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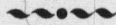


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1. That we desire and intend hereby to become incorporated under the Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies, being Chapter 167 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, under the name and for the purposes hereinafter set out.

2. The intended corporate name of the society is "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario."

3. The purposes of the Society are as follows: To unitedly array the Christian Women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage; to educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue; to impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind or in any form; to gather statistics, facts and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of Temperance; to labor individually for the inebriate, the liquor seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns, hitherto unreached and uncared for; to give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influence with which they are surrounded; to heartily co-operate with other Temperance Societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other Society or Association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately and guided by Christian principles, to procure more advanced and stringent legislation on this subject; to strive by every means in our power to secure the thorough enforcement of the Temperance laws we already possess.

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Witness my hand this 14th day of January, A.D. 1887, at my Chambers in the Court House, Toronto.

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SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Evangelistic—Miss Graham, Smith's Falls.

Social Work—Mrs. Craig, Smith's Falls.

ORGANIZED COUNTIES.

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Unfermented Wine—Mrs. R. Robertson, Lanark.
Flower Mission—Mrs. D. Gillies, Carleton Place.
Juvenile—Mrs. H. Baird, Smith's Falls.
Lumbermen—Mrs. A. H. Edwards, Carleton Place.
Narcotics—Mrs. H. C. Caldwell, Lanark.
Railroad Work and Parliamentary Usages—Not filled.
Scientific Temperance—Miss C. Playfair, Playfair.

LINCOLN.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. M. K. Forbes, Grimsby.
 REC. AND COR. SEC.—Miss Juletta B. Huff, St. Catharines.
 TREASURER—Mrs. E. Phillimore, Port Dalhousie.
 SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Franchise—Mrs. J. G. Currie, St. Catharines.
Literature—Mrs. J. Osborne, Beamsville.
Lumbermen—Miss Juletta B. Huff, St. Catharines.
Police and Prisons—Miss Sara Burgoyne, St. Catharines.
Press—Mrs. D. M. Walker, St. Catharines.
Narcotics—Mrs. M. A. Dick, St. Catharines.
Education—Mrs. J. G. Currie, St. Catharines.
Unfermented Wine—Mrs. A. Dorr, Homer.
Art and Fashion—Mrs. W. W. Smith, St. Catharines.
Evangelistic—Mrs. D. V. Lucas, Grimsby.
Flower—Miss Nettie Cole, Homer.
Juvenile "Y's"—Miss M. A. Douglas, St. Catharines.
Colored People—Miss Phelps, St. Catharines.

MIDDLESEX.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. C. Calvert, Napier.
 COR. SEC.—Mrs. Ada Talbot, Dorchester.
 TREASURER—Mrs. J. Darch, London.
 SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Scientific Temperance—Mrs. R. Dunlop, Napier.
Narcotics—Mrs. Tunis Griffith, 177 Wortley Rd., London.
Franchise—Mrs. (Dr.) Bice, Mt. Brydges.
Literature—Mrs. S. M. Williams, 699 Queen's Ave., London.
Evangelistic—Mrs. Winter, Napier.
Fair Work—Mrs. W. J. Saunby, 335 Wharnccliffe Rd., London.
Temperance in Sabbath Schools—Mrs. M. A. Humphries, Parkhill.
Juvenile Work—
Flower Mission—
 } Mrs. John Paisley, Ilderton.
Unfermented Wine—Miss Josie Charlton, Ilderton.
Woman's Journal—Mrs. Robt. Green, Box 362, London.
Press—
Lumbermen—
 } Miss Gibson, Mt. Brydges.
Parlor Meetings—Mrs. W. E. Saunders, 240 Central Ave., London.
Systematic Giving—Mrs. R. P. Hughes, Ilderton.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. McMaster, Campbellford.

COR. SEC.—Mrs. Ashton, Campbellford.

TREASURER—Mrs. C. Ewing, Cobourg.

SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Flower Mission—Mrs. Bell, Campbellford.

Franchise—Mrs. Platt, Campbellford.

Narcotics—Mrs. Irwin, Campbellford.

Lumbermen—Mrs. Vosper, Campbellford.

Evangelistic and Journal—Mrs. Watt, Campbellford.

School of Methods—Mrs. McMaster, Campbellford.

Scientific Temperance—Mrs. Pengally, Cobourg.

OXFORD.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. B. D. Livingston, Tilsonburg.

COR. SEC.—Miss A. Polden, Norwich.

TREASURER—Mrs. John Manson, Burgessville.

SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Flower Mission—Mrs. Parks, Springford.

Narcotics—Mrs. Sheldon, Ingersoll.

Parlor Meetings—Mrs. H. Vanvalkenburg, Norwich.

Press—Mrs. Gibson, Brownsville.

Prison and Police—Mrs. Hawkins, Tilsonburg.

Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion—Mrs. Parsons, Verschoyle.

Work Among Railroad Employees—Mrs. Steward, Woodstock.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Miss Bertha Fish, Otterville.

Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Brown, Brownsville.

Woman's Journal—Mrs. Fero, Tilsonburg.

"Y" Superintendent—Mrs. Livingstone, Tilsonburg.

"Y" Assistant Superintendent—Miss Bertha Fish, Otterville.

Franchise—Mrs. McAllister, Brownsville.

Systematic Giving—Mrs. E. Cody, Embro.

Legislation and Petition—Mrs. McWhirter, Norwich.

Lumbermen—Mrs. Wilkinson, Ingersoll.

Evangelistic—Mrs. Livingstone, Tilsonburg.

Hygiene, Heredity and Social Purity—Miss Polden, Norwich.

Lord's Day Observance—Mrs. Waste, Otterville.

School Savings Bank—Mrs. Macauley, Ingersoll.

PERTH.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Baker, Mitchell.

COR. SEC.—Mrs. A. Dent, Mitchell.

TREASURER—Mrs. Hampton, Listowel.

SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Evangelistic—Miss Moscrip, St. Mary's.

Systematic Giving—Mrs. Dent, Mitchell.

ORGANIZED COUNTIES.

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Franchise—Mrs. Laurie, Listowel.
Press—Miss A. A. Dale, St. Mary's.
Juvenile—Mrs. Marshall, Stratford.
Scientific Temperance—Mrs. Dobson, Stratford.
Narcotics—Mrs. Vivian, Staffa.

RENFREW.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Hunter, Pembroke.
COR. SEC.—Mrs. S. A. McEwan, Arnprior.
TREASURER—Mrs. M. Hurst, Pembroke.
SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—
Exhibitions and Fairs—Mrs. Ward, Renfrew.
Flower Mission—Mrs. A. A. Wright, Renfrew.
Lumbermen—Mrs. M. A. Hunter, Pembroke.
Narcotics—Mrs. S. A. McEwan, Arnprior.
Press—Mrs. W. Angus, Pembroke.
Scientific Temperance—Mrs. W. R. Rutherford, Arnprior.
Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Kenny, Arnprior.
Journal—Mrs. S. S. Hunter, Pembroke.

STORMONT.

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COR. SEC.—Mrs. A. B. Warner, Cornwall.
TREASURER—
SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—
Franchise—Mrs. Geo. Bigelow, Cornwall.
Press—Mrs. I. R. Ault, Aultsville.
Lord's Day Observance—Miss Agnes Brown, Moulinette.
Scientific Temperance—Miss Ethel Moke, Osnabruck.
Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion—Mrs. N. L. Becksteadt, Aultsville.

SIMCOE.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. S. G. E. McKee, Barrie.
COR. SEC.—Mrs. K. Gibson, Barrie.
TREASURER—Miss Evans, Orillia.
SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—
Evangelistic—Mrs. Sage, Stayner.
Flower Mission—Miss Haight, Barrie.
Lumbermen—Mrs. Alex. Scott, Barrie.
Parlor Meetings—Miss Millan, Orillia.
Press—Miss C. Campbell, Collingwood.
Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Watson, Everett.
Franchise—Mrs. M. Gregg, Gravenhurst.
Scientific Temperance—Mrs. Fred. Smith, Barrie.
Narcotics—Mrs. Tucker, Barrie.

TORONTO.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, 74 Brunswick Ave.

COR. SEC.—Mrs. (Dr.) Bascom, 189 Dunn Ave.

TREASURER—Mrs. Moffatt, 327 Berkeley Street.

SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Evangelistic—
Prison and Police— } Mrs. Cowan, 122 Horton Street.

Social Purity—Mrs. Garrett, 44 Spenser Ave.

Sailors—Mrs. Emory, 125 Baldwin Street.

Soldiers—Mrs. E. E. Starr, 396 Markham Street.

Lumbermen—Mrs. Robinson, 372 Logan Ave.

Railroad—
and Fire Halls— } Mrs. Bowbeer, 58 Northumberland Street.

Influential Bodies—District Officers.

Franchise—

Legislation and Petitions—

Hygiene and Heredity—Dr. Ellen Burt, 123 McDonald Ave.

Scientific Temperance—

Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Geo. Walker, 10 Phoebe Street.

Fairs—Mrs. Carlisle, 164 Queen Street West.

Fairs—Mrs. Hilborn, 74 Brunswick Ave.

Press—Mrs. (Dr.) Hodgkins, Deer Park, P. O.

Journal—Mrs. Gray, 16 Wright Ave.

Work Among Young People—Miss Lottie Wiggins, 29 Metcalfe st.

Lord's Day Observance—

Flower Mission—Miss Cook, 1218 Yonge st.

Sabbath Schools—Mrs. Lytle, 37 Pembroke st.

Juvenile and Dominion Kitchen Garden—Miss Faircloth, 59 Bleeker st.

Narcotics—Mrs. Mason, 137 Mutual st.

Parlor Meetings— { Mrs. D. Rose, 50 Avenue Road.
 { Mrs. W. H. Orr, 176 Bloor st. E.

Peace and Arbitration—Mrs. McDonell, Sunnyside.

Band of Hope—Mrs. Ward, 258 Bathurst st.

Schools of Method—Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, 74 Brunswick ave.

Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion—Mrs. Dingman, 49 Huntley ave.

Work Among Colored People—Mrs. F. S. Spence, 351 Ontario st.

Systematic Giving—

WELLAND.

PRESIDENT—Miss Lillian Phelps, St. Catharines.

REC. AND COR. SEC.—Mrs. Dobson, Welland.

TREASURER—Mrs. Eckhart, Ridgeville.

SUPTS OF DEPTS.—

Franchise—Mrs. L. H. Dalmas, Fonthill.

Lumbermen—Mrs. J. Gross, Welland.

Unfermented Wine—Mrs. F. Hagar, Welland.

Literature—Mrs. Bower, Welland.

Press—Mrs. Stevens, Niagara Falls.

ORGANIZED COUNTIES.

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Evangelistic—Mrs. McCaig, Welland.
Juvenile—Mrs. Gilchrise, Welland.
Narcotics—Mrs. Crowe, Fonthill.
Educational—Mrs. Buck, Fonthill.
Railroad—Mrs. Biggar, Niagara Falls.

WELLINGTON.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. M. A. Maddock, Guelph.
COR. SEC.—Mrs. G. J. Reid, Mount Forest.
TREASURER—Miss C. V. Skinner, Guelph.
SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—
Evangelistic—Mrs. Harris, Guelph.
Exhibitions and Fairs—Mrs. Harris, Rockwood.
Flower Mission—Miss J. J. Cook, Mount Forest.
Narcotics—Mrs. Pike, Rockwood.
Juvenile and Scientific Temperance—Miss Smith, Guelph.
Social Purity—Mrs. Aull, Palmerston.
Press—Mrs. Williams, Guelph.
Parlor Meetings—Mrs. (Dr.) Savage, Guelph.

WATERLOO.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Jas. R. Cavers, Galt.
COR. SEC.—Miss Effie Elliott, Galt P. O.
TREASURER—Mrs. R. T. Williams, Galt.
SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—
Evangelistic—Mrs. A. Cant, Galt.
Exhibitions and Fairs—Mrs. J. M. Robertson, Galt.
Flower Mission—Miss R. Weaver, Berlin.
Legislation and Petitions—Mrs. Roat, Box 335, Berlin.
Hygiene and Heredity—Miss Gibson, Galt P. O.
Lumbermen—Mrs. John Anderson, Ayr.
Narcotics—Mrs. A. Cavers, Galt.
Parlor Meetings—Miss Jennie Adair, Galt P. O.
Press—Miss Rennelson, Galt.
Prisons and Police—Mrs. Jas. Bingeman, Berlin.
Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion—Mrs. Jas. R. Cavers, Galt.
Railroad Employees—Mrs. R. R. Robertson, Galt.
Scientific Temperance Instruction—
Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Jas. Hunt, Preston.
Woman's Journal—Miss Deans, Galt.
Systematic Giving—Miss A. F. Shepherd, Galt.
Franchise—Mrs. W. M. Kirkland, Galt.
Juvenile—
Lord's Day Observance—

WENTWORTH.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. T. H. Pratt, 6 East ave. N., Hamilton.

COR. SEC.—Mrs. Davidson, 136 Duke st., Hamilton.

