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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

VICTORIA HALL, London, Oct. 13th, 1885.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Ontario W. C. T. U. convened at two o'clock.

Delightful devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Letitia Youmans, Picton.

The President, Mrs. Chisholm, took the chair at 2.30.

The Recording Secretary called the roll of officers, after which the Minutes of four Executive Committee Meetings, held since last Annual Meeting, were read, and on motion were approved.

The President's Address followed, which was received with great interest and much applause.

Mrs. Fawcett moved, seconded by Miss Bowes, that it be adopted and published for distribution. Carried.

Reports of County Superintendents were then read and adopted.

Mrs. Coates reported for Grenville County and Mrs. Parlow for Carleton County.

The Recording Secretary moved, seconded by Mrs. Youmans, that Blanche and Violet Kendric, Ida and Ella Gore, Alice Elliott and Fanny Nelles be appointed Pages. Carried.

Reports from the Counties were continued as follows :—

Halton, Mrs. Hocking ; Huron, Mrs. Leach ; Stormont and Glengarry, Mrs. Pringle ; Waterloo, Mrs. Graham, and were read by the Recording Secretary.

The Convention rose and sang two verses of the 4th Hymn.

The remaining four Counties were reported as follows :—

Grey, Miss Meir ; Wellington, Miss Templeton Armstrong ; Brant, Mrs. Chrysler, and Prince Edward, Mrs. Branscombe, all having been read by the Recording Secretary.

In the absence of Mrs. Tilton, Superintendent, the report of the "Plan of Work" department was read by the Recording Secretary.

The Reports read were adopted.

Report of "French Work" was given by Mrs. Parlow. On motion it was adopted.

Reports of "Work among Lumbermen," by Mrs. Shortreed, and of "Work among the Germans," by Mrs. Andrews, were read by the Recording Secretary and adopted.

The following Local Unions reported :

- Central Union, Toronto, by Mrs. McFarlane.
- Orono.....Mrs. Andrews.
- Owen Sound.....Miss Vic. Creasor.
- Chatham.....Mrs. M. Reddick.
- St. Catharines, Miss Phelps reported verbally.

The Reports were adopted.

The Union joined in singing Doxology, and the Convention rose at 5 p. m.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 14th, 9 a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. (Rev). Porter, London.

The President took the Chair at 9:30.

The Recording Secretary read the Minutes of the previous session, which were approved.

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Mrs. Parlow reported for the Committee on Credentials, which report was adopted.

The Recording Secretary read reports from Belleville, Cobourg, Keene, Lindsay, Whitby, Embro, Seaforth and Hawkesville.—Adopted.

The Convention rose and sang a Hymn.

The following Local Unions then presented reports.

Hamilton,	read by Recording Secretary.
Galt	Mrs. Cavers.
Brantford.....	Mrs. H. W. Brethour.
Galt Y.W.C.T.U.....	Miss Wigginson.
Milton.....	Mrs. Harrison.
Waterloo.....	Mrs. Taylor.

On motion these reports were adopted.

Mrs. Middleton, President of the Quebec Provincial Union, was introduced and received by the Convention standing. In a few eloquent and earnest words she conveyed greetings from their Union.

Rev. Dr. Ryckman, and Rev. Mr. Porter were introduced by the Committee on Courtesies. The Union was very much pleased by the remarks of both the Rev. gentlemen.

Mrs. Wiley of Detroit was introduced as a Fraternal Delegate.

On motion of Miss Phelps, a telegram of greeting was sent to New York State W. C. T. U., in Session assembled at Courtland, N. Y.

“ Send greetings—Read Judges 5. 21.”

The Corresponding Secretary's Report was now read.

Moved and seconded that the Report be adopted with some additions necessary.—Carried.

Miss Bowes moved that copies of the city papers be sent to Unions not represented, seconded by Mrs. Dr. Chamberlain.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. Cavers, that as the Minutes of this Convention will shortly appear in our Annual Report, the Unions be allowed to wait until that time. Amendment carried.

The Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. Brethour, Brantford, reported the condition of the Treasury as follows :

Total yearly receipts.....	\$898 28
Disbursements.....	558 57
Balance in the Treasury.....	\$339 71

Mrs. Atkinson, a delegate from the Maritime Union, was now introduced to the Convention.

Miss Bowes read her Report as Provincial Organizer, which was adopted.

Mrs. Yule's name was substituted on motion, for that of Mrs. Nelles, on Resolutions Committee.

A vote of thanks was passed to the "Free Press Publishing Company," for donation of newspapers to the Convention.

Convention adjourned at 12:30, Dr. Ryckman pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday afternoon's session was opened with a memorial service in reference to Mrs. Freeman Britton, county superintendent of Leeds; Mrs. E. Van Allen, treasurer of the Hamilton W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Aiken, of Prescott, all of whom have departed this life since the last session of the O. W. C. T. U. The decorations which graced the hall were draped in black, and the bright appearance of the platform gave place to emblems of mourning. The services were conducted by Mrs. Coates, of Prescott, who read obituaries of the departed sister workers, showing how highly they had been held in the estimation of their fellow laborers.

Mrs. Chisholm spoke affectionately of Mrs. Van Allen, of Hamilton.

The President took the chair at 2.45.

The Recording Secretary read the Minutes, which were approved.

Mrs. Fawcett reported for delegates to Dominion Union.

Miss Phelps moved, seconded by Mrs. Parlow, that the report be adopted.—Carried.

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Miss Phelps moved that the Dominion Union be endorsed. A number of ladies spoke on the subject.

Miss Orchard then moved in amendment, that the matter be referred to the Local Unions, and decided on at next Annual Meeting, as, according to the statement of Mrs. Ycumans, the Dominion Union would not meet for a year from next April.

After a short discussion the amendment was lost, and the original motion was carried.—53 votes for, 39 against.

Report of Miss Wilmot on Unfermented Wine was read by Miss Bowes and adopted.

A letter from Miss Willard, on the subject of Work in the U. S., and Mrs. Leavitt's Voyage Around the World, was read.

Miss Bowes moved a resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, "The Round the World," missionary of the National W. C. T. U.—Carried.

Secretary read Report of Superintendent of Department on Scientific Temperance Instruction.—Adopted.

Mrs. Youmans took the chair while Mrs. Chisholm gave the report of the Literature Department which was adopted.

Tilsonburg Union sent \$1.00 to the Secretary for "Mrs. Leavitt's Mission."

Moved, seconded, and carried, that the following resolution be sent to the Foreign Baptist Missionary Society:—

"That this meeting as a body request the Baptist Home Missionary Convention, meeting next week in Guelph, to take into consideration the use of Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table, and that the ministers urge upon their respective churches its immediate adoption."

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

WESLEY HALL, 7.15 p. m.

"The interest taken by the ladies and gentlemen of this city in the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was manifested last night when the evening session of the Provincial Union was held in Wesley Hall. There was no room to spare in any part of the building, and the large audience displayed the greatest interest in the proceedings of the meeting. It is altogether probable that the local union will benefit greatly from the increased interest aroused in the work by the holding of the Union meeting in this city. Amongst the audience

last night was a number of the girls of the Industrial School, who were addressed by Mrs. Youmans. Instead of lecturing the pupils in the old-fashioned style, Mrs. Youmans treated them to some bright and conversational talk, interspersed with questions, which were answered in a manner that showed a fair average intelligence on the part of the scholars and conscientious work from the teachers." —*London Paper.*

Mrs. Fawcett took charge of the Centennial Temperance Exercises.

After singing two verses of the 6th Hymn, she called on Mrs. Cowan, of Toronto, to read a paper on the subject, prepared by Miss Johnson, of Ottawa.

Mrs. Youmans followed with an address.

The Recording Secretary read the Minutes of previous session. On motion of Mrs. McFarlane, seconded by Mrs. Jarman, they were adopted.

Miss Phelps, Superintendent of Press Department, gave her Report. Adopted.

Mrs. Fawcett read the report of Mrs. Harvie, Superintendent of the Department "Presenting claims to Religious and other bodies." Adopted.

Hymn 42.

Miss Allan's Report as Superintendent of "Evangelistic Work," was read by the Recording Secretary. Adopted.

Report of "Young Woman's Work," by Miss Scott, was adopted.

A paper on "Kitchen Gardens," prepared by Miss Steele for Annual Meeting of Ottawa Y. W. C. T. U., was read by the Recording Secretary.

A paper on "Legislation," by Mrs. Rockwell, of Kingston, was then read and adopted.

Report of Sunday School Work, by Miss Foster, by Recording Secretary. Adopted and suggestions referred to Executive Committee.

Doxology.

Benediction, Rev. D. G. Sutherland. Adjourned.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, Oct. 15th, 9 a. m.

Devotional exercises by Mrs. J. Harrison, Milton.

In the absence of the Secretary, Miss Bowes acted *pro-tem*.

On motion a resolution of sympathy was sent Miss Foster, St. Catharines, and Miss Allan, of Kingston, who were absent on account of severe illness.

The Secretary arriving, she took her place and read Report of Niagara Falls Union ; Kingston and Stratford also reported.

On motion of the Secretary, all local Reports were considered read and adopted, extracts to be made from them for Annual Minutes.

Mrs. Coates, of Prescott, then gave her report as Superintendent of Summer Meetings. Adopted.

Mrs. Brethour, Treasurer, read the names of those Unions entitled to vote. As the affiliation fee of some did not reach in time to entitle them to a vote, it was moved that all Unions represented be allowed to vote.—Carried.

The President appointed Miss Orchard, Miss Scott, Miss Creasor and Miss Skinner, tellers, and asked Mrs. Youmans to conduct the election.

Silent prayer was then offered, after which Mrs. Youmans led vocally.

The result of the informal ballot for President was announced by the tellers, after which it was moved and seconded that the informal ballot be made the ballot of the Convention, and that it be unanimous for Mrs. Chisholm. This was carried amid great enthusiasm by a standing vote. The President, on her entrance being greeted with "The Chautauqua Wave," a great waving of handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Chisholm acknowledged the honors in a few graceful words of thanks.

The following officers were re-elected unanimously :

- Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa, 1st Vice-President.
- Mrs. Cowan, Toronto, 2nd Vice-President.
- Miss Orchard, Brantford, Recording Secretary.
- Mrs. Fawcett, Maple, Corresponding Secretary.
- Mrs. D. L. Brethour, Brantford, Treasurer.

The Corresponding Secretary being allowed to choose an assistant, she selected Mrs. Wiley, Richmond Hill.

Mr. Cole, Superintendent of Y. M. C. A. Work for Ontario and Quebec, was then introduced to the audience.

Invitations for holding the next Annual Convention of the W. C. T. U., were received from Owen Sound, St. Catharines, Kingston and Sarnia. The invitation from Owen Sound was accepted with thanks.

By request the President withdrew. Mrs. Fawcett took the chair, and the following resolution was submitted.

"That this Convention present our dear President, Mrs. Chisholm, with the sum of \$100 as a slight acknowledgment of our appreciation of her very valuable services as first officer of the Provincial Union. Carried unanimously."

Convention adjourned.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Merry. In the absence of the Executive, informal conversation followed; Mrs. Middleton, by request, occupying the chair. Numerous questions were asked in relation to the work, many of the ladies taking part. Answers were given by Mrs. Cavers and others.

The President took the chair at 3.30 p. m.

The Recording Secretary read the Minutes of the previous session, also the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting, which were approved.

Mrs. Cavers reported for Resolution Committee, which were considered *seriatim*. The resolutions of thanks were carried unanimously, with rising vote, and were ordered to be read at the public evening meeting. The first nine were adopted, also the eleventh, thirteenth and fourteenth. The tenth and twelfth were referred back to the Committee for reconstruction, and were afterwards adopted as reconstructed.

1. Resolved,—That the hearty thanks of this Convention be tendered to the ladies of London for their kind hospitality in their homes, and providing luncheon every day for the delegates while in session in their city, with the assurance that their kindness will not soon be forgotten.

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2. Resolved,—That we place on record our deep sense of the Divine Blessing which has so richly attended our work during the past year, and our humble confidence that if faithful to our trust, earnest in prayer, and diligent in doing whatever our hands find to do in this work, we may confidently look for still greater blessings in the future.

3. Resolved,—That we place on record, our deep sympathy with the friends of those of our number, who have been removed by death during the past year. Our high sense of the worth of those who have been called, and our gratitude to God for having given us the precious memory of their usefulness and their work.

4. Resolved,—That this Union declares itself the open and uncompromising foe of license for the sale of intoxicating liquor, and that we more earnestly labour and pray for the speedy coming of the time when license for this destructive traffic be a thing of the past.

5. Resolved,—That this Convention is in hearty sympathy with the stand taken by the Temperance Convention held in the City of Toronto, with regard to making party secondary to temperance.

6. Whereas,—The hope of our country centres in and hangs upon the youth of our land, and whereas agencies for evil are at work on every hand to drag our young people down to ruin, therefore, Resolved that we encourage every effort to instruct them in temperance principles, to gather them into bands, and hedge them around by christians and temperance influences, and thus strive to raise up an army of workers for the cause of prohibition in the future.

7. Resolved,—That we as christian workers, see the necessity of doing all in our power to banish the use of fermented wine at the Lord's Table, as it seems wholly inconsistent to use the same beverage that drags human beings down to ruin, misery, degradation and death, as an emblem of the precious blood of Jesus.

8. Resolved,—That we, as representatives of Local Unions, use our influence in regard to the introduction of Temperance Text Books in our schools, and that instruction in these be made compulsory.

9. Resolved,—That we endorse the *Woman's Journal* as the organ of our Union, recognising as we do the great power for good which it has been in the past, and that we recommend that a special Committee be appointed in each Local Union, whose duty it shall be to canvass for new subscribers and advertisements, thereby assisting the editress to make it a financial success.

10. Resolved,—That it is advisable to see Temperance Women take advantage of the privilege given by the Ontario Government in regard to the right of franchise in school and municipal affairs, and that a Superintendent be appointed to urge the same upon all Local Unions.

11. Resolved,—That while we rejoice in the victories achieved for the Scott Act during the past year we cannot fail to see that the temperance people in general must use their united efforts in seeing that suitable officers be appointed to have the Act strictly enforced, otherwise it will fail to accomplish all we hope to gain.

12. Whereas,—Ardent and malt liquors as medicine are in extensive use, and such use of liquor being practically unnecessary, where the many specifics of the present day which supercede liquors are available, and whereas the delivering of liquors at the homes of professed temperance people gives those who are opposed to our work opportunity to doubt our sincerity, therefore be it resolved that this Convention deplore and condemn the use of alcohol as medicine, and insist that it be placed upon the shelves of the drug stores as other poisons.

13. Resolved,—That we tender our hearty thanks to the press and to the different railway companies for their kindness to the members of the Convention.

14. Resolved,—That the warmest thanks of the Union be tendered the Y. M. C. A., and City Churches for the use of their buildings during the Convention, and to the resident Ministers for their encouraging words, also to those who have so kindly furnished the music on this occasion.

Mrs. Cowan moved, Miss Bowes seconded, that we have a few minutes silent prayer now, and that every Sabbath between 5 and 6 o'clock, p. m., we keep as an hour of prayer.

A deputation was then introduced from the Y. M. C. Association, who presented the following address through the Secretary, Mr. T. Heath :

LONDON, October 15th, 1885.

MRS. PRESIDENT and LADIES of the Ontario W. C. T. U.

It is my privilege and honor to convey to you the warmest sympathy of the Y. M. C. A. of this city. With the objects you are endeavoring to carry out, in connection with your sessions and meetings which you are now holding in this city, we hail your advent among us with pleasure and hope, knowing that you are co-laborers with ourselves for the social, moral and religious well being of our fellow men.

The association which I have the honor to represent, takes a deep interest in the progress of your specific work, and we endeavor, as far as we possibly can, to promote the cause of temperance, both in its legal and moral aspect. Like yourselves we are profoundly conscious that the liquor traffic is an immense national evil, concerning which it is the obvious duty of every christian and philanthropic association to maintain an attitude of uncompromising hostility. The evil of intemperance was never more frightful and wide-spread than it is to-day; it has saturated the very atmosphere of our social and political life, so that large masses of society to-day can only be designated as a slough of alcoholic debasement; it neither honors God nor blesses man, but defies the one and degrades the other. Such being the character of traffic which centuries of human sorrow, wretchedness and ruin confirm, it becomes the obvious duty of every lover of his race to put forth every effort, which comes within the range of moral suasion or legal enactment, in order to restrict, and, if possible, utterly suppress the reign of this crying sin. As laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, we rejoice in every sign of advancement and prosperity in your work, in this great moral reform, we hail you as our allies and friends, and you may always count on our prayers, sympathies and efforts.

It has been a great pleasure for us to learn that your sessions have been so full of interest and augur so much hope for the future, and we sincerely trust as a result, that your plans and prospects for future operations in this field of christian toil may be so perfect and complete, that the present year may be characterised by tenfold more success than any which has preceded. In all this work of faith, and labour of love, our inspiration and hope is in the never failing promise of God, who has said "weary not in well doing, ye shall reap in due season if ye faint not." Every promise of Holy writ shines like a star of hope, beaconing us onward to success and rewards for those who are faithful in their Master's service.

"Let us therefore go forth among men not mailed in scorn, but in the armour of a pure intent. Great duties are before us, and great aims, and whether crowned or crownless, when we fall, it matters not, so that God's work is done."

Mrs. Youmans replied with a few words, expressing thanks for the honor on behalf of the Union.

Victoria, British Columbia, sent the following telegram :—

VICTORIA, B. C., 15th October, 1885.

British Columbia W. C. T. U. greeting,. Read Deut. 31. and 6.

Mrs. D. Jenkins, Cor. Sec.

Convention responded as follows :

Mrs. D. Jenkins, Cor. Sec. Victoria, B. C. Greetings received and returned.
Read Neh. 4. 14., last clause.

M. S. Fawcett, Cor. Sec.

Miss Phelps spoke of the lecture courses arranged by Dr. Youmans and Mr. Hezzelwood.

Mrs. Fawcett read the resolution passed in committee in the morning and Mrs. Brethour presented the \$100 to Mrs. Chisholm.

Mrs. Chisholm in a few words gracefully thanked the Union for their great kindness and consideration.

The Convention joined in singing the hymn :

“When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.”

Mrs. Youmans offered the closing prayer, and the President gave the message for the coming year. “The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.”

The Convention then adjourned.

ANNIE ORCHARD, Recording Secretary.



Proceedings of Executive Committee.

FIRST SESSION.

VICTORIA HALL, LONDON,
October 13th, 1885.

The Executive Committee met at 10 a. m., the President, Mrs. Chisholm, in the chair, who opened the meeting by reading Romans xii. chapter, followed by prayer.

The Recording Secretary then read the Minutes of two Executive Committee meetings held since last annual meeting.

On motion they were approved.

The clause relating to circulars issued by Superintendents of Departments caused considerable discussion, but action was left to the new Executive.

Mrs. Youmans was asked to give the five minutes' address Wednesday evening to the girls of the Industrial School.

The programme was adopted as printed, allowing the privilege of making the necessary alterations.—Carried.

On motion the following Committees were nominated:—

Committee on Credentials:—Mrs. Jarman, Toronto; Mrs. Parlow, Ottawa.

Committee on Courtesies:—Mrs. Gregston, London; Mrs. H. W. Brethour, Brantford.

Committee on Finance:—Mrs. P. C. Brethour, Brantford; Miss Vic. Creasor, Owen Sound, and Miss J. Armstrong, London.

Committee on Resolutions:—Mrs. Wylie, York Co.; Mrs. Leach, Huron Co.; Mrs. (Dr.) Chamberlin, Dundas; Miss Meir, Grey; Mrs. Branscombe, Prince Edward; Mrs. Rockwell, Frontenac; Miss Willmott, Halton; Mrs. Nelles, Oxford; Mrs. Housten, Lambton; Mrs. A. B. Youmans, Elgin; Mrs. Jones, Middlesex; Mrs. McIntyre, Bruce; Miss Armstrong, Wellington; Mrs. Marshall, Perth; Mrs. Somerville, Bothwell; Miss Scott, Carleton; Mrs. Orchard, Brant; Mrs. (Dr.) Comfort, Welland; Miss Phelps, Lincoln; Mrs. Cavers, Waterloo; Miss Beckett, Haldimand; Mrs. Hadly, Kent.

Mrs. Fawcett moved, Mrs. Youmans seconded, that the Committee nominated have power to add to their number from counties not already represented.—Carried.

Moved by Miss Phelps, seconded by Miss Orchard, that the Plan of Work be left to the Executive Committee.—Carried.

Miss Phelps moved, Mrs. Fawcett seconded, that Major Roberts' "Rules of Order" be our authority for the Convention.—Carried.

Mrs. Youmans suggested that the Constitutions for County Unions framed by Unions already organized be placed in the hands of Executive and a uniform Constitution be framed from them.

Mrs. Parlow moved, seconded by Mrs. Coates, that this suggestion be recorded and left for the new Executive.—Carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 1 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

The following Superintendents of Departments of Work were nominated:—

Organization—Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa.

Scientific Instruction—Mrs. Mutch, Toronto.

Temperance Literature—Miss A. B. Johnson, Ottawa.

The Press—Miss Phelps, St. Catharines.

S. S. Temperance and J. Unions—Miss Foster, St. Catharines.

Evangelistic—Miss D. Allan, Kingston.

Work among the French—Miss Parlow, Ottawa.

Unfermented Juice of the Grape—Miss Wilmott, Milton.

Work among Lumbermen—Mrs. Shortreed, Barrie.

Young Woman's Work—Miss Scott, Ottawa.

Fairs—Mrs. D. Fotheringham.

Prison and Police—Mrs. Skinner, Kingston.

Legislation and Franchise—Mrs. Rockwell, Kingston.

Hygiene and Heredity—Mrs. McGilliveray, Kingston.

Railroad Work—Mrs. Jarman, Toronto.

Soldiers and Sailors—Mrs. French, Brockville.

Flower Missions—Miss Eloise Smith, Ottawa.

Kitchen Garden—Mrs (Dr.) Clarke, Toronto.

On motion, it was decided not to have a Summer Meeting Department, but that the Unions be urged to hold County Conventions instead.

The Superintendent of German Work was left to Sub-Committee of Executive to appoint.

It was decided that 2,000 Annual Reports be published and the preparation left with Mrs. Chisholm and Miss Scott, Ottawa.

The Reports left from last year to be distributed by the Literature Department.

Mrs. Rockwell and Mrs. Skinner were deputed to convey our greetings to the Woman's Missionary Board of the Methodist Church which meets in Kingston in November.

On motion, all delegates attending Convention will be requested to register their names in a book prepared for the purpose and placed near the door of entrance at the place of meeting.

It was decided that this Union become responsible to the extent of five dollars to each County Superintendent for necessary expenses in organizing Unions.

The Plan of Work to be prepared by the Executive is authorized by this Convention.

Miss Bowes was re-appointed Official Organizer for this Union on the same terms as last year.

Mrs. Coates moved, Mrs. Cowan seconded, that a uniform Constitution for County Unions be framed from those already in use, with additions, if necessary, by members of the Executive Committee living in Ottawa.—
Carried.

ANNIE ORCHARD, Recording Secretary.



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EVENING SESSIONS.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The attendance in the Congregational Church was large, many ladies of the city, members of the local Union and their friends, besides delegates from all over Ontario and visitors being present.

Rev. H. D. Hunter presided, and the choir of the church provided excellent and appropriate music between the speeches.

The interior of the building was handsomely decorated for the occasion.

Rev. H. D. Hunter presided, and spoke very highly of the work of the Association, which he said should enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the Christian Church universal. He was pleased and proud to see them assembled in this church, and in the name of the Board of Managers welcomed them and assured them of their heartfelt sympathy in the work of the Unions.

Rev. J. A. Murray welcomed the officers and delegates of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, on behalf of the Ministerial Association, not in any exotic, patronizing sense, but on a broad platform of Christian fellowship as equal workers for Christ. He quoted St. Paul at length as showing the importance of the work of Christian women, and went on to point out, that in tact, sympathy, and divers gentler qualities, women filled a position and did a work for Christ that no man, however earnest his intent or high his aim, could accomplish. His remarks continued to dwell on the evil of the liquor traffic and the magnitude of the work yet to be done before the world would be free from its all-penetrating and all-pervading influence, and the millennium for which they are striving will come to pass. On the subject of temperance he argued that one human soul was worth more than many millions, more than all the world. This was acknowledged by the legislation of the present day, and being so, it ought pretty effectually to dispose of the strongest argument of the liquor party in favor of vested rights in property. Some opponents of the work argued that their debates and resolutions lacked prudence. Well, he thought the old apostles and great reformers of the world had not been frightened, or had not allowed themselves to be turned from their course by fear of the ghost of John Stuart Mill or considerations of prudence. If they had they would never have accomplished such gigantic things as they did. (Applause.)

Rev. Dr. Ryckman said the one misgiving which possessed him was that he might not be able to put heart enough into the welcome which the people of London extended to the delegates of the W. C. T. U. For years the names of the leaders of the organization had been as familiar as household words throughout Canada. He gave them an Irish welcome—*Caed mille fáilte*—a hundred thousand welcomes, although there were only 30,000 people in the city. The Association was known to all as earnest workers and fellow-laborers in the cause of the Saviour of the world. He referred to the welcomes of the different nations

as varied in form, giving the characteristics of each; but the Canadian combined them all. He also spoke of the Ministerial Association as baptised with plenty of brotherly love, and bound to keep up its good name with the stranger and the visitor. Welcomed them on account of the work in which they were engaged. Look at the programme—for God, and home and native land. The importance of women's work in this late day was held in higher estimation than ever before. The Church has found out that it can't get along without them. How much does the drinking habit interfere with the spread of the Gospel of the Lord. Why were there more women in the Church than men? was a question often asked. To that he would reply, why are there more men in the Penitentiary than women? Because men were worse than women? Well, then the answer to the first question was, because women were better than men. To women the happiness of the home was closer and dearer than to men, and so they were found on the side of prohibition. For native land—he wished the women had votes and then we might have a House of Commons and a Senate, too, which would not try to balk the efforts of the Association and workers in the cause of temperance. The city would be benefitted by their visit, and every member would be benefitted from meeting together in convention and hearing discussed the many phases of this great question.

Mr Wm. Bowman, President of the Scott Act Association, welcomed the Women's Christian Temperance Union most heartily, and wished them God speed in their work. He pointed out the fitness of women, the chief sufferers from the liquor traffic, being arrayed in the van of the battle against it. He argued that the success of the prohibition cause was assured from the moment an organized association of women took the field against the sale and manufacture of strong drink, and said, "should any object to your interference and desire to have the laws of our land altered, we would anticipate that you would answer as Madam de Stael answered Napoleon—when he asked, "What have women to do with politics?" she replied—"Women have much to do with politics when politics bring their heads in danger,"—so you have much to do with politics that endanger character, liberty and life. If the right is sure of success, your mission must eventually triumph. In the past we have been satisfied to exhort and warn the drunkard, but new light has broken in; we see the drunkard in chains; it is for us and you to use the hammer of legislation to break the bonds and to chase off the stage of action the tempter, not merely drawing fang by fang, trying by degrees to render him harmless, but to crush him out of existence. You go for prohibition, pure and simple, *we are with you*. The Scott Act, which we advocate, is the best we can get for the present, but we hope by your influence to have public sentiment so educated that we shall, and that *soon*, have more perfect legislation. We would not underestimate your influence and would impress upon you the necessity of prizing it highly yourselves. History may as in past repeat itself, for one has said—"It is strange that most of the revolutions in the Roman State should have owed their origin to woman; Rome owed the abolition of the royal dignity and the establishment of a Republic to woman; to a woman she owed her deliverance from the tyranny of the decemviri and the restoration of a consular government, and to woman she owed the change in the constitution by which the plebian became eligible to the highest offices of the commonwealth." Let duty and opportunity be your watch cry—or, to quote from a recent address of the Methodist Church in England—"Pressed on every side by evils with which we must grapple—by problems which we must solve—the original commission to preach the gospel, which appeared at first so simple, breaks out into innumerable duties, when we surrender ourselves to its direction and seek to fulfil it amidst the *actual* conditions of the world's life. It compels us to take account of the state of things *social, moral and religious*, not only in a general way, but with a careful *attention to detail*. For a long time we can have little to do with leisure. We must be busy members of a busy church, until the crooked is made straight and the rough places plain."

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We have taken a note of your influence with and over men. Now, in conclusion, we would with gratitude acknowledge the indebtedness of the workers in the Scott Act campaign to your prayers. It has been asserted that our victories have largely been brought about by your prayers. We wish you *God speed*. Your *Miriams* with our *Moses* and *Aaron* are leading on the oppressed to the land of freedom—before us is the *Red Sea* of license. We hope to live to see the *rod* of legislative power in the hands of a deliverer, and to join with you in the old song—

Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea,
 Jehovah has triumphed—His people are free.
 Sing—for the pride of the tyrant is broken;
 His chariots—his horsemen all splendid and brave;
 How vain was their boasting—the Lord hath but spoken,
 And chariots and horsemen are sunk in the wave.



Address of Welcome.

ON BEHALF OF LONDON W. C. T. U.

MRS. GREGSTON.

Mrs. President, and Delegates of the Provincial W. C. T. U.

"The lines have indeed fallen unto me in pleasant places" to-night when it is my happy privilege on behalf of the dear associate workers of our London Union to give you a very cordial greeting and hearty welcome to this Forest City, now called the Metropolis of the West. We have been looking forward to this Provincial Convention for some time past as a precious opportunity in Christian intercourse, and for mutual encouragement in the great cause which we hold dear to our hearts. We feel honoured in your kind acceptance of the invitation given by our chosen delegates, to hold this important gathering in our city, and enjoy, as guests, the hospitality of our homes. We know by daily experience, how many are the discouragements peculiar to this branch of Christian toil, therefore, are prepared to sympathise with you, and so to build each other up, that at the close of these sessions we may be found better fitted for labour and stimulated to nobler and purer zeal in advocating the claims of total abstinence. Prohibition, pure and simple, total and entire, is our motto; the more decided, the more easy of accomplishment, and in this we are encouraged by seeing with us our much esteemed veteran in the ranks, Mrs. L. Youmans, and trust her life may be graciously preserved to the cause for many years to come. We are also gratified to find with us a representative from the Lower Provinces in Mrs. Middleton, of Quebec, whose devotion to the cause overcomes distance and fatigue. Indeed, it is pleasant to look into all your faces, and feel we have but one aim, the Glory of God, in the emancipation of our fellow creatures from the thralldom of intemperance which leaves its desolation and blighting influence on many homes in this fair country. Shall our weak brother (or sister) perish for whom Christ died, and no gentle hand be put forth to save them, or no stronger power be wielded in putting out of sight all those temptations which now court their downfall? Shall the many avenues now open to the young and

unsuspecting in our midst, remain as obstacles in the path of Christian progress, and hindrances in the way of salvation? Shall the highway cast up for the redeemed ones be so hedged along on either side by pitfalls, that a single false step may imperil the eternal safety of an immortal soul? Shall the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be held back from Him whose right it is to reign, by the craft and subtilty of His adversaries? or shall we not, dear sisters, by our united supplications to the God of all grace, and our strong unwavering faith in his willingness to hear and fulfil all our petitions, and in obedience to his own command, tarry as did the loving disciples of old, at the footstool of Divine mercy, until, from east to west, north to south, temperance, righteousness and true liberty shall prevail, and this beautiful "Canada of ours" be as "a city set upon a hill" whose light cannot be hid. Your presence this evening as delegates, earnest and self-denying in our noble cause, cheers us, and yet we are selfish enough to exact tribute from you, in the shape of more wisdom, better methods, clearer enlightenment in pursuing the various duties of our temperance work. From your wider scope, multiplying agencies and far reaching toilers we may well take our places as learners laying up stores of knowledge for future use. We welcome you as co-labourers together with God, as sowers of temperance seed in the great field of moral reform, as keepers in a fruitful harvest, as sharers in the joy of thanksgiving, when the sheaves shall be gathered in, and appropriated to the natural use, good, and blessing for mankind; and we hope, bye and bye, to be sharers in the still greater joy of meeting many souls in the heavenly garner, gathered there through the instrumentality of the W. C. T. Unions. But while we are rescuing the perishing, we must seek to guard the lambs of the flock, and this is the sunshiney part of our work. Hopeful as the outlook now is on the Scott Act question, as God grants victory after victory, yet our nation's pride is in her children, who will become the legislators and guides to public thought in the years yet to come, and here we are greatly encouraged. Educated to fear God and shun evil we will have a nation that worketh righteousness and is accepted. What a glowing future for our young Dominion!

To-night, as we meet in this beautiful church, surrounded by so many evidences of God's provision for our need in the kindly fruits of the earth, shall we not take fresh courage and believe that this and each successive Provincial gathering, being owned and blessed by the Master of assemblies, may conduce to this great end. A THOUSAND TIMES WELCOME!



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Response to Address of Welcome.

EASTERN UNIONS.

MRS. S. E. BRANSCOMBE, PICTON.

