the village, offered us by one of our vice-presidents. The evenings were cold and dark and dreary, yet daily meetings were the rule, and as we filed past the tavern kept by the anti-organizer, each carrying a lantern to guide us past the holes in the sidewalks, and through the deep mud and splash of the crossings, he was in doubt after all whether he and his party were going to hold their own. The defeat was a great blow, and during the summer a division of the Sons of Temperance was organized in the village, and the Union amalgamated with them.

I am sorry I cannot give you a more detailed report of the present status of the unions. My home is in Ottawa, and in September last I had arranged to visit them, and also organize others, but a sick friend called me here and it is not likely I shall be able to visit Prescott before the end of October.

 PRINCE EDWARD.

 MRS. SARA E. BRANSCOMB.

The Unions throughout the County have been fairly prosperous this past year: One at Wellington, which had ceased to exist, was re-organized by Miss Bowes.

The others are trying to keep a brave front to the foe in order to stem in some slight degree at least, the evil that seeks to overwhelm us.

 COUNTY OF WATERLOO.

 MRS. WM. GRAHAM.

Time, the great tester of opinion, of work, of character, has again brought round the annual meeting, and reports are called for showing progress or failure in the carrying out of the work. In the county I have to report both failure and

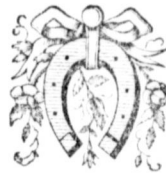
progress. Of the twelve new unions reported last year, seven have dropped out, some never even held a meeting, others two or three meetings. In such cases would it not be well to consider whether or not a union be organized three months before they affiliate.

Let no one suppose from this that the W. C. T. U. is a failure in this county, not at all, so good is our cause, so strong is its foundation, that slander cannot hurt it, failure cannot destroy it. There are still ten unions in this county, all are doing good work in many ways. Some are carrying on the work amidst much to discourage them, yet in all the unions progress has been made, and I am sure the very name of failure will only make them stand more firm. Band of Hope work is carried on in nearly all the unions, but there is still much to do in this important branch of our work. Some unions are doing a noble work in a quiet way. The Doon Union formed a Blue Ribbon society which they say suits them better than a union. They are doing great temperance work in that way. The temperance societies in Ayr and Hespeler are doing much for the cause.

There is not much aggressive work to report this year, after the turn of the tide, no further steps were taken to pass the Scott Act, and it is expected now that the next wave will be the prohibition wave. That its murmurings may be heard in the distance may be inferred from the fact that one of our greatest public journals has boldly taken up prohibition, causing waverers to decide and others to follow in its train, but causing dismay in the ranks of the enemy.

Our County Convention passed off very well. Ten unions were represented. It was decided to hold the next convention in Galt in June next year, (D.V.) There is much work to be done in this county yet, and to carry it out successfully needs prayer and patience and perseverance.

Names of unions that have dropped out since last convention, that were just newly organized—Elmira, Hawksville, Linwood, Roseville, Hespeler, Doon, Winterborne. As far as I know, Linwood and Roseville never held any meetings, all the others a few meetings.



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AILSA CRAIG.

Our Union was Organized Jaunary 22nd, 1886, by Miss Bowes. We have a membership of 29 also 9 honorary. Our meetings are montoly; we spend the first half hour in devotional exercises, the remainder in business. We have had one public meeting conducted altogether by the ladies of the Union, which proved a success. We have distributed nearly two thousand pages of literature, and have on hand about two thousand five hundred pages more, which we intend distributing this week at our annual fair. We intend to organize a Band of Hope very soon.

Mrs. PERRY, Cor, Sec.

ANGUS.

This W. C. T. U. was organized by Miss Bowes April, 16th, 1886. At present we have 11 members and 7 honorary members. In the past half year we have had 10 regular meetings with an average attendance of 7 members. Our village being quite small we have not the extensive departments of work there are in other places.

Mrs. R. McKECHNILE, Cor.-Sec.

ARTHUR.

This Union was organized two years ago, but did not affiliate until a year ago. We have a membership of twenty. Literature has been distributed and public entertainments have been held, one being addressed by Miss Templeton Armstrong, of Fergus, by which money was raised, and used in enforcing the Scott Act. Petitions for prohibition have been circulated through the village by ladies of the Union. There is a Band of Hope in the village conducted by the Presbyterian minister, but not in connection with the Union. We hold our meetings monthly.

NELLIE FRANKS, Rec.-Sec.

AURORA.

Our Union at present numbers thirty members, with an average attendance of seven. We meet semi monthly, the first half hour of each meeting is devoted to prayer and scripture reading. We held our first annual meeting last January, when reports of the year's work were submitted to the public. The Provincial Cor. Sec. Mrs. Fawcett, and our County Superintendent Mrs. Wylie, were with us, and did us good service. In March Miss Bowes visited us, and at the close of her evening address we secured five honorary members, and seven took the pledge. Thirty two copies of WOMAN'S JOURNAL are taken and gives general satisfaction, the only complaint being that it does not come oftener than once a month. Our Band of Hope now number 848 members, and more promised. On the 18th of September our Union gave a Pic-Nic to the Band of Hope, which was a decided success, to the great delight of all concerned.

The usual branches of work have been taken up with encouraging results, we make a specialty of evangelistic work, every member being pledged to do it as opportunity may permit. We also have a special Committee of eight of whom much is expected, and I may say much good work has been done, the sick have been visited and in some instances tangible help given, the poor have been clothed, so

they could attend church and Sabbath school, thus bringing them under the influence of the Gospel. Two scripture rolls have been hung in the waiting rooms at the Station, in this instance bringing the Gospel to the people. 500 pages of literature were circulated indiscriminately. Now the superintendent of this department personally selects such literature as seems most suitable. Over 100 names were secured to petitions against the obnoxious wine and beer measure. We have lost this year by removals to other fields of labour some of our best workers, but we have some good earnest workers left. We have tried to cultivate the most friendly relations with the Royal Templars and Sons of Temperance of our town, and are rejoiced to say all are working amicably together, to destroy wrong and build up the right.

Mrs. P. J. JOHNSON, Cor.-Sec.

AYLMER.

Though we have not been as generally active or enthusiastic as last year we have pursued our course, upheld our principles, and we trust done some affective work. Our membership numbers but 54 ladies and 15 honorary members, 37 of whom take our *Woman's Journal*. I could here say, I wish our *Journal* were a visitor in every household, and would rather have most ladies take it, in preference to becoming a member of Union, and then never showing by their presence that they have any interest in our work. During the year we have held 26 meetings, raised \$157.00, and expended \$133.36. This we feel quite a satisfactory result, when we consider our membership is 35 less, yet have been able to expend \$23 more than last year. Very satisfactory lectures have been delivered by Chaplain Searles, F. S. Spencer J. R. Clark, and Mrs. Whitfield, also a large amount of literature has been distributed, Our *Woman's* Petition was well circulated and signed by 611. We have a Band of Hope immediately at the close of Sunday School and hope, under God's blessing its influence may still go on increasing.

BELLE MURRAY, Secretary.

BARRIE.

During the year ending Sept. we held eleven meetings with an average attendance of nine. Five new names have been added to the roll and two have been removed. The receipts for the year are twenty one dollars ninety cents. \$21 90. We are pleased to be able to state that notwithstanding the small attendance, we have been able to do a good deal towards keeping the Temperance sentiment before the public by the spread of good literature, offering prizes, etc. etc. We "Keep on praying" that the great end of Prohibition may soon be attained.

S. G. ELWOOD MCKEE, Sec.

BERLIN.

At the close of this year our Union has a membership of forty-seven, with five honorary members. During the year we have received eleven new members, lost thirteen. Devotional and business meetings are held fortnightly. Gospel meetings are held twice a month, Sabbath afternoons, they have been successful in winning souls for Christ, others have been received, religious literature is distributed at every meeting.

After our delegates returned from the Convention held at London last October, we proceeded at once to organize a Band of Hope which has kept increasing until one hundred and sixty were on the roll. Two prizes consisting of books were presented by one of the sisters of the Union to members of the Band who had written essays on the subject of Temperance.

In the month of June we started a Flower Mission. The Poor House and Jail are visited every two weeks, and bunches of flowers, with texts of scripture, attached, distributed among the inmates; also among the sick of the town. Two hundred and ninety-four bouquets were distributed during the summer.

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The W. C. T. U. Convention of the county of Waterloo held in this town, inspired some of our members with fresh courage and zeal to work for God, and home and Native land.

RACHEL WEAVER, Rec.-Sec.

BLOOMINGDALE.

Our Union here though not making very rapid progress, is still holding on, and trying to keep up the interest in the Temperance cause in this locality. We have a membership of eleven, have just re-organized for the coming year, and expect by renewed effort to raise the number of members to twenty or twenty five.

We were successful in getting about seventy names to the petition of the World's W. C. T. U. have circulated a goodly number of tracts, and we intend holding Gospel Temperance meetings which we hope will be a success as it will tend to educate our people on the Temperance question.

RACHIE A. OBERHOLTZER, Sec.

BOWMANVILLE.

During the year our Union has met twice a month for prayer and business. Our membership numbers, 30 paying members, 3 honorary members and an average attendance of 18, 28 of our members take the *Journal*. We have a band of Hope of over 200 on the roll, and an average attendance of 50. We have had two Temperance Lectures during the year, one by the Rev. C. H. Meade and the other by Rev. J. Gibson. Miss Bowes also visited us and we had a public entertainment. We have sent \$7.57 as affiliation fees to the Provincial Union, and expended \$9.45 for literature also \$4.00 for papers for Band of Hope, gave \$5.00 to the Scott Act association, and have a balance of \$17.70 in the treasury. We have canvassed the town with two petitions, one against Scott Act Amendment. One great question with us is "What can Women do towards enforcing the Scott Act." Our motto is "Onward Upward" for God, Home and Native Land.

MRS. MASON, Sec.-Treas.

BRANTFORD W. C. T. U.

Brantford Union during the year just closed has been progressive, we began the year with twenty members, we close it with a paid membership of eighty.

Gospel Temperance meetings. Our first work of the year was the resuming of the Gospel Temperance meetings which have been made a blessing to many. The meetings were generally well attended, and large numbers signed the pledge.

An unusually interesting meeting was held in memoriam of John B. Gough who had fallen during the year, the house was crowded and much enthusiasm prevailed.

Bible Woman. Through the generosity of the friends we were enabled to employ a Bible woman or city missionary, who spent her time in visiting the homes of those who were ruined by drink, and other poor families, holding weekly cottage prayer meetings and mother's meetings.

Through her faithful work many were led to sign the total abstinence pledge, and many led to the saviour of sinners.

In Dec, our Union was visited by Miss Bowes our Provincial organizer, who by her words, much encouraged us.

Y. W. C. T. U. In January a Y. W. C. T. U. was organized which has now forty five members. They have taken up the departments of "Kitchen Garden" "Boy's Night School," and "Flower Mission" work, in all of which they have been eminently successful. The Band of Hope, though under the auspices of our Union, was carried on through the winter months by the Young Women, this department has now been given over to their direction and management.

Petition to City Council. In January, the Ministerial Alliance of the City, Sons of Temperance, and Royal Templars of Temperance, joined us in getting a petition signed by the ratepayers, and waiting on the City Council asking for the reduction of the number of liquor licenses. Though the prayer of our petition was not granted us, we had the satisfaction of knowing our action prevented an increase of four licenses, which number had been asked for by the liquor party.

Lectures. In December the Rev. A. M. Philips, B. D. of Galt gave us a lecture, and in February Mrs. McLaughlin of Boston, charmed and edified a large audience by her lecture on "Barriers to Success."

In February and March, a series of temperance meetings under the auspices of the Union, was held in the churches in different parts of the city, and addressed by city Ministers.

Woman's Journal. We secured advertisements for the *Woman's Journal* in the month of March, and obtained a thousand extra copies which were circulated in the city, along with a large quantity of temperance tracts. We have now seventy-five subscribers for the *Journal*.

Petition against wine and beer. Also during the winter we secured a large number of signatures, to a petition against the wine and beer clauses being added to the Scott act, by the Dominion Parliament.

Drinking Fountains. In May, we petitioned the City Council in favor of drinking fountains or wells in some of the public resorts of the City. Our action resulted in the putting in of a well on the Market Square, which is a great accommodation to the public and is largely patronized.

The last work of the Union was the securing of couple of pages of advertisements again for the *Journal*, which gave us another large lot of extra Copies of this paper for circulation, which were distributed at our County Fair last week.

We have also about fifteen dollars work of Temperance Tracts on hand for distribution.

The World's W. C. T. U. Petitions are now in circulation by members of our Union and are being very largely signed.

PHOEBE L. BRETHOUR, Sec.

BROCKVILLE.

The Brockville Union entered upon the third year of its existence in March last. Our membership for the present year is twenty-four, with an average attendance of ten. Our meetings are held semi-monthly, a devotional and a business meeting alternately. Last winter we had a Bible reading once a month, which was very helpful, and much enjoyed by the members. In February we had a lecture from Mrs. McLaughlin, of Boston, which was largely attended, and we hope was productive of good. On the 1st of May, the Scott Act came in force. It has certainly made a great change here. Several of our saloon keepers and small hotel keepers have closed, and their proprietors have gone into some other business; and we hope that, as we become more familiar with the working of the Act, that means will be provided for its better enforcement. In the spring a new building was erected on an island in the vicinity of Brockville, but lying in American waters. Hearing that it was intended to open a bar there for the sale of liquors, a deputation from our Union waited upon the License Commissioners and other prominent men in Morristown, N. Y., asking them to refuse a license to this place. We also sent a petition to the Commissioners to the same effect, which was signed by our professional and business men. We regret to say that our efforts have been unsuccessful. We also circulated a petition to the Legislature against the proposed mutilation of the Scott Act; also the World's W. C. T. U. petition.

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Since March, 1885, up to date, our sales of the unfermented juice of the grape have amounted to \$40.40, which is very encouraging. Our President, Mrs. J. Ross, manages it altogether, and has been very successful.—MRS. C. H. FRENCH, Cor. Sec.

BURLINGTON.

Our number has not increased but we are simply "holding the fort," although our meetings are much more animated and interesting than ever before.

We have a membership of 16, average attendance, 8. We hold our meetings monthly, devoting the first half hour to devotional exercises.

We are doing evangelistic work—work among Soldiers, Sailors and Railway Men.—There were some branches of work we felt we could not take up to advantage in so small a place. In April we circulated the petitions to the Senate and House of Commons and secured over one hundred signatures. We have circulated the World's W.C.T.U. petitions and secured three hundred signatures.

In April last we sustained a great loss in the death of our dear sister, Mrs. McLeod, our first President, and a leader in every thing that tended to the glory of God. Our loss was her great gain—may others be raised up to take her place.

MRS. D. J. SMITH, Rec.-Sec.

BELLEVILLE.

We have had a membership during the last year of thirty-seven, and an average attendance of ten at our meetings, which were held fortnightly, with the exception of July and August. We got a few names to the petition for protecting the Scott Act from mutilation, and are now circulating the one for prohibition. We had a pleasant Gough Memorial Service in April, and have distributed a quantity of literature from house to house, as well as on the fair grounds. A Flower Mission has been carried on for several weeks. The Band of Hope has not been re-organized since the vacation last year, but we hope soon to have a Loyal Legion in its place.

E. HOLDEN, Rec.-Sec.

CAMPDEN.

Our membership has decreased during the past year, from 22 to 18. We have held ten business meetings, five prayer meetings, and two Gospel Temperance meetings. A box of clothing was sent to the Mission School at Hamilton. We are beginning the present year with new determinations to make our Union a success, knowing that we are engaged in a cause which cannot fail.

FLESHERTON.

Our Union was organized April 22nd, by Miss Bowes, with 15 members and 3 honorary. We now begin the conventional year with 19 members and 10 honorary. Our meetings are held fortnightly, and the first half hour is spent in Bible reading, singing and prayer. Average attendance, 8. Our first effort was to secure unfermented wine in all the churches, which was a success. We have space granted in our local paper, which is always well filled and we made our editor a life honorary member. We obtained 177 names to the petition to the "Rulers of the World," and we have distributed tracts in the homes and at our County Fair. We did all in our power to keep the liquor off the ground, and we got the credit of succeeding. We held one little social, which was in part a failure, on account of the pouring rain, but we got quite a few new members, which was very cheering, and we hope, by the blessing of God, to become a still greater power for good.—MRS. E. G. JERDRUM, Rec. Sec.

CHATSWORTH.

The W. C. T. U. of this place was organized in March, 1885, by the ladies of Owen Sound Union. Our Union numbers seventeen paying members. We have been engaged chiefly in Band of Hope work, having about 100 members, including quite a number of active young men. During the Scott Act agitation in this County we used every available means for our cause. Sent to Mrs. Chisholm for 500 "Leaflets." Committees were appointed to visit homes and distribute these. A request to the Rev. Mr. Keys (Episcopal Church) to deliver a course of lectures was kindly and cheerfully acceded to. The rev. gentleman did his work faithfully, for which the Union feels grateful. We canvassed for signatures to the petition, and engaged a gentleman to work a section outside the village. A visit from Miss Bowes last March did us much good. This was followed by a Band of Hope entertainment which was a grand success in every way. The Rev. Mr. McAlpine and Rev. J. Hart giving short addresses. A resolution was adopted that each member should feel it her duty to endeavor to extend the circulation of the WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

ANNIE FOSTER, Cor.-Sec.

CLINTON.