TREASURER—Mrs. Lazier, 123 Charles st., Hamilton.

SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Lord's Day Observance—Mrs. J. B. Bale, 255 Victoria ave., Hamilton.

Scientific Temperance—Mrs. Ballard, 196 George st.

Systematic Giving—Mrs. Lazier, 123 Charles st.

Legislation and Petition—Mrs. G. H. Lees, 200 Victoria ave. N.

Narcotics—Mrs. Waters, 57 West ave. N.

Parlor Meetings—Mrs. Byrens, 155 Catherine st.

Unfermented Wine—Mrs. G. Henderson, Merrick st.

Young People's Work—Mrs. Lockhart, Jackson st.

Hygiene and Social Purity—Mrs. Erskine Smith, 40 Erie ave. N.

Franchise—Mrs. Wilson, 114 Wilson st.

Curfew Bell—Mrs. Leckie Smith ave.

Lumbermen—Mrs. Bassett, King st. E.

Railway—Mrs. J. P. Smith, Fruitland.

Press—Mrs. Hardy, Hess st. S.

Evangelistic—Mrs. Coffee, Victoria ave. N.

Woman's Journal—Mrs. Fralic, Bay st. S.

Soldiers—Mrs. Bowman, Dundas.

School of Method—Mrs. Woltkill, 125 Victoria ave. S.

YORK.

PRESIDENT—Mrs. Ed. Cane, Newmarket.

COR. SEC.—Miss H. H. Wiley, Richmond Hill.

TREASURER—Mrs. Irwin, Weston.

SUPTS. OF DEPTS.—

Evangelistic—Mrs. H. Cody, Newmarket.

Flower Mission—Mrs. Fotheringham, 48 Hazelton Ave., Toronto.

Legislation and Petitions—Mrs. L. G. Jackson, Newmarket.

Juvenile—Mrs. Wilkinson, Toronto Junction.

Lumbermen—Mrs. R. McDonald, Aurora.

Narcotics—Mrs. Cowling, Weston.

Press—Miss Wiley, Richmond Hill.

Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion—Mrs. Koake, Weston.

Railroad Employees—Mrs. Clendeman, Stouffville.

Scientific Temperance—Mrs. Fennel, Toronto Junction.

Social Purity—Mrs. (Rev.) Percy, Stouffville.

Parlor Meetings—Mrs. Proctor, Richmond Hill.

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Burford.....	Mrs. Metcalf.....	Mrs. Johnston.
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St. George.....	Mrs. Chas. Nixon.....	Mrs. Wm. Taylor.
Paris.....	Mrs. J. M. Wheeler.....	Miss C. Malcolm.
*Kelvin.....	Mrs. J. T. Davis.....	
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Chesley.....	Mrs. (Rev.) McKenzie.....	Mrs. (Dr.) Johnston.
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Lucknow.....	Mrs. J. Somerville.....	Mrs. J. H. Hornell.
Mildway.....	Mrs. Johnston.....	Mrs. (Rev.) McBain.
Paisley.....	Mrs. (Rev.) Seymour.....	Mrs. R. Baker.
Purple Valley.....	Mrs. B. C. Ashcroft.....	Miss Ruby Ashcroft.
Teeswater.....	Mrs. A. B. Reede.....	Mrs. M. E. Mann.
Walkerton.....	Mrs. M. A. Williams.....	Mrs. Trail.
Warton.....	Mrs. J. Harpell.....	Mrs. McEwan.
Lucknow "Y".....	Mrs. Laura B. Armstrong.....	Miss Agnes Hornell.
Teeswater "Y".....	Miss Lottie Watson.....	Miss V. M. Keeler.
CARLETON.....	Mrs. Donaldson, 26 Albert st., Ottawa.	Miss F. A. Stevenson, Diamond.
Ottawa.....	Mrs. Asa Gordon, 146 Daly ave., Ottawa.	Mrs. C. C. Douglas, 196 Lisgar st., Ottawa.
Ottawa "Y".....	Mrs. Donaldson, 26 Albert st., Ottawa.	Miss B. Askwith, Alexander st., Ottawa.
Kinburn.....	Mrs. Wheatley.....	Miss Minnie McMillan.
Richmond.....	Mrs. H. McElroy.....	Mrs. R. H. McElroy.
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Port Hope.....	Mrs. R. K. Scott.....	Miss M. J. Wade.
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St. Thomas.....	Mrs. D. M. Tait.....	Mrs. John Risdon.
ESSEX.....	Mrs. Maxwell, Amherstburg.	Mrs. C. E. Naylor, Essex.
Kingsville.....	Mrs. G. W. Green.....	Mrs. W. H. Hellem.
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Essex.....	Mrs. Church.....	Mrs. Wightman.
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FRONTENAC.....	Mrs. (Rev.) McCallum, 183 University ave., Kingston.	
GREY.....	Miss W. Doyle, Owen Sound.	Mrs. A. Reed, Owen Sound.
Owen Sound.....	Mrs. R. B. Miller.....	Miss L. Stephens.
Meaford.....	Mrs. Isaac Baker.....	Mrs. McLaughlin.
Thornbury.....	Mrs. M. Hurlburt.....	Mrs. J. McKenny.
Markdale.....	Mrs. E. A. Pickell.....	Mrs. McCullough.
Durham.....	Mrs. M. Campbell.....	Mrs. John Smith.
GLENGARRY.....	Mrs. (Dr.) Munro, Maxville..	Mrs. D. C. McDougall, St. Elmo.
St. Elmo.....	Mrs. P. McGregor.....	Miss K. Bennett.
Maxville.....	Mrs. Sherman.....	Mrs. Weegar.
Lancaster.....	Miss L. McDonnel.....	Miss T. Fraser.
Martintown.....	Mrs. McFarlane.....	Mrs. F. McIntyre.
Vanleek Hill.....		Miss Keough.
GRENVILLE.....	Mrs. Thos. Bennett, Spencerville.	Mrs. Gideon Fairbairn, Spencerville.
Prescott.....	Mrs. Thos. Coates.....	Mrs. John Dowsley.
Cardinal.....	Mrs. Rilance.....	Mrs. Graig.
Spencerville.....	Mrs. D. P. Snyder.....	Mrs. John Carmichael.
Bethel.....	Mrs. L. W. Falkner.....	Mrs. Luke Walker.
	North Augusta.	North Augusta.
Kemptville.....	Mrs. J. S. Cosgrove.....	Mrs. S. Patterson.
HALTON.....		
Milton.....	Miss B. Clement.....	Mrs. A. Roach.
Oakville.....	Mrs. Merriam.....	Mrs. Lucy A. Smith.

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Trenton	Mrs. M. Murdoff	Miss M. C. Austin.
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*Madoc.....	Mrs. Sanderson	Mrs. W. J. Hudgins.
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Selkirk.....	Mrs. E. E. Phillips	Mrs. J. W. Holmes.
Caledonia.....	Mrs. W. J. Burns	Mrs. W. Moore.
Dunnville.....	Mrs. D. Simpson.....	Miss Lizzie Lockie.
Hagersville.....	Mrs. J. Husband.....	Mrs. J. H. Scott.
York.....	Mrs. S. W. Fallis.....	Miss Ettie Moore.
HURON	Miss Kate Fisher, Wingham.	
Clinton.....	Mrs. S. Crich.....	Miss Louie White.
Seaforth	Mrs. R. Willis.....	Mrs. C. Clarkson.
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Ridgetown.....	Mrs. (Rev.) Burdette	Mrs. R. Story.
Thamesville.....	Mrs. (Rev.) Beckett	Mrs. E. Graves.
Wallaceburg.....	Mrs. J. N. McCoy.....	Mrs. D. Dobie.
Blenheim.....	Mrs. G. Baird.....	Mrs. Jean Blewett.
Dresden	Miss A. Blackburn.....	Mrs. Wm. Ward.
Chatham "Y".....	Miss Reddick	Miss Minnie Barfoot.
LINCOLN	Mrs. M. H. Forbes, Grimsby.	Miss J. B. Huff, St. Catharines
St. Catharines Y.....	Miss J. B. Huff.....	Miss Thomas.
Rockway.....	Mrs. M. A. Dick, St. Catharines.	Miss Mary E. Oille, St. Catharines.
Beamsville	Mrs. J. D. Bennett.....	Mrs. H. Marrs.
Grimsby	Mrs. D. V. Lucas	Mrs. J. G. Murray.
St. Catharines.....	Mrs. W. W. Smith.....	Mrs. W. J. Carroll.
Homer.....	Mrs. Thos. Bessey	Miss Nettie S. Cole.
Campden	Mrs. Albright	Mrs. F. H. Moyer.
LANARK	Mrs. A. T. Taylor, Carleton Place.	Mrs. S. S. Merrick. Carleton Place.
Carleton Place.....	Mrs. (Dr.) F. McEwen.....	Mrs. W. J. Oliver.
Lanark	Mrs. P. J. McIlquham	Mrs. W. C. Caldwell.
Playfair	Miss C. M. Playfair.....	Miss M. L. Playfair.
Smith's Falls.....	Mrs. R. Craig	Mrs. H. A. Lavell.
*Perth.....	Mrs. H. Robertson	Mrs. A. Campbell.
LAMBTON	Mrs. Coghill, Wyoming.....	Miss Janet Harley, Petrolea.
Alvinston.....	Mrs. M. Gillespie.....	Mrs. Geo. Gillard.
Wyoming.....	Mrs. W. Coghill.....	Mrs. C. H. Smith.
Petrolea	Mrs. McHattie	Miss Janet Harley.
Sombra.....	Mrs. Green.....	Miss D. Green.
Watford.....	Mrs. J. White.....	Mrs. Mitchell.

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Wilksport	Mrs. Stenton	Miss Barbara McIntyre.
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Athens	Mrs. C. H. Elliott	Mrs. C. C. Slack.
Delta	Mrs. E. Pierce	Mrs. W. Beatty
Gananoque	Mrs. B. O. Britton	Mrs. H. A. Cowan.
Lyn	Mrs. R. McCrady	Miss C. L. Wilson.
Lake Elroida	Mrs. Livingstone, Athens.	Mrs. V. L. Mackie, Athens.
Lansdowne	Mrs. Stephen Findlay	Mrs. J. A. Bradley.
Glen Buell	Mrs. D. Dack	Miss Louise Touriss.
MIDDLESEX	Mrs. Cora Calvert, Napier ..	Mrs. Ada Talbot, Dorchester
London	Mrs. Gordon Wright, 133 Elmwood Ave.	Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, 824 Queen's Ave.
Glencoe	Mrs. Hopkins	Mrs. W. J. French.
Strathroy	Mrs. Jno. Heard	Miss Tillie Hazen.
Napier	Mrs. R. Dunlop	Miss Amy Nixon.
Mt. Brydges	Mrs. (Dr.) Bice	Miss M. London.
Parkhill	Mrs. Magladery	Miss R. Stookes.
Ilderton	Miss M. Robertson	Miss A. Charlton.
Woodgreen	Mrs. W. Weekes	Miss L. J. Cook.
London "Y"	Miss Minnie Trebilcock, 210 Piccadilly Street.	Miss G. Smith, Wolesley Barracks.
MUSKOKA	Mrs. Geo. Hutcheson,	
Huntsville	Mrs. J. R. Boyd	Mrs. W. E. Hutcheson.
Katrine	Mrs. L. E. Snyder	Mrs. Annie F. Sim.
Bracebridge	Mrs. (Dr.) Clark	Mrs. Bowerman.
NIPISSING	Mrs. J. Detlor, North Bay	
North Bay	Mrs. Detlor	Miss M. Martin.
Powassan	Mrs. Scarlett	Mrs. Dan Clark.
NORFOLK		
Delhi	Mrs. R. W. Wright	Mrs. Etta Eisele.
*Port Dover	Mrs. Holden	Miss Bertha Ellis.
*Port Rowan	Mrs. McGillivray	Miss E. Wood.
*St Williams	Mrs. Nevett	Mrs. John Cope.
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Cobourg	Mrs. Hopper	Mrs. A. White.
Campbellford	Mrs. (Rev.) S. M. Campbell.	Mrs. Mary Watt.
Warkworth	Mrs. (Rev.) McFarlane	Miss Ella Douglas.
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Port Perry	Mrs. Scott	Mrs. A. Soper.
Whitby	Mrs. James Madill	Miss K. J. Mitchell.
Prince Albert	Mrs. Lydia Campbell	Miss Abbie Cash.