MR. CHAIRMAN :

Dear Friends,—If a thoroughly cordial welcome could be the only thing necessary to make one feel perfectly comfortable and at home, I am sure the representatives of the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions of Ontario must be in that particularly enjoyable state of mind to-night. There has been nothing omitted either in kindly words or hospitable deeds to make us feel that we do not meet as strangers, but as children of the one Father, belonging to the great brotherhood and sisterhood of workers who are striving to make *easier* the paths in which stumbling feet try to tread heavenward. That our clergymen, notwithstanding the numberless demands on their time and sympathy, yet fail not as opportunities occur, to cheer us with encouraging and helpful deeds; that our *earnest, practical* men, those who are bearing the temperance flag on through the smoke of political warfare and parliamentary and senatorial fire, should give their hearty recognition of our labors in that harvest field whose sheaves are human hearts and lives, proves most emphatically that the day is long past when the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions need apologize for its existence. By hundreds of firesides there are women interested in our meeting here and are praying that divine wisdom may be given us, and that our gathering be not profitless.

Mothers in comfortable parlours, surrounded by well cared for, and lovingly trained children, thank God that as yet their's are safe. But they realize with sinking heart, that just round the corner the legalized tempter waits, eager to find and opportunity of making these boys forget their mother's prayers, and to forsake the law of their father. And so they are listening to what will be said in London about it. And then there are other mothers—Oh so many of them all over the land, just as loving, but they sit in carpetless rooms with no curtains falling in graceful folds over windows, but where bundles of rags or bits of boards do duty for absent panes of glass. No easy chairs or comfortable sofas are scattered about, no books, pictures, music, nothing to make life other than it is, a continuous fight against cold and starvation.

And these mothers working by dim lamps think of the partnership existing between the Government and the whiskey mill, or the whiskey mill and the Government, and they wonder in a vague way, why, to run these two things profitably, the food must be taken from their children's mouths, the clothes from their bodies and every comfort that makes four walls home. If any of you wise people, learned in political economy or whatever science the solution of this problem may be found in, are able to answer this problem satisfactorily, we hope you will do so at your earliest convenience. For our part we can only join in their cry "Oh Lord how long, how long shall this iniquity be allowed to eat out the hearts of our people," and they ex-

pect us, who have the time and opportunity to speak plain enough and loud enough that our people understanding the truth, may come to the deliverance of them and theirs. And we expect to report ourselves to these sisters of ours, our Unions meet in nearly every village and town in Ontario, and we will tell them of your sympathetic words, but we do trust to be able to take back something better than words,—some hope that you, who are privileged to stand on the walls have discovered that before many days we may be rendering thank-offerings for a country *free* from a licensed liquor traffic. We will carry back to our homes your words of advice, encouragement or experience, endeavouring to draw instruction from each. Some one has said “all things are possible to him that believes.” Oh, friends how shall our faith be proven! We all recognize the limitless possibilities of electricity annihilating space and making it possible for the continents of the earth to breakfast together; but in what words shall we speak of this other more sublime force, strong enough to move the world? This wonderful motor called human sympathy; we prove its power every day and examples of its irresistible effects are seen continually. Are cities or forest homes desolated by fire? Do we not all remember how the hearts of the whole civilized world throbbed with pity and its people reached out their prompt hands filled with gifts for their necessities? Do the harvests fail in some far off land and famishing voices cry out for food?

You know the difficulty has been to find ships swift and large enough to carry the stores of bread and gold offered for the relief of the destitute.

Is a great and good man dying—from the Queen to the humblest cottager, voices are hushed, eyes grow moist with tender sympathy. When the news came that men, women and children were in danger from armed Indians, and if help was not sent at once they would certainly be massacred, what did our country men do about it? What did we all do about it? Because the danger did not threaten our own immediate families—let those few scattered settlers with the aid of Divine Providence get out of their trouble as best they could? No! A thousand times no! Were not farming implements and tradesmen's tools immediately laid down—were not ledgers closed and yardsticks thrown aside?—and putting on their uniforms as quickly as possible—did not your own brave battalion, with the rest of our noble volunteers march at once to the rescue? And you women, none the less brave, though your tears fell on every article in their knapsacks—you bade them go because of these other women and children who were in deadly peril. And we mothers, who had no soldier sons at the front, do you not think our hearts ached for you and with you? Then, when they marched back again we called them *our boys*, we were so proud of them, travel stained and battle-scarred heroes as they were. Did you not hear us cheer them?—above the beating of the drums, and then we would weep and cheer again, and the whole land echoed with the glad welcome home. But Oh, the vacant places in the ranks; how pitifully we thought of them, and prayed that the only Comforter would comfort those whose loved ones came not back at all, or came with frozen hands folded over shot-torn breasts. Oh, friends, there are cords that when touched send a thrill through the whole world.

If the brave ones who responded so loyally to their country's call would only fight as manfully against the foe that has been nursed and sheltered in our midst; that has been played with and petted by politicians, toned and tonicized by doctors, ignored by judges and juries, and treated as a jolly good fellow by a majority of the rest of the world; until it has grown too terribly and wickedly strong to be bound by laws or chains; if our soldiers voted as rightly and truly as they fought in the North-West, then the business of drunkard making would be let out to some other country, and our Canada would be free. For is it not a fact that there are more homes wrecked, more children orphaned, more weeping and wailing caused by intemperance every year than by a hundred battles of Fish Creek, Cut Knife, and Batoche? Notwithstanding the many temperance vic-

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tories that have given us cause to hope the days of a government protected iniquity were numbered, yet we all realize how much work there is still to be done before we can lay our white badges away among the relics of a warfare happily ended. I am glad to be able to report that we in eastern Ontario have not been idle, nor do we expect to be. We love our children and homes too dearly not to try by every means in our power to defend them from the liquor fiend. When the long hoped for chance is given us we intend to give a straight vote for prohibition. Dear friends, I am very glad to have had the opportunity of publicly acknowledging our appreciation of the great kindness you have shown us, and our visit to London at this time, will, I am sure, be remembered as one of the most pleasant experiences of our lives.



Response to Address of Welcome.

WESTERN UNIONS.

MRS WILEY, RICHMOND HILL.

DEAR FRIENDS,—When I think of the very cordial and loving reception given by you to-day, to the W. C. T. Union workers from all parts of this Province of Ontario, I am led to feel my position very acutely, and to wish, that on some one better qualified for the work, had fallen the pleasant duty of responding. On behalf of my sister workers of the western counties particularly, I will assure you that it is with feelings of pleasure and gratitude we availed ourselves of your kind invitation, and our hearts are filled with joy at being permitted, many of us for the first time, to visit your beautiful city. The pleasure would be great, were we merely on a friendly visit, but much greater when we consider the purpose for which we are met. We came here to talk over the results of the past year's work, to plan more efficient schemes of labour for the coming year, to unite our thoughts and efforts as christian women, to lay aside all differences of opinion on other matters, to forget for the time, whether we are Baptist or Presbyterian, Episcopalian or Methodist, forgetting all, but the cause for which we are working, and our Father in Heaven in whom we trust, and to whom we pray that His Spirit may guide us in all our work, and bless our coming together. We trust that from this W. C. T. Union Convention, in this beautiful City of London, great and glorious influence may arise which shall spread from city to city, from county to county, until all parts of our province shall be aroused, and on all sides shall be heard the call to work "for God and Home and Native Land," a call that by God's help shall never be hushed until the accursed traffic with all its revenue and belongings, which blights our fair country, be blotted from its papers and religion and temperance and happiness reign supreme. While thanking you, dear friends, for your kind reception, we will ask you for a few minutes to consider well our motto, "for God and Home and Native Land," what a world of meaning it contains appealing to our loftiest aspirations, to our most sacred associations, to our patriotism, to all in fact, which tends to ennoble and elevate mankind, and bring us nearer to God.

We are working, humbly it may be, but in some way we trust, we are work-

ing for "God and Home and Native Land." Have you ever, my sisters, thought of all that is embodied in that "working for God," the Almighty Ruler of the universe, who spake and it was done, who commanded and it stood fast, who guides the planets in their ceaseless course, for God, the loving Father, who withheld not His own Son but freely gave him for our restoration, whose care for His creatures surpasses our finite comprehension, who crowns us with all the blessing of this life, and gives us a blessed hope of eternal life when this is ended. Do we rightly estimate the honour of being allowed to work for God, and the happiness of knowing that he accepts our work, if done in the right spirit, for we are told that a cup of cold water given in His name shall not go unrecognized nor unrewarded. And should not Christian women work for that loving Saviour, who when on earth spake so lovingly and forgivingly to the women of the day, who wept with Mary and Martha at their brother's graves, who spake words of comfort to the penitent Magdelene, who taught the woman of Samaria where to find the gift of God, the living water which fully satisfies the soul thirsting for righteousness? Who bade the erring woman in the temple go and sin no more? Who rewarded the weeping mother's faith by restoring her daughter from the power of the evil one? We should work for Him. We should trust His promise to be with those who meet in His name--in His name we are met to-day, to aid in trying to remove the cause of many mother's and sister's tears, to plan means for destroying the power of this demon which binds many in chains more dreadful than those which bound the daughter of the Syrophenician woman. Is not this a part of our work for God? Let us continually cry to Him until the answer comes to us as to her, "Oh, woman, great is thy faith, be it unto thee even as thou wilt." And think in what a number of ways we can work for God. Poor Mary, in the long ago, worked in her way for Him when she anointed His head with her precious ointment. *We* are working for God when we use the talents He has given us, be they many or few, in trying to do our duty to him and to our fellow-men, in training our children to love and serve Him, in any way by which we may advance the cause of right, and crush the evil. In fact, ways of working for God present themselves on every hand, and my earnest wish to-day for my fellow-workers and for myself is, that when our work is ended we may hear the same loving voice which acknowledged Mary's work, say to us in the same sweet accents, the words which gave comfort to her heart in that crowd of fault-finding, and which gives strength and comfort to His humble workers to-day, "She hath done what she could." Blessed words of commendation. To win such words, dear sisters, shall we not work for God?

For our home also we are working, the dearest spot on earth, around which cluster our sweetest ties, a word which seems so closely linked with that other sweet word, Mother; a place, the mention of which brings to mind the tender memories of voices now forever hushed in the stillness of death, our home to which our children come with their simple griefs to find a mother's sympathy and a father's counsel. For our homes, our Canadian homes, we are working, and God helping us we will add our efforts to help to crush this giant evil, from the effects of which no home can be entirely secure while the licensed curse is permitted to tempt our husbands, our sons, our fathers, our brothers, our friends, to partake of that which ruins the constitution, blights the intellect, turns our homes into hells, and destroys thousands of our fellow-men for time and for eternity. For our homes we are working, to protect our children, our sons and daughters from all that debases, and to keep them pure and happy. For our homes, aye, and for the poor drunkard's home we are working, nor will we cease our feeble efforts while these hearts throb with life, while these busy brains retain the power of thinking, while these active hands retain their activity and these voices hold the power of speech. Yes, we will work until that which is not now worthy the name of home shall become a home indeed, where the deadly influence of the cup shall be felt no more, and religion hand in hand with temperance shall triumph in our homes.

Not only are we working for *God and Home*, but also for our Native Land. My heart fills with rapture at that word, and we feel like shouting with one of our Canadian writers, "Thank God we have a Native Land," and what a land is ours, my friends. Truly we Canadians may proudly raise our heads and challenge the world to produce a fairer spot than this bright Dominion. Tell me not of the blue skies of Italy, they are not of a more glorious hue than our own Canadian skies. Tell me not of the gorgeous sunsets seen from Alpine heights, we have looked at sunsets in our own Canada which fill up the measure of our ideas of the grand and beautiful, and lift our hearts in wonder and reverence from Nature up to Nature's God. Tell me not of the green fields of the Emerald Isle, I am satisfied to feast my eyes on the living green of our own Canadian fields. Tell me not of the beauty of a Brazilian forest, but think of the magnificence of our Canadian woods in the early autumn. The glorious trees found therein, which rival the colors of the rainbow, and think you they can be excelled by those of any other land? and consider the vastness of this Canada, think of it! from the sea-pastures and coal-fields of our sea-girt Provinces, up the noble St. Lawrence by historic Quebec, the Gibraltar of the New World, on through our own grand Province of Ontario, with its tens of thousands of acres of farming lands, its lakes that are almost seas, its silver and copper mines, rich almost as those fabled in ancient song; on, on through these to the Prairie Province, still on, through the rolling meadows and park-like country of the great North-West, out of which a dozen Manitobas will be formed in the years to come; on, still on, by the banks of that "Red River winding slow," fed from the exhaustless glaciers of the Rocky Mountains, watering an almost boundless plain, on which feed countless herds of untamed cattle in that "great lone land;" on, on, over boundless coal-beds, down deep gorges filled with mighty timber, by rivers flowing over beds of gold; on still westward, to where the Rockies seem to open wide their gates to us, and we sweep through, down the gentle slopes to the great Pacific; we will stop here in our journey, having gone briefly in imagination from ocean to ocean, and it is all our *Native Land*. Where is the man who would not fight for such a land? We answer, he is not found in Canada. Let the stirring events of the early spring of this year bear witness to that fact. When the cry of alarm came from the far west, calling for help to maintain Canadian laws, and to protect the lives of Canadian women and children. You remember the enthusiasm of our brave volunteers, each and all "ready, aye ready," to sacrifice home with all its comforts, and even life itself at their country's call—and nobly they did so, and to-day peace once more reigns throughout our borders. God bless our Canadian Volunteers, may the day be far distant when again they shall be called to the field of battle. Where is the woman who would not work for such a land? We will work for it; we will work, watch and pray; we will help to rear this grand structure which all temperance men and women are engaged in building. We think it is John B. Gough who so forcibly describes the temperance work as a structure in course of erection, and following his idea we see it rising in majestic beauty, tower after tower, pillar after pillar, column after column, each with banners waving. This one bearing the motto "Faith, Hope and Charity," that one proudly floating in the breeze "Love, Purity and Fidelity;" and one smaller it may be than some of the others, bearing on its pure white surface, this motto "For God and Home and Native Land." They are coming to the work band after band, division after division, temple after temple, union after union, and by faith we will see them, bye and bye, coming up over a thousand battlefields waving with bright grain, never again to be crushed in the distillery; through vineyards, under trellised vines, with grapes hanging in all their purple glory, never again to be pressed into that which degrades and debases mankind; when they shall come to the last distillery and destroy it, to the last lake of liquid death and dry it up, to the last drunkard and help him to break his chains, help him to stand where God meant man to stand, a little, only a little lower than the angels. Then, oh then, will our work be done, then will the structure be completed, then will our

native land be redeemed from this curse ; there will be peace and happiness in all our homes ; there will be joy in the presence of the angels of God over many sinners redeemed from this worse than Egyptian bondage, and shouts of gladness shall usher in this final triumph.

My friends, for this we are working, to talk about and to plan how we may help in this work has brought us here to-day from all parts of this fair province. May the Holy Spirit guide us in all our work while here assembled ; may we be wise as serpents, yet, harmless as doves, and when our work for God and Home and Native Land is ended, may we hear our blessed Master's voice bidding us welcome to that far brighter home, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Miss Blanche Kendrick gave a short recitation, showing how a spider got fat on flies by spinning his web across the contribution box. While the collection was being taken up, the choir rendered the anthem "How Lovely is Zion." The evening session then closed with a short address from Miss Bowes, Provincial Organizer, which was a buoyant and hopeful review of the work of the last few years and a glance at the present aspect of affairs. The auspices surrounding the present meeting of the Provincial Union were painted in bright colors, everything seemed sunshiny, and the pleasant state of affairs should encourage the sisters in their good work, and the results of this meeting would be long apparent for good. During the evening Miss Lottie O'Neil, of this city, and Mrs. Rockwell of Kingston, sang solos with good effect.



Public Meeting.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Before returning to their respective homes, those delegates who chose to remain in London over night had an opportunity of listening to one of the ablest temperance lectures that has ever been delivered in this city—the address by Mr. W. H. Howland, of Toronto, which was delivered in St. Andrew's Church, under Ont. W.C.T.U. auspices. The chair was occupied by the Rev. J. A. Murray, who introduced the speaker of the evening, stating that the gentleman whom the audience was about to listen to was a son of ex-Lieut.-Governor Howland, and that he was a "veritable chip off the old block."

After reviewing the progress of the temperance cause the speaker said : The opposition body is a body that is strong, financially and numerically. Their plans for undermining the work of temperance reform does not stop at honesty or truth, every means possible is used to accomplish their devilish ends. But not one lie has been told nor one statement put forth in defence of legalized murder that has not been exposed or explained in a thoroughly convincing manner. In places where the Scott Act has passed people on the opposite side say, "I told you so," "of course it will not work," but little do they think they are opposing a measure that will save many a man, body and soul. One thing that surprises me is, in places where the Scott Act has passed they keep the law as well as they do. With almost every Government official against the act, crown attorneys, judges, magistrates and constables, in most cases, being in direct opposition to it, it is no wonder that in some places it seems to be a failure—it is really marvellous that

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it is enforced at all with such opposition. So it has been in the reform battle all along, the majority always appearing to be against good. But we see the down-coming. The hilltops are beginning to beam with the glorious light of reformation, and soon the time will come when the temperance element will say who shall rule, and we shall see that responsible men make our laws. (Applause.) Some oppositionists say that we will lose our revenue, and trade will become stagnant. Now, we'll just look in the matter and see for ourselves. In the State of Maine the small savings deposits of the working men amount to \$23,000,000; in Ohio, a state with five times the population, the workingmen's deposits amount to \$10,000,000. Now, how is it that a prohibition State has \$13,000,000 more in savings deposits than a State which has little or no prohibition? I will explain it. A farmer brings in a bushel of barley and sells it to the brewer for \$1; the brewer makes whiskey of it and sells it for \$3 to a wholesale dealer; the wholesale dealer sells it to the saloon or hotel keeper, and he sells it to the workingman, and so he pays all the profits, which, at a rough estimate, is \$4 on every one. Now for the other case. A farmer takes a bushel of wheat to a produce dealer and sells it for \$1; he makes flour of it and sells it for \$2 to the workingman. So, you see, the workingman buys his flour to make bread, and so, in reality, nothing but a fair price comes out of his pocket. In concluding, the speaker said that temperance men must vote from principle and not for mere party supremacy. The liquor traffic was hostile to every legitimate trade, and it must be stopped. It was not overproduction that placed the country in the position it was in to-day, but underconsumption. Nothing but a thorough prohibition policy would put an end to it. The women in Toronto alone who were allowed to vote on municipal and school matters numbered 2,900, and this influence would have to be properly exercised. Men think we should wait for public opinion. This is wrong. We will have to act, and then public opinion will form.

Many apt and forcible illustrations were presented by the speaker, whose eloquence and versatility of expression made the lecture a most interesting and instructive one. A vote of thanks was moved by Rev. J. H. Porter, seconded by E. T. Essery, and heartily tendered to Mr. Howland, which he gracefully acknowledged.

A recitation by Blanche Kendrick, a collection and a solo by Mrs. Rockwell, of Kingston, closed the eighth convention of the W. C. T. U.—"London Paper."



The President's Address.

MRS. ADDIE CHISHOLM.

FOR eight years it has been our custom to come up annually into the W. C. T. U. Observatory, whence we may view all the land round about, may see all the way by which we have come, may catch a glimpse of the fields of endeavor which we have essayed to enter and where we have pulled up the weeds, scattered the seed or reaped a harvest. The individual aborer toiling in this field, or in that garden, sees only the obstacles that prevent *his* progress, or, at best, only the results of his own work, but in the extended view which we may take from the height of multiplied and united effort, our knowledge increases, our sympathy deepens, our hearts expand and we are helped and profited.

From this height we see that in one garden, by the hand of a skilful worker, God taught, a favorite plant has been successfully cultivated, on which, after repeated failures, we had written, "cannot be grown in this climate."

We see that in that field have been destroyed dangerous and troublesome insects that had stung the blossom or devoured the fruit which we had tended so carefully, and from which we had hoped so much.

Looking back into our own little plots of ground, shading our eyes in this bright light of congregated experience, we see that with lack of tact or lack of grace and in our zeal to pull up weeds, not seeing to the *root* of things, we have sometimes uprooted the tender plant that might have been an added joy and blessing. As a state of progress is always one of imperfection, we need not, necessarily, be discouraged if we discern all this.

We are learners ever, and while in all the arts, domestic, agricultural, mechanical, educational, some new and better way is ever to be found, so in the art of the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions, the art of restoring to man the mastery of self, the art of extracting the poison from the sting which strong drink has made, the art of saving our little ones from the fascinating glitter of the serpent's eye, and from the sharpness of his tooth, the art of saving the people *in spite of themselves*, in this art new and more successful methods are constantly coming to our help. We are here ready to avail ourselves of all these aids, yet our Convention will fail, in a measure, in results hoped for if we do not gain more than this.

In addition to the report of work done and to the presentation of the best

methods of doing that work, in addition to the knowledge of the kind of seed sown during the year and of the harvests gathered, we hope to catch a new inspiration for the coming year as we get nearer to God in our devotional exercises, and find our hearts melted anew by the warm, full searching rays of Divine love, and made more ready than before to respond to the cry of God's suffering, straying or sinful ones.

We are here to-day, not as legislators, not as politicians, not as belonging to one sect or denomination, but we represent more than three thousand women of Ontario, many of whom, at this hour in quiet homes ask God's blessing on our Convention. God has given to us hearts, intellect and influence. As we have beheld the suffering caused by the drink fiend our hearts have been stirred to action, as we have read of the nature of this enemy, and of its effects upon the physical man, our intellect has been convinced and our influence secured.

In our ranks are mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of this beautiful Province, and we so love our fair domain that we have banded together in the name of the Lord to assist in repelling the invader and destroyer of our homes, and of our happiness.

We believe that we are called of God to this work, and the message has been just as clear to our souls as was the cry "To arms," so lately sounded out to our volunteers. We are *volunteers* in this cause. On our banner floats our motto, "For God and Home and Native Land." We march to the music of sacred song and the ceaseless sound of prayer. We fight and we gain the victory on our knees, and in the name of our commander Christ Jesus. We are here from happy homes, where pure, childish voices mingle with ours in the evening hymn, where the tempter has not yet entered and no shadow falls; and, dear friends, we are here, too, from homes where the trail of the serpent is over all. Some of us are bright and joyous, seeing the victory not very far off, but there are some sad hearts here too. Hearts that have felt the influence of this drink curse as it came upon their loved ones; hearts, from which the cry has been wrung in their midnights of agony, "How long, oh Lord, how long?" The Lord is showing us a way out, and we come to this work feeling it is our right to hurl back blow for blow in dealing with this cruel enemy, who spares none and who shows no mercy.

Our mission is to lift up the fallen, educate the children, to influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue, looking always to the legal prohibition and complete banishment of the liquor traffic. We have found it advantageous to follow the plan of the National Union and arrange our work in different departments, each one being under the supervision of an efficient superintendent. In one or other of these different classes of work each of us, if faithful and loyal, finds her place.

I shall not anticipate the reports of the sixteen superintendents. With many of them it has been a time of clearing up, getting old prejudices out of the way, and preparing the soil for the proper seed sowing, and if, in this work, some financial expense has been incurred, it is only a small item compared with the outlay of time and thought, and effort needed, and which have been so freely given.

We have taken many steps in advance this year on the

ORGANIZATION

road. For years we have made but slow progress here, presumably for lack of funds, but the Unions having responded generally and with promptness, to the claim of the Provincial Treasurer, we have been able to devise more liberal things.

Miss Bowes, our valued organizer, has done us excellent service, and to her efforts is due much of the keen interest shown in our work by many who have been for a long time indifferent.

In Prescott County two Unions have been organized within the last few weeks by Mrs. Spencer Jones. Many of our County Superintendents have given much time and thought to county work, and the result has been a thorough awakening and a new enthusiasm in all such counties.

We must not forget that our hope is in thorough county organization. Only in this way can the Local Unions be kept at their best. The country districts where, living at such distances from each other, it is difficult for ladies to hold a weekly or monthly meeting, might be organized, following out all lines of work needed, and report quarterly to a County Union Convention.

When we remember that the votes in the rural districts have, in many cases, given us the Scott Act, it is surely necessary to see that all means are taken, all influence brought to bear, all information given, that we *always* be able to depend on these votes. The bright light is visible in the country round about, long before it pierces the polluted air that envelopes our cities; and so when we, longing for some sign, call out: "Watchman! what of the night?" far off, on the clear, pure country air comes the answer: "It's no longer night, but morning here."

One of the aims of the society is to so train the children of our land that they will never know the taste of liquor, or the terrible craving of the appetite for rum. Yet there are many children in our Bands of Hope that are inheritors of the drink crave, unknown to themselves and to us, and it will need all our loving patience and prayerful help to deal with such. Let us so lead these dear children, that in after years they may look back to their meetings, not only as a temperance school, but as a safe place, a pure atmosphere, and where they were lead near to God, and their hearts drawn out to him. This department has been unusually successful this year, owing to the untiring efforts of the superintendent, Miss Foster, who, though sitting in the shadow of affliction much of the time, has yet given her best thought and plans to her beloved work. Never has

THE PRESS

been so thoroughly aroused on the temperance question, and few papers have been able to take neutral ground. Controversy on this subject has, at times, absorbed all other interests, and of this sentiment the active superintendent of this department, Miss Phelps, has taken the utmost advantage. The columns of an increased number of papers are now open to us, and people have begun to look for items under the heading—"W. C. T. U."

As the Unions have increased in number and membership the demand for

TEMPERANCE LITERATURE

has been greater, and the last year has been one of increased interest in this department.

Our thanks are due to the Medical Association, of Ontario, for their very satisfactory answers to the questions submitted to them by the Ontario W. T. C. U. We have also the pleasing intelligence from the Hon. Minister of Education, that a book is now going through the press, to be used for the guidance of teachers, and for the use of the normal and model schools, in reference to the subject of temperance.

We are trying to reach and to get a firmer hold on society as we enlist

OUR YOUNG LADIES

in this work. In addition to others formed, you were glad to see, I am sure, that Miss Bowes organized a Y. W. C. T. U. in Demill College, Oshawa. Who shall estimate the influence of those young ladies as they go out from those classic walls, east, west, north and south, making their continual protest against this evil and frowning on the customs of society that have enslaved and ruined many a young life. A young lady said but a little while ago, "Do you know that in—city a young lady is not in society unless she is a Y. W. C. T. U. girl or member of a church temperance society?" The tide is turning friends, for not long ago, it was exceedingly unpopular to be in this work, and church temperance societies were few. "Kitchen Garden" and "Flower Missions" work have been undertaken by some of our Y. W. C. T. Unions with great success. Anything that conduces to the

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to its attractiveness and purity, that makes it a haven of rest to weary workers, toilers of brain or body, anything that aims at this is not to be valued lightly or passed carelessly by. This is the object of Kitchen Gardens, and it is to be hoped that the opening year will see them established in all our towns and cities.

THE FLOWER MISSION,

although not a department in connection with our Provincial Union, has been successfully carried on by some of our local Unions, and the sick, the solitary and the suffering have been cheered and comforted by these silent messengers. Perhaps more than during any previous year the Unions have taken a greater interest in the

COUNTY FAIRS.

They have more largely than at any other time, supplied refreshments that men might avoid the temptation to drink, and have also distributed appropriate literature. The

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

appointed by the Provincial Union was generally observed and with good results. A few of the local unions are agitating the question of

HEAD-QUARTERS

or building a hall of their own with rooms suitable for carrying on their

work. The Provincial Union has not yet whispered such a thing, but the time is coming when a home of *our own* and a permanent abode for a Literature Department will be a matter of necessity.

OUR ABSENT ONES.

As we exchange our greetings here, our thoughts go back to other gatherings of a similar character, and we miss some dear faces whose hearts were in this work, and whose lives were dedicated to it. Mrs. Britton, of Gananoque, Mrs. Van Allan, of Hamilton and Mrs. Aiken, of Prescott. Yet, as we look back, remembering all they were to us, thinking gratefully and lovingly of their steadfastness of purpose, their cheerful answer always to the voice of duty, we look not only back but upward, and with the eye of faith see the invisible ones. May they not be as truly with us as before, rejoicing in our work done for the Master, over souls saved from wrong and ruin?

"THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL"

has had its share of appreciation from most of the Unions, and they have sent reports of their work to its columns. Many have expressed the hope that it might be continued as it was found to supply a felt want in our existence, and had helped more than any other influence to bind our Unions to each other in this common cause.

The most notable event in W. T. C. Union work, has been the beginning of Mrs. Leavitt's tour "Round the World." Sent out by the National W. C. T. U. of the U. S., her aim is to plant W. C. T. Unions in every land, in every clime. This is done in a purely missionary spirit, relying solely on voluntary offerings for the means to defray travelling and necessary expenses. A very few of our Unions have contributed a little to this object, which is not American or English, or Canadian, but which is to be the "World's W.C.T.U." Do we not want a greater share in this enterprise?

LEGISLATION.

This has been a year of Scott Act agitation, and the very best efforts of our Unions have been put forth that the Act might be adopted by the people. Out of thirty-eight counties and ten cities in Ontario, twenty-four counties and two cities are, or will soon be under local option. But out of 139 counties and 19 cities in the Dominion of Canada only 56 counties and 4 cities, a little more than a third have adopted the Act, so that while we congratulate Ontario we see that much is yet to be done before we can have a general prohibitory law for the whole Dominion.

"The work of reform is always wearisome and dangerous, yet ever aggressive, cautious it may be, never cowardly." With a host of brave reformers, such as compose our Dominion Alliance, the general work of this temperance reformation is steadily advancing, public opinion is being cultivated in political circles and inroads are being made into the very heart of the enemy's strongholds which if not built up again by the united wisdom and skill of our Honorable Senate, will soon fall to the ground.

The ball of prohibition is now tossed about like a hot potato from one political party to another, neither one being prepared to swallow it and so the question of

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is coming to the front in this country as it has been growing among our neighbors in the U. S., and as it is appearing in England, for at the Newcastle Temperance Conference, a distinct temperance party was formed which will support only those candidates who will pledge themselves to local option. Breaking over all party lines, and taking from each some of the best and of the bravest, this third party will stand before the people asking that principle be honored, that "right be no longer on the scaffold, wrong no longer on the throne." Prohibition is purely a question of public sentiment, and we know something of the mighty force of that sentiment. Government is the creature of the public will, and when the hearts of the people are right in this matter the *public will* shall rule in righteousness and governments shall obey. In the meantime while a part of the people petition and pray, and governments pretend and procrastinate, the stream of the liquor traffic is ever flowing, widening and increasing in power and volume, carrying in its downward sweep all on which its waters touch. It may be that a new element is needed at our ballot boxes on this question, and that not until woman may place her silent protest against this evil where it will tell for the protection of her home, will this curse be stayed.

THOUGHTS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

Evangelistic.—While our aim, never for a moment to be lost sight of is prohibition, still we should never forget that in order to cultivate and foster the public sentiment that will sustain the desired law, much of our time must be given to moral suasion. These two, moral suasion and legal suasion must go hand and hand or our work is not on a sure foundation. In counties where comparatively little of education and reformatory work has been done, we find more or less difficulty in the enforcement of the Scott Act, and we see clearly that society is not to be freed from this moral leprosy, simply by the enactment of law. We need more than before to get at the hearts and consciences of the people. To this end I would recommend Sunday Temperance Meetings to be held in every place, and that, where at all practicable, Gospel Temperance Missions be started. It is not necessary to send for speakers from a distance for this. There are earnest men and women in every community who can conduct such a meeting. It would seem that this phase of the work had gone out of fashion with us, but it is part of our life. In the past, the ladies of Brantford Union did good service in this work. True, many of the reformed ones will go back again and again and there will be many discouragements, but if we could all have been present at a prayer meeting of reformed men and women that I attended not very long ago, and if you could have heard with me the testimonies to God's power to save and to keep through many years, and much temptation, and if you had heard the prayers of those reformed men for the Women's Christian Temperance Union, you would be convinced more fully than before, that this work pays.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Some of our Unions have observed the custom of sending out cards to ladies of their towns and cities asking that wine be not offered on this day to

callers. This is a slap in the face to a social custom which has smiled unblushingly before us with the opening of every year, and it takes the slap very meekly in most cases. Against every custom of this kind we are to enter our continual protest. All honor to those clergymen in the city of Guelph the other day, who denied themselves the pleasure and honor of dining with the Governor General rather than sit at a table where the strong drink was furnished in a Scott Act County.

INDIVIDUAL EFFORT.

Notwithstanding the cause of Temperance is making rapid progress, the fact is still before us that we are but a handful compared with the population of the women of Ontario. Instead of 4000 we ought to have as a membership at least ten times that number. Why have we not? Perhaps no human beings have it in their power to be such help to the temperance cause as mothers have, and they are responsible for the power they possess. In many instances they are seemingly apathetic because they are in ignorance of the nature of strong drink and its effects on the human system, and, in other cases, indifference as to the moral consequence causes them to be at ease. There is work among these for every individual member of our Unions. With the Loan Library, in the social call, in the evening walk, at our ladies meetings, on the cars, and constantly as we come and go, a little seed dropped here and there, grows to the harvest. It may cost us something to do this hard work, it may put self in the crucible, but what matters it? "Self-ease is pain; thy only rest is labor for a worthy end."

