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*Of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Provincial Woman's
Christian Temperance Union, of Ontario, held in
Milton, October 17th, 18th, and 19th, 1882.*

TUESDAY EVENING, October 17th.

A reception was held in Knox Church, (Presbyterian,) to welcome the delegates. Rev. Mr. Cameron, Pastor of the Church presided. An address of welcome as given below was read by Mrs. James Harrison, President of the Milton Union :

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mrs. President and Christian Ladies :

I am happy to have the honor, on behalf of the Ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Milton, of extending to you a most hearty welcome, not only to our rural Town, but to our homes and to our hearts. We greet you as coming from various Churches of our fair Dominion whose sympathy is very dear to us; to aid us by your counsel and prayers in this glorious work of reform; by conferring together may we be stimulated to more earnest prayer to Him who alone is able to bless us in our labour of love. To our homes we welcome you, with hearts rejoiced for your presence here, and for your work's sake. I trust that throughout these meetings we will be strengthened, and encouraged to a more determined warfare against intemperance, and that we will have a delightful, refreshing, and instructive time in paving the way to good, practical work for the ensuing year. We welcome you to our County Town, it being the only one in the Province of Ontario in which the doors of temptation are closed; hoping before many years to see the Total Prohibition Banner waving a long farewell to the legalized liquor traffic. Yet our work is not fully consummated as we have combined forces to contend with; the opposition parties are united in their efforts to make the C. T. Act unpopular; invested as they are with an unlimited amount of means; many of whom are unprincipled, regardless of truth or Christianity. Notwithstanding their united efforts we feel the conscious assurance that we have right on our side, and it must prevail, knowing that He who is for us is more than all that are against us. Though we may have to wait patiently and work diligently in this great harvest field, aided by the Spirit of the Master, we seek to lift up the fallen, rescue the perishing, and above all, try to save the young from being drawn into the whirlpool of Intemperance. We feel that in this great conflict we need to be girded with the whole armour; our hearts filled

with love to God, that we each in our humble sphere may go forth to work more earnestly in this great Temperance Reform, knowing that our labour will not be in vain in the Lord. The question may be asked, why this interference of women? are the men not able to contend with this evil? We would simply answer the question, women are the innocent sufferers. How can christian women sit still and be quiet, while women's cries for help are in their ears. Holy women whose hearts have bled over the wrongs of others, have tested the power of prayer, as Hagar in the wilderness, and fountains have gushed forth and rocky hearts have been smitten and broken, and have sent forth streams which still run on to bless the nation.

Dear Sisters, do we not need daily to come to the fountain in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to work more efficiently for God and home and native Land. Though we are not permitted yet to poll our votes, "are we not a power." It has been admitted by the opposition that they were more alarmed by those praying women, than by the sterner sex. We frequently hear very eloquent denunciations of Ladies becoming unwomanly by the active part taken by them in the Temperance work. In doing so we think they have forgotten our good Queen Victoria who for more than forty years has stood at the head of the most powerful empire of earth, without even awakening the slightest suspicion that she has in any degree abdicated or abandoned her womanhood by discharging the various duties of her position as Sovereign of the realm. And descending to a more humble sphere, of a Florence Nightingale, and of many others, who like her, forsook elegant homes to dwell in camps and hospitals to alleviate the carnage of civil war. It may be said, this was in order to care for the sick and wounded soldiers, such is women's peculiar sphere, as an angel of mercy to suffering humanity. If women can properly leave their homes on errands of benevolence and dwell amid the thunders of battle and scenes of mortal distress, why may they not if need be leave their homes on other errands of mercy and beneficence. What if it should be her mission to remove stumbling-blocks out of the way of the feeble or bind up the wounds inflicted by a giant evil far worse than war. Or to rescue women and children from the lowest depths of degradation and wretchedness, or to pluck helpless, struggling, immortal spirits from the eternal burnings, or to ransom the drunkard from his bonds of living death, and bring him back to hope and joy. May she not go forth to such labours as these. Or who would say that Elizabeth Fry became unwomanly by carrying messages of light and salvation into the horrible dungeons of Europe. All honor then we say to our noble, zealous, persevering and indefatigable lady president who has for several years through difficulties and opposition sustained not only with acceptance but with so much success her important position. We have learnt to regard her as our Deborah to lead us on to victory. We rejoice to

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learn that in Kansas during the eighteen months of prohibition that the population has increased a hundred thousand, and Governor, St John, declares that this increase is mostly made up of the very best citizens that have ever come to the state. The only decrease in population are to be found in the jails and reformatories. We are also delighted and encouraged that the Temperance cause is growing more and more popular, when such as Ex-President Hayes and Lady, of the adjoining republic had the courage to banish intoxicants from the White House, during their presidency, and it was said that never were such brilliant banquets given their before; also our own Prime Minister's Lady has had the courage to ignore those social usages of society which lead to ruin so many precious souls. Just here we would like to impress every wife and mother that each drop of liquor used in their homes whether as a beverage, or in cooking, or for any of the many ailments which flesh is heir to, is helping on this traffic. We feel thankful that the Temperance agitation is not confined to our own Dominion and the adjoining Republic, but also in Europe some of the brightest and most influential minds are becoming aroused to the importance of this great question; only last month the third International Conference of Temperance workers was held in London England. The delegates represented England, France, Germany, and Italy. The main topic of discussion was the best methods of conducting the Temperance Reform on the Continent of Europe. The King of Belgium returned thanks to the Conference for the Temperance Literature that had been presented to him. Our loyal hearts have been stirred with gratitude to God for the success in Egypt of our British troops. The old Lion has again returned victorious. We trust, dear Sisters, we are marshalled under the standard of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, "who will break every chain and give us the victory again and again."

Mrs. Tilton, of Ottawa, on behalf of the delegates responded as follows:

Mrs. Harrison, and Ladies of the Woman's Christian Union, of Milton:

On behalf of the Provincial Union now assembled at its Annual Meeting, I thank you for your cordial and hospitable reception extended as it is, not only to each delegate, but to all whose privilege it is to be present. We thank you for that greeting to your "hearts and homes" so pleasantly referred to in your address—a greeting which at once unites us—recognizing, as it does, the oneness of sympathy and love which the "Author and Finisher" of the faith, grafts in the hearts of all true believers. With you, we earnestly trust that the stimulating power of the "Christian's vital breath," may be the means in a greater degree of promoting the success of the work in which this Union is engaged, and that not only this, but every annual meeting of temperance workers may bear abundant evidence of the increase, throughout the world of total abstinence. Your County Town has been wisely

