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NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

MARITIME WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN

TEMPERANCE UNION,

HELD AT

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

September 16th, 17th and 18th, 1891.

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Minutes of Executive Meetings, Reports & Constitution.

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The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Brunswick  
was organized in Fredericton October 8th, 1879. Four years later,  
this was merged into the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance  
Union, also organized in Fredericton.

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OF THE

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**WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.**

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## UNIONS.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

**St John County.**

Supt: Mrs. McFarlane, 25  
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St. John.  
St. John North.  
St. John West.  
Fairville.

**King's County.**

Supt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hampton.

**Gloucester County.**

Supt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bathurst.

**York County.**

Supt.: Mrs. Steadman, Fred-  
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Gibson.

**Carleton County.**

Supt.: Mrs. Carr, Hartland.  
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Benton.  
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East Florenceville.  
Glassville.  
Kincardine.

**Northumberland County.**

Supt.: Mrs. Steadman, F'ton.  
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Chatham.  
Douglastown.  
Blackville.

**Kent County.**

Supt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richibucto.  
Kingston.

**Charlotte County.**

Supt.: Mrs. Dr. Todd, St.  
Stephen.  
St. Stephen.  
St. George.  
Milltown.

**Westmorland County.**

Supt.: Mrs. Atkinson,  
Moncton. [Moncton.  
Sackville.  
Upper Sackville.  
Petitcodiac.  
Baie Verte.  
Weldford.  
Fort Elgin.

**Albert County.**

Hillsboro.

**Sunbury County.**

Supt.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fredericton Junction.



## NOVA SCOTIA.

**Halifax County.**

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 Halifax South.  
 Dartmouth.

**Colechester County.**

Supt. : Mrs. Cummings,  
 Truro.  
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 Great Village.  
 Acadia Mines.

**Cumberland County.**

Supt. : Mrs. H. Black, Pug-  
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 Parrsboro.  
 Pugwash.  
 Springhill.  
 Wallace.

**Hants County.**

Supt. : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Windsor.

**King's County.**

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 Kentville.  
 Canning.  
 Hantsport.  
 Aylesford.  
 Berwick.  
 Kingston "Y"

**Queen's County.**

Supt. : Miss Steadman, Mill  
 Liverpool. [Village.  
 Lockport.  
 Mill Village.

**Digby County.**

Supt. : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Digby.  
 Bear River.

**Shelburne County.**

Supt. : Miss Steadman.

**Pictou County.**

Supt. : Miss A. McGregor,  
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 Westville.

**Guysboro County.**

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**Yarmouth County.**

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**Lunenburg County.**

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## NOVA SCOTIA.—Continued.

## Annapolis County.

Supt. : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Middleton.  
 Annapolis.  
 Bridgetown.  
 Lawrencestown.  
 Paradise  
 Clarence.

## Cape Breton.

Supt. : Mrs. Archibald,  
 Sydney. [Cow Bay  
 North Sydney.  
 Cow Bay.  
 Sydney Mines.  
 Glace Bay.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Charlottetown.  
 Summerside.  
 Vernon River Bridge.  
 Souris.

Montague.  
 Union Road.  
 Murray Harbour.

## NEWFOUNDLAND.

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## CONVENTIONS.

Fredericton, N. B.—President,	Mrs. Dunham,	1879
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St. Stephen, N. B.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1881
Moncton, N. B.	“ Mrs. Hogg,	1882
Fredericton, N. B.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1883
Portland, N. B.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1884
Sackville, N. B.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1885
Windsor, N. B.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1886
St. John, N. B.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1887
Halifax, N. S.	“ Mrs. Turnbull,	1887
St. Stephen, N. B.	“ Mrs. Turnbull,	1888
Amherst, N. S.	“ Mrs. Turnbull,	1889
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**WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION**  
HELD BETWEEN CONVENTIONS;

ST. JOHN, NOVEMBER 23rd, 1890.

At a meeting of the Sub. Executive Committee held at the residence of the President, 73 Elliot Row, on the 25th Nov. 1890: the following resolutions were adopted.

Assistance having been asked for by Dominion Superintendent, Mrs. Andrews, for work in the North West.

*Resolved* that in view of the needs of our own work we are unable to render any assistance.

In answer to petitions for Prohibition,

Moved that we defer action until further word be received from Dominion Executive.

Moved that a Xmas gift be sent to Mrs. Phillips in grateful recognition of her services.

A letter having been received from Maritime Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction regarding her work and asking help:

Moved that we recommend the suggestion of Mrs. Archibald and that a representative committee be appointed to wait upon Boards of Education in each Province, said committee to be named or appointed by Maritime Superintendent.

Moved that a Xmas present of Miss Willard's Life be presented at Xmas to Miss Lockhart in recognition of

valuable services rendered. The book to be purchased by Mrs. Steadman.

Moved that five cents be charged for Reports as last year and that County Superintendents be paid by local Unions, as adopted at closing executive meeting.

Present:—Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. McFarlane, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Steadman.

Notified, and absent:—Vice Presidents Trueman and Smith, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

St. JOHN, June 18th, 1891.

The Executive Committee of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the residence of the President.

Meeting called to order shortly after 10 a. m., by Mrs. Turnbull, who read the 14th chapter of St. John's Gospel, after which a verse of "Rock of Ages" was sung and Mrs. C. H. Archibald, of Cape Breton led in prayer.

Other members present; Mrs. Phillips, Fredericton; Mrs. Sampson, Fredericton; Mrs. Dr. Johnston, P. E. I.; Miss Archibald, Truro; Miss Lockhart, St. John; Mrs. Brough, Antigonish; Mrs. Todd, St. Stephen; Mrs. Steadman, Fredericton; Mrs. McFarlane, St. John; and Recording Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Discussion on Resolution relative to payment of County Superintendents, as adopted at previous meeting, resulted in no further action on the part of Executive.

Moved by Mrs. Todd, seconded by Mrs. Archibald; That the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to write and ask Mrs. Trenholm whether the Maritime Executive

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are to understand that she does not consider herself the Maritime Organizer for this year. Carried.

Moved by Miss Lockhart, seconded by Mrs. Brough that expenses of Miss Bartlett, Evangelist from P. E. I. to Dominion Convention be paid by M. W. C. T. U. Carried.

Miss Lockhart expressed her thanks to Executive for remembrance at Xmas in the gift of Miss Willard's "Glimpses of 50 years." Mrs. Phillips also thanked Executive for Xmas gift. Mrs. Phillips, Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction asked whether the Superintendent of any Department who had need to petition in behalf of her work, should do so through Maritime Superintendent of Petitions.

Moved that Mrs. Phillip's draft Petition and that it be endorsed by Mrs. Smith and herself.

Moved by Mrs. Archibald, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, That as Mrs. Phillip's Department is most important, requiring a large outlay of literature, that the Maritime Executive bear her out in any expense she may incur. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman, seconded by Mrs. Archibald that the price of future Reports be 10 cents instead of 5 as heretofore. Carried.

Information being asked for, in re establishment of Reformatory for boys, Mrs. Steadman stated that the St. John members of Legislature had been interviewed and that the Local Legislature had been in correspondence with the Dominion Legislature upon the subject; also that great objection had been made to the proposed use of Penitentiary Building for Reformatory. Mrs. Turnbull also stated that the Evangelical Alliance and the Municipality of St. John had the subject before them.

The Executive decided that nothing could be done by them in the matter during the present year, also.

*Resolved*, that the M. W. C. T. U. have nothing to do with the Penitentiary as a proposed building for Reformatory.

On motion to adjourn the Executive rose.

ST. JOHN, June 23rd, 1891.

Meeting held in Parlor, Cen'tenary Church at 3 o'clock.  
The President, Mrs. Turnbull in the chair, who read  
from Corinthians.

"He leadeth me" was then sung and Mrs. Dr.  
Johnston of P. E. I. led in prayer.

Others present, Mrs. Steadman, Mrs. Archibald, Mrs.  
Todd, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Clements, (Yarmouth), Mrs.  
Randolph, Fredericton; Miss Archibald, Miss Raymond,  
(Yarmouth); Mrs. Brough, Miss Lockhart and Recording  
Secretary.

Minutes of last Executive meeting read and adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman, seconded by Mrs. Johnston  
that the Executive of Maritime Union support the  
Franchise Superintendent in her work during the coming  
year by the appropriation of a sum of money not to  
exceed \$50.00. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Archibald, seconded by Mrs. Randolph  
that Superintendents of Departments when invited by  
local unions to visit them in the interest of the work, be  
paid their travelling expenses, and that the Superintend-  
ents be requested to notify Unions of this decision of  
Maritime Executive. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman, seconded by Mrs. Archibald  
that the general officers expenses be paid in attending the  
Executive meetings between Conventions. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Todd, seconded by Mrs. Clements that  
Mrs. Phillip's Petition and Circular upon Scientific Tem-  
perance Teaching in Schools be endorsed by Maritime  
Union. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Brough, seconded by Mrs. Johnston  
that the ritual for Band of Hope as prepared by Mrs.  
Todd of St. Stephen be endorsed by the Maritime Union  
and recommended for use in Maritime Provinces. Carried.

On motion of adjournment the Committee rose.

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SUMMERSIDE, September 15th, 1891.

Meeting called to order by the President.

The following members responded to roll-call.

President, Mrs. W. W. Turnbull; Vice President, N. S., Mrs. T. B. Smith; Vice President, P. E. I., Mrs. Dr. Johnston; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Judge Steadman; Treasurer, Miss Lockhart; Superintendents Departments, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. Phillips.

After singing, "Rock of Ages" the President read from 2 Corinthians, 6th.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Burpee.

Mrs. Steadman read a communication from Halifax North Union.

Moved by Mrs. Randolph, seconded by Mrs. Johnston that the Corresponding Secretary send the regrets of the Executive.

Communications were read from Mrs. Vickery, Miss Stirling, and from Miss Brown, Press Superintendent; Mrs. Brough, Juvenile Superintendent; Mrs. Drummond, Superintendent of work among Miners,—the last three also one from Mrs. Sampson, containing resignations.

Moved and seconded that they be accepted with regret.

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Randolph, that Mrs. Atkinson be made Superintendent of Juvenile work. Carried.

Mrs. Burpee and Mrs. Phillips tendered their resignation.

Moved and seconded that they be not accepted. Carried.

Circular read from Secretary of Dominion Alliance, now in Session in Toronto, requesting the Maritime U. to send four delegates to their Convention, and asking for any Resolutions on the subject of Prohibition.

Moved by Mrs. Randolph, seconded by Mrs. Burpee, that a telegram be sent to Dominion Alliance conveying greetings and asking their aid in securing the appointment of a woman on the Royal Commission. Carried.

Mrs. Randolph spoke of the needs of her Department.  
Moved and seconded that the matter lie upon the  
table. Carried.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

H. T. TODD.  
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**MINUTES**  
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**WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION,**  
**HELD AT SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I., SEPT. 16, 17, 18, 1891.**

CONVENTION MOTTO—"Be strong all ye people of the land and  
work, for I am with you saith the Lord of Hosts.—Haggai 2.4.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
Sept. 16th, 9.45 a. m.

The first meeting of Convention opened with singing of Banner Hymn. After a few brief remarks by the President upon the pleasure of meeting with the Convention and of congratulation to the P. E. I. Unions upon their rapid progress since their formation two years ago, devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Smith, Vice-President for Nova Scotia, who announced the cheering fact that at this hour at the Evangelical meeting in Charlottetown, prayer was being offered for the success of Convention.

Upon request Mrs. Strothard, Amherst; Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton; Mrs. Randolph, Fredericton; Mrs. Dunlap, Amherst, led in prayer

Scripture reading by chairman, from St. John, 6th, chapter.

The first business transacted was the introduction of the little Pages to Convention. Miss Fanny Gourley, Miss Minnie Strong, Miss Lena Clarke, Miss Madge Baker.

Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton, and Mrs. Chas. Strong, Summerside were nominated Convention Committee for receiving credentials.

The following Officers and Delegates answered to the roll-call.

## OFFICERS.

*President.*—Mrs. W. W. Turnbull, St. John.  
*Vice-President for Nova Scotia.*—Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor.  
*Vice-President for Prince Edward Island.*—Mrs. Dr. Johnston, Charlottetown.  
*Corresponding Secretary.*—Mrs. Judge Steadman, Fredericton.  
*Recording Secretary.*—Miss Sarah Robinson, Halifax.  
*Treasurer.*—Miss Jane Lockhart, St. John.

## SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

*Gospel Purity.*—Mrs. W. W. Turnbull.  
*Industrial Schools.*—Mrs. Dunlap, Amherst.  
*Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion.*—Mrs. Dr. Todd, St. Stephen.  
*Narcotics.*—Mrs. Burpee, Woodstock.  
*Scientific Temperance Teaching in Schools.*—Mrs. Phillips, Fredericton.  
*Petition and Legislation.*—Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor.  
*Parliamentary Usage.*—Mrs. Judge Steadman, Fredericton.  
*Lumbermen and Raftsmen.*—Mrs. Randolph, Fredericton.

## COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

*Charlotte.*—Mrs. Dr. Todd, St. Stephen.  
*Westmorland.*—Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton.  
*York.*—Mrs. Steadman.

## DELEGATES.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.—Continued.

*St. John.*—Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Allen.  
*Fredericton.*—Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Phillips.  
*Moncton.*—Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Mitchell.

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- Sackville.*—Mrs. Lavers, Miss Cole.  
*Upper Sackville.*—Mrs. Thompson.  
*Petiteodiac.*—Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Frieze.  
*Baie Verte.*—Mrs. B. C. Atkinson.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

- Halifax.*—Mrs. Baxter.  
*Truro.*—Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Trenholm.  
*Mill Village.*—Miss Steadman.  
*Liverpool.*—Mrs. Marshall.  
*Great Village.*—Miss Spencer.  
*Amherst.*—Mrs. Strothard, Mrs. Rhodes.  
*Springhill.*—Mrs. Purdy, Mrs. McKenzie.  
*Pugwash.*—Mrs. Wills.  
*Wallace.*—Mrs. Wells, Miss McKay.  
*Windsor.*—Mrs. T. B. Smith, (Y's), Miss. Bayzance.  
*Hantsport.*—Mrs. Mumford, Mrs. Martin.  
*New Glasgow.*—Miss Walker, Miss McGregor.  
*Stellarton.*—Miss Gray, Miss McGregor.  
*Yarmouth.*—Miss Starratt, (Y's), Miss Raymond.  
*Westville.*—Miss McKay.  
*Antigonish.*—Miss Chisholm.  
*Cow Bay, C. B.*—Mrs. MacRury,

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

- Charlottetown.*—Miss Davis, Mrs. Large.  
*Summerside.*—Mrs. Chas. W. Srong, Miss LeFurgee.  
*Vernon River Bridge.*—Miss McCrae.  
*Montague.*—Miss Martin.  
*Union Road.*—Miss Holman.  
*Souris.*—Miss White.

On motion of Miss Lockhart, seconded by Mrs. Strothard, Miss Chisholm, Fraternal Delegate, was made a delegate in full.

The minutes of Executive meetings held between Conventions, September 20th, November 25th, June 18th, June 23rd, read and adopted.

Minutes of Executive held Tuesday, September 15th, 1891 read and adopted.

In reply to a communication from Dominion Alliance, asking the Convention to send four delegates to the Alliance Convention at Toronto, and also to forward a Prohibitory Resolution, the following telegram was sent :

To F. J. Spence, Esq., Secretary Dominion Alliance.

The Maritime Convention in session at Summerside send greetings and united prayer for the total suppression of the Liquor Traffic.

Kindly bring before Dominion Alliance the subject of appointing a woman on the Royal Commission. Endorse it, bring all pressure to bear on members of Government on our behalf.

J. TURNBULL,  
President M. W. C. T. U.

The noon tide hour having arrived, the Convention bowed in silent prayer for the success of request to Dominion Alliance, after which the following committees were appointed :

#### COMMITTEES.

PLAN OF WORK,—Mrs. Dr. Johnston, Charlottetown ; Mrs. Strothard, Amherst ; Mrs. Trenholm, Truro.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE,—Mrs. Phillips, Fredericton ; Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor ; Mrs. Brown, Petitcodiac ; Miss Chisholm, Antigonish.

FINANCE COMMITTEE,—Miss Lockhart, St. John ; Mrs. Rhodes, Amherst ; Miss Raymond, Yarmouth.

COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES,—Mrs. McLeod, Summerside ; Mrs. Chas. Strong, Summerside.

Report of Corresponding Secretary called for and read.

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The following reply was received, from Dom. Alliance.

Mrs. J. C. TURNBULL,  
Summerside, P. E. I.

Your telegram duly received and greetings most heartily reciprocated. We rejoice in your earnest and constant effort for the suppression of the liquor traffic. We note your request for co-operation in regard to the appointment of a woman on the Royal Commission, but in reply permit us to say, that the Council of the Dominion Alliance by resolution to-day has decided not to make any recommendation for such appointment.

(Signed), Council Dominion Alliance.

On motion of adjournment, the Convention rose.

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## SECOND MEETING.

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WEDNESDAY, 2.45, P. M.

The second meeting of Convention opened with Devotional Exercises conducted by Mrs. Dr. Johnston, P. E. I., after which the Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

*Resolved*, that owing to several Unions sending reports to the Corresponding Secretary too late for insertion in her report that the adoption of the same be deferred until close of Convention, in order that she may insert omitted matter.

The Treasurer's Report called for and read.

Moved by Mrs. Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Strothard, that the Treasurer's Report be adopted. Carried.

Auditor's Report read and adopted.

The following resolution was read and adoption moved by Mrs. Dr. Todd, St. Stephen, seconded by Mrs. Mitchell, Moncton,

"Believing that the needs of our work demand a different basis of action from that occupied by us during the past eight years, as a Maritime Union,

*Resolved*, that while we shall always entertain for each other, the strongest feelings of sisterly sympathy and affection, we do, in response to the demand agree, at the close of this Convention, to declare null and void the Constitution which has bound us together, and form ourselves into Provincial Unions, auxiliary to the Dominion."

Moved in amendment by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Seymour, that the resolution be laid on the table to be used to-morrow in Parliamentary drill. Amendment carried.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman, seconded by Mrs. Trenholm of Truro, that the Leaflets on Parliamentary Rules be bought by Convention and distributed among delegates. Carried.

Reports of County Superintendents called for.

#### COUNTY REPORTS.

Cumberland County Report read by Mrs. Wills, in absence of Superintendent, Mrs. Black, and adopted by consent.

Report of Carleton County read by Mrs. Burpee, in absence of Superintendent, and adopted.

Report of York County read by Superintendent, Mrs. Steadman, and adopted.

Report of Charlotte County read by Superintendent, Mrs. Dr. Todd, and adopted.

Report of Westmoreland County read by Superintendent, Mrs. Atkinson, and adopted.

Report from Cape Breton read by Mrs. MacRury and adopted.

Report on Scientific Temperance Instruction called for and read by Superintendent, Mrs. Phillips, and adopted by a rising vote.

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Mr. Burns, Grand Scribe of Sons of Temperance was introduced to Convention, and in a few aptly chosen words expressed his pleasure in being present; to which the President responded.

On motion of adjournment the Convention rose.

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## PUBLIC MEETING.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The public meeting was held in the largest building attainable in Summerside.

Before the hour of opening the hall was closely packed with the thinking men and women of the place. The platform was beautifully decorated with red and white bunting as a background, while in the front tapestried curtains at the ends, with heavy fold of crimson across the top, on which the motto, "For God and home and native land," forming a delicate crescent made a very effective frontispiece for the platform; around the footlights were twined beautiful vines. Cut flowers, decorated urns, etc., filled up corners and stood on every object upon which they could be effectively displayed. The meeting opened with the Banner hymn, led by organ, two clarionets and choir of trained voices. Rev. Mr. Dickie, pastor of Presbyterian church, read 13 chapter of 1st Corinthians. Mr. Maggs, Methodist minister, led in prayer.

The following address of welcome was read by Mrs. McLeod.

MADAM PRESIDENT, DELEGATES, FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE AND VISITORS:—No duty more pleasant has ever been assigned to me than thus publicly welcoming you to Prince Edward Island and especially pleasing is it to

welcome you to our town, our hearts, and our homes, on this the Ninth Annual Convention of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

We welcome you as representatives of those women who are so nobly fulfilling the command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," in striving to do whatever work comes to them for the uplifting of humanity, and for the suppression of the liquor traffic.

We welcome you on behalf of our christian mothers who long to keep their children pure and true; and who hail with pleasure all efforts put forth for the advancement of the cause of Temperance throughout our island home, and on behalf of the many earnest temperance workers in our midst, who are unceasing in their efforts to lift up their weaker brethren enslaved by the drink curse.

We pray that the blessing of God may rest upon this Convention, that its deliberations and conclusions may be owned and blessed of Him; that the new acquaintances formed, and encouragement received from one another may stimulate us to greater effort, and that we may be more earnest and have a greater zeal for the work, ever remembering the King's business requires haste.

On behalf of the Summerside Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

M. L. McLEOD.

Address of welcome from Mr. Hunt, chairman of the town council. Though not coming officially, his welcome was as hearty as could be wished, and in showing the progress of temperance and woman's work, said that ten years ago this meeting would have been met with derision, while now he had never seen a better audience assembled on the island.

Mrs. T. B. Smith responded to the addresses of welcome, bringing before the audience that our work was not to obtain a public place, but to make the home, more home-like, the training of the children a more reverent task. In thanking the representative of town council for this

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unique welcome that had come to the Union, for the first time, Mrs. Smith said that if it were true that the hand that rocked the cradle swayed the world, the liquor traffic would no longer exist. A solo by Miss Burns of Summerside, with choir accompaniment in chorus, gave the audience a rich treat. The President's address to the Convention had been reserved by special request for this evening and was now read. It will be found printed in full in Report. A solo "He calleth thee" by Mrs. Dr. Todd, St. Stephen, was so heartily encored that she was obliged to return giving to the further delight of the audience, "In the Palace of the King."

#### THE PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINION CONVENTION

was introduced to Convention. After a few pleasing remarks she read a paper upon the appointment of a woman on the royal commission dealing with the liquor traffic. The propositions of Minister Foster's resolutions were read and commented on in its relation to the home, social and moral influences. Francis E. Willard says in view of the large number of women working for temperance, it is but fitting that she should be represented by one of her sex on the commission.

#### MRS. CHAS. ARCHIBALD,

of Cape Breton, has been selected by the Dominion Convention to be the woman on that royal commission of Canada. This large audience of men and women unanimously responded to Mrs. Steadman for an endorsement to the request that a woman be placed upon the royal commission by rising. Voluntary by choir, "Look not upon the wine."

Address by Mr. Cahill, Baptist minister, was the lively feature of the evening, scintillating with sharp points, good sense and enthusiasm.

The meeting closed with a duet beautifully rendered by Mrs. Randolph and Mrs. Judge Steadman, Fredericton.

## FIRST EXECUTIVE MEETING.

MOTTO.—"Fear not for I am with Thee."

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 17th.

Meeting opened at 9.15 with prayer by Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton.

Present:—President, Mrs. W. W. Turnbull; Vice-President, Nova Scotia, Mrs. T. B. Smith; Vice-President, Prince Edward Island, Mrs. Dr. Johnston; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Judge Steadman; Recording Secretary, Miss Robinson; Treasurer, Miss Jane Lockhart. Superintendents of Departments, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Dunlap, and Mrs. Atkinson.

*Resolved*, that the Maritime Union devote \$50 towards Dominion Publication Society, and that the local Unions be informed that the Maritime Union has made this donation, and be asked to supplement the amount by at least \$1.00 each. Carried.

Moved that the Maritime Union withhold Publication of Leaflets until the matter is settled by the Dominion Publication Committee. Carried.

The time having arrived for closing, the executive rose.

## THIRD MEETING OF CONVENTION.

THURSDAY MORNING, Sept. 17th.

The third meeting of Convention opened at 9.45 with Devotional Exercises conducted by Miss Bartlett of Charlottetown.

Minutes of previous meeting read, and adopted.