As the women of Ontario have now the privilege of voting on all municipal questions it would be well for this Convention to consider the question of appointing a Superintendent of the Department of

FRANCHISE,

whose work it shall be to urge upon our women their duty and privilege in this matter. A gentleman said not long ago, (and it was in a county that lost the Scott Act,) "The ladies in this county can elect any men they choose if they are only united." Surely it is worth our while to be united on this question, not simply as members of Unions, but as women of the counties. Let those of us who have votes use not only our votes, but our influence with our sisters who are also "citizens" that men pure and upright may be chosen to administer municipal matters, and to manage our school system. I would also ask the attention of the Convention to the appointment of Superintendents of the following departments:—

HEREDITY AND HYGIENE,

FLOWER MISSIONS,

KITCHEN GARDENS,

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS,

WORK AMONG RAILROAD MEN.

I would suggest that the plan of work as sent out by the N. W. C. T. U. with necessary alterations to suit our work, be authorized by this Convention, also that local Unions adopt, as far as possible, a plan of work corresponding to that sent out by the Provincial Union. I would suggest

that in concert with the National Union we observe the noon hour of each day as an hour of prayer, when from not only 4000 women but from hundreds of thousands shall ascend to the throne of God the white winged messengers bearing on their wings loving thoughts of each other, mutual sympathy in service, and earnest petition that God's blessing may rest alike on work and workers.

And now just a word to those who stay at home, the members of our local Unions. Beloved sisters, our hope is in you. On you, after all our planning, rests the responsibility of carrying out those plans and bringing them to a successful issue. With you, in this work, rests the heaviest burden, on your shoulders are the crushing crosses, to you comes the fiercest fires and the sorest sacrifice. Many of your number look up longingly from life's duties to this gathering to-day, and many "hedged in" ones will watch eagerly for our reports. There are good and grand women at our conventions, but some of the grandest, most heroic women are in our societies, that have, perhaps, never yet been represented at our conventions. The stand taken for the right against determined and continued opposition from those nearest and dearest, is, because of a woman's nature, a daily martyrdom. The seed sown is often watered with the heart's hottest tears, and the time of harvest seems very far off. To all our quiet workers, to all toilers amid discouragement, who look longingly towards the end, and to our own hearts, we say :—

"Yet do thy work ; it shall succeed
 In time or in another's day,
 And if denied the victor's meed,
 Thou shalt not lack the toiler's pay.

God's ways seem dark, but soon or late
 They touch the shining hills of day,
 The evil cannot brook delay,
 The good can well afford to wait."



Report of the Corresponding Secretary.

It is my privilege once more to present the yearly report of the Ont. W. C. T. U., at this our eighth annual gathering.

These gatherings are becoming more and more interesting and helpful each year. We meet as sisters of the W. C. T. U., and are united by a tie almost as strong as that of kinship.

Workers in a common cause, we come from all parts of the province, each with a different experience. All do not come with the glad song of victory. Some it may be, who have been most earnest in these efforts as well as most prayerful, have failed to accomplish the desired good. But whatever the record of the year has been, we shall return to our homes and our work the stronger for having met together. The knowledge of what is being done in other parts of the field does make us wiser to plan, and stronger to act in an emergency of our own.

As we look at the work of the year just closed, we must acknowledge that the hand of our God has been over us for good, and we have much to encourage us to labour on.

A quiet, but very effective influence has been going on through all our lines of work, and we need never be discouraged so long as there remains with us a spirit of earnestness and unconquerable faith in the ultimate triumph of our cause.

Sixty-two Unions have been organized since we met in Convention last year, more than half of them by our very efficient organizer, Miss Bowes, who began work early in the year, and in which she has been most successful. There are at present auxiliaries in forty counties. True, some of them have but a single Union, but if that one be true to the objects of the organization, and seeks to educate public sentiments up to the standard of total abstinence in the young, save the inebriate, and secure legal prohibition, there will go out from it an influence that must tell on the community.

As reports are expected from Local Unions, I shall only give statistics from returns sent in, taking the counties separately by beginning at Carleton.

CARLETON.—5 Unions. Ottawa, Ottawa Y. W. C. T. U., New Edinburgh, North Gower and Metcalfe returns 220 members; 2 Bands of Hope, 350 children. Ottawa Y. W. C. T. U., has Kitchen Garden class under its auspices. County Union formed in March.

RENFREW.—1 Union. Pembroke 52 members.

STORMONT AND GLENGARRY.—5 Unions. Cornwall, Aultsville, Moulinette return 110 members. Lunenburg and Lancaster not heard from. 2 Bands of Hope, 300 children.

LEEDS.—7 Unions. Gananoque, Farmersville, Brockville give 141 members. Brockville Y. W. C. T. U., Westport, Newboro and Delta no returns. 3 Bands of Hope, 510 children.

FRONTENAC.—5 Unions. Kingston, Cataraqui and Loboro return 191 members. Warkworth and Harrowsmith no returns. 4 Bands of Hope, 355 children.

GRENVILLE.—9 Unions. Prescott, Prescott Y. W. C. T. U., Kemptville, Spencerville, Oxford Mills, North Augusta, Jasper and Merrickville returns 155 members. Cardinal, no return. 1 Band of Hope.

LANARK.—3 Unions. Carleton Place, Almonte and Perth, 43 members.

DUNDAS.—2 Unions. Morrisburg and Iroquois return 48 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 226 children.

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- ADDINGTON.—1 Union. Verona, no returns.
- HASTINGS.—3 Unions. Madoc, Belleville and Trenton 44 members. 1 Band of Hope, 170 children.
- PRINCE EDWARD.—5 Unions. Picton returns 60 members. Consecon, Hillier, Milford and Wellington no returns. 1 Band of Hope, 300 children; Young People's Temperance Union, 50 members.
- PETERBORO.—4 Unions. Peterboro' and Norwood, 135 members. Westwood and Keene, no returns.
- VICTORIA.—8 Unions. Fenelon Falls, Oakwood, Lindsay, Little Britain, Bobcaygeon, Dunsford, 275 members. 3 Bands of Hope, 460 children.
- DURHAM.—Five Unions. Bowmanville, Newcastle, Newtonville, Orono and Hampton, 112 members.
- ONTARIO.—9 Unions. Oshawa, Whitby, Prince Albert, Oshawa Ladies' College and Beaverton return 173 members. Pickering, Sunderland, Uxbridge, and Manchester no returns. 1 Band of Hope, 170 children.
- SIMCOE.—5 Unions. Barrie, Angus, Edgar, return 148 members; Orillia no return. 1 Band of Hope, 200 children.
- YORK.—15 Unions. Toronto No. 1: Toronto Y. W. C. T. U., Riverside, Richmond Hill, Eglinton, Aurora, Newmarket, Stouffville and Weston return 292 members; Toronto No. 2: Toronto North-West, Toronto Junction, Parkdale, Markham and Islington; Toronto No. 4: no returns. 4 Bands of Hope, 287 children.
- PEEL.—3 Unions. Streetsville, Port Credit and Cooksville return 39 members.
- HALTON.—3 Unions. Milton, Georgetown and Burlington, 332 members. 1 Band of Hope, 140 children.
- WENTWORTH.—3 Unions. Hamilton, Hamilton Y. W. C. T. U., return 140 members; Dundas no report. 1 Band of Hope, 400 children.
- LINCOLN.—5 Unions. St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Campden and Beamsville no returns; Niagara Falls south no report. 1 Band of Hope, 100 children.
- WELLAND.—2 Unions. Thorold and North Pelham, 46 members.
- HALDIMAND.—1 Union. Ridgeville, 48 members. 1 Band of Hope, 150 members.
- NORFOLK.—1 Union. Port Dover, 17 members.
- BRANT.—3 Unions. Brantford and St. George return 58 members; Burford no return. 2 Bands of Hope, 250 children.
- ESSEX.—2 Unions. Windsor and Essex Centre, no return from the County.
- KENT.—1 Union. Chatham, 35 members.
- MIDDLESEX.—1 Union. London, 40 members.
- BOTHWELL.—2 Unions. Ridgetown returns 14 members. Bothwell not heard from.
- ELGIN.—2 Unions. St. Thomas and Aylmer, 183 members. 1 Band of Hope, 50 children.
- LAMBTON.—1 Union. Sarnia, 20 members.
- HURON.—8 Unions. Seaforth, Exeter, Gorrie, Wroxeter, Bluevale, Blyth, Goderich, returns 153 members, Clinton no returns. 4 Bands of Hope, 280 children.
- BRUCE.—3 Unions. Tiverton, Teeswater and Chesley, 48 members. 2 Bands of Hope, 115 children.
- GREY.—3 Unions. Owen Sound and Chatsworth, return, 85 members. Durham no returns. 1 Band of Hope, 320 children.
- WELLINGTON.—5 Unions. Guelph, Fergus and Elora return 88 members. Harriston, Mount Forest, no returns.
- OXFORD.—4 Unions. Ingersoll, Embro, Tilsonburg and Dereham Centre. 95 members. 3 Bands of Hope, 145 children.
- PERTH.—6 Unions. Listowel, Stratford and St. Marys, return 75 members. Palmerston not heard from. 1 Band of Hope, 200 children.
- WATERLOO.—13 Unions. Galt, Galt Y. W. C. T. U., Preston, Berlin, Waterloo, Hawkesville, Elmira and Hespeler, returns 275 members. Bloomingdale, Linwood, Breslau, Winterbourne, Roseville, no returns. 2 Bands of Hope, 460 children.

NORTHUMBERLAND.—Warkworth.

In giving a summary of the work, there are 162 Unions. 119 have sent returns. These give a membership of 4060, of which 134 are honorary members. 2978 meetings have been held with an average attendance of 15. Receipts from members' fees as reported, \$1032.38; \$148.08 were expended in charity, while \$533.28 are reported as being paid into Provincial Treasury. This statement may not agree with the Treasurer's statement but accords with returns sent me from Local Unions.

42 Bands of Hope are reported and 5938 children connected with them. \$454.00 is reported as having been expended at our own Literature Department.

457,620 pages of literature have been distributed, not so much as might have been done, or perhaps was done, as many of the Secretaries in giving returns quite overlook this important question. Other lines of work which it would be impossible to report correctly are being taken up by the different Unions in their own localities.

In 43 Sabbath schools the children are pledged but the number of names is not given. This branch of work is of the utmost importance. The Rev. Charles Garrett, ex-president of the English conference, makes a strong plea for the children. He says in it: "There are only two paths in which to lead the children, one the broad, winding, indistinct, slippery path of moderation—but that so many have perished there is red with blood; the other, the plain straight path of total abstinence." If this be true—and who doubts it? how important that the children should be led in the "straight path."

The "Unfermented Wine" question, "Prison and Police Work," &c., will no doubt be fully reported by the Superintendents of these departments. It would not be possible from returns received to give anything like an accurate report of the number of newspapers supplied with temperance items. That we leave to the Superintendent of the Press department. It is, however, gratifying to know that we have now a paper of our own, the columns of which are always open to our workers. We refer to the *Woman's Journal*, which has been of incalculable benefit to us.

The wonder now is how we did so long without it, for as month after month it comes to us a welcome visitor, we see something that not only interests, but greatly encourages us, and we have to acknowledge it was just what we needed.

Especially has it been helpful to the Secretary by giving notices which would have taken longer time to reach the Local Unions. Last year it was looked upon as a venture, and some at least, were doubtful as to results. To-day we rejoice in the success of the enterprise. Much praise and many thanks are due our beloved President, who stood alone in this, assuming all financial responsibility, and has furnished us with a paper so full of interest and so neat in its appearance.

County conventions have been held and county unions organized but the County Superintendent will speak of them; also two summer meetings, have been held which will be reported by the Superintendent of that department.

This is the record of the year so far as the Local Unions have sent returns. It is cause for regret that all did not do so. In some instances the *blank forms* may not have reached them, in others it may have been overlooked by the secretary and neither filled or forwarded. There is, however, great improvement in this respect, and, no doubt, greater will be manifest next year when it is hoped each secretary will see to it, that each *blank form* sent her will be properly filled and promptly forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary.

We have much to encourage us to labor on, the outbreak is hopeful. A vast field lies open before us. O for labourers with consecrated hearts and unswerving faith in Him *whom we serve*, remembering the promise, "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

Respectfully submitted,
M. S. FAWCETT, Cor. Sec.

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Treasurer's Report.

STATEMENT OF FINANCES OF THE ONTARIO W. C. T. U., FROM OCT., 1884, TO OCT., 1885.

INCOME.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand.....\$252 79	Feb. 6th, paid C. W. Mitchell of <i>Free Press</i> , Ottawa, for 1,000 Plan of Work leaflets.....\$ 10 00
<i>Affiliation Fees.</i>	Monogram 1 50
Chatham..... 7 00	Mrs. Chisholm for Stationery... 1 00
Cornwall..... 12 00	J. W. Carmon, St. Catharines, through Miss Phelps, Supt. of Press Dept., 200 Circulars to Editors, 200 do. to W. C. T. U. Workers, and Envelopes.. 4 75
Prescott..... 8 65	Feb. 10, expenses of Delegates to Dom. W. C. T. U. meeting at Ottawa..... 44 10
Gananoque..... 6 25	Feb. 13, to Miss Bowes for ser- vices as Organizer of Unions, 42 15
Milton..... 35 00	Dec., paid C. W. Mitchell per 2,000 envelopes..... 4 00
Ottawa..... 8 25	2,000 note headings in pads... 3 00
Ottawa Y. W. C. T. U..... 10 70	1,000 quarterly reports..... 3 75
Wroxeter..... 50	2 reams note headings in pads and 1,000 envelopes..... 4 00
Farmersville..... 15 03	To Griffin & Co. for 500 circu- lars (call to prayer) for Scott Act, and postage..... 3 25
Barrie..... 8 00	To Mrs. Chisholm, Supt. of Lit. Department..... 5 16
St. Catharines..... 7 00	Feb. 6, Literature for Lumber- men per Mrs. Shortreed, Barrie..... 5 50
Stouffville..... 4 25	Literature for Lumbermen, Upper Ottawa..... 3 00
Morrisburgh..... 2 00	Paid Griffin & Co., for printing (not entered)..... 6 50
Goderich..... 4 00	March 24, paid Mrs. Chisholm per Lit. Dept. (contra acct. of <i>Citizen Publishing Co.</i>)..... 30 00
Ridgetown..... 5 04	Per German Literature supplied to Supt. of German Work.... 6 90
Durham..... 2 00	
Tiverton..... 5 00	
Brantford..... 4 50	
Zion..... 5 09	
Gorrie..... 2 98	
Kingston..... 33 00	
Harriston..... 4 50	
Campden..... 5 86	
Galt..... 6 50	
Hamilton..... 10 00	
Owen Sound..... 16 45	
Toronto..... 8 00	
Seaforth..... 3 19	
Eglington..... 1 00	
Guelph..... 5 00	
Bluevale..... 3 25	
Burlington..... 5 52	
Iriquols..... 8 21	
Sarnia..... 5 00	
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<i>Carried forward</i>\$524 51	<i>Carried forward</i>\$178 56

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
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Spencerville.....	2 50	Postage acct. from Oct. 17, 1884,	
Carleton Place.....	1 37	to Feb. 23, 1885.....	19 78
Cobourg.....	4 00	For one ream of note paper and	
Pembroke.....	11 00	1,000 Evangelistic Leaflets per	
Georgetown.....	18 75	Lit. Department.....	3 50
London.....	7 00	To <i>Citizen</i> Publishing Company,	
Brockville.....	1 50	Toronto, for printing 2,000	
Berlin.....	15 32	Annual Reports.....	100 00
Streetsville.....	4 71	2,000 President's Address,	
Lancaster.....	2 50	2,000 Press Leaflets on Unfer-	
Edgar.....	2 00	mented Wine, 2000 Lists, Lit.,	
Fergus.....	5 95	April, to Mrs. Chisholm, postage	
Elora.....	3 01	and express paid on reports...	19 15
Blythe.....	8 52	May 23, to Mrs. Chisholm for	
Loboro.....	2 75	three reams of writing paper,	4 50
Niagara Falls.....	7 61	June 13, to Griffin & Kidner,	
Port Credit.....	3 64	balance on account for 1884,	3 11
Bloomington.....	2 00	To Provincial Organizer, from	
Port Dover.....	4 24	Feb. till May.....	50 00
Toronto Y. W. C. T. U.....	2 53	President's travelling expenses	
Tilsonburg.....	6 50	to summer meetings of the	
Markham.....	1 38	W. C. T. U., Gananoque and	
North Gower.....	3 00	return.....	5 38
Oxford Mills.....	4 84	Niagara Falls and return....	17 34
Bowmanville.....	6 07	Oct. 10, to Miss S. Willmott,	
Thorold.....	4 00	Superintendent of Unfer-	
Hampton.....	1 50	mented Wine, postage on cor-	
Almonte.....	1 13	respondence	1 25
Orono.....	4 00	President's postage acct. from	
Trenton.....	7 00	July 14 to Oct. 7.....	14 59
Cookville.....	2 75	Cor. Sec'y, postage account.....	14 87
Stratford.....	10 00	Schedules.....	4 57
Oakwood.....	2 50	Railroad Circulars.....	3 00
Bobcaygeon.....	5 50	Circulars and programmes.....	3 90
Burford.....	2 50	Paper and envelopes.....	45
Fenelon Falls.....	10 00	Miss Allen, Supt. of Evangelis-	
Merrickville.....	3 01	tic Dept., postage account....	2 45
New Edinburgh.....	1 07	Treasurer's postage account....	5 26
Keene.....	4 07	Secretary's do.	2 19
Newtonville.....	1 94	Aug. 1, Mrs. Chisholm, postage	
Little Britain.....	3 75	acct. from Feb. to July.....	21 68
Lindsay.....	4 70	Note paper.....	1 50
Dunford.....	2 13	1,000 circulars (Kitchen Gard.)	2 00
Oshawa.....	7 25	Oct. 5, Supt. Lit. Dept. per	
Hastings.....	2 25	Literature, 10,956 pgs. pledge	
Newcastle.....	3 14	books, cards and books, sent	
Prince Albert.....	1 00	as samples and helps to Local	
Westwood.....	1 80	Unions.....	13 79
Whitby.....	3 50	500 calls to Convention.....	3 00
Elora.....	3 25	To Provincial Organizer for 8	
Sunderland.....	1 25	Unions.....	40 00
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Mount Forest.....	1 88
Peterboro'.....	12 25
Belleville.....	5 50
Aurora.....	3 31
Consecon.....	2 00
Aylmer.....	3 00
Hillier.....	1 50
Breslau.....	3 00
Toronto East End W.C.T.U.....	2 00
North Pelham.....	4 00
Linwood.....	3 00
Newmarket.....	1 88
Toronto North W. C. T. U.....	5 00
Fonthill.....	7 00
Hawkesville.....	1 00
Arthur.....	5 00
Total	\$836 84
Donation by Mrs. Fawcett.....	2 00
Do. by Mrs. D. L. Brethour....	2 00
Cash for Reports.....	57 44
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MRS. D. L. BRETHOUR, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

J. S. WILLMOTT.



Report of Convention Finance Committee.

RECEIPTS AT CONVENTION, LONDON.

	\$	CTS.
Collections, Congregational Church.....	16	80
do Wesley Hall.....	20	37
do Presbyterian Church.....	34	35
Proceeds of Sale Table.....	45	76
Donations, Miss Meir.....	3	00
do Mrs. Coates.....	21	31
do Mr. Howland.....	15	00
Receipt for daily paper.....	2	05
	<u>\$158</u>	<u>64</u>

EXPENSES OF CONVENTION :

	\$	CTS.
Travelling Expenses of Officers to Annual.....	34	07
Donation to President.....	100	00
Paid Caretakers Y. M. C. A. Rooms.....	3	00
do Wesley Hall.....	1	50
do St. Andrew's Church.....	1	00
do Congregational Church.....	1	00
The London "Free Press" for Advertising.....	3	80
For 200 copies Daily Paper.....	2	00
W. A. Carrie, Sundries for Convention.....	5	80
Y. M. C. A. Sundries.....	70	00
Telegram from New York.....	68	00
do Reply to British Columbia.....	2	30
Mr. Howland's address and expenses.....	15	00
Southern Brierby Postal Cards, invitations, &c., for Annual....	5	50
Mrs. Yeoman's Travelling Expenses to Convention.....	13	00
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Reports of Superintendents of Departments.

ORGANIZATION.—PLAN OF WORK.

MRS. J. TILTON, OTTAWA, SUPERINTENDENT OF PLAN OF WORK.

"Let everything be done decently and in order."

In adopting the "Plan of Work," so marvellously arranged for the N. W. C. T. U. by those gifted organizers, Mrs. Buell and Miss Willard, the Convention of 1884 enabled the Ontario W. C. T. U. to make an advance in a system admitted by all temperance workers to be *the best* the world possesses for systematizing effort and developing talent and ability. To the earnest W. C. T. U. woman, who sees, day after day, souls entrapped by a legalized traffic, there is ever active work for her to be engaged in; unlimited opportunities for patience, love and perseverance, and she rejoices in a plan that has been proved, one that will enable her to carry on the work more satisfactorily and more thoroughly after what may be considered the "perfect pattern."

Early in the year a "Leaflet" was published and circulated, embracing fourteen departments, and defining the objects of each department, as well as the duties of the Superintendents. At a meeting of the Executive, official authority was given for two other departments, "Summer Meetings" and "Kitchen Garden Work," making *sixteen* in all. The reports submitted to this Convention will prove whether our Superintendents have fulfilled their official obligations.

At the convention last year 28 counties out of the 46 in Ontario were reported established in the W. C. T. U. work. To-day we have reason to rejoice that only *three* counties remain to be opened, Lennox, Muskoka and Algoma. Miss Bowes, the authorized organizer, has been untiring and unwavering in her new sphere of labor, and in but few cases has her work been arranged for her. The Superintendent of "Plan of Work" only received one application (official) for the organizer, which was immediately acknowledged and complied with.

Miss Bowes' report will undoubtedly convince this Convention of her success and the great benefits accruing from again having an authorized Organizer. The financial arrangement made by the Executive in October closed in May, after which a new arrangement was made by which Miss Bowes was to receive from June until the Convention, \$5.00 for every New Union formed and affiliating, and \$2.50 for every New Union not affiliating. The Executive feeling that whilst there is great benefit from affiliation, the *cause* demands the aid of our Organizer, even if new Unions are not quite in a position to unite with the Ontario Union. Had the County Superintendents been able to devote a little time in arranging for Miss Bowes, much of her time and correspondence would have been saved.

I trust that this Convention will elect a County Superintendent for every county, including those not yet opened, and that the Superintendents, on their part, may realize the power and influence each may have in her respective county by laboring for the formation of Unions in every town and city, and individual members in remote districts.

In the "Plan of Work" for 1885 and 1886, may I recommend that "Work among Railway Employees," "Hygiene," "Soldiers' and Sailors' Department,"

"Prison and Police," be added to already authorized departments. "Why and How" has been a grand help to many in forming Unions where the individual worker has had no experience and no one near to aid her in organizing, and our Literature Department should be well supplied with that valuable little book.

The "Plan of Work" must be carefully studied and carefully carried out, says Mrs. Green, of the N. W. C. T. U., until then our work will come far short of its possibilities. This constitutes the foundation of all future work. It is the cause without which effect cannot be produced; it is the machinery by which power is generated. This great work in our Unions to-day is the bringing out the power of the Department.

May it then be the aim of every Superintendent to devote heart and mind and will to the development and perfection of her department, that our homes and our Province may reap rich benefits through the combined effort and earnest prayers of the women engaged in the work of the "Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union."

REPORT OF MISS BOWES.

PROVINCIAL ORGANIZER OF W. C. T. U.

At last Provincial Convention when a lady of the Executive said, "Miss Bowes will you be our organizer," I after due consideration consented, believing it to be the Divine plan and definite line of work for use for the time being. I entered upon my official duties with a degree of trepidation but fully conscious of my need of Divine help and promise of the needed supply. By way at most of experiment in my new undertaking, on my return home from the Convention, I called at Streetsville and organized a W. C. T. U., which branch I am happy to say is not only alive but active, earnest and prosperous. By the time the "Plan of Work" Committee had decided upon the locality of my beginning for the winter, Christmas was approaching. My own judgment dictated the festive season would not be opportune, consequently waited until after the New Year was ushered in. I began in the County of York, succeeded in leaving an organization in Markham, Aurora and Newmarket having previously while on a visit formed a union in Stouffville; also organized in Cooksville and Credit, after which I returned home to Milton for a couple of weeks. I next entered the Counties of Durham and Northumberland and organized, previous to the Scott Act voting day, in Bowmanville, Hampton, Newcastle, Orono and Newtonville. Spent the 26th of February, that memorable day in Cobourg, in association with the dear ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who spent the entire day from 9 a.m. in devotional exercises. The following evening participating in their joyous thanksgiving. I entered the Royal County Victoria on the day of the first Scott Act Convention, at which Mr F. S. Spence kindly introduced me and my work. Arrangements were then made for visiting different points of the County with which I complied, leaving an organization in the following places: Lindsay, Oakwood, Little Britain, Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon and Dunsford. Next I proceeded to Peterborough County, where I made my debut as a platform speaker. Organized in Peterborough Town, Norwood and Keene, Hastings, Westwood and Warkworth in Northumberland, and Madoc in Hastings County. Returned westward in April and spent a few weeks in Ontario, leaving a W. C. T. U. in Oshawa, (also a Y. W. C. T. U. in Demill College). Whitby Union had organized shortly before I visited the town, so I availed myself of the privilege of meeting the ladies and giving some words of help and encouragement; Pickering, Prince Albert, Sunderland, Beaverton and Manchester. The winter was long, cold, and severe, but there was only one day that I did not face the elements however, rigorous to push on the interest of my work. The kindness and hospitality of the many dear homes, in which I was a stranger and a guest, together with the consideration shown and interest taking in the cause of which I was an advocate, threw a lum-

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inous gilding over my horizon, making what might otherwise be a labor and a toil, a pleasurable and enjoyable occupation. Up to May 9th, the work accomplished was as follows: Organized 34 Unions and delivered 32 public addresses in the interest of "Home Protection" and the "Scott Act." During the month of June, which would have doubtless been favourable for my work, I was obliged to assume home duties and responsibilities, consequently did not resume active work (with the exception of forming a Union in Chippewa), until Sept. 3rd, when I entered the large and beautiful County of Waterloo, in which I have spent a pleasant and somewhat successful five weeks, or nearly so. I have left a W. C. T. U. in the following places: Breslau, Winterbourne, Elmira, Hawkesville, Linwood, Roseville, Hespeler, Waterloo and Pine Grove, with several points to visit after Provincial Convention. I derived much pleasure and profit from visiting three Unions that have been doing active work. I have delivered in Waterloo 20 public addresses. The sum total of work for the year is as follows: 45 Unions, 55 Public Addresses, letters written on the subject of Temperance 135, cards written 100. I would render thanks and praise to my kind Heavenly Father for the help and encouragement afforded me while endeavoring to prosecute the interest of one branch of his cause, calculated to brighten hours and lighten hearts. If disposed to look on the dark side of the picture in preference to the bright, I could by the aggregation of all the little disappointments, misunderstandings, apathy, clouds and storms encountered during the rigorous winter season, present a picture the sombre shades of which could predominate, but when intermingled with so much of the luminous that not merely a gilding tints the scene, but the entire landscape is radiant with sunshine, the memory lingers with reflective pleasure and drinks in fresh inspiration for future service. We have been looking forward with joyous anticipation to our annual Convention in the City of London where we shall renew our friendship and exchange our heartfelt greetings. May the great head of the Church be manifestly present to prompt a fresh renewal of our hearts and lives to this W. C. T. U. work, with the blessed assurance that the "Crowning Day is Coming," when this body wracking and soul destroying traffic shall be swept away, verifying the truth of the Holy Writ "Righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the Deep."

Right must prevail,
Though long in the dust
All wrong to assail
In God we do trust.
His truth be our armor,
His word be our sword
To victory march
In the name of the Lord.

INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

MISS MINNIE PHELPS, ST. CATHARINES.

Mrs. President and Members of Convention.—The "press" department of the Ont. W. C. T. U. reports progress. We have kept steadily at it and always at it, with the feelings that the success of this department means the widening of our work in each and every line entered into by the Ont. W. C. T. U., and that to keep our cause and organization constantly before the people by the means of the religious and secular "press," gives us a name and a place and a standing among the world's workers, that in no other way could be attained. The "press" of to-day is the offensive and the defensive champion of every question that humanity is putting to self, it goes from both extremes of society, it is to be found in the parlor, it is equally as welcome to the confines of the kitchen. It is read on the street, it goes into the car, it is to be found in every workshop in the land, everywhere, on all occasions, neither time nor place or person stops its aggressive and progressive agitations. "The speaker and hearer die, the tongue and the pen

finally perish, but the "press" embalms the perishable, arrests the progress of decay and gives to our words a longer life, and a wider scope of influence." This is alike true of politics, morals, and religion; and what we as Local Unions ought to do, with a realization of these facts, is to keep the public constantly alive with what we are doing from a report of a business meeting, to the social and leading aspects of the question. Let everybody know that in their midst is an organization called the W. C. T. U., which on every and all occasions, by every line of defence is making war on the liquor traffic by scientific instruction; by social, moral as well as legal measures; and above all let *everybody* know we mean business. For the great possibilities of the temperance reform in every line and action of defence that the W. C. T. U. have set up, will be found in the moulding influences of the 374 daily, weekly, and monthly papers who are leaving an impression on more than a hundred thousand readers that neither preacher nor orator can erase. This age differs materially from others in its form of government. To-day the power of government is derived from the people; in the yesterday it came from the King; to-day it is brain not muscle that is welding all nationalities.

" All mankind are one in spirit—
And an impulse moves along;
Round the earth's electric circle
The swift flash of right or wrong."

Since the governments of to-day are born and made by the popular will of the people, to execute the will of the majority on every and all questions that touch human life and citizenship, and because, the great central idea of the world is home, we want to bring in contact with the people through the press, arguments and facts in every and all aspects of this question that shall decide for the people and they the government; whether we, a country like ours, the home, home life as represented by the women and children, shall have a chance for "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness," or that the rum power rule and reign among government potentees. The W. C. T. U. is in existence to-day because the liquor traffic is in our land, the one is diametrically opposed to the other. The one is the exponent of the home, the other stands opposed. With this relationship let us push our organization into every editorial sanctum, not for organization sake, but for humanity sake! because freighted with immense influence is the local press of every community, on whose words great questions are borne up or down; observation teaches that the people are what their reading make them, and if we wish to influence society, arrest the public attention and finally make votes, we must be as wise in our day and generation as the nineteenth century politician is.

From a report of the literature committee of the National Prohibition party, of the U. S., I find the significant fact that the whole vote polled was about equal to the combined circulation of the prohibition journals. This fact is worth remembering, and is an application of the old adage "Knowledge is power."

Now just a few practical words to the many workers who have in connection with the local press of their community found editors willing to give space, providing the W. C. T. U. will not talk "Prohibition," as they (the editors) do not believe, sometimes for party's sake, in these advanced measures, but believe in the moral suasion argument, and that "a man can't be made sober by acts of parliament." It would be wisdom for the press committee of that community to bombard the editorial sanctum with moral suasion facts and arguments, for the surest way to make a prohibitionist of a man is to get him interested in social and moral work. When it can be brought under a man's notice that nineteen out of every twenty who have been rescued from drink habit, have been again drawn back by the open legalized saloon, it does not take an extra amount of vision to see that the man-trap has undone what the reformatory work had begun, after pulling a man repeatedly out of a hole most men see the necessity of stopping up the hole.

In the early part of the year we sent circular letters to the various newspapers of the Province. We have been most thankfully received from the lead-

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ing dailies to the minor monthlies. From many we have had most kind and courteous replies. Many being glad and willing to lend a hand in the way of space for temperance matter, if only some one would only provide the space offered with good, readable matter.

The Provincial Union, since its birth and growing influence, has grown into such proportions that not a few of the presiding geniuses of the editorial chairs have thought the Provincial W. C. T. U. of enough importance to merit their consideration, so have written me, as your "Press" Superintendent, on the necessity and the becomingness of women using their influence along moral lines, leaving the legal aspect alone. Such letters are only indicative that we, in our lines of preventive work, are being felt in the place where it will most likely do good, and are stirring up a question that will bear investigation and light, for the more light is thrown upon it the more quickly will the majority see the liquor traffic in all its monstrosities. So we think when we see some one from the editorial chair dictating to the work of the W. C. T. U., we are convinced that in that particular direction we have made our influence felt. In reply to circular to Toronto *Daily Globe* we received reply "that any communication either from you or from those with whom you act will receive every consideration on its merits." Probably no single agency in the Dominion has done so much to educate the people of Canada as has the Toronto *Daily Globe*.

To every W. C. T. U. in the Dominion, letters have been sent setting forth the possibility of this department. County Superintendents have been written to, and to every W. C. T. U. enclosed was a little circular with the following questions:—

- 1—How many papers are published within your circuit ?
- 2—How many of them give space for temperance matter ?
- 3—Please give the name of the County Superintendent ?
- 4—Have you appointed a press committee ?

In this way a concise report of the work done can be ascertained from the Secretary of the Local Union where sent.