County and Local Unions.	County and Local Presidents.	County and Local Corresponding Secretaries.
OXFORD	Mrs. B. D. Livingstone, Tilsonburg.	Miss A. Polden, Norwich
Woodstock	Mrs. W. Stewart	Mrs. Kendall.
Ingersoll	Miss Boosey	Mrs. Macauley.
Embros	Mrs. Boice	Mrs. E. Cody.
Verschoyle	Mrs. (Rev.) Best	Mrs. Parsons.
Springford	Mrs. A. Brown	Miss Fleming.
Brownsville	Mrs. A. Brown	Mrs. Eva Edington.
Tilsonburg	Mrs. A. Brown	Mrs. J. Clark.
Otterville	Mrs. J. Wase	
Otterville "Y"	Miss Bertha Fish	Miss Winnie Snyder.
Norwich	Mrs. S. Gregg	Miss Clara Hugill.
Salford	Mrs. S. Gregg	Miss Annie Mayberry.
PERTH	Mrs. Baker, Mitchell	Mrs. Mary Dent, Mitchell.
Mitchell	Mrs. Baker	Mrs. C. M. French.
St. Mary's	Miss Moscrip	Miss A. A. Dale.
Stratford	Mrs. Marshall	Mrs. H. Frank.
Staffa	Mrs. Vivian	Mrs. Robins.
Listowel	Mrs. Tamblyn	Mrs. Bolton.
PETERBORO	Mrs. Paton, Peterboro.	
Peterboro	Mrs. Geo. Paton	Mrs. W. C. Thomas.
Lakefield	Mrs. J. C. Sherin	Mrs. A. Burgess
PRESCOTT		
Vanleek Hill	Mrs. J. B. Keough	Miss A. G. Keough
(Affiliated with Glengarry County).		
PEEL		
Port Credit	Mrs. B. B. Lynd	Miss E. L. Wright.
Brampton	Mrs. Chas. Robinson	Miss Clara Neelands.
PRINCE EDWARD		
Pictou	Mrs. H. Rockwell	Mrs. (Dr.) Morden.
Pictou "Y"	Miss N. McMullen	Mrs. L. F. Bogart.
RENFREW	Mrs. Hunter, Pembroke.	Mrs. S. A. McEwan,
		Arnprior.
Pembroke	Mrs. L. Ebert	Mrs. W. Angus.
Renfrew	Mrs. A. Pine	Miss Moffat.
Arnprior	Miss Gillespie	Mrs. S. A. McEwan.
Westmeath	Mrs. Alex. Fraser, jr.	Mrs. E. G. Malcolm
Greenwood	Mrs. Hurst	
Coben	Mrs. Otto	Mrs. James Delahage.
RUSSELL		
*Russell	Mrs. T. Carscadden	Mrs. B. Scarff.
SIMCOE	Mrs. S. G. E. McKee, Barrie	Mrs. R. Gibson, Barrie.
Alliston	Miss Mitchell	Mrs. E. D. Clarke.
Barrie	Mrs. McKee	Mrs. John Rogerson.
Collingwood	Mrs. H. Binnie	Mrs. (Dr.) Aylesworth.
Orillia	Mrs. C. J. Millar	Mrs. J. P. Secord.
Gravenhurst	Mrs. Meikle	Mrs. W. Campbell

County and Local Unions.	County and Local Presidents.	County and Local Corresponding Secretaries
STORMONT	Miss J. MacArthur, Cornwall	Mrs. A. B. Warner, Cornwall
Cornwall	Mrs. R. Binnie	Mrs. C. B. Bigelow.
Moulinette	Miss Agnes Brown	Miss Elsie Royes.
Aultsville	Miss N. Morgan	Miss J. R. Ault.
Osnabruck	Mrs. S. Warner	
Avonmore	Mrs. J. D. Hough	Mrs. D. McDermid.
Newington	Miss M. Duvall	Mrs. M. M. Jardine.
Wales	Mrs. A. Grant	Mrs. J. R. Manning.
TORONTO DISTRICT	Mrs. A. O. Rutherford,	Mrs. (Dr.) Bascom.
Central	74 Brunswick ave	189 Dunn ave.
Western	Mrs. E. Starr,	Mrs. F. S. Spence,
	396 Markham st	351 Ontario st.
Parkdale	Mrs. Fletcher,	Mrs. J. Alexander, jr.,
	142 Dundas st	136 Dovercourt road.
Willard	Mrs. Fisher,	Mrs. Abercrombie,
	105 Cowan ave.	17 Cunningham ave.
Gordon	Mrs. J. Burwash,	Mrs. Rease,
	695 Spadina ave	50 Major st.
Bathurst	Mrs. Crawford,	Mrs. Galley,
	167 Mutual st.	145 Robert st.
Dovercourt	Mrs. W. Carlisle,	Mrs. Burns,
Northern	164 Queen st. W.	366 Bathurst st
	Mrs. Madill, 344 Shaw st.	Miss Sower, 256 Hamburg ave
Deer Park	Mrs. M. M. Brownell,	Mrs. Booth,
Youmans	33 St. Mary st.	115 Bedford road.
Creighton	Mrs. (Dr.) Hodgkins	Mrs. Dick
Central "Y"	Mrs. (Rev.) Paull,	Mrs. Relf,
	663 Lansdowne ave.	61 Perth ave
Dovercourt "Y"	Mrs. J. Green, 55 Bloor st. W.	Mrs. R. Almond, 36 Olive ave.
	Mrs. Watson,	Miss Fawcett,
	55 Homewood ave.	103 Hazelton ave.
	Mrs. C. Dunham, 977 Bloor st W	Miss Finlay, Concord ave
VICTORIA	Mrs. Sharp, Lindsay	
Lindsay	Mrs. E. Sharp	Miss H. G. Whiteside.
WENTWORTH	Mrs. T. H. Pratt,	Mrs. Davidson,
Hamilton	6 East ave. N., Hamilton	136 Duke st, Hamilton.
	Mrs. (Rev.) Watson,	Mrs. G. B. Turner,
	Herchimer st.	Hannah st. W.
Hamilton Central	Mrs. T. H. Pratt	Mrs. G. Moore, Victoria ave. N
Hamilton Cent. Y	Mrs. T. H. Pratt	Miss Burrows, Hunter st. W.
Ham't'n Youmans	Mrs. Waters, 57 West ave. N.	Miss Creighton,
		Victoria ave. W.
Dundas	Mrs. Keagey	Miss Crowe.
WELLAND	Miss Phelps, St. Catharines..	Mrs. S. E. Young, Welland.
Fonthill	Mrs. (Rev.) St. Dalmas.	Mrs. E. Stone.
Port Colborne ..	Mrs. E. Reebe	Mrs. Tinline.
Welland	Mrs. J. McCuaig	Mrs. S. E. Young.
*Fenwick	Mrs. Eckhardt, Ridgeville..	Miss Maud Bell, Ridgeville.

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WELLINGTON.....	Mrs. M. A. Maddock, Guelph.	Mrs. G. J. Reid, Mt. Forest.
Mt. Forest.....	Mrs. J. T. Allen.....	Mrs. J. J. Cook.
Harriston.....	Mrs. Ellsworth.....	Miss Wilson.
Guelph.....	Mrs Hastings.....	Mrs. E. J. Tovell.
Palmerston.....	Mrs J. Aull.....	Mrs. J. Faskin.
Arthur.....	Mrs. Ridd.....	Miss A. Allen.
Drayton.....	Mrs. S. Adams.....	Miss M. Cowan.
Glenallen.....	Mrs. A. Powlby.....	Mrs. M. M. Naughton.
Rockwood.....	Mrs J. R. Harris.....	Mrs G. Pike.
WATERLOO.....	Mrs. Jas. R. Cavers, Galt...	Miss Effie Elliott, Galt.
Ayr.....	Miss M. Anderson.....	Miss F. M. Donaldson.
Berlin.....	Mrs Roat, Box 335.....	Mrs. C. B. Dunke.
Blair.....	Miss McNally.....	Miss Anna Bowman.
Central Dumfries.	Mrs J. H. Douglas.....	Miss Effie Elliott.
Galt.....	Mrs. Wm. Graham.....	Mrs. Thomas Bennett.
Hespeler.....	Mrs. Bradley.....	
New Hamburg ..	Mrs. J. Laschinger.....	Mrs W. W. Schweitzer.
Oakwood.....	Mrs. A. Cant, Galt.....	Miss Grace Lee, Galt.
Preston.....	Mrs. Wm. Cunningham.....	Mrs. Blackstock.
Pine Grove.....	Mrs. John Adair, Galt.....	Miss A. F. Shepherd, Galt.
Roseville.....	Mrs. John Bricker.....	Miss Lizzie Barton.
Waterloo.....	Mrs. (Rev.) McLachlan.....	Miss Mary Brough.
YORK.....	Mrs. Ed. Cane,	Miss H. H. Wiley,
	Newmarket	Richmond Hill.
Newmarket.....	Mrs. B. Cody.....	Mrs. Wm. Bunney.
Toronto Junction	Mrs. Howell.....	Mrs. Wilkinson.
Weston.....	Mrs. Irwin, sr.....	Mrs. H. E. Irwin.
Stouffville.....	Mrs. (Rev.) Percy.....	Mrs. M. H. Flint.
Richmond Hill ..	Mrs. (Rev.) McCullough.....	Miss Rogers.
*Aurora.....	Mrs. G. W. Johnston.....	

GENERAL OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

Present at Annual Meeting, October, 1896.

Miss Stone.....	Athens	Mrs. Munroe.....	Maxville
Mrs. Maxwell.....	Amherstburg	Mrs. Sherman.....	Maxville
Mrs. Kenny.....	Arnprior	Mrs. Detlor.....	North Bay
Mrs. McKee.....	Barrie	Mrs. Mills.....	North Bay
Mrs. Faulkner.....	Bethel	Miss Martin.....	North Bay
Mrs. Higginbotham...	Bowmanville	Mrs. Gordon.....	Ottawa
Miss McNally.....	Blair	Mrs. Alexander.....	Ottawa
Miss Holden.....	Belleville	Mrs. Donaldson.....	Ottawa
Miss MacArthur.....	Cornwall	Mrs. Borbridge.....	Ottawa
Miss McLennan.....	Cornwall	Mrs. W. Rowan.....	Ottawa
Mrs. Taylor.....	Carleton Place	Miss Scott.....	Ottawa
Mrs. W. J. Oliver....	Carleton Place	Miss Fannie Stevenson...	Ottawa
Mrs. Merrick.....	Carleton Place	Miss Emma Turner.....	Ottawa
Miss Mary Gillies....	Carleton Place	Miss Claudia McIlroy....	Ottawa
Miss Childerhose.....	Cobden	Miss Annie McIlroy.....	Ottawa
Miss Smellie.....	Chesley	Miss May Gordon.....	Ottawa
Mrs. Caldwell.....	Carp	Miss Bessie Askwith....	Ottawa
Mrs. Hopper.....	Cobourg	Miss Mary Cliffe.....	Ottawa
Mrs. J. R. Cavers.....	Galt	Miss Clara Terley.....	Ottawa
Mrs. Britton.....	Gananoque	Miss Maud Terley.....	Ottawa
Mrs. Waters.....	Hamilton	Miss Mina Greenshields...	Ottawa
Miss Mary McMillan....	Kinburne	Miss Ray Grant.....	Ottawa
Miss Emma Kemp.....	Kinburne	Miss Mabel Stalker.....	Ottawa
Mrs. Wallace Dickson....	Kinburne	Mrs. Momen.....	Orono
Miss Mary Millar.....	Kemptville	Mrs. Hunter.....	Pembroke
Mrs. M. R. Thornley.....	London	Mrs. Angus.....	Pembroke
Mrs. D. H. Williams.....	London	Mrs. Ebert.....	Pembroke
Mrs. W. J. Saunby.....	London	Mrs. Lent.....	Pictou
Miss E. S. Cosford.....	London	Miss Haddon.....	Pictou
Mrs. Caldwell.....	Lanark	Miss Playfair.....	Playfair
Mrs. Stewart.....	Lanark	Miss M. Playfair.....	Playfair
Mrs. Mackie.....	Lake Elvida	Mrs. Paton.....	Peterboro
Mrs. Perley.....	Lyn	Mrs. Coates.....	Prescott

Mrs. Wiley.....	Richmond Hill	Miss Hattie Graham....	Smith's Falls
Miss Maggie Sim.....	Renfrew	Mrs. G. Fairburn.....	Spencerville
Mrs. Wright.....	Renfrew	Mrs. Livingstone	Tilsonburg
Mrs. Pirie.....	Renfrew	Mrs. Reede.....	Teeswater
Mrs. R. M. McIlroy.....	Richmond	Mrs. Forster.....	Toronto
Miss Phelps.....	St. Catharines	Mrs. F. S. Spence	Toronto
Mrs. Bennett	Spencerville	Mrs. Brownell.....	Toronto
Mrs. H. A. Lavalley.....	Smith's Falls	Mrs. Bascom	Toronto
Mrs. A. S. Wickware	Smith's Falls	Mrs. Purkiss.....	Toronto
Mrs. J. M. Clarke.....	Smith's Falls	Mrs. Huntington.....	Westmeath

VISITORS.

Mrs. Craig, Shawville, Québec.
Mr. F. S. Spence, Toronto.

LECTURER.

Miss Agnes Slack, Ripley, Derbyshire, Eng., Corresponding Secretary
World's W. C. T. U.



In Memoriam

MRS. LETITIA CREIGHTON YOUMANS

THE PIONEER OF THE WHITE RIBBON MOVEMENT
IN CANADA.