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Minutes of morning Executive read, and after slight alteration, adopted.

The Roll-call showed four members absent from meeting.

Report of Industrial Schools called for, and read by Superintendent Mrs. Dunlap, Amherst.

Moved that it be received. Carried.

Report from Coffee Rooms read by Miss Starratt in absence of Supt. Mrs. Raymond.

The adoption of report moved and carried.

Report of Narcotics read by Superintendent Mrs. Burpee.

Adoption of Report moved and carried.

Report on Evangelistic work read, in absence of Supt. Mrs. Sampson, by Mrs. Randolph.

Moved by Mrs. Phillips, that the Report upon Evangelistic work, be returned to the Superintendent for the insertion of the reports from the local Unions that had failed to comply with the request to send their communications in time to be presented at Convention. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Todd, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the Unions be requested to forward their contributions to the Dominion Publication Society, through Miss Lockhart, Maritime Treasurer, before the 1st of January 1892, so that they may be sent with Maritime donation. Carried.

Moved that the afternoon meeting open at 2 instead of 2 30. Carried.

By request of Mrs. Johnston, chairman of Plan of Work committee, Mrs. Marshall, Liverpool, and Mrs. McRury, Cow Bay, were added to her committee.

Greetings were received from Miss Scott, Editor Woman's Journal, and a request for notes for publication.

Delegates holding certificates from Intercolonial Railway Company, were requested by the Corresponding Secretary to hand them in for signature.

Noon tide hour of prayer observed after which the Doxology was sung, and the Convention rose.

## FOURTH MEETING OF CONVENTION.

THURSDAY, 17th, 2 P. M.

Fourth meeting of Convention opened with Devotional Exercises conducted by Miss Robinson, after which the minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

Report of Superintendent of Sailor's Work read by Mrs. Steadman in absence of Superintendent Mrs. Trenholm, of Hantsport.

Adoption of report moved and carried.

The suggestion made in Mrs. Trenholm's paper that each member of Convention, pledge herself to send 10 cents for the work among Sailors, and also endeavor to get the members of her local Union to do the same, was accepted by a rising vote.

Report of St. John Co. was read by Mrs. Allen, in absence of Superintendent Mrs. McFarland, and adopted by consent.

Report from Queen's County read by Superintendent, Miss Steadman.

Motion of adoption. Carried.

It having been resolved at the second meeting of Convention that a discussion on the Resolution for the dissolution of the Maritime Union should form the subject for a Parliamentary Drill, the Convention went into a Committee of the whole, Mrs. Steadman presiding.

Mrs. Todd was requested to open the discussion by speaking to her resolution. She was supported by Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Mitchell. Against the Resolution Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Trenholm, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Strong, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Dunlap.

The President expressed herself in favor of continuance of Maritime W. C. T. U. and asked that the Convention join in singing "Blest be the tie that binds." The presiding officer announced the informal discussion closed, and the President resumed the chair.

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Greetings received from W. C. T. U. of Ottawa, with passage Isa. 35.34.

Upon motion Eph. 2. 18, was sent in response.

Moved by Miss Steadman, Mill Village, seconded by Mrs. Trenholm, Truro, that the President's address read by request at the Public Meeting, be received with thanks, and that her suggestions be referred to Plan of Work Committee. Motion adopted by consent.

Moved by Mrs. Dr. Todd, that the time be extended to hear two reports. Carried.

Report of Jail and Prison work called for.

In absence of Supt Mrs. Clements, Miss Starratt of Yarmouth, read report.

Adoption moved and carried.

Report on Purity in Literature, Art, and Fashion; read by Superintendent, Mrs. Dr. Todd. Adopted by consent.

Report on Railways read by Mrs Steadman, in absence of Superintendent, Mrs. Vickery. Adopted by consent.

On motion a change in the programme for evening, was adopted.

On motion of adjournment, and after singing the Temperance Doxology, the meeting rose.

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## FIFTH MEETING OF CONVENTION.

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THURSDAY, September, 17th, 7.45 P. M

Fifth meeting of Convention opened by Devotional Exercises, conducted by Mrs. Trenholm, of Truro, after which Mr. Fowler and Mr. Hugh, representatives of the Independent Order of Good Templars, were introduced to Convention. Both gentlemen made earnest, brief addresses, the former, touching upon the position of

women in Good Templar organizations; the latter, on work among children and Female Suffrage.

Mrs. Atkinson of Moncton, and the President replied in behalf of the Convention.

Paper on Scientific Temperance Instruction read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Phillips.

Report of Juvenile Work called for, and read by Mrs. Atkinson, in absence of Superintendent, Mrs. Brough.

The adoption moved and carried.

Report of Flower Mission, read by Miss Raymond, Yarmouth, in absence of Superintendent, Mrs. Brownrigg.

The adoption of Report moved and carried.

Paper on School Saving Banks, a written message, sent to M. W. C. T. U., by Mrs. Oberholtzer, read by Mrs. Burpee.

The President at the conclusion of paper expressed a hope that this branch of work would be made a Department in the Maritime Union.

Mrs. Dr. Todd moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Oberholtzer, for her very eloquent and suggestive paper. Seconded by Mrs. Randolph. Carried.

Report from Superintendent of Parlor Meetings, read by Mrs. Todd, in absence of Superintendent, Mrs. C. H. Archibald, Cow Bay.

Moved and seconded that Report be accepted. Carried. Upon motion the Convention rose.

### SIXTH MEETING OF CONVENTION.

MOTTO.—"If we walk in the light as He is in Light, we have fellowship one with another."—1 John 1-7.

FRIDAY, September, 18th, 10 A. M.

Devotional Exercises conducted by Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton, after which the Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

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Report from Summerside Union read by Mrs. C. W. Strong.

Report from Newfoundland Union read by Mrs. Steadman, Fredericton.

Moved by Miss Steadman, Mill Village, that the report be received, printed in our Annual Report, and that a letter of congratulation be sent by the Corresponding Secretary to Newfoundland Union. Seconded by Mrs. Dunlap. Carried.

Report of Young Woman's Work, read by Miss Raymond, in absence of Superintendent, Mrs. Woodbury. Report adopted by consent.

The resolution in regard to Dissolution of Maritime Union, read the third time.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. Mitchell, Moncton, that it be laid on the table, indefinitely, seconded by Miss Steadman.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Randolph, that the Resolution be laid on the table until next year, and then taken up for discussion.

Upon the vote being taken, 28 stood for the amendment, 11 for the amendment, 4 for the Original Resolution. Amendment to the amendment. Carried.

Moved that the Plan of Work be submitted to the Executive, before being brought before Union. Carried.

The time having arrived for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, the following tellers were appointed:— Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Chisholm, Miss Raymond, Miss Bayzance.

The Recording Secretary called the Roll of Officers, and Delegates, showing only two absent:

By consent of Convention, Miss Bartlett, Evangelist, was made a delegate in full. Before distributing the ballots a few minutes were spent in silent prayer for Divine guidance.

The informal ballot for nomination of President resulted in the nomination of Mrs. Turnbull, the retiring President, and Mrs. C. H. Archibald, Cape Breton.

On motion of Mrs. Smith, Windsor, seconded by Miss Steadman, Mill Village the informal ballot for President was made formal, the Recording Secretary casting the Convention ballot for Mrs. Turnbull.

Informal ballot for 1st. Vice-President, returned Mrs. Archibald 22, Mrs. T. B. Smith, 18, scattered, 7.

Mrs. Smith moved that the informal ballot be made formal and the Recording Secretary was instructed to cast the Convention ballot for Mrs. C. H. Archibald as Vice-President for Nova Scotia.

The informal ballot for Vice-President for New Brunswick gave the returns for Miss Trueman, Sackville, (15) Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton, (11), scattered, (21).

The formal ballot was then cast and resulted in the election of Mrs. Atkinson.

The informal ballot for Vice-President for Prince Edward Island gave for Mrs. Dr. Johnston, 37, scattered, 10.

On motion the informal ballot was made formal and the Recording Secretary was instructed to cast the Convention ballot for Mrs. Dr. Johnston, Charlottetown.

The informal ballot for Corresponding Secretary resulted in the following returns Mrs. Smith, 41, scattered, 6.

On motion the informal ballot was made formal and the Recording Secretary was instructed to cast the Convention vote for Mrs. Smith, Windsor.

The informal ballot for Recording Secretary was made formal, and Miss Robinson was declared re-elected.

The informal ballot for Treasurer, gave the votes, with one exception, for Miss Lockhart, who was declared re-elected.

The retiring Auditor, Mrs. McFarland, was unanimously re-elected.

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The routine of business was very pleasingly broken by an invitation from the Summerside Union, to the Convention, to enjoy a drive during the afternoon.

It was moved that the invitation be accepted with thanks, and by a rising vote. Carried.

On motion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the past Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Judge Steadman, for her years of faithful and invaluable services to the Maritime Union.

Mrs Steadman feelingly responded.

On motion, after singing the Doxology, the Convention rose.

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#### SEVENTH MEETING OF CONVENTION.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON,

On account of drive given by Summerside Union the Convention did not convene until 3.30 p. m.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Steadman, after which Mrs. Chittick's very excellent paper on Woman's Suffrage was read and adopted.

Report on unfermented wine for sacramental purposes read by Mrs. Randolph, in absence of Supt. Miss J. B. Archibald, Truro.

Moved that it be adopted. Carried.

Report of Department Lumbermen and Raftsmen read by Supt. Mrs. Randolph, and adopted.

The Recording Secretary having been unavoidably absent from the first part of meeting; the minutes of the previous meeting were now read and adopted.

On suggestion of President, resolved that the appointment of delegates, to National, World's and Dominion Conventions be the first business of the evening meeting. Carried.

Moved by Miss Steadman, seconded by Mrs. Trenholm that the Constitution be amended at next Annual Meeting. Carried.

Moved on suggestion of President that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mrs. Matherson, Charlottetown, for her painstaking and excellent work as Reporter for Convention. Carried by a rising vote.

Letter from Miss J. B. Archibald read, expressing regret at absence, and her willingness to co-operate in any plans of the Union.

Miss Bartlett, Charlottetown, was requested to convey to Miss J. B. Archibald the appreciation of Convention, for her hearty sympathy and helpful words.

The Supt. of Legislation and Petition gave a verbal Report which was enthusiastically received, and adopted on condition of its being presented in writing in time for the Annual Report.

Report from Mrs. Turnbull, Supt. Dept. Social Purity, read and adopted.

Moved that an extension of time be granted for the purpose of attending to questions in box. Carried and immediately put in force.

It having been brought to the notice of Convention that Ginger-ale, was advertised in certain papers as recommended by the W. C. T. U.

Moved that the Recording Secretary write a statement to the effect that the W. C. T. U. has not at any time recommended or endorsed any variety of Ginger-ale. Carried. On motion of adjournment, the Convention rose.

#### EIGHTH MEETING OF CONVENTION.

FRIDAY, Sep., 18, 7.45 p. m.

Meeting opened by singing and prayer. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Moved by Miss Steadman, seconded by Mrs. Bates, that on account of the lateness of the hour, the Report of Committees on Resolutions, and Plan of Work, be left with Executive to deal with. Carried.

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The following Delegates were nominated to Conventions.

*For Nova Scotia, To World's Convention:* Miss Sterling, Aylesford; Mrs. C. H. Archibald, Cow Bay: Fraternal Delegate to National Convention, Mrs. W. Cummings, Truro; alternate since appointed, Miss Jessie B. Archibald, Truro.

*For New Brunswick, To World's Convention:* Mrs. Dr. McDonald, Petitcodiac; Mrs. Dr. Todd, St. Stephen. Fraternal Delegate to National Convention, Mrs. Randolph, Fredericton.

*For Prince Edward Island, To World's Convention:* Mrs. Dr. Johnston, Charlottetown; Mrs. Brennan, Summerside. Fraternal delegate to National Convention, Mrs. Chas. W. Strong, Summerside.

Miss Lockhart, Treasurer, announced that the Convention, by amount sent to Dominion Treasurer, was entitled to send eight delegates from Nova Scotia, six from New Brunswick, and two from Prince Edward Island.

Delegates nominated to Dominion Convention.

*Nova Scotia,* Mrs. Dr. Burns, Halifax; Mrs. Clements, Yarmouth; Mrs. Judge Desbrisay, Lunenburg; Miss Steadman, Mill Village; Mrs. Brownrigg, Bridgewater; Mrs. O. J. Spencer, Cow Bay; Mrs. Joshua Smith, Windsor; Mrs. Burton, Annapolis.

*New Brunswick,* Mrs. Simon McLeod, Newcastle; Mrs. Dearborn, St. John; Mrs. Burpee, Woodstock; Mrs. O'Neil, Moncton; Mrs. Chipman, St. Stephen.

*Prince Edward Island,* Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. C. W. Strong, Summerside; Mrs. Johnston, Charlottetown.

Delegate at large.

*Nova Scotia,* Mrs. Chittick, Hantsport.

*New Brunswick,* Miss Brown, Chatham.

*Prince Edward Island,* Mrs. Spencer, Montague.

Moved that the alternates be nominated from the Unions to which the Delegates appointed belong, and names forwarded to Executive, seconded by Mrs. Burpee. Carried.

Resolution of thanks for kindness received at Summerside. Carried by rising vote. Announcement made that the next Annual Meeting of Convention would be held, according to agreement, at Woodstock, New Brunswick. An invitation for Convention to meet in Yarmouth in 1893 was received. A Resolution expressing the sympathy of Convention with Mrs. Archibald, Cape Breton, and Mrs. Strothard, Amherst, on account of their suffering from illness, was carried by a rising vote.

Announcement made that 28th. Sept., Miss Willard's birthday would be held as Crusade membership day, also the 30th day of October would be observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer for success of work of W. C. T. U. at the World's Convention. The rest of the evening was spent in Praise and Testimony. Mrs. Dr. Todd, presided at the organ, and delighted the large audience present with one of her beautiful solos. Miss Bayzance gave a solo and Mrs. Steadman and Mrs. Randolph, by request, sang a duett. The representatives from the Summerside choir rendered in a very effective manner several well adapted pieces. The heart utterances of the speakers held the attention of all present. Among those who took part were Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. T. B. Smith, Mrs. Burpee, Miss Steadman, Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Wills, The President, Miss Bartlett and Mrs. Steadman. Then all the White Ribboners joined hands and forming a circle sang their parting hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

The President repeated, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

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## DEFERRED EXECUTIVE MEETING.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 19th, 1891.

The Executive met on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church, Summerside.

Present:—President in the chair, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. T. B. Smith; Treasurer, Miss Lockhart, Superintendents of Departments, Mrs. Judge Steadman, Mrs. Randolph and the Recording Secretary.

After a short prayer, the Minutes of the evening meeting were read and approved.

A note from Mrs. Todd, tendering her resignation as Superintendent of Department was read by President.

On motion, resolved that Mrs. Todd's resignation be not accepted.

The following Resolutions were presented by Mrs. T. B. Smith, in absence of chairman, Mrs. Phillips, and adopted.

*Resolved*, that we deeply regret any unnecessary Railway and Steamboat traffic on the Lord's day; the opening of grocery and fruit stores, and the sale of cigars and liquors; that we are in hearty sympathy with all Associations seeking for a practicable enforcement of the law against the desecration of the Sabbath; further that while the clergy of the Maritime Provinces are earnestly presenting to their people the importance of Sabbath observance, we urge the local Unions to co-operate with them, by using every means within command to prevent the desecration of the Lord's day.

*Resolved*, that as a nation is educated by its literature, we strongly recommend Unions to use their influence in placing attractive temperance books in Sabbath School libraries, School libraries and Public libraries, as also in Benevolent and Reformatory Institutions, thus increasing and strengthening the influence of our Maritime Super-

intendent of Purity in Literature, and that every other possible means be taken to place Temperance reading in the hands of young and old.

*Resolved*, that we deplore the fashion of wearing birds for ornament, and that we use our influence against the cruel custom of slaughtering birds, by pledging ourselves to abstain from wearing, for ornament, anything that must cause the wanton destruction of innocent life.

*Resolved*, that we express our obligations to the Press of the Maritime Provinces for the generous use they allow us to make of their columns, for the dissemination of our principles, and the circulation of information regarding the progress of Temperance and Prohibition, and we urge upon our local Unions the importance of using this open door.

*Resolved*, that the M. W. C. T. U. are in entire sympathy with Dominion Temperance Alliance and do most heartily and earnestly endorse the sentiments and work of that organization.

*Resolved*, that we endorse the movement for having a special Sunday every quarter, for a Sabbath School Temperance lesson in addition to that set apart for the Quarterly Review.

That we endorse the Woman's Journal as the Maritime W. C. T. U. Organ, and that we urge our Unions to endeavor to increase its circulation in all possible ways.

We would also be glad to see the Union Signal, Organ of the World's W. C. T. U., introduced into every local Union.

*Resolved*, That the Maritime Union is pledged to discountenance by its influence the objectionable style of evening dress, which obtains in Society gatherings throughout the Provinces.

*Resolved*, That we endorse the World's Petition for the protection of the Women of the World, and endeavor to circulate and obtain signatures for the same.

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*Resolved*, That we invite the co-operation of all Temperance organizations for the carrying out of Scientific Temperance instruction in the public schools of the Provinces, and would respectfully urge the ministers of Education in each Province where a compulsory scientific Temperance Education law does not exist, to place it upon the list of prescribed subjects for examinations, recommending that the use of a duly authorized series of text books be compulsory under the forfeiture of school grant.

*Resolved*, that in view of the alarming increase of the opium and tobacco habits in our Provinces, we will make more determined efforts to spread the knowledge of their evil effects among the people, and to secure legal restrictions on the sale of the same.

*Resolved* that the M. W. C. T. U. express hearty thanks to Railway and Steamboat managers for reduced rates; to the officers of the Presbyterian Church of Summerside, for the use of their church for Sessions during Convention; also to the Town Council for words of kindly welcome, and use of Market Hall for Public meetings; to the choir for their most efficient services; to the Press for its full account of proceedings of Convention; to the young ladies who decorated and beautified our places of meeting, to the little Pages, to the friends who gave the Convention a drive over the beautiful country, and to all who by kind words and deeds contributed to the success of the Convention, and particularly to the homes which so cordially extended hospitality to our Delegates.

The Plan of Work Committee presented the following Report which was adopted.

Your Committee recommend the following suggestions on the former plan of work with a few additional Departments.

On the 4th clause upon compulsory education we feel thankful for what has been done in this matter and urge upon all Unions to seek information where it has become

law, and to enlist the sympathies of the Superintendents of Education in our behalf, where it has not yet become law.

2. (5th clause.) That as according to the Resolution passed at the Convention 1890 for the presentation of Petitions to Parliament for a Prohibitory law, we recommend the advisability of keeping the matter well before the Public by holding meetings and through the Press.

3 That Temperance Crusade Day be observed on Miss Williard's birthday Sept., 28th, and that the 30th of October be observed as a day of Fasting and Prayer for success of W. C. T. U. work at World's Convention.

a. We recommend that local Unions devote all they possibly can, to the literature Department.

b. That a Department of Mother's Meetings be opened.

The following changes were made in Superintendents of Departments at an Executive meeting, and were now re-read.

*Superintendent Fair Work*,—Mrs. Everett, St. John, N. B.

*Press Work*,—Miss Trueman, Sackville, N. B.

*Miners*,—Mrs. McRury, Cow Bay, C. B.

*Juvenile*,—Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton.

Mrs. Todd moved that the Dept. of Schools Saving Banks be adopted. Carried.

The Departments with their Superintendents stand as follows:

*Gospel Purity*,—Mrs. W. W. Turnbull, St. John, N. B.

*Juvenile*,—Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton, N. B.

*Parlor Meetings*,—Mrs. Archibald, Cow-Bay, Cape Breton.

*Evangelistic*,—Mrs. Seymour, St. John, N. B.

*Lumbermen and Raftsmen*,—Mrs. Randolph, Fredericton, N. B.

*Sailors*,—Mrs. Trenholm, Hantsport, N. S.

*Fairs*,—Mrs. Everett, St. John, N. B.

*Railwaymen*,—Mrs. Vickery, Yarmouth, N. S.

*Industrial Schools*,—Mrs. Dunlap, Amherst, N. S.

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*Purity in Literature, Art, and Fashion*,—Mrs. Dr. Todd, St. Stephen N. B.

*Narcotics*,—Mrs. Burpee, Woodstock, N. B.

*Scientific Temperance Instruction*,—Mrs. Phillips, Fredericton, N. B.

*Young Woman's Work, and Kitchen Gardens*,—Mrs. Woodbury, Dartmouth, N. S.

*Petition and Legislation*,—Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor, N. S.

*Flower Mission*,—Mrs. Brownrigg, Bridgewater, N. S.

*Coffee Rooms*,—Mrs. Raymond, Yarmouth, N. S.

*Parliamentary Usage*,—Mrs. Judge Steadman, Fredericton, N. B.

*Hygiene and Heredity*,—Dr. Maria Angwin, Halifax, N. S.

*Unfermented Wine*, Miss. J. B. Archibald, Truro, N. S.

*Press Work*,—Miss. Trueman, Sackville, N. B.

*Franchise*,—Mrs. Chittick, Hantsport, N. S.

*Mother's Meetings*,—Mrs. Sweet, Halifax N. S.

*School's Savings Bank*,—Mrs. McFarland, St. John, N. B.

*Organizer.*

*Miners*,—Mrs. McRury, Cow Bay.

Moved by Miss Lockhart, seconded by Mrs. Randolph that the next Convention remain in Session over Sunday. Carried by consent.

Moved that Mrs. Phillips be asked to undertake the printing of Reports. Carried.

It was recommended that Temperance Sunday be observed upon the last Sabbath of the year. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Randolph, seconded by Miss Lockhart that a sum not exceeding \$50 be appropriated to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick each, for a missionary to visit the lumber camps. Carried.

On motion, the Executive adjourned.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Beloved sisters of the Maritime Women's Christian Temperance Union and friends. One of the most memorable years in the calendar of the W. C. T. U. will be this year of our Lord, 1891. For the first time the Dominion convention was held in the maritime provinces, and for the first time the Maritime union assembles in convention on the Summerside of Prince Edward Island. Ever since there has been a Maritime W. C. T. U. this island has been needed to complete the trinity, and now all are encircled by the white ribbon, and many of our most earnest women are united in the work "For God and home and every land." Mingled with our notes of joy is a minor chord of sadness, as we recall the memory of her who came as our first delegate, from Prince Edward Island, one whose last journey on earth was taken, that she might meet once more with the workers, beloved in convention. Never was one more earnest, more zealous in the cause than Mrs. McCrea. If she be permitted to look down from the battlements above, there will be joy in the presence of the angels to-night, that at last the earnest desire of her heart has been granted; her sisters have come to take council together and to help carry on the work in which she was so deeply interested.

"It singeth low in every heart,  
We hear it, each and all,  
A song for those who answer not  
However we may call."

"God buries His workmen, but carries on His work." Let us ever bear in mind that "the passing hour alone is ours," and take for our motto this year "redeeming the time."

The next great event of the year will be the National and the World's W. C. T. U. conventions to be held in Boston Nov. 13th. It was very gratifying to note

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among the resolutions passed at the Methodist conference one endorsing the work of the W. C. T. U. and recommending the women of the Methodist church to become members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. What higher earthly commendation could we desire than to be approved by such an influential and evangelical body of eminent men, and what an additional power it would give could we count among our numbers every woman of the Methodist denomination. The resolutions passed at the Dominion Convention will be presented for your consideration. It was a great privilege for those who could meet with our sisters of the Dominion and to have the inspiration that the presence of the President of the World's W. C. T. U. gives to a Convention. Miss Willard asked that delegates be appointed by this Convention to the National, and to the World's Convention to be held in Boston. You will also bear in mind that the 28th of September, Miss Willard's birthday, has been set apart as crusade membership day. At which time she says: "Our host should go forth from house to house, from shop to shop, from office to office securing names to the total abstinence pledge." Men will be solicited to join as associated members, paying the fee adopted by the local Unions, and thus contributing to the cause. The 30th of October is designated by Miss Willard as a day of fasting and prayer of all the local Unions "that the World's W. C. T. U. Convention may be a time of special power of the Highest upon the Christian workers and upon the cause of temperance." In order that we may have a clearer understanding of the World's W. C. T. U., I think it might be profitable to take a glance at the work since its inception. These statistics are taken from the last report of the secretary.