selected as our place of meeting for this year, giving our workers the rare opportunity of seeing the good results accruing from the operation of the "Canada Temperance Act,"—an Act however imperfect it may appear to some, if honestly administered, must commend itself to all sincere workers in the cause of Temperance. When our responsible representatives having placed it upon the Statute Books, and the highest legal authority in England have pronounced it constitutional, it becomes the duty of a law-abiding people to aid its adoption and effective working. As workers and citizens of the Dominion, who would like to have the country freed from intoxicants, we accept the best law Canada has yet possessed, for the control of the liquor traffic, looking with hope to the future for further legislation, having for its final aim, prohibition. When our Queen's influence as a wife and mother has so powerfully entered into the "hearts and homes" of the world, we cannot but lament the reproach cast upon the nation she so lovingly governs, by the reply of the Zulu King to the request of the Temperance deputation that waited upon him during his recent visit in London. He was asked to use his influence in prohibiting the sale of liquors in his domain, Cetawayu. Through his interpreter, he replied, "When England allows it to be brought into my country I cannot prevent the sale," and we feel similarly situated, when such quantities are imported and manufactured in our fair Dominion. But, as Christian Women, we believe there is a power able to do far above what we can ask or think; to that power we are looking, and to the faithfulness of His church and people. Cannon Farrar says, "If Buddhism has succeeded in making China a sober nation; if Islamism has succeeded in making Mahomedan lands temperate, surely the Church of God should blush that she had not done so much." We appeal to all who profess the Christian faith, not only to exercise a living faith in a living Father in this work of rescuing our country and our countrymen from intemperance, but to use the best means put into our hands for a deliverance from this serfdom. Every blessing will rise upon efforts made to eradicate intoxicants from our midst. Let us discountenance the use both in and out of our homes, and above all educate our children to shun the evil. The importance of the introduction of reliable Temperance text books in our public schools cannot be over-estimated, and may this Union seek every opportunity of impressing upon our educational authorities the necessity for this step. Your words of encouragement to "go forward," are cheering to our hearts. Similar organizations in England and the United States have far more to contend with than we have. England possesses no "Sunday Law," no early closing restrictions—the customs of society are very different; their drinking saloons, with doors always ajar, are the resort of men, women and even children. Yet the President of the British Women's Temperance Association, in her Annual Address, says she sees much to con-

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The Chairman then called on Mr. Fox, Secretary of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, who gave the following address from that Association:

Mrs. President, and Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario:—

It falls my pleasant duty as Secretary of the Halton Prohibition Alliance to extend to you a hearty welcome to our town and county. While my words on this occasion must be few, I beg you to accept them as expressing the cordial greetings and glad welcome which the members of our alliance and citizens generally are pleased to extend to you. You come among us as strangers, and while some of your number are young in the work, the names of others have been familiar as household words these many years. It seems peculiarly fitting that your Convention should assemble in this, the only county in this fair province which is freed from the curse of a legalized liquor traffic. As you review the work of

the past, and consider the necessities and duties of the present, and devise the best methods for harmonious and effective work in the future, we pray that you may be enabled to touch strings that shall vibrate through all the land, and result in awakening a new and deeper interest in this grand cause. Over 1800 years ago as our Lord and Master stepped forth from his rock bound sepulchre among the Easter glories of the garden, He commissioned a woman to go and tell the story of the resurrection. The Marys were not sent forth on any quest of knight-errantry. They were not called to unsex themselves, or to do aught that the most fastidious taste could disapprove or consider inappropriate. Their commission was simply to "tell the brethren," their brethren, and his brethren, the wonderful tidings that Christ had broken the power of the evil-one and that his captives might go free. During the past year in your local unions you have been "telling the brethren" in faithful earnestness and prayerful faith, the old, old story of a Saviour's love and power to save; and to-night the memories of your toil and weariness, your struggles and discouragements, your plans and failures, fade away before the great love of Him who like a pillar of cloud has shielded you from the heat of the day, and like a pillar of fire has guided you through the night of disappointment. The result of work for souls comes not with outward observation, but this we know, that thousands upon thousands of redeemed men on this continent stand to-day in the liberty wherewith Christ has made them free, who reached that place of freedom directly or indirectly through the efforts of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. In thousands of homes once desolated by the liquor curse, home lights and altar fires are now burning which owe their kindling or rekindling to your Union. The human lives thus rescued from degradation and sin are flowing in healthful channels through the body politic, enriching and invigorating business, society and the church. To-night we may by the ear of faith catch the glad strains of many who having crossed the river, are praising God for the influence of your work. Your enemy and our enemy is strong, cruel and determined, fertile in expedients and almost unlimited in resources, having on his side all the selfishness, all the sensuality, all the self-indulgence of unprincipled men. But, thank God, you can look upward and realize that greater is He that is for you than all that can be against you,

"For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day shall win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

As one branch of the great Temperance army we extend to you the right hand of fellowship, and heartily join in returning thanks to Almighty God for having owned and blessed your labors. While we all share in the toil, and lay courses in our turn, you occupy the post of honour, even the watchman's post, upon the almost completed battlements, and as your eyes look out above the conflict and the toil, and

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through the smoke and clouds which roll heavily over and around the workmen, you are able to tell the brethren in answer to their question, "What of the night?" "Courage! the morning, the everlasting morning is close at hand." For the great struggle, let us gird ourselves anew, that we may strike mightier blows against this evil which threatens the peace and prosperity of so many homes, and aims its deadly shafts at the life of the nation. Again we bid you welcome, thrice welcome, as you come to hold your grand council of war in our midst, and we trust you will resolve to fight till the last stronghold of intemperance shall surrender, and the last victim of the accursed appetite for strong drink shall be delivered from the terrible bondage of the wine cup.

Brief addresses were also delivered by Dr. Robinson, M. P. P., and the Rev. D. L. Brethour. Mrs. Youmans, in her own happy manner, thanked the different speakers for their kind greetings. The speeches were interspersed with excellent music by the united Choirs of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, which added much to the enjoyment of all present. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

Wednesday, 9 a. m., Methodist Church.

Devotional exercises were conducted for half an hour by the President, Mrs. Letitia Youmans. The President's Address was next on the programme, but at the request of the Convention was deferred till more were present.

The Recording Secretary, Miss A. Orchard, then read the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, which were confirmed.

The roll of delegates was called by the Recording Secretary; the following answered:

Mrs. M. S. Fawcett, Scarborough.

Mrs. D. B. Chisholm, Mrs. E. VanAllen, Mrs. E. Hilton, Miss Smith, and Mrs. Middleton, Hamilton.

Mrs. Kengey, Dundas.

Miss A. Orchard, Mrs. Thomas White, and Mrs. J. R. Cavers, Brantford.

Mrs. H. F. Bridge-man, Smithville.

Mrs. A. Andrew, Kincardine.

Mrs. G. A. Chrysler, Mrs. G. S. Wait, St. George.

Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. T. Houston, Sarnia.

Mrs. VanAllen, Chatham.

Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Alexander, Ottawa.

Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Rutherford, Toronto.

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Madames Johnson, Harrison, Brethour, Cameron, A. Willmott, Anderson, James Harrison, and Misses Willmott and Bowes, Milton.

The President then appointed Mrs. Chisholm and Mrs. Fawcett a Committee on nominating Committees.

The Convention joined in singing, "I need Thee every hour," after which the President delivered her Address, which she prefaced by stating that the formation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was no reflection on the work done by other Temperance organizations. She spoke of the great importance of having the children properly educated in temperance principles, and of the necessity of having some text-book on the nature and effect of alcoholic liquors on the human system introduced into the Public Schools, and urged on the delegates the importance of seeking the co-operation of the Public School teachers of the various localities in the temperance work. She referred to the fact that twenty years ago the temperance people of Maine began their work with the children, and the boys of that day are now filling all the important offices of the State. She spoke of the great importance of thorough organization, and of the influence of local temperance papers and camp meetings in moulding temperance sentiment, deplored the fact that intoxicating drinks were publicly exposed for sale at many of the agricultural fairs of the country, and recommended the local unions to memorialise the officers of the various municipal and county societies to prohibit the sale in their grounds; thought that a special effort should be made to have the canteens removed from volunteer camps. Many young men drink their first glass while preparing themselves to defend and protect our homes and country. The beer and cider question was one deserving of consideration, and the speaker urged the importance of more pledgesigning at public meetings, and of forming juvenile organizations in every school section. She would encourage the children to read and think for themselves by offering a prize for the best essay on the effect of alcohol and kindred subjects.