FIRST PRESIDENT AND FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS
HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINION
W. C. T. U.

BORN JANUARY 3rd, 1827, IN BALTIMORE, WEST
NORTHUMBERLAND, ONTARIO.

Educated in Burlington Academy, Hamilton.

Entered upon her public career in the war against that "Gigantic Crime of Crimes" the liquor traffic, in 1874, and by her great gifts as a speaker and her remarkable energy and effective work, did more than any other one to make the W.C.T.U. known in Canada.

After eighteen years of unremitting toil, in August, 1888, she was seized with inflammatory rheumatism and became a helpless invalid. But through it all she seemed to hear the words, "I have refined thee, but not with silver, I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

On July 18th, 1896, she was released from her suffering, for God had called her home. Her remains were taken to Picton, the scene of her early labors, and laid in her own plot in Greenwood Cemetery.

*God's ways seem dark, but soon or late
They touch the shining hills of day.*

MINUTES

—OF—

SUB-EXECUTIVE MEETING

TORONTO, March 20, 1896.

The Sub-Committee of the Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at 33 St. Mary street, at 3 p.m.

The meeting was opened with singing, the recitation of portions of Scripture, from which special personal help had been received, and prayer.

There were present Mrs. Thornley, President; Mrs. Cavers, Vice-President; Mrs. Wiley, Corresponding Secretary; Miss MacArthur, Treasurer, and Miss Cosford, Recording Secretary.

Items in the plan of work requiring attention were taken up as follows:

NO. 4, PUBLIC HEALTH—The report was made that Hon. Mr. Dryden had been communicated with and asked to incorporate in his bill a clause prohibiting the employment of persons with infectious or contagious diseases, and furthermore, the Health Board had been communicated with, but the Provincial Secretary, Dr. Bryce, said there was no necessity for such an amendment, the question at issue being already embodied in the Public Health Act. He gave sections which did not seem to deal at all with the employé, but rather with the materials used in food preparation and the sanitary condition of the shop, factory, etc., where these materials were prepared.

NO. 6, WOMAN PHYSICIAN—The Committee discussed this recommendation, decided to act upon it later, and meanwhile obtain further information.

NO. 8, GAMBLING—Having been advised not to take present action, it was decided, also, in this matter to obtain more facts concerning the practice.

NO. 21, OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS—Mrs. Wiley was requested to send a letter to the *Woman's Journal* asking that members who have any such papers in their possession should forward them to the Recording Secretary.

Mrs. McKee, Superintendent of Curfew Bell Department, having suggested the wisdom of sending her circular this year only to each town or village council where the Curfew Bell

By-Law was not yet in force, consent was given, and it was decided that an appeal to our members for interested action, be published in the *Woman's Journal* and *Montreal Witness*.

It was decided that Miss Phelps should send a Provincial Report to each colored minister in the Province.

At 6 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

TORONTO, March 21, 1896.
9:30 A. M.

Consent was given that Mrs. Tennant, Superintendent of Indian Work, should send a report to each Missionary in the Province.

On motion it was decided to draw attention to the recommendation of the Sub-Executive, made last year in reference to the work among Lumbermen, with the additional suggestion that the Associate Superintendents communicate with each Union within her limit, and that Mrs. Wiley correspond with Mrs. Hunter re the matter.

It was decided to request Mrs. MacCallum to put a note in the *Journal*, drawing attention to the appeal sent out by the Lord's Day Alliance, and asking, that wherever their meetings are held our women shall heartily support them by working up a good attendance.

Recommended, That Mrs. Cavers communicate with the Dominion Executive, as to what action they will take in reference to the matter of amending the Criminal Code, as the Dominion Superintendent lives in British Columbia—so far away.

Recommended, That a leaflet, telling how to use the circulars in Union meetings, be prepared by the President and sent out.

Recommended, That Mrs. Thornley write to the different provinces, relative to the sale of the four leaflets prepared for the School of Methods Department, giving suggestions for successful work, and that she ask each Province to take a quantity of them.

Recommended, That Miss Agnes Sproule, County President for Algoma West, be allowed to draw to the extent of \$15.00 from Provincial funds to help on her work.

The Committee authorized Mrs. Wiley to make out the Directory of Unions before Convention so that all possible corrections may be obtained at Convention, and the work of preparing the Annual Report hastened.

Decided, That plans of work be asked for, one month before Convention. That a request for the same be put in the September *Journal*, and also sent to the County Presidents and Provincial Superintendents.

The Committee adjourned.

TORONTO, July 17, 1896.

As four of the Officers and a large number of County Presidents and Superintendents were in Toronto attending the Prohibition Convention, the President called the Executive to meet at W. C. T. U. Headquarters at 8 p.m.

Twenty members were present, and the President, Mrs. Thornley, in the chair.

After devotional exercises, it was moved by Mrs. D. V. Lucas, seconded by Mrs. Forbes, and recommended that to serve the emergency of the case, Superintendents of Departments should be requested to make out a summary of their Annual Report, and send it on to the Dominion Superintendents previous to Provincial Convention.

Moved by Mrs. Rutherford, and seconded, that a circular be sent out by the Sub-Executive to organized County Unions urging them to form a fund out of which the expenses of general organization can come, in view of the coming plebiscite. Carried.

ELLA S. COSFORD,

Recording Secretary.

INTERIM MINUTES

—OF—

DECISIONS OF SUB-EXECUTIVE.

BY CORRESPONDENCE.

NOVEMBER 29, 1895.

ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES—According to the decision of the Hamilton Convention, two of the four Alliance Representatives from the W. C. T. U., were to be nominated by the Sub-Executive. But the Convention further stipulated that the President should be one; therefore, leaving only one to be appointed.

Mrs. J. R. Cavers, Provincial Vice-President, was appointed.

NOVEMBER 30, 1895.

Mrs. Evans, of London, having declined the Department of Systematic Giving, Miss Rose Wakefield, of Dundas, was chosen.

JANUARY 20, 1896.

Department of Narcotics—In view of the services rendered to this Department by Ald. Morris, of Hamilton, it was thought advisable to send him a letter of thanks with permission to publish it in the *Templar*.

Mrs. Wiley was requested to prepare the circular re the Youmans Fund, which was sent out as an appeal to the local unions.

FEBRUARY 10, 1896.

In the interests of the Scientific Temperance Department it was decided to publish a letter in the denominational newspapers urging the ministers of Ontario to use their influence and aid in the carrying out of law in regard to this particular subject in our public schools.

Also, in the interests of the same Department, it was decided to send a printed letter to every public school teacher in the Province, thus endeavoring to impress more deeply upon their minds their personal responsibility in the matter of temperance instruction.

MAY 11, 1896.

It was decided that the representatives elected by the Provincial Union should attend the Executive meetings of the

Dominion Alliance that was expected to be called as a result of the Privy Council decision. However, it was subsequently learned that the meeting was of the Provincial, and not the Dominion Alliance.

JUNE 5, 1896.

A circular re the General Temperance Convention of July 16th, was drafted and sent to the local unions.

JUNE 25, 1896.

It was decided to invite Miss A. Slack, World's Secretary, to be Convention Speaker for Pembroke, on October 29th.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1896.

Consent was given for one of our delegates, Miss Miller, of Kemptonville, to give a "Cookery Demonstration Lecture" to the Convention on Friday evening, October 30th, in the Guild room.

The National having chosen October 21st as a day of prayer for W. C. T. U. work. It was decided that we should take the same to pray for our W. C. T. U. work in general and the success of the plebiscite. Also, it was decided to have Mrs. Gordon put in the *Journal* a brief programme for the local unions, and a request that local societies secure the Church prayer meetings, that our work may be presented, asking for united prayer in its behalf.

ELLA S. COSFORD,

Recording Secretary.



MINUTES

—OF—

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

PEMBROKE, October 26, 1896.

The Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the residence of Mrs. Hunter, at 8:30 p.m.

The President, Mrs. May R. Thornley, in the chair.

After singing an hymn, Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, and Mrs. Reede, of Teeswater, led in prayer.

The minutes of Decisions of Sub-Executive by correspondence were read, and on motion adopted.

In the absence of Mrs. Rutherford, President of Toronto District, and by her special request, Mrs. Bascom, of Toronto, was given a seat in the Executive pro tem.

Moved by Mrs. Maxwell, seconded by Mrs. Cavers, that several exchanges be made in the programme for Tuesday and Wednesday. Carried.

On motion, it was decided that some items on the programme might be altered at discretion of the Sub-Executive.

Moved by Miss Phelps, and seconded, that the presentation of the prize banner, be relegated to Miss Sproule, of Algoma. In case Miss Sproule be not present, it was suggested that Mrs. Detlor, of North Bay, be requested to make the presentation. Carried.

Recommended, That Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, and Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, should address the Wednesday night meeting in the Presbyterian Church.

Recommended, That Mrs. Livingstone, of Tilsonburg, Mrs. MacCallum, of Kingston, and Mrs. Murphy, of Renfrew, assist in devotional exercises during Convention.

On motion the programme was adopted, subject to necessary alterations.

Recommended, That in the case where affiliation fees have been sent to the Treasurer, but not yet received that the delegate to Convention shall be accepted in good standing.

Recommended, That an official communication be sent to Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, containing the request that his restriction regarding married ladies in "Y" Unions be removed in order that the prize banner may be fairly awarded.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials—Miss MacArthur and Mrs. Wiley.

Banner—Mrs. Maxwell and Miss MacArthur.

Resolutions—Miss Phelps, St. Catharines; Mrs. Pirie, Renfrew; Mrs. Britton, Gananoque; Mrs. Bascom, Toronto; Mrs. Waters, Hamilton; Mrs. Reede, Teeswater; Mrs. Saunby, London; Mrs. McElroy, Richmond; Mrs. Detlor, North Bay; Miss Holden, Belleville; Mrs. McKee, Barrie.

Appropriation—Mesdames Cavers, Maxwell, Gordon, Misses Scott and MacArthur.

On motion the meeting adjourned with prayer.

ELLA S. COSFORD,

Recording Secretary.



MINUTES
OF THE
NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
OF ONTARIO

FIRST DAY.

MORNING.

CONVENTION, PEMBROKE, October 27, 1896.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened in the Methodist Church, at 9:30 o'clock.

The President, Mrs. May R. Thornley, in the chair.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by the Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, of Galt.

After singing an hymn, Mrs. Cavers read a portion of I Corinthians, xiii chapter, dwelling briefly on special points of the lesson.

Mrs. Maxwell, of Amherstburg, and Mrs. Reede, of Teeswater, then led in earnest prayer for guidance in deliberations of Convention.

The roll call of officers, superintendents and county presidents was then made, to which nine superintendents and fourteen county presidents responded.

The minutes of Executive, held last night, were read, and, on motion, adopted.

Reports of superintendents were then read as follows:

WORK AMONG SAILORS—Mrs. J. H. Davis, Superintendent, Gananoque.

WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE—Miss Phelps, Superintendent, St. Catharines.

PRISON AND POLICE—Mrs. Brownell, Superintendent, Toronto.
 WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES—Mrs. A. P. Morrison, Superintendent, Owen Sound. Read by Miss MacArthur.

UNFERMENTED WINE—Mrs. Falconer, Superintendent, Ottawa. Read by Mrs. Alexander, Ottawa.

Mrs. Cavers was then requested to take the chair while the School of Method report was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Thornley.

FRANCHISE—Mrs. F. S. Spence, Superintendent, Toronto.

The time limit being ten minutes for reports and ten minutes for discussion of the same, due time was given to each report, and, on motion, each in turn was adopted.

Announcements were made, after which Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, gave a soul-stirring Bible reading. At 12 o'clock Mrs. Thornley led in noontide prayer, and Convention adjourned to meet at 2:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON.

CONVENTION, October 27, 1896.

The President in the chair.

After singing the hymn, "Stand Up for Jesus," Mrs. Livingstone, of Tilsonburg, spoke briefly from a portion of Scripture, and Mrs. Alexander and Miss Phelps led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read, and on motion approved, when the reading and discussion of reports was again taken up as follows:

WORK AMONG INDIANS—Mrs. Tennant, Cornwall, Superintendent, was read by Miss MacArthur, and, on motion, adopted.

Just here the little pages, Misses Essie Deacon and Pearl McKay, were introduced to the Convention.

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES—Report was given by Mrs. Wiley, and, on motion, adopted.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE DEPARTMENT—Mrs. MacCallum, Kingston, Superintendent, was read by Mrs. Cavers. This was, on motion, adopted.

PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE—Miss Huff, St. Catharines, Superintendent. This report was read by Miss MacArthur, and, on motion, adopted.

At this juncture greetings by telegram were received from Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, President of Dominion W. C. T. U. Romans, xvi, 20, being the text. Accepted with applause.

PARLOR MEETINGS DEPARTMENT—This report was read by Miss MacArthur; the Superintendent, Mrs. Emma Wheeler not being present. Adopted.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK—Miss Scott, Superintendent. Read and adopted.

PURITY IN LITERATURE, ART AND FASHION—Mrs. Cavers, Galt, Superintendent. Read and adopted.