The first W. C. T. Union was organized in the United States in 1874. The British Woman's Temperance association was organized in May, 1876. This was the first in Great Britain. There are more than 368 unions in Canada. New South Wales had its first W. C. T.

U. in 1882; Hawaiian Islands in 1884, New Zealand in '85, Queensland in '85, Victoria in '86, South Australia the same year; Ceylon, Sweden and Turkey in 1886; China, organized by Mrs. Leavitt the same year, Japan in 1887, India and Cape Colony the same year; Mexico, date not known. A Union was organized in Chili by correspondence in 1889. So far as known, this is the only Union in South America. Denmark had its first W. C. T. U. in 1888. In Norway the first Union was organized in Christiania in 1889, with 30 members. Now there are four Unions in Norway with 140 members. Natal organized the same year. Orange Free State and Sierre Leone organized in 1890. There were four Unions in Sierre Leone last year. Nassau, date not given. Mauritius and Madagascar organized in 1888; Jamaica in 1889. Saint John's, Newfoundland, organized in September, 1890, with between 60 and 70 members. The membership has since increased and the Union has done active work. Since this report was given the white ribbon has been carried into Russia, even at the risk of being exiled. Our workers have succeeded in nearly encircling the globe with this talisman of peace and purity. The first White Ribbon missionary, Mrs. Leavitt, left her home in Boston, July 13th, 1883. She returned June 18th, 1891. During her absence Mrs. Leavitt held over 1,600 meetings in China, Japan, India, northern and southern Europe, Egypt, Australia, and the Hawaiian islands, talking in 47 different languages, to do which she employed 231 interpreters. In reply to a question, Mrs. Leavitt says: "Nothing, I think, was more interesting and remarkable than my travelling alone and unprotected. Among the coolie class of Japan and China, among the Zulus and the Malagassy of Madagascar, the natives of Sierra Leone and the Hindoos—without exception I was treated as kindly as if I had been their mother or their queen. This is another proof of the power of the white ribbon, and the importance of keeping it "always in sight."

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"It is only a bow of ribbon white,  
But it shines in every land ;  
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In the recent report of the dominion secretary the Maritime provinces showed a greater increase than any other part of the dominion. The total membership of the dominion W. C. T. U., as then reported, was 9,343 in 335 Unions, 19,557 members in 206 Bands of Hope and Loyal Legions under the leadership of the unions. There are more Unions in Nova Scotia than are credited, and seven Unions in P. E. I. in place of two, as mentioned in the Dominion report. Owing to the difficulty of obtaining correct information it is almost impossible for the Dominion secretary to state exactly either the number of Unions or the membership. We are glad to hear that the mistake is on the right side and that the Maritime provinces are swelling the ranks of the white ribboners more rapidly than some others. This should fill us not only with gratitude but with renewed zeal and earnestness in our beloved cause. We are not always "workers in the shade," nor left without glintings of sunshine. There are several subjects to which I would call your attention, dear sisters.

It has recently come to my knowledge that another department has been instituted that is considered of great value in work for the children—the School Savings Banks. The National superintendent of narcotics found that something more was needed than the prohibition of selling cigarettes and intoxicants to minors, and that the boys must be induced to save their pennies if they would be prevented from spending them on things so harmful. Through the efforts of our White Ribbon sisters the school savings bank has been adopted, and is now in use in 200 schools in different parts of the United States. The system commends itself to all classes. In France, where the movement began, there are 23,375 school savings banks under patronage of the government, in Belgium 5,259. They are in common use.

In regard to crusade membership day it is hoped that every Union will observe it. All must feel the great need of more workers, and that in comparison with the needs of the work "the laborers are few." In asking for members we are often met with the reply, "Oh, I am too busy." Dear busy women, it is you who are needed. We have no use whatever for the idle women. It is the busy mother who is the faithful mother. The busy Christian who is reclaiming the world, the busy woman "who looketh well to the ways of the household, and eateth not the bread of idleness" is the woman to wear the white ribbon. To work for God and His children "laborers are wanted!" The ripening grain

Waits to welcome the reaper's cry.  
The Lord of the harvest calls again;  
Who among us shall first reply,  
Who is wanted Lord? Is it I?

#### MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

"How shall we make our W. C. T. U. meetings more interesting?" is a question often asked. To my mind the mothers' meetings come nearest to solving that problem, not only as a means of interest, but of education. Since adopting this department of work in St. John we have found that it strengthens the "tie that binds" mothers' hearts, especially as every child whose birthday occurs in the month is made a subject of special prayer. Our mothers' meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, and we sometimes feel that the fellowship of this hour "is like to that above." In connection with this I would call your attention to another subject for mothers' consideration. Many of you will remember that at the recent Dominion Convent on Miss Willard alluded to the cruel fashion of wearing birds for ornaments. I wish that some action would be taken by this Convention in regard to this question. Olive Thorne Miller, writing on the subject, says: How can a thoughtful woman, feeling

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some responsibility in the training of her children, or some desire to leave the world if not better—which should be her aim—at least not worse for her living in it; how can she reconcile her conscience to the constant object lesson in cruelty which the wearing of murdered birds holds up before her children? How dare she thus endorse and tacitly approve the cruelty and barbarity which she cannot but know are an indispensable part of the infamous trade? These are strong words. We believe that in this as in many other instances, “much evil is wrought through want of thought.” Oh my sisters, for want of thought women have been classed with “unteachable idiots, and with thoughtless children.” Woman, the tender hearted, the lover of all things beautiful, has really cast her influence against the sweet bird of song, and they fall at her behest by millions. Is it not time for White Ribbon women to show by precept and example that we at least have had the arrest of thought, that our creed is for the protection of the innocent and the preservation of all God’s creatures. If a pledge is needed, let there be a pledge to abstain from wearing any ornament that must cause the destruction of life.

If we realized that our example was either to help or to hinder our work, how much more careful would we be. We would watch daily our thoughts, our manners and our conversation. We would crucify self, put away worldly-mindedness, and strive to do all with a single eye to the glory of Him into whose service we have entered. The mothers’ meetings of to-day are like the National association’s of 50 years ago, except that “new occasions teach new duties.” White Ribbon women have duties of which their mothers or grandmothers never dreamed. We have learned that all true reform must begin in the home, be continued in the school, nurtured in the church, and, if possible, sanctioned by society. I am more and more convinced that moral suasion and mother suasion are the most effectual

weapons in the work of the W. C. T. U. It is here a little and there a little, by precept, by incentive, by prayer, we may build temperance and purity into the character of our children. Thus builded it becomes "as a house founded upon a rock, against which the storms of appetite, the waves of temptation dash in vain." It has been truly said, the work, the hope of the future, lie with the children of to-day, and because of this we would inspire the parents to give them a right start in life, fit them to live as becomes children of the King, regarding their bodies as temples for the indwelling of immortal souls, and to be kept pure and undefiled. White Ribbon mothers, we must—

"Sow with a generous hand;  
Pause not for toil or pain;  
Weary not through the heat of summer,  
Weary not through the cold spring rain,  
But wait till the autumn comes  
For the sheaves of golden grain."

In such a reform as we are engaged in so bitterly opposed by wealth, prejudice and power, each worker must sometimes stand in her own circle of acquaintances comparatively alone. It is only at these yearly conventions that we can feel ourselves surrounded by those who sympathize with us, and are up-borne by the enthusiasm of members. It is such an inspiration when "As in water, face answereth to face," but it is not at the convention that the work of our organization is accomplished. That is done by each individual woman in her own quiet place, doing with her might what her hands find to do. The complications of life's service require many hands, and every hand has its own peculiar service. God has so ordered that the right hand gets in the right place. It is therefore the duty of every woman to stand in her own place. It may not be just the place we would choose. The work may not be pleasant as that assigned to others, but if it is our work it is essential that it

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should be done to the best of our ability. 'It is a solemn thought that there is something for each human being in the world to do, that only he or she can perform. If this work is left unfinished it will be undone forever. Let us bear in mind that "duty always has its reward"—though often it is different from what we expected. "Reward is not meted out according to the magnitude of the work done, but according to the spirit of the sacrifice with which it is done." When we go out expecting to do some great work and are disappointed, where we had hoped to gather sheaves only a few blades appear, our self-sacrifices are not appreciated, even by those we love—words that we have minded to speak have been left unsaid, or, if spoken, failed to make the impression desired.

We are apt to grow discouraged, and like Naomi, we look only on the dark side and are tempted to say with her: "I went out full and the Lord hath brought me home again empty." Forgetting all His mercies, dwelling only on His chastisements we fail to see the silver lining to the dark clouds that often overshadow the Christian temperance work. Is it not sufficient cause for gratitude that He has counted us worthy to be workers together with Him and that the work of Christian women has ever been blessed and sanctioned by Him who said: "Oh woman great is thy faith, be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Five hundred years ago there lived a woman who, as it has been said, resembled Christ in as many marked features of character as any other since the days of the apostles. From her childhood she felt a consciousness of a divine call to a separate and sanctified life, and at the age of twelve she, like her Master, felt that she must be about her "Father's business." When consciously called to public service—she who shrank from indiscriminate converse with men, overcame her contempt for her own weakness and her shrinking timidity and bodily faced priests,



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Memo. Receipts from Local Unions, Sales of Reports, &c.,  
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1890	Sept. 20	To Balance on hand .....		\$355 15
		Cash sales-table Amherst, Conv't.,	\$18 49	
		Cash returned by Mrs. Dunlap Supt.		
		Industrial School, .....	5 00	
		Cash from sale leaflets per Mrs. Todd	6 65	
		Cash from pledge Cards and Literature		
		per Mrs. Steadman .....	7 86	
		Cash from Literature at Dom. Conv't.,	50	
		Cash from Reports per Mrs. Steadman,	33 80	
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		Cash from Maritime dues from Local		
		Unions, .....	44	
		Dues from Tusket for 1890	2 12	
		“ “ Mill Village for 1890,	2 12	
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		“ “ Summerside, P. E. I. 1891,	5 00	
		“ “ Tusket, N. S. 1891 .....	2 50	
		“ “ Yarmouth Y. W. C. T. U.,	13 00	
		“ “ Canso, N. S., .....	3 50	
		“ “ Liverpool, N. S., .....	8 00	
		“ “ Mill Village, N. S., .....	2 47	
		“ “ St. Stephen, N. B., .....	9 00	
		“ “ Woodstock, N. B., .....	7 00	
		“ “ Parrsboro, N. S., .....	5 00	
		“ “ Cow Bay, N. S., .....	5 00	
		“ “ Vernon River Bridge, P. E. I	1 50	
		“ “ Fredericton, Y. W. C. T. U.	8 50	
		“ “ Windsor, Y. W. C. T. U.	2 50	
		Carried Forward.	\$77 55	\$427 45

	Brought Forward,	\$77 53	\$427 45
Dues from	St George,	3 00	
"	" New Castle,	5 50	
"	" Fredericton,	20 00	
"	" Halifax, N. S. ....	12 50	
"	" Benton, N. B. ....	4 25	
"	" Souris, P. E. I., ....	3 75	
"	" Union Road, P. E. I.,	3 00	
"	" Moncton, N. B., ....	8 00	
"	" Carleton, N. B., ....	1 75	
"	" Canning, N. S., ....	5 00	
"	" New Glasgow, N. S.,	10 25	
"	" Great Village, N. S. ....	5 00	
"	" Yarmouth, N. S., ....	31 60	
"	" Middleton, N. S., ....	3 50	
"	" Annapolis, N. S., ....	1 25	
"	" Stellarton, N. S., ....	9 00	
"	" Sackville, N. B., ....	5 25	
"	" Baie Verte, N. B., ....	4 00	
"	" Hantsport, N. S., ....	7 50	
"	" Upper Sackville, N. B.,	3 00	
"	" Amherst, N. S., ....	12 50	
"	" St. John, N. B., ....	26 00	
"	" Truro, N. S., ....	8 75	
"	" Milltown, N. B., ....	7 25	
"	" Bathurst, N. B., ....	2 25	
"	" Chatham, N. B., ....	7 00	
"	" Murray Harbour South, P. E. I., ....	3 75	
"	" Hartland, N. B., ....	2 50	
"	" Charlottetown, P. E. I.,	11 25	
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"	" Springhill, N. S., ....	5 00	
"	" Campbellton, N. B., ....	7 50	
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"	" Pugwash, N. S. ....	6 75	
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" " North Sydney, N. S.,	3 00	
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JANE LOCKHART,

Treasurer M. W. C. T. U.

St. John, N. B., September 10th, 1891.

*Memo. Expenses M. W. C. T. U. Convention, 90-91.*

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Sept. 20	By Mrs. T. B. Smith, Supt. Petitions for 1889	5 00
	Mrs. Chas. Archibald, Supt. Parlor Meetings. ....	5 00
	Mrs. Woodbury, Supt. Y. Work	5 00
	Mrs. Carr, County Superintendent,	92
	Mrs. Read, Supt. Juvenile Work,	5 00
	Mrs. Burpee, Supt. Narcotics, ....	5 00
	Mrs. Todd, Supt. Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion ....	5 00
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	Mrs. Clements, Supt. Jail Prison Work,	3 97
	Mrs. Wilbur, Supt. Railwaymen Work,	1 19
	Secretary travelling expenses Conv.,	3 79
	Secretary for Blank pads, . . . . .	35
	Central Office printing, . . . . .	6 00
	Mrs. Black, Stationary &c., . . . . .	3 43
	Corresponding Secretary per Bill,	13 96
	Treasurer travelling exp. to Amherst,	3 76
Nov.	Miss Brown, Press Supt. . . . .	5 00
	P. O. Order and Postage,	8
	Miss Archibald, Supt. unfermented wine	5 00
Dec.	P. O. order and postage	8
	Printer for Reports on account . . . . .	30 00
	P. O. Order and Postage,	23
	Sun Pub. Co., printing programmes,	4 00
Jan. 3	Balance for printing reports, . . . . .	93 75
	H. H. Pitts, printing Leaflets, . . . . .	18 70
	E. I. Armstrong, printing, . . . . .	6 25
	Mrs. Phillips, revising reports, . . . . .	10 00
Feb.	J. & A McMillan, Stationary, . . . . .	2 50
	E. I. Armstrong, printing Pledge Cards,	6 25
May 29	Maritime dues to Dom. W. C. T. U.,	80 00
	P. O. Order and Postage,	33
June 15	St. Croix Courier printing Leaflets,	6 75
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July 18	H. H. Pitts, printing Leaflets, . . . . .	4 50
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	Dominion Convention, . . . . .	7 00
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### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined accounts and vouchers of Miss Jane Lockhart, Treasurer of Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union and find them correct.

MARY C. McFARLAND.

St. John, September 14th, 1891.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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As we are approaching a crisis in our Maritime history I thought it might be of special interest to all of us to turn backward our thoughts for a little time and note our day of small beginnings. Referring to the minutes of the first session of the Provincial Union held in Fredericton, N. B. organized October 8th, 1879 there were present all told, delegates and visitors twenty, representing five Unions, two less than you now have in Prince Edward Island.

Unfortunately for a continuous record of our work and history, its trials and triumphs, two years have been lost from our sight, but we know that if we were conscientiously serving the Master, its record is kept on high.

In 1883 we find the W. C. T. U. of the Maritime Provinces was also organized at Fredericton, representing at that time Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, with 16 Unions, and a reported membership of 1200. In our next published report covering four years, there is a reported increase to 36 Unions, and only an increase of 1000 in membership.

Of course this does not give the number correctly, so indifferent are our women to the importance of making returns to the Corresponding Secretary, or else a lack of knowledge regarding the benefits to be derived from making known our numerical position.

Last year reaching the point where we now publish an Annual Report we have 75 Unions, including Prince Edward Island, reporting a membership all told 1,537, only 337 increase over the year previous, while the number of Unions increased nearly one half. You will readily see that there is failure somewhere on the

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part of our white ribbon women to make the most of themselves. True of that number 17 are yet out of the family, not seeing their way to affiliate, and therefore in our Dominion Union do not represent anything, but aside from these I am sure that there must be larger gains. It is just possible this year that my questions did not reach all in time, but as I have had answers from the most remote places, I flatter myself that it is not by fault of mine. If it is pleasant and encouraging to note progress, and to report it, and to publish to the world what we women of the Maritime Provinces are doing, then certainly it is worth our while to keep a sharp look out, and a clean record of facts, which as I understand it is my duty to present to this Convention. How can I do this, if the Local Unions do not keep a record of their work, and report to me? How can I tell you our aggregate membership? How can I tell you the amount of literature distributed, if you answer, a "good deal" "no record kept."

Now if this is one of your departments of work, you of course have a superintendent of that work, and when your Union order a certain number of leaflets it need not be difficult to make a memo. of it. We want more methodical, business-like habits among our women, and we want a woman among us who can give her entire time to the work, for the sustaining and succoring of those who are young in the work.

You of my beloved comrades, who in your love and loyalty to me through these years of work, and trial, and patience, thought best to call me to a higher position by your ballots last June, must see the necessity of releasing me from my position as Corresponding Secretary of the Maritime Union.

It is with a feeling closely akin to tears that I write these words of parting. I seem to have come into close fellowship with many whose faces I may never see, and with others for whom I have formed a friendship that

no provincial lines can sever, always, and at all times recognizing the closer tie that binds me to my native land, though but a little child when I left the beautiful Swiss village where I played through childhood's hours, little caring or thinking of the life with its large and grave responsibilities that my Heavenly Father has laid upon me through you my beloved white ribbon comrades.

Shall I have your prayers that I may do this work the best that can be done with the ability that He has given me, not shrinking from anything into which I have been called. I am content in one particular in thus saying "good bye," that it will make that separation whither circumstances are rapidly bringing us of less poignancy, because I will have said my farewell to you in Nova Scotia, a year in advance of the other "standard bearers." That I have failed in many directions must be as apparent to you, as to me, but at no time has it been from lack of interest or duty, always that there are not enough days in a year.

Early in the winter I received a request from the Rev. D. Stiles Fraser asking that prohibition petitions be sent to all Unions in New Brunswick under my charge. I cheerfully complied and offered to include Prince Edward Island, also pledging myself to send a large but unrepresented constituency. I think there was failure in many cases, the work being confounded with the petitions circulated by the churches, and the late meeting of parliament, causing many to lose their zeal or forget it altogether.

In March last, your President and Secretary waited upon the St. John members of the local parliament asking for information regarding a reformatory. A communication by their suggestion was sent to the Secretary Treasurer of St. John City, the answer did not throw much light upon the subject that has disturbed us for so long.

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Mrs. Cummings, Superintendent, Colchester County, resigned her position and sent notice to the Vice President of Nova Scotia. 5 Unions reported organized in Nova Scotia and one Y. Union at Yarmouth. Mill Village, Liverpool and Woodstock, N. B. report constant and patient practice in parliamentary usage resulting in the saving of time and better conducted meetings. My notice in the *Women's Journal* implied a resignation of this department as it was too arduous an undertaking for one with varied duties.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

I come now to the statistical part of my report, to me very unsatisfactory because so many failed to answer my questions.

PUGWASH reports a membership of 27. Have distributed 2,000 pages of leaflets. Sustain a Loan Library, open during the evening. Departments of Work, Distribution of Literature, Narcotics and conduct a Sewing School.

In answer to ninth question, does not think the time has come.

TUSKET reports a membership of 13. Leaflets distributed 1400 pages, 6 public meetings have been held, came into fellowship since last year. Departments of Work, Flower Mission, Distribution of Literature, Sailors and School Work.

They think the time has arrived for dissolution.

MILL VILLAGE reports a membership of 17. Sustain a Reading Room. Departments of Work, Evangelistic, Educational, Narcotics, Parliamentary Usage, One public meeting beside County Convention.

Do not think that it is time to dissolve.

YARMOUTH reports a membership of 125, the banner Union in the Maritime Provinces. Have a Loyal Legion of 65 members. Have distributed 15,000 leaflets and 2500 papers, 200 Union Signal distributed at the

Worlds Meeting and many subscribers secured. Sustain a Coffee Room but have transferred Reading Room to Y. M. C. A. They conduct ten Departments of Works, viz., Evangelistic, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Purity in Literature and Art, Work among Sailors, Railway Men, Juvenile Work, Jail and Prison, Legislation and Petition, and Parlor Meetings. Have held 5 public meetings.

Not ready for dissolution.

HALIFAX—South, reports a membership of 75. Loyal Legion with membership of 60. No distribution of literature. Sustained two Coffee Rooms and one Reading Room. Two Public Meetings have been held during the year. Conduct 6 Departments of Work, Flower Mission, Mothers' Meetings, Night School, Juvenile Work, Work for Young Girls, and Visiting the Poor. Give no answer to the ninth question.

TRURO reports a membership of 51. Loyal Temperance Legion a membership of 165. Have kept no account of literature distributed. Have eight Departments of Work, names not given. 8 Public Meetings have been held during the year. The subject of ninth question not discussed.

SPRINGHILL reports 25 paying members, 500 leaflets distributed. Special Work, Mothers' Meetings, Visiting the Poor and Rescue Work. Public Meetings held six. Think the help of Maritime Union still needed.

LUNENBURG reports a membership of 20, leaflets distributed 450, Departments of work, Temperance Literature, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Unfermented Wine, Work among the poor, No answer, to the last question.

WINDSOR reports a membership of 30, Distributed 100 Union Signal, 30 copies of Women's Journal, Leaflets in value \$5.00, Departments of work, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Press Work, Purity in Literature and Art, Parlor Meetings, Narcotics, Distribution of

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Literature and Evangelistic Work. Have held 4 public meetings, organizing a Y. with a membership of 22 in May of this year, honorary members 20 and doing good work. Cannot answer last question but will accept decision of Convention.

LOCKPORT reports a membership of 10, Loyal Legion with a membership of 60. Kept no record of literature distribution, Departments of work, Juvenile and Evangelist. One public meeting has been held. Answer yes to the last question.

LIVERPOOL reports a membership of 34, Temperance Literature distributed 1,000 leaflets; have both coffee and reading room conduct eight Departments of Work viz. Lumbermen, Narcotics, Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion, Flower Mission, Evangelistic, Franchise, Parliamentary Usage and Parlor Meetings, organized two Unions, Port Medway and Mill Village. Answer no to the last question.

GREAT VILLAGE reports a membership of 16, a loss of 4 since last report. During the two years since their organizations have not received a visit from anyone, feel deeply the need of such. This Union notwithstanding their isolation is doing good work, supplying waiting rooms at Londonderry Station with Temperance Literature. Have helped to sustain Public Temperance Meetings monthly, secured twenty subscribers for the JOURNAL and received the premium offered.

Departments of work, among Lumbermen, Legislation and Petition. No response to the ninth question.

STELLARTON reports a membership of 36, have distributed between 400 and 500 leaflets, have a reading room also furnished with music and games; conduct Flower Mission, Purity in Art and Literature, Sewing School for Young Girls and work among Miners. Have held two public meetings organizing Union in Westville. Have held a County Convention in which four Unions were represented. No answer to ninth question.

**DARTMOUTH** reports a membership of 48. Have held two Public Meetings. Can give no answer to last question.

**MIDDLETON** reports a membership of 14. Have a Band of Hope with 43 members. Have not taken up any other special work. Came into fellowship this year. Think it is time to dissolve.

**ANNAPOLIS** reports a membership of 25, 1,000 leaflets distributed. 4 Departments of Work, viz., Work among Sailors, Evangelistic, Press Work, and Work among Lumbermen. Two Public Meetings held during the year, organized a Union at Bear River. Do not think that it is time to dissolve.