A very interesting and profitable conversation ensued until twelve o'clock, when the Convention sang the Doxology, Rev. Mr. Brethour closing with the benediction.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Tilton.

The Minutes of the previous Session were read and confirmed.

Invitations were then received for holding the Convention, next year, from Ottawa, Chatham, and Hamilton.

The Committee on Nominating Committees then presented their report, which was adopted as a whole. (See Officers and Committees for 1882-83.)

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The Corresponding Secretary then presented the following, which was adopted.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We meet to-day in our yearly gathering. Another year with its toils, cares and anxieties, hopes and fears, lights and shadows of our especial work being ended. It has been asked - and not by our enemies, but by our friends, What are your Unions accomplishing? What is the result of all your efforts? Now we claim that though our work may have been unnoticed and seemingly insignificant, yet is it none the less helpful to the temperance cause, and beneficial to the community. It would be simply impossible to give a full report of the work done by the different auxiliaries during the year, and we leave details for the Secretaries of the Unions, and shall just glance at some of the features of our work.

A systematic "Plan of work" was prepared just at the commencement of the year, and a determined effort made to extend the work, and increase the number of Unions, and with this object in view the President travelled extensively through the counties north and west of Toronto, holding meetings and organizing Unions, and the result was an addition of twenty Unions, to the number already existing. Some of these early became discouraged, because as one Secretary wrote me, "We did not know how to go to work," and discontinued their meetings. In other places finding it impossible to sustain two separate temperance organizations they became merged into Gospel Temperance Clubs. - However this was not the case with all and some of these newly organized Unions have good reports to give, having organized Bands of Hope and Juvenile Unions, of which there are twenty two reported, besides Pledge Cards in the Sunday School. Somebody has said, "that it is because the Sabbath Schools of the past failed in its duty, our work to-day is hindered, and countless numbers of weak tempted men and women encouraged to go on in the fatal path of moderate drinking." But whatever failures may have existed in the past, earnest prayerful efforts are being made to educate the youth of our day to shun the path of the destroyer. There is no temptation before us that so affects us in every relation of life, compared with the evil of strong drink, and if total abstinence principles are early and strongly inculcated, may we not hope that, with the blessing of God, the good work will prosper more abundantly in the coming years, and that intemperance, the curse of our land, will be a thing of the past.

Out of thirty-six Unions we have returns from only twenty. In these there are over six hundred members. Some seven hundred meetings have been held - meetings for business and prayer - with an average attendance of eleven members; the prayers that have thus been offered daily, weekly or monthly for the success of the temperance cause, cannot

be computed, but who can doubt but they have been heard, and will be answered in His own time and way. The same may be said of the Gospel Temperance Meeting, who can sum up the results? We do not feel that we are able to give an adequate impression of the good which has been accomplished by them during the year, but while this is not possible, we must believe that the influence attending all these efforts have been beneficial to some who may have been without home ties, or good influence of any sort. May not these Gospel Meetings have been to some poor wayfarer a "place of refuge," and as the "shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

Early in June it was thought advisable to bring our work more especially before the Ministers of the different denominations in their yearly gatherings. Accordingly brief memorials were sent to the London and Toronto Conferences of the Methodist Church, and to the Presbyterian Assembly, asking their sympathy with us in our work, and aid in extending it. Then later in the summer a stronger memorial was presented to the General Conference of the Methodist Church which was acknowledged in the Report of the Committee of Temperance in this wise: "thankful for woman's services in the past, we would especially commend to the Church for recognition, sympathy and co-operation, that excellent and efficient organization known as the W. C. T. U."

We are sorry to have to report a decrease in the membership of several of the Unions, and perhaps this is not to be wondered at, considering the obstacles that stand in the way. That there are difficulties in the way none will deny. Hence the need of a fixed purpose to persevere, a bold spirit of determination to maintain the right, and a calm trust in God to vindicate the cause. Notwithstanding this decrease in some localities, no department of our special work has been lost sight of—the first of which is "individual work among the victims of intemperance," and as one of the ladies writes, "this is not done in our strength, but trusting in Him who is ready to help us, we make the effort." In this way we trust souls may be won for Christ. Then, influencing persons to sign the pledge, and distributing temperance literature, is regularly done, and in this, the nineteenth century, none can plead ignorance in reference to the great question of total abstinence, if they will only come to the light and seek to know the truth by reading literature in which we have the best thoughts of men of undoubted piety, who are permeating society with temperance material calculated to build up temperance sentiment.

Such is a review of our work during this year. It may not be all we would desire; but let us not be discouraged, remembering the promise, "Fear them not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I, the Lord thy God, will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee."

M. S. FAWCETT.

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The Treasurer's Report was next on the programme, and it is as follows :

Annual Statement of the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union, for 1881 and 1882.
RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	\$37 59
Ottawa Union 181,	2 50
Per Mrs. Youmans,	1 00
Collection at Chaplain Searles' Lecture,	39 00
Collection at Prof. Foster's Lecture,	25 00
Affiliation Fees, Watford,	1 50
" " Exeter,	3 10
" " Brampton,	5 00
" " Dundas,	1 35
" " Brantford,	3 00
" " Burlington,	2 00
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" " Milton,	3 00
" " St. Catharines,	2 00
" " Chatham,	1 00
" " Thorold,	2 60
" " Sarnia,	1 10
" " Ottawa,	5 40
" " Clinton,	1 75
" " Amhurstburg,	3 00
" " Hamilton,	5 00
" " St. George,	2 30
" " Toronto,	3 00
" " Goderich,	1 00

EXPENDITURE.

Travelling expenses for executive, Mrs. Youmans,	\$12 00
" " " Mrs. Fawcett,	4 75
" " " Mrs. Cowan,	4 45
" " " Miss Phelps,	4 50
Mr. Carman, for Printing,	5 00
Advertising the Annual Meeting in London,	4 00
" " " Free Press,	3 98
Stationery, etc., in London,	1 30
Chaplain Searles,	40 00
Prof. Foster,	15 00
Sending cheque,	25
Caretaker Congregational Church in London,	1 00
" " St. Andrew's Church,	2 00
Stationery to Mrs. Chisholm,	3 50
Postage for Treasurer,	85
Mrs. Fawcett, for Postage, Certificates, Constitution,	14 25

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Balance on hand,

MRS. COWAN TREASURER.

FAWCETT.

On a motion the report was adopted.

Report of "Plan of Work" Committee was then given by Mrs. Chisholm :—

In accordance with instructions given by the Provincial Union, at last Annual Meeting, October, 1881, your Committee immediately prepared a Plan of Work and Finance Card for the use of Local Unions, and sent samples to every Union in Ontario, asking them, after mature deliberation, to designate, if possible, the branches of work issued in the "Plan of Work" they would undertake. Answers were received from nearly all the Unions and their particular work designated. We find the summary of work as recommended in the "Plan of Work," is as follows :

Bands of Hope, 19 ; using D. C. Cook's Manual, 4 ; using Miss Coleman's, 3 ; S. L. Unions, 1 ; Prayer Meetings, all Unions, Mothers' Meetings, 1 ; Personal Visitations by very few Unions ; Coffee Rooms, 10 ; Reading Rooms, 1 ; Loan Libraries, 3 ; Distributing Literature, 10. Seven Unions only have written for Finance Cards and Envelopes, namely : Trenton, 50c ; Exeter, \$1.18 ; Brampton, 50c ; Brantford, \$1.93 ; Dundas, \$1.40 ; Chatham, 28c ; Hamilton, \$6.00. Total, \$11.79.