CURFEW BELL—Mrs. McKee, Barrie, Superintendent. Read and adopted.

PRESS WORK—Mrs. Livingstone, Superintendent. Read, and after an interesting discussion, adopted.

FLOWER MISSION—Mrs. Reede, of Teeswater, Superintendent. Read and adopted.

Announcements were then made, and, on motion, meeting adjourned with prayer.

EVENING.

At 6 o'clock the delegates and their entertainers were tendered a high tea in the council room of the Town Hall, and a delightful time in social intercourse was enjoyed. At 8 p.m. the chair was taken in the Town Hall by Mrs. Thornley, the President.

On the platform was a fine choir under the able leadership of Mrs. Ralph Ross.

Devotional exercises were conducted by different ladies.

After a brief address by the Chairman, Mrs. E. P. Ebert was introduced, and offered a hearty welcome on behalf of the Pembroke W. C. T. U.

To this Mrs. Alexander, of Ottawa, replied.

Greetings, expressive of much interest and sympathy, were extended by the—

Rev. Dr. Bayne and Rev. Robt. Knowles—Presbyterian Churches.

Rev. J. J. Reeves—Baptist.

Rev. Geo. Edwards—Methodist.

Mrs. J. P. Miller—Presbyterian W. F. M. S.

Mrs. Perrett and Miss Smith—Methodist W. F. M. S.

Mrs. Reed—Episcopalian W. F. M. S.

Miss Nellie Beatty—Presbyterian Y. P. S. C. E.

Miss Kate Lloyd—Methodist Epworth League.

Mr. F. S. Spence—Dominion Alliance.

To these greetings Miss Lillian Phelps, of St. Catharines, responded suitably, acknowledging the courtesies extended to the visitors.

Miss Mary MacKay Scott and Miss May Gordon spoke in behalf of the "Y's," showing the many ways in which young ladies can work for the cause.

The doxology was then sung, and the proceedings closed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. R. Knowles.

SECOND DAY.**MORNING.**

CONVENTION, October 28, 1896.

The President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Thornley. Mrs. Waters, of Hamilton, leading in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Superintendents were again taken up as follows:

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS—Mrs. E. Starr, Superintendent, was read by Mrs. Wiley, and after an extended discussion, was adopted.

In reference to an inquiry in Mrs. Starr's report, it was decided that pledged Boys' Brigades be relegated to the Juvenile Department.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE—Mrs. Bigelow, Superintendent. This was read by Miss MacArthur, and after a lengthy discussion, adopted.

Little Miss Bryson Irving was then introduced as a page.

JUVENILE WORK—Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Superintendent. The suggestions contained therein were sent to the Plan of Work Committee, and, on motion, the report was adopted.

Mrs. (Rev.) Craig, of Shawville, Quebec, was introduced and delivered a few words of fraternal greeting.

On motion of Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Craig was made a member of Convention.

Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of Dominion and Provincial Alliance, was also introduced and made a brief address, dealing with the plebiscite and franchise questions.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS—Mrs. Hilborn, Superintendent. Read by Mrs. Bascom, and, on motion, adopted.

Miss Playfair sang a solo entitled, "Be Kind to the Erring," and at 11:30 a.m. the Bible reading was given by Mrs. Alexander, of Ottawa; an hymn was sung, and Mrs. Gordon led in noon-tide prayer.

Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

Before the regular afternoon session a conference on Lumbermen's work was held, led by Mrs. W. A. Hunter, Pembroke.

AFTERNOON.

CONVENTION, October 28.

The Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, in the chair.

Mrs. (Rev.) Cairns conducted opening exercises, and prayer was offered by several members of the Convention.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

A report of the Credential Committee was made, and received as a partial report.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was then called for.

On motion it was decided that only the summary of this necessarily long report should be read, but on further consideration the motion was rescinded, the full report requested, and subsequently adopted.

The Treasurer's report was also read, and, on motion, adopted.

The President's annual address was then delivered.

On motion of Mrs. Livingstone a rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Thornley for her helpful address, so full of practical suggestions.

Moved by Mrs. Gordon, that the suggestions contained in the President's address be included in the Plan of Work, printed and sent to the local unions. This was seconded and carried.

EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT—Mrs. Asa Gordon, Superintendent. Report was read, and, on motion, adopted.

In accordance with notice of motion given last year, Mrs. Maxwell moved, seconded by Mrs. Bennet, that Article IV. of Local Constitution be altered to read "twenty cents" instead of "twenty-five," and "ten cents" instead of "five cents."

Miss MacArthur moved in amendment by substitution, that the Plan of Work Committee formulate plans by which the county work might be assisted. This was seconded by Mrs. Livingstone and carried.

Mrs. Craig very kindly sang "Throw Out the Life Line," and, on motion, meeting adjourned.

EVENING.

The annual meeting of the Bible Society was held in the Presbyterian Church, Judge John Deacon, President of the Pembroke branch, occupied the chair.

Delegates of the W. C. T. U. Convention were present in large numbers, and Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, and Mrs. A. Gordon, of Ottawa, were among the speakers of the evening.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING.

CONVENTION, October 29, 1896.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. F. S. Spence, the business of the Convention was resumed.

The minutes of Wednesday afternoon meeting were read and approved.

Greetings were received from the Hamilton Conference Branch of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society and the Council of the Dominion Alliance.

The Corresponding Secretary was requested to suitably respond to the same.

LUMBERMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Hunter presented the report, which drew forth an interesting discussion, and was, on motion, adopted.

Mrs. Brownell gave notice of motion that she, or some one in her place, would at the next annual meeting move, that any person may become a life member of County or District Union, by signing the pledge and the payment of \$10.00, and that any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and paying the sum of \$1.00 annually.

Mrs. Thornley gave notice of motion that she, or some one in her place, would move at the next annual meeting, that Article II. of the Local Constitution be amended by striking out the words, "The regular fee," and substituting the words, "A fee, the amount of which shall be settled by each union."

In accordance with notice of motion given last year,—moved by Mrs. Thornley and seconded:—"If at the expiration of three months any officer or superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable to properly perform the duties of her office or department, the office or superintendency shall be considered vacant. Should the retiring member be an officer, the Union shall elect her successor; if a superintendent, the sub-Executive shall nominate and the Union elect." Carried.

A completed report of the Credential Committee was received—86 delegates being present.

Bowmanville not being represented by a delegate, on vote of Convention, Mrs. Higginbotham was appointed.

A partial report was made by the Committee on Appropriations, which was accepted.

Prayer was offered, preparatory to the election of officers, by Mrs. Gordon.

Mrs. Thornley appointed tellers as follows: Mrs. Saunby, Miss Gordon, Miss Grant, Mrs. Britton, Miss Miller and Miss Haddon.

The President then requested the Vice-President to take the chair.

Moved by Miss Cosford, and seconded, that the tellers be allowed to retire to the committee room to count the ballots so that the work of Convention may be continued. Carried.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of all, as follows:

President—Mrs. May R. Thornley, London.

Vice-President—Mrs. Jennie Cavers, Galt.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Mary Wiley, Richmond Hill.

Recording Secretary—Miss Ella S. Cosford, London.

Treasurer—Miss Jennie MacArthur, Cornwall.

Upon the re-election of Mrs. Thornley the delegates rose and sang, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

The President then took the chair, and after a few remarks, proceeded with the elections.

The report of *Woman's Journal* was read by Miss Scott, Superintendent. Discussion in reference to the financial condition of the *Journal* was held.

Moved by Mrs. Gordon, that members of the W. C. T. U. throughout the Dominion should be asked for ten cents each to assist in the liquidation of financial difficulties of the *Woman's Journal*, and that the Provincial Union shall co-operate in this matter. This was seconded and carried.

HYGIENE AND HEREDITY—Mrs. Lucas, Grimsby, Superintendent. The report was read by Mrs. Cavers, and adopted.

Noontide hour having arrived, Mrs. Bascom led in prayer.

LEGISLATION AND PETITIONS—Mrs. Rockwell, Superintendent. The report was read by Miss MacArthur, but the discussion thereof was deferred.

On motion Convention adjourned until 2:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON.

CONVENTION, 2:30 o'clock.

The President in the chair, who conducted devotional exercises.

Miss Agnes Slack, Secretary of the World's W. C. T. U., was introduced to Convention, and was greeted with the "Chautauqua" salute.

After urging that our Province do all in its power to make the World and Dominion Conventions, to be held in Toronto next year, a success, she gave a most interesting Bible talk, taking for her text the 33d verse of xiii chapter of Matthew.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to a School of Methods conducted by the President, who is also superintendent of that department.

When organization was completed, the subject: "How to Conduct Union Meetings," was taken up; first, by a paper on "Report Day in Local Unions," prepared and read by Miss Cosford.

After discussion of the subject Mrs. D. H. Williams, of London, read a paper on "The Educational Half-hour," prepared by Mrs. Thornley. Comments were made upon different points in this paper, and it was moved by Mrs. Bascom, and seconded by Miss Stone, that these papers be published in leaflet form. Carried.

Hymn 774 was sung, and a paper on Scientific Temperance, prepared by Mrs. Bigelow, of Cornwall, was read by Miss MacArthur.

The Question Box was then answered by Mrs. Thornley, and, on motion, the meeting adjourned with prayer.

EVENING.

A great throng assembled in the Presbyterian Church, the attraction being the address by Miss Agnes Slack, of Derbyshire, England, Corresponding Secretary of the World's W. C. T. U.

The Church Choir rendered several fine selections, adding greatly to the evening's entertainment.

A vote of thanks to Miss Slack was moved by Mr. E. S. Mitchell, P. M., and seconded by Judge John Deacon, both speaking in eulogistic terms of her address and her work. The vote was carried with enthusiasm.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING.

EXECUTIVE, 9:00 o'clock.

The President in the chair.

Sixteen members present.

After opening prayer,

Recommended, That the Department of Hygiene, Heredity and Social Purity be divided, and that Mrs. Lucas be Superintendent of Social Purity.

Recommended, That the Department of Juvenile Work (including Temperance in S. S.'s., Demorest Medal Contests and Kitchen Garden) be divided; that Mrs. T. H. Pratt, of Hamilton, be Superintendent of Juvenile Work, etc., and Mrs. W. J. Saunby, of London, be Superintendent of Temperance in Sabbath Schools.

WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN—*Recommended*, That the following assistant superintendents be appointed:

Mrs. Scott.....	Barrie.
Mrs. Mickle.....	Gravenhurst.
Mrs. Chapman.....	Warton.
Mrs. Detlor.....	Nipissing.
Miss Sproule.....	Algoma.

CONVENTION, October 30, 1896.

The President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Sherman.

The minutes of the meeting held Thursday morning were read, and after one slight alteration, adopted.

The minutes of the School of Methods, held Thursday afternoon, were then read and approved.

The recommendations of Executive, held at 9 a.m. Friday, were also read and adopted.

TEMPERANCE IN SABBATH SCHOOLS—Mrs. Pratt, Superintendent. The report was read by Mrs. Wiley, and, on motion, adopted.

DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS—This report was read, also, by Mrs. Wiley, the Superintendent, Miss Teskey, not being present. After discussion the report was adopted.

Mrs. Reede, of Teeswater, presented the report of the Resolution Committee, which was considered seriatim. One or two slight amendments were made, and, on motion, the report as amended was adopted as a whole.

Mrs. D. H. Williams, London, presented the report of the Plan of Work Committee. Owing to arrival of the noon hour the report could not be completed.

AFTERNOON.

EXECUTIVE, 1:30 o'clock.

The President in the chair.

Recommended, That the Plan of Work Committee for the ensuing year be composed of seven members, viz.:

Mrs. Wheeler	Paris.
Miss MacArthur	Cornwall.
Mrs. Cavers	Galt.
Mrs. D. H. Williams	London.
Mrs. Maxwell	Amherstburg.
Mrs. Britton	Gananoque.
Mrs. Pirie	Renfrew.

Recommended, That Mrs. Caldwell, of Lanark, be appointed Superintendent of Narcotics.

Recommended, That Mrs. Crewson, of Cornwall, be again appointed Auditor.

Recommended, That it be left to the sub-Executive to obtain a Superintendent for the Department of Hygiene and Heredity.

Recommended, That the Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, be appointed Delegate-at-Large to Dominion Convention.

Thirty-eight Delegates to the Dominion Convention being now appointed.

Recommended, That the remaining five shall be appointed from those who shall attend as visitors.

CONVENTION, 2:00 o'clock.

The President in the chair.

A service in memory of our promoted sisters was conducted by Mrs. Asa Gordon in connection with the opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of the School of Methods were read and approved. Also the recommendations of the Executive were adopted as read.

A discussion of the report of Legislation and Petitions was held, and, on motion, it was requested that the reference to the Dominion Alliance, and also to Sir Oliver Mowat, be expunged.

Further report of the Plan of Work Committee was then made, and, upon completion, it was adopted as a whole as amended.

A discussion re the resolution relating to the Cottage Home System, and also the work of the Children's Aid Society was held, and the resolution was referred back to the committee for reconstruction.