**PICTOU** reports a membership of 47. Band of Hope a membership of 244, the banner Union in Juvenile Work. Departments, Juvenile, Jail and Prison, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Flower Mission, Petition and Legislation, Franchise; one Public Meeting held. To the last question too young to give an opinion.

**NEW GLASGOW** reports a membership of 50. Distributed 2,000 leaflets. Departments of Work, Flower Mission, Press Work, Scientific Temperance Instruction and Temperance Literature. Have held six public meetings and organized one Union name not given. Not prepared to answer the last question.

**CANSO** reports a membership of 12, honorary 7, Loyal Legion a membership of 90. Departments of Work five, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Work among Sailors, Juvenile, Flower Mission, and Narcotics. Have held six public meetings. They think the time near for dissolution.

**AMHERST** reports a membership of 70. No Loyal Legion, but Mission Sunday School of 20 members and Industrial School 30 members; 2,000 pages of literature distributed. Departments of Work, Industrial School, Work among Lumbermen, Purity in Art and Literature, Franchise and Narcotics. Five public meetings have been held. Unanimous vote against dissolution.

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PARRSBORO reports a membership of 50, 20 paying members. A Loyal Legion of 60 members. Distributed more than 1,000 leaflets. Departments of Work, Juvenile, Sailors, Lumbermen, Temperance Literature and Industrial School. Three public meetings have been held. To the last question a suggestion that we meet in Maritime every three years, provincial annually.

BRIDGEWATER. This Union was organized in December 1889 and holds weekly meetings. Has a membership of 27. Distribution of Literature is part of the work, boxes being kept in the Rail Road Station and on board the Steamer "Bridgewater." Scientific Temperance has received some attention. The Sunday School which has been conducted in a poor locality by one of the Union, has discontinued for a time owing to difficulty in getting a place in which to hold it.

The Reading Room which the Union started has been passed into the hands of the Y. M. C. A.

Last spring we moved into new quarters and have been selling ice cream in our room during the summer. In the winter the intention is to start a Coffee Room.

During the year one Mass Meeting has been held and two lectures, one of which was by Miss Phelps, have been given and one concert.

A Union without signature and that I cannot find out by Post Office stamp reports a membership 23, Loyal Legion 61, Distributed 300 leaflets, papers 70, seven Departments of Work Juvenile Evangelistic, Lumbermen, Purity in Art, Franchise, Parlor Meetings and Narcotics. Couldn't answer last question.

COW BAY, Cape Breton, reports a membership of 20, Loyal Legion 95. Distributed 100 leaflets, sustain a Reading Room, conduct two Departments of Work, Sailor and Juvenile. Have held three public meetings, organizing one Union name not given. Cannot answer last question.

ANTIGONISH reports a membership of 33, assist the Sons of Temperance in Juvenile Work, 1500 leaflets have been distributed, sustain Coffee and Reading Room. Departments, Press, Jail, Evangelistic, Parlor Meetings. Purity in Art and Literature and Scientific Temperance Instruction. Have held eight public meetings, no vote taken by the Union on last question but do not think the time has arrived to dissolve.

HANTSPORT reports a membership of 30, 5000 pages of literature distributed, Departments of Work, Sailors, Woman's Suffrage, Narcotics, Purity in Art and Literature, Public Meetings held two, think the time has arrived for dissolution.

To the question regarding separation, Nova Scotia gives six decided nays and three yeas, number of Unions sending answers to question 22 out of 35 last reported. Membership reported, Nova Scotia 879, Loyal Temperance Legion membership, 993.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

MILLTOWN reports a membership of 29. Loyal Legion a membership of 38. Very little work done in departments. Have held three public meetings. Think it is time for dissolution.

NEWCASTLE has a membership of 30. Loyal Legion a membership of 40. Have distributed 580 pages of leaflets and sent six packages to lumber camps. Departments of Work, Juvenile, Evangelistic. Have held 21 temperance and gospel meetings. In answer to last question have not considered it yet.

ST. GEORGE reports a membership of 30. Distribution of leaflets small. Their special work is Juvenile. Do not think it is time to dissolve.

RICHIBUCTO reports a membership of 11. Loyal Legion a membership of 50. Have distributed an unlimited number of leaflets. Departments of Work, Juvenile. Have held 3 public meetings in connection with Loyal Legion. No answer to last question.

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BENTON reports a membership of 36 with two honorary. Loyal Legion a membership of 46. Have distributed 3,000 pages of tracts, 100 leaflets, 150 papers, 200 Christmas letters and 40 Maritime reports. Departments of Work, Juvenile, Literature, Evangelistic, Flower Mission, Narcotics, Lumbermen, Press Work and Franchise. Held six public meetings. Think the time has arrived to separate provinces. It has been proved beneficial in Sunday School work and the President of the Union knows whereof she speaks.

CAMPBELLTON reports a membership of 30. Loyal Legion a membership of 100. No account of leaflets distributed. Sustain a Reading Room during the winter months. Departments of Work, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Juvenile and Press Work. One public meeting and several lectures under auspices of Union. Ready for separation.

FREDERICTON reports 80 paying members, Leaflets distributed 2900, 100 Union Signal, 100 Maritime reports, 3 weekly periodical and 3 monthly, sustain a Coffee Room, Departments, Evangelistic, Jail and Almshouse, Lumberman and Raftsman, Scientific Instruction, Public Meetings five. No vote taken on the ninth question. Observed 29th, the day of prayer set apart by Dominion Union. They also held a very successful World's Meeting using a part of program arranged by Miss Willard and published in Union Signal, 100 copies of that number were circulated and the World's Petition received many signatures on that evening. The Union at Fredericton Junction is doing good Juvenile work.

ST. JOHN, North, Cannot report membership, Loyal Legion a membership of 80, have distributed 900 leaflets, have part interest in Public Library, Departments of Work, Evangelistic, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Flower Mission, have held one public meeting. No answer to last question.

ST STEPHEN reports a membership of 48, Loyal Legion 200, Literature distributed freely but no record kept, Sustain a Coffee Room, Departments of Work, Juvenile, Evangelistic, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Purity in Literature and Art, Narcotics, Mothers' Meeting, Press Work, Parliamentary Usage and Lumbermen and Raftsmen. To the last answer a very decided yes.

BATHURST reports a membership of 14, Loyal Legion in connection with Sons of Temperance, have kept no account of Literature distributed, Evangelistic and visiting the sick, are not auxiliary, but do not think it is time to separate.

CHATHAM reports a membership of 45, no account of literature distributed. Sustain a Coffee Room, Departments of Work among Lumbermen, Juvenile, Press, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Parliamentary Usage, Literature, have held 4 public meetings, think the time has not arrived to dissolve.

WOODSTOCK reports a membership of 33, have distributed 3000 leaflets, Departments of Work, Evangelistic, Narcotics, Purity in Art and Literature, Franchise, Lumberman, Jail and Prison, Press, Social Purity, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Parlor Meetings and Parliamentary Usage, have held 11 Public meetings, not yet ready for separation.

SACKVILLE reports a membership of 33. Loyal Legion a membership of 42. Departments of Work, Juvenile and Press Work. Have held one public meeting, one Mothers' meeting and Teachers' Social. Think the time has not arrived for dissolution.

GIBSON reports a membership of 21. Distribution of leaflets, 100, papers 200. Departments of Work, Distributing Literature and relieving and Visiting Poor Families. 2 public meetings have been held. Not prepared to answer last question.

ST. JOHN reports a membership of 104. Public meetings five. Literature circulated 4,345 pages. Leaflets

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and papers 1,155. Departments 13, viz., Evangelistic, Jail and Prison, Press, Literature, Purity in Literature, Art & Fashion, Flower Mission, Social Purity, Kitchen, Garden, Coffee Rooms, Industrial Exchange, Narcotics, Unfermented Wine, and Fairs. To the ninth question not in favor of any change at present.

BAIE VERTE has a membership of 20. Departments of Work, Distribution of Literature, Evangelistic, Juvenile, Railway Men and Lumbermen. Not in a position to answer the last question.

MONCTON reports a membership of 56, 10 departments, viz. Scientific Temperance Instruction, Juvenile, Press, Social Purity, Flower Mission, Industrial School, Literature, Unfermented Wine, Jail visiting; 10 new members added during the year. Pages of literature distributed 4000, 100 Union Signals Held 15 public meetings.

BATHURST was organized by Mrs. Trenholm, May 22nd 1890, with a membership of ten. During the year there was an increase of 12 members. The Secretary says:

Through the untiring energy of our President, Mrs. Allan, we were enabled to place, "Charts of the Human Body," in the Grammar School and Convent at a cost of \$20.15.

Weekly meetings were held in the town and village alternately until Oct. 31st., after which they were held fortnightly at the residences of members.

Temperance Literature was placed in Railway Stations and a club of ten members formed to take The "Womans Journal." Besides the above number of members I may add the names of Rev. I. S. Allen, Rev. J. A. Thompson and Dr. Bishop as honorary members.

Number of Unions sending answers to ninth question 13 out of 33 last reported, three years and two days. Reported membership 661, Loyal Temperance Legion membership of 626.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

CHARLOTTETOWN reports a membership of 77, Loyal Legion membership of 56, 1500 leaflets distributed, Departments of Work, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Juvenile, Press, Unfermented Wine, Temperance Literature, Narcotics, Industrial Schools and Franchise, have held 6 public meetings.

Do not think it is time to dissolve.

SUMMERSIDE reports a membership of 26, Loyal Legion membership of 60, Literature distributed to the amount of \$32.00, 2 Union Signals, 11 Copies Women's Journal; Departments, Juvenile, Scientific Temperance Instruction. One public meeting has been held.

Do not think the time has arrived to dissolve.

SOURIS reports a membership of 15, Band of Hope membership of 30, sustain Reading Room and conduct work among Sailors. Held two public meetings, are not auxiliary.

Though not having a vote, yet give it as their opinion that it is not yet time to dissolve.

VERNON RIVER BRIDGE reports a membership of 14, Departments of Work, Scientific Temperance Instruction and enforcing the Scott Act. One public meeting has been held.

Not time to dissolve.

MONTAGUE reports a membership of 22. Have not taken up any special lines of work. Have held four Public Meetings are not auxiliary and do not like to give an opinion in answer to ninth question.

MURRAY HARBOUR reports a membership of 19, 4 honorary, 800 Leaflets distributed, Departments, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Unfermented Wine, Temperance Literature and Franchise. Cannot answer last question.

Membership including non auxiliary 173, Loyal Legion 173.

Membership for 3 provinces, total 1713, Loyal Temperance Legion total 1765, Leaflets distributed total 41,200, Papers 3590.

In the interest of the work your Corresponding Secretary has written 192 letters and 300 postals.

E. J. STEADMAN,  
Cor. Sec. Maritime, W. C. T. U.

#### ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND.

In presenting this the first annual report of the St. John's W. C. T. U. I do so with the conviction that the past year has been highly prosperous. Not only has our membership been constantly increasing, but the self denial, energy, earnestness and devotedness of the members have been very marked, and through means of the Union an impetus has been given to temperance work throughout the entire Island.

Our Union was organized on September 10th last with a membership of 43. Our roll has now swelled to 97.

I shall try to give a brief report of the work accomplished during the past twelve months.

The weekly meetings have been well attended, and an earnest desire manifested to promote the work, cost what it might.

The Union has sought to influence the press in favor of temperance by sending weekly for publication, contributions selected or original.

On October 8th a resolution was passed and a committee appointed to memorialize the judges, with a view to the prevention of the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicants.

On December 15th our first public meeting was held and was a success in every respect. The best hall in the city was secured for the occasion and was filled to overflowing, many having to leave for want of room. The

programme was excellent and a good impression was made upon the public, many affirming that it was the best temperance meeting they ever attended.

The Union has gathered up as many statistics as possible relating to the liquor traffic, and have thrown in their interests with that of the Blue Ribbon army, in aiding the members of that society at their weekly public meetings. About Christmas time the Union gave a tea to the very poor children of S. John's, when about 200 city arabs partook of a sumptuous repast.

Petitions were prepared and circulated throughout the island for signatures containing the following resolution which was passed at a regular meeting.

*"Whereas*, The women as mothers, as wives and as daughters are the greatest direct sufferers from the liquor traffic; *and whereas* the burden of sorrow, shame and disgrace of drunkenness falls heaviest upon the women, be it, *Therefore Resolved*, that we rise upon our dignity as daughters, as wives and as mothers and demand by petition, to the next House of Assembly in session, the right to cast out votes in local option contests."

Those petitions were numerous signed and presented to the legislature by the members of the various districts on March 18th. The Union on that day, assembled at the hall and after prayer, proceeded in processional order to the House of Assembly to be present during the presentation of the petitions.

The whole city was astir. The streets were lined with people. The horse police headed the procession. The steps and grounds of the Parliament House were thronged with people and room could not be found in the auditorium, which was reserved for the use of the ladies, to accommodate all. We hope ere long to have a bill introduced in favor of woman suffrage on the liquor question.

In January the president and secretary with two other members visited the public houses of the city and earnestly requested the proprietors to relinquish their business.

In most places they were kindly received but in others met with rebuffs which they took quietly and pressed forward knowing they were treading in the footsteps of their Master, who "when He was reviled, reviled not again."

In February a "Jumble" sale was held for the purpose of increasing the funds of the society which was very successful, the members working heartily.

In closing this report I might add that the thanks of this Union are due to the many kind W. C. T. U. workers in the Dominion and the States, who sent us words of instruction and cheer, and helped us so much in a work to which we were wholly unaccustomed. Thanks also should be given to the Rev. A. D. Morton who was the means of organizing our Union and without whose advice we could have accomplished comparatively little.

As a Union we feel we have much to thank God for, and knowing that He has aided us in the past we fearlessly press on and take courage, for has He not said, "As thy day so shall thy strength be?"

Yours in the bonds of service,

JESSIE OBMAN:

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## DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

### SOCIAL PURITY.

SUPT., MRS. TURNBULL, ST. JOHN N. B.

In comparison with its needs the work has not advanced as we could hope; but few Unions have adopted this Department. So far as known, only Fredericton Moncton and St. John. Fredericton has no local Superintendent, but has sustained the work by having the subject presented at its Annual reception to College and Normal School Students. Twenty-six new mem-

bers were added to the branch of the White Cross Society at the last social given by the Union, and Literature was distributed. Moncton, Superintendent, Mrs. O'Neal writes: Three meetings have been held in the interest of Social Purity two of which have been addressed by clergymen. The Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. is interested in the work and two large meetings, "for men only" have been held, 1200 pages of literature distributed and quite a number of names obtained of those who took the pledge at a public meeting.

In St. John the work has been principally confined since the first year to circulating literature, writing letters for private use, and for publication, and presenting the subject at Mothers' Meetings. Since the formation of a White Cross Society in our City the work has been left largely with those who are so much better able to carry it on. We have no report of its work the past year. During the winter a reception was given to the Teachers of St. John by the Union, when a paper was read by your Superintendent on "The importance of the White Cross in education. Literature has been sent to different parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Seed Sowing seems to be about all that white ribbon women can do in this department. The two greatest hindrances in the work seem to be, the *indifference* of Christians, and the *tolerance* of society in general. It is this *tolerance* that has been so dangerous for the cause of Purity. A clergyman speaking on this subject says: The forces for good to hold their own against the bad ones, heed at least, to be in earnest. The so called respectable elements in society ignore these things that make for evil which are surely somewhere, leaving their mark on the character of the generation which is to follow us with this indifference and intolerance so manifest. Is it to be wondered that White Cross Workers so often grow discouraged and feel that while others are bringing in their sheaves to lay at the Master's feet, we have "nothing but leaves?" We have tried to speak a



word "for the voiceless multitude" of our sister women. We have sought out those who are "too wicked for prayer too weak for a moan." Sought to intercede on behalf of the little children so ignorant of the knowledge that should be imparted to them by those on whom they depend for protection, children who go from under the parental roof wholly unprepared for and unwarned of the evil that is in the world. When parents shall have learned that 'ignorance is not innocence' that virtue is based upon knowledge, then, and not till then, may we hope for advance in the cause of Social Purity. "My Mother never told me" was the pitiful moan of a ruined girl. "Nobody ever warned me and now it is too late." Oh my sisters let me urge and entreat of you be more in earnest over this matter. We cannot shut our eyes to the evil that is around us. We cannot shut our ears to the cry of the children, "My mother never told me." We know that many of our sister woman "do perish through lack of knowledge." Let every White Ribbon Woman endeavor to speak the word in season, before it is forever "too late". "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me" said the Master.

"Now do I gather strength and hope anew,  
 For well I know thy patient love perceives,  
 Not what I did, but what I strove to do;  
 And though the full ripe ears are sadly few,  
 Thou wilt accept my Sheaves."

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### UNFERMENTED WINE FOR COMMUNION.

SUPT., MISS ARCHIBALD, TRURO.

It is with feelings of heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God, that we are able to rejoice in the large increase of sentiment, all over the world, as well as in our own Dominion, and Maritime Provinces especially, in respect

to the use of unfermented wine for Communion. Pastors and members of churches are being exercised, as never before, in regard to their duty upon this subject. What has caused this change of sentiment along this line of temperance work? Principally, the faithful working of the members of the various W. C. T. Unions all over our land. We feel grateful to the giver of all good for His blessing upon the efforts put forth, by the different Unions, this past year, and feel assured that it won't be long ere all our pastors and church members "will see eye to eye" with us. Then will the Lord's Table be no longer a temptation to His weak followers, but a refuge to the tempted and tried ones who come to Him "weary and heavy laden."

In February of this year, I wrote to all Unions, from which I received no response to my letter of year before, and to all new ones formed during last year, in Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick; also Prince Edward Island. With very few exceptions, they report all Protestant Churches, except Episcopal, now using unfermented wine. We find the city churches the hardest to reach, but "all things are possible to them that believe." In Halifax, N. S., and in Fredericton, N. B., one Presbyterian Church has adopted its use this year, much to the joy of Union workers. Also, in Great Village and Folly Village, Colchester County, N. S., the Presbyterian Churches have this year adopted the unfermented wine through the efforts of the W. C. T. U. in that locality.

In Charlottetown, P. E. I., one Presbyterian Church is agitating the question, and we trust will decide for the right. In Truro, N. S., one Presbyterian Church took strong ground in favor of unfermented wine, and after the vote was taken, resulting in a majority for its adoption, the decision was over-ruled and a compromise made; thus remaining within the camp of the enemy. Still, we thank God and take courage. "Therefore,

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beloved, let us be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

"Come, labor on:  
No time for rest till glows the western sky,  
While the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
Servants, well done!"

"Come, labor on:  
The toil is pleasant, the reward is sure,  
Blessed are those who to the end endure,  
How full their joy, how deep their rest shall be,  
O Lord, with Thee!"

I would strongly recommend all Unions to supply themselves with all literature available upon this most important subject, viz.: "The Jewish Passover," published by Toronto Williard Tract Depository, Toronto, Ont. at \$1.25 per 100. Union Leaflets No. 3 Bible Wine. Union Leaflets No. 17 The Lord's Table. Union Leaflets No. 106 Alcoholic Wine on the Lord's Table, by an Episcopalian Vicar of Greenwich, England, telling how he was led to adopt the use of unfermented wine. This leaflet would do good work if sent to the pastors of Episcopal Churches.

The Union Leaflets are published by the National Temperance Society and Publication House, 58 Reade Street, New York City, N. Y. 2000 pages for \$1.00 and postage 10 cents. The Jewish Passover at 15 cents per 100, which your Superintendent will furnish at that price, postage paid. I would also recommend the use of the letter prepared by the Provincial Superintendent for Ontario, which you will find at Convention for distribution, and if more are needed, can be obtained from Mrs. Anna Rodgers, of Crawford, Ont., at 40 cents per 100.

**FRANCHISE.**

SUPT., MRS. CHITTICK, HANTSPORT, N. S.

I regret exceedingly that circumstances render it impracticable for me to give my report in person and present the claims of this Department for your consideration.

Any new course entered is generally attended with problem which can only be solved as we advance, and when first I tried to formulate a plan of work it seemed to me I should never get hold of the situation so as to ensure successful issues.

After carefully viewing the field I found that ignorance, prejudice, indifference as well as intelligent enquiry, had to be dealt with. My perplexity in deciding what first to do was relieved by receiving the petitions from our Dominion Superintendent. These I mailed to every Union in the Maritime Provinces with Mrs. Parker's circular and one of my own.

Later I sent out a second circular calling for local superintendents. Quite a number of Unions noticed the call and ten only were interested enough to comply with the request. Some Unions ignore the question altogether, and others express a willingness to do something, but think the time has not yet come to act. Nearly all express themselves as needing to be educated up to the idea of political equality.

There are, however, many encouraging features in the year's work, and I can confidently say that progress has been made, although not as much as is desirable or needful.

Inquiry has been instituted in many directions; not only our members but others are showing an interest and desire for investigation. The agitation is more general than is supposed and interest is becoming more and more apparent.

The actual work accomplished is sending out petitions and circulars, writing thirty-seven letters and fifteen postals, distributing nearly four thousand pages of literature and writing four newspaper articles, one of which has been brought out in leaflet form. Other work has been planned but for want of time I have not been able to execute it. Very soon I shall address all ministers in our Maritime Provinces by circular and a package of literature.

The petition work as reported, is not very encouraging, and I sincerely hope an influence from this Convention will go out with each delegate, strong enough to move the local Unions to action in circulating the petition, so as to be ready for Parliament when it again meets.

So far Prince Edward Island leads in getting signatures to the petition, and is far in advance of either Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. Murray River has sent in 499 names.

Charlottetown through Mrs. Matheson, reports successful work. Montague, 274 names, Vernon River Bridge, 54.

Annapolis County, N. S., under Mrs. Elliot will do good work. Already she has secured quite a number of signatures, and writes that if she had the time she could get 75 per cent of the whole county.

Moncton has sent in 94 names. St. Stephen, Halifax, Pictou, Pugwash, Parrsboro and Yarmouth have circulated it in the Unions. If I remember correctly Westmorland County reports from Port Elgin as having secured quite a number of names. What has been done is only a fraction of what needs to be done before Parliament assembles for its next session.

Dear Sisters, time and money has been spent in bringing the work thus far. All that has been done must count for naught if the local Unions fail to put forth an energetic effort and carry it to a successful termination.

Will you not seriously consider this line of work, and endeavour to lay hold of the fact, that the enfranchisement of Canadian women means a greater advance in this reform movement than can possibly be secured by any other means.

The difficulties are often more imaginary than real. Those who have earnestly and from thoughtful conviction undertaken work in this Department, write that as a rule, they are courteously and oftentimes warmly received. Many leading men express themselves in sympathy with the movement, and while there are some who, honestly and sincerely oppose the principle of Woman Suffrage there are few who cannot be silenced and set to thinking by having the truth presented in a sincere and friendly manner.

I strongly recommend those Unions who have not done so, to make a small appropriation for literature. I will supply it at the lowest cost possible. In circulating the petitions, it would be well to leave leaflets with those who need them.

We very much need a public speaker to go before our people on the subject. I thought to write an address for the public platform but neither time nor health has yet been granted me for it.

I think an effort should be made to secure Lady Henry Somerset, to speak on this subject for our conservative towns, should she be accessible when she visits Boston this autumn. Her social position will attract a class which can never be reached but by high social rank or artistic skill, and I hear she has both.

I have expended in cash \$12.67. Items will be furnished to the executive.

Hoping that an angel from heaven will be sent to set the current of this Convention, and that all obstruction to true progress will be swept away by speaking the truth in love, and a willing consecration of service to the Lord.

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## RAILWAY MEN.

SUPT. MRS. VICKERY, YARMOUTH, N. S.

The Wall Pocket in the Station of Western Counties Railway is kept supplied. Not less than one hundred thousand pages of tracts and leaflets with as many papers have been distributed during the year. There has been collected in the box for Voluntary Contribution nearly \$3.00.

Where my unworthy feet have failed to find their way, I have breathed a prayer into the ear of the Great I Am and He alone knows what answers of peace have been mine to treasure and to keep until the sheaves shall all be gathered Home by the Great Garner of souls.