Contributions to the Lecture Fund are as follows : Burlington, \$5.75 ; Chatham, \$7.00 ; Brampton, \$4.00 ; London, \$6.50 ; Exeter, \$4.65 ; Newmarket, \$1.00 ; Hamilton, \$10.00 ; Brantford, \$3.25 ; Ottawa, \$13.25 ; Dundas, \$4.00. Total, \$59.40. Expenditure : To 500 Circulars, \$4.35 ; 3000 Cards, \$12.60 ; 6000 Envelopes, \$9.00 ; Postage and Envelopes, \$12.80. Total, \$38.75. Total receipts, \$71.19. Leaving a balance on hand of \$32.44, paid to Mrs. Youmans. Mrs. Youmans, under the direction of this Committee, addressed 106 public meetings, 18 children's meetings, 25 ladies' meetings, and formed 20 new Unions.

MRS. D. B. CHISHOLM, Convener of Com.
MRS. PRATT,
MRS. KEAGEY.

Mrs. G. A. Chrysler then read a paper on "The importance of teaching Temperance principles to children."

The Convention adjourned at four o'clock.

At half past four, a mass meeting of the children was held in the Methodist Church. Seven minute addresses were delivered by Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. Harrison and Rev. D. L. Brethour, which was interspersed with music by the children.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

A public mass meeting was held in the Methodist Church, which was crowded to the doors. Rev. D. L. Brethour occupied the chair,

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Mrs. Youmans delivered her celebrated address on "Rebuilding the Walls."

THURSDAY, NINE A. M.

The Convention was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Anderson, of Milton. The Question Drawer was then opened by the President. Only a few questions had been deposited and they were satisfactorily answered by the different Ladies the President called on.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed.

The Committee on Constitution and By Laws then reported. (See Constitution at back of Report.)

Moved by Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by Mrs. Rutherford, and resolved, That the report be adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows :

1882. RECEIPTS AT CONVENTION.	
Oct. 18. To balance on hand,	\$40 35
By donation from Mrs. and Miss Johnson,	
Ottawa for the Sale,	6 00
By collections at Mass Meetings,	28 48
Sale Table,	19 98
Hamilton Y. L. Union,	1 50
24. " Donation from St. Thomas for Sale,	5 00

Total,

\$101 31

EXPENDITURE.

Expenses of Executive,	\$28 15
Lectures,	20 00
Postages, Stationery, Advertising, &c.,	10 00
Caretakers of Churches,	3 00

Total,

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Leaving a balance on hand,

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MRS. KEAGEY.

Moved by Mrs. Keagey, seconded by Mrs. Fawcett, and resolved, That the report be adopted.

Report of Literature Committee :

The Committee will endeavor to keep themselves informed of all the best Temperance Literature ; and Unions wishing any information about suitable literature can obtain it by writing to Mrs. Ed. Hilton, George Street, Hamilton. We would urge every Union to make a speciality of Tract distribution, and all kinds of Temperance Literature.

Adopted.

MRS. CAVERS, Convener of Com.

Report of Committee on "Resolutions" and "Plan of Work."

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That this Provincial Union tenders its hearty congratulations to the citizens of Halton County for the success of their efforts in the adoption of the Canada Temperance Act, which has been a source of great encouragement to all the Counties and cities agitating for its adoption in the different parts of this Province.

2. That this Union reiterates the convictions expressed by the Convention last year of the great importance of the introduction of the study of alcohol and its effects in connection with hygiene by the teachers and scholars of the Public and Normal Schools of Ontario.

3. That we are in hearty accord with the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance in its efforts to obtain from the Ontario Legislature such amendments to the present Crook's Act as shall separate the sale of liquor in shops from all other articles; as shall make it a standing offence to sell liquor to minors, and shall limit the number of licensed houses to one for every 800 or 1000 inhabitants.

4. That this Union hails with delight the fact that the Grand Trunk officials prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors in all the restaurants along their line, and we would further urge in the interest of the travelling public that they would advance another step and prohibit the sale of all intoxicating drinks.

5. That this Union extends a vote of thanks to all Railroad officials who have kindly reduced the fare to delegates attending this Convention.

6. That we heartily deprecate the unnecessary use of alcoholic liquors in medical practice, and note with gratitude the fact that each year the number of physicians who exclude them from their practice is increasing, and recommend that as far as possible the subject be brought before the Provincial Medical Association.

PLAN OF WORK.

Your Committee on "Plan of Work" would recommend in consideration of the great care and labor bestowed upon the plan for last year's work, that with few alterations it be tried for another year, with a determination on the part of Local Unions to give more effectual aid in complying with the suggestions made therein.

To the Women's Christian Temperance Unions of the Province of Ontario.

(A CIRCULAR LETTER TO BE READ AT A FULL MEETING OF THE UNION.)

DEAR SISTERS,—At the Annual Meeting of the W. C. T. U., held in Milton, Oct. 18th and 19th, 1882, the following was adopted as a

PLAN OF WORK.

(a) PROVINCIAL.

1st.—That this Provincial Union shall employ some person or persons whose time shall be devoted to lecture, work and the organization of Unions and Bands of Hope.

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2nd.—That a Committee be appointed who shall have sole direction of this lecture work—to be called the Lecture and Work Committee.

3rd.—That the Committee be empowered to prepare a finance card, for the use of Local Unions, with instructions how to use it.

4th.—That Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Keagry and Mrs. Chrysler be the Lecture and Work Committee.

5th.—That this Union authorise the Committee to engage Mrs. Youmans and Mrs. Andrews for the Lecture and Organizing Work.

6th.—That in each County, if possible, a County Union be organized.

(b) LOCAL.

1st.—Work among the children, including introduction of pledge and temperance lessons in Sabbath Schools. Formation of Bands of Hope for regular weekly instruction in the elementary principles of temperance. The organization of Mission Schools in larger towns and cities for those who, as a rule, attend no Sabbath School.

We recommend for the juvenile work the use of Dr. Ridge's Temperance Primer, Dr. Inghram's Temperance Reader, Dr. Richardson's Text Book, Miss Coleman's Manual and Alcohol and Hygiene, D. C. Cooke's cheap Manuals and Library Books, which may be purchased from the Literature Committee of our Provincial Union. Address, Mrs. Ed. Hilton, George Street, Hamilton, for Circulars and Price Lists, and Samples and Books.

Occasional entertainments, to which parents and friends are invited, do very much to encourage the children and cheer the teachers in their work.

2nd.—YOUNG LADIES' UNIONS.—In these unions the principal object will be to uproot the social custom of drinking. Young ladies have this greatly in their power. Work among the children might be largely given into their hands. Social entertainments given from time to time, to which young people are invited who are not avowedly on the side of temperance, and at which papers prepared by the members of the Union may be read, would prove of great interest. Y. W. C. T. Unions would be entitled to all the privileges of the W. C. T. Unions in sending delegates to the Annual Meeting of the O. W. C. T. U.

3rd.—Work of the Woman's Unions. (a) Prayer meetings at least once a month. It would be well at these meetings to have a Scripture Reading by one of the members, or by one of the resident ministers, bearing on Christian work. (b) Gospel Temperance meetings at stated times. (c) Mothers meetings. (d) Meetings in prisons and jails. (e) Personal visitation and pledge canvass. (f) Introducing Temperance text books into the schools. (g) Establishing Reading Rooms and coffee houses where practicable. (h) Inducing Church authorities to use non-intoxicating wine at the communion table. (i)

Formation of Loan Libraries. (j) Reading papers on topics assigned, and discussion thereupon at certain meetings. (k) Inducing resident physicians to use greater care in the prescription of alcoholic liquors. (l) Distribution of temperance literature. A full supply of suitable literature is kept on hand by the Literature Committee. For price list, samples, etc., address, Mrs. Ed. Hilton, George Street, Hamilton.