During the past year our Union has been steadily and earnestly at work. We hold our business meetings monthly, and meet once a fortnight for prayer; we have also held several special meetings in connection with special work. On the day of our Township Fair we provided a cheap dinner out of the proceeds of which we handed \$25 to the Scott Act Association. We also distributed considerable temperance Literature. During the last winter we expended upwards of \$40 on charities, and intend during the coming winter to continue this branch of work. We have a membership of 24 with an average attendance of 13. Our membership is increasing and also the interest in our meetings. A very pleasing feature in connection with our Union is the increased unity of feeling between the members of the different churches.

LOUIE WHITE, Cor.-Sec.

CORNWALL.

We have met regularly and hoped, prayed and worked for the enforcement of the Scott Act. The only work that the Union has taken up this year is that of the Band of Hope which prospers—just now we are assisting the "Y's" recently organized. During the year we raised by concerts, socials and other ways nearly \$300. This was expended for the cause, part of it given to the Scott Act Committee to help enforce the Act, part on the Band of Hope and the balance went to pay Mrs. Barney, whose four day's stay with us was a red letter time in our history as a Union.

JENNIE MACARTHUR, Cor.-Sec.

CHESLEY.

Our Union was a thing of the past until we had a visit from Miss Bowes a short time ago, and we have again organized and seem to get on a better footing than at any other time in our experience. The fearful manner in which the Scott Act is trampled on here has the effect of making so many of our women more in earnest.

MRS. J. M. McCONNELL, Cor.-Sec.

FARMERSVILLE.

Our Union was organized on the 15th day of April, 1884, with a membership of 13, since then we have numbered as high as 57 but owing to removals and other causes we have decreased in numbers, but not in interest, we have now a membership of 31 and 11 honorary numbers.

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Our meetings are held every Wednesday from three to four, with an average attendance of 10. Meetings opened with reading scripture, singing and prayer. The first meeting of each month is a devotional one. We have distributed about 5,000 pages of literature. We have also circulated petitions from time to time as they have been sent to us. Soon after our annual meeting in Sept., 1885, we held a social tea to which we invited all the members and their husbands, and a few of our temperance friends. After tea our President took the chair and called on the gentlemen present for short addresses to which they nobly responded and we all felt that the evening was not only pleasantly but also profitably spent.

Through the influence of the union we have obtained about 50 subscribers to the *Journal*. During the winter we held our meetings at the houses of the members, and for a time, as we saw no special work that we could do, each alternate meeting was a G. T. Meeting. We have a Band of Hope, with over 40 members, and we believe it is doing a good work. Only a short time ago, one of our little band boys was sick and when offered a teaspoon full of brandy, he said "I belong to the Band of Hope."

Another little boy when he saw his father drinking cider reproved him saying, "Don't you know Pa, that when cider is six hours old, the alcohol begin to form?" "No, he said, "I will never drink it". This is only to show how much good can be and is being done by training its children. Thank God we have the Scott Act here now and although it is not all we could desire, it is a step towards Prohibition, which we are praying and working for and which we trust will soon be ours.

MISS. M. STONE, Cor.-Sec.

GALT.

Twenty four regular meetings have been held with an average attendance of twelve members. Two lectures have been given under our auspices, one by Mr. John R. Clark, the other by Mrs. McLaughlin, to rouse the public conscience to a realization of the importance of our work. Miss Bowes also gave an address last October, at the close of which a quantity of temperance literature was distributed. After the return of our delegates from the last Annual Convention, a special meeting was held for the purpose of hearing their report. This was interesting, profitable and most thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Gospel Temperance meetings were begun last November and continued monthly during the winter season.

In the month of January last a petition to our Municipal Council asking for a reduction to be made in the number of licenses issued in our town was circulated by our Union and 1189 signatures obtained. This had the effect of securing the reduction asked for; and now only two thirds of the number of taverns have licenses that had them last year. Petitions to the Senate and House of Commons were also circulated against the proposed amendments to the Scott Act to allow beer and light wines to be sold in Scott Act counties, and 119 names obtained. The woman's petition to the civilized governments of the world has also been circulated and 721 names obtained thereto.

Both our town papers have been induced to set apart a column of their space for our use; and fresh, instructive temperance items have been furnished weekly by a member of our Union.

Evangelistic services are now being held by Mr. F. Shivera, of Brooklyn, N. Y., under the auspices of our Union. They are marked by great spiritual power, and some sinners have decided for Christ. We are working and praying that many drunkards may be reclaimed thereby.

Our membership numbers 34, eight new members have been added during the year.

MRS. GEORGE BEAVERS, Rec. Sec.

GANANOQUE.

Our membership for the year is 57 with an average attendance of 16. We have held 48 regular business and devotional meetings, besides several special ones. 4,500 pages of literature have been distributed at the Fair at entertainments, or in Post Office, Station and Railway car boxes or by private distribution. During the year three petitions have been circulated, one being the "World's Prohibition Petition," another being to Parliament asking that no such clause or amendment to the "Scott Act" as the "Wine and Beer" clause be passed.

Our Treasury has been supplied in various ways by fees, church collection, council grant for charitable purposes, proceeds of lecture donations and dinner at Fair, so that during the year we have raised about \$125.00 which has been spent on literature, charity, fees to Provincial Union, Band of Hope and prize books rent, etc.

Both the weekly papers are kept supplied with temperance items, which they kindly insert free of charge. We have awarded three prizes to pupils in High School for Temperance essays.

A handsome pin-cushion has also been offered as a prize, for the first correct solution to temperance questions in "Gospel and Temperance Echoes."

We have started a building fund and two entertainments have been held in aid of it. At the latter one the members handed in envelopes with their offerings, a scripture text, motto, or suitable verses either original or copied. The reading of these added very much to the evening's entertainment.

A few of the members entered into the spirit of the "Flower Mission Work" quite heartily and distributed bouquets with suitable texts attached, to the employees of the various factories, tailor shops, etc, and were very well received.

We have a very flourishing Band of Hope. They have just been formed into a Loyal Legion company G. and are nearly all of them prepared to pay for their own badges. We also asked the superintendents of Methodist and Presbyterian Sabbath Schools to have a Temperance lesson Oct 26th, instead of the Review lesson and they both kindly agreed, we furnishing the leaflets for it. We regret to say the Scott Act is not being enforced as we think it should, and we feel that if the temperance people generally and the vigilance committee did their duty, several convictions would have been had before this.

J. ATKINSON, Rec.-Sec.

GORRIE.

During the past year sixteen meetings for prayer and business have been held.

We have held several public meetings, distributed some temperance literature, etc, but our principal work during the year has been with the children. We have conducted a Band of Hope, with very good success and have at present over 100 names enrolled. We held a Band of Hope entertainment last winter which was a success financially and otherwise.

We closed the meetings during the summer but have reopened with a fair attendance.

We have received several new members in our Union, but have also lost some so that in regard to numbers we remain about as last year, viz., 14.

ANNIE POLLOCK, Cor.-Sec.

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GEORGETOWN.

Our principal work during the past year has been the formation of a Band of Hope. Besides being able to furnish all Band of Hope requisites, the Band has undertaken to purchase a new organ, the Sons of Temperance kindly paying a part of the debt. With the kind and able assistance of the Sons of Temperance we were instrumental in getting our Council to send a petition to Parliament, asking that the Scott Act be not repealed in our County. This was a counter petition to the one sent from our County Town Council. The different petitions placed in our hands for circulation were cheerfully attended to by our workers. We have held a number of public entertainments which were in every way successful. The manager of the Prohibition Camp which was held in Georgetown allowed us a W. C. T. U. day. A Convention for the united Counties of Peel and Halton was formed. We were favored by having with us our own Provincial Organizer and Mrs. St. John, who gave us fresh impetus in our work by their cheering and encouraging words. We have sent an affiliation fee to the Provincial Union, \$22.26. Money raised for all purposes, \$44.98.

JENNIE HARRISON, Sec.

GODERICH.

Members, 36 ; average attendance, 12 ; number of regular meetings held, 48.

The amount paid in charities was \$12.75.

Four open meetings have been held during the year under our auspices, ladies and gentlemen of the town generously assisting in the programme. The number of pledges received were 52, a prisoner in the jail signing for one year. At the meeting held Nov. 5th it was unanimously decided that our Union amalgamate with the "Woman's Evangelical Work," that the society be known as the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union," that the officers of the latter society continue to act. At the municipal election, the members canvassed faithfully for temperance men, and succeeded beyond their expectations. Two petitions have been circulated in the town, the first to the Dominion Parliament, petitioning against wine and beer being sold in Scott Act counties ; 112 signatures were obtained. The second one was to the governments of the world (severally and collectively) praying for their aid in putting down the liquor traffic ; signatures 181. Our mode of visiting is as follows : Two ladies are appointed to visit each ward, taking with them tracts and pledge cards. They also visit the jails by this means. Much good has been done. If in their visiting a family is found in destitution, it is reported at the next meeting, and means taken to provide for them.

In comparing this year with the preceding year, we have gained in membership, and the attendance and interest have been most encouraging.

LUCY A. TRUEMAN, Rec.-Sec.

GUELPH.

The members of the Guelph Union have during the past year labored under considerable disadvantages ; first by the withdrawal of their President, and a still greater one, in the removal by death of their invaluable Secretary, Miss Jennie Smith. The Union have met regularly every week, the gaol has been visited, 1,256 pages of literature been distributed, Gospel Temperance Meetings were held Sabbath afternoons during three months in the spring ; its members have conducted a weekly Cottage Meeting for prayer and Bible reading, and a Sewing School which met every week ; they have taught in the Sabbath School in connection with a colored church ; a tree at Christmas, and a free tea at Easter were also given to the same school by the Union. In April the Union had great satis-

faction in being able to organize a Y. W. C. T. U. A resolution was adopted condemning Saturday night shopping and pledging the members to do all in their power to prevent the same. The Union have been unable to take up a tenth of the work which has been offered, but have endeavored to do what they could.

HAMILTON.

This year has been a progressive one in our work, and we trust will be productive of lasting good. It has been a hand to hand, heart to heart siege.

Our membership shows an increase, and we now number 100, including honorary members.

We have held during the year a weekly prayer meeting, and found it to be a source of strength, support and power.

The treasury has been supplied by the free will offerings of our members, and their efforts in monthly collections, materially assisted by the Pink Tea held in the home of Mrs. Roseburgh, netting us \$71.

We expended \$260 in our work, not including the relieving of the necessities of those whom we were trying to benefit and lift up; these cases were all assisted by private fund.

Sewing meetings were held for a short time, making up children's clothing for loaning, this also served the purpose of drawing the members into closer sympathy. The pastors of our city of every denomination, were waited upon by a committee of ladies in reference to the use of unfermented wine, and every possible effort was made to influence those who were not using it.

A committee laid the question of Bands of Hope, before the Sunday School Association, as we are more and more certain that the temperance anchor depends chiefly upon the children.

We had a very earnest and effective address by Miss Bowes last fall.

The petition to Parliament, asking that no change be made in the Temperance Act, was circulated and 500 signatures obtained from voters.

Mrs. Smith continued her work as City Missionary for eight months, carried on prayer meetings in homes of families, visited and tried, by advice, perseverance and example to draw them from their evil ways and lead them unto Christ. She had 100 families under her charge, made 800 visits, and distributed 1500 pages of literature.

The Mother's meeting was carried on as usual, with undoubted good accomplished. The women enjoyed their meeting, and were very warm in their expressions of regret when closing for the summer. We had a library of bound books suitable for weekly distribution. We find the homely, loving, personal invitation is what is most effective. The hospital was visited regularly during the year, suitable literature given weekly and Christmas cards were distributed as well as delicacies and necessaries. There were many cases of interest, some of whom passed away during the winter, with testimonials of a rich and full inheritance awaiting them. Weekly meetings have also been held in the jail with good effect. We could mention cases, who, have been doing well and leading sober Christian lives from the influence of this meeting. We are apt to be much and often discouraged in this work amongst the sinful, we think too much of the sin and forget the all powerfulness of redeeming love.

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EMMA F. PRATT.

HAWKESBURY.

The organization of our Union one since has not prospered as I would wish. We had several meetings while working for the Scott Act, and had a concert to defray expenses. Have some funds on hand, but some of the members joined the daughters of temperance and some have left the place. Have sent in the petitions very well signed considering the opposition.

MRS. PATTEE.

INGERSOLL.

Meetings held 1st Tuesday of every month. 39 paying members, 19 of these are new members. Industrial School has been maintained. Much clothing was received and distributed during the cold weather. Besides a feast at Christmas time and a strawberry picnic in June, "Something good to eat" has been a feature of a good many Saturdays. A course of six free lectures was given, the money being raised by a special canvass of the churches and by a box at the door of the hall on lecture nights for voluntary gifts. At election time in January the women worked not wisely but too well, and if they did not get a temperance Council, they did get some *ideas*. Later in the season a petition presented by about twenty members of the Union was laid before the Council praying for a better enforcement of the Scott Act. Dr. B. W. Richardson "Alcohol and Hygiene" for the higher, and the "Temperance Catechism" for the lower rooms were bought by the Union and put into the hands of the teachers, with a request that they be made use of in the time set apart by the Education Department for instruction in Hygiene.

Two petitions have been circulated, the Anti-Beer and Wine Clause Petition, and the World's W. C. T. U. Petition to the Governments of the World for the *total prohibition* of the opium trade and the liquor traffic.

M. J. NELLES, Cor.-Sec.

KEMBLE.

This Union was organized on the 30th of March, 1886, by Miss Bowes, having a membership of 19 lady members, and 10 honorary which has since increased to 25 lady and 17 honorary members.

As there is no liquor traffic carried on in our village, we have not been able to accomplish very much in the temperance cause, but we have informed on one unlicensed grog shop near us, where liquor was sold illegally to some of our young men, on the Sabbath. The case was examined by some of the authorities, and the guilty person fined. We have also organized a Band of Hope having now 51 members, and meet once every two weeks. The children enjoy the meetings, and take great interest in the work. We have held two very successful open temperance meetings.

B. T. TASSIE, Cor.-Sec.

KINGSTON.

The membership of our Union is 70 and meetings have been held fortnightly during the months of Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March and April. We united with the Y. W. C. A. in holding an afternoon Woman's Prayer Meeting in the first week of Jan. We were much encouraged by the presence and loving helpful words of Mrs. Chisholm, Pres. Prov. Union who was present at one of our meetings in Nov. The Flower Mission in connection with our Union is doing a good work. Not only is the Hospital visited weekly by its members, carrying flowers, fruit or cake to the patients, and singing cheering Gospel Hymns, but twice during

the past year have the inmates of the House of Industry had tea and evening entertainments provided for them by these same young ladies. An Antograph Quilt was also made by them and the sum of \$60 realized from it, part of which was expended in purchasing comfortables for the beds of the poor people in the House of Industry. The Hospital is visited weekly by a committee appointed for that purpose. The Supt. of this Department, says the work of this committee has been purely evangelistic, the members recognizing the value of souls and striving to win them for Christ, and their labors have not been in vain, for through their efforts souls have been brought from darkness into light. The Bible Class for women in the Penitentiary held every Saturday has been greatly blessed. The House of Industry has also been visited weekly. Temperance Literature has been distributed at intervals during the year. Owing to the efforts of the Press Committee \$5 worth of selected Temperance Literature was gained as a prize for obtaining advertisements for the *Woman's Journal*, and 30 new subscribers have also been secured for same paper. Temperance items have been sent to the daily papers and have been occasionally inserted. In addition to this regular work of the Union, the members during the election of School Trustees in one of our city wards, personally saw and asked the lady voters to support one of the candidates who was a temperance advocate, and with such success that he was elected by a large majority. Prizes for temperance essays were also offered by the ladies of the Union, for competition in two of our Public Schools, these were presented at the mid-summer examination in the name of the Union.

LONDON.

We have 60 members on the roll. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. We mourn the death of one of our members the late Mrs. A. J. G. Henderson but we know that after many years service in this good work she has joined those who have heard the glad sentence "Well done; enter into the joy of thy Lord." The Industrial School has been held on Saturday afternoons. The children are taught to make and mend their own clothes, knitting, darning, etc. We intend having a Band of Hope in connection as soon as a suitable room can be procured. The School was closed by giving the children a picnic at Queen's Park the last week in June, and will be resumed the latter part of the present month. The jail has been regularly visited. The Scriptures have been read, prayer offered and religious counsel given, endeavouring thereby to soften the hearts and lead into the better life, those unfortunate ones brought there chiefly, as their own testimony affirms, by the excessive use of strong drink. Gospel Temperance meetings are being held at Victoria Hall on the last Sabbath of each month. The resident ministers have kindly given practical and stirring discourses which have been most interesting and profitable.

April 11th, a memorial service was held to the late John B. Gough; the service was very largely attended and was most solemn and impressive; lessons of love for suffering humanity were learned, resolutions were formed, and kept and we know of very beneficial result to many who attended. A series of Lectures have been given delivered by Mrs. McLachlin, Edward Carswell, Miss Bowes, and Father Chiniquy, to the edification and blessing of many.

Petitions were circulated among the merchants and business men of the City to bring about the early closing movement, for the benefit of the clerks and employees but after much labor and anxiety cannot report the success we so earnestly hoped for, yet we will not pronounce it a failure wholly, but hope that those who opposed this measure will yet see the advisability of concurring in it for the good of all concerned.