## PRESS.

SUPT., MISS BROWN, CHATHAM.

Reports in this department are very encouraging, and testify to a general appreciation of the importance of the work. While there has been an unaccountable failure on the part of some Unions to report, there is no reason to infer a neglect to perform. Some Superintendents make an admission of conscious guilt in their unsolicited report of irregularity in contributing to their local columns. This is probably the most general and the most serious mistake made in the department.

About 24 columns of temperance matter are reported as published weekly in as many different newspapers. The actual number must be at least 30, only 15 less than

the number of columns of reading matter in the "Union Signal." As the number of subscribers to the Maritime papers publishing W. C. T. U. columns is probably three times as great as the number of "Signal" subscribers, it can hardly be exaggeration to say that the amount of press work done by the Unions of the Maritime Provinces is equal to the publication of the "Signal" with its 20 pages and 100,000 subscribers. There is still space to be occupied, and with increased diligence much more can be accomplished. The actual results of the work done in this department cannot, of course, be gauged; but we know that here as in all other parts of our Father's Mission Field, the Eternal promise holds: "He that goeth forth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his Sheaves with him."

### COFFEE ROOMS.

SUPT., MRS. RAYMOND, YARMOUTH, N. S.

I have sent twenty cards to different Unions inquiring if they had a Coffee Room, and if so, upon what system they worked, and with what success.

ST. STEPHEN was the first to respond. They reported their Coffee Room in a flourishing condition, having a balance of \$170.00 after paying all expenses. Temperance papers and leaflets were always kept in the room for reading and distribution. The country people expressed great satisfaction that there was such a clean and nice place to which they could go to get a dinner or lunch.

ST. JOHN reports two Coffee Rooms well patronized and at present paying expenses. They have now an established reputation for doing good. Many citizens

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and country men avail themselves of the privilege of getting a lunch where no intoxicants are sold.

The HALIFAX report is very cheering and it must prove encouraging and satisfactory to all who believe the Coffee Room is a part of our grand work, and a source from which much good may emanate.

The Report shows that not only has a first class Coffee Room been run in the Union Building, but that a Branch Room has been started in another quarter of the city. Both of these Rooms are supplying daily hot dinners and lunches to its patrons, of whom they have a large number. They show a good financial standing having netted a profit of \$95.13 for year 1890. But it is not in this that it has done its best work. They have supplied a number of needy families with food, sheltered homeless girls, and found suitable situations for women who desired employment. Forty-two women were boarded at the Rooms during the year. Some paid, others were unable to do so. The women came from England, Newfoundland, different parts of our Provinces and from the City Hospital after illness, not having gathered sufficient strength to work.

The Coffee Room also supplied Tea, Coffee, etc., to Bands of Hope, Mothers' Meetings, Boys' classes and social evenings for women. Thus, it will be seen their work has been to a large extent one of charity, and in doing this they have been fulfilling the laws of Christ by bearing one another's burdens. Their example is worthy of imitation by all Unions having Coffee Rooms.

ANTAGONISH writes: "Coffee Room opened last February, since that time it has more than paid expenses. There are several restuarants here, yet the room is patronized by Catholics as well as Protestants. We have used the Room as our parlour on several occasions when invitations were issued to young men and a pleasant "at home" was held. A programme was given, pledge cards passed and lunch served. Substantial and dainty dishes have been sent to the poor and sick.

LIVERPOOL had a Coffee Room open during the winter but closed in the spring as it did not prove the success financially and otherwise that was anticipated.

BRIDGEWATER reports Coffee Room open evenings only in winter. Beans and Brown Bread served Saturday evenings. Light lunch served with Coffee every other evening. In the summer months Ice Cream takes the place of Coffee two evenings of the week.

CANSO writes: No Coffee Room but expect to start one next season.

We have to offer rather a discouraging report from Yarmouth, not because of want of effort but because of adverse circumstances. We opened a Room on Water Street some two years ago which was run very satisfactorily both financially and from a moral standpoint. Temperance literature and pledges were circulated and a meeting held every Sunday afternoon. The building being near the wharves we daily came into contact with a large number of sailors on whom we endeavored to exert an influence for good. One case is worthy of special notice. A young Swede sailor being attracted by the singing one Sunday afternoon came into our meeting and there was led to give his heart to Christ. He afterwards joined a Church in Carleton, N. B. Whenever he reaches port he makes it one of his first duties to write to us telling us how he is getting along in his Christian experience. Last winter we had a letter from his mother in Sweden expressing gratitude for the interest we had taken in her boy, and thanking God, in whom she had a firm trust, that her boy had been brought to the Saviour. Who will say that our work has been in vain?

Owing to a change in the time table of the boats and railways, and a large new restaurant being started on the wharves we have been obliged to close this Room, as our financial support came principally from the passengers of these different lines, as they went from boat to train or *visa versa*.

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A new Room has been opened on Main Street which we trust will be appreciated and patronized by the public.

I understand that there are some few other Unions that have, or have had Coffee Rooms, but not having heard from them in response to my card, I am unable to incorporate them in this Report.

### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

SUPT. MRS. DUNLAP, AMHERST, N. S.

There is one idea I have in this work. There are people who do all their work with an eye to their own particular church, and there are others who think of nothing but saving the child for God. Now, to make this work a blessing and make it prosperous, we must all work with the one motive, leaving all selfishness out of the question, and have the single eye "for God's glory."

There are eight Industrial Schools now in working order in the Maritime, four of these were organized last year, and did good work. It was certainly very gratifying to me to read the reports from the local Superintendents of this Department, God will bless them in their work if they faint not by the way.

Springhill, was the first to open up work in this line last year, and they have had much satisfaction in seeing the children willing and apt.

Charlottetown was the next and the efficient Supt. of Department gave a good report of work done.

Billtown was the next place heard from in the line of inquiring about the management of such a school, and they organized and did good work with satisfactory results.

Liverpool, N. S., organized about the time of our Annual Convention. Parrsboro, Amherst, Moncton and St. John are the remaining four. I cannot give the

number of children attending these schools, but I think an average of twenty-five is not out of the way. The work done in these schools is all about the same; sewing, darning, knitting, with lessons in temperance and morality.

### SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

SUPT., MRS. PHILLIPS, FREDERICTON.

WOODSTOCK—Mrs. Jordan attended teachers' Convention, and urged the importance of taking temperance into the schools. Most of the teachers assured her of their interest. A member of that Union purchased a set of Pathfinders for the use of her children at home. A good precedent.

MONCTON—Mrs. Snow wrote for definite information concerning the provision made by law for temperance teaching, power of trustees, obligations of teachers, etc.

ST. JOHN—Mrs. McFarlane read a paper on this subject at reception the Union gave the teachers of the city, the most of whom are teaching temperance. Leaflets also were distributed.

ST. JOHN, North End—Mrs. Wilson finds the interest of the teachers in the work still continues, and two of the principals have expressed a wish that the Pathfinders might be prescribed for use.

FREDERICTON—Mrs. Johnston has visited the schools, found teachers interested, like the Pathfinders very much, consider Dr. Palmer's book too difficult. She gave each teacher a copy of World's number of Union Signal.

CHATHAM—Mrs. Salter is grieved to find many boys who will never enter grade IV addicted to the habit of drinking and smoking, thinks the parents generally desire a temperance education for their children. Mrs. Salter has succeeded in supplying a number of teachers outside of as well as in Chatham with Pathfinders.

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ST. STEPHEN—Mrs. Chipman writes that all the teachers are in sympathy with the movement and some of them are giving weekly lessons from the Pathfinders, but as a whole the progress of the work is rather slow.

CAMPBELTON—Miss Duncan asks for best leaflets to educate parents on this subject.

BAIE VERTE has had five books.

DARTMOUTH—The school commissioners purchased eighteen Pathfinders for their schools.

HALIFAX—A teacher, Miss Brims, purchased one book.

PICTOU—Miss Logan wrote for information.

YARMOUTH got set of Pathfinders, sent for four extra copies of petition to circulate in adjacent communities.

BRIDGEWATER—Mrs. Corey has asked for instructions. Mrs. Brownrigg ordered an extra copy of petition.

WINDSOR—Mrs. Smith has had petition and circular published in local papers, distributed over 100 copies of special temperance teaching number of Union Signal, presented No. 3 Pathfinder to Principal of County Academy. Teachers all using these books and doing grand work.

PARRSBORO—Mrs. McLeod says public sentiment is strongly in favour of Scientific Temperance Instruction in the schools. Regular temperance lessons are given in most of them, two different text-books being used.

STELLARTON, has had seven Pathfinders, they are used in all their schools.

MILL VILLAGE—Miss Steadman says they commenced this study in the Union thinking they needed temperance teaching as much as the children. Began with catechism on alcohol and tobacco. The Pathfinders will follow. Their Union sent a copy to Editor of Messenger and Visitor. Miss Steadman has had nine books a part of which have gone into Port Medway Schools. She tries to interest all teachers whom she meets.

SPRINGHILL—Miss Hunter got six Pathfinders.  
 BEAR RIVER very recently organized asks for information.

COW BAY—Mrs. Archibald has secured the publishing of memorial and circular in several papers, but won the co-operation of Principal and teachers of Sydney Academy, also of a number of clergymen, and gives substantial aid in many ways.

Miss Bennet a teacher of Windsor has a good thought that principals of schools be requested to put a few questions on temperance in grading examination papers.

SUMMERSIDE—Mrs. McLeod presented the subject of Scientific Temperance at a public meeting of the Union, also at Anniversary of Temperance League. A member of the legislature present at that meeting said the school was the place to begin temperance teaching. The teachers of one school purchased the Pathfinders, and the Union presented them to those of the other two schools. Oral lessons are given weekly in all the schools. Mrs. McLeod discusses this subject with all teachers she meets.

CHARLOTTETOWN has had a set of books.  
 These are the only Unions from which I have heard during the year.

No change has been made in the Scientific Temperance Instruction laws of New Brunswick since my last report. I regret that hitherto it has been impossible for me to communicate with Dr. Inch the recently appointed Chief Superintendent, but I am sanguine that another year will find substantial progress made in this department in New Brunswick.

A communication to Chief Superintendent Nicholson of Prince Edward Island elicited the response that it was in contemplation to make Scientific Temperance teaching compulsory in the schools of the Island.

As soon as possible after it was decided to memorialize the Council of Public Instruction of Nova Scotia a copy of petition and circular were sent to each Union in that

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province. It was exceedingly gratifying to note the interest and, in some cases, the positive eagerness with which the petitions were received and circulated, a few Unions and individuals sending for from one to four extra copies that the work of securing signatures might be more thoroughly and expeditiously accomplished. Owing to the recent formation of several Unions and the difficulty others found in completing the work in the specified time, and being anxious to afford every facility for a *thorough canvas*, I have extended the time for calling the petitions in. Consequently my report of this effort is incomplete. Up to date only 18 have been received. 6 feet 9 inches is the length of signatures secured by *one* of the *five* Unions in Cape Breton. 2122 is the number of signers thus far. Among these are found the names of 20 physicians, 24 clergymen, 30 teachers a number of town councillors, school commissioners, officers of Sons of Temperance, also of Y. M. C. A., M. P.'s and M. P. P.'s, etc. The memorial was published by many of the Nova Scotia papers and in some cases was accompanied by helpful words from the editor. It was endorsed by the Baptist Convention of Maritime Provinces which met in Moncton last month, and we hope other demoninations will do likewise.

The outlook in this department for all these provinces in very encouraging, a marked feature is the great interest manifested by some teachers, also a part of the local superintendents. The earnestness and zeal with which some have taken hold of the work has puzzled me. Neither my feeble efforts, nor our united work accounts for this. Prayer is the only explanation. Sisters *you*—we must have borne this department on our hearts in prayer and He who is faithful is answering. Let us be encouraged to greater effort, and more believing prayer.

I earnestly thank those who have been so helpful in this work.

Your Superintendent has written 71 letters, 84 postals, distributed 200 leaflets, imported and sent out 102 copies of Pathfinders, distributed 80 copies of petition and 50 of circular to Unions, other temperance societies, ministers and editors in Nova Scotia. Sent Pathfinders and a quantity of literature to late Chief Superintendent of Nova Scotia, and books to Chief Superintendent of Prince Edward Island, presented the subject at Students Social in Fredericton, and furnished a paper for public meeting of Windsor Union.

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### LEGISLATION AND PETITION.

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SUPT., MRS. T. B. SMITH, WINDSOR.

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The petition to Dominion government for a prohibitory liquor law was circulated by the Unions of the M. W. C. T. U. and forwarded with the petitions from the churches, thus aiding and strengthening those engaged in this arduous work.

The petitions for Woman Suffrage are now in the hands of the women of Canada and it is hoped they may be so industriously circulated and largely signed that nevermore it may be truly said of us, women do not want the ballot because they have not asked for it.

The World's petition has been well circulated by some Unions and in some localities. Since last report 1913 signatures have been received, making 12,913 since your Superintendent undertook the work. Will those Unions who still have petitions hasten the work and return to Superintendent? And any Unions who have been unable hitherto to take up this work try to do so at an early date, that we may do our part in this grand effort for the emancipation of the world from the slavery of alcohol and opium.

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## PARLOR MEETINGS.

SUPT., MRS. ARCHIBALD, COW BAY, C. B.

In presenting another Annual Report of the Department of Parlor Meetings to the M. W. C. T. U. there is much of a cheering and encouraging nature. No less than 12 Unions have local Superintendents, while a large proportion have held socials or Parlor Meetings either regularly or occasionally throughout the year.

No doubt there is yet much ground to be covered; still, to one whose special work it is to endeavor to form a strong temperance sentiment in social circles, and to bring in *just there* a better order of things, the signs of the times point to the dawn of a better and happier day, when refined and polite society shall have realized the "true inwardness" of the habit of so-called polite (?) wine drinking.

St. John has held two notable parlor meetings the one addressed by Mrs. Ormiston Chant, the other by our beloved President, Mrs. Turnbull, at the house of the local Superintendent, Mrs. Crookshank. A large number of leading society ladies were present at these; great interest was aroused and some new additions made to the membership. The example shown by Lieutenant Governor and Lady Tilley at their social gatherings, dinners, and official entertainments proves conclusively that an elegant and refined hospitality does not necessarily pre-suppose the presence of stimulants on the refreshment table. Would that others holding like them positions of honor and eminence might take pattern by the Chief Magistrate of New Brunswick in this respect!

Windsor has continued to do a good work among the young people in the town by giving "At Homes" in the town hall which may be regarded as the Parlor Meetings of the W. C. T. U. The Superintendent, Miss Ellie Smith writes enthusiastically of the good influence exercised by these social gatherings.

During the year, in response to appeal sent out by your Superintendent, Yarmouth, Liverpool, Annapolis and Petitediac have appointed local superintendents of this department of work.

Soon after the Maritime Convention in September last year, Parlor Meetings were held by your superintendent in Halifax, New Glasgow, Antigonish, North Sydney and Cow Bay, and the Unions so visited have reported cheering results having followed, in the addition of new members, and increased interest in the work.

At Antigonish, where your Superintendent went by invitation of Mrs. H. B. Brough, no W. C. T. U. was then in existence, and it has been a source of deep thankfulness to realize that shortly after, the ladies of that town organized a Union which for zeal and enthusiasm as well as for its successful and practical work takes a first rank among the W. C. T. Unions of Nova Scotia. During the winter your Superintendent held several Mothers' Meetings at her own home, and last June, two parlor meetings, in Cow Bay and North Sydney were addressed by the beloved World's President, Francis E. Willard. At both of these a deep interest was awakened among ladies who hitherto had taken but little interest in the work of white ribboners and as one result a new Union was formed at Sydney Mines of which several of these ladies became officers and members.

It is to be regretted that owing to severe indisposition during the months of July and Aug. your supt. did not send out the usual questions to Maritime Unions and therefore has no very recent items to present. But from letters received we are assured that the work is going forward. Your Superintendent has endeavored to keep in touch with each one of the 72 Maritime Unions sending circulars to all commending to them the holding of informal temperance gatherings in their own homes, as a means of gathering in those who are yet outside the circle of the white ribbon.

All reforms work slowly, especially among the more conservative classes of society. But the tide of public opinions has surely turned in favor of banishing intoxicants from social gatherings. One proof of this is in the custom which became quite popular last winter in New York city of tying to the corner of the invitation card a tiny knot of blue ribbon thus denoting that no wines would be offered to the guests.

A still more encouraging 'sign of the times' is the remark of the Editor of a leading fashion paper in Canada who says "It is very unusual for a bride to offer her guests wine; tea, coffee or chocolate are the regulation refreshments." Surely this shows a great advance in temperance sentiment, ten years ago this could not have been said. The example of those holding high and honorable positions in society cannot fail to be followed and we rejoice that to the increasing ranks of total abstainers belong such "honorable women" as Lady Henry Somerset, leader of the British Woman's Temperance Association, her sister the Duchess of Bedford, Lady Aberdeen, Lord and Lady Kinaird, Hon. Mrs. Cyril Flower, and a host of other celebrated personages in England; our own Lady MacDonald with many other leading women in Canada, and Mrs. John Wanamaker, Mrs. Secretary Windom, Frances Folson Cleveland, wife of the Ex-President and many more in the United States, and we rejoice the more at this hopeful, reasonable fashion set by them because that fashion is no passing caprice but one founded on the dictates of reason and principle and having for its basis that love "which worketh no ill to his neighbor."

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### FLOWER MISSION.

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SUPT., MRS. BROWNRIGG, BRIDGEWATER.

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There were six organized Missions when this department was passed over to me one year ago.

Fifteen have been added making twenty-one. Eight of these are in connection with "Y's".

Some Unions are enquiring and thinking of taking up the work while others are carrying on the work without Superintendents. In the latter case it is difficult to estimate accurately what has been done, as without a Superintendent work is not likely to be properly reported.

The number of bouquets sent is about 550, the number of text cards 690.

These have been distributed in various institutions as jails, hospitals, poor houses, etc., while one Union mentions a police court and another an o'd ladies home. In all cases the flowers are gratefully received, and appreciation of the texts is shown in many different ways. It is always gratifying to hear of the texts being preserved after the flowers have withered. They are sometimes seen pinned to the wall, and at others hanging upon the bed, while some sailors in hospital once wore them tied upon their coats.

Only one Union reports any pledges obtained through the Flower Mission. This matter should, we think, receive more attention. The flowers are aptly called by Miss Cassidy "the thin edge of the wedge," and they should be so used, and should always lead to the work of teaching and helping. Instances prove that they often help to win friends for our cause, and members for our Unions. Thus the benefits are two fold.

Many Unions in other parts of the Dominion are distributing seed and slips to the children and having them cultivate flowers for the benefit of this work, while slips and plants given away among the poor have been helpful.

This work can be carried on the year round and I think the "winter work" is almost more highly appreciated than that of summer, for we all know how highly we prize the flowers when there are none out of doors. I hope we shall all learn to be unselfish enough to be quite

willing to part with our winter blossoms for this purpose. When it is impossible to obtain flowers, jellies, fruit, or other delicacies, are sent, accompanied by the text card, one Union has jelly-glasses which are kept filled by friends for this purpose. At Easter this same Union delighted the inmates of the Almshouse with eggs, accompanying the bouquets.

Some Unions in small places feel that because they have no public institutions to attend to, this work need not be attempted by them, but this is an error I would like to see corrected.

"As we have opportunity" is the only rule, and all that is expected of us, and the occasional single cases need attention as well as the hospital.

After the first distribution of bouquets in one hospital there came an appeal for literature and thus another channel of work was opened up. It will be seen that a good motto for the Flower Missionary to take is this "Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can."

The new text cards printed in Toronto are much liked and can be obtained at the Ontario Literature Department.

Thinking of the number of these texts that are distributed in the year we always like to bear in mind the assurance,

"My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

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### LUMBERMEN AND RAFTSMEN.

SUPT. MRS. RANDOLPH, FREDERICTON, N. B.

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It is with feelings of deep gratitude to God that I write this my second report of work for raftsmen and lumbermen, because He has blessed our very imperfect efforts in

this direction far beyond my most sanguine expectations. I could give several instances of this, but one will suffice. An appeal that I had printed in one column of the *Religious Intelligencer* asking for help for the lumbermen was read by an earnest woman at Fredericton Junction. She came to see me to know if there could not be a Union formed there as she wanted to help in this work and as a result a Union was formed in November last. Then I could tell you of an incident told me by a lady last winter whose husband had occasion to spend a Sunday at a farm house in a sparsely settled district, and there he found a nice supply of good reading matter, where in former visits he had never seen anything to read. On enquiry he learned that the men of the family had brought home the reading matter from the adjacent camps where they worked during the week, and there our literature was doing double duty. And so dear sisters we may never know how far-reaching the influences from this work may be nor in what out of the way places, some fruit may be gathered for the world's great harvest, as a result of our seed sowing.

In Nova Scotia ten Unions responded to my request for Local Superintendents, viz., Parrsboro, Annapolis, Truro, Milton, Bridgewater, Liverpool, Canning, Lockport, Great Village and Halifax. Of these only five have reported any work accomplished, viz., Parrsboro, Annapolis, Truro, Bridgewater and Great Village. Of the other five, Liverpool and Canning report they were unable to attend to the work, through sickness and other causes and Halifax, Lockport and Milton, have not reported.

PARRSBORO, supplied 3 camps weekly with good literature for three months. They made bags for the camps, each containing a Testament, hymn book, thread and needles and other useful articles, including a written letter. They also made 12 scrap books and sent 20 Christmas letters.

ANNAPOLIS reports sending religious newspapers and pamphlets, mostly Temperance, and a number of Sunday school books, which were scattered among the lumbermen

of the county and very gratefully received. This Superintendent says this little experience has taught her there is a great work to be done among the lumbermen of her Province.

TRURO Superintendent sent a package of literature to 20 camps, twice during the winter, each package containing some temperance and religious literature, and some leaflets on the tobacco question.

BRIDGEWATER reports 9 camps were supplied with temperance, religious and secular literature throughout the winter, also 8 Bibles and 62 Christmas letters were sent, and every package was sent out with prayer for the divine blessing.

GREAT VILLAGE reports, we have supplied 4 camps with good reading matter weekly. We have sent out 400 papers and magazines and 280 pages of temperance literature. The camps contained 80 men and we learned that they were much pleased with the reading matter sent. This Superintendent says the knowledge gained will, we believe enable us to do more and better work next season. This Superintendent has my hearty thanks for voluntarily reporting to me her winter's work. She was the only one who did so.

The lumber camps are usually broken up by the first of April, if not before, so that the season's work could be reported to me at once, thus saving the time and trouble it takes to ask each Superintendent. When we consider that last year not one Union in Nova Scotia had taken up this Department of work, it is very encouraging to note that five have been actively engaged in it for the past year, and may we not hope for a larger increase this year. We find that 36 camps in Nova Scotia have been regularly supplied with good reading matter as a partial result of this work. I say partial for some one or two Unions have not reported in that definite way. I wrote to every Union in Nova Scotia last year about the very great help they might have from the British American Book & Tract Society of Halifax, if they would take the

trouble to ascertain something about the locality and needs of the lumbermen and inform the Secretary, for he told me the Society was prepared to do as much for Nova Scotia as they had done for our lumbermen in New Brunswick but they had no facts to work upon. I have not learned that any of my local Superintendents acted on this suggestion, but it seems to me there is no way they could do as much good for this class of men, as in making their needs known to this society, who gave New Brunswick, in one year a grant of something over \$200 worth of literature, and sent a colporteur to distribute it without any expense to us.

In New Brunswick, 14 Unions have taken up this Department, viz, Woodstock, Chatham, Milltown, St. Stephen, St. George, St. John, Fairville, Petitcodiac, Port Elgin, Hartland, St. John, (North End), Benton, Glassville and Fredericton. Three have dropped out of the work, viz., Gibson, Campbelltown and Carleton (St. John), and Baie Verte has not reported. This shows an increase of five Unions that are working in this Department, over last year.