4th.—The accompanying Finance Card explains itself. They can be used by your Union in raising funds for your work and for the Lecture Fund. Let your Committee take these cards, enclose one in an envelope and send to each person, or take them personally. Then, in a few days, gather them up, and supply the persons pledging with twelve envelopes and directions where to deposit them each month. In some places a box might be taken in the Post Office for this purpose, or you may call for them through your Committee of Canvass. Cards can be furnished at 50 cts. per hundred, and envelopes at \$1.50 per thousand.

The Committee has, in accordance with the above plan, secured the services of Mrs. Letitia Youmans, of Picton, and Mrs. Andrews, of Kincardine, Ontario. Their engagements are made in each county by this Committee in conjunction with the Superintendent of the County.

It is earnestly requested that where there are Unions they will exert all their influence to secure good meetings for Mrs. Youmans and Mrs. Andrews.

Any further information on any of the above subjects may be had on application to any member of the committee.

[SIGNED,]

MRS. TILTON,

Convener of Com., Ottawa.

MRS. KEAGEY, DUNDAS.

MRS. G. A. CHRYSLER, ST. GEORGE.

On a motion the report was adopted.

Report of Sabbath School Temperance Work Committee:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to do our utmost to get the pledge introduced into all Sabbath Schools in our localities. Also, that we recommend the Provincial Union to appoint a deputation to bring the matter of introducing pledge cards to the Sabbath Schools before the notice of the Provincial Convention Meeting, to be held in Brampton next week.

MRS. ANDREWS, Convener of Com.

On a motion the report was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Chisholm, seconded by Mrs. MacMillan, and resolved, That Mrs. Andrews be a delegate to the S. S. Convention in Brampton next week.

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The election of Officers then took place. (See Officers for 1882-3.)

Moved by Miss Bowes, seconded by Mrs. Keagey, and resolved, That owing to the great services rendered this Union ever since its formation by the retiring President, Mrs. Youmans, she be made a life member of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Youmans moved, That we extend to the Ministerial Association now assembled, greetings and our hearty co-operation with them in their work.

The Convention then adjourned.

TWO P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Harrison.

The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

Reports from Local Unions were then called for:

Brantford, Exeter, Dundas Mrs. Keagey reported a good work done by distributing literature and through their Loan Library, Ottawa, Hamilton Young Woman's Union, Goderich, Sarnia, St. Catharines, Toronto, Milton, Chatham, Hamilton, St. Thomas, Wallaceburg, County of Carleton, County of Lincoln. Mrs. Bridgeman reported that there had been no Unions formed because Gospel Temperance Societies seemed to work better in the country: there are several of them all doing well. County of Bruce Mrs. Andrews reported they intend having Mrs. Youman's lecture through the County, and then try and form Unions. A Band of Hope and G. T. Club had been started in Kincardine. (See Reports of Unions.)

Mrs. Cowan then read a paper on "Prayer and Consecration."

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. Rutherford, and Resolved, That we prepare a petition to the Ontario Legislature to separate the sale of liquors from anything else. The preparation of the petition to be left to the sub-Committee of the Executive Board.

Where shall we meet next year?

Moved by Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Miss Bowes, that we meet in Ottawa.

Moved by Mrs. VanAllen, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence, in amendment, that we meet in Chatham.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, That we meet in Hamilton.

The amendment was withdrawn in favor of Ottawa.

The original motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Andrews, seconded by Mrs. VanAllen, That the Executive Board prepare a platform whereby G. T. Associations may be admitted to our Conventions.

Moved in amendment, That a committee composed of Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Bridgeman and Mrs. Andrews, take the matter into consideration and report at next annual meeting. Carried.

A letter from Mr. Ranton, of "The Crusader," was then read, offering to continue our space in that paper on the same terms as last year. Referred to Committee on Literature.

On a motion it was resolved that the Reports be published in pamphlet form, and that 600 be printed. The Recording Secretary to prepare them.

On a motion, Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the W. C. T. U., and citizens of Milton, to Pastors and officers of the Churches kindly giving us the use of their Churches; the Choir who have so freely given their services; Mr. Fee who has so ably reported for us, and to all who have in any way attributed to our pleasure.

A hearty vote of thanks was also tendered Mrs. Somerville for her services as Editress last year.

On a motion, Mrs. Youmans and Mrs. Fawcett were appointed delegates to the British Woman's Temperance Society to meet in May next.

Mrs. Andrews then submitted a letter of introduction and a memorial to be presented to the S. S. Convention. She also moved that Mrs. Chisholm be associated with her to attend that Convention. Approved.

Mr. Johnson Harrison, President of Halton Branch of the Dominion Alliance, was then introduced, and addressed the Convention on the working of the Canada Temperance Act.

Mrs. Tilton moved the following resolution, That this Convention, recognizing the faithfulness and ability with which Mrs. Youmans has always performed the duties devolving upon her as President of the Ontario W. C. T. U., we do put upon record on her retirement as President, our highest appreciation of her earnestness—her persevering effort—her prayerful and devoted influence—which has done so much in establishing the work in which the women of this Convention are engaged. And that in her new position as life member of the Executive Board she may be spared many years in encouraging her fellow workers by her sympathy, and to forcibly convince the indifferent and ignorant of the necessity of a decisive course in the principles of temperance and prohibition. Carried unanimously.

Shall the Sale commence this year be made an annual one? Yes. If we wish to extend our work and do it effectively we must have funds. The Sale was so successful this year that the Convention decided to make it an annual affair. We would ask that the Unions remember this during the year, and next fall be prepared to send some useful or fancy articles for the Sale Table.

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Business being finished, the President called on Mrs. Youmans to close with prayer.

In the evening a mass meeting was held in Knox Church. Rev. Mr. Cameron presided. Rev. Mr. Laidlaw, of Hamilton, addressed the meeting on "The influence of Total abstinence on the World's Progress." The meeting closed with the benediction.

REPORTS OF UNIONS.

BRANTFORD.

In presenting a brief report of our labours during the past year, we express our thankfulness for being permitted to work in this great cause. Although not so much has been accomplished as we would like to see, yet we believe good has been done—results of which will only be known in eternity. Our Union numbers thirty-five members, with an average attendance of ten at our business meetings, which are held once a fortnight. The Gospel Temperance Meetings are held weekly in Wickliffe Hall. We generally have an address from one of the Ministers of the city each evening. A few months since we gave up our old room and moved to larger and more central quarters in the Y. M. C. A. Building. In July we divided the city into districts for the distribution of Gospel and Temperance Literature—two Ladies taking a street. The visitors report that they are well received as a rule. At the end of last year we suggested to the Superintendents of the different S. Schools in the city the introduction of Pledge Cards into the Schools. Some had them already; another has adopted them; the rest we have not heard from. A petition to the Lieut. Governor and Legislature for amendments to the Licensing Act, etc., was taken up by our Union and 950 signatures obtained. During April, Mrs. Youman's was with us for a week. A mass meeting was held in Brant Avenue Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. Meetings were held in the country during the week, closing with a public meeting in Wickliffe Hall. In May a deputation from our Union waited upon the Brant County Teachers at their Convention, when a paper was read urging them to give Temperance a prominent place in the tuition of the young.