From the circular above sent we have gathered the following:—

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In comparing the above list of names with the report of last year, it will be observed that in the list of this year the majority of names are new, and that many of the places of last year have failed to report or have given up this department of work. From Toronto Unions I have received word that the local Unions there have corresponded with the leading journals of the city and have received most satisfactory answers from the *Mail* and *Globe*. From several points we find during the Scott Act agitations the "press" to the fore doing good service in the various localities.

In the hundreds of letters and circulars sent out from this department, but a small average have been replied to. Dear Friends, this ought not so to be; there is an undeniable fact that the "press" of the country, feeling the pulse of the people, are ahead of the W. C. T. U. in this particular line of work, for we find more papers willing to give space than we can find Unions and workers willing to do and to take up this department of work.

The "press" has always been the friend of the people in the widest, broadest

sense of the word, and from the earliest history of types and presses, has championed the cause of human progress in every line that humanity has moved. Its influence is so great that Russian authorities confiscate Nihilistic printing presses and types. Its education is so potent among the masses, that German Bismarck seizes the Socialistic press and types, because the education and the reformatory work follows every type set up. In 1830 that grand and gracious man Wm. Loyd Garrison, who combined the courage of a St. Paul and the lovingness of a John, in a dark and dingy room in Boston, issued the first copy of a paper called the "Liberator," and that moment the anti-slavery party was born, the result of which more than twenty years ago settled a question that in more than one way affect this whole North American continent. We are in Convention to-day because a great question is settling and pushing its existence down deep in the centres of Canadian civilization. With a bold effrontery it pushes its way into every crack and corner of politics and commerce, holding out as a bait its power, influence and money to the party or parties who will stand beside them, and "forsaking all others cleave unto them, until death do them part." We, the W. C. T. U., stand to-day for the home life of this nation, with its sacred environments, and plead that as more people read newspapers than hear sermons or lecturers, that it is the sacred duty of the W. C. T. U. to bring the precedence of the home into the editorial sanctum of every available newspaper in the Province, because with this work is the developing of your own selves as well as the laying the corner stone of truth and righteousness in the mind and character of others.

May you see that in to-day with its agitations is slumbering the embryo of to-morrow's reforms. The prohibition of the liquor traffic will, in the near future, come up before the people for a settlement, and whether it will come through political prohibition or by either of the two present parties, time will tell. But one thing is certain—it is coming—and the press, its leaves, may they be for the healing of the nation.

JUVENILE WORK.

MISS FOSTER, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to lay me aside from active service for some weeks past, but I cannot express the feeling of disappointment that overshadows me, stopped so suddenly in the midst of my preparation for Convention, where I hoped to have given a report that would have placed the Band of Hope department on a clearer footing, both to the Union and the country at large. I had prepared a circular (free of charge,) which would have been sent to each Union and Band of Hope, and from which definite information would have been gathered.

The work of the year has been very interesting, and has grown in every particular. Immediately on returning from Toronto last year, I wrote to the Sabbath School Association of Canada then in session at Brockville, which was very cordially received and earnestly endorsed, as reference to the daily press at that date will show, "and the weight of the association thus given to it" in the way required.

I then issued circulars and sent them to each County Superintendent, but am sorry to say did not receive many of them back again. I fear this is a source of discouragement in other departments besides mine.

I hoped to be able to hand over a trifle to the Literature Department as profit by sales of Band of Hope requisites, but my returns (samples sent) and cash returns are not in yet. If again entrusted with the charge of this department, and if my health permits, I will endeavor in the future as in the past, to give it my

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best and prayerful attention, and if approved will prepare a report and send it to the *Journal*, which is always a stimulating visitor on a safe, able.

The work in this county and the one adjoining, viz., Welland, is growing in interest and power. In company with Mrs. Dalglish, Co. Superintendent of Welland (who requested me to look after the work in her county, as domestic duties prevented her from devoting as much time as she wished to it,) I organized a promising Union in North Pelham.

In July, in company with a deputation from the St. Catharines Union, a strong Union was formed at Effingham. Fonthill has been visited, and we found them earnestly at work for God and Home and Native Land. The Beamsville Union formed in the spring is still growing. Looking back over the year I think we must be encouraged. Many things have seemed to hinder the progress of our loved cause, yet surely mid cloud and sunshine it has, through the blessing of God, made some advancement, and the day is nearer when the curse shall be removed and prohibition shall be an established, well-kept law in our statute books. God speed the day. In the meantime we will raise our Ebenezer, and say alike of our private life and public service, "Hitherto had the Lord helped us."

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS D. ALLEN, KINGSTON.

In sending in her report the Superintendent of Evangelistic Work in connection with the Provincial W. C. T. U., would earnestly request the forgiveness of her fellow-laborers in the great cause of temperance, for the meagre account of the work done during the past year. Many things have prevented her doing what, at the beginning of the year, she fully intended to do. Bereavement, illness and other things have been sent by a loving Father, so that personally very little effort could be made. For one thing she thanks God that He has been working while she was laid aside, and the temperance work has been consequently progressing, for "who can stay His hand?"

In April a leaflet on this special department of work was published, and copies sent to every Union, also cards urging upon all connected with our Union to try and establish various agencies in their several Unions, and report to your Superintendent, but she regrets to say that very few replies came in answer to her request, so she can report but little. From *Embryo*, the President of the Union there says: "I scarcely know what to report, except that we are maintaining the Band of Hope, of which we have now over ninety members here, all very enthusiastic. We find that what you suggest in your subject will not work in our village." This was in May, and we can but hope something has been done in the meantime. From St. Catharines, Miss Foster, in the beginning of the year, wrote, requesting that some one should be sent to try and raise the members of that Union to more spirituality of mind, and consequent fruitfulness, but no one was sent, owing partly to lack of funds. From Belleville, Mrs. Dunnett writes, May 21st, "I think the work suggested in your subject a most important one. We are trying to establish cottage meetings in different parts of the city. I hope some time you will be able to aid and counsel us in our work by your presence." Mrs. Jones, President of the Thorold Union writes in May, "I am pleased to inform you that our Union has acted upon one of your suggestions in the subject you so kindly sent us. We commenced right away a weekly cottage prayer meeting, which, I rejoice to say, was very well attended." Mrs. Brown, of Galt, wrote to say their Union could not take up any further work, though fully sympathising with all. These reports were almost the only ones received by

your Superintendent, so that discouragement was the uppermost feeling—but our God reigneth—the work is yet almost in its infancy, and we can but wait and trust that future years may find every Union so imbued with the Spirit of the Master that the members may each take up his words and say “*I must work the works of Him who sent me.*”

Before concluding your Superintendent would urge upon the Provincial Union one or two things, and these very strongly. First, let some one endowed with the Holy Ghost and with power be appointed to visit, from time to time the various Unions, and seek in every way to stir up a more deeply earnest feeling; and by prayer, speech and sympathy to recommend, not merely the temperance cause, *but the Lord Jesus Christ.* Another thing your Superintendent would suggest, that is, that before the Lord we present each Union constantly asking Him to strengthen the weak, to lift up those that are cast down, to rouse the indifferent, to warm with His own love the cold hearts, and to make each member a living witness of the power of that constraining love—a living witness of Christ Himself.

USE OF THE UNFERMENTED JUICE OF THE GRAPE AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

MISS S. WILLMOTT, MILTON.

“The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice.” How manifestly has God indicated His own word, as evidenced in this great temperance reform. How truly can those who have been engaged in the conflict, say with the Psalmist: “If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us; then had they swallowed us up, but blessed be the Lord who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.”

This mighty movement like the sun in its course knows no retrogression, clouds for a time may obscure from our vision its true progress, but when they are lifted we behold its onward march; so shall this great moral force advance, ever gaining accessions, by every conflict; victory succeeding victory, unto ultimate triumph. Hail glorious consummation! “Haste happy day” when this Babylon of iniquity shall fall to rise no more.

On the church of God this responsibility rests; to her has been committed the carrying out of God's generous purposes. Should not the high honor with which God has empowered his people, together with the assurance of final success, be an inspiration to every christian to go forward with renewed zeal; to give no place to apathy, but with a courage and energy that knows no abatement, maintain the contest, until the foe be vanquished!

In this department of the church's work which I am especially called to report, I am happy to be able to state, that during the year decided advancement has been made. All the W. C. T. Unions recorded in the last report (86) have been addressed, in order to ascertain how many churches in each locality use unfermented wine in the Lord's Supper. I gratefully acknowledge the prompt reply of 39 Unions, all stating they had given the subject a careful consideration; and permit me here to say I think they should be greatly encouraged by the success that has attended their efforts.

The aggregate number of churches reported that have expelled from their communion “Cup” an alcoholic mixture, and substituted the pure juice of the grape is 101, among these the Methodist churches stand out in bold relief, as in every place reported they have shown a clean record on this very important subject. We also rejoice in the statement, that the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Congregational

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churches, in several places have felt the imperative duty, of removing from this divine ordinance, that which too often proved a snare. There are other churches, either from old time prejudices or the want of clearer light, that still tenaciously cling to the cup that giveth its colour, "when it moveth itself aright," as the most appropriate element to symbolize the shed blood of our blessed Redeemer.

This is a vital question, and should arouse every church member to examine it, in the light of the revealed word. The whole tenor of scripture goes to prove drunkenness to be a sin; the penalty of which is eternal banishment from God.

God hath said, "Woe unto the wine cup," for which so many contend to be the only proper mixture to emblemize the atoning blood, contains all the elements of the drink referred to, and alas, too often have the same consequences followed. The little sip at the communion table, by some considered a light thing, has awakened a desire for strong drink, and they who have been struggling against the appetite, now find it beyond their control and thus they have stumbled and fatally fallen.

O that the church would awake to her responsibility: that she would respond to the call, "arise and shine for thy light is come." That the table of the Lord may no longer be desecrated with an element which God has pronounced to be "a mocker, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

We would also urge on all the christian women of our land to aid in this good work. The W. C. T. Unions have done nobly, and as they are daily increasing, what may we hope, but the complete removal of everything that would mar the sacred and precious remembrance of our dying Lord!

WORK AMONG THE LUMBERMEN.

MRS. T. SHORTREED, SUPERINTENDENT.

The area over which the timber and lumber operations extend is so vast and so difficult of access, that it would be impossible for a woman to reach it personally. After my appointment to this work, I wrote to several ministers and catechists engaged in missionary work in Muskoka and Parry Sound districts, asking them for information in regard to the lumbermen in their circuit, also if they would be willing to distribute temperance literature to the men; the answer in each case was cordial and satisfactory. The literature at my disposal I divided and sent to their several addresses. I have been assured that it was in some cases much appreciated, and in general well received. The amount furnished by the Provincial Union (\$5) was considerably added to by a friend interested in the work, so that altogether we distributed 6,333 pages of temperance literature among the lumbermen. I cannot imagine any class of men in more need of help than these same lumbermen. They work hard and endure much hardship to earn good wages, which are spent by the majority in the maddening drink. Many of them are hardened and difficult to reach, but among them are young lads who, tired of the restraint at home, have sought for greater freedom in the wild life of the lumberman. Some of these might be reached, some written word sent by the W. C. T. U., accompanied by earnest prayers, might prove in their case to be good seed. Among these men the Sabbath is a day for hunting, fishing and card playing, the latter the most absorbing pastime of their lives, and that sometimes, simply because there is nothing else to occupy their attention; many of them might be led to read a book put in their way who might not be so easily induced to attend services conducted by a missionary. It is at least one way in which we may strive to reach out our hands to help them.

YOUNG WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION WORK.

MISS SCOTT, OTTAWA.

In thinking seriously of this subject one is almost overwhelmed with its great scope, so far reaching as it is. Young Women's Work! The influence of Young Women! Where does it end? We know that sometimes it has very small beginnings, perhaps starting from the efforts of one young woman, unaided, except by the unseen Power Who never leaves one comfortless, but reaches far and wide until it is lost in eternity itself.

Looking abroad in the world, we notice the wonderful work of the Mission Bands with their bright train of helpers, their consecrated young people, sending out their words of cheer to the far away missionaries and their wives.

The names chosen by these Bands signifying the joy with which they take up the work, such as "Willing Workers," "Labourers of Love," "Cheerful Givers."

Then again, we would notice the efforts of the Young Woman's Christian Association in help given to the grand army of working women, the broadening and uplifting of so many young lives, and the development in girlish hearts of the true idea of Christian womanhood.

But combined with these, and partaking of the nature of each, is that work of prevention, the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union with its many branches, suited alike to all talents. We all know what a power in society young women are, and when their voices ring out clear on the subject of Total Abstinence how much good may be done by them, not only in their own homes, but in an ever-widening circle.

Not only in society, but in the every day walk and conversation their influence may be felt. We are not called upon to petition legislature, etc., we can easily leave that to older and wiser people, but we are called upon to help the weaker sisters near us, those with whom we are coming in contact every day. Let us remember they have trials and temptations that perhaps we have never met with, and a kind word spoken at the right time may counteract other influences which are not improving. The girls' night schools in connection with the Y. W. C. T. Union are intended as a help to those who have not the educational advantages enjoyed by most of us. Let us then not be intellectual Pharisees; let us live more for others, sharing with our sisters the talents which perhaps we think so lightly of. Never mind whether those we want to help are uncongenial; let us remember that Christ loved to the end, while we scarcely love at all; He went about doing good, while we are satisfied if we barely escape doing evil; He judged every one by his attitude towards the Kingdom of Heaven, we judge by all sorts of outward circumstances often, most of all by the attitude towards ourselves. We would like to give an illustration here. A bright young member of a Y. W. C. T. Union lately went through the workrooms of some of the large dry goods stores in a city gathering members for a Bible Class she had started on Sunday afternoons. One girl said to her, "Oh! miss, I have been only three weeks in the city, and I didn't think any one took any interest in me till you came."

Then there is the work for the children so especially suited to our young women, in Bands of Hope, Boys' Night School, Sewing Schools, and the newer department of Kitchen Garden Schools, where the rudiments of housekeeping are taught in such a bright, pleasant manner, as sometimes to be a revelation to teacher as well as scholar.

So many ways are there of carrying on the mission of removing the stumbling blocks out of the way, and of giving the cup of cold water to cheer "His little ones." We must speak also of the Flower Mission with its comforting work of visiting those on sick beds. In one hospital where the Y. W. C. T. U. takes

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flowers every week, a poor woman said : "When she was too ill and weak to move she would lie and look at her flowers for half an hour at a time, they comforted her so."

Another patient lying in a hospital, miles away from her own home, keeps the text cards that come with the flowers, and sends them home every week, where they are carefully taught to her children.

So many ways open up for work on all sides, and clamorous calls for more workers are heard all about us. Let us then put our lives out at the best interest, and even if we cannot help very much in this temperance work, we can shew our sympathy by joining the Unions, by rolling up the membership, casting in our lots with those who are bearing the burden, and in this way God will—

" Make our lives a little song,
That comforteth the sad;
That helpeth others to be strong
And makes the singers glad.

Last year there were four Young Woman's Unions, now there are seven ; Hamilton, Ottawa, Galt, Prescott, Brockville, Toronto, and Demill College, Oshawa.

HAMILTON has 170 members (active and honorary) with branches of work, boys' night school, girls' sewing school, Band of Hope, and Juvenile Temperance Union. 400 children under instruction in all.

OTTAWA has 89 active, and 35 honorary members with branches of work in boys' night school, girls' night school, two sewing schools, Flower Mission, Band of Hope, Kitchen Garden, reading circle, distribution of literature and pledges in Sunday Schools, circulating temperance library, and in all 370 children under instruction.

GALT has 43 active, and 25 honorary members, with branches of work, such as boys' night school, girls' night school, reading circle, distribution of literature and entertainments.

PRESCOTT has 10 active, and 8 honorary members, branches of work being girls' sewing school, Band of Hope, and distribution of literature.

BROCKVILLE has 20 members with a Band of Hope consisting of 300 children.

TORONTO has 50 active, and 40 honorary members, and has two Bands of Hope.

DEMILL COLLEGE, OSHAWA, has 50 active members, branches of work being literary and prayer meetings.

Reports from these Unions will be read, and the work given more fully, showing how much has been done in the past year.

Knowing the great benefit the Kitchen Garden has been to the Unions in the States in training children in housework, making a pleasure of what was a toil, and knowing also the inducement the Kitchen Garden was to young ladies to join in the work, your Superintendent corresponded with a number of the sister Unions, asking them to co-operate with the Ottawa young ladies who were bringing Miss McClees to introduce the system. However, no favourable answers were received. This department is indebted to the Editor of the *Toronto Globe*, for kindly inserting an article sent him on Kitchen Garden.

In May, 50 of Miss Johnson's admirable leaflets on Young Woman's Work were circulated among the different Unions, but which were acknowledged only by Kingston.

In June, assistance was given Kingston in establishing a Flower Mission.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with Mrs. Barnes, National Superintendent of Young Woman's Unions, and Mrs. Patten, Superintendent of Philadelphia Unions, and much assistance given by them.

In the coming year we expect much, and "let us be steady workers, for the law of success is persistent industry, and the gratification of work with God, and for humanity shall itself be one exceeding great reward."

KITCHEN GARDEN.

MISS JOHNSON.

As far as can be ascertained, the only Kitchen Garden in Ontario is that in Ottawa, where three classes were held weekly all through last Winter, and which was carried on through the Summer by some of the members of the Y. W. C. T. Union. Your Provincial Superintendent prepared a circular on the subject, which was published in the Woman's Journal, and also in the leaflet form. Estimates for the starting of a Kitchen Garden were furnished to Unions in Brockville and Toronto.

M. R. JOHNSON, Prov. Supt.

WORK AMONG THE FRENCH.

MRS. PARLOW, OTTAWA.

The chief thing to report is that temperance tracts were distributed among the French residents in Ottawa and surrounding districts: also among the employees of the lumbermen throughout the Ottawa valley.

The great difficulty in this branch is the getting of suitable literature. Plenty of French tracts for evangelization purposes is easily procured, but there are few papers bearing upon temperance alone, printed in that language.

I would recommend that the next Superintendent selected, be one familiar with the French language: that an effort be made to get a column in a paper printed for French people, and circulating amongst those speaking and reading that language; that County Superintendents try to furnish the names of a few French families in their respective counties so that a more thorough distribution of tracts and papers may be made.

For the information of the members of the Convention, the following statistics are attached to this report:—

COUNTY OR DIVISION.		COUNTY OR DIVISION.	
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Addington	968	Middlesex	475
Algoma	1,562	Muskoka	933
Bothwell	706	Norfolk	564
Brant	413	Northumberland	776
Bruce	669	Ontario	606
Cardwell	24	Oxford	389
Carleton	11,072	Peel	25
Dundas	1,245	Perth	540
Durham	211	Peterborough	1,230
Elgin	579	Prescott	14,601
Essex	14,658	Prince Edward	839
Frontenac	1,192	Renfrew	5,240
Glengarry	4,188	Russell	9,622
Grey	411	Simcoe	3,916
Haldimand	331	Stormont	4,189
Halton	222	Victoria	818
Hastings	2,418	Waterloo	1,294
Huron	821	Welland	662
Kent	4,529	Wellington	372
Lambton	826	Wentworth	938
Lanark	835	Monck	261
Leeds & Grenville	2,561	York	2,130
Lennox	296		
Lincoln	504		
		Total,	102,743

WORK AMONG THE GERMANS.

MRS. A. A. ANDREWS, HARRISTON.

In taking up any branch of work, the first thing to be done is to take a survey of the field of operations, the kind of work needed, and our ability to meet the requirements.

With this German department of our work, our first difficulty was in getting acquainted with the extent and locality of the German population.

This was attempted by correspondence, but was only partially successful; some questions were never answered, and others only imperfectly. The best information on this point came unsought, and therefore the more highly prized, in a communication from Mrs. Tilton, first vice-president, and culled from official statistics in Ottawa. According to these statistics there are in Ontario, 188,394 Germans; in Algoma, 409; and in Muskoka, 1,681. Here we have nearly two hundred thousand of a population, the greater part of whom are acknowledged, by all who are acquainted with them, to be strong supporters of the liquor interests. How can we hope to succeed with such a strong element antagonistic to our cause?

So much for the extent of the field, now for the kind of work to be done.

In notifying the Superintendent of her appointment, the President suggested tract distribution. This was attempted, though only on a very limited scale, a few being distributed by Mrs. Hamacher, of Preston, and Mr. Groff, of Galt. But the President found the tracts came so high, and the funds for the supply so low, that little could be done in this direction. A correspondence was opened with a few German publishers in Ontario, but although the prices asked for printing German tracts were satisfactory, yet an empty treasury prevented anything further being attempted in that line. The next thought was to see if anything could be done among the German women, in the line of organizing Unions among themselves, and letters were written to try to ascertain if there were any openings for this. Mrs. Skelton, Superintendent of German work for California, a German lady, well known to many in Ontario, in reply to enquiries addressed to her said, that there would need to be a good deal of time spent in visiting them in their homes, by a lady who could speak their language. A Union situated in a German town was also written to on the subject, and a reply came that they would see what could be done, but nothing further was received from them.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE WORK.

It has occurred to me that voters' lists might be procured of German voters, and temperance tracts sent to them through the mail; also, if anyone could be found courageous enough to undertake it, the forming of Bands of Hope among the children; drilling them in the Catechisms of Alcohol; so that they may see the fallacy of their belief in the strengthening property of beer. A German lady writing on this subject in the *Union Signal* of Chicago, says, that although her sympathies were with the temperance cause, it was not until she was convinced of this fallacy that she united with the W. C. T. U.

Mrs. S. Skelton, in a letter which will be read to the Provincial Union, offers to spend some time in Ontario, giving addresses in German and endeavoring in connection with the Superintendent to organize Unions, thus starting the work on a firm basis.

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SUMMER MEETINGS.

MRS. COATES.

In February, I wrote to Mrs. T. D. Prendergast, Seaforth, also to the Rev. Wm. C. Henderson, informing them that the Provincial W. C. T. U. would like the privilege of a W. C. T. U. day, if they purposed having any temperance or camp meetings in their vicinity during the approaching summer, or any where in the west? Rev. Mr. Henderson kindly replied that he was not aware of any, but if at Conference they should arrange for one he would let me know. An invitation some time afterward was given for one to hold a meeting in Seaforth, understanding it to be a County Convention instead of a Summer Meeting. In March I wrote to Rev. C. Card, Brockville, and to Rev. T. G. Williams. The latter informed me that he was not on the Board of Managers, but would be pleased to help us in any way he could. After a few letters and postal cards passed between us and he began to understand that it was the W. C. T. U. ladies intention to control their own meetings and most especially the evening collections, he began to demur and said that he could only give us the privilege of sending a lady speaker and they would be willing to defray her expenses, they however must choose the Speaker, and their choice was our President, Mrs. Chisholm. On the 9th, wrote to Rev. S. D. Chown, asking him to give us a W. C. T. U. day at the Hackston Camp Meeting. In September 9th, he replied that he would bring my request before the Board at their first meeting with pleasure. I then wrote to Dr. John A. Williams, of St. Catherines but did not receive a reply. May came in and I was puzzled to know what to do next, when on the 14th came such a welcome letter in reply to mine from Mrs. Cowan, President Gananoque Union, extending a cordial invitation to hold our Summer meeting there. We accepted it gratefully, realizing that precious promise "All things work together for good to them that love God," and commenced at once to make the necessary arrangements. Just at this time Mrs. Chisholm informed me that Miss Henderson had written her "they were going to have some temperance meetings at Wesley Grove, Niagara, and were intending to give their W. C. T. U. a day." I wrote immediately asking if they would not make it something more than a local gathering, as we were very anxious to have a Grand Provincial Summer Meeting in the west. June 29th, sent by mail 125 postal card invitations to Gananoque S. Meeting and obtained reduced fares, by G. T. & C. P. R., and secured the services of Mr. J. R. Clark for evening meeting. Miss M. A. Henderson wrote me, that their Niagara Falls Union had decided to extend an invitation to their sister Unions to enjoy a couple of days with them in Wesley Park, and desired that I should send out the invitations and make the arrangements. Our dear President gave you such an interesting account in the *Woman's Journal* of our First Conference or Summer Meeting, held at Gananoque, that it seems needless for me to enlarge on that, but I must say to the sisters not present that they missed a charming time, and a rich spiritual feast, for the Gananoque W. C. T. U. ladies gave us a right royal welcome. Some of the ladies arriving the afternoon before were entertained at a pleasant garden social. Our eventful 8th day of July, opened bright and warm, we assembled in the C. Methodist Church, which was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers, conspicuous among which was our motto: "For God and Home and Native Land." Devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. Geo. Taylor, of Gananoque, in which all heartily joined as if realizing whence their help came. At the request of the Conference, Mrs. Chisholm, President of the Ontario W. C. T. U. took the chair and presided during the business sessions. Mrs. Coates read letters from many of the Unions regretting their inability to send representatives and forwarding affectionate greetings to the Summer Meetings. A cordial welcome was given by Mrs. Byers, and appropriately responded to by Mrs. Geo. Blair, of Prescott, and Mrs. Prof. Mowatt, of Kingston, followed by an earnest and practical address from Mrs. Chisholm, tracing the progress of the W. C. T. U. work through the past year. Mrs. Blair, of Prescott, gave a short account of what they have been trying to do in

influencing the press which elicited some discussion. Mrs. Cowan who had been appointed Secretary of the Convention, reported delegates present from Prescott, Cornwall, Iroquois, Brockville, Ottawa, Bowmanville, Belleville, Kingston, Newmarket, Newboro, Kemptville, Farmersville, Merrickville, Morrisburgh and Gananoque. A beautiful lunch was served in the basement of the church both days of the Convention under the efficient management of the young ladies of Gananoque, and was in every respect a grand success. Dressed in white with white pond lilies as a badge, the young ladies served their guests to a repast which has not been excelled at any of our meetings. The tables were indeed dazzling with profusion of flowers and huge dishes piled with strawberries. Our first Summer Meeting will ever be associated with pond lilies and strawberries. The devotional exercises in the afternoon meeting were conducted by Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Kirby, of Prescott, after which Band of Hope work was introduced by Mrs. Dr. Chamberlain, of Morrisburgh. Several ladies spoke on the subject, giving their experience in the work. Mrs. Stewart of Aultsville used Miss Coleman's Catechism, while the music was furnished by "Ripples of Song" with song cards. They held their meetings in the evening and this gained the attendance of many young men in the village. Miss Williams reported Band of Hope members 160 in Iroquois, Mrs. Byres of Gananoque said their Band of Hope numbered 300. They have arranged a "Flag Drill," which has interested the children very much. Belleville has 100 children in the Band of Hope. It was decided to ask the Provincial Union at its next session to recommend certain sets of lessons to be used in our Bands of Hope, so that as far as circumstances permit, the teachings may be uniform. Mrs. French introduced the subject of "Scientific Instruction in Temperance." Next subject: "How to make our meetings interesting." The subject of "The unfermented juice of the grape at the Lord's Table," was introduced by Mrs. Liffiton, of Kemptville. After much discussion it was resolved, that the Provincial Union be asked to petition every Conference, Synod and Assembly not already in favour of using the pure juice of the grape for sacramental purposes. County Fairs" was introduced by Mrs. Kellogg, of Spencerville, who gave a short account of what had been done in providing refreshments and literature for those who attended the exhibitions; several followed in the same strain, and all felt though sometimes there might be a financial loss, and always a great effort required, still the good done in sending fathers and sons home sober in the evening instead of under the influence of drink as on former occasions of this kind more than repaid for all sacrifices. In the evening J. R. Clark delivered his lecture "Amongst the Masses." The Presbyterian Church was filled to the door; collection \$15.50. At 9.30 Thursday morning a fellowship meeting was held, conducted by Mrs. Parish, of Farmersville. This dear sister is in her 74th year, but is full of energy and interest in the Temperance cause, and the meeting was of great spiritual profit. Subjects introduced and discussed: "Evangelistic work," "Distribution of Literature," "Legislation." Miss Alice Kirby, President of the Y. W. C. T. U. of Prescott, introduced the subject of "Young Woman's Work," and delighted the Convention with her simple and practical talk. A paper on the benefit of Flower Missions, prepared by Miss A. Johnson, of Ottawa, was read by Mrs. Farrell, of Kingston, and some practical ideas in connection with this branch of our work were brought out in the discussion which followed. A memorial service was held with special reference to the death of our dear Mrs. Britton, County Superintendent of Leeds. Led by Mrs. Byers, the service made a deep and solemn impression on all. Votes of thanks were given to the Gananoque ladies for their royal hospitality, to the young ladies for their lunch, to the "Press," the church trustees, the R. R. authorities and to the President. A special vote of thanks was also tendered to the Superintendent. At 2 p. m., the visitors and friends embarked in the beautiful little steamer "The Wanderer," for a trip among the "Islands," an excursion which had been most thoughtfully prepared. In the evening a most interesting mass meeting of Band of Hope children was held, when the prizes were awarded by Mrs. Gales, President of the Band of Hope for the best essays on temperance, followed by an address by Mrs. Coates, in the absence of Rev. Wm. Hall. Collections, \$8.95. A free and easy session, short impromptu speeches, in-

terspersed with singing and prayer, closed our first Summer Meeting, and all went away feeling encouraged and determined in the future to do more and better work for the Master than in the past, looking to God for guidance and help.

W. C. T. U. SUMMER MEETING.

The second Summer Meeting of the Union was held at Wesley Park, Niagara Falls, on the 23rd and the 24th of July. The auditorium of Wesley Park is beautifully arranged after the style of Orchard Beach, and will seat about three thousand persons. The rostrum was prettily draped with flags and bunting, while our motto "For God and Home and Native Land," occupied a prominent place. The St. Catherine's Union also sent their beautiful banner which represented them recently at the New Orleans Exposition. The first session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Bridgeman of Buffalo, a blessed prelude to the addresses that were to follow. The President, Mrs. Chisholm presided. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Bigger, President, Niagara Falls' Union, and response by Mrs. Coates, followed by a practical address from the President, Mrs. Chisholm, and a little talk by Miss Phelps, on the subject of "Influencing the Press." The afternoon service was opened with prayer by Mrs. Howe, of Toronto. Miss Bowes gave a very earnest and telling address on "Divine help in our work." Collections, \$3.44. In the evening, Mr. John R. Clark gave his celebrated lecture "To and Fro in London," which was listened to with rapt attention. A very fine choir under the leadership of Mr. Kerr, of Drummondville, rendered some very fine selections, and added greatly to the interest of the occasion. Collection \$8.50. Friday morning and afternoon, interesting worker's meetings were held, the audiences being very small. In the evening, Mrs. Van Benscholten, of Newark, N. Y., spoke on "Intemperance and the Home." An address full of interest, but owing to the very small audience our faith was wonderfully tried. An alarm of fire spread just before the collection was taken up, which almost scattered the few that were there. Collection, \$6.23. So you will see, dear sisters our second Summer Meeting was not a success like our first one financially, partly owing I think to other meetings going on at Grimsby and Chantaqua, and so many cheap excursions to other places. Notwithstanding our financial loss, our meetings were rich with spiritual blessing and power, and we believe much valuable seed was sown which will bring forth fruit. In arranging for these meetings, I was greatly helped and encouraged by the kind suggestions of our dear President, Mrs. Chisholm.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUCTION IN TEMPERANCE.

MRS. FRENCH, SUPERINTENDENT.

Last winter, as nothing had been heard from the Hon. Mr. Ross, with regard to the promised temperance lessons in the new readers or text books, for teachers in the schools, it was deemed advisable to move again in the matter of scientific temperance instruction in the public schools, while the Legislature was in session. Accordingly on the 20th of February, a petition was sent to the Toronto House, signed by the Executive of the Provincial Union, praying that a law be enacted requiring that, "in all schools supported by public money and under government control, instruction in Physiology and Hygiene, which should give special prominence to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system" should be given; also, that a text book on the subjects be authorized as speedily as possible. This petition was sent to the Minister asking him to present it or to give it to some other Member to present. In connection with this, circulars were sent to 92 of our Unions (being all whose names we could get), informing them of what had been done, and asking them to bring all the influence they could

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to bear upon their members to induce them to help us by their votes and influence. Mr. Ross promptly replied, assuring us that he would present the petition, and that so far he had not had time to sufficiently examine text books and manuscripts that had been sent him on the subject so as to authorize any of them to be used in the schools. Nothing more being heard about the petition, Mr. Ross was again written to in April, when he replied that the petition was presented the day after it was received, that a minute had been taken of it in the notes and proceedings of the House, and that no further action had been taken in the matter. It was then too late to do anything more, and it was decided to wait until next session of Parliament for further effort.

At the first summer meeting of the Ontario W. C. T. U. the following resolution was moved by Mrs. Prof. Mowat, of Kingston, and was seconded by Mrs. Galbraith, of Bowmanville: "That this conference, deeply feeling the importance of having systematic scientific temperance teaching in the public schools of Ontario, begs most respectfully to petition the Hon. the Minister of Education to introduce an approved Manual of such instruction in all the provincial schools at the earliest possible date, making it also an imperative part of the school system, and further wishes to know if the W.C.T.U. can expedite such legislation by petitioning the members of the Ontario Houses in its favor."—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Prof. Mowat, seconded by Mrs. Elliott, of Newboro, that this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Mr. Ross by the secretary of this meeting asking an immediate reply.—Carried.