ST. JOHN, (North End), though they did not appoint a Superintendent did good work in sending out 11 packages of papers and magazines and several scrap books were made by one of their members, a young woman, who had been deprived of one arm. St. John reported the packages of papers sent to Fairville Superintendent to be forwarded to the camps by her.

ST. GEORGE Union distributed about 100 newspapers, and some magazines and books, also a number of religious tracts some on temperance and social purity. The Union here is small and the workers few.

CHATHAM reports, Superintendent sent large packages of literature consisting of papers, leaflets, tracts, books, Bibles and Testaments to five camps, also some scrap books and a Christmas letter to the foreman and men of each camp, containing Christmas greetings and good advice.



ST. STEPHEN sent fourteen parcels containing some 200 papers, magazines etc. Supt. was ill for part of the winter and could not do any more.

MILLTOWN Supt. supplied 50 camps with papers and magazines, for four months, also scrap books made by the sisters of the Union, and heard from all the camps the same hearty welcome.

PETITCODIAC sent 53 parcels of literature to 53 camps.

PORT ELGIN distributed papers every week.

GLASSVILLE also distributed papers to different camps.

WOODSTOCK sent out 100 packages of papers and about fifty leaflets, and fifty sermons, have heard from one camp how very glad they were to receive the papers, and one camp speaks for all the rest.

HARTLAND sent 20 packages of papers and tracts to four camps, and from reports received, they were very welcome.

FAIRVILLE supplied two camps with literature at intervals through the winter.

BENTON reports 720 pages of tracts, 150 Temperance and Christian papers and 50 small Anti-Infidel books sent out also 200 christmas letters. Three scrap books have been made and are in readiness for this winter's work.

FREDERICTON sent about forty packages of literature to the camps, besides 400 christmas letters. This Supt., regrets that household cares prevent her from doing the work she would like to do for the lumbermen, and also for the raftsmen at the boom-houses, who could be reached all through the summer. A sister in Fredericton Union kindly volunteered to forward to one house all the literature that was sent her, and has been working all summer in this way. Two scrap books were sent to the camps and two more are in readiness for next winter's work. The Supt. adds, "I have done what I could and each package has gone with a prayer that some good seed might be sown, that would bring forth fruit to His glory"

Fredericton's "Y." also supplied one camp by sending a package of literature weekly, they also sent two scrap-books and 75 Christmas letters. They received a letter from one young man who expressed in a very earnest manner the great benefit he and his companions had received from the good reading matter that had been sent them, including the Christmas letters. You may remember that in last year's report, I spoke of a Christmas letter that one of our talented workers had promised to write for me. This was done and I had the letter printed and 1600 were sent out, in most cases addressed to each man in the camps. We find in summing up, the number of camps supplied in N. B. was 114, but this does not include all, for many Superintendents have not made their reports in that way.

The hope that I cherished last year of sending some minister of the Gospel to visit the camps and hold religious services and act as Colporteur also was partly realized, and about the middle of December a young man was sent with a large supply of literature from the B. A. Book and Tract Society. He carried with him a book containing the total abstinence pledge, and obtained 87 signatures to it. He held religious, and temperance meetings, at which he took collections for the benefit of the W. C. T. U. of Fredericton, under whose auspices he was sent, though that was purely optional with the men, but in this way \$66.90 was raised which met all the expenses except the small sum of \$8.20 which was cheerfully met by the Fredericton Union. And now dear sisters in conclusion let me ask you to pray for a blessing on this work. Ask your Union to have a day of special prayer for the lumbermen, and let each package sent, go forth with prayer, for God can make use of it, for His own honour and glory.

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## SAILORS.

SUPT., MRS. TRENHOLM, HANTSPORT.

I am very glad and thankful to be able to report that there are now in the Maritime Provinces few seaport Unions that are not doing something, in some way for Sailors or Fishermen, while a few are doing such work as gladdens my heart to hear of.

Canso reports the distribution of hundreds of tracts, Monthly Magazines, Montreal and New York Witnesses, Canadian and New York Voices, Daily Papers, Illustrated Papers, etc. Also public Temperance Meetings for Sailors and invitations to religious services in churches "which have been largely attended." The Superintendent says "Our Reading Room and Rest is in course of erection, *but we need more funds.*"

From a friend who has visited Canso this summer, whose home it was formerly, I get the following: "I notice no change in Canso equal to that in the sailors who come to her shores. In the past they filled the streets of a Sunday, now they fill the churches." She tells me of going with her mother to church the evening before she came away, to find their pew full of sailors, inwardly rejoicing they sought another and were not more than seated when it too was filled, and she remarks "I never saw the like before."

In a most lovely, little letter from Souris P. E. I. I am told of a Rest open every evening. Of the interesting meetings held there. That they subscribe for the Illustrated London News and Harpers Weekly, and that many other periodicals are given by members of the Union; and then she adds, "I believe good work is being done. Sailors are certainly kept from the drinking places. I wonder much that something was not thought of in their behalf before.

From Cape Breton I have not succeeded in getting a late report, but I know dear Mrs. Archibald is using her energy and her talents without sparing in the effort to have Rests established, and I also know that she will succeed. From there as from many other-ports, I have reports of vessels visited, literature distributed, talks with the men and pledges presented, also many are contemplating building Rests.

In Hantsport we are at a stand still for want of a site, all suitable places being either beyond our means, or not for sale. I would mention here a result of our work which has come to our knowledge in an unusual way. A letter is published in the "Hants Journal" dated from New York, The writer who signs himself "A Sailor" says he has lately met in New York a brother sailor and being struck by the very great change, for the better, in him inquires the meaning of it, as an explanation is told of a certain Bible in his bag given to him in Hantsport Rest, of advice and help given along with it, and that he has been trying to lead a different life ever since. The writer closes by calling on God for blessings on the W. C. T. U.

And still I think the greatest progress has been, not in the work done, but in educating sentiment. I feel no hesitancy in saying that there are in our Provinces to-day, hundreds interested in improving the sailor's condition for every one in the past. Men and women are coming to regard Jack as a human being, almost as well worth saving as a Hottentot or a South Sea Islander, who never thought of such a thing a few years ago, and sailors feel this change, and hence comes the joy of being turned out of our pews, and few greater joys could come to a servant of the Lord Christ.

The Union Road, Prince Edward Island, Union has written me to say they have a little money, which they would like to give to help this work. I could not make p my mind where to tell them to send it, all need it so much, but have decided that they and all others (may

their name be Legion) having the money, and the heart to help the Sailors, had better send *them* (the money and the heart with it) to Mrs. C. H. Whitman, Canso, or to Mrs. Archibald, Cow Bay. Perhaps the latter place needs it most now.

Sisters this work can't be done without money. We need not only Rests but a W. C. T. U. floating Bethel, or Gospel Boat to carry the word to the Fishermen off shore. Can not each White Ribboner consecrate 10 cents this year to this work? Can you not sisters? He, to whom belongs the Silver and the Gold could do it all without us but He has been pleased to give us the privilege and honour of allowing us to help Him. Let us not be ungrateful.

### **JAIL, PRISON AND ALMSHOUSE.**

SUPT. MRS. CLEMENTS, YARMOUTH, N. S.

ST. JOHN, N. B. reports meetings held weekly with the female prisoners, they taking part in the reading of the Scriptures and in singing. The male prisoners have also had weekly visits and been supplied with good reading for which they seem very thankful. Two women and four men have taken the pledge this year. Our Union started a Flower Mission last May, and supply the prisoners weekly with a bouquet with text card attached, and we feel it to be a great help in our work. After leaving prison some have come to me and thanked me for kindness. Some have been provided with clothing, some placed in homes as servants and others taken to the Haven. One little boy aged 13 was taken from the jail to home of Supt. for two days, then to a home in the country. We have met with nothing but kindness by the officials. The Alms House is quite a distance from the city so that we only get there occasionally. Reported by Mrs. Mary J. Seymour.

In FREDERICTON, this work is under the Evangelistic Department and statistics will be furnished by that Supt. The jail has very few inmates. These are supplied with suitable reading and are visited weekly. The visitors often relate touching incidents connected with their efforts to bring some ray of light into their darkened lives. The Poor House was formerly under Catholic rule, but during the present year our visitors have been welcome and the gifts of flowers and confectionery gratefully received.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., has no Superintendent but the members of the Union have taken flowers with text cards. They are not allowed to see male prisoners. Service is held in the jail every Sabbath afternoon. As the work has been in the hands of the Y. M. C. A., it has not been thought wise to interfere.

MONCTON has no jail, only a lock-up and as the time of confinement is short, there seems no time to do the prisoners any good. The Alms House is visited every Sunday and service held by our ladies. The inmates seem to enjoy these meetings very much and earnestly look for them. A Christmas party and a picnic have been given them. The sick are visited and both their spiritual and temporal comfort attended to.

SPRING HILL, N. S., has no jail only a lock-up, but the Corresponding Secretary thinks that even in the case of lock-ups, that if an effort were made to see them pay night, and talk with the prisoners they might be influenced for good.

LIVERPOOL, N. S. reports faithful work done in the way of visiting, devotional exercises, timely talks, and distribution of leaflets—at both jail and poor house.

DARTMOUTH, N. S., feels very sorry that no visits have been made to County Poor House, owing to distance from town.

YARMOUTH, N. S. Monthly visits have been made; ten have signed the pledge, and about one hundred and sixty pages of literature distributed. At each visit the

Bible has been read and prayer offered. The poor house has been visited throughout the year and literature supplied for all the inmates.

ANTAGONISH reports that so far this year we have had no Protestant prisoners, and as we are not permitted to visit the Catholics, can only reach the Protestants, so that we have nothing to report this year, only that we are glad our jail is so empty.

Woodstock, N. B.—The jail has been visited several times through the year. At Christmas there were only three men confined; these were each given a Xmas letter, and also were talked with. Several resident clergymen were invited to visit the jail and they said they would. Owing to the poor health of the Supt. not as much has been done as was hoped.

The Alms house has at this date (Aug.) only two inmates, one a blind man and a christian, the other a woman who was very degraded, but now professes to be changed. We visit every Sabbath and hold a devotional meeting. The Roman Catholics listen to our services sometimes. An annual Christmas visit is made and a treat of confectionery, etc., provided.

I regret very much that many important places have sent in no report this year. I also hoped that Windsor would appoint a Superintendent for this Department.

I also regret that this line of work is not more uniform, it is now done by committees in some Unions, in others it is under the Evangelistic Department, and again under a Superintendent.

If it is thought advisable I would suggest that in all places the jail and prison work be combined with the Evangelistic Department, and as all Alms Houses are so far from the towns and cities, that we seek to interest some good woman in the vicinity of each Poor House to do the work, supplying her with literature and anything else needed for her work. If we could get our clergymen to feel a deeper interest in the inmates of both jail and poorhouse it might result in much good.

There is very much yet to be done in this line of work, and if we expect a blessing there will need to be more consecration to the work.

I am glad to see that so many think of the poor prisoners at Christmas time, a time so joyous to many, but so lonely to those who are cut off from all that makes life bright and pleasant. Bye and bye when the prison doors are opened and the chains have fallen off we will meet these souls, and only then will we know the result of what we are trying to do for our blessed Master.

Yes the Master 'tis who tells me that some seed 'mid thorns will fall,  
Some will wither in the sunlight, some the birds will swift devour,

Some on stony ground will perish, never growing at all,  
Some—I thank Him for the promise, will be saved for the harvest hour.

And I bless Him for the largeness of the hope his toilers share.  
Thirty, sixty, yea a hundred, after that a thousand fold.  
Aye increasing never ceasing till the bending sheaves they bear  
'Mid the an'hems of the ransomed, through the open gates of gold.

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### EVANGELISTIC WORK.

SUPT. MRS. SAMPSON, FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON.—The regular monthly prayer-meetings were observed during the year; a special service was held according to request on Crusade Day.

The jail was visited regularly by a committee and the local Superintendent; selected literature was given, and received gratefully.

The Almshouse was visited and supplied with suitable reading matter, and the kind attentions of visitors were highly appreciated. The hospital committee took great interest in their work, many of the patients testified their gratitude. There were five copies of Gospel Letters, a



thousand pages of Literature, and an uncounted number of periodicals gathered from many sources, and distributed by this department alone.

UPPER SACKVILLE reports the Union numerically small, but the work is being carried on with zeal and energy. They hold social prayer services, visit the sick regularly, have a Loyal Legion and hold a social public Tea meeting annually.

MONCTON has held 14 Gospel Temperance Meetings, 28 Evangelistic Meetings in lowest part of Town, average attendance 40, two open air meetings, attendance at one 50, at other 400. Eighteen have risen for prayers at our meetings and the interest is good, and attendance regular. Also a Sunday School in same part of town, attendance 45 and quite regular. Also services in Almshouse Sundays, and distribution of tracts. We take up the S. School lesson at Almhouse, and there are several good Bible students, one 83 years of age, and a Catholic, but studies the Bible regularly. We also have had 6 consecration meetings for Evangelistic committee.

PICTOU has no Superintendent, but distributes Tracts, visit the sick, the Jail and Hospital, have also a Flower Misson.

MILLTOWN has been doing little, but is stirred up, to attempt great things. Have appointed a Superintendent.

MILL VILLAGE with an active Supt., holds special prayer services, monthly Bible readings, young peoples' social meetings, and observed Temperance day by holding Gospel services.

BATHURST is struggling with difficulties, have a live president and have appointed a Supt., of Evan. work.

GIBSON Union is actively engaged in distributing literature, and striving to suppress the sale of liquor in their village.

STELLARTON has the usual discouragement of small attendance at the weekly meetings, have several departments of work, but no Supt. of the Evangelistic Dept.

WOODSTOCK Union has held Mothers' meetings monthly, besides eleven evangelistic services, the day of prayer in October, the week of prayer, and Good Friday.

Miss Wright, Dom. Evan. Supt., spent part of a week in July there, and addressed a meeting daily. During autumn and winter Gospel Temperance meetings were held on Sunday afternoons. The Com. on visiting and benevolent work have looked after the sick and poor.

BENTON Union have held weekly prayer-meetings, two Mothers' meetings, three public mass meetings.

"Observed the week of prayer, and our evangelistic Supt., was untiring in ministering to the sick and helpless. Considerable literature has been distributed. Held one very instructive mass meeting, the principal feature being a Tem. Bible Reading, it was much enjoyed. We sincerely regret having done so little, yet we humbly pray for the blessing of the Master upon that little."

St. JOHN, North End. The Sabbath afternoon meetings are fairly attended, we are mutually strengthened in the study of the Scriptures. In visiting the homes of the sick and destitute, we are warmly welcomed while ministering to their physical needs, we tell them of the Bread of Life, which alone can supply their spiritual needs.

### **NARCOTICS.**

SUPT., MRS. BURPEE, WOODSTOCK, N. B.

Shortly after my return home from Convention last year, I had the privilege of attending the Carleton Co. Teachers' Institute, in company with our local Supt. of Scientific Temperance and another member of our Union. While we were all pleased to talk with them and urge upon them the necessity of temperance teaching, to sympathize with them regarding the text book in present use, and point hopefully to the near future when we believed the teaching of the subject would, by the

adoption of the Pathfinder series, be made both easier and more effectual, I felt that *my* special mission was to impress upon their minds their opportunities for assisting in staying the terrible ravages of the *tobacco habit*, the necessity for improving them, and their responsibility in the matter.

Before the meeting of the York County Institute in December, the Committee of Arrangements sent a request to the Fredericton W. C. T. U. that the subject of Narcotics be presented to the teachers. These sisters kindly invited me to prepare a paper for the same. On the afternoon of the 17th December a large delegation of the members of the Fredericton W. C. T. U. accompanied me to the Institute in session. We were very kindly received, and though I have heard no results as yet, I had the assurance there from the attention paid and interest manifested in the discussion which followed that "the end thereof is not yet."

Hopefully I entered upon the work of '91. A goodly number of Unions have taken up this work. Six Superintendents have been added to last year's list. In N. B., St. Stephen, Campbellton and Petitcodiac. In N. S., Pugwash, Mill Village. In P. E. I., Charlottetown. The work of the Superintendent in Pugwash has been confined to distribution of literature. In Mill Village, N. S., the four merchants were visited. One of them had never sold tobacco, two others promised not to order a further supply, the fourth thought he must keep it for his working men, although a number of them had expressed a wish that the weed were not sold in the village as it would make it easier for them to stop the use of it. However he readily promised not to sell to minors. About 75 pages of literature have been distributed; a mass meeting planned for the discussion of Narcotics, last spring, was postponed because of "La Grippe," but will be held later on. (Pretty good for a Union not a year old yet).

In Windsor, N. S., literature has been distributed and the "Y's" have taken up the work, anxious to do what they can to suppress this gigantic evil, and *they can do much.*

In Petitcodiac about 100 leaflets have been distributed. The merchants have been talked with, but put forth the old plea, "If we do not keep it the saloons will."

Sackville, St. John, Campbellton, Amherst and Parrsboro, report but little work attempted this year.

Canso, N. S. Supt. has distributed about 50 leaflets in churches and schools and held conversation personally with many on the use of tobacco.

Newcastle, N. B. The severe illness of the Supt. has interfered with the work, yet 500 pages of literature has been distributed, and articles published in the local paper. The teachers in the S. S. and L. T. L. have given lessons on the subject, and occasional leaflets mailed to medical men.

Benton, N. B, distributed about 500 pages of literature in the village and vicinity and in lumber camps.

St Stephen, N. B. About 300 pages of literature distributed. Personal conversation held with a number. One of the leading druggists has given up the sale of cigars. The Supt. says, "I had great hopes of persuading others to do likewise, but have been confined to my home through illness the greater part of the summer."

The Supt. of this department in Woodstock has distributed at her own expense about 1500 pages of literature. Many of these on the cars, in travelling and in places of sojourn. Had done much that has been telling in personal conversation.

Liverpool, N. S.—The Supt. writes, "Had circulars printed and distributed amongst grocers and others who sold tobacco in any of its forms, asking them to refrain from selling to minors. This was followed by personal visits and talks on the subject—calling their attention to the fact that the boys of the town were being ruined by the tobacco habit. Some thus appealed to were

quite ready to give up selling to boys and two to give up altogether if the others would do likewise. The majority, however, would not give up their selling to boys, even cigarettes. Since that our President and myself started out to buy up all the cigarettes and destroy them if we could get the men to promise that they would not renew the stock, but the very first man we called on informed us that he could not bind himself to any such promise, assuring us at the same time that tobacco in all its forms was the most profitable article he had in stock. Our only hope lies in having a law passed by legislature similar to the one you have in N. B. Have distributed a few leaflets on the subject, and know of a few instances where they have done good."

Halifax, Sydney, Charlottetown and several other places where I know good work has been done, have for some reason failed to report.

Cow Bay. Although there is no Supt., war is waged against the foe. The children in the L. T. L. are warned of the danger of forming the tobacco habit, and gave as a very successful entertainment last Spring, "The trial of Prince Nicotine."

Truro has done good work though without a Supt., they bought a number of "Prize Essays on Tobacco," published by R. A. H. Morrow of St. John and distributed them among the grocers, with a request that they desist selling to minors, they sent one copy with other literature to each lumber camp. An anti-tobacco pledge has been placed in the lodge room for signatures.

Seeing a letter in the Canadian Voice, last spring signed "Anti-Tobacco, Truro," in which an appeal was made to the towns of Nova Scotia, especially for the formation of anti-tobacco societies like the one in St. John, I sent for a number of copies of the paper and circulated throughout our own Province and P. E. I., in the principle towns and villages, asking that a home application be made of the same and a strong effort made for the formation of such, but as yet have not heard of any.

I distributed about twenty five copies of prize essays on tobacco, by putting them into S. S. libraries, School libraries, packages for lumber camps and sent to individuals in whom I had a special interest and to whom I hoped they might be especially helpful, and just here I would say to my helpers in this work, that I think this about the only way in which we can make use of them to good purpose, as they are both too expensive and too bulky for general distribution.

Queen's Co., N. S. is taking steps toward bringing a petition before the legislature at its next session, asking for prohibition of tobacco in all its forms to minors, and if all the Unions in N. S., work in this matter as I hope they will, a largely signed petition will be forwarded.

We are expecting to do like work in P. E. I. also. I would strongly advise a personal canvas for signatures, thus the public mind has an opportunity of becoming educated on the question and understand *what* they are asking for and *why*, and have an individual interest and responsibility which will be telling in the enforcement. A law too easily obtained is never so well enforced. I believe there are hundreds in N. B. to day utterly ignorant of our law regarding the sale of tobacco to minors—because of this and the indifference of parents, which is well nigh heart-breaking, our law is in verity “a dead letter.”

The attitude of church conferences and assemblies of late toward the tobacco question gives us hope of the dawn of a brighter day. I am assured my dear sisters that in this department as in all others we need stronger faith and more *united* effort, with the “wisdom from on high” to direct our attacks upon the foe, and my fellow helpers let us begin the new year with good courage “for although our enemy is strong” “Our Helper is mighty, His arm will prevail.”

**JUVENILE WORK.**

SUPT., MRS. BROUGH, ANTIGONISH.

Since last October, I have written 58 letters and 183 postals in connection with this work. Out of the 80 requests for reports which I sent out in August, the following were received in response.

Truro Loyal Temperance Legion reports a membership of 164, with an average attendance of 67. Own two sets of charts, and find them very helpful in illustrating evil effects of Alcohol and Tobacco upon the system. This year, they have distributed nine prizes among members of Legion as follows:—Six for best collection of Temperance Items, one for the party bringing the most new members, and two for regular attendance. When prizes were distributed a Christmas treat was given. Amount raised during year \$46.30, expended \$11.25, leaving a balance of \$35.05 which they generously donated to the mother Union.

Pictou reports a Band of Hope of 242 members under the auspices of W. C. T. U. and Sons of Temperance; the managing committee consisting of an equal number from each society. Use Mrs. Crafts Blackboard exercises, and No. 1 Pathfinders Series. Find difficulty in securing regular attendance, especially with the boys.

Windsor reports no L. T. L. in progress now. During the year a "Y" has been organized, and they are hoping that this society will undertake Juvenile work soon. Scientific Temperance Instruction is given by all lady teachers in their public schools, and report much good being done in this way.

At Middleton there is a Band of Hope organized Feb. 5, 1891. Membership, 43. Take "Band of Hope Review." Have held one public meeting during the year.

Parrsboro has a L. T. L. with a membership of 46. They use Julia Coleman's Temperance Manual and

Blackboard Lessons by Crafts and Carswell. Have distributed a large number of books and papers which they secured at Book and Tract Rooms.

Yarmouth L. T. L. was organized in July 1891 by Anna Gordon. About 70 members are enrolled. They are only beginning work, but are undertaking it systematically. Soon they expect to have a Band of Mercy in connection with the Legion.

In Amherst, the Band is composed of the poorer children. A meeting is held every Sunday afternoon. The exercises consist of prayer, singing and a short Bible lesson. The results of the work upon the characters of the children, are very gratifying. A good deal of literature has been distributed.

At North Sydney the L. T. L. reports a membership of 80. Have given three public meetings, which were enjoyed. The library is a success. By giving this in charge of the older boys and girls, great assistance is rendered in sustaining their interest.

Lockport Band of Hope organized Nov. 1888. 66 names enrolled. The work although arduous, is progressing favorably. Superintendent relies upon the precious promises of our Father.

Kingston Station reports a Band of Hope organized in 1889. 40 members. Work carried on by Y. W. C. T. U. Preparing now for their second public meeting. Instruction is given from Temperance Catechisms. Workers encouraged.

At Cow Bay, C. B., the Legion was organized three years ago. Membership 91. Meet once a week. Take "Water Lily" and receive occasional packages of the "Young Crusader." One public meeting held this year.

Summerside L. T. L., organized Jan. 21, 1891. 60 names enrolled; average attendance 49. Do not confine themselves to the triple pledge but are instilling into the children the evil effects physically, and morally of the use of alcohol, tobacco, and profanity, from Lesson



Manuals published by W. T. P. A. Great interest is manifested by the children in this. An epidemic caused them to cease work for a time, but hope soon to begin again

In Charlottetown the L. T. L. was organized in Nov. 1891. 70 names enrolled. Temperance Manual used. Have given one public meeting, from the proceeds of which they purchased Dr. Kellog's Temperance Charts, which are proving very helpful. Interest good.