Our Union engaged Mr. John R. Clark, of Michigan, for a series of lectures in September, which were well attended, the large hall being crowded at each meeting. The Band of Hope has 300 names on the roll, with an average attendance of 75. The meetings were suspended during the holidays, but resumed a week ago. About 150 persons have signed our pledge during the past year. Respectfully submitted.

J. R. CAVERS, Secretary.

EXETER.

In presenting to you our first report, I take great pleasure in stating that the Exeter W. C. T. U. was organized on the 1st of Dec., 1881. At that meeting, twenty two became members. Our numbers have not increased very rapidly, as we have at present only thirty members. Although not many in number we worked zealously and harmoniously together, and very soon awakened an interest in the cause of Temperance which hitherto did not exist. At our fourth meeting it was resolved that a petition be presented to the ratepayers to the effect that the liquor be separated from the grocery stores, and the number of hotels be reduced. At first we met with a great deal of opposition, but after working and persevering, we finally succeeded in getting the prayer of the petition granted. Immediately after we held a very successful Temperance entertainment, which deepened the interest already manifested. Our pledge book has a large number of signatures. We have secured Temperance Tracts and Papers to the amount of \$13.00. Through our efforts three Bands of Hope have been organized in connection with the Methodist Bible Christian and Presbyterian Churches. The W. C. T. U. provided each Band with Certificates. We have a committee for the purpose of visiting the homes of the destitute and inebriate. We hold our meetings every two weeks.

MISS J. A. SPICER, Secretary.

OTTAWA.

We have Sunday afternoon Temperance meetings, and one at 8.30 p. m. in June, immediately at the close of the Church Sessions. A weekly Band of Hope or Temperance School. Distributing Temperance Literature in the markets and public places. Influencing the Press, a half column secured weekly in one of the daily papers. Having an entertainment of some kind every month; a lecture, a newsboys' tea, a luncheon to the Dominion Alliance Delegates, an evening of readings and recitations, a conversazione, etc. Two evening meetings for lady teachers in the public schools in order to interest them in Temperance work. Papers written on different subjects in connection with our different work, viz.: On "Our Pledge," "Woman's influence," "Jail work," "Temperance in Public Schools," "Bands of Hope." The vice-presidents have each endeavored to work in their own denominations to promote Temperance in the Sunday Schools and among the members. The regular meetings of the W. C. T. U. have been held twice every month; the second being a devotional meeting.

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YOUNG LADIES' CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

On Tuesday, January 24th, 1882, a meeting was called at the residence of Mrs Pratt for the purpose of organizing a Young Ladies' Christian Temperance Association. Twelve Young Ladies were present. A fee of twenty-five cents and signing the pledge constitute membership. We have now on roll 30 members. We have started a sewing School for girls on Saturday afternoon from 2 o'clock till 4; from 4 to 50 attend this School whose ages range from 5 to 12 years. The classes are graded in different departments of sewing. We wish to teach girls something of practical house-keeping and intend next starting a kitchen garden. The school has a saving's bank in connection with it into which all the stray coppers and pennies find their way. On Saturday evening from 7.30 till 10 o'clock we have a school for boys. The number of boys on roll is 40, whose ages vary from 12 to 21 years, and who are taught reading, writing and arithmetic. There is in connection with these schools a circulating library, consisting of temperance works which the pupils highly appreciate. Many of the boys are in the habit of using liquor and tobacco, but we hope by pointing out the evils resulting from such vices that they will ere long forsake them.

C. MORE, Secretary.

CODERICH.

During the past year we have not had as great an increase in our membership as we would like, but feel very hopeful for the attendance at our meetings during the winter, as some lady friends have expressed their intention to join with us. We have 25 names enrolled, and the average attendance at our meetings is from eight to ten. We have committees from the different wards—the poor are visited and those considered needy are helped; tracts are distributed and a temperance column supplied by our editor in our weekly papers. A good work is being done by the ladies appointed for meeting the sailors coming into our haven of refuge, and a number of captains and sailors have been true to their pledge for years. Our committees present pledge cards for signature, and very often meet with a grateful response. We feel that we are deeply indebted to Mrs. Haslett, who has been visiting with us from Port Huron, and by her zeal and earnestness has taught us valuable lessons—her Temperance addresses are inspiring. We receive reports of our county work from Mrs. Leech, our County President, who is a faithful and efficient worker. Very favourable reports are heard from time to time of new Unions being organized through the County, and we hope in future to do a grander work than has been accomplished in the past.

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During the agitation of the Scott Act, our Union took an active interest in promoting the cause by canvassing the town for subscriptions to defray expenses, and by holding public meetings at which prominent temperance speakers advocated the claims of the Act. During the year we have held regular fortnightly meetings for the transaction of business. In the winter and spring we held public meetings in the different churches, addressed by ministers on the subject of Temperance. Deputations have interviewed the Mayor, Chief of Police and License Inspector to urge each to a thorough discharge of his duties. Personal work by visitation has been entered upon by some of the members with what degree of success we are unable to judge. We have consulted together and intend to petition the incoming council not to grant grocery or shop licenses.

MRS. J. LAWRENCE, President.

ST. CATHARINES.

During all the years of our ministry none have been so successful as the one just passed to a close—none so productive for good. Our Union has during the year had lectures that have delighted the people as much so for their intellectual ability and literary attainments as for the temperance sentiments so beautifully taught. We have had J. Ellen Foster, Col. Bain, and Mrs. Mary Livermore. Mrs. Livermore gave us one Temperance Address and her grand Lecture on "What shall we do with our daughters?" We clothed some poor, distributed temperance literature, etc. One of the grandest achievements we have ever accomplished has been the securing of booths at the fair ground in the County of Lincoln. We were able thereby to wipe the liquor off the ground. It was a most wonderful success, and our enterprise has not only succeeded in a moral sense, but our treasury has been replenished.

MINNIE PHELPS.

TORONTO.

We held last winter, as in the previous, our afternoon meetings in the different Churches to draw out and interest the lady members.—Then we had Mrs. Youmans for a fortnight, and we thought the audiences good for Toronto; several of them being small but most of them having six or seven hundred people, and considering the attractions in a city, and the difficulty of getting people to come out to Temperance Meetings, we thought they came out very well. Our Band of Hope was kept up till the spring, and several of our ladies distributed tracts and Temperance literature from door to door. Our weekly Prayer Meeting was also regularly kept up. We have 31 members.

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The Canada Temperance Act came into force on the 1st of May. Owing to this the work of the Woman's Union here has in several respects been peculiar. A few days before the Act came into effect, the hotel keepers shut all their houses and sheds. The Temperance people opened up places in all the towns in the county. In Milton the ladies took a share of \$25 in the Temperance Hotel, and materially aided in furnishing the house. They have had lectures given under their auspices. They have secured 32 subscribers for the "Crusader," which is received monthly. Another important phase of their work has been their weekly meetings for prayer. These meetings average in attendance 8 to 10. They are times of wonderful power and blessing. All feel that here especially God accepts and approves of our work.— While waiting on God in these meetings, we are encouraged and strengthened; it is here we get power to work, courage to resist and fight, and patience to wait. Unfermented wine has been used for sacramental purposes in the Methodist Church in this town for the past six years. We are all heartily glad to have the Provincial Union Meeting in our Town and hope to reap great benefits from it.

P. C. BRETHOUR, Secretary.

CHATHAM.