The following is the reply to the letter forwarded to Mrs. Cowan by the secretary of the summer meeting.

DEAR MADAM,—

TORONTO, SEPT. 16th, 1885.

In reply to your inquiry the Minister desires me to send the accompanying regulations which have been recently adopted after full consideration.

I am also to state that a book for the guidance of teachers and for use in Normal and Model schools throughout the country in the training of teachers with reference to the subject of temperance, is now passing through the press.

Your obedient servant,

MRS. H. COWAN,
Gananoque.

ALEX. MARLING,
Secretary.

PRESENTING CLAIMS OF TEMPERANCE.

MRS. J. HARVIE, SUPERINTENDENT.

A list of questions similar to those used last year were sent to the different Medical Boards as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—The Executive Committee of the Ontario W. C. T. U. desire most respectfully to invite your attention to the consideration of the following questions:—

- 1.—Is the beverage use of Alcoholic Liquors by persons in health beneficial?
- 2.—Is the indiscriminate use of Alcoholic Liquors by persons not in health, on their own prescription, beneficial?
- 3.—Is Alcoholic Liquor, as obtained in common sale, necessary in medical prescription, if so, in what cases particularly?
- 4.—What ought to be the attitude of the Medical Profession towards the sale of Intoxicants?

[Signed]

M. FAWCETT,
Cor. Sec. Ont. W. C. T. U.

The following answer was received:—

TORONTO, JUNE 6th, 1885.

MRS. J. HARVIE,

Dear Madam.—On my return from the London Meeting, I found your letter of the 3rd. Believe me, it required no letter from any one of the W. C. T. U. of Ontario, to urge me in the efforts to secure for them and other advocates of abstemiousness whatever influence the utterance of the Ontario Medical Association contained.

I had written to your Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fawcett, and had no reply before the opening of the meeting, and consequently on my own responsibility, independent of the defunct Committee of two years ago, brought forward such papers as I had, luckily one containing a duplicate of the questions.

These were referred to a Committee, and this report which was adopted by the meeting is as follows:—

To the 1st question :—No.—R. W.
 “ 2nd “ No.—R. W.
 “ 3rd “ No.—Except in case of emergency.—R. W.
 “ 4th “ The Medical Profession is opposed to the indiscriminate sale of intoxicants.—R. W.

I am, yours sincerely,

R. WHITE, *Secretary.*

TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION.

MRS. J. ROCKWELL, KINGSTON.

It is said that upon one occasion Kentucky's celebrated orator and statesman, Henry Clay, was travelling through a remote part of his native State, and being overtaken by night was obliged to ask lodgings at a little wayside cabin. The inmates, an aged couple, eyed the stranger rather suspiciously for a time, but finally consented to allow him to remain over night. The next morning, after breakfast, the visitor wishing to remunerate his host and hostess for their kindness, offered them money which they stoutly refused. He then asked them if there was not *something* he could do for them. At this point a suspicion seemed to dawn on the mind of the old man that their visitor was no ordinary traveller, and the question came, "Did I understand you to say that your name was Clay?" "You did," was the reply. "Anything to the celebrated Henry Clay?" My name is Henry Clay," came the answer. Shame and confusion now completely overwhelmed the poor old couple to think that they should have so treated one of whom Kentuckians are so justly proud. After a little whispered consultation with her husband, the old lady stepped forward, and with her blandest smile, said, "Mr. Clay there is one thing I would like to ask you to do for us." "What is it? I shall be most happy," he replied. Would you be so kind as to *make us a speech*?" It is needless to say that the *inspiration was lacking*. What a strange incongruity of circumstances! A magnificent orator with a log cabin for his auditorium, an audience of two persons, and nothing to talk about! On the present occasion the case is simply reversed. Standing to-night before this audience the thought of the grave importance of our theme, as well as a consideration of the possible results of a gathering of this kind, we feel constrained to exclaim, "Oh! for the ability to say just the right thing in the right way. Oh! for a tongue of burning eloquence to fire the Christian women now before me, to deeds of even greater moral heroism than they have yet achieved."

Temperance legislation is becoming, nay is, the vital aggressive question of the hour. Wherever we go we hear men discussing it in one or another of its

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many phases. On steamboats and railway trains it forms the all-absorbing topic of conversation. Temperance literature is now scattered broadcast over the land, ministers preach it, and church assemblies, synods and conferences, with one voice, protest against the traffic in strong drink. Truly "the little one has become a thousand." What a wonderful advance our cause has made during the last half century. If some of the brave fathers of this great reform could rise from their graves and appear in our midst to-night, with what astonishment would they gaze upon a scene like the present W. C. T. Union Convention? Woman has done much for the advancement of the temperance cause, in this, and other lands, and, *vice versa*, the temperance cause has done much for woman. With the growth of this reform she is gradually being elevated to a higher plane of moral and intellectual existence. Broader views and higher aspirations have taken possession of her soul, and from the poor fretted weakling is being developed the brave, self-reliant woman, man's help mate and equal.

What a change in social drinking customs we witness to-day, as compared with fifty, or even thirty years ago. In those days everybody drank, even to the ministers of the Gospel, and the men who advocated total abstinence principles were scoffed and jeered at as harmless but harmless fanatics. Drinking usages are now frowned upon by all good people, and almost forced to apologize for their very existence. A gentleman from the City of Chicago stated recently in our presence, that he, in company with three others, made upwards of sixty calls on New Year's Day, and in only two houses were they offered wine.

In this, as in all lands, where the "sovereign people" rule, law is but the expression of the popular will in a tangible form, and, so, we find that the legal steps taken for the suppression of the traffic, have just kept pace with an ever-advancing public sentiment. Let us briefly trace the history of prohibitory legislation in this land. Quoting from reliable authority, we find that "our first law which could be called prohibitory, was enacted in 1855, (just thirty years ago,) in the Province of New Brunswick; this was, however, soon repealed. In Nova Scotia, the license conditions were such that a petition signed by two-thirds of the rate-payers in any polling district must necessarily be obtained before an applicant could license. This, of course, outlawed the traffic in several counties of that Province. In old Canada, (that is, Canada before Confederation,) the principle was adopted in 1864 in the Dunkin Act, which allows municipal authorities, or the people of each county or city, to prohibit the retail sale of intoxicants," a measure of which many places availed themselves, with more or less favorable results, as some of us well remember. It was during the campaign in Prince Edward County, previous to the adoption of this Act, that our beloved President of the W. C. T. Union for the Dominion, first ventured to lift her voice in public, on this great question, and, if that contest did nothing more than bring to the front such an advocate of the cause, we were well repaid for all our labours. After Confederation, Professor Foster says, "a move was made for the enactment of a Prohibitory Law for the Dominion, and, in response to monster petitions, Government appointed a commission to investigate the workings of prohibition in various states and countries. This commission performed its work, and committees of both Houses reported thereon, and resolutions were passed as follows." In the Senate—"That in view of these facts and considerations it appears that the time has now arrived when the attention of the Government should be given to this important question, with a view to the introduction of a Bill to prohibit the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors, (except for mechanical and medical purposes,) throughout the Dominion, at the earliest possible date compatible with the public interest." In the House of Commons,— "That having regard to the beneficial effects arising from the prohibitory liquor laws in the States of the American Union, where the same are fully carried out, this House is of the opinion, that the most effectual remedy for the evils of intemperance would be to prohibit the manufacture, importation, and sale, of intoxicating liquors." In 1875 the Government passed a law

for the North-West Territory, which prohibits, under severe penalties, the manufacture, importation, and sale of liquors in all that vast country. In 1878, a Local Option Law was enacted, by which any City or County in Canada may, by a majority vote of its electors, completely prohibit the retail and wholesale of intoxicants, as beverages, for consumption within its limits,—in other words, our Scott Act. This Act, as you know is now in force, or soon will be, in fifty-six counties, and four cities, in this Dominion. What a grand succession of victories it has had! May it continue to be so until there shall not be a single spot in this fair land, from which the legalized traffic shall not have been expelled.

Several successful attempts have been made to make null and void the Canada Temperance Act. The last one was in the form of the celebrated "Beer and Wine Amendment," with the history of which you are all so familiar. Poor old Senators, they really could not help it for they had nothing else to do, you know, and "Satan always finds mischief for idle hands." Of course they are not a responsible body, (to the people, we mean,) as they themselves said, and what else could be expected. Under the circumstances it is doubtful whether they could have chosen a more effectual way of helping on the good cause, although, we are perfectly safe in saying that such was not their intention.

What a storm of righteous indignation swept over the land when violent hands were laid on our only effective weapon of defense against this foul traffic. With what intense interest did we watch for the reports of the proceedings at Ottawa, and how earnestly did we pray that we might be allowed to keep unimpaired this latest and best Act of Temperance Legislation.

You all know the result, our prayers were answered, and the Scott Act is still ours, if we choose to adopt it. You are organizing for the adoption of the Act in this fair city, we understand, and perhaps a word of advice from a resident to the "Old Limestone City" may not be out of place. Earnest organized work is what is needed. We suffered defeat in Kingston, not so much from the opposition of our foes, as from the apathy and indifference of friends. We were overconfident of success, and lacking the necessary organization until within a few weeks of voting day; and when it is also taken into account that all this occurred at about the same time that those notorious "amendments" were under consideration at Ottawa, we have reason to congratulate ourselves that our defeat was not even more ignominious and humiliating.

And now, let us look forward a little, and briefly consider what we can do to hasten the time when a total prohibitory law shall be granted for the whole Dominion. After our defeat in Kingston, our temperance workers formed a Prohibitory Society, whose principal object shall be to elect temperance men for all educational, municipal and parliamentary offices. At the recent Convention at Toronto, under the auspices of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, this same object was the watchword, and it is the intention of the Alliance to organize committees for this purpose in each electoral district. Now, as you know already, the right of franchise has already been extended to unmarried ladies and widows holding the necessary qualifications. Can we not help on the good work of the Alliance Committee by taking charge of this vote of the women, canvassing, and if necessary, accompanying them to the polls? A most important factor in the temperance vote, not previously taken into account, could this be utilized, and who can calculate the results?

Miss Willard says "Not without unmeasurable loss, has half the wisdom more than half the purity, and nearly all the gentleness of human nature, been debarred from all participation in the Government.

Statesmanship will never reach its true development until the minds of women as well as men are brought to bear on its many-sided problems. A well-ordered home being the only true miniature of a well-ordered state, we now witness in public affairs such house-keeping as usually characterizes "bachelors-hall."

Our Government has admitted the principle of woman's right to vote, and we may soon look for a change in the political cookery. We venture to say there

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will be less "brandy sauce" about it, if the W. C. T. Unions have a voice in the matter. A certain member of Parliament was being interrogated by a prominent temperance advocate, as to why he opposed women's suffrage as embodied in the recent Franchise Bill. The reply was, "the women of this country don't want the right to vote." "Why not," he asked, "Because they have never asked for it," was the reply. The logical conclusion we draw from a remark of this kind is, that we have the reputation of being well able to ask for anything we do want.

Would it not be well to sustain our reputation in this respect and ask, in the form of a petition, that those women, at least, who already can vote for municipal officers, be granted the privilege also of having a voice in regard to the kind of men who shall represent us in Parliament. We would thus exert a direct influence on the process of law-making, and who can tell what might be accomplished during the next few years? The fact that there is nothing which the liquor party would dread so much is convincing proof that such a consummation would prove a death-blow to this foul traffic in human blood. As Mr. Finch, said previous to the late Presidential Election, "we may not elect a third candidate but we elect an issue." We believe that the Christian women of this country hold in their hands the power, to a very large extent, to lead on the temperance host to final and complete triumph.

"Let us then be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate,"
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labour, and to wait."

TEMPERANCE LITERATURE.

MRS. CHISHOLM.

While the sales in this department have been far in advance of those of any previous year, still thorough work can never be done in this line until there shall be in connection with each of our Unions a Superintendent of Literature. When the member whose tastes lie in this direction shall have this branch of the work under her special care, and has ascertained the special needs of her town or village, she can order literature that, with the blessing of God, will accomplish its purpose. We have no powder to waste, neither do we wish to fire our bullets in the air; money is too difficult to obtain for our work to expend it carelessly or injudiciously even in temperance literature. So we urge that each Union have its Literature Superintendent, and, at the beginning of the year, when the fees are paid in, let a certain sum be laid aside at once, that a supply of good temperance reading matter be obtained, and, after that, carefully and systematically distributed. It is especially desirable that each Superintendent or Committee of different branches of work in connection with our local unions should have literature for circulation bearing upon her own particular department. For instance, the visiting committee for obtaining new members should have "The Special Work of the Christian Temperance Women," or "Our Homes," etc.

Those in charge of the "Scientific Instruction in Temperance" should be armed with "Teaching Temperance," "House on Sand," Dr. Richardson's Lesson Book, "Alcohol and Hygiene," etc.

The Superintendent of Band of Hope work should have copies of Miss Colman's Temperance Manual, "Primary" and "Juvenile Catechisms on Temperance," Mrs. Willard's and Mrs. Craft's Quarterly "Ripples of Song," a note book for teachers, and accompanying *song card* for scholars, also the leaflets, "Why should children sign the pledge," "How to work among the children."

The Evangelistic Committee should have "Norwich," "Stirling" and "Blue Ribbon" tracts, Gospel Temperance hand bills, etc.

Unfermented Juice of the Grape Superintendents should procure the leaflets, "The Lord's Table—a plea for its purity" and "Gaining the Victory." And so on through all our work, each Superintendent feeling that her branch is just the most important in this service for the Master.

It will not be time wasted if we read many of the works carefully ourselves before we start out on a mission to others. We are astonished sometimes to find that we know so little of the "true inwardness" of this great subject which absorbs so much of our time and energy. Let us work intelligently, and thus we shall work more economically in regard both to our strength and our time.

Many will read the little printed message, or thoughtful minds will willingly "look over" a work by some author of standing if requested by one of our ladies to do so, who would be reached in no other way. Above all as the "preparation of the heart is from God," we will not cease to ask His special blessing on every printed page sent out by our W. C. T. Unions.

The methods of distributing literature have been varied. A great portion of that used during the year has been Scott Act Literature, which has been mailed to voters through the local offices or given in house to house visitation. Some of the unions have a *Temperance Hook* in the Post Office and in the waiting-rooms of the Depot, on which they hang their leaflets and the little printed card above them, "Take one"; others distribute it at public meetings, give to the children coming from school, place them in temperance coffee rooms, at fire and police stations, etc. While all these ways are to be commended, no method is superior to house to house visitation, if faithfully and carefully done. The springs of influence are in the home, and by a little sympathy and friendly interest may be turned in the right direction, and become rivers of effort that shall flow out into the great common sea of usefulness. Especially in those counties where the Scott Act has been carried do we need to sow early and late this seed of temperance literature, not on the legal aspect alone, but also on other phases of temperance work. We think it is absolutely dangerous for us in the counties referred to, to relax our efforts for a day.

The total number of Unions ordering literature from this department is 90, and they have expended \$541.39, averaging about \$6 each. 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:

Belleville	\$45 56	Stratford	6 00
Bothwell	2 00	Brockville.....	8 03
Ingersoll.....	76	Toronto.....	2 30
Beamsville.....	4 30	Provincial Union.....	27 27
Niagara Falls.....	5 41	Barrie.....	6 16
Galt	11 76	Spencerville	2 83
Aylmer.....	6 12	Cataraqui.....	5 43
Aultsville.....	12 49	Palmerston.....	50
North Gower.....	30	Midland.....	1 00
Pembroke	9 05	Kemptville.....	35 05
Port Credit.....	2 50	Gananoque.....	4 88
Fenelon Falis.....	13 81	Elora.....	1 91
Lindsay.....	13 12	St. Thomas.....	26 25
Richmond Hill.....	1 00	Streetsville.....	5 55
Jasper.....	50	Ottawa.....	51 22
Oakwood	5 76	Chatham	3 36
Guelph.....	1 00	Georgetown.....	3 75
Bobcaygeon.....	7 13	Hamilton.....	3 00
Tilsonburg.....	3 60	Fergus.....	7 60

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The following is an Account of the Monthly Receipts and Expenditures in connection with this Department from Nov. 1st, 1884, to Oct. 8th, 1885:

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Nov., 1884, Balance on hand.....	\$ 24 60	Nov., 1884, By stock, expressage, duty, postage com- mission, advertising, stationery, wrapping paper, etc.....	\$ 44 88
Dec., 1884, " Sale of Literature.....	28 13	Dec. 1885, " " " " " " " " " " " "	15 36
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The Books containing the accounts of this Department with this statement have been audited by me and found correct.

H. K. WATSON, Ottawa.

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Centennial of Temperance.

MISS JOHNSON, OTTAWA.

The famous essay of Dr. Rush on "The effects of ardent spirits on the human body and mind," appeared many years before the formation of the first temperance society. The author seems to have been a man of enlightened and advanced views on all points touching humanity, either mentally or physically, and to have received high honors for his contributions to the world of science, both in America and Europe. A native of Philadelphia, his medical studies were pursued in that city as well as in London, Edinburgh and Paris.

It is well known that the first temperance society was started in New York, its pledge permitting the use of ardent spirits *at public dinners*, but prohibiting them on all other occasions.

It was not until 1827 that the temperance movement gained a foothold in Great Britain, but its progress was rapid. Societies sprang up in Belfast and throughout the north of Ireland. In Scotland, through the instrumentality of Mr. Dunlop of Greenock, who has been called "The Father of temperance societies in Great Britain," a very remarkable movement took place. In Glasgow, the temperance society numbered five thousand adherents, who distributed in one year no less than 425,300 tracts, and 20,000 pamphlets, thus showing that they duly appreciated the power of the pen. In this organization the members pledged themselves to abstain from the use of ardent spirits, but permitted themselves other liquors *in moderation*.

Notwithstanding its defects, this society did great things for Scotland, and its influence extended to England where numerous associations of a similar character sprang up.

The "British and Foreign Temperance Society" was formed in London, and its simple pledge was worded as follows:—

"We agree to abstain from distilled spirits except for medical purposes, and to discountenance the causes and practice of intemperance."

As one instance of the good accomplished by this society, our informant tells us that "in the course of a single year it could boast of having induced *four hundred* Greenwich pensioners to give up their grog!"

A great advance was made in 1832, when the famous Total Abstinence Society was formed in Preston, Lancashire. It was here that Mr. Joseph Livesey and others pledged themselves "to abstain from all liquors of an intoxicating quality, whether ale, porter, wine, or ardent spirits, except as medicines."

It seems to have been about this time that the word "teetotaler"—characterized by Canon Farrar some years ago as "that wretched and ridiculous word"—began to be applied to total abstainers. A somewhat apocryphal account ascribes its origin to one "Dicky Turner," a Lancashire laborer, who, in disclaiming the idea of a *moderation* pledge, stuttered over the word total, giving it an additional syllable, and thereby making it *tee-total*.

Lively discussions soon began to take place between the total abstainers and the so-called temperance party, resulting in separations. The cause of total abstinence however finally triumphed, as indeed it cannot fail to do in the end, being the legitimate outcome of all effort in the cause of temperance.

Perhaps the most remarkable of all temperance work in this century was of

Father Matthew, commenced in 1838, when one million, eight hundred thousand men and women enrolled themselves as members of "Ireland's Great National Total Abstinence Society."

The "World's Temperance Convention," held in London in August, 1846, when three hundred delegates were present from different parts of Great Britain and the United States, gave a great impetus to the cause. A variety of organizations were formed, including Good Templars, Sons of Temperance, Juvenile Societies, etc. These were followed by our own societies of more recent date, the "British Women's Temperance Association," and the "Women's Christian Temperance Union" of America. The origin of the latter in Hillsboro', Ohio, is too well known to require repetition. Its marvellous growth up to the present time, when its two hundred thousand members are a power felt in every department of life in America, social and political, and its resistless onward march against the great foe of our race, cannot fail to convince the intelligent observer that the triumph of total abstinence and prohibition is merely a question of time.

Our own sister organization, modelled on the same plan, with its local, county, Provincial and Dominion Unions, is steadily and quietly doing its work, making its presence felt in the homes of the poor and the mansions of the great; in our jails and refuges, as well as in our legislative halls; in our schools and churches and in all departments of life this heaven is at work. God grant that it may work until the whole be leavened.

In England the members of the British Women's Association are by no means idle. We hear of their voices being raised in this cause with fearlessness and effect. In August last the President, Mrs. Lucas, addressed a meeting on behalf of the Association in the Crystal Palace on a fête day, which must have been no easy matter.

The political outlook is also in some respects encouraging, but it is to be feared that with all our efforts toward making the Scott Act universal in Canada, and the kindred effort in England in the direction of local option, it will be a long time before our Government evinces as much enlightened philanthropy on this question as has the Chief of the Bamangwato, who, in the document making over his land to the Queen of England, inserts the following clause:—

"I give to the Queen to make laws and to change them in the country of the Bamangwato with reference to both black and white. Nevertheless I am not baffled in the government of my own town, or in deciding cases among my own people according to custom; but, again, I do not refuse help in these offices. Although this is so, I have to say that there are certain laws of my country which the Queen of England finds in operation and which are advantageous for my people, and I wish that these laws should be established and *not taken away* by the Government of England. I refer to our law concerning intoxicating drinks, that they should not enter the country of Bamangwato, whether among black people or white people."

"Our boasted enlightenment is in danger of being eclipsed," it is very justly remarked, in view of such utterances from one whom Christian England regards as heathen.

Ottawa, Oct. 10, 1885.

M. R. JOHNSON.



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AT LONDON, OCTOBER, 1885.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

How wondrously beautifully true are these inspired words of the Apostle, and with what calm confidence we repeat them, when referring to our sister, Mrs. Freeman Britton, who so sweetly "fell asleep in Jesus" 21st of last May.

Unutterably blessed, for "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for those that love Him." We asked life for her and eternal life was given, and it has been truly said, "we are poorer but Heaven is richer."

I would that pen and tongue were touched with fire and power from on high, that the hearts of all those who meet at this memorial service, may be touched and influenced by the example of our loved sister who has gone to reap her reward. I feel that were I to give utterance to all that my heart dictates, it might seem too eulogistic, and perhaps uncalled for, and yet I desire to bring her before the dear sisters to-day, in loving remembrance of her helpful, hopeful, happy life, hoping thereby to stimulate fresh consecration to the work.

In early life, religious impressions were strong upon her, but she permitted them to wear away without any decided action on her part.

Being fond of society, full of life and spirit, with a kindliness of disposition, warm sympathies and generous forgetfulness of self, entering heartily into everything, she was a general favourite wherever she went.

Just after the completion of her seventeenth year, she was married, and soon the care of a young family occupied hands and heart to the exclusion of everything else, and yet during those years the thought often came to her that she was neglecting her soul's salvation. The text, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die," made such an impression upon her that she could not get rid of the thought until she sought the Saviour and found pardon and peace. That was more than twenty years ago. Active and energetic in all the temporal work of the church, and in all benevolent enterprises, yet it was not until about four years ago that she realized, when called upon to pray at the bedside of a dying neighbour, that there was a spiritual power needed that she did not possess. Seeking she found according to the promise, and with a baptism of the Holy Spirit upon her, she became "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might." Francis Ridley Havergal's consecration hymn became literally the rule of her life; heart, lips, hands, feet, with all other gifts and powers rendered gladly in His service. The sudden appalling death of her dear boy George, who was cut off at the early age of seventeen, with the promise of a bright manhood before him, wrought in her a still higher Christian experience, giving her words a solemnity and power which only come from a life "hid with Christ in God."

I shall not soon forget the enthusiasm with which she hailed the opening up of the new sphere of work among the women of our land—rather the old with a new organization—that of the Christian women banded together to pray, to plan, and to fight against intemperance.

Fully identified with it, realizing that it is the Lord's work, and to be co-workers with Him, and having His approbation, an honor more to be prized than any conferred by earthly potentate, her time, influence and means were fully given for its success.

In Sabbath School work she found pleasure and profit, her class of girls bearing testimony to her loving earnestness in regard to seeking forgiveness and peace through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Truly blessed, for her works do follow her, and to-day and forever we shall reap the benefit of her prayers and example.

Gananoque, October 14th, 1885.

M. A. TAYLOR.

Reports of County Superintendents.

COUNTY OF BRUCE.

MRS. C. MCINTYRE.

On my return from the Convention, last October, I organized a Band of Hope with a membership of over 80. Owing to other pressing Temperance work, we have had no meetings since April. About that time the Band of Hope had an entertainment, the receipts of which \$6.50 were used in the work. Last fall I wrote to many S. S. Superintendents, asking them to form Bands of Hope, and also to several editors of newspapers asking for space, but I think the latter prefer their own selections. I have corresponded with all the Unions in the County and have received word from all but one. The reports are not as a rule encouraging. Teeswater has a branch of the Union also a Band of Hope. In Lucknow the Union is not in working order, owing to absence or sickness of officers. Allensford branch is dead, but it is proposed to form a Band of Hope there. At Mildmay it was decided to hold a monthly temperance meeting, in view of forming a branch. Martin, has no Union, but the ladies do their work in connection with the Scott Act Association, Chesley has a Union. A few weeks ago I arranged for an entertainment and lecture to be held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., and with grand success, the proceeds being \$39.35. D. C. Cameron, of Lucknow gave the address. Some of the ladies of the Union and myself canvassed the village with petitions asking that no change be made in the Scott Act, to make it less effective, to which we got 240 signatures. I also sent to our representative in Parliament, Mr. J. Somerville, asking him to vote against the Senate amendment to the Scott Act. Received a reply that he would do so with great pleasure. In the County of Bruce, as there was a lack of loyalty on the part of those whose duty it was to enforce the Act in the county, the treating system had been entirely done away with. The Scott Act has proved a marked success in abolishing the treating system and driving the trade back into holes and corners. Many drunkards are reformed and their families are now in comfortable circumstances. As a county, we need a Government appointed inspector, as a W. C. T. U., we need in every branch at least *one* who will push the work, who knows how to do and will keep doing it.

COUNTY OF BRANT,

MRS. CHRYSLER.

After the splendid Convention held in Toronto last year, the Unions of this county being well represented, meetings were held and the delegates gave excellent reports to the ladies who could not attend.

ST. GEORGE—Meetings of the W.C.T.U. held monthly; mass meeting of Band of Hope quarterly, (Sabbath afternoons.) Gospel, Temperance and Band of Hope Meetings monthly—well attended and interesting. Mr. A. C. Osborne, of Penetanguishene, addressed the children at mass meeting very acceptably. They are eager for information and always ready to help on the cause. Strictly "Temperance Hymns" used; 1600 papers distributed up to June; 74 families represented. This work

needs constant teaching, watching and praying. There is not a mother who would not place her boy in a situation free from every temptation that leads to crime and drunkenness. The Brant County Convention held in Paris, February 23rd, strongly advocated temperance work in the Sabbath schools. I read a paper of Miss Willards, regarding that subject, which was warmly received as she is very outspoken on this subject. Ministers of all denominations urged that an organizer of Bands of Hope be appointed and for the adoption by the Convention of a resolution recommending each Sunday school to organize temperance workers. As one said, if this had been done 50 or 60 years ago, the vote in this county would have had a better result. This work cannot be done by spasmodic effort. If we had the Scott Act carried on this entire continent we could not keep it without continued and careful effort. Rev. J. McEwen says: "Begin at the cradle." He believed no physician should prescribe alcohol for infants under any circumstances. Youth is the proper time to instil this principle. The W. C. T. U. throughout the province were given great credit for work done. I, for one, would say many thanks for last year's report of the Provincial Convention, it was well worth reading, and many outsiders appreciated it. On June last I was requested to write to our member for South Brant, James Somerville, Esq., asking him to vote against the Senate's "Wine and Beer" amendment to the Scott Act. His reply was to this effect, that Brant County need have no fear with regard to his views on the important question of Temperance Legislation.

BRANCHTON—The Band of Hope I organized a year ago at this place, I turned over to Mrs. Graham Waterloo County, as it properly belonged to her work.

PARIS—Band of Hope, 200 members. A number of good temperance societies but no Union.

BRANTFORD—In December last we were anxiously waiting the returns from this city on the Scott Act vote, and our hearts were saddened to learn in the evening of the defeat of the temperance men and women, who prayed and worked hard the many weeks before, and especially that day, 11th December. But we have hopes yet of Brantford before many years coming far ahead of the enemy. There were grave predictions that it would be the ruin of the villages; the trade all go to the city, but so far experience goes to prove that this will be the means of keeping the drunkards at home as their wives are not going to drive nine miles to trade, in order to give their husbands an opportunity for three or more drinks. The Hon. Finch Col. Bain, Mrs. Peck, Rev. D. L. Brethour, Rev. J. McKay, Edward Carswell, and many others have lectured throughout the County on temperance—and before the voting took place last year, there were meetings almost every night.

BURFORD—Have had successful socials, lectures, meetings, entertainments, for their W. C. T. U. The unfermented wine is used in almost all the churches now in the county. In some places made by the members of the W. C. T. U.

GLENMORRIS—A good Band of Hope.

CAINSVILLE—Temperance societies but no Union.

MOUNT PLEASANT—Band of Hope, not kept up for lack of a room.

VOTES POLLED, 11TH DECEMBER :—

BRANT COUNTY—For 1690 ; Against 1088 ; Majority for, 602.

BRANTFORD CITY—For 646 ; Against 812 ; Majority against, 166.



COUNTY OF CARLETON.

MRS. PARLOW.

The past year has been marked by considerable progress in temperance effort in the Metropolitan County of the Dominion. Since the last Provincial Convention our electors have had the privilege of pronouncing upon the Scott Act. Contrary to many predictions our people spoke out bravely and recorded a magnificent majority in favour of the Act. In the struggle the Woman's Christian Temperance Union assisted to bring about success by the circulation of answers to the flood of tracts intended to convince merchants and farmers of the ruin to agriculture and trade, which would inevitably result if the breweries and distilleries should be closed. The framer of the Act, Hon. Mr. Scott of Ottawa, took a prominent part in the contest. We were favoured by the presence and by the eloquent and forcible appeal of our esteemed and venerable ex-President, Mrs. Youmans. Her visit greatly encouraged the ladies to assist in the work of the campaign by personal effort. We shall long remember the heart-stirring speeches and convincing arguments of the eminent lady lecturer. Advantage of her presence was taken by the superintendent, who accompanied Mrs. Youmans in her tour to do something in the way of forming Unions. From the fact that there are few villages or towns, and that the homes are as usual in a wealthy farming community somewhat scattered, it is a very difficult matter to form Unions. We found much interest taken in our work, and regret was expressed that it was not in the power of the ladies to unite together in the good work. We were assured of their sympathy and prayers, and were encouraged in our labors. In Manotick, one of the places where we were not successful in organizing a Union, a dear christian lady interested herself in getting subscribers to the "Woman's Journal," to the number of twenty-five, in this way, doing a good work, as the printed word will sometimes reach where the human voice cannot. At the last Convention we reported two Unions, we now number five, four of them will report on local work, viz: Ottawa W. C. T. U. and Y. W. C. T. U., New Edinburgh and North Gower. Metcalfe Union did not prepare a report, but I would say for them, that they organized with a membership of twenty, but owing to unfavourable weather and bad roads, the average attendance was only seven. I hope they may continue on in this good work, and receive encouragement. They held devotional meetings and circulated literature. While we regret more new Unions have not been formed, we are thankful for the work accomplished, and have great hope in the future success of our Union. Our short experience has taught us that to increase the number of Unions requires the services of a trained organizer. A few days should be spent in a place getting the ladies interested (the easiest work). They then need the assistance of a competent leader; the best work to undertake must be considered and the initiatory steps of the young Union must be guided, and the members encouraged in their efforts. Our work in Eastern Ontario would be greatly benefited by the services for the coming year, of our own Provincial organizer.

One of the principal features of the work has been the formation of a County Union. The different Unions were consulted and promptly responded to our circular by sending delegates who, meeting in Ottawa, unanimously decided to form a County Union. Officers were appointed after the constitution and by-laws, modelled largely upon those of the Pennsylvania County Union, had been adopted. Reports from the Unions were given, and discussions upon plans of work proved very instructive and profitable. Valuable papers especially prepared for the convention were read and some very practical addresses delivered. The interchange of thought, the comparison of plans, the coming in contact of earnest workers from various fields, made our convention a great success. It was decided without opposing voice, to continue the meetings annually in the future—a wise conclusion in our opinion, as the opportunity to give and receive suggestions, to give and receive encouragement, is a glad privilege for every woman connected with our Christian Temperance Unions. Thus was successfully launched and car-

ried out, our first County Convention, from which, already, good results have followed in the way of concerted action on wine for sacramental purposes.

In concluding, we are deeply thankful for the kindness received at the hands of the ladies of Carleton in our visits, for the kind sympathy and assistance of our officers and members in Ottawa, and for the prosperity vouchsafed us by the great Giver of all good, Who shall yet bless our united efforts and crown them with success, Who by His promises encourages us to proceed till the last of the shadow blighting the home of many a dear sister, destroying the happiness of herself and loved ones, is lifted, and God looks upon a bright and happy land, freed from the slavery which debases mankind and disgraces the laws of our dear country.

COUNTY OF GREY.