The Women's World's Petition for Prohibition has been circulated, meeting

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with marked success. Many personal efforts have been made for the reclaiming of the drunkard and those who through intemperance are bringing sorrow and desolation to their homes. At our late Western Fair our ladies took up the work of a refreshment booth, the Directors of the Fair kindly granting the ground free. After a week of very hard work we are pleased to report our profits as being about \$150. We also distributed temperance literature. We think the License Act was pretty well enforced, very few intoxicated persons being seen on the grounds. On the whole we feel encouraged to work on for God and Home and Native Land.

M. CAMPBELL.

LINDSAY.

During the year we have held regular monthly meetings. The average attendance is as large as last year but there are fewer members. There was a thorough canvass of the voters of the town for their signatures to the Scott Act Senate Amendments petition, also the homes were nearly all visited and 500 signatures of women for the Total Prohibition petition were obtained. An effort has been made by the Union to effect the early delivery of goods purchased at the stores on Saturday night. 350 ladies of the town having promised to make no order after seven o'clock on Saturday nights. We have the gratification of feeling that we have the sympathy of many of our most influential citizens.

MRS. D. J. McINTYRE, Cor.-Sec.

MILTON.

Our Union though not so large in point of members as formerly, is, nevertheless in a prosperous condition. We meet every fortnight for prayer and business. Our monthly evening meetings are well attended, giving evidence of a deep interest in the good cause. A very interesting Memorial Service was held in honor of the late John B. Gough, which was largely attended.

Financially the Union is in a healthy condition. After defraying all current expenses, there remains in the treasury \$22.82, the affiliation fee to Provincial Treasury being \$20.00. Distributed considerable literature, both English and German, which was highly appreciated. A petition was signed by a large majority of the women, called the World's Petition for Women, and sent to Provincial President. Our Annual Tea held on the 3rd of September was a grand success, both socially, musical and intellectually, and numerically. Total number of members, 90. Paying members, 80.

One fact of importance is that of the President receiving a kind letter from a gentleman in Toronto accompanied by a package of literature requesting that she visit the jail, and distribute among the prisoners, and write him the result of her visit. She promptly complied, but on asking the person in charge if she might see the prisoners, he smiled and replied "We have no prisoners here," which fact emphatically speaks for the success of the Scott Act in the County of Halton.

MRS. R. D. JOHNSON, Rec.-Sec,

MITCHELL.

Our Union was organized November 2nd, 1885, by Miss Bowes, with a membership of sixteen. It has been increased since that time to fifty-four paying members, five of whom are honorary, and one associate. We have held regular monthly meetings, a prayer service in connection with each meeting. Average attendance, sixteen. Supplied three local papers with items of interest on temperance work. Twenty-three of our members take *Women's Journal*.

We have distributed about 10,000 pages of temperance literature during the year. Opened "Lunch Room" on Fair Day and handed leaflets to those who patronized our tables. We hope that in this way we may have reached some homes and hearts.

We have secured 500 names to Temperance Petition circulated by the World's W.C.T.U. Financially our report is good, after sending \$12.25 to Provincial Union and meeting all incidental expenses we have on hand \$20.00.

We feel that our work this year has been largely preparatory, and hope another year to take up new lines of work.

MARY COATES, Cor. Sec.

MORRISBURG.

This year we report 19 members and 5 honorary members, with an average attendance of 7 at our business meetings and Bible readings, which have been held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month, except July and August. We had the pleasure of having Mrs. Barney address two meetings in May last, the only draw-back to the success of which was the heavy rain falling at the time causing the audiences to be smaller than was expected. The Band of Hope is still carried on under the leadership of Mrs. Chamberlain with a large enrolled membership. All the Protestant Churches except the Episcopal use the unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper. 12 copies of the *Woman's Journal* are taken by the ladies of the Union and we hope for increase of subscribers in the coming year.

MRS. M. C. GIBSON, Cor. Sec.

MOUNT FOREST.

We have forty-four members. The average attendance is nine. We meet once a month, each meeting is opened with a prayer meeting. We circulated a petition of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union, and got three hundred and sixty signatures.

Three of our churches now use unfermented wine. The Scott Act came into force in this county (Wellington) last May, and we can see some good effects. One hotelkeeper after paying a fifty dollar fine has given up the business, two others have paid their second fine. Our Band of Hope has now two hundred and eighty-two names on the roll. Have had one lecture delivered at the Band of Hope, and one dollar's worth of literature distributed at the same.

K. E. MEIKLE, Cor.-Sec.

MOUNT VERNON.

Members, eleven, and three honorary. Our W. C. T. Union was organized the 10th of November, 1885, by the Provincial organizer, Miss Bowes.

We have with a very few exceptions met every two weeks, with an average attendance of seven. One dollar's worth of literature has been distributed. To the petitions presented last spring we secured 154 names, and last September to the other petitions we had 254 names. Three papers have been supplied with temperance items. The one church uses unfermented wine at the Lord's supper. Obtained nine subscribers to our much valued "*Woman's Journal*."

MISS BERTIE SWAYZE, Cor.-Sec.

NAPANEE.

Napanee Union was organized on the 20th day of July, 1886, by Miss Bowes, and has taken hold of nearly every department of the work as presented to it by her. We have held religious services in the jail each Sunday since our attention was called to that duty. Also the World's Union Petitions have been circu-

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lated and nearly one thousand signatures taken. A very successful canvass has also been made for money so carry on the legitimate work of the Union. The local papers in town are quite willing to give reports of our meetings, and we are arranging with them to give us space for the publication of any Temperance matter we may wish to contribute or select. This we consider a very effectual door of usefulness opening to us.

MRS. T. G. CASEY, Cor.-Sec.

NEWCASTLE.

The W.C.T.U. Newcastle Branch beg to submit this our annual report. It is nearly two years since our organization during which time our membership has varied. Our present membership is twenty. Our meetings have been held monthly with an average attendance of eight. The only work we have undertaken has been the distribution of temperance literature by which means we hope to educate the county to correct views regarding temperance. In connection with our society we have organized a Band of Hope,—the membership of which is thirty two. They also hold their meetings monthly. Our hope is in the rising generation by the early inculcation of temperance principles.

AGNES McNAUGHTON, Cor.-Sec.

NEWMARKET

We have 45 members with an average attendance of 15. We have kept up through the year our Gospel Temperance meetings and in these have had help from the different ministers as well as others. Before the summer vacation a number of the boys and girls attending the High School gave us help in the way of readings and recitations which were listened to with much attention by the audience and encouraged us in our work. In July we opened a Young Men's parlor, one room fitted up as a reading room, and two others with games. The weather being so warm, after a trial of two weeks, and so few making use of the rooms, we closed them for the summer months. We hope to open them this month for the winter. There are about 50 *Journals* taken in the town. There were over 200 signatures to the petition circulated. Both papers are willing to print any thing that is handed them by the Press Committee. Our finances are in good condition. We have held three socials which have brought in about \$25. We had a visit from the two license inspectors telling us how we could help them in their work, for which we were very thankful. We have had during the year two visit from Miss Bowes, one of them on the Sabbath at our Gospel Temperance meeting.

MRS. H. W. SMITH, Sec.

NORTH TORONTO.

Membership of Union, 20, average attendance, 6. During the year eleven meetings were held. The Band of Hope was not re-organized until early in the year, but continued from that time until vacation with a membership of about 20. In June the teachers and members of the union joined in giving them an entertainment, which was successfully carried out. The Kitchen Garden opened in December with an attendance in all of about fifty. Early in December the K. G. teachers had a sale of fancy articles, at which they realized the sum of \$76.20 which was used to purchase a second set of occupations used in the Industrial Institute. We co-operated with the Central and other Unions in giving the teachers of the Public schools, also the Normal students, a social, where the necessity for teaching the children temperance was brought before them. Our ladies assisted in getting signatures for Mr. Charlton's bill, making seduction a criminal offence, also in the canvas for the mayoralty. Though our workers have been few, we

have done what we could, and hope that the coming year may bring us increased members and many willing hands.

Financial statement.—Expenditure, \$209.56. Receipts, 213.13.

JESSIE ROSE, Cor.-Sec.

ORILLIA.

Meetings held monthly. Membership, 30. Average attendance, 13. Membership fees, \$9.65. Fees sent to Provincial Union, \$5.00. Had a successful excursion in the summer, the proceeds of which amounted to \$14 clear. Several promises from a large majority of the City ratepayers to vote only for a temperance candidate for municipal honors. Sent temperance literature to forty schools in vicinity to be distributed. Miss Bowes visited us in April and held an afternoon and evening meeting which greatly helped to infuse new life into our members. Sent delegates to the Convention at Owen Sound. I am very happy to say that our Union is improving and that there is every prospect that the present year will result in more good that has been accomplished since our organization has been started.

C. E. HARVEY, Sec.

ORONO.

We have at present 28 members, with an average attendance of nine. We hold our meetings fortnightly, we also hold a public mass meeting once in three months. We have a Band of Hope with a membership of 69. We have space in our weekly paper for short temperance items. We have had two temperance addresses through the year.

LINDA KNOTT, Cor.-Sec.

OTTAWA.

The Ottawa W.C.T.U. has just completed its fifth year, having been organized in September, 1881. Since its formation 120 ladies have united with us. Its present membership is 66. 32 regular meetings have been held during the past year with an average attendance of 18. This year our Union adopted the plan of work laid out by the Provincial Union of Ontario and appointed Superintendents for the following Departments, viz : Work among Sailors and Barge-men, the Press and Literature, Scientific Instruction, French and German, the use of Unfermented Wine for Sacramental purposes and the Sabbath Afternoon Gospel Meetings. The work of each Department proved successful and showed the advantages to be derived from this part of our work. The Superintendent of the department of Sacramental Wine reports that out of 15 City Churches, 8 now use unfermented wine, being an increase of 2 over last year. Our Sunday Afternoon Gospel Meetings were held during the winter season in the Council chamber of the City Hall, the Council for the fifth year granting the free use of the room to the Union for its meetings. The Prison work was carried on regularly every week. At Christmas a dinner was given by the Union to the inmates, and Tracts and Christmas letters distributed among them. In December the annual supper to the newsboys was given, this Union being assisted by the Y.W.C.T.U. During the week of prayer afternoon meetings were held for ladies. These meetings are conducted by different ladies of the Union. This year (1886) the Y.W.C.T.U. had one day, special Bible subjects being selected for each afternoon. Much interest was manifested in the meetings, the attendance being very large. Four social entertainments were given during the winter in the rooms of the Union. In April this Union was favored with a visit from Mrs. Barney, of Rhode Island, Superintendent of Prison and Police Work in the National W.C.T.U. The meetings during her stay were continued for three days with Bible Readings in the Afternoon, all of which were a

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great help to our Union and materially increased the interest in the temperance cause in this City. The Superintendent of Tract Distribution reports that 11,000 Tracts were distributed among the jail, markets, boats, railway and fire stations. The rooms in the Victoria Chambers furnished comfortably by the Union are still occupied and while the rent is somewhat high we feel it good to have headquarters. The receipts in the year were \$665.65; expenditures, \$577.32; Balance on hand, \$88.33.

A. E. DOUGLASS, Cor. Sec.

OWEN SOUND.

The present membership is about 52, with an average attendance of about twenty.

During the cold weather a number of poor families were supplied with clothing and provisions, by the Union. On January 25th a large number of the ladies waited on the town council and presented a petition, asking that honorable body to raise the license fees to \$200, limit the shop license to two and separate the business. The license fee was raised to \$175, but no action was taken in regard to shop licenses.

The principal work of the Union is the supporting of Bands of Hope. Between four and five hundred children have signed the triple pledge. In February a Band of Hope entertainment was given at which twenty-four children received prizes. Miss Julia Coleman's books are used in teaching the children.

In March a reception was given the teachers of the Collegiate Institute and Public Schools; and each public school teacher was presented with a copy of Mrs. Hunt's Temperance Physiology, by the Union with the understanding, that the subject be taught in the schools once a week.

Miss Bowes visited the Union in the latter part of the same month, and gave a very interesting and earnest address Sunday afternoon to a crowded audience in the town hall. The jail has been visited since July by two or three ladies every Thursday afternoon. The prisoners are very attentive during prayer and the reading of God's Word. Tracts and papers, and occasionally flowers are distributed among them.

The captains of nearly all the large steamers calling at this port very kindly gave the Union permission to place receptacles for tracts and leaflets on board their boats. There were also a number of tracts in the form of letters to sailors, distributed personally among the different crews. Tracts and leaflets have also been placed in the waiting rooms of the railway station.

The editors of both local papers have been very kind in publishing articles on temperance almost every week. Twenty ladies of the Union take the "*Woman's Journal*."

Through the exertions of the W.C.T.U. a Y.W.C.T.U. was organized May 8th, by Mrs P. Rutherford with over thirty members. The petition against the sale of wine and beer in Scott Act counties was circulated, but only thirty-seven signed it, however the town council signed as a body and it is hoped that would have some weight.

A social was held in January, and a New England Tea in April, both of which were very good; The New England Tea being most excellent.

The ministers of the town have been very kind in assisting the ladies in every way possible.

FLORENCE EARLEY, Cor.-Sec.

PARKEALE.

The W.C.T.U. of this place was reorganized in December, 1885, by Mrs. Cowan, President of the Central Union, Toronto. The first work undertaken by the Union was securing subscribers for the *Journal*. We obtained 37 subscribers and received from the editor \$3 worth of temperance literature which the newly appointed visiting committee distributed at the houses where they called. The visiting committee reported so many cases of destitution that it was decided to hold a concert under the auspices of the Union, Mrs. Caldwell and other well known singers kindly gave their services. At the close of the "best concert of the season" the Union found themselves possessed of \$90 which has been used to supply the needs of the poor families coming under the notice of the Union.

A number of pledge cards have been signed and we hope faithfully kept. In March our friend Mrs. McDonald assisted by our beloved President Mrs. Clement, started a Band of Hope and Miss Hughes was appointed to take charge. The room used by the Band of Hope, being too small to accommodate the rapidly increasing society, the Union requested the School Board to allow them the use of the school concert room. A kind consent was gratefully received. The Band has a membership of nearly one hundred. Early in June a Y.W.C.T.U. was organized by our President, Mrs. Clement, assisted by 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Morden. Our Union has increased in numbers and at the present time we have a membership of twenty three with two honorary members.

EMMA A. GRIFFIN, Cor.-Sec.

PEMBROKE.

This Union has thirty six members with an average attendance of eighteen. Meets the third Tuesday in every month. Sends twelve dollars affiliation fee to Provincial Union. We were fortunate enough to secure Mrs. J. K. Barney for a lecture and to address a children meeting. We have also had several temperance meetings. The Xmas letters to the prison were distributed, a box of literature was prepared for the "Lumberman's Mission," and a W.C.T.U. was organized at Arnprior. Interest in the cause seems to continue and during the year we have only missed one meeting.

MRS. A. DELANEY, Cor. Sec.

PERTH.

Our numbers have not increased in the past year. We meet monthly. We have distributed temperance literature nearly every month and at local fairs and exhibitions. Three lectures in the course of the year have been given through our Union, two of them by Miss I. Templeton-Armstrong, one by Mrs. Barney. There have been two petitions circulated by ladies of our Union and largely signed. One, the World's Woman's Temperance Petition; the other against the amendment to the Scott Act. We held Gospel Temperance meetings last winter and have again resumed them, the attendance is gratifying. The liquor traffic has a very strong hold and dies hard. There have been a great many evasions of the Scott Act, but lately many offenders have been brought to justice.

M. CAMPBELL, Cor. Sec.

PICTON.

Our Union numbers about fifty members. We purpose holding public meetings once a quarter after this, and also to secure several prominent lecturers for the winter, hoping by this mean to awaken a little more enthusiasm on the subject. We have a Band of Hope of over three hundred members also a Y.P.T.U., under the supervision of our Union. We gave a social the beginning of the year from which we realized about fifty dollars, part of which was ex-

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MRS. J. O. CLARK, Sec.

PINE GROVE.

Our Union was organized by Miss Bowes, Oct. 1885, and was the outcome of the Woman's Prayer Meeting. At present our membership is twenty-one. We have held nineteen meetings in connection with the Woman's Prayer Meeting with an average attendance of nine. These gatherings have been full of interest and were enjoyed by those present. Our Union has taken charge of the Band of Hope which has been in connection with one Sunday School for years, and to make it more interesting we gave an entertainment in June at which the children sang and recited, from which we realized the sum of twenty dollars. A public prayer meeting was held, conducted by the Rev. D. A. Duff, the subject being "Prayer." Our Union met with a sad loss in the death of our Vice-Pres., Mrs. Adair, she was a constant cheerful worker and loved to see the Lord's work prosper everywhere. We have over twenty subscribers to the *Woman's Journal* and have distributed eight hundred pages of temperance literature.

MISS M. F. HARVIE, Cor -Sec.

PRINCE ALBERT.