The suggestion in reference to the raising of county funds was accepted and referred to the Plan of Work Committee.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING—Miss Rose Wakefield, Superintendent. The report was read by Mrs. Cavers, and, on motion, adopted.

Miss MacArthur presented the report of the Convention Finance Committee, which was, on motion, adopted.

Through the kindness of the Local Union, and those in charge of Churches and Town Hall, this report was delightfully satisfactory. A cordial vote of thanks was moved and carried unanimously.

The Question Box was answered by Mrs. Thornley.

Moved by Mrs. Wiley, and seconded, that an expression of appreciation be made to Local Unions for their consideration in so many cases, of sending as their delegate, one who is a Provincial Superintendent, and also paying their railroad expenses.

An invitation to hold Convention next year, in Ottawa, was received with pleasure, but it was considered wise to go towards the west for the coming year, therefore, on motion, it was decided that Convention of 1897, should be held in Guelph, if convenient for that Union, should this arrangement not prove feasible, the sub-Executive will make the necessary arrangements.

Business of Convention being now completed, the delegates and friends present formed in a circle around the church, and with hands clasped, joined in singing our parting hymn, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again," and after earnest prayer Convention adjourned *sine die*.

ELLA S. COSFORD,

Recording Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, London).

We sat together in the cheery "home room" of the house, the elderly and successful man of business, whom his townsmen delight to honor; his grey-haired, yet impulsive wife, and I, the Convention guest, drifted into this kindly refuge by a local billeting committee. I had listened, sympathetically, to the reasons why my host and hostess hated the liquor traffic, had heard from them life-stories of neighbors and friends that—the bitter pity of it all—could be duplicated in every city, town and village of this Province. I had felt, as I always do at such times, a deepening abhorrence of a business that grows only as it feeds on physical and moral decay, and an inner cry, "How long, oh Lord; how long!" had gone up. Then I hastened to express that hope of the "complete extinction of the liquor traffic," as our pledge puts it, that animates the heart of every white ribboner.

But my hostess impetuously answered, "I don't believe it. Look at the millions of capital in it. See the numbers of people engaged in it, or connected with it. Remember the social and political hold it has!—you will *never* overthrow it!" Before I could reply, the voice of the husband made reverent answer, in words the sum of which were, "*wife, you have forgotten God!*"

On the 20th of this month, the great Brooklyn Divine, Lyman Abbot, preached from the text, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," Phil. iv, 13. The printed report of it was entitled "We can," and here are two or three sentences from it:

"The most common excuse which men give to their conscience is, 'I cannot.' The most common answer to the ideals which God puts before the human race is, 'This is impracticable.'"

"Now this almost universal excuse leaves God out of account. Paul brings Him into account. He says, 'I can do all things *through Christ* which strengtheneth me.' And you and I are responsible, not merely to do the things that *we* can do, but to do the things that *we and God can do together*."

Sisters, this is the bed rock that our feet must reach, if we are to stand immovable while the currents of popular favor or disfavor surge about us. We have settled it in our inmost beings that our God "must reign from the river to the ends of the earth"; that, "for this purpose the Son of Man was made manifest, that he might destroy the works of the devil." We

know that ours is the promise "of a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." Either this glorious prospect is a delusive dream, and the Book is filled with God-given pledges that will never be redeemed, or else the liquor traffic is doomed—condemned already, and lives now only because it is the two, and not the ten spies of this modern Canaan, who are bravely affirming, "Let us go up at once and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

But listen to one more quotation from Mr. Abbott's discourse:

"God has filled the material universe with forces that make for civilization, and the moral universe with forces that make for righteousness. You are responsible for using these powers. You are to hold yourselves to account, as God will hold you to account, not merely for what you can do by your own arm, and your own force of will, but also for all that you can do through Him that strengtheneth you."

"Whatever is right is practicable. Whatever ought to be can be. And you and I are to blame if we do not help to make *the right the real.*"

"In just so much as these words set forth the deepest feelings and thoughts of our souls, in just so much are we in working accord with the divine architect when He said, 'Behold I make all things new.'"

OUR LAST PLEBISCITE.

It has been a weary wait, but the fruit of it is ripening fast. Nothing but a dishonor that we will not for a moment consider possible can snatch it from our grasp.

"Are you in favor of the immediate prohibition, by law, of the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage?" shouted the Ontario Government into the people's telephone—the ballot box. Back came a thunderous chorus of, "*we are.*"

"But what if you are?" says the liquor dealer; "possession is nine-tenths of the law." Not of an honorable government, pledged to oust you, should their supporters give permission, be in power.

In the Government bill that accompanied the Plebiscite Act the Legislature said: "Electors in voting 'yes' on this question will be considered as expressing an opinion in favor of prohibition *to the extent to which the Legislature of this Province, or the Parliament of Canada HAS JURISDICTION, AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE COURT OF FINAL RESORT.*"

Sir Oliver and his Cabinet, on the 6th of February, 1894, with the people's decision before them, reiterated their previous promise, and explicitly stated, "should the decision of the Privy

Council be that the Province has jurisdiction to pass only a partial prohibitory bill, such a prohibitory bill as the decision would warrant shall be introduced, unless the partial prohibitory power is so limited as to be ineffective from a temperance standpoint."

The Privy Council decision has come, and the latest knot in the noose that is dropping over the head of the doomed Canadian liquor traffic has just been added by Premier Hardy, in reply to the temperance deputation of July 16th. "Here are the promises; the people's response to them, and the decision of the court of last resort," said the deputation. "Are you the Government that made these pledges?" "We are the same Government—we will take no backward step," was the reply.

What, then, have we a right to expect?

That the partial prohibitory legislation, that is beyond dispute within the gift of the Government, shall be enacted this winter:

1st. *Seven o'clock closing*—not in spots, where the people are able to wring it from the reluctant grasp of the License Board, but from Windsor to Ottawa, in city, town and village.

2d. An immense reduction in the possible number of licensed places.

3d. The element of local greed eliminated by devoting all license revenue exclusively to the Provincial Government.

4th. The old license, to be held at the will of the people, a majority petition of those resident in the subdivision where it is situated being sufficient to prevent its renewal.

Hundreds of places that are the veriest nuisances are, year after year, given a fresh lease of life, despite the protest of the property owners and law-abiding forces of the community, because, as now existing, the law provides no remedy.

5th. That the new license shall be more difficult to obtain. The signatures of two-thirds of the resident voters in the polling subdivision where it is to be located shall be necessary to its consideration by the Board. And the names of all who are ready to shoulder the responsibility for its existence shall be the property of the public, the applicant being required to publish them, at his own expense, in two of the local papers.

6th. That saloons, pure and simple, be abolished.

7th. That third, fifth or tenth offences shall no longer masquerade as firsts, making the veriest farce of that section of the present license law designed to prevent its infraction.

8th. That the illegally issued license shall drop of its own weight.

I don't know how to stop at No. 8, for every one of the remaining one dozen demands, formulated for presentation to the Ontario Government by the Toronto Convention of July 16th, is

of intense importance, and should be thoroughly understood by our women. Space must be found on our programme, if possible, for a more extended consideration, and I would suggest that our local unions be urged to devote at least one regular meeting to the discussion of these proposed changes.

What is, then, our duty with respect to the approaching session of our Provincial Parliament?

We must be prepared to co-operate with other temperance societies in pressing for immediate legislation to the fullest extent of Government pledges. We must be ready to bear our share of necessary expense. We must begin now, and continue faithfully and persistently to impress the public with the thought that any response from the Government, short of a full redemption of their pledges, will be a treason to plighted faith that we have no right or reason to anticipate. "Blessed is he that expecteth nothing, for he shall get it," is a homely putting of a truth that is equally true when reversed. Let us expect much that we *may* get it. If we don't—but we won't consider any "ifs."

THE DOMINION PLEBISCITE.

Perpetual motion, that dream of the mechanical inventor, is what we want in the temperance reform. Still waters become stagnant.

We did not ask for this trial of strength, but we do not shun it. We court every chance to meet the saloon in the open, for is it not an opportunity to sound a blast on the Prohibition bugle that shall ring its way down into the consciousness of the sleepy Christian, pierce the dulled ear of the worldling; and catch and hold the harmony loving nature of youth?

The circle of soldiers and sympathizers widens with every fresh planting of the standard. We have nothing to fear, and everything to hope.

Here are the pictures of the combatants in the nearing struggle; the plates were prepared two thousand years ago, but they are true to life yet. "Every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be re-proved." The saloon, skulking off into the darkness of ancient custom, and misapplied scripture; screening its hideous deformities behind the moth-eaten stage drapery of personal liberty, and vested rights, and doing its fighting by proxy, through the conscienceless politician and editor.

Now look at the other aspirant for the people's favor. "But every one that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest that they are wrought in God." Turn on the X rays of public thought; converge every line, and pencil of light on this cause of the home. It courts investigation. It has

nothing to hide. In a few weeks it will be crying aloud from the pulpits and platforms of this land; coming out in the public prints over an honest signature; fighting its own battles right manfully, and from the shoulder.

What should be the initial move of the campaign? The forming, without delay, of a "Head Centre" for the Dominion.

But when we have thus generated our army, what shall be our share of duty?

There are the Local tire, the County spokes and the Provincial hub. If the white ribbon wheel is to move effectively, every part must contribute its quota of faithful work. Said a recent correspondent, "there are at least six places in our County where there might be Unions and are none." Should I pass on that item of information to the County President she would in all probability respond:—"Though the Provincial pays the expenses for organizing new Unions, it does not, and cannot, supply the means for the necessary preparation of the ground. The County Treasurer is glad if at the end of the year, after paying present obligations, she has a few dollars to the good. How can this additional burden be borne?"

FINANCES.

Now, dear women, I will not minimize this difficulty, but I will say that it *must* be overcome; we must organize, if it be nothing more than a Youman's Band Committee, in all these untouched places. It was inspiring to read that at the last York County Convention, a prominent minister moved, and the audience carried by a rising vote, the resolution that a W. C. T. U. should be formed in every town and village in that County. But where is the cold hard cash to come from?

It is God's, now, held in trust by thousands of His children. It will be ours shortly, if we are enough in earnest to pray and work, and sacrifice for it as we should. Said a brave young heart, who has been one of my comforts ever since the women of her county put its helm into her hand, "It seems to me that we, W. C. T. U. women, need to exercise more faith in God's power and willingness to help us. Müller got his tens of thousands in answer to prayer. His work was no more God's than ours. If we each would ask as he did, surely the money, or the means of obtaining it, would be given us."

COUNTY FUND.

Here is a plan—it has the advantage of being possible of operation everywhere. One county has already adopted it. We will entitle it "The County W. C. T. U. Missionary Plebiscite Fund." Its aim would be to send speakers, organizers and literature through the county. Only one dollar would be asked

from each contributor. The County sub-Executive would be the gatherers and administrators of the fund. Why, if each of the five county officers would become responsible for securing, among her friends, ten subscriptions, there would be \$50.00 to start with! Double that sum and you have an amount sufficient to organize almost any Ontario County.

Do you say the times are hard, and it cannot be done? There is no such word as "cannot" in a faith-filled Christian's dictionary. I tell you the woman who sits down and despairs before she begins, is unworthy the name of a soldier of the cross. "Be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them," is the word of God to such.

Our first thought must be, "what am I going to give?" our second, "I will not offer unto the Lord of that which shall cost me nothing." These points settled we may, on our knees, get the I. O. U. of our Heavenly Father for that one hundred dollars, and then the purse strings of his servants will loosen quickly enough.

UNORGANIZED COUNTIES.

Should every organized county adopt, and successfully carry out the foregoing plan, or any other that would enable them to enter the Plebiscite campaign, thoroughly equipped, there are yet the unorganized counties, and the vast districts to the North West. These will fall to the share of the Provincial Union, and will tax, to the utmost, the faith and courage of the officers, and the contents of the Treasury. Concerning Algoma, the sub-Executive has a plan to lay before you that it is hoped will meet both the needs of the case, and your approval. Our County President for the Eastern half, Miss Agnes Sproule, of Fort William, has done a grand work this year, in the distribution of literature, and opening up of avenues for future labor. Several Bands of Hope are projected, and the calls for help coming to her are so frequent she is not able to respond to them.

The suggestion of sub-Executive is that Miss Sproule be made our Missionary for Algoma. Her work would be among the lumber and mining camps, and small villages scattered throughout the District. Further, that Mrs. McGillivray, President of the Fort William Union, and Mrs. Meir, President of the Sault Ste. Marie Union, be Associate Presidents for Algoma. It would be necessary to appropriate for Miss Sproule's use at least \$100; she could dispose, with great advantage, to the temperance cause, of double that sum.

PROVINCIAL WORKERS.

The most precious gift each one can lay at the feet of the Saviour, is herself—the lesser things, of possessions, talents, etc., never fail to follow where the citadel is truly surrendered. Al-

ready, we have been promising our Master, and ourselves, to put into the year's work, not merely a little fragment of our thought, and a few scraps of our time, but ourselves—the very best there is of us to give, after such duties as may hold priority to this work, are discharged.