MISS M. MEIR.

Several of the ladies of the Owen Sound Union kindly accompanied me to Chatsworth in March last to organize a Union in that village. The ladies of Chatsworth were very enthusiastic and appointed as their President the wife of the English Church clergyman. I visited this Union a few weeks ago and found they were doing good work. I hoped to visit Durham Union during the year but found it impossible. Their Secretary replied to a letter of mine that they hold Sunday temperance meetings and do Band of Hope work. I wrote to different villages enquiring if Unions were desired; in some cases no reply was sent, in others the reply was that the women preferred working with the already existing temperance societies. A request came from Kemble a few days ago for a Union to be organized there. I hope soon to be able to attend to this request. There should be a Union in the town of Meaford, as it is a place of considerable size, I recommend that the Provincial Organizer be sent there. Thornbury, a village near Meaford, might be visited on the same trip. I am pleased to be able to report that the Owen Sound Bands of Hope have been a great success. Chatsworth has a flourishing Band of Hope, also Durham and Keadie. Meaford is about to begin Band of Hope work. A very large Sunday School Temperance Society was formed in the Methodist Church in Owen Sound two weeks ago. They intend having a temperance lesson at the end of each quarter in place of review. The triple pledge is used. By introducing this pledge into the Sunday School we reach many of a larger growth than those who attend the Band of Hope. I regret that we have not a Scott Act victory to record for our County this year. Some very serious mistakes in the management of the work have caused extra labor and great delay as well as immense waste of money. We pray that God may over-rule for good the mistakes that have been made in this work, and that ere long Grey will roll up its hundreds, nay thousands of a majority against licensed dram-selling.

COUNTY OF GRENVILLE.

MRS. THOS. COATES.

"Not unto us, oh Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory," is the ascription of my heart at the close of another year's operations as County Superintendent of Grenville.

In reporting to this, the eight annual Provincial Convention, allow me to say that while we are together here for a few days, we may hope, by our united counsels to become strengthened for the work that is before us, in looking to

almighty God for wisdom to direct us, to the Holy Spirit to inspire us. We may all enjoy such a phase of Christian fellowship as will be a foretaste of the joys of heaven. The stimulating memories of our last convention are, I trust, still animating us. My first work, with the aid of my friend Mrs. Merry, was to organize a W.C.T. Union in Stratford on the 21st of October. 32 ladies were present, 20 enrolled their names as members, and I am glad to see three delegates are representing them to-day. On the 17th November my husband drove my friend Miss Bilbrough and myself to Algonquin. After a most adventurous ride through a cedar swamp and jumping a ditch, to our great delight, we found ourselves once more on the road and received a very warm welcome from dear Mrs. and Mr. Bissel, where we remained all night and spent the evening in considering the advisability of starting a Union there. Mrs. Bissel was afraid they were too much scattered, but she promised to speak to the ladies and to let me know what the prospects for organizing would be. She became very much interested and said to one of her daughters she must write to Mrs. Coates to come out, but before the letter was written, the family, one after another, were seized with that dreadful disease, diphtheria. She, too, fell a victim, with constant anxiety unceasing and loss of rest, and was ushered speedily into the palace of her King, to reap the reward of an active Christian life, full of philanthropy; and we hope before long, a W.C.T. Union will flourish in the small, but pretty little village of Algonquin, shaded by the beautiful maple grove, still fragrant with the honored names of Dr. and Mrs. Palmer, as a memorial of this beloved and estimable lady. It was nearly noon when we arrived at North Augusta. At two o'clock we repaired to the Presbyterian church. A few ladies soon assembled. Miss B. presided at the organ and opened by singing "Rescue the Perishing." Rev. Wm. Craig led in prayer, read the Crusade Psalm, and told them of the band of earnest Christian women of Hillsboro and explained work. We organized with ten members. Some of the ladies gathered in the house of one of the sisters to give Miss Bilbrough an opportunity of speaking of her work. She said if this drinking traffic could be abolished there would be little need of orphans' homes, and the evening was pleasantly spent in discussing the leading topics of the day. The next day we returned to Prescott, leaving a large parcel of temperance literature at all the school houses and extracting a promise from the teachers to see that it was faithfully distributed, also at the toll gates, and my dear friend went back to Belleville quite enthused in the temperance work, and began to stir up the other ladies and soon after, a W.C.T.U. was organized in the city of Belleville. December 4th, I took the cars and a parcel of literature and joined dear Mrs. Youmans in Cardinal where she delivered a delightful lecture, speaking with great earnestness and power. The church was packed and crowds outside. At the close I urged the members to be more faithful in attending the meetings, as some of the officers had been discouraged, and invited others to give in their names and bind themselves together for prayer, and work for the success of the Scott Act.

It was wonderful how absorbed every Union in the united counties became in the Scott Act campaign, more especially as the day approached for voting. Meetings were held every night in one of the villages or towns. At the close of one of our grand meetings in Prescott we obeyed the scriptural command in Rom. 12, 20, and fed our enemies and our friends from a distance, with sandwiches, coffee and cake. The memorable 18th of December spent by the Unions in earnest prayer will not soon be forgotten, nor the names of Judge McDonald and Rev. T. G. Williams, champion veterans, who did such noble service in the united counties of Leeds and Grenville, also the Rev. Mr. Baily, who so fearlessly confronted our bitter opponent, King Dodds. Many were the congratulatory tidings received next day, and our hearts were jubilant on account of the victory, over King Alcohol and sin. Our dear sisters across the river sent such a beautiful letter of praise and rejoicing. Gathered contributions to the amount of ten dollars, and sent to Rev. J. D. Chown for Grenville War Notes. Feb. 4th attended with our president, Mrs. Blair, the Dominion W.C.T.U. Convention

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at Ottawa, where we were instructed, strengthened and inspired afresh for the work. Tried to impart a little of what I had received to my beloved Unions on my way back through the columns of the *Independent*. March 23rd, drove to Brockville, took early train to Irish Creek, through one of the worst storms of the winter, roads fearfully blocked, nearly tipped over several times and broke down once. A meeting had been announced at Burritt's Rapids but it was impossible to reach it. Drove the next day with the President of the Merrickville Union, met a few of the ladies and promised to arrange for another meeting at some future time. On the 26th, returned to Irish Creek, found the little church packed, with men, women and children. Rev. Bro. Orser assisted in opening services. Organized a W.C.T.U. with 13 members, had a most enthusiastic meeting. From a letter received lately, they need another visit to encourage them. On the 23rd of May we held our first county convention in Prescott in the Presbyterian church. The day opened auspiciously, the air fragrant with flowers and the time of singing of birds had come. About twenty-five delegates present from local Unions representing Brockville, Spencerville, Kemptville, Oxford Mills, Iroquois and Morrisburgh, also a delegation from our sister Union at Ogdensburg, all of whom by their presence, sympathy, interchange of opinions, and valuable hints, added greatly to the interest of the gathering. We were highly favored in having our beloved and efficient Prov. Pres. Mrs. Chisholm, of Ottawa, with us, and she gave us much information and quite won the hearts of the sisters by her graceful and pleasing manners. Such a precious spirit of harmony pervaded both morning and afternoon lessons. A County Union was formed by Mrs. Chisholm, constitution adopted, and officers appointed. A very cordial invitation was extended by Mrs. Dr. Ferguson, for us to hold our next county convention in Kemptville next spring. A resolution of sympathy to the Gananoque Union, in the loss of Mrs. Britton, was carried.

It was resolved that the ladies of this convention memorialize the House of Commons asking them not to concur in the action of the Senate with regard to the amendment to the Scott Act. Greetings were also sent to Stratford for the success of the Scott Act agitation they were then engaged in. Tuesday afternoon was appointed as a time of special prayer to be observed by the Unions for the defeat of the amendments.

Illness preventing Mr. J. R. Clark from delivering his lecture, we all assembled in Mrs. Kirby's drawing room and a very pleasant evening was spent in discussing matters pertaining to Bands of Hope, and Mrs. Chisholm organized a Y.W.C.T.U., Miss Alice Kirby, president, who is working with her sister and a few others most efficiently, as their report will inform us, doing a great work with children.

Received letters regretting their absence from attending the county convention, from Merrickville, North Augusta, Irish Creek and Shemby. One delegate wrote me that she felt like a giant after that convention and ready for her new work.

On 31st August visited Cardinal, was much encouraged by Mrs. Dr. Williams and Mrs. Crane, to go down in September and start them again, hoping the third time would prove a success. After much persuasion I obtained Mrs. C.'s consent to be nominated as president. Our meeting, however, had to be postponed on account of contagious sickness in the village and sudden death of Mrs. Crane's sister whilst attending Heckston camp meeting. I had the pleasure of meeting many of our dear sisters from the different W.C.T. Unions and encouraging them in their work, and also interesting some of the minister's wives, and prepared the way to organize a Union in South Mountain. Wrote 61 letters, 19 were invitations to county conventions, and 41 post cards. Also sent some printed invitations. Sent reports to South Mountain, Ventnor, West Winchester, Easton's Corners, Burritt's Rapids, Jasper, Cardinal, also sent *Woman's Journals* kindly supplied gratuitously, by Mrs. Chisholm.

Contributed towards defraying their Superintendent's expenses to Toronto, Ontario Provincial Convention :—

Kemptville W.C.T.U., \$2 ; Spencerville W.C.T.U., \$2 ; Oxford Mills do, \$1 ; North Augusta, do, \$1.

And yet, dear presidents and sisters, in reviewing the past year's work, how very little has been accomplished compared to what I should like to have done. Twenty-four hours is indeed too short for a W. C. T. U. day.

COUNTY OF HALTON.

MRS. A. M. HOCKING.

The W. C. T. Union work in this county has been equal to that of any other year, although I have not been able to organize any new unions ; yet I think I am safe in saying that we are very much stronger than we ever were before. The faith of our members has been tested this year, perhaps, more than ever before, and our members have cried out in very helplessness, "Shew us a token for good, O Lord." But to go back to the first quarter's work. It was simply to watch the dates for voting on the Scott Act in other counties, and to hold prayer meetings on behalf of those counties. This was done by all the Unions. Also the yearly canvass for new members and the renewal of old ones was made in the first quarter. At the same time subscriptions for the *Woman's Journal* were solicited, this method was adopted by two of the Unions. The *Journal* is subscribed for by a large number in the Milton and Georgetown Unions, and it is read with very great interest. The membership for Halton is 293 with 60 gentlemen as honorary members. The unfermented wine is used by nearly all the churches represented by the different Unions. Pledge cards are in a number of the Sabbath Schools. During the year I have written to other parts of the county where we have no unions, and asked their co-operation, and I have sent the reports and copies of the constitution all through the county.

A conference was called for the end of August and the Streetsville Union was asked to join Halton in this conference, which they did. The conference was held on the Prohibition camp-ground, and a very pleasant and profitable time we had. Arrangements were made for forming a county convention, and committees were appointed to draft a constitution and make arrangements for meeting. The Streetsville Union were asked to obtain the consent of the county of Peel to join Halton and have a united county convention, but as I removed to Toronto immediately after this conference, I am not prepared to report on the progress of this scheme.

COUNTY OF HURON.

MRS. LEECH.

Huron County has eight Unions, viz : Goderich, Exeter, Seaforth, Gorrie, Wroxeter, Blythe, Bluevale, Clinton, the latter I believe is not very active just now, but hope to visit it and get it revived. Membership 153, Bands of Hope members 280, this does not include a number of pledged school scholars. I have approached the editors of nearly all the papers in the county either personally or by letter ; they are nearly all in favour of Temperance and the Scott Act, and willing to publish temperance matter, some of them prefer making their own selections. Our county gave one of the large majorities for the Scott Act, over 1600, and are now

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putting forth vigorous efforts for having it enforced by appointing an informer and prosecuting violaters. Our local Union at Goderich is in a very good condition not so much in large membership as active working zeal. They have had several open public meetings, addressed by local ministers, who always give us valuable assistance, and others. Members wear the badge take the platform and circulate pledge cards; have got over 60 signatures in that way. I hope the coming year may be much more prosperous.

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

MISS BESSIE HOGG.

Immediately upon entering upon my duties as County Superintendent, I commenced writing to one or more of the ministers in each place in the County of Middlesex. I wrote some sixty of those letters, receiving very few replies. There was one Union formed in Strathroy. We also corresponded with all the editors in the county, receiving favorable answers from all.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

MRS. H. D. JOHNSON.

There are three Unions in Oxford County, Ingersoll, Tilsonburg and Dereham Centre, Mount Elgin. The work has been principally in putting the Scott Act into force. The Union in Dereham Centre and Mount Elgin took out the license for Dereham township, although two hotel-keepers offered for it. Considerable work has been done in the introduction of pledge cards into the Sabbath schools; also, in influencing the churches in favor of unfermented wine at the Lord's table. The Tilsonburg ladies make the wine for all the churches in that place. The Union in Ingersoll does a good work by getting first-class lecturers to give free lectures there, the expenses being borne by the Union. The newspapers in the county have all been written to in reference to publishing temperance items, and favorable answers received from all but two.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY.

MRS. SARA E. BRANSCOMBE.

The defeat of the Scott Act in this county last fall, had, as was to be expected, a very depressing effect on our Unions. We had worked so hard and hoped so earnestly, that a majority of our electors would be found true and brave enough to recognize the responsibility resting upon them, by voting out the legalized dram shop; that our disappointment was proportionately bitter, and the consequent reaction of hopelessness easily to be accounted for. However, we did not become entirely demoralized. We endeavoured, though defeated, to retire in as good order as possible, waiting for the reinforcements which we confidently believe will be forthcoming when the day of battle rolls around again. Feeling particularly in need of all the help and encouragement, derived from the counsel and experience of others working with the same end in view—the defence of home and family from the demon of intemperance, we gathered ourselves together in a county Convention in May last. The majority of the Unions

were fairly represented, and the meeting and interchange of thoughts and feelings proved very interesting and profitable to us all. In the early summer a Y. P. T. Union was organized, which has been carried on since very successfully having already accomplished something, in getting our young people interested in temperance work. We feel there is nothing for us to do now more advantageously than to keep up the Y. P. T. Unions and Bands of Hope throughout the county. This we are intending to do, until we have a chance to redeem our temperance character by voting straight for prohibition.

COUNTY OF SIMCOE.

MRS. THOS. SHORTREED.

I regret very much that I have not been able to accomplish anything in this county during the past year. I have written a considerable number of letters, have sent out literature bearing on Union work, and have urged on different Unions to organize Bands of Hope where they have not already done so. To some of my letters I received very satisfactory answers, but in many cases none.

COUNTIES OF STORMONT AND GLENGARRY.

MRS. (JUDGE) PRINGLE.

Two Unions were formed in Glengarry a year ago last winter, one in Lancaster, the other in Williamstown, but I do not think they ever affiliated with the Ont. W. C. T. U. Yet they did a splendid work during the Scott Act contest in their county, they distributed a great deal of temperance literature, and held meetings in several places, and advocated the Act most zealously, now they are doing a good work in educating the children in temperance principles. I succeeded in organizing three Unions in Stormont last winter, and I hope they affiliated with Ont. W. C. T. U. Temperance work is steadily advancing although many of the women refused to have a Temperance Union formed, as they had their missionary societies, and could not find time for both, however they agreed to connect temperance work with missionary work in that way. We have twenty societies distributing temperance literature, and each society has a Band of Hope in the church that they are in connection with. Our Union in Cornwall has increased in membership, and a greater spirit of liberty is manifested as our work is principally confined to the Band of Hope. We now number 300 children, and they have all taken the triple pledge.

COUNTY OF WATERLOO.

MRS. W. GRAHAM.

In reviewing the temperance work of the county, for the past year, it is encouraging to notice that so much has been done. A little more than a year ago, a county temperance association was organized, and gathered in a large membership from all parts of the county, 37 local secretaries were appointed in the different towns and villages, to carry out the work of the association in their respective localities. During the winter public meetings were held, and addresses given at all these places, and much good has been done in this way. In July

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petitions were sent round in favour of passing the Scott Act, and sufficient names obtained, so that it is expected that the vote will be submitted to the people before a great while, with every prospect of success. In February, assisted by some of the ladies of the Union, I organized a Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Galt, which has been carried on very successfully, and is doing a good work amongst the young. In March, assisted by some of the ladies of the Berlin Union, I organized a Union in Bloomingdale, which is also very prosperous, and doing a good work, I also organized a Band of Hope in the same place in August. In the first week of September, Miss Bowes, our Provincial organizer began her work in this county, and the success that has attended the labours are not only cheering and hopeful, but calls for grateful thanks to God for so manifestly blessing the efforts of his servant in this work, Miss Bowes has visited and given public addresses in 15 towns and villages, besides her afternoon meetings, and up to the present time she has organized 9 Unions which will be known as follows:—Breslau Union, Winterbourne, Elmira, Hawkesville, Linwood, Roseville, Hesperler, Waterloo and Pinegrove Union, which makes in all 14 Unions in this county, and as Miss Bowes has still several places to visit, no doubt other Unions will be added, and then Waterloo will take the lead in the number of Unions. Trusting in God, will each Union try and do their very best, and most, for God and Home and Native Land.

COUNTY OF YORK.

MRS. WILEY.

In reviewing the work in the County of York for the past year, we find much to be thankful for. The number of Unions in the county at last annual meeting, was 7. This year we find 14, 8 scattered throughout the county, and 6 in Toronto and vicinity. Of these 14, 9 have reported, giving 272 members, 4 Bands of Hope, and 287 children. But as reports from most of these Unions will probably be given, it would be a waste of time for me to attempt to speak of the work done in local Unions, even were it in my power to do so.

A County Convention was held in Richmond Hill, on the 3rd and 4th of August which was fairly successful. On account of the very stormy weather which prevailed on the first day of our meeting, the Unions in the eastern and western parts of the county were unable to be with us. The question of forming a county Union was taken up, but as there were but 5 out of 14 Unions represented, it was thought advisable to take no action in the matter until a larger representation could be secured. We think the holding of county conventions a very important feature in our work. It is good and profitable for all the Union workers in a county to meet occasionally and interchange thoughts, and plan more efficient work, and we hope that a County Convention will be held in York County, at least *once* in the year.

As the Scott Act work comes on at once in the county and also in Toronto, there will be a great amount of work to be done, and thinking it advisable to have Unions in every municipality, I have written to several parties asking them to kindly send information as to the prospects for organizing in their neighborhood. I have received replies from a few, none very encouraging, but I have no doubt that with a little looking after, Christian women can be found in every village in our county, who will at this particular crisis be ready to unite their efforts in this work.

The contest in York and Toronto will be very severe, as the liquor influence is very powerful in city and county. But we know in Whom we trust, and believe that He will give us the victory.

Reports of Local Unions.

AURORA.

This W.C.T.U. was formed by Miss Bowes on January 27th, and affiliated with the Ontario Union at the expiration of six months. There are now forty-three members on the roll, including honorary and non-paying, with an average attendance of ten members at regular meetings, which are held semi-monthly. The usual departments of work have been carried on with fair success, the Union steadily gaining confidence and influence. The "Aurora Banner" has done valuable and generous service in publishing notices, and some times lengthy articles both original and selected. Correspondence, direct, and with favorable results, was held with local representative in parliament, respecting the Senate's amendments. On the day of the Scott Act mass meeting the Union provided a free lunch and tea for the delegates, and also held a festival in the evening, the net proceeds of which were \$30. A Band of Hope was formed in July and now numbers 69 members. The necessity of teaching in classes is already felt by those in charge, and will probably soon be decided on. Mrs. Harvie, of Toronto, has been engaged to address the Band. Twenty copies of *Woman's Journal* are subscribed for in Aurora, and it is considered valuable by all. Ten thousand pages of literature, mostly Scott Act, have been distributed in the village and sent to opposers of the Act in the polling division in the adjacent townships. Prayer meetings have been well sustained from the outset. Nearly one hundred finance cards have been given out, persons pledging sums varying from five to twenty cents per month. The Evangelistic committee (six in number) have also taken out cards and literature, every member assents to doing evangelistic work and getting pledges so far as in her lies.

MRS. D. FOTHERINGHAM, Cor. Sec.

AYLMER.

Our union was re-organized in Dec. 19th, 1884, with the efficient aid of Mrs. E. C. Wright of Michigan, when a number became interested in the work, and names have been added until we now number 89. Soon after the organization, the Scott Act campaign in our county commenced, when we put forth every effort to advance the cause by distributing literature and procuring the best talent available to lecture. To assist in raising means to carry on the contest a grand Union tea meeting was held, which proved to be a success, financially and otherwise. On the 18th March, Mrs. Youmans, of Picton, gave us an eloquently earnest address, which decided the vote of many. On the day following, being the one appointed for the final contest, we had a Union Prayer meeting, which was a solemn season to all, as with singleness of heart we poured forth our requests for Divine aid. In the evening we assembled to hear the returns, and when we heard the victory was ours with a majority of 1863 we sang with thankful hearts, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." During the year we have received for members fees, lectures, etc., \$133, and paid out \$119. Meetings have been held semi-monthly generally with an average attendance of ten. Mr. John R. Clarke delivered two lectures for us not long ago, and the attendance was exceedingly good, and more interest has been taken in the Union since. Our Band of Hope numbers about fifty, and the interest is still increasing.

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BARRIE.

Though not as generally active or enthusiastic as last year, we have yet pursued our course, upheld our principles and done some very effective work, in a quiet way. The jail has been visited regularly, we have distributed literature, been useful in raising money to aid in the enforcement of the Scott Act in our county, and by public and private prayer striven to keep the temperance sentiment before the people. What our hands found to do has been done willingly, and I think I might promise that we are willing to do more if occasion offers.

S. G. ELWOOD MCKEE, Sec.

BEAVERTON

The first annual meeting of the Beaverton branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held October 28th, 1885. The membership being twenty ordinary and two honorary members. We have held thirteen meetings, with an average attendance of ten. Pres., Mrs. Borden; Cor-Sec., Mrs. Colin Campbell. We have distributed over 3,600 pages of temperance literature, and we hope to work harder and increase our members during the winter.

FLORRIE YOUNG, Cor-Sec.

BELLEVILLE.

This Union was formed in December, 1884, and has now 46 members. Business meetings, partly devotional, have been held weekly, excepting during the months of August and September, and cottage evangelistic meetings occasionally. We obtained a large number of names to the petition of the Dominion Alliance, praying Parliament against the mutilation of the Scott Act, and sent a letter to our representative, asking him to vote in that direction. A letter to our representative in the local legislature, we also sent, urging him use his influence in favor of having a temperance text book introduced into the public schools. Trained in total abstinence principles, we have a Band of Hope numbering 170 children. A large amount of temperance literature has been distributed chiefly bearing on the Scott Act, but after the unfavorable vote in the County of Hastings, it was decided to postpone for the present, the submitting of the Act in the city. That the field is still a wide one in which women can work to rescue the victims of the traffic, we realize, while ceasing our efforts in that direction. Our desire is to be fellow-workers with God in the cause of humanity, saying with the Jewish Queen of old, "How can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred."

ESTHER HOLDEN, Cor. Sec.

BERLIN.

Our Union at present has forty-nine members, and there are some faithful and earnest workers amongst us. The monthly prayer meetings have been a great blessing. We have distributed about four thousand leaflets and tracts, the town being divided into districts, besides circulating in the jail, county poor house, factories, and other public places, which have been with few exceptions thankfully received. We also hold gospel meetings at the county poor house regularly, and distribute religious tracts among the inmates. These meetings are enjoyed by all who take part in them, and are greatly appreciated by the poor. We have had four public lectures during the past year.

RACHEL WEAVER, Sec.

BLOOMINGDALE.

This Union was organized by Mrs. Graham, of Galt, last May. We did not affiliate then, but have now for this year. We have a membership of 31, of which 15 are honorary members, and we hold our meetings fortnightly; have a fair attendance at our business meetings, and a good attendance at our devotional meetings; Mrs. Grattan organized a Band of Hope for us also, it has 19 members. I think we can accomplish a great deal of good in this way, and we have also distributed a good number of tracts.

RACHIE A. OBERHOLTZER, Sec.

BOWMANVILLE.

Our Union was organized on the 18th of February with a membership of 25. Since the opening our Union has added ten more to the list, with the promise of five gentlemen for honorary members. We hold our meetings fortnightly with an average attendance of twenty members. They are opened with devotional exercises.

SARA MORRIS, Cor. Sec.

BRANTFORD.

Our annual meeting was held last year on the 13th November, and business meetings every alternate Thursday since then. The gospel temperance meetings held every Friday evening have been well attended, and we have had the earnest co-operation of our ministers and business men in keeping up the interest of these meetings. 118 have signed the pledge during the year. In being able to secure for lectures Col. Bain, Hon. J. B. Finch and Rev. D. L. Brethour, we were fortunate, the collections being sufficient to pay all expenses. This is a sure proof that these lectures were appreciated. The ladies of the Union have given two entertainments; one, of a purely literary character was given in the hall, a programme of music, reading, &c, was given; an admission fee was charged, which, after all expenses were paid, left us \$12 in treasury. At the last of the gospel temperance meetings in June, refreshments were served by the ladies and a number of those who had been reclaimed by the Union were there to speak a word of thankfulness and encouragement before parting for the summer. A number of gentlemen spoke also and, we could not but think that there were some, perhaps few, but still *some* who have reason to bless the efforts of the W.C.T.U. in Brantford. The Band of Hope is well sustained. Five or six young ladies manage this department, the number of children being over 100, the average attendance about 50. They have a very pleasing and interesting entertainment every year, always on the evening of Good Friday, when the hall is filled by parents and friends, the whole programme being singing and recitations by the children. The young ladies deserve great praise for this work. Admission fees pay all expenses with about \$20 for the treasury. Our centennial meeting was a great success, every minister in the city being present and taking part, our largest hall being too small, many were not able to enter.

MRS. SHENSTONE, Sec.

BRESLAU.

Miss Bowes, of Milton, Provincial Organizer of the W. C. T. U., visited Breslau September 5th, and organized a branch of the W. C. T. U. Our Union has 13 members. After the Provincial Convention we intend forming a Band of Hope. Our Union is on a small scale, but we are determined by the help of God to work as best we can to promote this noble cause.

ELIZA E. ELSLEY, Cor. Sec.

BROCKVILLE.

Our membership for the past year has been twenty-five, with an average attendance of twelve. Thirty-two meetings have been held including business meetings and those for prayer. The sum of \$203.55 has been raised. Expenditure \$187.15, of which between forty five or fifty dollars have been spent in the purchase of temperance leaflets and literature. These have been freely distributed in the public schools, Band of Hope, railroad depot, factories, and generally through the town. The remainder of our income has been spent for lecturers, rent of halls, printing, &c. A pleasing feature of our year's work has been the formation of a Y. W. C. T. U. which began with twenty members. They at once organized a Band of Hope, which has kept increasing until 300 names have been enrolled. We have been successful in establishing an agency for the sale of unfermented wine for sacramental purposes. Of our eight Protestant churches

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only three now use the fermented wine. A special effort was made last May at the meeting of our Board of License Commissioners to have licenses refused to three hotels which are close to our railroad depots. A petition sent by our Union and signed by some of our influential citizens, was ably seconded by Rev. T. G. Williams, in person. The G. T.R.R. authorities in Montreal were also written to and replied, promising to use their influence against the liquor interests. The result was two licenses granted and one refused. God specially blessed our work during the Scott Act campaign here last winter, which resulted in such a complete victory for our cause. Special prayer meetings were held every day for a week previous, and on the polling day we had an all-day meeting for prayer.

S. FRENCH, Cor. Sec.

BURLINGTON.

Our Union was formed nearly eight years ago, with a membership of fifteen, at present we have twenty-two members, average attendance, eight : working very harmoniously together. We hold our meetings alternately in the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches—monthly. We usually devote the first half-hour to prayer and praise, giving an hour to business. Unfermented Wine has been used in the Methodist Church for the past seven years. We have been earnestly endeavoring to form a Band of Hope here, but as yet have been unsuccessful. Mr. Carswell, of Oshawa, gave us a lecture last October, and those who heard him were delighted. To become a member of our Union, each person is required to pay fifty cents yearly, twenty-five cents affiliation fee, which is paid quarterly, and twenty-five cents at the beginning of the year. We are also taking steps to ascertain the names of all the women entitled to vote in the village, and be sure they are properly enrolled.

MRS. D. F. SMITH, Rec. Secretary.

CAMPDEN.

It is generally admitted that our work contributed largely to the grand Scott Act victory which was obtained on the 18th of last June. Our village and its vicinity gave an almost unanimous vote for the Act. Our work has consisted mainly in the distribution of a large amount of temperance literature, the introduction of pledge cards in the Sabbath School, the holding of public meetings at which interesting and instructive programmes were carried out. Our membership is 22, an increase of 3 over last year. We have held 7 meetings for prayer, 9 for the business of our Union, and 5 of the public meetings above referred to.

MRS. J. HIPPLE, Sec.

CENTRAL TORONTO.

The report from our Union is not as full of work done as we could wish; many causes have hindered us this year. Some of our members have left to work in other recently established Unions, and some have been laid on beds of sickness where only prayers could be silently offered to help on the work. The weekly meeting for prayer and praise has been held regularly, except during the months of July and August, with an average attendance of from 10 to 14. In the early part of the year an all-day prayer meeting was held, when some of our city pastors took part, the Rev. Mr. Parson kindly occupying the chair. Our Union has had the pleasure of organizing three new city Unions, one in the northern part, one in the east, and one at West Toronto Junction, and feel sure a good report will be heard from each of them, so now, with the western, organized by us last fall, we have five city Unions, besides the Young Ladies' Union. It was suggested that a quarterly meeting of all the Unions would be both profitable and interesting, where we could all meet and become known to each other, and

discuss our work. There is a "Sailor's Rest" in full working order. When the boxes were sent out to our brave volunteers in the North-West, we sent a present of tracts on temperance, and we have thanked God that all reports that came from the seat of war bore testimony of the sobriety of our boys. As will be seen by the treasurer's report our affiliation has been paid for the year.

MRS. MCFARLANE, Cor-Sec.

CHATHAM.

Our membership is 37, two less than last year, four having left and two joining during the year. Average attendance at business meetings, 8. Scott Act leaflets were freely distributed before voting on the act, this was a great help towards the grand majority with which the act carried. The jail is visited fortnightly by members of our Union. Space is given us for the printing of temperance matter in one of the newspapers. It was found advisable to close the Sabbath afternoon temperance meetings—monthly prayer meetings are held instead. Our County Association have employed temperance lecturers during the year and have secured a number for this winter. Our Union also intends holding a number of mass meetings to be addressed by lecturers from the Ontario Lecture Bureau, in order that interest in temperance may be kept up in our town and county for enforcing the Scott Act next May.

M. REDDICK.

COBOURG.

The Cobourg W. C. T. U. was organized one year ago last April, and, though at first the membership was very small, yet, through the perseverance of the members, especially of the late president Mrs. Young, it has grown until now there are between thirty and forty members.

During the Scott Act agitation here, much earnestness was displayed by a great many of the members in assisting to canvass, and influencing voters by distributing pamphlets on temperance subjects. We hold one business meeting monthly and two prayer meetings.

MRS. HUGH PEDLEY.

CORNWALL.

This year we have to report forty-four members, with an average attendance of fifteen, meeting once a month, except during July and August. Since our last report the Scott Act has been carried and put into force in our county, and we are now in some measure reaping the reward of our labors. Lately our attention has been given to the distribution of literature and to Band of Hope work. In this we were financially helped by profits accruing from lectures by Mr. John R. Clark. Our Band of Hope numbers three hundred, and we are now making arrangements to have the children taught in classes.

JENNIE MACARTHUR, Cor. Sec.

EMBRO.

The meetings of the Band of Hope were not held during the summer, but it was re-organized during the month of September, and shows signs of prosperity.

MRS. MCKAY.

FENELON FALLS.

The Union of Fenelon Falls was organized by Miss Bowes on the 11th of March, 1885, and was the largest organized in Canada, forty-three having joined the Union on its formation.

The canvassing committee has obtained forty-six honorary members, and for the purpose of receiving those into the Union, an entertainment was given which was reasonably successful. Two others have been given since for the purpose of

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replenishing the treasury. A Band of Hope has been formed under the auspices of the Union with one hundred and ten members. We have hired an organ to assist us in entertaining the children of the Band of Hope, and also to be used at entertainments given by the Union. We have bought pledge cards and badges for each child of the Band of Hope. Each member of the W. C. T. U. has a printed copy of our temperance pledge, with which she can personally canvass.

We have the glorious news to send in this report that the Scott Act passed in county of Victoria, on the 23rd of July, with the grand majority of eleven hundred and fifty. There were several temperance lecturers sent by the organization, and the Union assisted in defraying the expenses of the campaign. We also proposed and succeeded in having prayer meetings in the various churches in the village on the day of voting, praying for the success of the Scott Act. Before the day of voting six ladies of the Union canvassed for votes for the Act. There has been a committee formed for the purpose of interviewing the trustees of the public school of this village, with reference to having temperance principles taught in the school. Soon after the formation of the Union we purchased twelve dollars and twenty-five cents worth of literature. We have distributed about two thousand leaflets. There has been a number of articles on temperance written by members of the Union, which the editor of the paper has kindly printed. There are a great many branches of the temperance work, that we have not taken up yet, but as we get better acquainted with the work which is expected of us we hope to see more good done for our cause.