Our Union was organized about 18 months ago by Miss Bowes. Present membership, 14 and one honorary. Average attendance, 7. Regular meetings held fortnightly, but for the coming year we have decided to meet on the second Friday in every month. A Band of Hope is in good working order with a membership of 40. There are two churches in our village both using unfermented wine at Communion. By the request of the Union 2 temperance sermons have been preached during the year. Through our united efforts a worthy school trustee was elected and we also gave 3 prizes for temperance essays to Public Schools pupils. At the call for voters signatures in opposition to the beer and wine clause three ladies voluntarily canvassed this section obtaining 159 names, and again between 800 and 900 signatures of women only were sent to headquarters, three of our members in particular going from 7 to 10 miles to secure names. We have not yet undertaken any fair work as Port Perry being at a little distance from us (where fairs are held) it is not easy to arrange for continuous work, but we intend to circulate temperance leaflets as well as the *Temperance Herald* which the Union is taking at present. Our Badge of Honor consists of a white ribbon with W.C.T.U. neatly printed thereon and we think it would be wise to enforce the wearing of each. Miss Bowes cheered us with her presence once during the summer and encouraged our hearts with her kind words of advice and cheer.

ABBIE CASH, Cor. Sec.

PRESCOTT.

The present membership of the Prescott Union is 28, average attendance 8. We meet regularly semi-monthly for devotional, and business purposes. We have adopted "Miss Willard's Monthly Readings" this year, which we find a great help. Our "Y's" assisted us in furnishing, and beautifying a large hall for our use. We christened it "W.C.T.U. Hall," and have held our meetings there ever since. The Band of Hope has been very successful under the management of the "Y's." 73 signed the pledge. We regret that during the holidays, such changes have taken place, (some of our young people having left town and others with increased duties demanding their attention) that it is deemed necessary to unite the Y's with the W.C.T.U. and continue our children's work

under their auspices. On the 3rd of May we were refreshed and instructed by a lecture from Mrs. Barney, also a Bible reading in Mrs. Blair's parlours next morning which was a benediction indeed. 900 of our volunteers encamped in our town in the month of June which gave us a grand opportunity for work among the soldiers and the gratifying results will be noted in Mrs. Greenhill's report on camp work. We have obtained about 300 signatures to the World's Woman's petition. We have a column in our Temperance paper ably edited by Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Coates, Co. Superintendent. Two churches in our town use unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper. The Canada Temperance Act which came into force last May, has worked a reform in some respects in Prescott, though we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that its machinery is very imperfect at present, and like many other of our laws is constantly being transgressed; still we have no open saloons with all their attractions, to ensnare our young men, and we seldom see an intoxicated person on our streets.

S. KIRBY, Cor. Sec.

PRESTON.

The W. C. T. U. here was organized by Miss Bowes in November last year with a membership of thirteen, since then the members have gradually increased until at present we have fifty-eight names on the roll, nine of which are honorary members. Last March it was thought advisable to form a society of young people for the purpose of instructing them in temperance principles, thus securing their help in the overthrow of the liquor traffic. This society known as the Loyal Legion Company A., has a membership of 49 and is supported and carried on by the W. C. T. U. During the year we have distributed between two and three hundred temperance tracts, also several copies of the *Woman's Journal*. We have held four Public Entertainments for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of the Union.

J. CUNNINGHAM.

RIDGETOWN.

During the year we have held 26 regular business meetings with an average attendance of from 8 to 10. Twelve prayer meetings, 2 public gospel temperance meetings held on Sabbath evening after service, also two literary and musical entertainments. Three public lectures, one from Mr. Meade, two by T. R. Clarke were also had, and a memorial service in honor of J. B. Gough. We have now 21 members and several gentlemen as honorary members who are hearty sympathizers and ready helpers in our work. We have 25 subscribers to the *Woman's Journal*. Over three hundred names were signed to the petition circulated against the mutilation of the Scott Act and 505 to the World's Woman's Petition. With the assistance of the ministers and other gentlemen we have organized a Band of Hope enrolling the names of 160 children. Regular fortnightly meetings have been held, and catechism taught. Our income from members fees, entertainments and lectures amounts to \$111.95. Expenditure, \$97.50.

MISS M. SOMERVILLE, Rec.-Sec.

SARNIA.

We have been called to part with some of our members, who have removed to other places, and some are laid aside, but death has not entered our ranks. Our membership has increased in numbers, the attendance has been fair, and there is work for others. We have held our meetings regularly, twice in the month; the first meeting in the month being solely devotional, the other for the transaction of business, all opened and closed with prayer and a portion of God's Word. Financially we are prosperous, having a balance on hand. The first work of the year was to supply refreshments on the fair grounds during the

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county fair. For the two days we provided hot meals for those attending, thus doing away with the temptation to drink which a visit to the hotels would afford. We are glad to know that our attempts were appreciated. We were cheered and encouraged during the winter by a visit from Miss Bowes, Provincial Organizer, but the weather was such that very few dared venture out thus losing the benefit of many practical suggestions, which would have profited others besides members of our Union. A result of her visit is the formation of our Band of Hope, numbering upwards of 170 boys and girls, with an average attendance of fifty, who meet fortnightly to be instructed in the principles of Temperance.

MARIA P. ABRAHAMS, Rec. Secretary.

SMITH'S FALLS.

Our Union was formed last Jan. 20th by our Provincial President Mrs. Chisholm, with 20 members. We now number 50 in all, 38 active and 12 honorary. Have held 14 regular devotional and business meetings with an average attendance of 14. One newspaper supplied with items by one of our members. 4 churches use unfermented wine, one does not. Have held a number of gospel temperance mass meetings. Our relief committee has done a great work during the winter and spring. 13 families received substantial aid. We have 40 subscribers to the *Woman's Journal*. We have a Loyal Legion with 104 members. It is conducted by some members of the Y. W. C. T. U.

M. C. MYLNE, Cor.-Sec.

SPENCERVILLE.

As there is no known infringement of the Scott Act here our work is not aggressive. We therefore put as much effort as possible into our Band of Hope thus trying to school the children and youth in strictly temperance principles and hope to fortify them with knowledge to use in any future struggle or temptation. There are upwards of fifty on the roll and a good average attendance. We have distributed a good deal of literature at our Township Fair, etc. Our meetings are principally meetings for prayer and exhortation. We have a subject to prove from scripture which makes every one more instructed. We are now anxious about the result of the vote and join with our sisters in the other Unions in prayer that God will overrule the approaching elections to his own glory and that Christian temperance men may represent us in Parliament.

MRS. G. KELLOCK, President.

STRATFORD.

We have had thirty five meetings for prayer and praise during the past year, some five thousand pages of Gospel and Temperance literature have been distributed, and a number of poor families were visited, and relieved, during the past winter. The total receipts for the year were \$38.30. The total expenditure for the year was \$43.00 leaving a balance on hand of \$2.83.

MRS. W. R. MARSHALL, Sec.

ST. CATHARINES.

The principal work of the St. Catharines Union has been in the line of educational work.

1st at the beginning of the year, the Teachers' Convention was held in St. Catharines. We appointed delegates to meet that Convention and to confer with them in relation to Hygiene and Alcohol as a study in the Public Schools, and in this connection the large per cent of children who are growing up in our Province under the very sound of the school bell, and who never go to school

was referred to.—(For information see report of Minister of Education.)

The next work on hand was the Scott Act campaign which was a defeat to the Temperance party, owing no doubt greatly to the so called "Liberal Temperance Union" and the attitude of some of the clergymen, noticeably so, two English Church Ministers.

The W.C.T.U. held Sunday Afternoon for several weeks before the vote, Sunday Gospel Temperance meetings in the Palace and Skating Rink, and, beside the campaign carried on by the Alliance in the lecture field, they had Mr. D. L. Cameron for two nights, and others. The Union did effective work, distributing literature, (buying some, and being supplied by the Scott Act Committee,) and visiting voters and wives of the same, collecting money. An important work we did was to circulate two petitions signed only by women and addressed to the electors of St. Catharines, asking the electors "to vote to protect our homes." Over 14 hundred names of women alone were attached to the petition, which is an indication that, had the *women* of St. Catharines a vote on the memorable day when the *men* voted for the *Saloon* as against the *Home*, the tide would have been turned.

We have held during the year two County Conventions, (including Welland and Lincoln Counties.) One was most successful. Two Bands of Hope have been organized during the year, one in Beamsville, the other in St. Catharines, among the colored people, the first I believe among the colored race.

We wrote to all the Ministers when the world was uniting in "Memorial Services" to J. B. Gough, asking them to preach sermons on that day to the young men. Many of them did so. We have held one Social during the year a notice of which appeared in the *Journal*, at which time, we had a little memorial in honor of J. B. Gough and presented each person with a little memorial in the shape of a Japanese napkin on which was printed a Bible text—"for God and Home and Native Land. Our Evangelistic Committee have held cottage prayer meetings. The Committee on jail and hospital have been doing quiet work. The Work among Sailors is most effectively carried on in this city by the Rev. Mr. Bone, appointed missionary on the canal, who visits the wharves, converses with sailors, and holds meetings. One important thing is not to be forgotten, that is, that many more women are taking an interest in political affairs, quite a large per cent of our women voting this year at the municipal elections. We have not done anything this year in the Fair Ground work, owing to the Woman's Foreign Miss. Convention meeting here on the same dates. Just now our members are circulating the petition of the World's W.C.T.U.

MINNIE PHELPS, Sec.

ST. MARYS.

Membership not as large as last year. Meetings held fortnightly; average attendance 16. Four thousand pages of literature have been distributed. Have requested three of the churches to use unfermented wine at Lord's Table, have not heard from them yet. The other has used unfermented for some time, have introduced pledge cards into four of Sunday Schools, all Sunday Schools having them here now. Also started a Sunday afternoon Gospel Temperance meeting. Supply the two Local papers with a temperance column every week.

MISS MARY M. HENDERSON, Cor.-Sec.

ST. THOMAS.

We have held twelve regular monthly meetings during the year and two special ones, the average attendance being eight. We have twenty members but hope to add quite a number this year. We have

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T. A. F. Cor.-Sec.

TILSONBURG.

We have provided unfermented wine for three churches of our town and also for several others in the county.

During the winter months we have been looking after the poor.

Have formed a benevolent society in connection with our Union and provided wood, clothing, and rent-money when needed. We also have had several successful Temperance meetings including a lecture from the Rev. J. S. Ross.

Our membership is small but are all hard workers.

We have distributed Temperance Literature on the fair ground and other places. We also circulated the Women's World Petition and secured over six hundred names.

M. A. GARNETT, Cor.-Secretary.

TIVERTON.

This year we have to report 21 members. Meetings are held regularly at the Union rooms first Friday of each month at 3 p.m. The President kindly gives the rooms free. Members are scattered, so that our attendance is from five to seven in number. Exercises are mostly devotional, occasionally a business meeting. In April last we held a memorial service for J. B. Gough, in which the ministers of the village took part. Favorable and we believe lasting impressions were made at that meeting. Petitions for the W.C.T.U. were sent out and signed by 306 women in Tiverton and surrounding county. True, we have still discouragement, rum sellers will break the law, but they dread the Union, close watch is kept upon them, and we look with bright hope to the future when this giant evil shall be blotted from our midst.

MRS. I. M. CAMERON, Cor.-Secretary.

TORONTO CENTRAL.

In November last, acting on the request of Mr. Howland's committee, we banded ourselves together to get into office as Mayor, one whom we knew to be not only a Christian man, but a strong temperance advocate. We began our work with prayer, and then formed into committees and visited all women entitled to vote. That God heard and answered our prayers was evidenced by an enormous majority for our present Mayor when the voting day arrived. We were also very busy for some time in getting signatures to a petition making seduction a criminal offence, which Mr. Charlton was trying to pass in Parliament. We also did work in other petitions. In April, we, in conjunction with the other city Unions, gave a social to the public school teachers and Normal School students. Upwards of 400 invitations were distributed and the evening was a great success. Early in the Spring we had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Van Benschoten. Her lecture was most instructive and interesting, but not a success financially. Our Union had had the pleasure of helping to re-organize the Parkdale Union, which is now doing good work. At the invitation of the Railway Men's C. Association, our Union took the service in their rooms the last Sunday of each month, and made it a Gospel Temperance Meeting. That the meetings were blessed was proved by

many waiting to talk to our ladies as to our work, and some wishing to join us. Our president, with the president of the Y. W. C. T. U., and secretary, paid a visit, by invitation, to one of our public schools. An earnest and interesting address was given to the children by Mrs. Cowan, while Miss Tilley gave an object lesson, showing the effect of alcohol on the human brain. The children listened with marked attention and evidently enjoyed it. Our Union has organized a Mother's Meeting; during the winter the interest was kept up, but we thought it better to discontinue during the hot months. We have during the year distributed a quantity of literature. The soldiers have been visited and 225 tracts distributed to them. We have helped, by a donation of \$30, the Girls' Industrial Institute. Have also helped the *Woman's Journal* by subscribers and advertisements. In conjunction with the Good Templars we set a memorial day apart for a service to the late J. B. Gough. Our Union is small: number on roll 50: average attendance from 10 to 15.

H. G. McFARLANE, Secretary.

EAST END W. C. T. U. TORONTO.

We have in our union a membership of 30 and an average attendance of 13 at the regular meetings held every two weeks. There is a mother's meeting though small is encouraging, also a Band of Hope having a roll of 125 names. All our work is in a hopeful condition and hope with God's blessing to go on in well doing.

MRS. GRAY, Sec.

TRENTON.

This union was organized in Dec. 1884, with 30 members and a full staff of officers. The meetings were kept up every alternate week, attendance fair, willing workers were always on hand to circulate petitions or literature and carry out all the resolutions. When the Scott act agitation approached, we did all we could by visiting voters, giving information by tracts, procuring lectures, etc., to obtain the passage of the act, yet the votaries of the demon alcohol defeated us (this time) by a small majority. Such cast down we are not destroyed. Having obtained help of God we continue to observe our resolve to "weary not in well doing." Our numbers are increased to 42. We now meet monthly, and under our auspices every alternate Sunday after now we have a gospel temperance meeting in one or other of the churches. The programme is good and attendance increasing, a good many have signed our pledge, every one is offered a suitable tract, we also distribute temperance tracts from house to house.

Three out of our four churches use unfermented wine at sacrament. We have obtained 40 subscribers to that excellent little monthly, "The Woman's Journal," and we find it a great benefit. We have collected affiliation fees from a good many members. On two journalists here kindly print gratis any notices or items we furnish in their weeklies, a good canvas for signatures to the world's W. C. T. U. petition resulted in obtaining nearly 900. Many more could have been got, had time been extended, very few refused and many rejoiced to hear of the movement to suppress. The traffic in opium and alcohol, our Band of Hope numbers 200. We are teaching them the temperance catechism. Our band sustained a heavy loss in the month of August 1885, by the death of one of its most zealous and efficient organizers and teacher.

MRS. BAKER, Cor. Sec.

UXBRIDGE.

We have a membership of fifty ladies, and ten gentlemen, as honorary members. Names of twenty-eight more attached to our pledge. We have held twenty-seven meetings, six of which were public meetings, and on the whole, they were well attended. Our average attendance is fifteen. Money in treasury at present

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\$43.00. We are now holding Sunday Evening temperance meetings once a month after the services in the churches.

WALKERTON.

Organized October 8th, 1886, by Miss Bowes. Our membership is 49, committees formed are "Press," "Literary," "Evangelistic" and "Unfermented Wine."

We have obtained 22 subscribers for *Woman's Journal* and have space granted us in our two leading local papers for temperance items. At present we are circulating the petition of the World's W. C. T. U., Pres. Mrs. McKay.

MRS. B. MORDEN, Cor.-Secretary.

WHITBY.

Our present membership is 30, average attendance 15; we meet the first and third Friday in each month. We organized a Band of Hope last October and have 119 names on the roll, we use the triple pledge. Flower Mission organized last May have distributed 209 bouquets with Scripture texts.

Our Evangelistic Com. visits the prisoners' Co. Gaol every Sabbath afternoon. We are very anxious to have a public reading room this winter with room for Band of Hope and other work.

Our annual meeting was held October 1st.

J. LOGAN, Cor.-Secretary.

WOODSTOCK.

Our Union was organized last December, by Miss Bowes. Membership 15, since increased to 30; meetings held at first fortnightly, more recently monthly. Average attendance 12. Canvassed the town last December to secure votes of women for temperance candidates to municipal offices.

Two public temperance meetings were held under our auspices. Samples of Bands of Hope outfit were sent to each Sunday School with a request that Bands of Hope be organized in connection with them. Four schools complied with request. About 300 signatures obtained to World's W.C.T.U. Petition. Five dollars worth of Temperance literature has been distributed, Christmas letters were carried to prisoners at jail. Receipts for year 41.50. Sent to Provincial Union 5.07, to Dominion Temperance Alliance, \$16.00.

EVA KNIGHT, Cor.-Sec.

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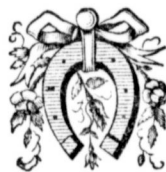
Our Union at present has twelve members among which are some faithful and earnest workers. We have kept our meetings up fortnightly during the year and they have been a blessing to some if not to all. Last May we started Gospel Temperance meetings which have been held regularly since every four weeks. Our Band of Hope of over sixty members is in good working order and have their meetings regularly, and to know how the children enjoy them, you would just have to step in and see for yourself. Their smiling faces and the welcome they give you seem to repay you at once, for any trouble you may think it. We have distributed over three thousand tracts during the year, and subscribe for twenty one copies of the *Woman's Journal*. Through removals and other sources we sometimes have dissappointments, but hope to quietly move on and become a power for good, and pray and trust the ensuing year may be one of great success. We obtained 180 signatures to the petition signed by women to be sent to Parliament against the liquor traffic.

M. J. BROWN, Cor. Sec.

ARNPRIOR.