Some are so situated that they must confine their efforts to the Local Union where they hold membership. Others may look to the broader county field; and there are a few whose endowments and home surroundings fit and permit of their giving at least a little help beyond both local and county borders. In the utilization of this latter class of workers there has been a great waste. Take an illustration:—Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, agrees to go and help another County President at the County annual meeting. To reach her appointment she passes through a neighboring county, also preparing for its Fall Convention, and the President of which is eagerly looking about for help. The one trip might have taken in the two meetings, with profit to the work, and without much inconvenience to Mrs. McKee. Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, comes all the way from Carlton County to the Bruce Convention, and return home to find letters awaiting her from at least three western County Presidents, who have heard a rumor of the visit and are hopeful of being included in the tour. Don't you see what a left-handed way this is of doing business? There is no system about it.

Here is a proposal that may at least partially meet the difficulty: Let us prepare at once a list of all our women who can do effectively any public work. Let us add to this list three or four capable women lecturers, and a man or two. Then let our Spring Schools and Fall Conventions be arranged systematically, and our workers and speakers sent from one point to the other with as little loss as possible of railway fare, and nerve force.

Besides the Conventions, I am constantly written to for speakers for evening meetings, parlor gatherings, etc. These might be supplied from the same source.

To manage such a speaker's bureau would take one woman's time, as any one who has ever arranged even a single lecture tour can testify. I would suggest that a Superintendent of a department for lecture work, etc., be appointed by this Convention, and enter upon her duties without delay. One speaker, Rev. E. O. Taylor, of Oak Park, Illinois, has already been endorsed by the sub-Executive, and his tour, terms, etc., will be placed before this Convention for consideration.

LITERATURE.

Our Dominion Depository has been a thorough satisfaction to us through the past year, and promises to grow in the favor of its patrons. We of Ontario, however, need a Provincial Superin-

tendent for at least a year or two, whose duty it shall be to encourage a freer use of literature, to give judicious advice in its selection, and to gather the yearly statistics relating to it.

THE DEPARTMENTS.

An important plan, effecting all the departments that send out circulars, will be outlined on Thursday afternoon. I will not here anticipate its consideration. At the same session our Provincial Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Institute will lay before you a suggestion for local work in her department that it is hoped may be heartily adopted by this Convention.

The fate of the bill for the raising of the age of consent, which has been introduced by Mr. Charlton, will be followed with interest by our women generally. Our Superintendents of Social Purity, and Purity in Literature and Art are in communication with Mr. Charlton, and will expect your hearty co-operation in whatever plan may be devised for the furtherance of the measure when it is pressed to a vote.

The Sabbath controversy is still waging. The greed that has nearly dropped the Golden Rule from the business world's decalogue, and set up Might and Cunning as its Lares and Penates, has cast covetous eyes on the Lord's portion of the week. With the Church just becoming conscious of its centuries of gigantic stealing from its Master's treasury, in the appropriation to personal uses of "the Lord's tenth," it is sad to see the commercial world preparing to lay vandal hands on that which is yet more sacred—the Lord's Day—the seventh of time. We must not forget our sisters in Toronto when the issue of Sunday street cars will, for the third time, be forced upon them.

HOUSE OF COMMONS BAR.

A distinct victory was chronicled in the abolition of the Commons Bar. This Act recognized and yielded to the growth, throughout our Dominion, of the anti-bar-room sentiment.

It is to be regretted, though perhaps to be expected, that the Senate should cling to the ill-odored customs of its predecessors, and refuse to welcome that fragrant better day in which the mental and spiritual shall dominate the animal nature. Fortunately they are willing to keep their little plague spot to themselves. And as the light is hourly brightening, even the conservative eyes of Senator — may e'er long be made to see that the saloon, as well as the duel, is a remnant of the sensual past.

THE ARMENIANS.

I could not close this address without a word of tender sympathy for the suffering Christians of blood-baptized Armenia. There seems nothing we can do but share with them our temporal

blessings, and add our quota to the general outcry which is steadily pressing to an issue the case of the bestial Turk versus Decency and Humanity. Our Resolution Committee will not fail to deal with this question.

PERSONAL.

In the little W. C. T. U. office at 843 Dundas street we begin work, except when a meeting or Convention takes me from home, at 9:30 each morning, and run through till 12 or 1 o'clock, when the stenographer leaves. On busy days the pen must be resumed in the afternoon, but—since the advent of the stenographer—evening work has been seldom necessary. The Provincial correspondence is steadily increasing. 1598 letters, cards and articles, and 960 circulars and parcels have been sent out; adding the local cards and letters would make a total of 2916 communications. Duplicate letters and cards for several of the Departments were also typewritten in London.

THE OUTLOOK.

Our hope lies, first in God, and then in that bit of God dropped down into every sentient soul—the human conscience. It may be seered by custom, or buried beneath the pure ideals of childhood and youth, shattered by the ruthless hand of worldly wisdom, but if it lives at all there is hope. Let us make ours a *conscience* campaign.

To each worker my closing message shall be:—Be true to God, be true to the work; as faithful in the inconspicuous task as in the public service, remembering that—

“We are not bound to make the world go right;
But only to discover and to do,
With cheerful heart, the work that God appoints!”



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

(MRS. MARY WILEY, Richmond Hill).

ALGOMA—Has two Unions—Fort William and Sault Ste. Marie; 32 paying and 1 honorary member; 24 union and 3 public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 50 members; total amount of money received, \$87.81; 9 copies of the Annual Report taken; 2,965 pages of literature; 6 departments of work taken up. Sault Ste. Marie gave \$5.00 toward Armenian fund; kept a reading-room open, and were successful in introducing unfermented wine into all the churches, with one exception.

BRANT—Six Unions reported—Scotland, St. George, Paris, Brantford, Burford and Cainsville; 113 paying and 2 honorary members; 104 union and 6 public meetings held during the year; four Bands of Hope, with 250 members; total amount of money raised, \$323.34; 9 copies of the Annual Report taken; 3,000 pages of literature distributed; 11 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Scotland established a public library; Paris elected a temperance candidate at their municipal elections, and Brantford had a soup kitchen every Sunday morning.

BRUCE—Eleven Unions heard from—Hepworth, Lucknow, Walkerton, Mildmay, Paisley, Chesley, Teeswater, Purple Valley, Invermay, Wiarton and Kincardine; 136 active and 23 honorary members; 140 union and 57 public meetings held during the year; three Bands of Hope, with 234 members; total amount of money raised, \$532.09; 34 copies of the Annual Report taken; 17 departments of work taken up; 5 petitions circulated; 13,879 pages of literature distributed. Paisley gave \$22.00 to the Armenian relief fund.

CARLETON—Reports five Unions—Ottawa, Ottawa "Y", Kinburn, Richmond and Carp; 336 active and 52 honorary members; 62 union and 27 public meetings held during the year; four Bands of Hope, with 238 members; total amount of money received, \$1,355.23; 17 copies of the Annual Report taken; 9 departments of work taken up; 1 petition circulated, and charitable work done in the unions.

DUNDAS—One Union in this County—Iroquois; 18 active and 2 honorary members; 9 union meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$6.00; 1 copy of the Annual Report taken, and 4 departments of work taken up; 1,000 pages of literature distributed. This union was successful in preventing a license being granted for a billiard parlor.

DURHAM—There are three Unions reported in this County—Bowmanville, Orono and Port Hope; 49 active and 13 honorary

members; 64 union and 4 public meetings held during the year; total amount of money raised, \$109.49; 23 copies of the Annual Report taken; 6,194 pages of literature distributed and 13 departments of work taken up. *Mercantile and Factory Act*—Bowmanville writes as follows:—"We interviewed the Council personally, asking to have the law enforced. They appointed an inspector, who does good work, for which the young women thank us." Also, under the "Children's Aid Act," Bowmanville has secured the conviction of parties who are now under suspended sentence.

ESSEX—Five Unions reported—Essex, Leamington, Kingsville, Amherstburg and Windsor; 91 active and 16 honorary members; 116 union and 8 public meetings held during the year; two Bands of Hope, with 58 members; total amount of money received, \$118.69; 40 copies of the Annual Report taken; 2,400 pages of literature distributed; 10 departments of work taken up; gave \$20 toward a library; collected clothing for the destitute, and helped the poor and needy.

ELGIN—There are three affiliated Unions in this County—Aylmer, St. Thomas and Vienna; 79 active and 6 honorary members; 36 union and 10 public meetings held during the year; 12 copies of the Annual Report taken, and 6 departments of work taken up. Vienna has no Band of Hope, but has done special work in the public schools, circulating the Triple Pledge with good success.

GLENGARRY—Reports five Unions—Martintown, Maxwell, St. Elmo, Vankleek Hill and Lancaster; 83 active and 7 honorary members, and 4 members of "Youmans Band;" 19 public meetings were held, besides mothers' and parlor meetings; total amount of money received during the year, \$376.02; 4,000 pages of literature distributed; 11 copies of Annual Report taken, and 14 departments of work taken up. St. Elmo opened a night school for young men, and devotes much time to public meetings. The unions in this county all seem active in departmental work.

GRENVILLE—Reports five Unions—Kemptville, Bethel, Spencerville, Cardinal and Prescott; 121 active and 10 honorary members; 65 union and 15 public meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope, with 50 members; total amount of money raised, \$104.10; 20 copies of the Annual Report taken; 13 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Bethel reports the closing of two hotels. Prescott visited the public schools, and writes as follows:—"We visited the 'cells' under the Town Hall, where tramps are lodged, as well as criminals; made it more comfortable and cheerful for them by providing a wash-bowl, towels, soap, brush and comb; placed a bracket for literature, and hung up two pictures—one of our Saviour. These small tokens of love for suffering and unfortunate brothers pleased the Mayor and Council of our town, and our noble temperance Mayor, in recognition of the work done by the members of the W. C. T. U., is

going to furnish a large conveyance to take all the delegates out to Spencerville to attend the County Convention."

GREY—Reports five Unions—Owen Sound, Meaford, Thornbury, Markdale and Durham; 101 active and 4 honorary members; 70 union and 7 public meetings have been held; there are no Bands of Hope, but Owen Sound has organized a "Boys' Brigade," with 68 names on the roll, and is prospering greatly; amount of money received, \$228.36; 15 copies of Annual Report taken; 1,400 pages of literature distributed, and 16 departments of work taken up. Owen Sound gave a reception to Model students. The County Secretary writes:—"The work has seemed more than usually up-hill this last year, still we are not discouraged, but are intending to do our share in the great work before us in the coming year. God grant that our efforts may be crowned with success."

HASTINGS—Reports three Unions—Belleville, Madoc and Trenton, with 97 members; 39 union and 2 public meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope, with 150 members; total amount of money received, \$79.48; ten copies of the Annual Report taken, and 7 departments of work taken up.

HURON—There are two Unions in this County—Seaforth and Clinton; 49 active and 4 honorary members; 12 union and 15 public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$118.45; 4 copies of the Annual Report taken; two departments of work taken up, and collected \$74.75 for the Armenian fund.

HALDIMAND—Reports four Unions—Selkirk, Caledonia, Dunnville and Hagersville; 50 active and 2 honorary members; 36 union and 6 public meetings held during the year; two Bands of Hope, with 120 members; total amount of money received, \$93.55; 9 copies of the Annual Report taken; 2,000 pages of literature distributed, and 7 departments of work taken up.

HALTON—Oakville and Milton heard from, with a membership of 32; 26 union and 4 public meetings held; 3 copies of the Annual Report taken; 8 departments of work taken up. *Special*

Work—Milton—A night school and the opening of the Mechanics' Institute every evening.

KENT—There are six Unions in this County—Wallaceburg, Chatham, Thamesville, Dresden, Blenheim and Ridgetown; 147 active and 12 honorary members; 180 union and 20 public meetings held during the year; two Bands of Hope, with 174 members; received, \$287.27 during the year; 74 copies of the Annual Report taken; 2,368 pages of literature distributed; 16 departments of work taken up. One union engaged Dr. Cadieux to lecture and gave a public reception. Blenheim gave clothing and food to the poor and helped the Armenians.

LEEDS—This County reports eight Unions—Athens, Brockville, Lansdowne, Delta, Lyn, Gananoque, Lake Eliada, and Glen Buell; 115 active and 2 honorary members; 132 union and 15 public meetings held in the year; four Bands of Hope, with 145 members; received \$277.44 during the year; 7 copies of Annual Report taken; 6,804 pages of literature distributed; 12 departments of work taken up. Athens gave a tea to the model students, and assisted the poor. Lyn made quilts and clothing for the needy at home.

LINCOLN—Reports seven Unions—St. Catharines, St. Catharines "Y's," Rockway, Grimsby, Beamsville, Homer, and Campden; 111 active and 13 honorary members; 96 union and 7 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 82 members; raised \$121.03 during the year; 12 copies of the Annual Report taken; 1,172 pages of literature distributed; 11 departments of work taken up. Grimsby established a lending library.