MRS. MCKONE, Cor. Sec.

FERGUS.

This Union was formed on the 3rd November, 1884, with 24 members. Since that time 17 meetings have been held. There are now 30 names on the roll. In the early part of the year the members of the Union took charge of the distribution of temperance literature in the village, and in connection with the submission of the Scott Act, some worked most energetically and received an ample reward in the splendid majority rolled up by our county in favor of the Act on the 2nd April. Efforts were also put forth by the Union at the time of the municipal elections, and were said to be influential in putting into the council, men, at least not *opposed* to temperance work; and again, when petitions to Parliament against the mutilation of the Scott Act were being circulated, members of the Union canvassed a great part of the village for signatures. Attempts have been made to get additional unions formed in neighboring parts of the country, but so far with success only in the case of Elora. There are prospects, however, that next year will see greater progress made.

J. T. SMELLIE, Rec. Sec.

GALT.

The past year has been one of much prosperity and blessing to our Society. We have had an increase of eleven (11) members, making our total forty-four (44). During the year twenty-four (24) regular meetings have been held with an average attendance of thirteen (13). These gatherings have been full of interest and were enjoyed by those present. Lectures under our auspices were given in December by the Hon. J. B. Finch, and in January by Colonel Bain, both of which were well attended and resulted in good, morally and financially. Another lecture by John B. Clark was given in September.

Our thanksgiving service, held February 17th, had an attendance of thirty-six (36) members and was an occasion of much spiritual benefit.

Eight thousand (8,000) pages of temperance literature have been distributed through the town, and an effort made towards encouraging such literature in our public schools. Our town papers are supplied every week with choice selections made by one of our members.

In February the young ladies of the town organized a Y. W. C. T. U. As part of their distinctive work they have opened a night school for boys and another for girls, which are proving a great boon to the poor of this place.

Our Union has rendered what assistance it could to the different Bands of Hope here, one being formed in every church, thus promoting temperance among the young.

Three out of our five churches use the unfermented wine at the Communion.

MRS. J. E. CARSCADDEN, Cor. Sec.

GANANOQUE.

During the past year we have held 46 regular business and devotional meetings. Besides these regular meetings we had several special meetings in connection with our Scott Act campaign, summer convention and other causes. Our total membership is 70. During the year we have received 14 new members, lost 13, two of these by death. One of these deaths, that of our dear late Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. Britton, who was also appointed County Superintendent of Leeds by the Provincial Union, 1884, has been a sad loss to our Union, but knowing our Heavenly Father has some wise purpose to fulfil by every dispensation of His providence, we humbly submit and say "Thy will be done." We rejoice that amongst our new members this year we have a number of young ladies, and trust during the coming year we shall see the number largely increased. Our first efforts in the beginning of the year were directed towards making the passage of the Scott Act a success. Faith and work went hand in hand and the result was a victory, which filled all our hearts with thanksgiving and praise. In the line of legislation we also petitioned two or three good temperance men to run as councillors for the municipality, and believe that one of them sits at that board to-day in accordance with our wishes. We have also reason to believe he has done something towards making the present license law better enforced. As the Mutual Reform Club, Y.M.C.A. and Scott Act Committee supplied the public with excellent courses of lectures, we did not feel called upon to do much in that line, still we had our veteran sister, Mrs. Youmans, here for two days who, during that time, gave an excellent public lecture, conducted a children's mass meeting and addressed the W. C. T. U. In order to show our gratitude to the Y. M. C. A. who generously allow us the use of their room free of charge, we have given them a donation of \$10, a free tea, and carpeted and otherwise improved their room at an expense of about \$35. We also, to show our interest in and sympathy with the Mutual Reform Club, presented them, on their fifth anniversary, with a handsome banner inscribed with the motto of the Club. This was so much appreciated that shortly afterwards the Club generously returned the compliment by donating \$10 towards the Band of Hope under our auspices. Until the beginning of the year we held cottage gospel temperance meetings at different points in the town, but at that time a detachment of the Salvation Army was organized here, and as they appeared to reach the class for whom we had intended these meetings more effectually than we did, they were not deemed any longer necessary and so discontinued. More time than formerly has been devoted each week to special prayer, both at our meetings and in private at our homes, for the salvation of souls. Through our Band of Hope, visiting committee, by post, at lectures, and in various other ways we have distributed an immense amount of literature calculated to promote the cause of the gospel and temperance. Our Band of Hope, under the superintendence of Mrs. Gage and Miss Biddell, is still flourishing and self-sustaining. At the request of the Provincial W. C. T. U. arrangements were made by the Gananoque Union for the first summer meeting, which proved most profitable, enjoyable and satisfactory in every respect. At the children's mass meeting held in connection with this convention, three prizes consisting of handsome books were presented to pupils of the high and public

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Schools who had written essays on the subject of temperance. We are now busy making arrangements to furnish refreshments on the grounds of the Horticultural Society during the fair next week and hope our effort will be crowned with success.

E. A. BYERS, Rec. Sec.

GEORGETOWN.

At the commencement of the year the town was thoroughly canvassed, and at the close of the year there were one hundred and twenty-one named on our membership roll, eighteen of whom were honorary members. Before the municipal elections, the members of our Union unanimously resolved to endeavor by prayer and effort to have temperance men in the council. We have reason to believe that He who has promised never to leave or forsake those who put their trust in Him heard and answered, for in the council are some staunch temperance men who are ever ready to deal the hydra-headed monster a blow. In four of the Sabbath Schools of the town pledge cards have been placed, and as soon as the needed information is received we expect to organize a Band of Hope. We have held two public entertainments during the year both of which besides being financially successful were the means of elevating temperance sentiment and advertising the Union. At the beginning of the year the council chamber was granted free of charge for the holding of meetings. For the ensuing year the Sons of Temperance have extended a kind invitation to occupy their hall. Such kindness we heartily appreciate. Eleven hundred pages of temperance literature were distributed, all the churches in town with one exception use the unfermented wine. We hold prayer meetings once a week, business meetings once a month.

JENNIE HARRISON, Cor. Sec.

GODERICH.

Our Union is progressing favorably, having fortnightly meetings, membership 16. At those meetings we have devotional exercises and receive new members. Scott Act temperance workers have much to contend with, but we gained the victory under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. We intend to resume our free and public meetings, Christian temperance men giving short addresses, also vocal and instrumental music. The ladies of the W.C.T.U. occupy the platform, and at recess move among the audience with pledges. This has been successful, as 60 persons have signed the pledge during the year.

LUCY FREEMAN, Sec.

GORRIE.

During the year fifteen meetings have been held. Paid to the Scott Act fund ten dollars. Entirely clothed a family of six left destitute by a drunken father. Wishing to influence the young we purchased twelve interesting books on temperance which we placed in the Public School Library. A year since the Ministers of the Methodist Church organized a Band of Hope which now has over sixty members, but thinking to embrace the Children of Churches, the W.C.T.U. have undertaken it so that now we have a new field of labour. We sent a deputation to the ministers of the Churches using fermented wine on Sacramental occasions, and hope it may have the desired effect. The great question with us is "What can Women do toward enforcing the Scott Act." One new member has been received this year.

MRS. ARMSTRONG, Rec. Sec.

GUELPH.

The Guelph Auxiliary W. C. T. U., closes the second year of its existence with a membership of 30; average attendance at business meetings during the year, 14. Much good earnest work has been done in cottage meetings held in remote parts of the city, and among a class of people difficult to reach in other ways. About 200 of these meetings are reported for the year, within many cases, apparent good

results. What the real harvest will be, will be known hereafter. The Union has placed a testament in each cell of the county gaol. The prisoners confined in the gaol have been visited weekly, and, as far as possible looked after on being set at liberty. Temperance literature has been distributed wherever there seemed to be an opening. We have also offered prizes for temperance essays to the pupils of our high and public schools. The event of the year with us, was the passage of the Canada Temperance Act in our city and county, and though it was not ours to go out and fight the battle at the polls, who can deny that the earnest prayers of hundreds of christian women were an important factor in the victory won? The meetings for prayers for the success of the Act, held weekly for over two months were crowded to excess, and at the all-day meeting on the day of the voting, the church was full almost continually. Of the brave act of the "noble three hundred," no mention need be made, except to say, that it was under God, the means of turning many voters which else had gone to oppose the right, and uphold the wrong.

R. SMITH, Sec.

HAMILTON.

Our work for the year has been one purely of moral suasion and of protective quality. But whilst we have been struggling in the effort to conquer appetite and prejudice, we are conscious realizing this sin of intemperance to be a physical as well as a moral evil, a material as well as a personal vice, that whilst moral suasion educates, public sentiment throws its protective arm around the young, reclaims a few of those who have fallen through its allurements, puts a check on drinking usages, yet is insufficient to stay this plague, and so we look forward to legal enactment, with hope and confidence. Our membership has been on the increase during the year, having had quite a few co-laborers added to our force. It is with pained necessity that I have to record the death of two of our members, one an officer. Our Union lost in Mrs. Van Allan, a constant, patient, cheerful worker of our cause, and an earnest consistent devotee. During the year we held a half-hour prayer meeting weekly, and found it to be a source of support, strength and power. Our treasury has been supplied by the free will offerings of our members, and their efforts in monthly collection. One social was held last winter, netting us \$30.00. We had the pleasure of having two lectures by Col. Bain, and one by Hon. Mr. Finch. We cleared on our lecture course, \$13. We still have the valuable assistance of Mrs. Smith, as city missionary, her work consisting of visitations to families suffering from intemperance, Cottage prayer meetings in the houses of drunkards, Sunday afternoon gospel meetings, meetings in the jail, &c. She has 100 families under her care, has made to these, 800 visits during 8 month's work, held 82 cottage prayer meetings, and distributed 2,000 pages of tracts. The mother's meeting was carried on as usual. For those with whom we are working, we had a very successful social, 100 being present. The refreshments supplied were bountiful and good. The programme of music and readings was excellent, but best of all was to hear their thanks for the efforts put forth for their salvation. We find the homely, loving, personal invitation to reform, is what is most effective. The hospital was visited during the winter, and suitable literature given, as well as private donations of delicacies and necessaries. There were many cases of interest, some of whom passed away during the year, with testimonies of a rich and full inheritance awaiting them. One petition to parliament was circulated for signatures during the year, asking that no change be made in the now existing law. In reference to hygiene instruction of temperance in our public schools, we wrote to the minister of education, but did not get a very encouraging reply. We supplied one of our newspapers weekly with temperance items.

Number of meetings held for 8 months, 72; cottage prayer meetings, 82; children's meetings 144; visits made, 800; pages of leaflets distributed, 30,500; families visited, 100.

MRS. PRATT, Rec. Sec.

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HAWKESVILLE.

Our W. C. T. U. was organized by *our much esteemed* Miss Bowes, September 14th, and we are pleased to report in that short time, (not quite one month,) 17 members and a growing interest in the temperance work.

HANNAH PETERSON, Cor. Sec.

INGERSOLL.

This W. C. T. U. was organized April, 1883. Report of the year ending Sept. 1885: Meetings held first Tuesday of every month. Membership, 30; average attendance, 10; special meetings for prayer for the success of the Scott Act, 2; names on pledge roll, 76; industrial class maintained every Saturday during the year, average attendance 25. Subjects taught: Bible lessons, commandments, singing, tables, sewing and instruction in temperance. Three tea parties have been given the children besides a quantity of clothing for winter and summer use. The ladies are greatly pleased with the marked improvement in the appearance and deportment of these children, and several families have been materially benefited. Public free lectures, 5; money for these raised by special canvass of the churches and by a box at the door for voluntary offerings, amounting to \$153; churches in town using unfermented wine at the Lord's table, 2. The ladies have appealed to the resident physicians begging them to be specially guarded in granting certificates to applicants for liquor, and also asking them to use their influence in favor of the Scott Act.

M. RUSSELL, Rec. Sec.

KEMPTVILLE.

Our membership is not yet as large as last year, but we hope to enroll many more names and enlist the members in active service. "Everybody do something," would be a good motto. We have a good reading-room and hope to keep it successfully established during the year just entered upon. We held our annual meeting October 1st, at which our officers were changed with the exception of our honored President and Secretary. We send greetings to the Convention and a hearty God speed to the sister Unions.

MRS. H. A. LIFFITON, ex-Cor. Sec.

KEENE.

The Keene Auxiliary of the W. C. T. U. was organized by Miss Bowes in March of this year. Our present membership is thirty-seven, and in connection with our auxiliary we have a Band of Hope under the direction of Mr. Mark, an honorary member, who teaches the little ones to take an interest in the work of their mothers and sisters. The Scott Act was voted on in our County (Peterboro') last month, and we believe in answer to earnest believing prayer, was carried. We have held some gospel temperance meetings that were very successful and interesting.

MRS. A. A. MCINTYRE, Cor. Sec.

KINGSTON.

Our membership has largely increased during the past year, owing in a great measure, to the Scott Act agitation. Many who previous to this manifested little or no interest in this cause joined our ranks and did telling work. Our membership for the past year numbered 131. We have now organized in the county six sister Unions, in Newburg, Catarauqui, Sydenham, Verona, Westbrook, and Harrowsmith. Three of our number have flourishing Bands of Hope with a membership of 500. The girls' sewing class was largely attended during the winter months. They were there taught to make garments for themselves, which they bought at cost price. Many mothers testified to the added usefulness of their girls at home, because of the training received there.

The bible readings given by one of our Union have been very much enjoyed. Weekly cottage prayer meetings are held in different districts of the city. The gaol and hospital have been regularly visited. In addition to the work hitherto engaged in, the Union has undertaken a weekly class for bible study, with the women of the penitentiary, also a flower mission, through which a bouquet of flowers was given weekly to each inmate of the hospital and other sick throughout the city. To each bouquet was attached a text of Scripture. Eighty-nine ladies distributed 174,063 pages of temperance tracts, besides 2,500 Scott Act advocates. During the Scott Act campaign, we were frequently asked "Why don't you educate the masses?" "Why don't you use moral suasion?" Our report answers these questions, by telling what we were doing in these directions.

LINDSAY.

The Lindsay Auxiliary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized March 5th, 1885, by Miss Bowes, with a membership of 37, meeting fortnightly. A Union Band of Hope was immediately formed with 300 members, also meeting fortnightly, and addressed by the different ministers alternately. Temperance literature was distributed to the children, and during the Scott Act campaign, cards in the form of a personal request to the fathers, for their vote and influence were given to each member. Leaflets, and an appeal signed by all the members of the Union, were distributed through the town, and a sum of \$50, raised by the Union was given to the Scott Act Committee.

MARGARET McINTYRE, Secretary.

LISTOWEL.

The readiness with which our members entered into the various lines of work undertaken proves their hearts are in the work; and if we have not accomplished all we have desired, we have the satisfaction of knowing our Union has the sympathy and co-operation of our most influential citizens.

We all know how helpful this is.

We have never regretted securing the course of excellent lectures, by Mrs. Baxter, J. R. Clark, Col. Bain, Hon. J. Finch, and Rev. J. Smith, of Toronto. They were just what our town needed, and have very greatly strengthened the cause of temperance.

The petitions regarding the Scott Act, Senate amendments, appeals and leaflets, were all faithfully distributed, and we found by the ladies of the Union giving the dodgers into the hands of our people, with a personal invitation, we secured a large attendance at our lectures.

During our prayer meeting held in the Presbyterian Church on the day of our Scott Act vote, there was a most gracious influence, and although we were defeated in Perth County, our town gave a majority in favor. This we felt to be a victory indeed as it was more than we expected.

L. A. FREEMAN, Cor. Sec.

LONDON.

During the year we have held twenty-six meetings for the transaction of business, average attendance fifteen. Our membership now numbers 43, being an increase within the last year of twenty. The city jail has been regularly visited, also a number of temperance literature distributed. We have supplied three local newspapers with items. During the winter months we have had a course of five temperance lectures, which have been productive of much good. The Industrial School has also been very successfully carried on by a very efficient committee. In November a night school was organized for girls.

BESSIE HOGG, Sec.

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MILTON.

Our Union was organized May 30th, 1877, with a membership of 120, and has continued to increase in interest to the present. We have now a membership of 147, with 42 gentlemen honorary members. During this time unfermented wine has been used for sacramental purposes in one of the churches. After the Provincial Convention we held our annual free tea, at which we gave an opportunity to join the Union, and to secure membership. Suitable scripture rolls were provided by the Union to hang in the jail corridors and railway stations. We subscribe for one copy of the *Citizen* and 37 of our members take the *Woman's Journal*. Committees were formed to visit the gaol, the homes of the intemperate, and to canvass for members. Our quarterly tea in May, was very encouraging in its results. Financially, our Union is in a good condition, having, after sending \$35.00 to the Provincial W. C. T. U., and defraying all incidental expenses, together with \$12.00 towards charitable purposes on hand, in stock, left of last year's bazaar in value over \$100.00, and cash in hand \$15.45.

NEW EDINBURGH.

Our society was organized on the 21st of January, 1885. Seventeen members enrolled, three have since removed from our village, one new member was added, making our number at this date, October 7th, fifteen. Our Union was organized by Mrs. Tilton, President of the Ottawa W. C. T. U. Our annual fee is fifty cents; we are affiliated with the Provincial Union. We hold meetings on every alternate Tuesday during the year, except during the hot weather. These meetings consist of the usual business routine, followed by a Bible reading, in which all present take a part, affording mutual instruction. We are trying at present to procure the co-operation of the village people towards establishing a reading room for the young men, as great need is felt for such a place, cheerfully fitted up, as a counter attraction to the one saloon in the heart of our village. As we are yet young in the work, there is not much to report, in fact the only outward and visible result of our existence is a Band of Hope. There are over 150 children attending these weekly meetings, and so heartily are they enjoyed that the boys utterly refused to be disbanded entirely for the hot weather, but consented to a compromise by which they were to meet every week, for singing and exchanging the temperance literature, which has become the property of the Society either by purchase or donation, and used as a circulating library. Among them is an interesting scrap book on which much labor and taste has been bestowed by Mrs. Maingy. It consists of pictures and stories bearing on the temperance subject.

H. S. LAMBERT, Cor. Sec.

NORTH GOWER UNION.

On January 22, 1885, Mrs. E. D. Parlow, County Superintendent, organized a Union in North Gower, with a membership of fifteen. The average attendance at the meetings was seven. Devotional and business meetings were held monthly. Temperance literature was freely distributed. A committee of ladies appointed by our Union waited on the different ministers in our village, to request them to have unfermented wine used at the Lord's Supper, and we are thankful to say our request was granted by the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Our President is very anxious to have a Band of Hope in connection with our Union, and we hope before long to succeed in forming one. We feel we have not accomplished as much as we have desired, but as Christian women, we feel this is work for the Master, and we know that no work undertaken and carried on for the dear Master's sake and in His name, will or can fail, therefore we hope by the next convention to be able to report more work done in this temperance cause by our Union.

C. SCANLON, Secretary.

NIAGARA FALLS.

The Niagara Falls W.C.T.U. was organized on September 4th, 1884, at Wesley camp, by Mrs. Dr. Youmans, of St. Catharines, 18 ladies being present. Our Union has increased since then, until we have a membership of about forty, and ten honorary members. Our meetings are held every Tuesday afternoon with an average attendance of 8. Meetings opened and closed by devotional exercises. During the year we held 22 public meetings. 13 gospel temperance meetings, held mostly in the town hall, which, by the kindness of the town council we were allowed free of charge. 5 literary entertainments were given by the president and other ladies of the Union, for the purpose of raising funds to pay lecturers, as we have worked on the principle of making the lectures so far, free to the public. We have had 5 lectures by the following talent: Col. Bain, J.R. Clark, Rev. Dr. Sexton, Rev. James Yeames and Rev. Dr. Sexton. Temperance literature has been freely distributed at all our public meetings. The editor of the only paper in town has kindly allowed us space for temperance matter, meetings, &c., free of charge. Bands of Hope have been formed in connection with two of the churches, and one very interesting Band of Hope under the auspices of our Union. The children, numbering over 100, meet once a week to be instructed in lessons on temperance. To the preparations which are to be made for the submitting of the Scott Act in this county, we are anxiously looking forward, and we earnestly solicit the prayers of the Convention now in session, for the efforts to be put forth in that direction, that they may be crowned with success.

MISS M. A. HENDERSON, Cor. Sec.

NORTH TORONTO.

This Union was organized Feb. 17, 1885, in the Church of the Redeemer, Rev. Septimus Jones occupying the chair, and most kindly assisting. Meetings were held weekly until the beginning of summer, and a Band of Hope was kept up for two months. This has been temporarily discontinued, but we hope to resume it. A class of eighteen ladies have been trained for Kitchen Garden work by an experienced teacher from New York, who gave daily lessons for one month. Our having no regular place of meeting has been a great disadvantage, but through the kindness of some of our city officials, a room has been placed at our disposal, free of expense, in a very desirable locality. As yet we have done little except to organize and form plans. We are beginning with children, believing that this is a prime importance, but we hope to branch out in various ways as we grow and prosper. Membership numbers 60.

E. T. CLARK, Vice-President.

OXFORD MILLS.

Our Union was organized in July of 1884, with a membership of eleven. Since that time it has steadily increased, both in membership and popularity, until at present we have thirteen members and two honorary members. Soon after our organization it was deemed advisable that we should hold quarterly meetings for the general public, giving a summary of what was done in the Union during the quarter. Our society took up the work of distributing literature, and have already sent out four thousand pamphlets, &c. We also gave the sum of \$90 for the campaign which we raised by a pic-nic, &c. We had a lecture by Mrs. Youmans which has already been productive of good. We intend organizing a Band of Hope very soon. We also hold prayer meetings occasionally. Although very few in number we are strong in work at home, and are joyfully looking forward to next May when the Act will be enforced here, but more joyfully to that other time when Prohibition, untrammelled and unfettered, will be the law of our land.

MINERVA HANLON, Cor. Sec.

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ORONO.

W. C. T. U. of Orono, organized February, 1885. Meetings held as follows: First quarter, weekly, thirteen business meetings and one mass meeting. Committees have done good work visiting. Second quarter held eight business meetings and one mass meeting. Social at close of quarter, funds for treasury. Present number of members, 27. Meetings fortnightly during winter. Best wishes to all Unions.

INEZ TRAVELLE, Cor. Sec.

OTTAWA W. C. T. U.

The present membership of the Ottawa Union is 82. Forty meetings have been held during the year. Average attendance at general meetings, 18.

The first work undertaken the past year was the carrying on a refreshment booth during the week of the Provincial Exhibition. Four thousand people availed themselves of the accommodation. A table of literature afforded those especially interested means of providing themselves with well selected books and leaflets.

Our Sunday afternoon temperance meetings have been well attended. The jail and markets visited regularly every week and tracts and leaflets distributed. Cottage meetings have also been held in the suburbs. Work among the French and Germans began. A Superintendent having been appointed to secure the use of Unfermented Wine at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper reports that out of 15 Protestant churches in our city six use unfermented wine.

Four prizes were offered to the pupils of our Public Schools for the best essay on the "Influence which lead to the use of Alcoholic Drink." Fifteen pupils competed. At Christmas the annual Newsboys' supper was given in which we were ably assisted by the members of the Young Woman's Union.

During the Scott Act campaign a committee was formed from the Union to assist by the circulation of literature and personal influence in the county. Fifty dollars worth of literature was distributed and new Unions formed in Metcalfe, North Gower and New Edinburgh. The Act was carried by a large majority.

In February we welcomed to our city the members of the Dominion Union. Delegates from Ontario and Quebec were present, and reports received from British Columbia, Manitoba and New Brunswick. A public meeting was held at which earnest addresses were delivered by Mrs. Buell, of New York, Mrs. Middleton, of Quebec, and others.

A reception was tendered to the visiting delegates and members of the Dominion Alliance which was socially a grand success.

In April the Union presented an address to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society which met in our city. Many of the delegates being active workers of other Unions, an informal meeting was held in our rooms at which the following Unions were represented: Cornwall, Prescott, Gananoque, Bobcaygeon and New Edinburgh. Different phases of the work were discussed.

M. M. LAMB, Cor. Sec.

OWEN SOUND.

After the return of delegates from the Convention last year, the work was carried on with renewed vigor. Several lecturers were engaged by the Union, among them, the Hon. J. B. Finch, and Col. Bain, who unfortunately owing to illness, was unable to fulfil his engagement, when Rev. Doctor Fraser of Annan, very kindly consented to help the ladies out of their difficulty by giving a short address, the rest of the evening being devoted to a musical entertainment. However, the principal work of the Union has been the sustaining of Bands of Hope, six being under the control of the Union. A very pleasant entertainment was held in the Town Hall, January 17th, 1885, during which the children were ex-

amined on the lessons gone over, and those answering all the questions received a reward of merit. Before the closing of the schools, the Bands of Hope gave another entertainment at which prizes were awarded in the same way, temperance books being given as prizes. After a brief holiday, the Bands have again assembled. The books used are D. C. Cook's quarterlies. Another work undertaken by the Union, the introduction of Scientific Temperance instruction into the Public Schools, was very successful; a petition was circulated and presented to the Board of Trustees who gave their consent to it being taught. During the year, \$37.50 has been expended in Scott Act work, and three ladies appointed by the Union belong to the Scott Act Committee. In response to an invitation from Chatsworth, several of the officers accompanied the county Superintendent to that village and organized a promising W. C. T. U., there. The local papers have throughout the year, inserted any temperance article free of charge. Three churches of the town use unfermented wine at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Since the Convention held in 1884, the membership has increased from 56 to 68, with 11 honorary members. Throughout the year, the Union has received much encouragement, and hopes, under God's blessing, its influence may still go on increasing.

FLORENCE EARLY, Cor.-Sec.

PEMBROKE.

In reviewing the events of this first year of our Temperance Union, we have to report only a quiet and peaceful record of commencement and growth, and we cannot help feeling that this period has been fraught with much good. Women of different denominations have met together for prayer and conference and have often felt that it was good to pause in the busy struggle of life, and for a little time have our thoughts and attention directed to the different aspects of this work. True, we have often bemoaned the fact that we could not take up any of the more decided plans of work that other Unions have carried on successfully, but we must not despise the day of small things. The forming of our Union called attention to the subject of temperance. Many feared we were going to imitate the noble band of women who first found out and conclusively proved that women had much to do in helping on this great movement. It has been said "that for forty or fifty years Christians of all denominations had been laboring with varying success to keep men from the liquor. It remained for women to show a better way, namely, to take the liquor from the men." We commenced with sixteen and have now fifty-three names on our roll.

MRS. WM. HUNTER, Pres.

PRESCOTT.

The first three months of the year, October, November, and December, were taken up with Scott Act work, distributing tracts, war notes and leaflets, following these silent messengers with our prayers. Our Omnipotent King raised up valiant champions to plead our cause during the year, in the persons of Judge McDonald and Rev. J. G. Williams, who bravely fought for our feeble army and made our opponents tremble for their party. The 18th of October was a day long to be remembered by our Union, we spent it in an all day prayer meeting. At the close of the day, we felt like treading softly and humbly, as the Lord of Hosts was in our midst, while we waited in anxious suspense to "see the salvation of our God," and hear the results of the polling, and when the vote of victory for the Scott Act was sounded, our hearts went up in silent praise and thanksgiving to the God of battles, our mighty Conqueror. Having spent large sums of money in Scott Act literature, and speakers, as well as other expenses, we found ourselves cramped for means to carry on any very active work. But we have helped to establish a temperance newspaper in our town and the united counties; it has done good work, and is a great boon, as previous to that, any temperance

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communications were excluded from our local papers, both being Anti-Scott in their views. We are now hoping great things from our Y. W. C. T. U., who sprang into life during our County Convention, and was organized by our Provincial President, Mrs. Chisholm, on the 28th of May. We held a County Convention in Prescott, in May, which was very successful. Sent delegates to Provincial Convention in Toronto, also to Dominion Convention in Ottawa. Sent seven delegates also to summer meeting in Gananoque, a most instructive and interesting gathering, long to be remembered by all who were privileged to breathe the aroma of spirituality and harmony, that pervaded that assembly. We have to mourn the death of one of our members, Mrs. Aikin, on whose behalf we held a memorial service, our President Mrs. Blair, giving a most impressive address. Mrs. Moore, Secretary of the "Ladies' Benevolent Society," of which Mrs. Aikins was President, also gave a touching and tender testimony to the zealous and earnest work our departed sister had done in forming the society. It may be noticed that the members of our W. C. T. U., have very much lessened since the Scott Act campaign, sometimes only two or three being present at our regular meetings. We have now but 26 members, held 22 meetings, collected \$84.10 for Scott Act expenses, Treasurer's account, \$32.22; Disbursements, \$81.51; Literature distributed upwards of \$4,000 pages.

S. KIRBY, Cor.-Sec.

RICHMOND HILL.

Richmond Hill Union was organized on the 9th of May, 1884, with 16 members. At the present time there are 33 members, including 3 honorary members. Our first efforts were employed in trying to have a better enforcement of the license laws, particularly as regards the sale of intoxicating liquor on the Sabbath day, and found our efforts were rewarded by a much better state of things in that respect. We also endeavored to induce the several churches in our village to adopt the pure juice of the grape in the sacrament of the Lord's supper and made up a supply of the same for that purpose. Our efforts were rewarded by a prompt and cheerful compliance on the part of one church, and we are glad to be able to report that in five churches in connection with that branch, the pure unfermented juice, furnished by our Unions, is being used. We have also distributed 3,000 pages of literature. In conjunction with the I.O.G. T. lodge in our village, we also endeavored to rouse an interest in the temperance work among our young people, and gave a prize for the best essay on the evils of intemperance. I would refer briefly to our County Convention in which we were all much interested and from which we received much benefit.

MRS. G. WILEY, Cor. Sec.

RIDGETOWN.

We meet fortnightly with an average attendance of from five to nine. We have Gospel Temperance Meetings monthly in the churches. Addresses by the resident ministers and strangers when available, and though we have not succeeded in organizing a Band of Hope, we have more than 400 names of children on the pledge roll of the S. schools. Out of our 6 churches, 4 of them use the unfermented wine. During the Scott Act campaign, temperance literature in all forms was distributed freely, and helped very much in arousing and sustaining the interest, and so assisted to insure the grand victory that was ours. Our Sunday morning prayer meetings held in connection with the Y. M. C. A. are marked by the blessing of God in the sustained interest and profit. We held two very successful entertainments during last winter, the proceeds of which enabled us to contribute to the Scott Act fund.

ANNIE TWEEDALE, Cor.-Sec.

SARNIA.

We have held in all twenty-nine meetings, the first meeting in every month being a prayer meeting and all others for business. Our meetings are all opened and closed with devotional exercises; our membership numbers twenty paying members and others who do not visit us as often as we could desire, with an average attendance of ten. The first item of work undertaken was supplying refreshments at the township fair; we provided hot dinners, meats, vegetables, tea and coffee with pie and cake, also distributed temperance leaflets--were very successful both financially and in the quiet which prevailed through the absence of intoxicants. After paying all expenses we realized a balance of thirty-eight dollars. We bought for the occasion a large tent which we keep for use at such times. We made arrangements for a social in November, but had to abandon the same because of our inability to secure a room for the purpose. We were asked by the Central Committee to canvas the town for Scott Act purposes, and collected one hundred dollars for the same. In response to a communication from Mrs. Alexander, we forwarded a memorial to our member at Ottawa, asking him to vote against the Senate Amendments to the Scott Act, and received a courteous answer assuring us of his support. We have had visitors from Port Huron, and Miss Templeton Armstrong favored us at one meeting with valuable suggestions. We have sold a few copies of Mrs. Chisholm's pamphlet "How and Why," also eighteen copies of reports of Conventions; distributed others.

MRS. R. ABRAHAM, Sec.

SEAFORTH.

During the past year our Union has met once a month for prayer and business. There is an increase of four members. We have to regret the death of our vice-president, Mrs. Wilson, one of our most earnest, energetic Christian workers, but we know what is loss to us to her is gain, and we feel that though dead she yet speaketh. During the winter we carried on our work of relief among the homes of the intemperate. Had a night school of 30 members. Our band of Hope has increased to 112 members. We distribute the Band of Hope Review amongst our pupils. Two of our churches use unfermented wine. We feel that our work is progressing, may God grant that it will bring forth much fruit to His praise and glory.

A. COWAN, Rec. Sec.

STREETSVILLE.

Our Union was organized by Miss Bowes, on the 20th of October, 1884, beginning with a membership of 20. With two or three exceptions we have met regularly every alternate Monday evening, first for prayer and praise, and then to transact business. We now have 26 members, and 17 honorary members; average attendance, 10. During the year we have had three successful entertainments, two of which were lectures by John R. Clarke, the noted and eloquent temperance lecturer. From these and other sources we realized \$72.00. About six dollars has been spent in temperance literature which we have endeavored to faithfully distribute, but our chief outlay has been for the relief of the poor, most of whom are sufferers from intemperance. We have had several sewing meetings for the purpose of fitting them up with comfortable and respectable clothing, so that they could attend church and Sabbath school. A Band of Hope is now in contemplation and we expect to have it organized in a short time. One way we have adopted for raising money, is by an autograph quilt, we get 10 cents for every name written upon it, we meet occasionally to piece the blocks, and find these as well as our other sewing meetings both pleasant and profitable. We are especially thankful for the harmony and unity with which we have been able to carry on our work.