Our Union has been organized a little more than a year, and now our membership is 32, beside 6 honorary members. Average attendance 18. Regular meetings held the first Tuesday in each month. Several dollars worth of Temperance Literature has been distributed. Some Evangelistic work has been undertaken with favorable results. Unfermented wine used in two Churches. Our Union secured between two and three hundred signatures to Prohibition Petition. Two flourishing Bands of Hope in connection with the Churches.

MRS. HOLDEN, Cor. Sec.



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Reports of Y. W. C. T. Unions.

BROCKVILLE.

The Society has twenty-five members and two honorary members. Held during the year just closed nineteen meetings with an average attendance of ten members.

The Band of Hope was resumed in November, and was held in the basement of the Wall street Methodist Church, with an average attendance of 50. It was conducted by Miss Chipman, Pres. of the Y's, with a corps of some twelve teachers. Closed operations near the end of May with a free supper to the children, and distribution of prizes. The prizes—chiefly silver medals—were granted for proficiency in catechism—the candidates being subjected to a strict examination.

During the year two new branches of work were taken up—"Distribution of Charity," and a "Flower Mission." The former was managed by a committee of six, known as the Relief Committee, and presided over by Miss Chipman. Guided by the characteristic energy, enthusiasm and business tact of its talented superintendent, this Committee had already accomplished a good deal in finding out and relieving the deserving poor, when to our great sorrow and dismay, death took Miss Chipman from our midst. This was, for the time at least, a fatal blow to the operations of the Relief Committee and a painful shock to the Society, for we had all begun to recognize in Miss Chipman, one that could be trusted to the full measure of her apprehension of duty.

The "Flower Mission" was started in June with Miss Giles as Superintendent. Up to this time nearly one hundred bouquets have been distributed. Many of the recipients have expressed themselves delighted with the gifts and many sympathizers have promised flowers.

The W. C. T. U. uniting with the Y's have secured a hall for the use of the Band of Hope and other temperance purposes, for the coming year, and we look forward to greater success in the future. A boys' night school is contemplated but the scheme is not developed yet.

T. M. Ross, Cor. Sec.

BRANTFORD.

The Brantford "Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union" was organized January 21st by Miss Scott of Ottawa, with a membership of twenty-five, now increased to forty-five since, then, the Union has had regular semi-monthly meetings except during the hot summer months, with an average attendance of fifteen.

The different branches of work taken up by the Union are the Flower Mission and Night School. The flower mission have during the summer months made up and sent to the hospital and through the city five hundred and fifty-seven bouquets. The Night School is not what we would desire but is gaining ground slowly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ANNIE KING.

REPORT OF THE KITCHEN GARDEN OF BRANTFORD.

The K. G. organized by Miss Scott, of Ottawa, dates from Jan. 29th, 1886, and during Spring term consisted of about twenty teachers and sixty pupils.

The children were divided into three classes, one charitable and two paying.

The average attendance of both teachers and scholars was very good. The children seemed to be much interested in the exercises and much hard work was accomplished. At the close of the first session a very successful entertainment was given at which we cleared about one hundred dollars.

Steps are being taken for the reopening of the K. G. and it is to be hoped that there will be even greater success than heretofore.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CALLIE WISNER.

CORNWALL.

This Union was organized May 30th, 1886, with nine members, all of whom are good workers. It was the suggestion of two of our young ladies to start a Union in Cornwall. We have a Flower Mission in connection with the Union. We have sent to the sick nine bouquets. The Flower Mission was organized during Miss Scott's visits to Cornwall which was July 26th. We have also started a Sewing Society and each member has joined in their branch of work heartily.

M. E. ROBERTSON, Sec.

DEMILL COLLEGE.

We still hold our meetings once a month but we can do but little except talk with and interest the 75 young ladies in the work, so that when they go out from us they will be prepared to work on the right side. In this way we believe we are sowing seed upon the waters which will in due season bring forth fruit.

MRS. DEMILL.

GALT.

Our union was organized on Feb. 13th, 1885, beginning with a membership of about twenty (20), with two or three exceptions we have met regularly every alternate Friday afternoon, first for prayer and praise, and then to transact business.

We now have fifty members (50) and thirty-two honorary members (32), average 82 in all, attendance twelve (12).

Last spring it was deemed advisable to hold devotional meetings monthly and a subject was taken, such as "courage" or "love," and the members came prepared to offer or suggest some information accordingly.

Our room is open every Friday evening and two ladies are always appointed to take charge of the boys and assist them with their games.

Gospel temperance meetings are held every Saturday night, these have proved most beneficial to the boys who take a deep interest in all our branches of work.

Our distinctive work during the past winter has been in connection with our "boys night-school," and our young ladies have labored most faithfully, and from this department of work alone, we feel that the highest results will follow in the future.

The anniversary of the night school was held in April, and we all spent a most enjoyable evening. The boys furnished the programme which was a complete success.

The emblem of our society is the "Wild Daisy," and our motto "The battle is the Lord's, be of good courage."

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We feel deeply indebted to the town's people for the valuable help they have given us from time to time.

A flower mission was started during the past year, which has met with every success by our people who appreciated the flowers, and also the verse of scripture, which is attached to them.

The year just closed, has been one of great prosperity and blessing, and we trust with our new staff of officers, the ensuing year may be one of still greater success, for God, and Home and Native Land. Respectfully submitted,

GRACE R. YOUNG, Cor-Sec.

GUELPH.

The Y. W. C. T. U. of Guelph was formed six months since. A letter mission to the hospital was established and during the Spring and Summer flowers were also regularly taken to the patients.

Assistance to those working among the colored people has also been rendered by the young women of this union. We have sixteen members and an average attendance of ten.

Feeling that our strength lies in the fact that we are a *Christian Union*, considerable time at our meetings has been devoted to some interesting and instructive Bible readings. This Union has every prospect of doing good work through the coming winter, and we pray that the Lord may guide us in our choice of work and, that He will not only bless us but make us a blessing.

HETTY PIKE, Cor.-Secretary.

HAMILTON.

It becomes my pleasing duty to bring before you the Sixth Annual Report of the Y. W. C. T. U. We have a membership of 130 including honorary members, and 750 children under temperance instruction, this showing an increase of 250 over last year. 57,600 pages of literature have been distributed among them. 40 young ladies are engaged weekly in this work.

No entertainments for the purpose of raising funds were held. The young ladies surrendered the old and almost universally accepted mode of gathering money to meet liabilities and adopted the new, yet indeed the oldest and truest mode of all, that of asking money from the Christian public for the carrying on God's work.

Our regular work and one of the most promising is the Girls' Sewing School with 200 names enrolled, 12 teachers and 130 bank accounts at 5 per cent. Prizes were awarded for the highest bank accounts. We are well satisfied with the nine months' work in this School. Some of the little girls who came to it when started could not thread a needle and are now creditable seamstresses. Two entertainments of a social character were given this school. Bank cards and badges were given the members and scriptural cards and papers are distributed weekly.

The Band of Hope has also been productive of much good, 100 boys attending. Each member has a ribbon badge. The children are taught practically the scriptural side of temperance and seem to understand it perfectly. A written examination was held in June. The papers were creditable. Each one wrote also a very worthy paper on a given temperance subject. Three were awarded medals for proficiency.

Juvenile Temperance Union.—This branch of the work is very successful for the teachers are interested and the boys and girls look forward to it with delight.

It has a membership of 300, and 20 teachers. Membership cards are given, and temperance papers are distributed weekly. New metal badges have come from England and will be sold to the children at a nominal price. Once a month we have "Ribbon Day." Ribbon is given to those for proficiency and good behavior for the month, about 200 are given out. The meeting is of an entertaining character, music, recitations, etc. A march is introduced twice during the meeting which the children enjoy very much. We will have flags for them this winter. Everything is done to make it a bright happy half hour, in order that we may lead them to Christ. Each branch of the children's work has a missing face, has laid down its mortality for a robe fairer than angels wear, and do now behold the face of their Father in Heaven.

I am glad to say we try and keep hold of the older boys and girls 1 class of 20 range in age from 12 to 17 years. We hope to start another Band of Hope this fall.

The Boys' Night School has had enrolled 150 boys and 10 teachers. This seems to be a great necessity for us. So many boys have no chance to get schooling. Several cases of boys being sent to work at 8 years of age in order to support their dissipated parents have come under our notice. So much patience and christian love are required. It is always hard to overcome ignorance. But the young ladies have persevered faithfully for six years, and have the satisfaction of seeing boys improve, join the Sunday School and give evidence of Christ as their Saviour. Another encouraging feature in connection with the School is 3 of the pupils were made teachers. Thus we still have our hold on them although beyond being taught.

Sick children are always visited and supplied with dainties and flowers, and clothes provided when necessary. Of course this is not done from the finances \$240 which was expended in work for the children, but by private funds. The honorary members were entertained at the home of Mrs. Peat and had a most enjoyable time.

S. BURNS, Cor-Sec.

OTTAWA Y. W. C. T. U.

Our membership numbers 87 active and 52 honorary members, divided among the following denominations: Presbyterian 41, Episcopal 16, Methodist 15, Congregational 6, Baptist 4, Reformed Episcopal 4.

Meetings are held for business on the second Fridays of the month, and devotional meetings on the fourth Fridays which are always conducted by the young women.

The girls night school, principally composed of domestic servants and hotel waiters was well attended and greatly encouraged their teachers.

The three sewing schools in Upper Town, Lower Town and Rochesterville had 110 names on the roll and much progress has been made by the children.

The flower mission distributed 700 bouquets in the past year not only in the hospital but among many outside patients. Christmas letters were also distributed by the young women and the wards of the hospital tastefully decorated with evergreens and rowan berries on Christmas Eve.

The Kitchen Garden or Training school in housework is succeeding admirably and 60 children's names are on the roll, 20 in each class. Classes are held every Saturday from October until May and an exhibition was given in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church in May, when prizes were distributed to the children of the Kitchen Garden and Sewing schools.

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marketing were taught some lessons in cooking vegetables, meat and fish in four different ways, but owing to the limited supply of gas for the cooking stove and an unsuitable room this was suspended until a better room and stove are secured.

Literature has been distributed among canal boat and barge men and also in the jail and hospital and a Library with a number of volumes opened. The Evangelistic Department includes a friendly branch or class of 50 young women who attend a bible class conducted by one of our young ladies every Sunday afternoon, and a service of song which has lately been started in the jail and hospital. It is the intention this winter to start cottage meetings and district visitation. Reading Circles are held monthly and good programmes provided, much assistance being given by the honorary members. At those meetings sometimes short reports of our work are read, and the autograph pledge album circulated. A thank offering meeting was held in June at which the donations amounted to \$28.00.

Our Union was represented at the National Convention in Philadelphia by two of our young ladies. In the Christmas holidays we with our sisters of the Women's Union shared the delight of the newsboys' heart in the newsboys' Annual supper, and if the echo of the noise is still in our ears, we hope it will be drowned by a greater one this year. One young lady was so delighted that she actually joined the Union for the sake of washing the newsboys' faces on that occasion. In the week of prayer one meeting was conducted by members of our Y.W.C.T.U. In Mrs. Barney's visit our Union shared with the senior one, the deepening of its spiritual life and her earnest words will long be remembered.

Our receipts for the year are \$245.19 ; expenditure, \$238.69 ; Balance on hand \$16.50.

About 500 letters and post cards were written on behalf of the Union in the past year. 239 signatures were obtained for the World's Petition. Our motto is "The love of Christ constraineth us," and our emblem, the "pansy."

JENNIE MATHER, Cor.-Sec.

OWEN SOUND.

The Y. W. C. T. Union of this town was organized the 8th of May, 1886, by Mrs. Peter Rutherford, Recording Secretary Provincial W. C. T. U. Thirty-two young ladies enrolled their names as active, and two as associate members.

We held our meetings weekly until the Union closed for the autumn months, having an average attendance of thirteen. The first week in July we rented a room in which to hold our classes and our meetings. We then formed a Night School, in which the branches taught are reading, writing, spelling, drawing and arithmetic, and which has an average attendance of eight pupils. We have a Sewing School also, the prospects of which at the beginning, were, to speak mildly, not very bright, there being only one pupil and three teachers present the first afternoon. But we were not discouraged, remembering that a poor beginning often makes a good ending. There were twenty-three pupils present at the last meeting of the class, but the average attendance is twelve.

We have in circulation through the town twelve copies of the petition of the World's W. C. T. U. to the different Governments of the world, which we have every reason to expect will be fully signed.

Our Union re-opened Sept. 21st, after vacation, with five new members. We hope, with our Heavenly Father's blessing, to increase in numbers, interest and influence, and to be very useful in our work.

KATE L. MILLER, Cor. Sec.

PARKDALE.

As the Parkdale Y. has only been in existence since the 10th of last June there is very little of interest to report.

We started with a membership of seven and have only increased the number to thirteen. However, we do not think that a cause for discouragement, as the work was new to most of us, and an interest in it had to be created. Several young ladies when asked to join wanted to know what the W. C. T. U. was, any way. They had often noticed the letters and wondered what they meant. When the meaning was explained to them they joined readily, and take great interest in the work.

A meeting has been held every week with one exception, the average attendance being six.

The only branch of the work we have taken up is the Flower Mission. We chose the Chrysanthemum as our emblem, and for our motto Exodus, 33rd chap., middle clause of the 14th verse, "My presence shall go with thee." 842 bouquets with text cards attached, have been distributed alternate weeks at the Home for Incurables and at the Mercer Reformatory. The poor inmates of the Home look eagerly for their flowers, but the inmates of the Mercer are more in need of the pure, refining influence that flowers carry with them, and of the thoughts the texts may awaken in their hearts. As the quantity of flowers required is difficult to obtain now we will substitute fruit.

On the 15th of August we gave a garden party. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the proceeds were much less than expected, the net proceeds being \$14.00. We affiliated with the Provincial Union in September.

M. MORDEN, Rec. Sec.

SMITH'S FALLS.

Our union was organized May 31st, 1886, since then we have had 17 regular weekly meetings. Our present number of members is 20, and 2 honorary members. We have 3 branches of work. The "Loyal Legion" was formed under the auspices of our union. There are 104 names on the roll, they have met 7 times. Our "Flower mission" has been very successful, we and find it very interesting work. We trust the little texts attached to each bouquet may prove a blessing and comfort to all who receive them. Our motto is "Thy works shall be rewarded," and our emblem the "Rose."

JEANNIE G. BAIRD, Cor. Sec. W. C. T. U.

TORONTO.

We have now a membership of 42.

The Bands of Hope, which are three in number are progressing favorably, they meet weekly and have a membership of 125 respectively, with an average attendance of 45. Last Spring a number of geranium slips were distributed among the children for cultivation and prizes will be awarded to the successful competitors.

This fall a Normal class was instituted to prepare the teachers for more thorough work in the Bands of Hope. The course consisted of eight lectures, six of which have been given either by a medical or earnest temperance man; and here we would note the interest and regular attendance of our Public School teachers, a number of them have attended each lecture manifesting an interest that was very gratifying.

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At the request of the Y. M. C. A. several of our members assisted in teaching the Italians during their sojourn in the city. To the different petitions which we have received, 268 signatures have been thereto subscribed.

Through the kindness of several friends we were enabled to hold several Parlor socials, these were a source of great pleasure as well as blessing, in bringing us into closer relation one with another.

A. J. SCOTT, Cor.-Secretary.



Statistics of Unions

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AULTSVILLE.

Membership 37 ; average attendance 15. Prayer meetings are held weekly. Receipts from members' fees 75c. Amount sent to the Provincial Union for the quarter, \$2 32. Sustains 1 Band of Hope with 90 members. A quantity of literature was distributed. Amount paid to Lit. Dept. of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature, \$1.00. 400 signatures were obtained to World's Petition. Literature was distributed at the Township Fair.

MRS. GEORGE BIGELOW, Cor. Sec.

BEAVERTON.

Membership 74 ; average attendance 10. Weekly prayer meetings held, and weekly business meetings. 2 churches use unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper, while 2 use fermented wine. 1 Sunday School has introduced the Temperance Pledge.

MRS. CAMPBELL, Cor. Sec.

BLYTH.

Membership 19 ; average attendance 10. Business meetings are held once a month. Amount sent to Provincial Union for the quarter, \$1.19. Sustains a Band of Hope with 55 members. 1 newspaper is supplied with temperance items, 2 churches use unfermented wine, 1 does not.

MRS. CURTIS, Cor. Sec.

BOBCAYGEON.

Membership 16 ; average attendance 7. Prayer and business meetings are held monthly. Receipts from members fees, \$4. Sustains a band of Hope. 400 pages of literature were distributed. 1 newspaper is supplied with temperance items, 3 churches use unfermented wine, 5 Sunday schools have introduced the temperance pledge. Gospel temperance meetings are held monthly.

MRS. ROBINSON, Cor. Sec.

BOTHWELL.

Membership 28 ; average attendance 9. 1 prayer meeting and 6 business meetings held. Amount sent to Provincial Union for the quarter \$1.75. 30 signatures obtained to temperance petition. 1 newspaper supplied with temperance items, 1 church uses unfermented wine, 4 do not. 1 S. school has introduced the temperance pledge.

MISS MARY MCGREGOR.

COBOURG.

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MRS. JONES, Cor. Sec.

COLLINGWOOD.

Membership, 14; average attendance 8. Amount paid to Literature Department. Ont. W.C.T.U. for literature, \$1.32. 3 churches use unfermented wine, 2 do not.