At Canso the Legion was organized four years ago. Present membership 90. Dr. Richardson's and Julia Coleman's lessons are used.

Hartland reports a Band of Hope consisting of 20 members. Membership small on account of the older pupils of late joining the Lodge. Use Mrs. Craft's books. Have had several public meetings during year.

At Richibucto the average attendance of L. T. L. is 35. Use Temperance Catechisms. Legion making progress.

Petitcodiac Band of Hope was organized in Feb. 1887. Sixty-one names have been enrolled during 1891. Use No. 1, 2 and 3 of the Pathfinders Series. Held one public meeting during year.

St. Stephen Band numbers 200, but the Boy's Brigade which is under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance is included in this number. From reports seen during the year, I know this Society has done excellent work, although nothing special was reported to me.

Baie Verte and Port Elgin Union has recently organized a Loyal T. L., with a membership of 66 and a good attendance. Scientific Temperance Instruction is given weekly.

St. John, North End, reports a Band of Hope organized in 1879. 80 names enrolled. Meetings well attended. Take "Young Crusader."

Newcastle Legion was organized in 1889. Membership 30. Use S. T. Instruction.

Benton reports Band of Hope of 46 members. Use Manuals published by W. T. P. A. One public meeting held during year.

Moncton Legion has 106 members; average attendance 80. Good library. Use Willard's lesson books. They have organized Legions at Lewisville and Sunny Brae during the year.

Sackville W. C. T. U. reports Legions at Sackville, Fairview and Midgie. At formation 125 were enrolled. Use Miss Coleman's catechism, and Band of Hope, quarterly published by W. T. P. A. Take the "Young Crusader." At Sackville the Legion has been disbanded for some months, but expect to re-organize soon.

Milltown Band of Hope was organized in Nov. 1889. About 125 names enrolled. Give instruction from Pathfinder Series. "Water Lily" and "Youth's Temperance Banner" taken. They meet weekly.

At Upper Sackville the Band of Hope numbers 60. Meetings well attended. Use No. 1 and 2 Pathfinder Series. Held one public meeting during the year.

In St. George the Band was organized Oct. 1885. When re-organized this summer, there were 30 enrolled. Music from "Ripples of Song" and "Band of Hope Songster." Use Julia Coleman's Catechism, and Mrs. Crafts Black-board lessons.

Springhill has an industrial school.

At Chatham, a great deal of excellent work has been done among the children during the winter by Miss Tweedie, Supt. A Juvenile society is not yet formed.

Lunenburg and Great Village report Bands of Hope under auspices of Sons of Temperance, but the W. C. T. Unions assist in the work.

At Dartmouth a large Band of Hope is sustained by the English Church, but includes children from all denominations. The teachers are all members of the Union.

It is impossible to give the exact number of members in our different Juvenile societies throughout the Mari

time Provinces, as so many have failed to report and some reports do not give membership.

The number reported is 2020. Seven new societies have been formed this year, and five old ones revived.

### Y. W. C. T. U.

SUPT., MRS. FRANK WOODBURY, DARTMOUTH.

The second year of the "Y" department in the Maritime Union has now closed, and what was deemed somewhat of an experiment now has found a permanent place among the branches of work, and while it has been demonstrated that in many localities of small population the "Y" is impracticable, as a distinct organization, yet we are more than ever convinced that every Union, however small, can have its "Y" Superintendent and a "Y" committee consisting of the young ladies. They can do grand work in many lines, and so soon as our elder sisters appreciate this fact and give the young ladies latitude and responsibility, many a flagging Union will spring into new life. With this view we believe although we have small increase to show this year that a persistent effort by leaflet and letter to the Unions of our jurisdiction will reap an abundant harvest, by showing the greatness and importance of the work among the young ladies.

As the log line very inaccurately indicates the speed of the vessel through the water, so it is found difficult to measure results of the year's work through my correspondence with Unions. There are souls touched and uplifted, cold hearts warmed and new inspirations infused into many lives that can only be reviewed in eternity from the great records of Time.

We have felt the thrill of being in line with the work of the Master, and while impressions are made slowly, it is a delight to notice a very marked increase

of correspondence from the Unions on the subject, and a considerable of interest is being shown which we trust will bear fruit by and by.

In January last letters were sent to every Union as far as known where no "Y" already existed, numbering about (60). About (30) Unions replied giving various answers, and in many a very cheerful and friendly tone was manifested and some even appeared inquisitive and asked the Superintendent questions respecting organization, etc. In every case these were answered with the greatest pleasure, enclosing leaflets, pledge book, membership card, etc.

Since then (3) new "Y's" have been organized, and are added to last year's (7). An advance step has been taken by a number of Unions appointing a Local Superintendent and giving an afternoon to the discussion of the work.

These three new Unions show vigor and much earnestness. They with those of older growth show the *Can, must and will* spirit that strikes where it aims.

From recent reports in reply to letters sent the "Y's" you will note the following facts and figures.

WOODSTOCK, active members 15, honorary 10. Aside from the regular lines of work the Union has made, collected and distributed during the last year 119 pieces of clothing to the poor with candies and presents to brighten their homes at Christmas-tide. Each member has one destitute family under her special charge.

FREDERICTON, active members, 34, honorary 17. This Union is engaged in work for the lumbermen, distribution of literature and flower missions. In June, they gave a large reception in honor of Miss Tilley and Miss Scott. After friendly intercourse, addresses and social cheer, 14 enrolled their names as new members.

ST STEPHEN. Waited until the last moment, but no report received.—J. B. W.

KINGSTON STATION, N. S. Owing to removal of members to the United States and other causes seems

not to have grown of late. However they still supply a bracket with literature at the railway station, and are conducting an interesting Band of Hope, which is doing much good. The faithful few in this field will by and by reap a rich reward.

**BRIDGEWATER "Y"**, active members, 30, honorary 7. Lines of work, flower mission and social influence. They hold a "service of song," in their rooms, after prayer meeting each Wednesday evening, and in other places as opportunity offers. They have just held an entertainment, they are pleased to term a "Gypsy Wedding," made about \$45.00, to be used in placing electric lights in the "Y." W. C. T. U. rooms, also new games. The games used are those of skill only. This Union is a power for good. Emblem Ivy leaf.

**SACKVILLE.** No report comes from this "Y." The membership is composed entirely of students in the adies College, Mt. Allison. They have probably not re-organized for the new school year yet.

**HALIFAX** has 40 members enrolled an increase of twenty-two. These are mostly servants and working girls. They are given practical talks each week combining Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene, and entertainments calculated to enrich the thought and tastes. They occupy the parlors of the W. C. T. U. Coffee Rooms.

**YARMOUTH**, stands first on the list of new Unions. Organized March 12th '91, active members 60, honorary 19. We are justly proud of these our sisters. They now take 20 copies of the Oak and Ivy Leaf, with the promise of another club of 10 shortly. They have held one Demorest Medal contest, taking up a silver collection at the door of \$20.00 There are 21 pupils enrolled in their Night school. These are boys and girls from the age of sixteen to twenty, and the report is, all are eager to learn. This Union has a very enthusiastic corps of officers and members. They propose to keep that old progressive temperance town clean.

WINDSOR, was organized May 7th. Membership now 20 active and 22 honorary. Emblem Mayflower. They have held two parlor meetings and a garden party. Appointed Superintendents of Flower Mission, Literature and Narcotics, and now contemplate a public meeting very soon. Great things are expected from Windsor

St. JOHN was stirred to the great need of a "Y." during the recent Dominion Convention and the Kings Daughters were impressed that they should be more openly on the side of temperance. As a result a "Y." was organized in July 16th '91 with 13 members. For the present they are taking up the work of social influence.

SUMMARY OF MEMBERSHIP.—Woodstool, active and honorary, 25; St. Stephen, last year, 32; Sackville, no report, last year 75; Kingston Station, 25; Bridgewater, 37; Halifax, 40; Yarmouth, 79; Windsor, 42; St. John, 13.

Some one says that is only about 300. It was only 300 brave hearts that held the Army of Xerxes in check at Thermopyle. With the great all-conquering Christ to lead, our girls will achieve victories over human hearts; grander and more enduring than those gained by spear or sword.

This is the extent of our work in the Maritime Provinces showing a net increase of about 100 in the membership. The number of "Y's" in the Dominion is about 1600. Although my plan of campaign could not be carried out this year, the pleasure of doing and planning, "even amid the shadows," has been great. How blessed to work for Him.

"Workers together for Jesus are we,  
O how delightful our service should be,  
Rich the reward which so soon we shall see  
Workers together with Him."

**PURITY IN LITERATURE, ART AND FASHION.**

SUPT., MRS. TODD, ST. STEPHEN.

At the beginning of the year this Department had thirty Unions on its list, pledged to its work. When reports were called for, sixteen responded, three to say that the work had been dropped because no one could be found who would take it up. The energetic Superintendent of Halifax felt obliged, when she took the Presidency, to give up all Department work, but her heart is still in it and she asks, "Could not the Maritime Union memorialize the government for the appointing of Vigilance Committees, whose duty it should be to aid in the suppressing of all kinds of impurity?" Would that it could be done, but just now the government seems to have its hands full of work of that kind nearer home.

Truro, Windsor, Liverpool, Somerset, Lunenburg, Amherst, Hantsport, St. John, Fredericton, St. George, Upper Sackville, St. Stephen, report literature distributed, Sunday School libraries and book stores overlooked, articles inserted in papers, and one brave soul tried to have an indecent picture removed, unsuccessfully it is true, but still *she tried*, which is encouraging, and she, alone, of all who reported, spoke of making the cause a subject of prayer. It is hoped and believed that the others have done the same, for if ever a branch of our work needed prayer, earnest and unceasing, it is this one, going down as it does into the depths of sin and evil; prayer for wisdom and courage to follow the path of duty. If one were suffering with a felon, and the surgeon were to come, and with tenderest words express sorrow and sympathy, give the surface a gentle prick with his lancet would the disease be cured? No! We all know that the only way, the truest kindness is to send the lance *straight to the bone*, and start a healthy action. If your children were dying of diphtheria, all because of an impure drain in your

cellar, would you be satisfied with the throwing in of cologne or even lime? Would you not insist upon a thorough cleansing of the pipe? So this work, revealing as it does the festering wounds, and impure atmosphere of society, is no pleasant task. We did not go into this field, merely to gather flowers, or do only agreeable things. Our question is, or should be, "Lord *what* wilt Thou have me to do?" and then listening for the answer, yield a prompt obedience.

That the leaven of righteousness is working, and that pure women are firmly denouncing the improprieties of evening dress, is proven by an instance that occurred on P.E. Island, where one in power ordered a name struck from her list, because the owner entered her parlors in such indecent dress. Oh, that others were brave enough to do likewise. We shake our heads, and sigh, but do we enter our protest in this tangible way? Do the white-ribboners receive as guests those who transgress this law of purity? Then, do we uphold this evil, and our words against it are as empty wind.

A recent number of the Century Magazine contains in its 'Topics of the Times' a very good article on "Journalists and Newsmongers." The following quotation is taken from it, but the entire paper is recommended to all who are interested in this department.

"A Journalist is one who seeks public support for a medium of important news, of trained judgment on public questions, and of unselfish criticism of persons and things that are prejudicial to the public welfare. He recognizes that news is a force not a commodity; a force that brings happiness or injury, or punishment to thousands of fellow beings, every time he sends it broadcast over the land; and that his license to lend this force, is his moral acceptance of the duty of seeing that it is *true*, and that it does not wantonly invade the rights of private persons.

The newsmonger is an Editor who looks upon the functions of a journalist as the opportunity and cover of making merchandise of other people's affairs to satisfy the



curiosity of those who will buy. He measures the influence of his journal by the number of copies he can sell, and not by the effect of his teachings; the public, so far as news should satisfy it, is any class, vile or innocent, whose interests may be cultivated. While a doctor of divinity perhaps is assisting him with moral views in one department of his paper, a companion of ruffians is entertaining dog-fighters, pugilists, pool-sellers and other law-breakers along side. And why? Because his self-constituted mission is to print whatever will sell, and because the news of vice is interesting, not alone to its professors, but to thousands who are ashamed to practice it. He excuses his traffic in heartless gossip of weak and unfortunate persons, and in records of immorality and unlawful amusements, by saying the public wants such news, or it would not buy, and therefore if he did not take the profits, somebody else, less scrupulous would."

It may seem that too much time and prominence is given to the newspaper, by this department, but when you consider that all through these Provinces, papers find a way where books do not, and the taste of our people is being formed by them, you will readily understand why it is so needful that we, as pure women, should demand a pure press.

In compliance with instructions given by Convention last year the general agent of the I. C. R. was communicated with on the matter of impure books and papers being sold on the trains. He replied that it was without his knowledge or consent, and would be looked after.

The postal authorities have recently forbidden the carriage of the following papers, by the Canadian mails, owing to the character of their advertisements: American Fireside and Farm, The American Homestead, The American Household Journal, The American Cottage Home (published at Jersey City, N. J.), the Police Gazette, Our Country Home, The Welcome Friend, The Illustrated Companion (published at New York), the

Home (published at Boston, Mass.), Comfort for All, Golden Moments, Vickery's Fireside Visitor, Happy Hours, Sunshine, Heart and Home, (published in Augusta, Me.), the Chicago Saturday Blade.

The list is given entire, so that all may keep a copy of them. Some of these very papers have been sent into your homes, as sample copies. Now they can not come, if your Postmaster does his duty; if he fails in doing it, he should be reported to head-quarters. It is hoped that before another Convention, a strict law will have been passed by the Dominion Government, so that we can reach and punish all offenders against the law of purity in literature.

We are grateful for all the help we have received, and while the advance seems slow, let us remember that it is "not by might, or by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord," and this is the victory that overcometh, "even our faith."

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## REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

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### **YORK AND NORTHUMBERLAND COS.**

SUPT., MRS. STEADMAN.

As County Supt. of York and Northumberland, I visited all Unions in my charge, except one, which to me has been a matter of regret ever since. It need not have occurred had I been more familiar with the locality. These two Cos. have five Unions alive. I also visited Campbellton Union, and at all places made a point of securing a short drill in Parliamentary Usage.

We held a County Convention at Chatham, May 22nd and were greatly helped in our meeting by Mrs. Allen, President of Bathurst Union, and our sister Mrs. Atkinson

of Moncton, whose face it was pleasant to see once more. At this meeting there seemed to be many inquiries respecting organization, these I made a minute of, for the purpose of passing them to the Executive. Papers were read by Mrs. Salter on Scientific Temperance Instruction, by Mrs. Greenleaf on Loyal Legion work, and by Miss Brown on Alcohol in Medicine. All of these were discussed at some length. We also had an interesting Parliamentary Drill.

The public meeting held in the evening (Co-Supt, in the chair) was addressed in a most acceptable manner by Mrs. Simon McLeod, formerly of Woodstock, but now of Newcastle, Mrs. Atkinson of Moncton, and the Rev. Mr. Marshall (Methodist) of Chatham.

We find all the Unions in these two counties especially interested in Scientific Temperance Instruction in the public schools, and give their voice for the Pathfinder.

I regret that at this Convention, Douglstown reported themselves in a very low condition, and though very near to Chatham, did not send a representative. It is also my duty to report to you the death of Glassville Union sustained for a time by the teacher Miss Upton, but since her removal extinct. Blackville did not send representative or report

In Feb. last, I was pleased to received a communication from Newfoundland, informing me of a large Union organized there by Rev. A. D. Morton, and to know that almost their first work was circulating petitions for Woman Suffrage. I wrote urging them to report to this Convention as a means of mutual strength and helpfulness.

There has been but one Union organized in N. B. that I have any record of, that organized by the Fredericton Union at F<sup>n</sup>ton Junction in Sunbury Co. Probably others may be reported to you by County Supt's.

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**WESTMORLAND COUNTY.**

SUPT., E. R. ATKINSON.

Westmorland Co. contains five local unions, with an aggregate membership of 145. One county meeting was held during the year, on Feb. 5th, at which the writer was appointed County Supt. Have since visited four of the unions, and from information gathered during my visit, and from answers to questions sent each society, I give the following report:—Unions are organized and fairly well carried on in Petitcodiac, Sackville, Upper Sackville, Baie Verte, and Moncton. The first four named meet fortnightly, the latter weekly. Average attendance for the county, 48; Upper Sackville has the largest attendance in proportion to membership, 10 of its 12 members attending regularly. Increase in membership for county during year is 26.

**JUVENILE.**

Each union carries on a juvenile society, but we cannot say that it is done with much ardor as the combined membership is only 354, which is but a small fraction of the children in the county. The increase during the year is only 60, but the average attendance is 251. Scientific instruction is given to all. No juvenile public meetings for the year, and but one library, that in Moncton.

**EVANGELISTIC.**

The evangelistic department is more or less taken up by them all, Moncton, Baie Verte, and U. Sackville doing the most aggressive work. Total number of Evangelistic Meetings, 56—28 in Moncton, 26 in Baie Verte, and 2 in Upper Sackville. Two S. Schools carried on in Moncton, one in the most degraded part of the town, with an average attendance of 42, and one in the Alms House with 12 attending. Female prisoners are visited when possible by the Evangelistic Committee of Moncton, and 15 Gospel Temperance Meetings have been held by them. Six consecration meetings for workers

have been held in connection with Moncton Union. We are glad to say that we believe souls have been born into the Kingdom at our Gospel Meetings, and we feel the Lord's presence with us. We have held two open air meetings, one of which was attended by about 400, the other by about 50, the band parading the streets being a counter attraction.

#### SOCIAL PURITY.

This department is only taken up by one Union—Moncton. Three public meetings have been held, 42 signers to the pledge obtained, and 1,600 pages of literature distributed.

#### LITERATURE.

All of the Unions do fairly good work in this department, and as Moncton alone has distributed 4,000 pages, it is safe to say that the other three have distributed conjointly the same amount, making in all 8,000 pages. It has been distributed among sailors and lumbermen, in the barber shops and in three railway stations in boxes, and at one Exhibition by Sackville Union. Three newspapers are supplied with a temperance column.

#### SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

We are glad of the reports that come in concerning this department. All of the Unions have made efforts towards securing the carrying out of the regulations concerning its teaching in the public schools. In some cases the Pathfinder series have been presented to the teachers, and in Moncton and Sackville a reception for teachers and trustees was held for an informal discussion of the question.

#### UNFERMENTED WINE.

Only four churches in the vicinities of the Unions use fermented wine, against 17 using unfermented. While we are pleased with this, yet next year we hope to be able to give a much better report of this department, as of the others also, as we are taking up the work by Parishes.

We do not seem to be as much in earnest in many of the departments, as the following will show: Only 15 bouquets sent out in Fower Missions; one Parlour Meeting held; four Mothers' Meetings; two Parliamentary Drills; five Temperance Lectures.

The petitions for prohibition and woman's suffrage have been circulated by all of our Unions, but I have no way of finding total numbers of signers obtained. Sackville and Moncton have each held two entertainments to raise funds. Christmas letters were sent to some of the inmates of Dorchester Penitentiary by Upper Sackville Union, for which thanks were received. Eighteen families were helped from the benevolent fund of the various Unions. Financial statement is \$614 72, received from all sources, \$82.39 of it being for members' dues. The following Unions have money in the Bank: Sackville, \$50.00; Peticodiac, \$29.51; Moncton, \$10.

A very interesting and successful World's Meeting was held in Moncton on May 24th, but no other has been reported to me.

### CHARLOTTE CO., N. B.

SUPT. MRS. TODD, ST. STEPHEN.

Since last Convention this Union has doubled its membership by a Crusade which lasted a week, our women finding it impossible to do the work effectively in one day. This addition to our numbers has been very inspiring, and we hope to accomplish better work, now that more hands are employed.

October 29th, was observed as a day of prayer, the ministers making it the topic of the regular evening meeting; and during the week of Prayer the Union held a half hour service every night, before the public meeting, where we gathered strength and grace for the duty that was to follow, but we all felt that we got nearer the Master in the little upper room.

On Jan. 30th, we invited the Milltown Union to hold a conference with us. They came in good numbers, and it was time well spent. We conducted the meeting on Parliamentary principles, as far as possible. An excellent paper was read by Miss Hanson of Milltown, which was followed by discussion. After a solo, the question box was opened, and the different methods of work were discussed. A social cup of tea before we separated, broke up all sign of stiffness..

On May 24th, the World's W. C. T. U. day, the Union Sunday School temperance service was held in the Rink, the Sons of Temperance and Good Templars uniting. A portrait of her majesty hung over the speakers' stand, draped with English and American flags, which were fastened together by a white ribbon bow. An audience of over a thousand adults and children were gathered. A member of the Union occupied the chair, the singing was led by a young lady cornetist, so that the W. C. T. U. element was at the fore. Addresses were given by the clergymen, with a few words from the Chairman at the close, and all felt cheered by the hopeful augury.

In July we were highly favored in having Miss Willard and Miss Gordon with us. The Unions which have felt the benediction of their presence, can realize what this was to us. By vote of the Union Miss Willard spoke in Calais, Sunday evening, to a crowded house. It is hoped the formation of a W. C. T. U. will be the reward of our sacrifice. On Sunday afternoon Miss Gordon spoke to our boys and girls, in her own sweet way, warning them to beware of all traps.

Monday evening a large audience gathered in the Methodist Church, which was very prettily decorated with flowers to hear Miss Willard. The President of the Union presided, and the spirit of unity was evidenced by the fact that the Mayor, an Episcopalian, introduced the speaker. A clergyman of that church

read the lesson, and another of the same faith pronounced the benediction.

In reviewing our work, we consider this, in many ways, our most successful year. The average attendance has been larger, the interest deeper. Mothers' Meetings have been held through the winter with good results. After a brisk discussion the Union endorsed both Prohibition and Franchise petitions, and at the beginning of the regular business year adopted as Departments 'Y' and Narcotics.

Sunday School work was taken up in connection with the Juvenile Department in form of a census and resulted in showing the number of teachers and pupils pledged and unpledged, and how many teach regularly the quarterly temperance lesson. At the County S. S. Convention, one of the Union by request, read a paper on temperance work in the S. S. It was followed by a free discussion, and the Convention reaffirmed the resolution passed by them two years ago.

Financially we have prospered. Our Coffee Room showed a balance of \$170 at the end of the year, and our general treasury over \$50.

Our Departments of Work, are Evangelistic, Juvenile, Scientific Temperance, Coffee Room, Press, Lumbermen, Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion "Y" and Narcotics all of which are reported through the Maritime Superintendents.

We regret having to record the death of our "Y." Their first effort proved so discouraging that they had no faith to go on. The few who remained faithful have come into the protecting care of the W. C. T. U. We hope in time to start this branch of our work again.

ST. GEORGE. The membership numbers 13, the same as last year; the sisters are somewhat discouraged but show a determination to hold on and do what they can. They have distributed literature and would have a Band of Hope if only a leader could be found. This seems to be a lack everywhere. Is it not because the



sisters under-rate their powers? Any mother who has little children *ought* to be able to teach a Band of Hope. Let us not forget to pray for all these weaker Unions, who in small fields lack the impetus that numbers inspire, but who in faith still hold up the banner bearing our motto.

MILLTOWN, Reports 29 paying members. They have held three public meetings during the year. Their leading Departments are Juvenile, Evangelistic and Industrial School, the former numbers over a hundred girls and boys in the Band of Hope and Royal Crusaders, the latter being partly under the care of the Sons of Temperance. Their chief work this year has been the rescue of a little girl from her depraved mother, who was determined to enrich herself at the cost of her child's purity. The girl, only twelve years old, resisted and appealed for help. Our women responded and have sent her to an Industrial School in Maine, assuming the expense of her maintenance. How long must we go on sending the children of our Provinces to the neighboring Republic, for safety? Not a place could be found for her within our borders. The treasury shows a balance of seventy dollars, and the outlook is hopeful. The only new work done in the County is the organizing a Band of Hope at Dufferin some twenty taking the pledge.