We have had two Lady Lecturers, Mrs. Youmans in January, and Mrs. Wittenmyer in August. A County Convention was held here in January. The first, Mrs. Youmans informs us, held in Ontario. The following meetings are regularly kept up: Ladies' meeting, Friday afternoon, Sabbath Morning Prayer meeting, and Sabbath Afternoon meeting, addressed by the Ministers. In addition to these we have a monthly Mass Meeting. We visit the jail once in two weeks. Forty numbers of the "Crusader" are taken by this Union. We have 18 members.

A. SCRIBNER, Secretary.

HAMILTON.

Our membership is now 70; one of our number has been removed by death—Mrs. Hurd, who was deeply interested and active in the work; we miss her, but our loss is her gain. Our work is necessarily suspended during the summer months, to be taken up with renewed energy for the winter. Once a week we have our business meeting, and once a month the meeting is partly devotional. During the winter we held a Mothers' Meeting monthly, in three different parts of the city; at these meetings were distributed material for clothing at half cost; and a Temperance Library, the books of which were well read in

the families of those attending the meeting. The Juvenile Band of Hope conducted by two earnest christian ladies has been very successful, with an attendance of from 80 to 90, having 120 on roll; the children coming from the public school every Friday p. m.—besides a Scripture lesson they are instructed in all the danger, physically, mentally and morally which attends the use of alcoholic liquors, signing a triple pledge against the use of liquor, tobacco, and profane language. A Band of Hope in the Boys' Home has been organized under our Union. In financial matters we have been successful in raising \$1200; this amount was raised largely by a series of fortnightly socials, held at the homes of the different members, and finally during the month of May, a Floral Festival. I should also mention the Finance Cards for monthly contributions were well received and generously responded to; a pound social or anchor sale of groceries, and a lecture by Prof. Foster. We decided to free ourselves of the charge of the Temperance Dining Rooms by selling to a very capable person, who will continue to conduct the rooms on Temperance principles. As we resume our work, we intend to have greater faithfulness in visiting from house to house, that we may be enabled to bring more women under the influence of our work, as we feel this is in part the legitimate work of the Union.—Number of Mothers' Meetings, 72; Children's do., 100; Business do., 36. Attendance at Mother's and Children's Meetings, 3,768. Number of families relieved, 60. Yards material given, 1000. Tracts distributed, 6000.

H. HILTON, Cor. Sec'y W. C. T. U.

ST. THOMAS.

We circulated a petition asking that no increase of licenses be granted this year, as four additional were asked for. Several of our clergymen with a deputation from our Union waited on the Commissioners and presented the petition with over a thousand signatures. After coming home from the Annual Meeting last fall, we thought we would try and hold regular Weekly Temperance Meetings of some kind. We invited the Clergymen and some of our laymen to meet with us and help us to make arrangements as no suitable place could be procured in the centre of the city, it was decided for each Church to have its own society and hold weekly meetings, alternately open to the public, to be addressed by two of the ministers, and any person who was willing to take part. Some of the churches had a temperance choir. Total abstinence pledges were presented at each meeting. All the meetings were very well attended. Several of the S. S. have formed "Bands of Hope."

MRS. A. B. YEOMANS.

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We have nineteen members on our roll. We have canvassed the village and have procured over fifty signatures to a petition which we intend to present to our council, asking them to raise the license fees, also to reduce the number of licenses. We intended to have presented this before the 1st of May last, but were too late in handing it in to the council. We did not understand that a by-law had to be passed before the 1st of March. We will present it in time to be passed before May next. We have got out Pledge Cards and hope to secure a great many signatures. Hoping the Convention may be successful.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. GEORGE WRIGLEY.

COUNTY OF CARLETON.

Late in November of last year I wrote to some twenty-five ladies throughout the county, making inquiries as to the condition of the Temperance cause, and asking if it would be possible to form branch Unions in their various neighbourhoods. To these I received but eight replies—some stating that the work was being actively carried on through various agencies—others, that interest in the cause was at a low ebb. While all expressed hearty sympathy with the objects of our Society and warmest wishes for our success, there was not one who seemed to think it would be practicable to form a Union among her neighbours. Nor do I think we will accomplish anything in this way, till we have some earnest woman who will go forth to stir up the hearts of our sisters as we felt our own hearts moved by the burning words of Miss Willard, who was with us a year ago at the organization of our City Union. We had hoped to arouse an interest in some of the larger villages round about by means of Mrs. Youmans, who has been so successful in this way in Western Ontario. Twice this year we endeavoured to arrange for her holding a series of meetings in this vicinity, first in February last, and again in June; and I had received communications from several places, expressing anxiety to have Mrs. Youmans visit them, but, owing to the continual demands upon her time, we were unsuccessful on both occasions. Since our failure in this, nothing has been attempted in the way of county work. But, while we cannot report any great apparent result of the work of the past year, we do not feel that our hearts should faint or our faith fail. Our City Union has held its own, with a fair accession to its members, and while, as we might have expected, we are looked upon as fanatical by many, we meet with much sympathy and encouragement. And I think we Temperance workers may claim that we have at least so far influenced

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MRS. ALEXANDER.

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" Cryslar.	" H. Stone.	" Amanda Church.
" A. B. Rice.	" H. E. Hunt.	" Carrie Beckett.
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IMPORTANCE OF TEACHING TEMPERANCE PRINCIPLES TO THE CHILDREN IN OUR HOMES AND IN OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

How many homes of good people, good in reputation, in the church, in the community have been ruined by this curse gradually creeping in, where children dread the return of their parents, home. These children have rights, even little children, rights which all grown people are bound to respect; they are entitled to food, clothing, home, education, according to the circumstances of their parents. They also have a right to expect affection and a tender regard on the part of the parent. How often will the drunkard inflict wrongs upon the sensitive nature of his child, wounds which are deep and almost indelible. Sometimes a drunken father, who really loves his child will act almost unconsciously the part of a tyrant over it—he may break down the self-respect of his children by his sneers and sarcasms, which pierce the youthful heart like sharp arrows; the child is helpless before the stern face, the loud voice, the strong will, and can only suffer and submit. He may hear his own conduct misrepresented and his honest efforts ridiculed and see his cherished hopes and wishes set aside without reason, and without consideration; and why this neglect? Intemperance in the home. A little boy who thoroughly understood his pledge ran home, delighted, to tell his fashionable Mamma, about his promising to abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks, but the child was laughed at. (The deceiver was always on the table, and as small as the boy was he knew, what was wrong.) To the mother the matter was of no importance, but to that child, it was no trifle, his mind was not relieved by telling him his pledge was of no account, and the realities of life were to him a long way ahead. (This boy is one of our Band of Hope.) Does not simple justice require that even when built on trifles, which we think we have out-grown, the happiness of the child shall not be assailed without a good reason. If the pledge is to be laughed at, explain each clause and what can be said? Is it right to snatch without a reason a feather, a straw, from the hand of a child who has just recovered the treasure, and is intently studying it? Is it right to cover a boy with shame and confusion by some unexpected and unnecessary retort in regard to his ignorance or want of judgment in signing the pledge? If courageous and resolute the boy will fight the battle the best he is able, if timid he meekly submits. The drunken father and mother will soon become fixed in his or her habits and have a rough passage through life. Oh, Heavenly Father, look down in mercy upon the once christian families where there were Bibles and family prayers, but now the beautiful unity of the family circle is broken never to be restored.

What are the Sabbath Schools doing to save the young from the curse of intemperance? We must admit that they are not doing all that they should or might do, in the way of instructing and training its youth in temperance principles and practices. Thousands of the young in the school and within reach of her influence have gone astray. The duty presses on parents, teachers, and pastors to guard and save the young from the snares which are laid for them and against those who would destroy them. To whose fault can it be laid if the young are not warned and forwarned against the assiduous approaches of intemperance. I suppose it is for lack of time and pressure of Sabbath School matters that it is often neglected.