MISS J. MELVILLE, Cor.-Sec.

CONSECON.

Membership 21; average attendance 6. Amount expended in charities \$2.10. Amount sent into Provincial Union for the quarter, \$1.00. 111 names secured to temperance petition. 2 churches use unfermented wine.

MISS JOSEPHINE ROBINSON.

ELMIRA.

Membership 12. Business meetings held fortnightly. Amount sent to Provincial Union, \$2.00. Have had 2 Sewing Circles. 50 pages of literature distributed. 3 churches use unfermented wine, 2 do not. Tracts were distributed at the Fair.

MISS MARIA WINGER, Cor.-Sec.

ELORA.

Membership 15. Average attendance 6. Prayer and Business Meetings are held monthly. Receipts from members fees, \$7.50. Affiliation fees sent for the whole year to Provincial Union. 1 Church uses unfermented wine, 2 do not.

MISS MILLS, Cor.-Sec.

EMBRO.

Membership 12; average attendance 7. Monthly business meetings are held. Receipts from members' fees, 70cts. Have 1 Band of Hope with 103 members and 1 Blue Ribbon club with 40 members. Distribute 60 pages every fortnight. Occasionally supply newspapers with temperance items. 2 churches use unfermented wine, 1 does not.

MISS GRINTON, Cor.-Secretary.

FERGUS.

Membership 9; average attendance 6. Prayer and business meetings are held fortnightly. 3 churches use unfermented wine, 1 does not. 2 Sunday schools have introduced the Temperance pledge.

MISS T. M. RICHARDSON, Cor. Sec.

FONTHILL.

Membership 22; average attendance 10. Business meetings are held fortnightly. Receipts from members' fees, \$10.50. Amount expended in charities, \$7.00. 3,000 pages of literature have been distributed. 500 names have been secured to temperance petitions. 2 newspapers are supplied with Temperance items. Prizes are given for highest number of marks on examination papers on Temperance.

MISS ELLIE K. BROWN, Cor.-Secretary:

STATISTICS OF UNIONS.

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Sustains a Band of Hope and intends to hold Temperance Prayer Meetings.

JENNIE R. DICKEY, Cor. Sec.

GLENCOE.

Membership 19 ; average attendance 13. Receipts from members' fees, \$9.50 Amount sent to Provincial Union for the quarter, \$1.19. 400 pages of literature have been distributed.

MISS L. STALKER, Cor. Sec.

HILLIER.

Membership 11 ; average attendance 6. 4 business meetings are held yearly. Amount sent to the Provincial Union, \$2.00. Sustain 1 Band of Hope with a number of members. 270 signatures have been obtained to Temperance Petition. 1 church uses unfermented wine. 100 have signed the pledge.

MISS M. ARTHUR, Cor. Sec.

HAMPTON.

Membership 11 ; average attendance 6. 12 prayer meeting held and 5 business meetings. Receipts from members' fees, \$2.55. A quantity of literature has been distributed. 1 church uses unfermented wine. 1 S. School has introduced the Temperance pledge.

MISS E. D. BROWNE, Cor. Sec.

IROQUOIS.

Membership 14 ; average attendance 7. Amount sent to Provincial Union for quarter, 87½. Sustain a Band of Hope with 173 members. 2 churches use unfermented wine, 1 does not.

MISS L. ELLIOTT, Cor. Sec.

KEMPTVILLE.

Membership 30 ; average attendance 7. 3 prayer meetings held. Business meetings are held weekly. Receipts from members fees, \$13. Amount sent to Provincial Union, \$2. A reading room is partially supported by the union. 3 churches use unfermented wine, 1 does not. 3 S. schools have the temperance pledge.

Mrs. W. S. CODY, Cor. Sec.

KOMOKA.

Membership 34 ; average attendance 25. 5 business meetings have been held. Receipts from members fees, \$7.25. Sustains a Band of Hope with 27 members. 1000 pages of literature have been distributed. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ont. W. C. T. U. for Literature, \$3.15. 41 names obtained for temperance petition. 1 newspaper supplied with temperance items. 55 pledges have been secured.

MISS WOOLCOX, Cor. Sec.

LINWOOD.

Membership 12 ; average attendance 10. 6 business meetings held. Receipts from members' fees, \$6.00. Amount sent to Provincial Union \$3.00. 1 church uses unfermented wine, 3 do not.

MISS CLARA BOOMER, Cor.-Secretary.

LISTOWEL.

Membership 16 ; average attendance 7. Prayer and business meetings are held monthly. Receipts from members' fees, \$8.00. Affiliation fee paid to Provincial Union annually. Sustains a Band of Hope with 80 members. 3 churches use unfermented wine, 3 do not. 2 S. Schools have introduced the Temperance

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MRS. A. D. FREEMAN, Cor. Sec.

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Membership 28 ; average attendance 9. 2 prayer meetings and 2 business
meetings held. Receipts from members' fees, \$4.25. Amount sent to Provincial
Union, \$2.04. 2 newspapers supplied with items. 1 church uses unfermented
wine, 2 do not. 1 Sunday School has introduced the pledge.

MISS A. BURGESS, Cor. Sec.

MADOC.

Membership 12; average attendance 8. Business meetings are held fortnightly.
Receipts from members' fees, \$5.50. Sustains a Band of Hope with 79 members.
3 churches use unfermented wine.

MRS. MACKINTOSH, Cor. Sec.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

Membership 21 ; average attendance 9. 4 prayer meetings, 2 mothers' meet-
ings and 4 business meetings held. Receipts from members' fees \$10.50. Amount
sent to Provincial Union for the quarter, \$4.00. 200 pages of literature were
distributed. Amount paid to Lit. Dept. of Ont. W. C. T. U. for literature, \$1.62.
1 newspaper supplied with temperance items. 1 church uses unfermented wine,
2 do not. 50 have signed the pledge.

MRS. R. HOBBS, Cor. Sec.

NEW HAMBURG.

Membership 16 ; average attendance 7. Sustains a band of Hope with 39
members. 1 newspaper supplied with items. 20 have signed the Temperance
pledge. 2 churches use unfermented wine.

MRS. STAEBLER, Cor.-Sec.

NIAGARA FALLS.

Membership 16 ; average attendance 4. 10 business meetings held.
Receipts from members' fees \$3.75. Amount sent to Provincial Union for
quarter, \$100. 120 names on Band of Hope roll. 1 newspaper supplied oc-
casionally with temperance items. 1 church uses unfermented wine at the
Communion. 1 Sunday school has introduced the Temperance pledge.

M. A. HENDERSON, Cor.-Secretary.

OXFORD MILLS.

Membership 14 ; average attendance 10. Prayer meetings held monthly. 2
business meetings this quarter. Sustains a Band of Hope with 57 names on the
roll. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ont. W. C. T. U. for Literature
\$3.03. 1 newspaper supplied with items. 2 churches use unfermented wine, 1
does not. 3 S. schools have introduced the temperance pledge.

MISS M. HANLON, Cor. Sec.

ORILLIA.

Membership, 22; average attendance, 7. 3 business meetings held. Re-
ceipts from member's fees, \$5.50. Over 200 pages of Literature have been distri-
buted. 2 newspapers are supplied with temperance items. 2 churches use un-
fermented wine. 1 uses both kinds. 3 Sunday Schools have introduced the
temperance pledge.

MISS HARRIET ELLIOT.

OSHAWA,

Membership, 13; average attendance, 4. Prayer and business meetings are held weekly. Receipts from members' fees, \$6.50. Amount expended in charities, \$9.00. Sustains a Band of Hope with 200 members, in which papers are distributed monthly. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ontario W.C.T.U. for literature, 90 cents. 300 signatures were obtained to temperance petitions. 2 newspapers are supplied with temperance items. 6 churches use unfermented wine. 1 does not. Temperance work was done at the County Fair.

Mrs. O. HEZZLEWOOD, Cor. Sec.

PARIS.

Membership 24. Amount sent to Provincial Union \$1.12½.

Mrs. CHISHOLM, Cor. Sec.

PARKHILL.

Membership, 23; average attendance 13. 3 Business Meetings held. Amount sent to Provincial Union in the quarter, \$1.43. 2 newspapers supplied with temperance items. 3 churches use unfermented wine, 2 do not. 1 Sunday School has introduced the pledge.

MISS HAMILTON, Cor.-Sec.

POINT EDWARD.

Membership 22; average attendance 12. Receipts from members' fees \$5.50. Amount sent to Provincial Union for quarter, \$2.75. 1220 pages of literature distributed. Amount paid to Lit. Dept. Ont. W. C. T. U. for literature \$4.77. 48 signatures obtained for temperance petition. 2 newspapers supplied with temperance items. 1 church uses unfermented wine, 2 do not. 1 S. School has introduced the temperance pledge. 40 have signed the pledge.

MISS ASHLEY, Cor. Sec.

PELHAM.

Membership 17. Average attendance 12. 5 Prayer Meetings held and 2 Business Meetings. Receipts from Members fees \$8.50. One Sunday School has a pledge roll with 60 names.

Mrs. W. COMFORT, Cor.-Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.

Membership 24; average attendance, 18. Business meetings are held semi-monthly. Receipts from members fees, \$12.00. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ont. W.C.T.U. \$4.25. 2 newspapers are supplied with items, 6 churches use unfermented wine, 2 do not. A prize of ten dollars is offered for prize essay on temperance.

Mrs. D. SMART, Cor. Sec.

PORT CREDIT.

Membership 12; average attendance 5. 2 prayer meetings and 6 business meetings held. Receipts from members fees \$1.75. 150 signatures have been secured to temperance petitions. 2 churches use unfermented wine, 2 do not. 3 S. schools have introduced the temperance pledge.

MISS M. SHAW, Cor. Sec.

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MISS ANNA HOLDEN, Cor. Sec.

RICHMOND HILL.

Membership 22 ; average attendance 9. 5 prayer and business meetings held. Receipts from members fees 50 cents. Sustains a Band of Hope with 40 members. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ont. W. C. T. U. for Literature 65 cents. 2 newspapers supplied with temperance items. 1 church uses unfermented wine, 3 do not. 3 S. schools have introduced the temperance pledge.

RIDGEVILLE.

Membership 25 ; average attendance 9. A prayer meeting held before each business meeting. \$5.00 expended in charities. Sustains one Band of Hope with 25 members. 150 names secured to temperance petition. 2 newspapers supplied with temperance items. 2 churches use unfermented wine, 4 S. Schools have introduced the Temperance pledge. Prizes are offered for temperance essays.

MISS GRACE COMFORT, Cor.-Secretary.

SCOTLAND.

Membership 20 ; average attendance 12. 5 business meetings held. Amount sent to Provincial Union in the quarter, \$1.19. Sustains a Band of Hope with 32 members. 40 names obtained to temperance petition. 1 church uses unfermented wine, 1 does not. 1 Sunday school has introduced the temperance pledge.

MRS. R. C. TAGART, Cor.-Secretary.

SHAKESPEARE.

Membership 12 ; average attendance 10. Prayer and business meetings are held weekly. Receipts from members' fees, \$5.00.

MISS M. MACKAY, Cor.-Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD.

Membership 8 ; average attendance 4. 5 business meeting held. Receipts from members' fees, \$2.00. \$1.50 expended in charities. Amount sent to Prov. Union, \$2.00. 2,400 pages of literature were distributed. Amount paid to Lit. Dept. of Ont. W. C. T. U. for literature, \$1.95. 59 names were obtained to emperance petition. 1 church uses unfermented wine.

MISS ANNIE G. FOOTE, Cor. Sec.

STOUFFVILLE.

Membership 8 ; average attendance 6. Sustains a Band of Hope. 1 newspaper supplied with temperance items. 3 churches use unfermented wine. 3 S. schools have introduced the temperance pledge. 475 have signed the pledge.

MISS W. MOORE, Cor. Sec.

SUNDERLAND.

Sustains a Band of Hope, with 50 members, and holds weekly prayer meeting.

TEESWATER.

Membership, 18 ; average attendance, 12 ; prayer meetings and business meetings held monthly. Amount sent to Provincial Union for quarter, \$2.25.

1 newspaper supplied with temperance items. 3 churches use unfermented wine, 2 do not.

MISS S. McCONNELL, Cor.-Sec.

THORNBURY.

Membership, 38 ; average attendance, 8. Receipts from members fees, \$5.55. Amount sent to Provincial Union for the quarter, \$2.50. 160 signatures were obtained to temperance petitions. One Church uses unfermented wine. 1 Sunday School has introduced the temperance pledge. Gospel Temperance meetings are held.

THOROLD.

Membership 25 ; average attendance 11. 8 business meetings held. Receipts from members fees, \$4. Amount sent to Provincial Union for half year, \$3.12. Sustains 1 Band of Hope with 150 members. Over 2,000 pages of Literature have been distributed. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ont. W. C. T. U. for Literature, \$6 30. 400 signatures were obtained to a temperance petition. 2 churches use unfermented wine.

MRS. DALGLEISH, Cor. Sec.

TORONTO, (WEST).

Membership 11; average attendance 5. 1 mothers, meeting held weekly and 1 bi-monthly business meeting. Receipts from members fees, \$5.50. Have 1 Band of Hope with 150 names on roll. 3 churches in the locality use unfermented wine. A quantity of literature distributed.

MISS HERRICK, Cor. Sec.

VANKLEEK HILL.

Membership 29. 2 prayer meetings held. 12 business meetings. Amount sent to Provincial Union for the quarter, \$3 13. 2 churches use unfermented wine, 3 do not. 2 S. schools have the temperance pledge.

MISS TIFFANY, Cor. Sec.

WATERLOO.

Membership 34 ; average attendance 9. 11 business meetings held. Amount sent to Provincial Union for the quarter, \$2.06. Sustains a Band of Hope with 92 members. 1 newspaper supplied with items. 3 churches use unfermented wine, 1 does not. 50 have signed the pledge.

MRS. P. H. SIMS, Cor. Sec.

WESTON.

Membership 22 ; average attendance 7. 3 prayer meeting and 6 business meetings held. Amount sent to Provincial Union for the quarter, \$1.38 Sustains a Band of Hope with 45 members. 24 pages of literature distributed. 103 names obtained to temperance petition. 2 newspapers supplied with temperance items. 2 churches use unfermented wine, 2 do not. 22 have signed the pledge.

MISS CAMPBELL, Cor. Sec.

WELLINGTON.

Membership 9 ; average attendance 6. 6 prayer meetings have been held. 1 business meeting is held every fortnight. Receipts from members' fees, \$4.50. Amount sent to Provincial Union for the quarter, \$5.00.

MRS. D. SAYLOR, Cor. Sec.

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Membership, 24 ; average attendance, 7. Monthly business meetings are held. Receipts from members fees, \$2.00. Amount sent to Provincial Union, for quarter, \$2.00. Sustains a very encouraging Band of Hope with ever increasing membership. 90 names were secured to a temperance petition. 2 churches use unfermented wine, 1 does not. 74 have signed the temperance pledge.

MISS JESSIE BROWN.

WYOMING.

Membership, 48 ; average attendance, 20. 2 prayer meetings and 2 business meetings held. Receipts from members fees, \$6.00. Honorary members fees, \$6.00. 2 newspapers supplied with items. 2 churches use unfermented wine. 72 pledges obtained.

MISS M. LUCAS, Cor.-Sec.



Addresses and Papers.

NECESSITY FOR NIGHT SCHOOLS.

MISS BURROWS, HAMILTON.

It is said that true life is activity. If such be the case the fact is here presented, that not only is the privilege granted to us to be co-workers with our Master, but the truth presses upon us that as created beings we have a separate share of labor and responsibility, in assisting by our time and means and directing by our example those of our fellow creatures less favored than ourselves. This can only be accomplished by individual effort and only then have we fulfilled our part in the divine scheme. Blessed are those hands to whom much is confided.

Every year we see more clearly the urgent necessity, civilly and spiritually, of educating the youth of our towns and cities in sound temperance principles and in the power of self-control as well as book learning, duty to their God and duty to man. Let the boys thoroughly understand the reason why. There is so much sin in the world and they will avoid the cause, and abhor it, as they would a reptile. Geologists tell us that to upheave the upper crust the disturbance must commence in the lower strata.

So if we would improve the principles in the upper circle of society, we do well to commence the uplifting in the lower, for daily are the upper places of trust being filled from the lower rungs of the ladder.

In trying to give a higher tone and in elevating one neglected youth to a higher plane, we are not only reaching one tender chord in a parent's heart but the church and state shall feel the impetus in the future. The children to be educated, in many cases, come from the most degraded homes, or are children who early in life are thrown upon the world to earn their own living or supplement the weekly wages of the parent. See to it then that their teachers are such from choice as the labor and responsibility are great, requiring unending patience and gentleness, something to which these children are quite unused too.

This reminds me of an incident that occurred in our own Night School. A teacher invited her class of boys to spend the evening at her home. They looked at her in surprise after such a strange request—then one boy asked, "Say, do ye mean it?"

The work being one purely of moral suasion, beware of sternness or severity for it will not do—you must reach their hearts through their sympathies. It is wonderful how eager some of the boys will be to learn, and the fewer their opportunities have been in the past, the more steadily they will apply themselves to master their lessons. It is in boys of this class, whose early life has been partially or totally neglected through intemperate parents, their only heritage being a pernicious example, that the seed is surely to be planted,—we are to furrow and sow, the harvest shall be bye and bye. It becomes us therefore to be up and doing, for if the workingman is the wealth of the country, these are

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If we would look for recompense there is the double reward, the consciousness of visible fruitage and the promise.—“As ye have done it unto one of these the least my brethren ye have done it unto me.