MISS FALCONER, Secretary.

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STRAFORD.

It will be one year on the 21st of this month since our Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized. We had a large interesting meeting, conducted by Mrs. Coates, Prescott, 19 ladies enrolled their names that afternoon, but our numbers have steadily increased, at the present time we have 51 members, and have 34 regular meetings for united prayer, allowing a few minutes at the end of each meeting to transact business, &c.

In April we sent \$10 to Provincial Union, and about the same time a visiting committee was appointed to visit the homes of the poor drunkards, relieving their bodily needs, and pointing them to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. We have introduced the finance card and pledge book, and we hope soon to see results.

The Treasurer's report of moneys received and expended from Oct. 1884 to Oct. 1885.

Cash received from various sources,	\$78 33
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MRS. MARSHALL, Secretary.

ST. MARY'S.

The St. Mary's W. C. T. U. was organized May 29th, 1885, by Mrs. Youmans. We have at present 68 members, with an average attendance of 40. Meetings were held weekly until the defeat of the Scott Act, June 18th. Since that they have been held each alternate week, part of the time being spent in devotional exercises, part in transacting business. A large amount of Scott Act literature was circulated before the Act was voted on. Lately, little has been done in that line, owing to a lack of funds. To remove this difficulty, our Union secured the services of Mr. J.R. Clark, financially his lecture proved a failure, owing to other attractions. It has been thought advisable to place temperance papers in the reading room of the Medical Institute, but, as yet, we have not heard whether it will be allowed or not.

MARY M. HENDERSON.

ST. THOMAS.

During the year we have held 18 meetings for business; from 6 to 8 has been the regular attendance, with a membership of 31. Distributed 1,000 copies of the Canada Temperance Act, 8,000 Scott Act Leaflets, 4,000 War Notes, 500 Catholic tracts, 2,000 copies Scott Act Banner (published in the county), 1,000 of own Appeal to the Electors. Paid to the Literary Department of the Ontario W. C. T. U. \$26.25; collected for Halton, \$29.00. The Scott Act was submitted on the 19th of March, which resulted in a majority for the Act of 13. It sounds small, but we consider it a grand victory, considering the very great opposition we had to do battle with. On the day of voting we held prayer service from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., the women of the different churches assisting. We felt before we left the church God had given us the victory. The Sabbath previous we held a mass meeting for children which was largely attended; addresses by Mrs. Youmans and Rev. Mr. McKay, of Woodstock. The local papers granted us space during the campaign. Three of our churches use unfermented wine at the Sacrament. Three of our Sabbath Schools have the triple pledge card. Several gospel temperance meetings were held under our auspices during the winter. Whatever of success has attended our efforts the past year, we gratefully acknowledge to the guiding of our great Leader.

ANNIE YOUMANS, Rec. Sec.

TILSONBURG.

Our Union was the outcome of the Mother's Prayer Meeting. We organized as best we could August, 1884, after a very spirited public meeting and under considerable opposition. We number 31 members, average attendance 12. Have been visited once by the County Superintendent. We have distributed a quantity of temperance literature and secured numbers of pledges during Scott Act work. Our Union did nobly. One of the weekly papers gives us a space for temperance work. We are supplying the unfermented wine to all the churches of the town that will use it. Have raised about one hundred dollars since being organized, which monies are used for benevolent purposes.

M. A. GARNETT, Sec.

TIVERTON.

Our present membership is 16, with 4 honorary members; this is a decrease since our last report, but the cause is removals and not waning interest. Members generally are active, and our President indefatigable in her labours for the good cause. A Band of Hope was organized last fall, with 83 members. Six meetings have been held for prayer, and several for business. 240 signatures were secured in the village for the "Scott Act," and we are much encouraged by the general feeling in favour of temperance principles. As the result of an entertainment, we were enabled to send \$15.00 to the friends in Kincardine, to aid them in the prosecution under the Scott Act, and three dollars to the Provincial Union. About one dozen useful and fancy articles have been prepared by the members for the sale table at convention.

MRS. T. M. CAMERON, Cor. Sec.

TORONTO,—(WEST END.)

We organized July 10th, 1884, with a nominal membership of 21, some six or seven only being active workers. Our first work was in September, to start a Band of Hope. This has been largely attended and considerable interest taken by the children in the course of lessons given by the President of the Union. We have about 200 names on the roll, with an average attendance of 150. We have also distributed temperance literature through the children, giving each child a leaflet at the close of the Band of Hope meeting. Our next special work was in April of this year, when we started a mother's meeting, some six or eight have been induced to attend, and the lady who has special charge of the meeting the (Rev.) Mrs. Alexander, has felt greatly encouraged. We also held two public meetings during the year for the purpose, if possible, to get the people to take some interest in the temperance cause. We re-opened our meetings in September after the summer vacation, when our number was increased by two more active members.

M. E. HOLMES, Secretary.

WHITBY.

Our W.C.T.U. was organized last March. We began with a membership of 21, which has been slowly increasing, now numbering 43. We did all we could to assist the Scott Act Association last June, when the act was carried in our county by a large majority. We distributed Scott Act and temperance literature from house to house. Through removals and various other sources we have had several disappointments, but hope we will yet become a power for good. We hope to organize a successful band of Hope. With our new officers we trust the ensuing year may be one of great success. Our annual meeting was held Oct. 2nd.

J. LOGAN; Cor. Sec.

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ZION.

Our Union in Zion was organized May 6th, 1884, by Mrs. Andrews, with a membership of fifteen, which has since increased to twenty two. We attribute our small increase to the fact, that our field of labour lies between the villages of Hespeler and Preston, each having flourishing temperance societies. At the business meetings, which are held every fortnight, and are always opened by reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer; our average attendance is about nine or ten. We have also had four public meetings, at which able addresses were delivered on the subject of temperance. We have distributed pledge cards in our Sabbath Schools, and thereby obtained the signatures of about sixty children to the triple pledge. We have also distributed tracts to the amount of \$20.32, and hope the good they may accomplish, will be widely felt. Our Union expenses have been defrayed by sums realized from parlor concerts, garden parties, etc.

M. J. BROWN, Cor. Secretary.



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

DEMILL LADIES' COLLEGE, OSHAWA.

Owing to several of our old members and officers not having returned to school this term, there has been some delay and mistakes in regard to the Union's correspondence. Enclosed is the quarterly report, our meetings are literary and prayer meetings, and as we are situated it would be impossible to attempt any other branches.

Wishing you every success in the work,

I am, yours very sincerely,

FLORENCE JEFFS, Pres.

GALT.

On February 13th, 1885, a number of the young ladies of the town met to consider the advisability of forming a Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union. After hearing the Constitution of the W. C. T. U. read and explained by Miss Orchard, it was moved, seconded and carried, that a Union be formed. Seventeen ladies gave their names as members, with Miss Orchard as President. Since the first meeting the Union has gone on steadily increasing in numbers till it now has forty-five regular and twenty-five honorary members. We have night schools, for boys and girls, three evenings in the week, which calls for six teachers. There are also six members engaged in distributing temperance tracts. We have had sixteen business and three public meetings. We also have a reading circle, which meets once a month. Our room is open on Friday evening for the boys attending the night school, suitable literature and games are provided, and several ladies are always present.

ANNIE ALEXANDER, Cor. Sec.

HAMILTON.

Our young ladies' new department are nobly at work from the first, and we feel that their work is a most appreciable one for which results will speak in the far future. They have a membership of 170 including honorary members, having 400 children under temperance instruction.

The sewing school has 180 names enrolled, 12 teachers, and 120 bank accounts. Their Christmas tree was a great success and very enjoyable.

The boys' night school has enrolled 150 boys, 14 teachers. Great good, we feel, is being accomplished, for book learning is not the only object, but to help these neglected ones to understand their moral obligations to God and to themselves. Their social in the holiday season was a great delight and pleasure. 15,000 pages of literature were given to the boys during the winter.

The Band of Hope in Boys' Home, membership 100, has been a source of delight to the boys, and we trust, unerasable impressions have been made. They have their regular temperance lesson with Scripture lesson bearing on subject. Suitable reading matter is given them weekly.

The juvenile temperance Union has been successfully carried on with 100 boys and girls attending, these have their certificates and metal badges of membership.

The young ladies made no special effort to increase their finances this last year, having sufficient on hand, with monthly collections and members' fees. Our expenses run about \$20 per month,

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Children under temperance instruction, 400. Leaflets distributed for 9 months: boys' night school, 15,000; girls' sewing school, 12,000; Band of Hope, 5,000; juvenile temperance Union, 7,000; Christmas cards, 225.

Each of the different branches of work had their special treat at Christmas.

EMMA F. PRATT, Supt.

OTTAWA.

Our active membership roll numbers 105, 10 of whom by changing their names have entered a larger sphere of usefulness, 6 have removed from the city, leaving a revised roll of 89 members. The honorary members number 35 and are all gentlemen with two exceptions, Miss Anna Gordon (Miss Willard's Secretary) and Miss McClees, of Yonkers, N. Y.

The boys' night school, consisting chiefly of telegraph messengers and errand boys, was materially assisted by an entertainment given by Miss Russell in St. James' Hall, on March 3rd, which enabled her to secure the services of a gentleman teacher from one of the Public Schools.

The girls' night school, for the purpose of giving instruction to those employed during the day or in domestic service, had a few earnest pupils.

The sewing schools in Upper and Lower Town have a total membership of 80 children. Miss Kirkwood's "Sewing Primer," with its bright, lively sewing songs, is in use in both schools and is quite an assistance.

The Flower Mission has been at work all summer, bringing its blessings to many sick-beds. Text cards, printed by one of the young ladies in English, French and German, are attached to the bouquets distributed. By the kindness of Mr. Robertson, Superintendent of the Parliament Grounds, the Flower Mission young ladies were enabled to give out slips of plants in little pots to a number of children, thus encouraging a love for flowers.

The Band of Hope in Rochesterville, held in the Public School House, has a membership of 200 pledged children.

The Kitchen Garden or Training School in Housework has 70 children in its ranks, three classes of 20 each, who gave an exhibition in the Opera House in May, and one class of ten little girls in the Protestant Orphans' Home. All expect to go on with the advanced course, and in time the cooking school.

There are 370 children under temperance instruction in all departments of the Union. The Library has 30 volumes of standard temperance literature in it and 4,000 pages have been distributed.

During the Scott Act campaign in Carleton this Union sent out 20 copies of "War Notes" a week through the county.

The reading circle held 6 meetings in our own rooms, and valuable papers were read.

Two public socials have been given and good programmes provided. At all entertainments the autograph pledge album is circulated and honorary members' names obtained.

Eleven business meetings and 10 devotional have been held. The pledge has been introduced into the different schools by the vice-presidents. \$5.00 was given to Mrs. Leavitt, the "Round the World Missionary" of the National W. C. T. U. Two newspapers are subscribed for, the *Union Signal* and *Woman's Journal*. The Y. W. C. T. U. assisted the Senior Union at the Newsboys' Annual Supper last winter.

Receipts for the year,	\$451 04
Expenditure,	363 58

Balance on hand,	\$ 86 46
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The emblem adopted is the "Pansy," and the motto "The love of Christ constraineth us."

MARY SCOTT, Cor. Sec.

TORONTO.

This Union held its first annual meeting on October 1st, 1885. Our year has been one of blessing and of success. The report of the secretary of Band of Hope showed that the interest is growing more and more. We have two Bands of Hope which have a membership of over two hundred. One of our Bands of Hope gave a musical entertainment last winter which was a great success, financially and otherwise. In June we gave the children a pic-nic which was much enjoyed by children and teachers. Last November we sent invitations to those girls employed during the day and invited them to come and attend a social evening. We had a very large attendance and twenty expressed the wish to become members of our Union, and eight kindly consented to assist in the Band of Hope. We assisted the Temperance Electoral Association in canvassing the city with petitions against the Senate's amendment of the Scott Act. In collecting for the Scott Act, which we hope to place before the people next February, we have also been very busy. In this our new year we go forth with the prayer that God may use us this winter in rescuing the perishing.

A. J. SCOTT, Cor. Sec.

PRESCOTT.

Our Y. W. C. T. U. was formed by Mrs. Chisholm, Provincial President W. C. T. U., on 17th June, 1885. President, Miss Alice Kirby. We carried on our meetings till we closed for the summer, forming a girls' sewing class which met once a week. We re-opened on Sept. 2nd with the addition of two new members, the sewing class numbering about 50. On 12th Sept. we called the children together to form a Band of Hope which now numbers 63. On the 19th Sept. we entered the names of 8 gentlemen as honorary members. Four more ladies have promised to join us at our next meeting. Our treasurer has received from an entertainment given in aid of a Band of Hope before we formed, the sum of \$13.00, donations from friends, and monies collected at meetings, amounting in all to \$23.00. We have already distributed 160 tracts. The President of the W. C. T. U. very kindly presented us with a blackboard and numerous illuminated texts to help in furnishing our room. We have been able lately to hire a small organ, and have purchased red bunting enough to drape the walls with in order to make the room more attractive. The children are very quick in catching up the airs in "Ripples of Song," and already sing two or three of the songs delightfully. Altogether we feel that God is especially helping us in our work, and by next year we sincerely hope to be able to send a glowing account of the Y. W. C. T. U. of Prescott.

ALICE KIRBY, (*pro. tem.*) Cor. Sec.



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ALMONTE.

Membership, 50 ; average attendance, 10. Fortnightly meetings are held for business and prayer combined. A Band of Hope is being formed. 1,000 pages of literature have been distributed. \$10.75 has been paid to Literature Department of Ontario W. C. T. U., for literature. 2 newspapers are supplied with items by our Union. 4 churches use the unfermented wine, 2 do not. There are 2 church temperance societies in the town.

MISS J. C. WYLIE, Cor. Sec.

ANGUS.

Membership, 11 ; 3 business meetings held. The amount of the members fees has been spent in literature. Regular meetings are held the first Monday in every month. A Band of Hope with 40 members is sustained. There are two churches in the village and they both use unfermented wine. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MISS A. McKECHNIE, Cor. Sec.

BLYTH.

Membership, 33; average attendance, 14. Regular meetings are held the first Friday in each month. Amount sent to the Provincial Union last quarter, \$2.13. A Band of Hope with 25 children is sustained. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature, \$1.22. 2 newspapers are supplied with items by the Union. 2 churches use unfermented wine, while one does not. Temperance prayer meetings are held, and the pastors invited to preach temperance sermons in the different churches.

MRS. CHAMBERLAIN, Cor.-Sec.

BLUEVALE.

Membership 18 ; average attendance 8. 4 business meetings have been held, and one public meeting. Regular meetings are held once a month. A Band of Hope with 60 children is sustained. 2 newspapers are supplied with items by the Union. 2 churches use the unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper. 1 school has introduced the temperance pledge.

MISS LENA SMITH, Cor.-Sec.

BOBCAYGEON.

Membership, 26 active, and 10 honorary ; average attendance, 6. 7 prayer meetings and 7 business meetings have been held. Receipts from members fees, \$2.25 ; amount sent to Prov. Union last quarter, \$5.50. Regular meetings are held fortnightly. A Band of Hope with 50 members is sustained. 300 pages of literature have been distributed. Amount paid to Lit. Dept. of Ont. W.C.T.U. for literature, \$6.90. 3 churches use the unfermented wine, 2 use the fermented. 5 S. schools have introduced the temperance pledge. Gospel temperance meetings are held, and the pastors of the church have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MRS. W. J. ROBINSON, Cor. Sec.

CARLETON PLACE.

Membership, 22 ; average attendance 8 ; 3 public meetings held. The Union meets once a month. 2 Sunday schools have the pledge introduced. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons. The sum of \$5.60 has been paid to the Literature Department for literature.

MISS CRANE, Cor-Sec.

CATARAQUI.

Membership, 20 ; average attendance 10 ; 3 prayer meetings, 12 business meetings and 5 public meetings have been held. Receipts from member's fees, \$5. Regular meetings are held every second Tuesday. A Band of Hope is sustained with 35 children on the roll. 600 leaflets have been distributed, and three newspapers are supplied with items by the Union. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ontario W.C.T.U. for literature, \$1.80.

MISS REYNOLDS, Cor.-Sec.

CHERRY VALLEY.

Membership, 10 ; average attendance, 7. Regular meetings are held on the first Thursday in each month. 2,800 pages of literature have been distributed. A Band of Hope with 60 members is sustained. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature, \$7.50.

S. E. PALEN, Cor-Sec.

DURHAM.

Membership, 20 ; meetings postponed for the winter. Amount sent for the present quarter, \$1.00. 200 signatures have been secured for a temperance petition. 1 church uses unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper. 2 S. schools, have introduced the temperance pledge. Families of reformed men are visited. 200 persons have signed the temperance pledge. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MISS SMITH, Cor-Sec.

ELORA.

Membership, 30 ; average attendance, 8. Meetings are held every Thursday afternoon. About 1600 pages of literature were distributed. Signatures to two large petitions were secured. One newspaper is supplied with items by the Union. One Church uses unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper.

MISS M. MILLS, Cor-Sec.

EXETER.

Membership, 20 ; average attendance, 7. 2 prayer meetings, 3 business meetings, and 2 public meetings have been held. Regular meetings are held once a month. A Band of Hope is sustained with 210 children on the roll. 3 churches use the unfermented wine, 3 S. schools have introduced the temperance pledge. Families of reformed men are visited. Prizes for temperance essays are offered to public school pupils. 350 pledge signatures have been obtained. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MISS IDA BROME, Cor.-Sec.

EGLINGTON.

Membership, 17 ; attendance 5. 5 business meetings have been held, and 1 public meeting. Regular meetings are held every fortnight. A Band of Hope is sustained with 40 names on the roll. A quantity of literature has been distributed. 100 signatures have been secured to a temperance petition. The question of banishing fermented wine from the churches is being agitated.

MRS. JAKES, Cor.-Sec.

EDGAR.

Membership, 19 ; average attendance, 8. 2 prayer meetings and 2 business meetings have been held. Amount sent to Provincial Union last quarter, \$1.00. Regular meetings are held the first Wednesday in each month. 70 signatures have been secured to a temperance petition. 1 church uses unfermented wine, while 1 does not. 1 Sunday school has introduced the pledge. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons. There is one church temperance society in Edgar.

MRS. N. A. POWELL, Cor.-Sec.

FARMERSVILLE.

Membership, 52 ; average attendance, 14 ; 12 prayer meetings held. Regular meetings are held every Wednesday, 5 public meetings held, receipts from members fees \$26 ; amount sent to Prov. Union last quarter, \$5.63. A Band of Hope is sustained, a great deal of literature has been distributed, 2 churches use the unfermented wine, 1 does not. Temperance prayer meetings are held in the churches, the pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MISS STONE, Cor.-Sec.

FONTHILL.

Membership, 52 ; attendance, 10. 6 business meetings have been held, and three public meetings. Regular meetings are held every fortnight, on Thursdays. Receipts from members' fees, \$5.00. A Band of Hope with 150 children is sustained. 60 pages of literature have been distributed. 65 signatures to a temperance petition have been secured. 4 churches use the unfermented wine, and one does not. 5 S. schools have introduced the temperance pledge. Work has been done in the interest of temperance at the county fair. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons in the different churches.

MISS C. W. BECKETT, Cor.-Sec.

GRAFTON.

Membership, 22 ; average attendance 12. 1 prayer meeting, 3 business and 2 public meetings have been held. Receipts from members fees, \$3.75. Meetings are held monthly. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ontario W.C.T.U. for literature, 30 cents. 100 signatures obtained for a temperance petition. 1 church uses unfermented wine, while 2 do not. 2 Sunday schools have introduced the pledge. Families of reformed men are visited. Temperance prayer meetings are held in the different churches. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons. There is one church temperance society in the town.

MISS JESSIE PARKS, Cor.-Sec.

HAMPTON.

Membership, 12 ; average attendance, 5 ; 11 prayer meetings and 2 business meetings held. Regular meetings are held on Thursday afternoons. A Band of Hope is sustained. One church uses the unfermented wine, and one S. school has introduced the temperance pledge. Amount sent to Provincial Union last quarter, 75 cts.

MISS G. LAURY, Cor.-Sec.

HASTINGS.

Membership, 20 ; average attendance, 8. 2 business meetings held. Receipts from members' fees, \$2.50. Amount sent to Provincial Union last quarter, \$2.37. Amount from present quarter, \$2.50. Regular meetings are held every fortnight. A Band of Hope with 85 members is sustained. 28 signatures to a temperance petition have been obtained. 2 newspapers are supplied with items by the Union. 1 church uses the unfermented wine while 2 do not. Families of reformed men are visited. 28 persons have signed the pledge. Temperance prayer meetings are held in the different churches. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MISS M. ANDERSON, Cor.-Sec.

IROQUOIS.

Membership, 30 ; average attendance, 7 ; 4 business meetings held. Regular meetings are held every fortnight, a Band of Hope is sustained with 196 children on the roll, 600 pages of literature have been distributed, one church uses the unfermented wine and 2 do not. Amount paid to Literature department of Ont. W.C.T.U., \$1.15 ; amount sent to Provincial Union last quarter, \$1.88.

MISS ELLIOTT, Cor.-Sec.

LOBORO.

Membership, 14 ; average attendance, 8. Regular meetings are held every fortnight. 500 pages of literature were distributed. A large number of persons have signed the temperance pledge.

MISS BOOTH, Cor.-Sec.

LANCASTER.

Membership, 22 ; average attendance, 10. 1 prayer meeting held. Receipts from members' fees, \$2.55. Amount sent to Provincial Union last quarter, \$2.55. A Band of Hope is sustained. 1 church uses unfermented wine. Temperance prayer meetings are sometimes held in the churches.

MRS. D. SANGSTER, Cor.-Sec.

MADOC.

Membership, 18 ; average attendance 6 ; regular meetings held on Friday afternoons. A Band of Hope with 66 members is sustained, two churches use the unfermented wine at the Lord's supper. Amount sent to Prov. Union last quarter, \$1 ; for present quarter, \$1.13.

MRS. MACKINTOSH, Cor.-Sec.

MORRISBURG.

Membership, 16 ; average attendance, 8 ; meetings held the first Tuesday in each month. The sum of \$10 was given to the Band of Hope, which has 240 children on the roll. 4 churches use the unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper, 1 uses the fermented. 2 Sunday schools have the pledge introduced. The Union distributed "War Notes" and tracts at the County Fair.

MRS. J. H. MUNROE, Cor.-Sec.

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NEWTONVILLE.

Membership, 15. Regular meetings held the last Wednesday of each month. Amount sent to Provincial Union, for the present quarter, 94 cents. Amount paid to literature department of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature, \$1.75. 2 newspapers supplied with items by the Union. 1 church uses unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper. Some temperance work is being done in both S. schools but no Band of Hope.

MRS. J. R. REID, Cor.-Sec.

NEWCASTLE.

Membership, 34; average attendance, 10. Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. About 200 pages of literature have been distributed. \$1.55 has been paid to the Literature Department of the Ont. W. C. T. U. for literature. One church uses unfermented wine at the Lord's supper, while 2 do not. One Sunday school has introduced the pledge.

MRS. MCNAUGHTON, Cor. Sec.

NEWBURGH.

Membership, 12; average attendance, 5; 10 prayer meetings, and 4 business meetings held. Regular meetings are held the first Tuesday, for four months, and after on Fridays. A Band of Hope with 40 members is sustained. 200 tracts have been distributed. Amount paid to literature department of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature, \$1.00. 200 signatures were obtained for the Scott Act. 1 S. school has introduced the temperance pledge.

MRS. TRINKLE, Cor.-Sec.

NEWMARKET.

Membership, 33; average attendance, 7. Monthly meetings are held on Fridays. Receipts from members' fees, \$9.25. Amount expended in charities, 75 cents. 100 pages of literature have been distributed. 1 newspaper supplied with items by the Union. 1 church uses the unfermented wine. Gospel temperance meetings are held, and the pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MRS. H. CANE, Cor.-Sec.

NORTH PELHAM.

Membership, 16; average attendance 10; 5 prayer meetings held, and 6 business meetings. \$8 received for members' fees, and four sent to Provincial Union. Meetings held alternate Fridays. One church uses unfermented wine and one does not. The temperance pledge has been introduced into one Sunday school.

MRS. W. M. COMFORT, Cor.-Sec.

PERTH.

Membership, 27; average attendance, 8. Meetings are held once a month. The Band of Hope is not open during the holidays. A large number of pages of literature have been distributed. The Baptist church uses the unfermented wine, and the five other churches use the fermented wine at the Lord's supper.

MRS. A. CAMPBELL, Cor.-Sec.

PORT CREDIT.

Membership, 15 ; average attendance, 7 ; 5 business meetings have been held. Regular meetings are held fortnightly. A Band of Hope with 19 members is sustained. 117 signatures to temperance petitions have been secured, 2 churches use the unfermented wine, 2 do not. Amount sent to Prov. Union last quarter, 89 cts ; amount this quarter, 94 cts ; amount paid to Literature Department of Ontario W.C.T.U. for literature, 50 cts.

MISS M. SHAW, Cor.-Sec.

PETERBOROUGH.

Membership, 80 ; average attendance 13. Business meetings are held fortnightly. 2 public meetings have been held. \$31.50 fees from members have been received. A great amount of literature has been distributed. 913 signatures have been secured for temperance petitions. 2 newspapers are supplied with items by the Union. 7 Sunday schools have the pledge introduced in them. Some of the churches have temperance prayer meetings occasionally.

MRS. McAMMOND, Cor.-Sec.

PORT DOVER.

Membership, 17 ; average attendance, 6. 2 prayer meetings have been held and regular business meetings are held monthly. Amount paid to literature department of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature, \$3. 1 newspaper is supplied with items by the Union. 2 S. schools have introduced the temperance pledge. The pastors of the different churches have been invited to preach temperance sermons, and all the churches have united in assisting the cause.

MRS. HOLDEN, Cor.-Sec.

PRESTON.

Membership, 18 ; average attendance, 10 ; 3 prayer meetings held. Regular meetings are held every second Wednesday. Public meetings are held quarterly. Receipts from members' fees, \$9. Amount sent to Provincial Union, last quarter \$1.12½. Amount for present quarter \$1.12½. A Band of Hope with 60 members is sustained. 80 pages of literature are distributed weekly. Amount paid to literature department of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature, \$5.00. 120 signatures obtained. 2 churches use the unfermented wine. Gospel temperance meetings are held, and 115 have signed the pledge. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons. There are 3 church temperance societies in this place.

MISS M. J. BROWN, Cor.-Sec.

SYDENHAM.

Membership, 17 ; average attendance, 5. 8 business meetings have been held. Meetings are held fortnightly. 700 pages of literature have been distributed. One church uses unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper. One Sunday school has introduced the temperance pledge. 700 have signed the pledge.

MISS HELEN BOOTH, Cor.-Sec.

ST. GEORGE.

Membership, 36 ; average attendance, 13. 1 prayer meeting held. Business meetings held every second Tuesday in each month. Amount sent to Provincial Union last quarter, \$1.00. A Band of Hope is sustained with 120 names on the roll. 3 churches use the unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper. Gospel temperance meetings are held monthly. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MISS J. S. WAIT, Cor.-Sec.

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STOUFFVILLE.

Membership, 16 ; average attendance, 7 ; 5 business and one public meeting held ; receipts from members' fees, \$1.25. Regular meetings are held on Tuesdays. A Band of Hope with 106 names on the roll is sustained. 50 pages of literature have been distributed. Amount paid by literature department of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature, \$1.20. 1 newspaper is supplied with items by the Union. 3 churches use the unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper, 2 do not. 2 schools have introduced the temperance pledge.

MRS. J. W. BROWN, Cor.-Sec.

SPENCERVILLE.

Membership, 22 ; average attendance, 8. Every two weeks we meet for prayer and to transact what business we have to do. We have not distributed so much literature since the Scott Act has passed. 20 copies weekly of "War Notes" have since been distributed. 2 newspapers are supplied with items by the Union. The two churches in the place use unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper. 2 schools have introduced the temperance pledge. Some work has been done at the county fair. We have a temperance literary entertainment every two weeks to interest the youth, the proceeds to be given for a library. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MRS. BENNETT, Cor.-Sec.

ST. CATHARINES.

Membership, 40 ; average attendance, 14. Regular meetings held every Tuesday. 3 public meetings were held. Bands of Hope have been organized in several of the Sunday Schools. Literature has been distributed in great quantities. Meetings are held in the prison. About 1,000 names have been secured to temperance petitions. One newspaper is supplied with items by the Union. 5 churches use unfermented wine and 4 do not. Families of reformed men are visited. Prizes are offered to the pupils of the Public Schools for temperance essays. Gospel Temperance Meetings are held, and pledges secured. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons.

MISS M. PHELPS, Cor.-Sec.

THOROLD.

Membership, 30. Weekly prayer meetings are held, and monthly business meetings. 2 public entertainments and one lecture have been given. Receipts from members' fees, \$15.65. Amount sent to the Provincial Union, for the present half year, \$4.00. Regular meetings are held on Wednesday afternoons. 2 churches use the unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper.

MRS. (Dr.) McCLURE, Cor.-Sec.

TEESWATER.

Membership, 18 ; average attendance, 12. Prayer meetings and business meetings are held each month. Receipts from members' fees amount to \$4.50. Regular meetings are held the second Friday of each month. A Band of Hope is sustained with 140 children on the roll. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ontario W. C. T. U., for literature, \$1.00. 1 newspaper supplied with items by the Union. 3 churches use the unfermented wine, while 4 do not.

MISS L. McCONNELL, Cor.-Sec.

WROXETER.

Membership, 21 ; average attendance, 6. Regular meetings are held the last Saturday in every month. A Band of Hope is sustained with 41 names on the roll. Band of Hope Literature has been distributed. Amount paid to Literature Department of Ontario W. C. T. U., for literature, \$1.50. 1 church uses the unfermented wine, while 2 do not. 91 persons have signed the pledge.

MISS BROWN, Cor.-Sec.

[*The following reports were sent to the Corresponding Secretary, containing neither the name of the Union nor of any officer.*]

Membership, 32 ; average attendance, 14. 12 prayer meetings were held, 6 business meetings and 5 public meetings. Amount sent to Provincial Union, \$7.68 for the year. Regular meetings are held the first Thursdays of the month. A Band of Hope with 70 names on the roll is sustained. A good many pages of literature were distributed. Amount paid to literature department of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature \$5.00. 32 signatures have been secured for a temperance petition. 1 church uses the unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper, while 2 do not. 3 S. schools have introduced the temperance pledge. Families of reformed men are visited ; gospel meetings are held, and a great number have signed the pledge. Temperance prayer meetings are held in the churches. There are 3 church temperance societies in this place.

Membership 12 ; average attendance, 7. Regular meetings are held every second Thursday. The Band of Hope was disbanded for the summer. 1 newspaper is supplied with items by the Union. 4 churches use the unfermented wine at the Lord's Supper. 5 S. Schools have introduced the temperance pledge. Families of reformed men are visited. Temperance prayer meetings have been held, and the pastors invited to preach temperance sermons in the different churches. There are five church temperance societies in the place.

Membership, 69 ; average attendance, 15. 19 prayer meetings held ; 14 business meetings held, and one public meeting of the Band of Hope. Amount sent to Provincial Union last quarter, \$3.38. Amount sent this quarter, \$2.75. Regular meetings are held every Thursday afternoon. A Band of Hope with 250 children is sustained. 500 pages of literature have been distributed. Amount paid to literature department of Ontario W. C. T. U. for literature, \$4. 2 newspapers are supplied with items by the Union. 2 churches use the unfermented wine, while one does not. 3 S. Schools have introduced the pledge. Families of reformed men are visited. Prizes are offered to pupils of public schools. Gospel temperance meetings are held. The pastors have been invited to preach temperance sermons. There is one church temperance society in the town.



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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 6½ cents per member quarterly, shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Union, and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

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

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.

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BY LAW NUMBER II.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and send to each Auxiliary quarterly, a blank for the report of that Auxiliary for the current quarter. 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 have supervision of the Unions in her county, and shall secure the organization of local Auxiliary Unions, where practicable hold County Conventions, form 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.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS
AND
ORDER OF BUSINESS
OF A
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 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.

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ARTICLE V.—AUXILIARYSHIP.

Each Local Union shall pay to the funds of Provincial Union a sum equal to six and a quarter cents per member, quarterly, 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 quarterly, 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) and sending it with the delegate to the Annual Meeting, or forwarding it to the Provincial Secretary two weeks before the date of meeting.

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 quarterly 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 ballotted 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.—DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

If the demands of the work justify it there shall be the following departments of work :—Juvenile Work, Temperance Literature, Influencing the Press, Evangelistic Work, Parlor Meetings, Heredity and Hygiene, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Kitchen Garden, Flower Mission, Unfermented Wine, Inducing Physicians not to Prescribe Alcoholic stimulants, Relation of Intemperance to Capital and Labor, Prison and Gaol Work, Young Woman's Work, Work among Railroad 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.

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Reading Minutes of Last Meeting.
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Adjournment.



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