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The School has yet to get a firmer hold on her young people, and through the door of temperance bring them more effectually under the influence of the gospel of Christ. Observation teaches that the directions given in infancy and on through childhood is very certain to be held through life. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The physical development in childhood is largely influenced by the wisdom or folly, care or neglect of those who have the care of the child. The most destructive evil and most formidable of all vices seems now to be intemperance. Dr. Guthrie says, "Before God and man, before the church and the world, I impeach intemperance. In this country, blessed with freedom and plenty, with the word of God and true religion, I charge it as the cause of all the ignorance, poverty, irreligion, crime and misery which disgrace and afflict the land." We sometimes hear that young men, once scholars and teachers in our schools, have become criminals, and it is uniformly found that drinking is the cause. It is our duty to live christian lives and exert temperance principles among the children; and may we look at it as the first, the highest, the grandest work to be engaged in. In our Band of Hope meetings all are made to feel that God's blessing and presence is desired for and sought. By services of prayer and praise both mind and heart are prepared to receive the truth. They should be made attractive and instructive, and in such a way as to arrest the attention and quicken the conscience. Give to each some part if possible, and each to contribute something whenever it can be done. Sometimes an opportunity is offered for decision at the meetings which a halting person may never have again; he gets out of the current and only needs a helping hand to land him on firm ground; then circulate the pledge and urge upon all the necessity of signing. When Mrs. Youmans was with us last spring there were numbers of young men and women who, for the first time, signed, and I presume no one knows the courage it required to go before their companions, but who could resist the pleadings and motherly affection of Mrs. Youmans for the young, and at that meeting there was not an individual who did not feel the force of her arguments and her earnest request for signers. There was such a public temperance sentiment created that evening that I may safely say St. George will not forget; and should Mrs. Youmans see fit to visit us again she will be warmly welcomed. Prompt measures were taken to organize a Union and Band of Hope. May the instruction and the training mould and hold the young in Christian Temperance principles. After Mrs. Youmans left, one young man was convinced after two weeks consideration, that to sign the pledge was the only safety for him. God commanded Zacharias that his son John should drink neither wine nor strong drink, and promised that he should be filled with the Holy Ghost from his birth. May we not also heed that command and claim that promise? and will it not express God's will concerning every child?

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PRAYER AND CONSECRATION.

Prayer has been, since the creation of man, the means by which he has asked and received blessings from his Creator. Consecration is the entire abdication of self and willingness to be and to do in all things according to the will of the Master. We are all familiar with the words, and we trust with something of the spirit which they imply; and it might be asked what can be written that has not already been better said and written thousands of times on these subjects. But we know that "as iron sharpeneth iron so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend," and as we are met to stir each other up to love and to good works, we might find a few suggestions profitable in leading us to search our hearts and find how far our work has been influenced by prayer and consecration. God has in all ages raised up those who were specially consecrated for the requirements of certain epochs in his kingdom on earth, such as Abrahams, Moses, David, and the prophets in the old dispensation and in the new. Our blessed Lord in his absolute consecration shines forth as the sun in his strength compared to the lesser lights of Apostles, Martyrs, Reformers, and Missionaries who counted not their lives dear unto them so that they might follow Him. The history of the early and reformed churches shows that woman was not wanting in heroic deeds and patient suffering even unto death in her consecration to Him who has raised her from degradation to be one of the most powerful of earthly means in working out His plans. In reading the lives of this noble army, we find that prayer was as necessary to them as the air they breathed, that "out of weakness they were made strong," and our Lord Himself spent whole nights in prayer, being human as well as divine, he needed strength to endure and suffer.

As temperance workers we have strong enemies to contend against, in the customs of society, the greed of gain, the vested interests, the government license, the indifference of christian people, and especially of our sisters in the faith who are ever ready to consider any missionary or charitable scheme of more importance than this. In fact "the world, the flesh, and the devil" are arrayed against us, and do we not need heavenly weapons for the warfare which must yet be long and severe before the liquor traffic and the use of spirits as a common beverage are done away with. Truly the adversary of souls showed his power and knowledge of the human heart when he forged this chain to bind victims to his chariot wheels.— Shall we not then, as weak women this day assembled to devise means of carrying on the Master's work, join in earnest and importunate prayer and consecrate ourselves anew to His service.

Dear Sisters, let it never be said we have nothing to do at our Union Meetings—that we ONLY hold a prayer meeting. Why, that is the very oil needed to keep our lamps burning. Only to pray! Is not prayer

The Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death,
He enters heaven with prayer.

The women of the United States found in the past where their strength lay, at the time of "the Crusade," and in this day as a "Provincial Union" we are but as a ripple of that great wave of prayer and consecration which swept over their land. We have much for which "we can thank God and take courage." Temperance Reform is becoming a great question, if not the question of the day in many parts of the neighbouring States. England and Scotland are rousing up wonderfully, and we in Canada are marching on, though failure is at times more apparent than victory. Many of those who looked upon temperance or teetotalism as needless fanaticism are changing their opinions. The Church is more alive to its duty, and in many places this is being made a part of church work. Are we presumptuous in thinking that all this is in answer to the prayers of many of God's hidden ones. How many agonizing cries have gone up from weary, broken hearts for deliverance from this curse, worse than any slavery; and how many little bands of women are there whose prayers are their chief weapon. Can we doubt that all those prayers are entering into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath and registered in heaven, that though the time to us may seem long, we can ever rest in Him with whom "a thousand years are but as one day," and in His promise, "whatsoever ye shall ask in My name I will do it."

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

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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 that it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extinction.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, 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 THIS 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 favour of sobriety and virtue.

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

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

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

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

To heartily co-operate with other Temperance Societies in combating the evils of Intemperance, and to unite with any other Society or Association which is endeavouring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure more advanced and stringent Legislation on this subject.

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

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

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 Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. These Officers shall constitute an Executive Board, to control and provide for the general interests of the work, with power to fill vacancies in its own body.

ARTICLE III.

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

ARTICLE IV.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board, all conveners of standing committees, 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 TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per member, 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, annually, on the 1st day of September, a report, embracing the following topics, and shall also forward copies of the same to the Superintendent of that County :

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6. Increase or decrease of membership.
7. Is individual work among the victims of intemperance attempted.
8. Number of signers to the total abstinence pledge.
9. Number of tracts distributed.
10. Number of saloons or taverns in vicinity.
11. Increase or decrease of taverns or saloons during the year.
12. Number of our fallen sisters rescued and by God's help lifted to a better life.
13. Number of signatures to any form of Temperance Petition.
14. Is the Crook's License Law or the Scott Act enforced?
15. Number of prosecutions under these laws.
16. Have the children been organized into Bands of Hope or Juvenile Unions.
17. Amount paid to Provincial Treasurer.
18. Any other facts or matters of interest or value.

ARTICLE VII.

The annual meeting, at which time the Officers shall be elected, shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be appointed at the preceding annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

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

ARTICLE IX.

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

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be amended, or altered, by vote of two-thirds of those present at any annual meeting.

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, at least two months before the annual meeting, a blank for the report of that Auxiliary for the current year. From the information thus received she shall prepare her annual report.

BY-LAW 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 disbursement 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 hold supervision of the Unions in her County, and shall secure the organization of local Auxiliary Unions, where practicable form County Conventions, and shall make Annual Reports of her work to the Corresponding Secretary, on the first day of September.