The boys having once tasted of the tree of knowledge back they cannot come, forward they must go and “the link” that binds them to their work rivets and leads their thoughts from the disciple to the Christ in an unbreakable chain, that shall endure as eternity rolls on in endless ages, and bring to the wearied workers “well done,—go up higher.” Mr. Talmage beautifully says, “Since the great axe to be laid at this deadly upas tree, is the Gospel of Christ, may God help us to hold the axe there and to work constantly with it until the huge trunk of the poison tree begins to rock to and fro and falls, and the world is saved from the wretchedness and misery which drop from every bough”. Let us then follow the divine command : *To the work*

FRIENDLY BRANCH.

MISS B. WRIGHT, OTTAWA.

This new department of work and influence which has opened up before our Ottawa Union in the past year, has for its object the extension of the Gospel among young women, and especially working women, without reference to denominational distinction.

In our midst hundreds of these daughters of toil are exposed to the evils which infest our cities. In the workshop, the factory, the kitchen, the printing office, they frequently breathe in the tainted air of immorality.

We have been called to the high position of “laborers together with Him” in bringing to these cheerless ones the light of the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

The prejudice against women coming forward, Bible in hand, to speak and pray has, as Miss Willard says, well nigh disappeared.

“The Lord giveth the word, the women that publish the tidings are a great host.”

Who but women have the power—the mighty power of sympathy which alone can roll away the stones of prejudice so that the Master’s life giving words may penetrate into dead hearts! Who but women can perform the individual or personal heart to heart work which is so essential to the success of our object.

“Go ye into all the world,” meant the shop as well as the church, the kitchen as well as the hospital. It is in these neglected parts of our Lord’s vineyard, that we desire to extend the influence of our Young Women’s Christian Temperance Union.

As our blessed Master was the author of this work, it may not be out of place to say a few words regarding the origin of our Friendly Branch.

In August of 1885, He put it into the heart of one of our members to gather together a number of young women employed during the week, for a meeting to be held on Sundays at 4.30 for prayer and Bible study. Thinking it was a self-devised scheme, she hesitated, was about to abandon the idea, but first laid it before the Lord and awaited this answer. A message from His own word came

almost immediately. "Arise, stand upon thy feet, for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness, both of these things which thou hast seen, and of these things in the which I will appear into thee; delivering thee from the people and the Gentiles unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness unto light, from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them that are sanctified."

This was our commission, here was our plan of work, the work of bringing souls out of darkness into light, from the power of Satan unto God, and all laid out by an unerring hand.

Steps were immediately taken to interest the girls in this new branch, stores and offices were visited, names and addresses obtained, neatly printed invitations were sent, and after one or two seeming failures, the first meeting was held on the 18th of September, with an attendance of seven, when it was resolved that Sunday meetings should consist of bright, cheerful hymns, short prayers and a Bible reading or Gospel address, not to exceed fifteen minutes.

That attendance at these meetings constitute membership.

That monthly entertainments be held at which music, readings, games and refreshments be provided, and a Bible reading given.

That members attending three meetings during the month be admitted to these entertainments free, others having to pay a small admission fee.

That we be known as the "Friendly Branch" of the Y. W. C. T. U.

That we adopt the motto "Bear ye one another's burdens."

These plans being made were carried into execution, and soon the attendance increased above what we had asked or even thought. The girls themselves entered into the work, bringing their friends, and in some instances, telling them of what a loving friend they had found in that dear upper room of ours. Many little incidents have come under our notice that have given much encouragement. One of our members who was recently brought to a realization of Christ, being desirous of witnessing for the Master among the hundreds of employees of one of our leading printing offices in which she is employed, carries her Bible every morning to her work, and while waiting for supplies for her press, reads small portions of it, which she afterwards commits to memory while at work.

Another bright intelligent young woman writes to one of our workers, "You were the first who ever spoke to me personally about my soul, and I shall bless God through time and eternity for it." For these and several other witnesses we thank God and take courage.

This work has grown so rapidly and has shown such practical results that its success may be considered fairly established. But new avenues of work are constantly opening up before us. In our branch there are bright young girls developing into earnest christian women. In our gaol and hospital, there are hardened hearts and suffering ones, and to these less fortunate sisters our "Friendly" girls sing, on Sunday mornings, the words of life from Him who came to preach the Gospel to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

Elizabeth Thompson, the well-known philanthropist says—"A Christian song has the advantage over a sermon, the truth of it touches the heart of the hearer unawares when he is not on the defensive against the Gospel."

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Knowing as we do that the Evangelistic Departments of our Unions must become the 'backbone' to all our efforts, we earnestly look forward to the time when a Friendly Branch shall be established in every "Y."

A recent writer tells of a little child who stood gazing at the red and green and gold of the sunset sky, and he said he wished he could help God paint the sky; it was a strange and beautiful inspiration, and one he could never realize. God asks no help in painting His clouds and sunsets; and yet he gives to us the opportunity of putting touches of beauty into the immortal lives of others, which shall shine there when infinite ages have swept by. The brightest cloud in the glowing west will fade while you gaze, but work done in immortal souls will appear in unfading hues, brightening and brightening forever. Is not this inspiring enough to make us to be up and doing while it is day?

Oh for hearts to serve the Master in this new work, hearts so filled with love to Him that they will find their joy, their highest joy in bringing souls to Him. It is not pity, nor condescension nor indulgent patronage that will win them, but warm sisterly love. We have known instances when a warm shake of the hand or a loving kiss has been the means in His hands of touching hardened hearts. Shall we not follow in the footsteps of Him who left His high station to take upon Himself our nature, that He might win us?

Surely among the 500 earnest warm hearted "Ys" represented here to-night, there are some who will devote their golden moments, their best energies to a work that will call out every noblest and most earnest faculty of heart and soul and mind.

"O honor, higher, truer, far,
Than earthly fame could bring,
Thus to be used in work like this,
So long by such a King,
A blunted sword, a rusted spear
Which only he could wield,
A broken sickle in His hand
To reap His harvest field."

YOUNG WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Sisters,—Do you ever think that if we were to stop the work of young women in the world, at the present day, what a blank there would be? Take away the bright, earnest, young teachers out of the Sunday Schools, the teachers from the Day Schools, stop the Mission Bands, Sewing Societies, Church Socials, everything in fact in which young women are concerned and just think what the world would be like. It would seem as if everything had gone into mourning. How thankful then we are, that the young women are busy all over the land, gleaning among the sheaves of the Lord's Harvest Field, teaching the children, cheering the missionaries by their earnest efforts and influencing the minds given into their charge. How much we need our young women in the temperance cause, their talents, their enthusiasm, the beauty of their youth and social influence, put in training for the greatest battle the world has ever known "For God and Home and Native Land."

We are here to-night to represent the 500 young women who are banded together in Ontario in this work. Just a few of us, an advance guard of

veterans, shall I say with the flower of the field, the rank and file at home bearing us up, we hope, with their prayers at this time, for us, it is a time of trial. This evening the Young Woman's Unions are represented and given equal rights with all the other white ribboned sisters all over the Province. Side by side, we may stand with the Woman's Unions, gladly looking up to them for the help and advice we so much need, and gladly giving them in return all the assistance in our power.

United we are against a common foe, an enemy that, no matter how we slacken our efforts, never takes a vacation. Let us then never grow indifferent or at ease with regard to this foe, intemperance, let us fight "all along the line," in the Home, the Church, the Sunday School, the Day School, the Kitchen Garden, every branch in which we can introduce our temperance sentiments; and as every town and village in England has a road leading to London, so in every branch of our work, if effectual, there will be a road leading to Christ. Let us believe wholly in our work, that it is God's work, and never fear the consequences, and do let us be enthusiastic, for the best workers of the best work done in the world have always been enthusiasts, with this motto carried out in their lives: "This one thing I do, forgetting these things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Dear Sisters, the "forgetting" is sometimes the hardest part, forgetting the prejudices and the unsympathetic surroundings forgetting the half-heartedness and want of zeal in many who ought to come to, our help and do not, but reaching forth, earnestly striving till the "day break and the shadows flee away," and we stand in the glorious light with the Master's "well done" sounding in our ears.

In the past year it has been my privilege to visit many of the Young Women's Unions in Ontario, and if I was interested in the work before, my interest has become intensified to such a degree, that I regard the young women of this Province as the future hope of the temperance cause. All honor to the fair city of Hamilton where the first Y. W. C. T. U. was started, and whose grand work among the children has given an impetus to all other work of the same kind. Many instances might be given of the self-sacrificing work done in the Y. Unions, and strange though it may seem the best workers are not those who have much leisure time on their hands, but those who are employed in other ways during the day, and can only give their evenings and Saturdays to the beloved cause. In a Western Union, celebrated for its energy, one young woman, employed in her father's store, constantly keeps a book under the counter, where, in the between times, she can study the lesson she teaches to the Band of Hope children.

In another Union in the Eastern part of the Province, one composed mostly of factory girls, all their temperance work has to be done in the evenings, and they carry on a Flower Mission and Sewing Circle. Every day these young girls at their work, may be distinguished from the other factory employees by the white badge, which sometimes is just a knot of white wool tied in the button-hole. This Union I think, made the deepest impression on my heart, and some day, when "Our ship comes home" we hope to see a girls' reading room with bright, pleasant surroundings in that town, where those young women may find a relaxation from a factory boarding house, which is not always the pleasantest place.

In another Union, with a dear Christian girl at its head, their Flower Mission was "baptised with suffering" as the very first bouquet taken by the girls was to one of their own number, who was lying dangerously ill. Eagerly she looked forward to the next visit of the bright missionaries, but our Heavenly Father took her to Himself where the redeemed go no more out forever. He saw that "her

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One thing which is so commendable in our Young Women is the practical way in which they work. On Dominion Day, the heat of which we all remember one of our "Y's" sent a supply of ice water to the Lacrosse grounds of the town in which she lived, thus carrying out our principle of prevention. In the same town the "Y's" supply temperance papers to the reading room of the Mechanics' Institute.

Our one "Collegiate" Union, if I might call it so, and whose example we wish every Ladies' College and boarding school in the land might follow, is endeavoring to interest the young ladies who came under their charge, as the Lady Principal says "so that they may go out from us to work on the right side." And as we all know how often the influence of school life colours all the after days, we know that the seed sown then, will in due season bring forth fruit. Incidents in connection with the work of the fourteen Unions in the past year might be multiplied if time would permit, and of the influence exerted, perhaps unconsciously by our Y's. A gentleman in one of our cities said he used to take a glass of beer in the evenings and although he weakened under his wife's objections, now that his daughter had joined "that Union," he had given it up. At one of the socials where little kitchen garden maids were waiting on table, a gentleman tried to persuade one of them to keep some of the change, drawing herself up to the greatest height of a twelve year old, she said, "Sir, we belong to the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union," with a refreshing emphasis on the word Christian.

One member of a "Y" went away to a town in Michigan to visit, and there found intemperance running riot in the place and no attempt made to stop it; she first began agitating for a Band of Hope, and some of the people became enough interested to at last consent to send for a temperance lecturer of note. The evening of the lecture came and the hall was crowded, the clergymen had taken their places on the platform and the audience waited and waited but no lecturer came, not a minister would commit himself by coming out on the temperance side, and that young girl, shy, shrinking, timid, whose voice was never heard in her own Union at home, came forward and delivered an address that won the hearts of her hearers, and resulted in a great gain to her beloved cause. This is an extreme case I grant, but we were so proud of her.

But it is of the future we would speak, and we appeal to our sisters of the W.C.T.U. to come to the help of their younger sisters. Give them the benefit of your experience. Even if they are a little impetuous, don't say the unsympathetic word that will chill their ardor. I remember a dear "wet blanket" of a sister saying to me one day, "I don't think you young ladies are accomplishing very much, intemperance seems as bad as ever in the City." Was it nothing to her that in that City we had 110 members pledged to total abstinence, using their influence in this cause in their own homes and in Society, and in time this influence must be felt.

I know there is a feeling of opposition in some quarters from a fear of a division of interest in the work of the W.C.T.U.

When Miss Gordon (Miss Willard's Secretary) came to Ottawa and started the "Y" there, I opposed it with all my might, thinking it would spoil the influence of my first love, the W.C.T.U. It was not long before I saw my mistake, for although there were only four unmarried women in the Woman's Union, as soon as the "Y" started it soon had a membership which in three years crept up to 110. I am thankful it did not take me three years to change my

mind, as I soon saw what an assistance a properly organized "Y" was to the senior Union.

And now we appeal to all those young ladies who have not cast in their lot with us, to come and join us. We want you. We have departments of work to suit every talent. For one musically inclined, we have the singing in the Bands of Hope, the stirring marches and bright songs of the Kitchen Garden. For the housekeeper, we have the Kitchen Garden or Training School in Housework, where she may teach young hands to keep home neat and attractive. For the flower lover, we have the Flower Mission with its blessed work. For the artist, we have the text cards of the Flower Mission which she may illuminate. For the teacher, we have Night Schools for boys and girls. For the one fond of the needle, we have Sewing Schools where she may teach little fingers all the mysteries of needle work, plain and fancy. For the one with heart overflowing with sympathy and love for those for whom Christ died, we have the Friendly Branch where she may gather in the neglected and friendless. For one having a large share of social influence and taking the part of a leader in Society, there are plenty of opportunities waiting to use her influence in winning many over to total abstinence, for to be "living epistles" gives an opportunity for those to read temperance who would not attend a lecture or peruse a book on the subject. Though ourselves and our opinions may be laughed at, truth will yet triumph over ignorance and error.

To the "Y's" already formed I would like to give a parting word.

Let us be more systematic and business like in our work, not like that presiding officer who paused between putting the affirmative and negative of a motion to enquire about a new stitch in fancy work.

Let each Union decide on its line of work, appoint its superintendents, and the more departments you have, the more interested your members will be. Keep an accurate account of every penny spent, and record every vote, and please answer all letters requiring answers.

We remember a Union where the members said "They had such perfect confidence in the treasurer, they never asked for a report." This showed a loving confidence, but dear sisters, it was not very business like. Give every one something to do. Bring out and develop your workers, keep your work before the public, not in a tiresome way, but so that the members of the community in which you live will not be always asking if you are doing anything. distribute literature largely. We have heard of one member putting temperance tracts into her library book, which she returns to the library, and of another employed in a store who wraps leaflets into the parcels she sends out.

Make your entertainments bright, exceeding all others in delicacy of service and attractiveness, genuine hospitality, and desire to make every one happy. Exchange plans and suggestions with other Unions.

Above all, never disband. If only two or three attend the meetings you can have a prayer meeting, and if you find it difficult to get anyone to lead in prayer use sentence prayers from God's word, and you will soon see a blessed result. Let every member bring another and the number will soon increase.

Work on in spite of many discouragements, "Think you the curtains of the ancient tabernacle were the handiwork of men and nations, nay surely the young daughters of Israel had a part in beautifying the house of the Lord, weaving in many a bright thread with skilful loving hand. And shall we thrice blessed in our faith in a risen Redeemer, do less than they of old."

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Play the sweet keys, wouldest thou
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MARY SCOTT, Oct. 1886.

THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH BAND OF HOPE WORK.

MISS SKINNER, TORONTO.

It is needless to explain to a W. C. T. U. audience what is meant by Bands of Hope. I might also suppose that it would be superfluous to claim that they are a necessity, but because of a little personal experience with human nature, having lately met with those who belittled our work, even while occasionally helping us, I feel that it will be beneficial to think of some of the reasons why a Band of Hope is needed in every part of the world where there are children.

Inasmuch as 1 oz. of prevention is better than a pound of cure, I Band of Hope to train the children never to acquire the habit of using alcoholic liquors is better than 12 organizations to try and reform them after they have become drunkards. One of our workers, a good Methodist brother, went to hear Gen. Booth at the S. A. Temple about two weeks ago. Having heard the marvellous testimony of 2 or 3 converted drunkards, his soul was stirred and on the way home in company with one whose whole heart is in the children's work, he exclaimed! "When I hear of what the Lord does for such men as these, I feel that all other work is insignificant, the Band of Hope fades away, and I believe that this work of which we have heard to-night is the most important." The answer of our sister was, "I think it is grand to know that the Lord can and does save the drunkard, but while listening to those changed men to-night and realizing the depths to which they had sunk, and shame and regretful sorrow which must ever be theirs, my heart thrilled with joy to think that the Lord has called me to show to His little ones the evils of the intoxicating cup before they have lifted it to their lips. While all need to experience the power of God in their own hearts yet, if faithful to the lessons learned with us, they will never need to be saved from this habit which binds as a strong iron chain and sinks a man below the level of the brute creation." Then, I believe that there is not a more effective way than this of bringing about Prohibition; when our boys are men they will be the councillors, the Members of Parliament, the Senators and the executive officers, and if our work is well done there will not be any desire to mutilate the Temperance Acts nor a lack of effectiveress in carrying out the law. When I reach this thought the wings of my imagination unfold, and while they bear me away into the realms of an ideal future—I feel like exclaiming as I fly, "There's a good time coming by and bye.

Then if this work is so important who shall commence it in the unworked districts, who shall help to carry it on, and how shall it be done?