For the help of sister County Superintendents in N. B. I would make the suggestion that they take up the work just begun in Charlotte County viz., that of organizing Bands of Hope in connection with country schools. The Chief Superintendent has given his permission, where the trustees are willing, and it does not interfere with regular school work. The one in Dufferin is on this plan. They have their officers, and the ritual has been adapted to their use. Lessons are given from "Scientific Temperance for Little Folks," published by W. T. P. A. for five cents. They hold their meeting weekly, at the close of the regular school session. No compulsion is used in pledging the pupils, but most seem

only to glad to come in. This work demands more time than the present Superintendent can give to it, and it is hoped some one with more leisure can be found who will take it up, and carry it on faithfully.

### ST. JOHN COUNTY.

SUPT. MARY C MACFARLAND.

We regret still to be unable to report any new Unions in our County.

Fairville struggles on under difficulties, with a small membership; but determined, and with hope of better record in the future. Their Sec'y reports Distribution of Temperance Literature and flowers furnished each week during the month of June for the jail committee.

Carleton failed to send report. We are sorry for this as we know good work has been done by it, in the past and that the band there though small is in earnest.

St. John, North End, reports five departments of work viz., Evangelistic. Distributed Literature about 1200 pages. Scientific Temperance Teaching. Flower Mission. Juvenile Work.

All these Dept's have efficient Supt's and work is well done. This Union is often called upon to relieve cases of need, and every member responds readily. So that much work is done which cannot be mentioned in detail.

St. JOHN. The work of this Union has gone on quietly but steadily during the year. The roll shows 104 paying members. The following are the Departments of work. Social Purity; Kitchen Garden; Press; Scientific Temperance Instruction; Purity in Literature Art and Fashion; Work among Lumbermen; Parlor Meetings; Narcotics; Distribution of Literature; Evangelistic; Jail; Unfermented Wine at Communion; Parliamentary Usage; Flower Mission. Supt's. of several of these Departments have given very interesting and encouraging reports of their work.

Our weekly meetings, have been fairly well attended. The Mother's meetings, first Tuesday of each month have been both interesting and helpful.

The Relief Fund, largely increased by the generosity of friends, enabled the Union, through its Committees, to relieve many cases of suffering and poverty.

Our "Woman's Exchange and Employment Bureau" has steadily gained patronage and is more and more appreciated. Women of all classes are helped, those who need employment and those who need workers. There is good demand for home cookery. The aim is to furnish only the *best* of everything.

We are rejoiced and thankful to be able to report as finished in July, the Loyalist Memorial Drinking Fountain on King's Square. This work so long delayed, if its history were written, would surely show that it stands a memorial to the patience, persistence and long-suffering of W. C. T. U. workers quite as much as to their Loyalist Mothers. A concert given to raise fund for a small balance due on this work, was held the last week of May, and was a toilsome work to those of the Union who planned it.

Sabbath Observance has been freely discussed, the running of trains and all unnecessary traffic on the Lord's Day condemned. We do trust some decided action will be taken by this Convention to urge the framing and enforcing of a better law against Sabbath desecration. A "Y" was formed in July with encouraging prospects.

Our two Coffee Rooms are doing Temperance work and have been during the year, successfully managed.

Four County Conventions were held during the year, in the meeting places of our different Unions. At these meetings, the discussions and plans were for such work as we thought common to all our Unions.

**QUEENS COUNTY. N. S.**

SUPT., MISS C. A. STEADMAN.

We have three Unions of which Liverpool is the oldest, and has a membership of 34, and five honorary members.

Eight copies of the "Woman's Journal" are taken and one of the "Union Signal."

Eight departments are reported, viz. Work among Lumbermen and Raftsmen, Narcotics, Purity in Literature etc., Parlor Meetings, Franchise, Flower Mission; Parliamentary Usage and Evangelistic, Jail and Poor house visiting is done monthly. Mass temperance meetings have been held quarterly.

A Reading Room with Coffee Room attached was opened last fall. The latter was a failure, financially, and after six months trial was closed.

About 1000 pages of literature have been distributed. Pledge Cards circulated and some signatures obtained.

Mill Village Union was organized in August 1890 with six members. It was so small and scared that it dared not report itself to the Maritime Union lest it should be dead before the year was up. But I am happy to tell you that it is not dead but very much alive. Before it was quite a yearling it decided, to invite the Unions of Queen's County to meet in convention, and right nobly its members did their part to make the convention a success. It has 19 members and 8 honorary. Four copies of the Woman's Journal are taken and three of the Union Signal. Evangelistic Work, Scientific T. Inst., Narcotics, L. T. L., and Press Work have been taken up. A Reading Room and also a Recreation Room were opened in January which were freely patronized.

Port Medway Union was organized in February with 15 members. But some have fallen away. This Union has a mind to work, but has been very unfortunate. La grippe prevailed to an alarming extent during the spring and early summer, putting a stop to all their work for a time. An attempt to start a reading room

was made in May but sickness and death caused the work to be laid aside.

Our Convention held August 27th, was all that we had hoped for and more. Bridgewater Union had been invited to join with us and was represented by six earnest workers. 48 white ribboners were present representing five Unions. The resolutions passed showed that they were determined to "fight it out" *on every line* till victory comes. Three ministers of as many different places and two Mill Village "brothers-in-law" sat with us throughout the session taking part in discussions, and on one or two occasions giving valuable assistance.

### CAPE BRETON.

SUPT., MRS. EDITH J. ARCHIBALD.

The progress made by the W. C. T. U. in the County of Cape Breton during the past year is most gratifying. SYDNEY. This Union has continued to hold its regular weekly meetings. The juvenile work has prospered under the leadership of Mrs. T. C. Hill. Weekly visits have been paid to the jail and seed sown in the name of the Master. These visits have been highly appreciated both by the prisoners and those in authority and the good influences set in motion by them have been gratefully commented upon by Dr. M. McDonald, the government medical officer, in his yearly report. Public meetings and entertainments have been held, the most noteworthy being the lecture of our beloved Frances Willard and a children's mass meeting addressed by Miss Anna Gordon. A column in the weekly paper, generously offered by the editor has been kept supplied with interesting, lively and racy temperance items.

The ladies have also interested the school authorities on behalf of Scientific Temperance teaching. The petition asking for a law on this subject was sent to them but up to the present I have not heard if it were circulated.

May 24th was observed as World's W. C. T. U. day and a mass meeting held in one of the churches, addressed by pastors, the collection being devoted to Miss Willard's fund for the World's W. C. T. U.

**NORTHSYDNEY.** Has held fortnightly meetings throughout the year, also three public meetings. Has a flourishing L. T. L. of 80 members, average attendance 50. Instruction given in Scientific Temperance and on the evils of the tobacco habit. Has held one Demorest medal contest. The Legion possesses a fine circulating library, one special feature is the attendance of so many of the older boys and girls, and the interest evinced by them. The singing of the youthful quartette choir is also a very pleasant feature of their meetings. Gospel meetings for sailors have been held under the Union's auspices every Sunday afternoon since navigation opened and have been well attended. At these meetings small bouquets with texts attached are given to each sailor or stranger; also tracts are distributed every Sabbath morning to all the ships in the harbor. This is but the beginning of what they hope to do for the sailors in a port where many thousand vessels come and go during the year. The Press Committee has faithfully sent items to the local paper and has been untiring in its efforts to secure a column therein but so far without success. Three parlor meetings have been held two of these addressed by Miss Willard and one by the Maritime Superintendent of that Department. Most gratifying results in the accession of new members can be accorded to these informal gatherings. The petition for Scientific Temperance Instruction Law has been actively circulated and signed.

**COW BAY, W. C. T. U.** Has held regular weekly meetings throughout the year, every alternate one being an open gospel meeting. In September last in connection with other Temperance workers the W. C. T. U. procured search warrants and caused much discomfort to the illicit liquor sellers. Action being taken against them resulted in the fining of three, and the discouragement

of the other two was so great that they have since left the place. October 29th was observed as the day of prayer. Four public meetings have been held during the year, also a social and three mother's meetings. We have enjoyed the great privilege of a visit from Miss Willard and Miss Gordon. The juvenile work has also been actively carried on, and in May a public entertainment was given by the children called the "Trial of Prince Nicotine" to raise funds for the Loyal Temperance Legion. The first County Convention was called by Cow Bay Union in February last and was, we hope a blessing to those who attended, as it was to us. One result was the joint action taken by other Temperance societies and us with regard to the proposed repeal of the Scott Act. A circular signed by two Protestant and one Catholic temperance worker was ordered to be sent to each clergyman throughout the county asking him to use his influence to prevent repeal. The Scott Act is still in force and we hear no more of repealing it. Both the petition for Prohibition and for S. T. Ins. have been largely circulated and signed. The suffrage petition, I regret to say, was entirely passed over. Much misunderstanding exists with reference to this subject. Our women need to be educated on this point. Four copies of *Union Signal* and eight of *Woman's Journal* are taken. Two new Unions have been added to our number since last year.

SYDNEY MINES, organized July 7th by Miss Willard has a membership of 27; has a flourishing Band of Hope of 100 members, and has commenced holding evening socials for young people of the colliery. Has circulated Scientific Temperance petition, and takes one copy each of *Union Signal* and *Woman's Journal*. Has not yet affiliated, needing all its scanty income to start Band of Hope but will no doubt come in later.

GLACE BAY, W. C. T. U. organized July 16th has also a membership of 27. Has not got into proper working order yet, owing to absence of some of the prominent officers, but has appointed Supt's of Juvenile work, Mother's

meetings, Literature and work among Sailors. Has held one public meeting.

Miss Willard and Miss Gordon during their stay amongst us, held eleven meetings, three being parlor, the rest public meetings. They aroused great interest and enthusiasm and were the means of enlisting many valuable new members in our beloved sisterhood.

### CUMBERLAND COUNTY, N. S.

SUPT., MRS. H. C. BLACK.

There are five Unions in this county, Parrsboro, Springhill, Amherst, Pugwash and Wallace.

Amherst reports as follows:—Membership 77, dropped out 3, expelled 1, by death 1. Special lines of work are, Prison Work, Mission Sunday School, Industrial School, Work for Lumbermen, Purity in Literature and Art, Press Work, Franchise for women, Scientific Temperance, Narcotics and distribution of literature. These have been faithfully carried on, those of Prison Work, Industrial school and Mission S. S. being in specially good hands. Weekly meetings are held Friday evenings, and prayer meetings on Sabbath afternoon. Our President who has held office for five consecutive years was laid aside for several months by illness, but is now restored to health. The Martime Convention was a great help to us, We gained much information in methods of work, besides the pleasure of meeting and listening to our foremost temperance women.

Parrsboro reports a membership of 25. A number whose names were on the list having left the place or neglected to pay their dues. Three public meetings held. Weekly meetings have been held every Monday afternoon, the first in the month being a prayer meeting. Departments of work, Juvenile work, Temperance Literature (box in station, scrap-book made etc) Sailors, literature distributed, also bags sent to vessels going



abroad containing bible, well marked scrap-book, needles, thread, yarn etc., Jail literature distributed, Industrial school, work among poor and sick; Narcotics, one column in local paper occasionally; Lumbermen, 14 camps received literature regularly, scrap-book and letter at Christmas and a bag like the sailors to several. Press, one temperance column in local paper every week. We have a nice room rented on Maine Street for our meetings and are anxious to open it for a reading room, but have not done so, for want of money.

Springhill reports 25 paying members, 8 being added during the year, some have dropped out or left the place. Meetings held once in two weeks till the disaster of February 21st, since which they have been held weekly. \$133.40 distributed for charitable purposes, besides clothing and visiting the afflicted ones in our midst. A mothers' meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month. Lines of work, Industrial school, no special juvenile work beside this. Narcotics, literature distributed on the effects of opium and tobacco. This has been a sad year to many of us, but we feel thankful to God for the friends raised up to help us, in that dreadful time, which even now cannot be recalled without a shudder. We thank all, but especially our sisters in Fredericton, St. John, Moncton, Amherst, Napan and Athol for money sent to our Union. It was judiciously expended. We bless God for the white ribbon, and pray its wearers all may be true and zealous of all good works."

Pugwash reports a membership of 27, 4 having been added during the year, 3 names dropped. Some discouragement was felt at the beginning of the year, by the room occupied by the Union being destroyed by fire, after meeting at the houses of members for some time a new room was rented and furnished. It is on the Main street ornamented with a sign painted and presented to the Union. Temp. Lit. has been distributed to the amount of 2000 pages. A loan library of 250 vols. is still opened twice a week. A Supt. of Narcotics appointed

this year and Lit. on that subject distributed. Sewing for the needy carried on during the winter, as needed. Mothers meetings held monthly. On election day March 6th, a lunch was furnished by the Union. We received a donation towards our work of \$10.00 from Sir Charles Tupper. 2 copies each of *Union Signal* and *Woman's Journal* taken. Petitions for Franchise for Women and to the Council of Public Instruction for Scientific Temperance Instruction being made a part of the Normal School course, were signed by the members of the Union and forwarded. Boxes at the railway station, post office and one grocery store kept supplied with literature for distribution. We are hoping to take up work among the children next year.

Cor. Sec. of Wallace writes, that during the year they had been a good deal broken up, but now had reorganized, and decided to affiliate with a membership of 8.

### CARLETON COUNTY, N. B.

SUPT., MRS. CARR.

At our county Convention held June 1890, it was resolved to hold a temperance mass meeting in the fall. For that purpose a special Secretary was elected, who sent circular letters to 84 persons, representing Churches, Divisions, Lodges of I. O. G. T., Unions and "Y's" inviting them to send delegates to a convention to be held at Woodstock Nov. 25th for the purpose of inspiring a more united temperance effort. A great many Lodges and Division responded. A well attended and enthusiastic business meeting was held in the afternoon, and a large audience greeted the speakers in the evening. One result was the circulation of petitions for the enfranchisement of Women in Carleton county which were presented at the Provincial and Dominion Parliaments.

The work of Woodstock Union includes Evangelistic, Benevolent, Purity in Art and Literature, Work amongst Lumbermen, Scientific Temperance Instruction and Nar-

otics. A large amount of Literature bearing on these departments has been distributed. The W. C. T. U. day of Prayer was observed, also the week of Prayer, meetings being held each afternoon which were well attended, many gentlemen taking part. Various lectures have been given, a parlor concert and a garden party held, and as has ever been the custom, Christmas baskets were distributed amongst the poor to the number of about 20. The membership has increased, and the financial standing is better than previously.

Benton reports 9 new members, in all 36, with 2 honorary members. Departments taken up, Evangelistic, Juvenile, Literature, Flower Mission, Narcotics, Lumbermen, Press work, Franchise and Parlor meetings. 3000 pages, and 100 leaflets, besides many papers were distributed, also 40 copies of Maritime W. C. T. U. minutes. At Christmas this Union voted to expend \$5.00 for Christmas gifts, and the Benton Sabbath School united with the Union in holding a gift concert, each one to bring something to be given to the needy. Over \$20.00 worth was bought and distributed Christmas morning. Four public meetings were held, also several lectures, one by Miss Phelps, of St. Catherine's, Ont., which was greatly appreciated, and proved a success in every way.

Hartland regrets a decrease in membership. Several have removed, and some have withdrawn, leaving only 10 paying members with several honorary members. For a time during last winter, the regular meetings of Union were discontinued, owing to protracted special religious services being held. Sc'fic T. I. is given in the day school. The Band of Hope, though not as large as formerly, (owing to the older members having joined the Lodge of I. O. G. T.) has been a source of instruction and pleasure to the younger children of the village. Between three and four hundred copies, principally religious and temperance periodicals were sent to the lumber camps during the winter. Scrap books are in preparation for distribution at Christmas. The World's Petition has been well circulated

and largely signed. Public meetings are held monthly, addressed chiefly by members of the W. C. T. U. and Lodge of I. O. G. T., with an occasional speaker from outside. The earnestness of those who take part, and the deep interest they manifest at all times, cannot fail to produce good results.

Centreville reports having held some meetings which were interesting and beneficial, but finds difficulty in getting the sisters together. They work among the children, one sister giving blackboard lessons, which are very instructive. They also distribute literature.

Glassville. This Union, I regret to say, has discontinued its meetings for some weeks now. The people being scattered, it seemed impossible to keep up the interest. They had some very interesting meetings, and I hope they may be able to get to work again in the near future, as there is certainly much need of temperance work there. The Scott Act is openly violated.

It seems impossible to keep up the Unions at Bristol and Bath; and all efforts to resuscitate them have proved unavailing.

Our third County convention of W. C. T. U. workers met at Benton Sept. 4th. The first was held at Woodstock Nov. 1889, the second at Hartland, June 1890, so that fifteen months had elapsed ere we gathered the third time. The attendance and representation were not as large as we hoped, but the interest manifested augurs well for the Carleton County W. C. T. U. Various measures for the building up of the temperance interests of the county were discussed, and another mass meeting planned for the winter. The best methods of carrying temperance work into outlying districts, was a topic which received attention, and it was resolved to co-operate with other temperance bodies, and try to form bands of workers to go out to those settlements where religious services are not frequent and hold Gospel temperance meetings, seeking thereby not only to advance temperance work, but also to give Spiritual instruction, trusting by this means,

that some may be brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Mrs. C. D. Jordon was elected president for the year.

I think this report would be incomplete, were I not to record the deep sense of loss the temperance people generally, and especially the W. C. T. U. women have sustained in the removal of Mrs McLeod from Woodstock to Newcastle. Ever ready with wise counsel to help, with tact to guide, with a calm, quiet christian spirit to advise, and a clearness of judgment not often met with, we feel that her place will not easily be filled.

# CONSTITUTION AND BYE-LAWS

OF THE

## MARITIME

### Woman's Christian Temperance Union

#### ARTICLES.

1. This organization shall be known as the MARITIME WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

2. The object of this Union shall be to furnish the opportunity for mutual conference and co-operation on the part of the local Unions, in the effort to promote the cause of temperance, and the adoption of every practicable means calculated to develop throughout the Maritime Provinces, a deep moral and religious sentiment in favour of total abstinence.

3. The membership of the Maritime Union shall be composed of the Executive Board and delegates of local Unions in the Maritime Provinces, each Union being entitled to send two delegates.

4. The officers of the Maritime Union shall consist of a President, a Vice President for each province, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor, all of whom shall be elected by ballot annually.

These general officers, together with the Superintendents of departments, shall constitute an Executive Board, with full power to control and provide for the general interest of the work. The general officers shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board for the transaction of business, three of whom shall form a quorum.

5. The Maritime Union shall meet annually on the third Wednesday of September, at such place as may be agreed upon by the Convention, due notice to be given to the local Unions by the Corresponding Secretary.

6. There shall be a contribution from each paying member of local Unions amounting to twenty-five cents annually.

7. The local Unions desirous of becoming members of the Maritime Union may do so by letter and by payment of dues.

8. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous annual meeting.

## BY-LAWS.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the body; to see that the business is conducted in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws; to preserve order and give the casting vote in case of a tie. She shall also superintend the work during the year, and call special meetings of the Executive, through the Corresponding Secretary, when she shall deem it necessary.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents, in order, to preside in the absence of the President.

3. It shall be the duty of a County Superintendent to visit each local Union under her supervision, at least annually, for the purpose of promoting its interests, to organize Unions and to hold County Conventions wherever practicable. She shall also report to the Maritime Union the work of the Unions within her district. All County Superintendents shall hold office until others are appointed in their stead.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings, and submit the same at the next session; to read all papers, etc, which may be required; to notify Committees of their appointments and of business referred to them.

5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence and carry into effect, as far as possible, all measures adopted by the Union, and to give notice of Conventions held by the Maritime Union.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and to present a detailed report thereof to each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President. The year shall terminate on the first day of September after which the books will be closed.

7. It shall be the duty of the Superintendents of the several departments to take up actively the work assigned to them, in order that the purposes of the Union may be carried into effect, and to report the results of their efforts at the annual meeting.

8. It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine the books and accounts; to compare entries with vouchers and to report the condition of the accounts at the annual meeting.

### RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened by singing, reading the scriptures and prayer.

2. Persons invited to seats may speak on all questions, but vote on none.

3. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any subject, except by permission of the chair.

4. All resolutions and amendments shall be presented to the Convention in writing.

5. These rules shall be read from the chair at the opening of every session.



# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

FOR A

## LOCAL

### Woman's Christian Temperance Union

#### IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

##### ARTICLE I.

This Organization shall be known as the WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION of..... auxiliary to the M. W. C. T. U.

##### ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate and secure the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic.

##### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the Constitution, pledging herself to do all in her power for the advancement of the temperance cause, and by the payment of a minimum fee of fifty cents per year into the Treasury, twenty-five cents of which shall be paid to the Maritime Union. She will also sign the following,

##### PLEDGE :

I do solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including wine, beer and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by the payment of one dollar a year, all of which shall be retained for home work.

## ARTICLE IV.—THE OFFICERS.

Shall be a President, a Vice-President (from each church when practicable), a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, any three of whom shall form a quorum. The departments of work taken up with their Superintendents shall be recommended by these general officers.

## ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

*Section 1.* PRESIDENT.—To call to order and open the meetings; to announce the business before the meeting in the order in which it is to be acted upon; to put to vote all questions which have been regularly moved and seconded, and to announce the result; to preserve order and to decide, when referred to, all points of order or practice which may arise; to append her signature when necessary to all orders and proceedings of the Union; to have a general oversight of the Union, and in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to plan for its best interests and the good of the cause; to call special meetings when deemed advisable by herself and any three members of the Union, due notice being given to the members.

*Section 2.* VICE-PRESIDENTS.—To preside in their order at meetings in the absence of the President, and to perform all duties of the President in case of absence on any account from her office, to interest the women of their respective churches in the work of the Union; to assist the President in arranging and carrying out plans for the benefit of the Union.

*Section 3.* CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.—To conduct the correspondence of the Union; to report annually to the County Superintendent of the district (having first submitted her report to the Union) giving such facts and items of general interest as will enable the County Superintendent to judge correctly of the condition of the Union and the progress of the work.

*Section 4. RECORDING SECRETARY.*—To keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Union ; to notify the public of its meetings ; to call the roll of members ; to read all papers, etc., which may be required ; to notify committees of their appointment, and of business referred to them ; to take charge of all papers and documents of the Union ; to make reports annually or quarterly as may be required.

*Section 5. TREASURER.*—To collect the membership dues, and to advise ways and means to increase the funds of the Union ; to forward to the Maritime Treasurer, on or before the first day of September, annually, the sum of twenty-five cents for each member ; to hold all moneys collected for the use of the Union ; paying bills on order of the President, and keeping an exact book account, making a quarterly report of the same.

*Section 6. AUDITOR.*— It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine the book and accounts ; to compare entries with vouchers, and to report the condition of the accounts at the annual meeting.

*Section 7. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.*—It shall be the duty of each County Superintendent to visit each Union under her supervision, at least annually, for the purpose of promoting its interests, to organize Unions, establish County Conventions wherever and whenever practicable and report annually to the Maritime Convention.

#### ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The regular meeting of the Union shall be held on . . . . of each week, at which times report of Committees will be received. Public prayer and conference meetings shall be held as often as the interest of the work demands, and if possible, mass meetings quarterly. The executive and other committees shall meet as may be deemed advisable.

#### ARTICLE VII.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The annual meetings shall be held on the . . . . . day of . . . . . at which time the officers shall be elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

## ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Union, by a two-thirds vote of the members, notice having been given at the previous meeting.

## DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

If the demands of the work justify it there shall be the following departments of work (see Minutes) and such others as the needs of the locality seem to call for, and which are recommended by the Maritime Union.

## DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Each Superintendent of a department shall avail herself of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in her department, and report to Superintendent of same department in Maritime Union on or before the first day of September.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- Devotional exercises.
- Roll call of officers.
- Reading of minutes of last meeting.
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- Reception of communications.
- Reports of committees.
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- Discussion.
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