Dear sisters whilst our brothers cannot shirk their responsibility in this matter, these are serious questions for us to whom God has given a more special love to children, a greater stock of patience with their waywardness and also more capability of presenting thoughts and facts to them in a digestible form than He has given to many of our brothers. The best method of conducting a Band of Hope is that which is best suited to the place and to the circumstances

of the children taught. We girls in Toronto have four under our care and we find that a plan which will answer for No. 1 has to be greatly modified for No. 2 and so on. To a great extent the line of work has to be drawn out gradually by the common sense of the workers. Where teachers can be obtained we believe in the class system; it insures in the study of the "Catechism on Alcohol" a solid foundation of knowledge to which expression is more easily given in after years than if they had not learned, word for word, the answers given therein.

Then we are opposed to the plan of those juvenile organizations in which *amusement* is the leading point and *instruction* is only admitted when walking in the shadow of her more favored friend. Perhaps you say "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," then I will give you the advice that was given me on this point. When asking how we should so combine the two as to strike the happy medium. "Make your amusement instructive and your instruction entertaining."

This is a good rule, but requires a knowledge of the children taught to be made effective. For instance, in one of our bands, the Superintendent treats the children to a temperance story at every meeting, and while in another a story is only given, perhaps, once a month, and their great delight is for all to learn the same lesson in the classes and then have a review from the desk, so great is their devotion to it that, notwithstanding some hard words, the little ones of 7 and 8 can repeat in concert with our 15 year old boys and always hold their own.

At each meeting we use Temperance Responsive Readings and also teach some Bible verse which will be of some practical help during the week. By so doing we can teach them of the sinfulness of indulgence in other lines than those included in our pledge whereby we promise to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and profane language.

Let me give you an example or two. In one of our Mission Bands, complaints came to us of the boys throwing stones, thus damaging property; believing that it was the result of thoughtlessness and carelessness rather than a wicked desire to destroy that which belonged to others, we picked out of the Proverbs one of the seven things that the Lord hates, viz: "feet that be swift in running to mischief," explaining the connection and illustrating mischief by stone throwing as well as other things. We were greatly gratified to learn afterwards of the cessation of the troubles complained of, at least for the time being. Then again we have what we call our purity quartette, consisting of four verses, namely: "Whatsoever things are pure, think on these things;" "Every word of God is pure;" "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God;" and "Create in me, a clean heart, Oh! God." One of these we take each evening separately, then when teaching the second combine it with the first, and so on until the quartette is completed, when we explain the connection—the desirability of purity in thought, the sure cure of expulsion of intruders being meditation on the word of God. The rewards—and the prayer for obtaining the pure heart.

And when we have taught these we feel that we have erected around our children a safeguard which shall last till the end of time, for have we not this promise, "My word shall not return into me void but it shall accomplish that which I please and prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

It may be that you agree with me as regards the necessity of this work and the methods of carrying it on, but you say "who is to do it?" My sister, if you are bright and cheerful (and every christian should be that), if you love the little ones and have the knack of interesting them, then secure the assistance of an organist, gather the children together, and for the sake of God and Home and

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But perhaps the work is at your hand and you feel that you have not a special gift in that line and there does not seem to be any one else to take it up. Then I implore you to consider whether there is not any connection between the need of a worker and the desire in your heart to see the work accomplished.

What will you do? Will you sit still and bemoan your weakness and lack of ability, and allow the little ones for whom Christ died to grow up and enter into conflict with the world and its temptations unguarded by the knowledge which you might have given, or will you rouse yourself, and, going forward in the strength of your Master, do the best you can trusting Him to supply all deficiencies. If so, will you permit me to speak of two or three points which I have learned in the school of experience. Study Child Nature and try to adapt yourself to it.

Have a definite programme of the meeting either on paper or firmly fixed in your mind, and then carry it out promptly and energetically. If disorder sometimes reigns "keep a stiff upper lip," never let a child see that you are disconcerted and at a loss to know what to do, what to say, or how to control them. Set your foot down firmly (every woman can do that) insist on order, and you will get it nine cases out of ten. Begin and continue your work in the spirit of prayer and above all *be faithful*; we have found that one great drawback is the irregularity of teachers, causing the mixing of classes and interfering with the proper care of absentee children.

What we need in this great work is not so much ability, although that is good, not so much knowledge, although some of that is necessary, but we do want faithfulness, and a certain measure of success will be ours, although that is not the only reward for which we look. We are desirous when we stand in the presence of our Divine Master, to hear Him say, "Well done, good and *faithful* servant." But I fancy just as I reach this point that some of my sisters—the younger ones especially—will say, "so much study and thought and work will take so much time it will leave none for pleasure."

It does take time to do this work well, but will you, can you, oh! my sister offer to the God of Heaven, who gave the richest treasure of His heart, His only son, His companion in the beginning of time—can you, I repeat, offer Him that which will not cost you any sacrifice, any self denial or any trouble; no, surely not—our *best* is far from being an adequate proof of our appreciation of His love—much less anything short of that.

But do not think that hard work is *all* that you will find.

From my own experience I can say that in addition to the approval of conscience there is very much that is pleasurable; some of the happiest hours I have ever spent have been in a Band of Hope. In contact with children they give expression to much that is laughable; for instance, I was talking on the subject of tobacco to a class of boys from 14 to 16 years of age, half of whom were dark brethren who had come from one of the most wretched streets in our most wretched ward, and after enlarging on the different losses from the use of this weed, I mentioned the loss of the good opinion of some of their friends, myself particularly. I was quite surprised to be met with the remark, "Oh! we know that, but perhaps when you get a little older you will think differently, there are lots of ladies on our street who smoke."

It is so seldom that my youth and inexperience are so freely commented upon that I positively enjoyed that plain opinion as to my crude ideas. Dear

sisters, let us press onward in this which is pre-eminently woman's work, faithful in the performance of every duty, until the time when our great white ribboned army shall gather around the throne, receive our crowns and, kneeling before our Saviour as we lay them at his feet, may we hear him gently say, as of Mary of old, "She hath done what she could."

Y's EQUIPMENT.

MISS TILLEY, TORONTO.

If we are to do good service we must be "thoroughly furnished" for our work. What is our work? That of builders, building up a wall of prevention and protection around the homes and the children.

Perhaps you will better understand about this building if I illustrate my remarks by the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem, recorded in Nehemiah.

We find in the far off palace of Shushan surrounded by luxury and every thing to please the eye and sense that an Oriental court could provide, a captive Jew, but occupying a position of high standing, being the King's cup-bearer. But his heart is not in his surroundings. Why? He has heard of the troubles of his people, and the broken down walls and desolation of his dear Jerusalem. Sad of heart and face, he prays to his God for three months. Then comes the answer, and by the King's permission he leaves the luxury and turns his steps to his beloved land. We ask why he went. He felt the *need* of work; and there will be no depth or earnestness in our labors without we feel and realize this need. How then, can we get a grasp of this? Surely, by

Self Education—our first equipment. The day for mere sentiment has passed away; we have facts and figures to deal with. Let us study these and take an example from Nehemiah, who, when he arrived in Jerusalem, rode all around the city, that he might know for himself just its condition of desolation. We must thoroughly inform ourselves as to the scientific aspect, the moral aspect, and the national aspect of this great temperance question. For this purpose I recommend to you Alex. Gustafson's book "The Foundation of Death," a most comprehensible work, and one that has caused a great stirring of hearts amongst the deep thinking men of our day. A good plan is the forming of a Normal Class—a course of lectures to be delivered in a simple conversational manner by gentlemen who have studied the subject, a synopsis of each being taken by the members, thus grounding ourselves that we may work intelligently and systematically.

Love for Souls.—Nehemiah realized, as shown in his prayer, that those whom he sought to raise from their degradation were souls whom God had redeemed by His great power, and he was filled with love for them; and if we are to accomplish anything in this cause we must not stand afar off and stretch out the hand to help, but with hearts full of the fire of love, take our place side by side with the suffering ones, and with heart beating with heart, reflect the love of Jesus.

Faithfulness.—It is with this the best work is done—the comfort and support to the Union of those members who are always to be found at their posts,—those "secretaries" who never say "I forgot." How well we know the value of them; "they are faithful every one against his own house," and God will reward such labor with His richest blessings. Far more important than talents, or means, or position, is this equipment.

Earnestness.—The work of the wall grew rapidly and steadily because they "earnestly repaired," and "the wall was joined together unto the half thereof,"

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for "the people had a *mind* to work." What could we not accomplish if only a set purpose, a determination to win, filled our souls with power. Then, indeed, might we see the finishing of the wall, the stones of which we lift in such a listless manner. And has not

Brightness a rightful place in our work. Can we fancy those Jews went about their labors with a gloomy look? No. Hope fired the eye, and could we have stood by their side, surely the light of gladness would have been clearly seen. Let us bring just such brightness into all our departments. It may be difficult, but how it will aid our endeavors! A winning smile can do so much. Let us show to the world we are happier than they, because we are busy about the Master's work. Then how necessary owing to the temptation that meet us is

Courage and Faith.—There is the ridicule of the enemy. "What do these feeble Jews, will they make an end in a day? Even if a fox go up, he will even break down their stone wall." Do we not all know what this is? Then the underhand work of those opposed to us; the discouragement from our own members who say "there is much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall." But will not this clarion note keep up our courage and strengthen faith—"Be ye not afraid of them; remember the Lord which is *great and terrible*, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses. "But the world calls us with a mighty calling, to come from our work and enter its scenes of pleasure. There must therefore be

Consecration to the Master who gives the work. Let us not enter into anything that will draw us *down*, let it be always a *going upward*. May our answer be "I am doing a great work in that I cannot come *down*." The work is large and great and therefore we need the spirit of

Unity.—Let us cultivate it more, laying down our own prejudices, conforming to others' plans for the good of the whole. And as this convention has been like a trumpet call to union, let it sound in our ears all through the year. Time forbids the dwelling on

Thankfulness, but don't let us wait until the wall is finished for this, but let shouts of praise arise as the echo from the noise of our building. And what about our weapon. Is it not

Prayer? A mighty power truly, for when of the spirit it never fails to strike the mark, for the divine hand guides the strokes, and only when we reach the other world will we know all that it has accomplished. But you say these equipments are all necessary for temperance workers, but why should *women* labor in it? Let us turn again to Nehemiah. Merchants, goldsmiths, apothecaries, printers and rulers all labored, all men you say. The 3rd chap., 12 verse tells us that Shallum repaired his portion "he and his daughters." And what was seemly for them is seemly for us. An honor they felt it to "bear one another's burdens," and shall it not be an honor to us; and then how speedily may rise this wall of protection and prevention around our dearly loved homes. In conclusion just notice one thing; all who worked were Jews, a "royal nation," a "chosen people." Who but those whose hearts were in the city of their God would have endured the persecution and hardships they were subject to. And if we want to build for eternity we must have not only the little bit of white ribbon to mark us as set apart for service, but the glorious white robe of Christ's righteousness, which is ready for all who ask. "The God of Heaven He will prosper us, therefore we His servants will arise and build."



TO THE W. C. T. U

I stand alone amid the throng,
 The restless, busy crowd of feet,
 Which up and down the busy street,
 Press on the pedals of the world's great organ.
 My heart is thrilling with the song,
 The notes of work and the notes of woe,
 For they sing them over and over again,
 That surging crowd of hurrying men,
 While up from the pipes of the world's great organ
 Swells out the symphony, high or low.

I hear the notes of wild despair,
 The wailing, sobbing chord of pain,
 From those who struggle and toil in vain.
 Then, clearer than chords on the world's great organ,
 Fall strains of promise through the air,
 A song of hope and of conquest divine;
 And the angels sing it again and again,
 To those who worked for the tempted men,
 Far grander than chords on the world's great organ
 "The promise in Eden, O woman is thine."

It was thy God the promise gave,
 "Thy seed shall bruise the tempter's head."
 E'en now the morning clouds are red,
 Work on, thy labor brings the coming day.
 O earnest, faithful band and brave,
 Ye sow in tears but ye reap in joy,
 And the song of hope in a clear sweet strain,
 Ye never pray for your sins in vain.
 Pray on in faith, until the coming day
 Blots out the grief of the coming years.

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PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Province of Ontario, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by Intemperance, believe it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extermination.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, on this, the 24th day of October, 1877, band ourselves together for the following special objects, and to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws :—

OBJECTS OF THE PROVINCIAL UNION.

To UNITEDLY array the Christian women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

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

ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a County Superintendent for each county in the Province, a Superintendent for each department of work recommended, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute an Executive Board, to control and provide for the general interests of the work, with power to fill vacancies in its own body. The Superintendents of Departments shall not be expected to sit with the Executive at the meeting where such Superintendents are nominated.

ARTICLE III.

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

ARTICLE IV.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board, two delegates for each affiliated Union and one additional delegate for every ten paying members of each Union.

ARTICLE V.

Each Local Union contributing to the funds of the Provincial Union, at the rate of 12½ cents per member half-yearly, shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Union, and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

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

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ARTICLE VII.

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

ARTICLE VIII.

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

BY-LAW NUMBER I.

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

BY-LAW NUMBER II.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and send to each Auxiliary half-yearly, a blank for the report of that Auxiliary for the current half-year. From the information thus received she shall prepare her annual report.

BY-LAW NUMBER III.

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

BY-LAW NUMBER IV.

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 at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

BY-LAW NUMBER V.

Each County Superintendent shall have supervision of the Unions in her county, and shall secure the organization of local Auxiliary Unions, where practical hold County Conventions, or County Unions, and shall make an annual report of her work to the Corresponding Secretary, on the first day of September.

Where practicable, the expenses of County Superintendent shall be met by collections from the Unions visited by her.

BY-LAW NUMBER VI.

The Superintendent of each department shall use her influence to devise means for the successful working of the department under her care.

BY-LAW NUMBER VII.

The expenses of sub-committee of the Executive Board in travelling to and from the Annual Meeting, also for postage and stationery, shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

BY-LAW NUMBER VIII.

The Executive Committee shall nominate the Superintendents of Departments and Special Committees, and report to the Annual Meeting.

BY-LAW NUMBER IX.

These By-Laws may be altered and amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting.



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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.
(LOCAL)

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of———, auxiliary to the W. C. T. U. of the Province of———,

ARTICLE II—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Union shall be to meet together for prayer and conference, to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate, and secure the legal prohibition and complete banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III.

Any woman may become a member of this Association by signing the Pledge and Constitution, and by the payment of fifty cents per year into the Treasury.

Any woman who is a total abstainer, but having an objection to sign the Pledge, may become an "associate member" of this Association, by the payment of the regular fee.

Gentlemen may become honorary members of this Association by signing the pledge and by the payment of the regular fee.

Honorary and Associate members are entitled to all the privileges of members except the vote and holding office.

PLEDGE.

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

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, one from each church, when practicable, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), with the Superintendents of the different departments, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—AUXILIARSHIP.

Each Local Union shall pay to the funds of Provincial Union a sum equal to 12½ cents per member, half-yearly, this amount to be taken from the fifty cents membership fee.

ARTICLE VI.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of September of each year, at which reports of Secretary and Treasurer shall be presented, which, if possible, shall be published afterwards in the daily newspapers. At this meeting, officers and committees and superintendents shall be elected for the ensuing year, and such services held as may tend to promote the objects of the Association.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

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

Section 2. Vice-Presidents.—It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to preside in her turn in the absence of the President, and to enlist women of their own church in the work.

Section 3.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and to report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial Union half yearly, on receipt of blank forms (having first submitted her report to the Local Union), giving such items of general interest as will enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union. She shall also prepare the report of the Annual Meeting of the Local Union.

The Corresponding Secretary shall also prepare a short report for the Provincial Convention in October (first submitting it to the Local Union)

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

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

ARTICLE II.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers shall be elected by nomination and ballot. Nomination may be made either by a committee appointed for that purpose, or on motion of any member.

[If there be more than two persons balloted for, and the one having the highest number of votes, has not a majority of all the votes given, then the one having the lowest number of votes shall be struck off before proceeding to the next ballot. More than one name may be struck off provided that the sum of all the votes so struck off is not equal to, or greater than, the number of votes given to the lowest remaining one.]

ARTICLE III.—DEPARTMENT OF WORK.

If the demands of the work justify it there shall be the following departments of work :—Juvenile Work, Temperance Literature, Influencing the Press, Evangelistic Work, Parlor Meetings, Heredity and Hygiene, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Kitchen Garden, Flower Mission, Unfermented Wine, Prison and Gaol Work, Young Woman's Work, Work among Railroad Employés, Work among Soldiers and Sailors, Legislation and Petitions, and such other as the needs of the locality seem to call for and recommended by the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

The regular meeting of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting in the month shall be largely a devotional meeting. If possible mass meetings shall be held quarterly.

The Executive and other Committees shall meet as often as deemed advisable.

ARTICLE V.—QUORUM.

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

ARTICLE VI.—DELEGATES TO THE PROVINCIAL UNION.

Delegates to the Provincial Union are received on the following basis :—Two for each Union and one additional delegate for every ten paying members of each Union. The expenses of general officers for postage, stationery, &c., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling expenses of delegates to Annual Convention, shall, where at all practicable, be borne by the Union sending those delegates.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Devotional Exercises.
Reading Minutes of Last Meeting.
Treasurer's Report.
Unfinished Business.
Reception of Communications.
Reports of Committees.
Reading of Paper on Temperance Question.
Discussion.
Regular Course of Reading.
Discussion.
Miscellaneous Business.
Adjournment.