LAMBERTON—Reports nine Unions—Sarnia, Forest, Petrolia, Wyoming, Watford, Alvinston, Sombra, Copleston, and Wilkesport; 175 active and 39 honorary members; 204 union and 12 public meetings held in the year; five Bands of Hope, with 403 children; total amount of money raised, \$342.75; 16 departments of work taken up; 32,078 pages of literature distributed; 32 Annual Reports taken. *Special Work*—Sarnia contributed \$10.00 to the Armenian sufferers, \$5.00 to the Youman's Fund, \$2.00 to the "Girls Shelter," in Toronto, and paid a boy's railway expenses to the "Salvation Army Orphans' Home," Toronto. Forest distributed literature at three political meetings. Petrolia made an effort to get early closing on Saturday nights, and had some large pledges handsomely decorated for the Sunday School rooms. Sombra collected and distributed a large quantity of clothing to the destitute.

LANARK—Reports five Unions—Smith's Falls, Carleton Place, Playfair, Lanark, and Perth; 133 active and 22 honorary members; 48 union and eight public meetings held during the year; two Bands of Hope, with 160 members; raised \$415.65; 12 copies of Annual Report taken; 2,741 pages of literature distributed; 10 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Smith's Falls—Relief to the poor. Carleton Place sent one man to the gold cure. Lanark contributed \$50 toward securing the use of the reading room for young men and boys; also, assisted in a relief fund for the poor and needy.

MUSKOKA—Has two Unions—Huntsville and Katrine; 32 active and 6 honorary members; 36 union and 18 public meetings held in the year; one Band of Hope, with 90 members; total amount of money received, \$29.00; 6 copies of the Annual Report taken; 4,300 pages of literature distributed; 6 departments of work taken up.

MIDDLESEX—Ten Unions heard from—Napier, Glencoe, London, Mt. Brydges, Parkhill, Strathroy, Woodgreen, Ilderton, London "Y's" and Melbourne; 443 active and 54 honorary members; 180 union and 13 public meetings held; six Bands of Hope, with 505 members; received \$1,998.04 during the year; 42 copies of the Annual Report taken; 34,625 pages of literature distributed; 18 departments of work taken up. London organized a "Youman's Band," and gave a supper to the newsboys and bootblacks. *Special Work*—Strathroy reports helping the poor of the town. Ilderton collected \$26.25 for the Armenian Relief Fund.

NIPISING—North Bay is the only Union in this district—25 active members; 12 union meetings held in the year; raised \$128.32; 6 departments of work taken up.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Reports three Unions—Warkworth, Coburg, and Campbellford; 43 active and 5 honorary members; 48 union and 2 public meetings held in the year; received \$64.11; 14 copies of the Annual Report taken; 3000 pages of literature distributed; 8 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Campbellford sent money to Protestant Orphans' Home.

NORFOLK—There is only one Union in this County—Delhi. This Union has a membership of 16, and succeeded in reducing the number of licenses from 3 to 2.

OXFORD—There are ten Unions reported—Brownsville, Embro, Norwich, Ingersoll, Otterville, Otterville "Y's," Woodstock, Salford, Tilsonburg and Verschoyle; 152 active and 15 honorary members; 144 union and 30 public meetings held in the year; two Bands of Hope, with 136 members; total amount of money received, \$190.11; 29 copies of the Annual Report taken; 6,200 pages of literature distributed; 16 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Sent donation to the Woodstock Hospital; sent one man to the gold cure; sent a child to the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Belleville; and contributed to the shelter for girls.

ONTARIO—Three Unions heard from in this County—Port Perry, Whitby and Prince Albert; 62 active and 10 honorary members; 48 union and 5 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 158 members; raised \$168.09 during the year; 1 copy of the Annual Report taken; 11 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Port Perry reports lighting and furnishing a reading room.

PEEL—Two Unions heard from—Brampton and Port Credit; 43 active and 5 honorary members; 38 union and 7 public meetings held in the year; raised \$111.22; 11 copies of the Annual Report taken; 1,280 pages of literature distributed; 5 departments of work taken up. Port Credit gave two entertainments on public holidays, to keep the young men from the saloons. One lady entertained Christmas evening in her own home. They also voted

\$25.00 to help form a public library in the village. Brampton and Port Credit Unions had a picnic, which was made very profitable by an hour's talk from Mrs. Rutherford. *Special Work*—"At the commencement of the year, Brampton decided to continue the charitable department of our work. It was considered advisable to require a temperance pledge to be signed by parties being helped. A number complied and were assisted. Literature was distributed; donations of beef, pork, clothing and other merchandise for the poor were thankfully received by the Union. The sick (rich and poor alike) were visited. These visits were received with expressions of thankfulness and pleasure. The President requested the members to cultivate plants and make delicacies for the sick. The inmates of the jail were visited and were remembered at Christmas. We were impressed with the necessity of more suitable accommodation for the unfortunate poor than that furnished by the common jail. A resolution was presented to the County Council, praying that a house of refuge be established."

PERTH—Reports five affiliated Unions—Stratford, St. Mary's, Mitchell, Listowel and Staffa; 65 paying and 2 honorary members; amount of money raised, \$111.84; 72 union and 4 public meetings held; 14 copies of Annual Report taken; 7 departments of work taken up; one Band of Hope, with 24 members; 600 pages of literature distributed. *Special Work*—Listowel prevented the opening of a pool and billiard parlor, and collected \$50.00 for a lame man.

PETERBORO—One Union in this County—Peterboro; 12 active and 5 honorary members; 12 union and 2 public meetings held; received \$30.88; 15 copies of the Annual Report taken; 20,669 pages of literature distributed; 11 departments of work taken up; \$55.00 worth of goods given away in charity during the year.

PRINCE EDWARD—Two Unions heard from—Picton, and Picton "Y's"; 42 active and 9 honorary members; 76 union meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 340 members; amount of money received, \$178.66; 8 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Picton "Y's" sent out twenty-two Christmas dinners. Picton made an effort on behalf of a free reading room.

RENFREW—Reports four Unions—Pembroke, Renfrew, Arnprior, and Westmeath; 71 active and 5 honorary members; 36 union and 8 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 35 members; amount of money raised, \$245.46; 18 copies of the Annual Report taken; 9 departments of work taken up. *Special sermons*; letters to the Members of Parliament asking them to vote *Work*—Pembroke sent letters to all clergymen, asking for special for prohibition; also to start a hospital. Arnprior gave \$2.00 to the Armenian relief fund.

STORMONT—Reports seven Unions—Wales, Cornwall, Avonmore, Moulinette, Aultsville, Newington and Osnabruck; 111 active and 7 honorary members; 96 union and 5 public meetings held during the year; five Bands of Hope, with 380 members; amount of money received, \$248.10; 39 copies of Annual Report taken; 13 departments of work taken up.

SIMCOE—Has five Unions—Gravenhurst, Collingwood, Barrie, Alliston and Orillia; 107 active and 10 honorary members; 60 union and 21 public meetings held in the year; two Bands of Hope with 304 members; amount of money received, \$451.43; 3,846 pages of literature distributed; 26 copies of the Annual Report taken; 13 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Gravenhurst sent one man to the gold cure. Collingwood gave a fountain to the town.

TORONTO—Reports thirteen Unions—Central, Western, Parkdale, Willard, Bathurst, Gordon, Dovercourt, Northern, Deer Park, Youmans, Creighton, Central "Y's" and Dovercourt "Y's"; 421 active and 40 honorary members; 29 public meetings held during the year; seven Bands of Hope, with 490 members; total amount of money raised, \$1,010.78; 61 copies of the Annual Report taken; 25,385 pages of literature distributed; 3 petitions have been circulated, and all departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Helped with Boys' Brigade and Girls' Shelter.

WATERLOO—Has twelve Unions—Ayr, Berlin, Blair, Central Dumfries, Galt, Hespeler, New Hamburg, Oakwood, Preston, Pine Grove, Roseville and Waterloo; 223 active and 22 honorary members; 132 union and 7 public meetings held during the year; six Bands of Hope, with 439 children; total amount of money received, \$411.47; 21 copies of Annual Report taken; 1,600 pages of literature, 424 papers, also pamphlets and magazines; 18 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—Ayr supplies the children of the public school with copies of the *Temperance Banner*; also, sent a petition to Sir Richard Cartright with regard to closing the bar at the House of Commons. Berlin held services at the Jail and Poor House, and interviewed the ministers in reference to using unfermented wine at the Sacrament. Galt—Sewing class. Preston had a sermon preached in each church on "Sabbath Observance." One new union was organized at Blair. Roseville—One Band of Hope, with 33 members.

WELLINGTON—Reports eight Unions—Mount Forest, Drayton, Rockwood, Glenallen, Guelph, Palmerston, Harriston and Arthur; 192 active and 13 honorary members; 124 union and 33 public meetings held during the year; five Bands of Hope, with 350 members; total amount of money received, \$220.74; 22,000 pages of literature distributed, and 10 departments of work taken up. Arthur succeeded in an effort to get stores closed at 10 p.m. on Saturdays, and had the law concerning minors printed. Rockwood held re-

freshment stand at the Fair Ground, with banner and Scripture texts conspicuously displayed. They did good work, giving water free and distributing literature. A committee of their union also waited on the Township Council to get number of licenses reduced. Guelph and Mount Forest have done good evangelistic work.

VICTORIA—Only one Union in this County—Lindsay, with a membership of 11; 12 union and 3 public meetings have been held during the year; amount of money received, \$19.11; 1 copy of the Annual Report taken; 2,080 pages of literature distributed; and 6 departments of work taken up.

WENTWORTH—Four Unions reported—Hamilton, Central, Hamilton "Y's" and Dundas; 330 active and 25 honorary members; nine Bands of Hope, with 640 members; amount of money raised, \$1,921.04; 27 copies of Annual Report taken; 17 departments of work taken up. *Special Work*—"Charitable," is reported.

WELLAND—Reports four Unions—Welland, Fonthill, Port Colborne and Niagara Falls; 41 active and 2 honorary members; 48 union and 1 public meeting held in the year; money received, \$12.05; 4 copies of the Annual Report taken, and 6 departments of work taken up.

YORK—Reports five unions—Newmarket, Stouffville, Toronto Junction, Richmond Hill and Weston; 61 active members; 64 union and 56 public meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope, with 126 members; total amount of money received, \$88.08; 8 Annual Reports taken; 12 departments of work taken up.

NEW UNIONS—Dunnville, Glen Buell, Durham, Blair, Port Colborne, Otterville "Y's", Lucknow "Y's" and Wilkesport.

SUMMARY.

The foregoing gives the following summary:

Unions reported	205
Active members	4,585
Honorary members	491
Union meetings	2,719
Public meetings	485
Bands of Hope	84
Number of Children	6,005
Money received	\$12,715.48
Copies of the Annual Report taken	621
Pages of literature distributed	193,107
Raised for Armenian fund	\$138.00

In reviewing the work of the past year we have great cause for encouragement and thankfulness. From several places the plea comes for some one to rouse the unions into greater activity.

This is a hopeful sign. One local president writes:—"We are not doing half what we would like to do, and what we have the ability to do." This comes from an unorganized County, in which there are two Unions.

From items such as these, and from a general feeling which runs through the reports, I take it that we are on the eve of a great awakening, and that we can, from our inmost hearts, "thank God and take courage."

PERSONAL WORK.

During the year the Corresponding Secretary has written 542 letters, 605 post cards, and sent out 1,200 circulars.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

AFFILIATION FEES.

<i>Algoma—</i>			
Fort William.....	\$ 5 00		
Sault Ste. Marie.....	3 00		
		\$ 8 00	
<i>Brant—</i>			
Brantford.....	12 50		
St. George.....	2 85		
Scotland.....	3 75		
Paris.....	5 00		
Burford.....	2 50		
		26 60	
<i>Bruce—</i>			
Hepworth.....	1 60		
Paisley.....	3 50		
Kincardine.....	3 50		
Mildmay.....	2 25		
Lucknow.....	5 00		
Walkerton.....	4 75		
Chesley.....	5 25		
Teeswater.....	15 00		
Purple Valley.....	75		
Warton.....	1 00		
		42 60	
<i>Carleton—</i>			
Carp.....	5 50		
Kinburn.....	10 00		
Richmond.....	3 00		
Ottawa.....	15 50		
Ottawa "Y's".....	50 00		
		84 00	
<i>Durham—</i>			
Port Hope.....	12 27		
Bowmanville.....	2 25		
		14 52	
<i>Dundas—</i>			
Iroquois.....	4 50		
		4 50	
<i>Elgin—</i>			
Aylmer.....	2 75		
St. Thomas.....	12 75		
Vienna.....	4 00		
		19 50	
<i>Essex—</i>			
Amherstburg.....	7 50		
Essex.....	3 75		
Kingsville.....	6 00		
Windsor.....	5 50		
		22 75	
Amount carried forward.....		\$222 47	

Amount brought forward..... \$222 47

Grey—

Owen Sound	\$12 25
Meaford	2 25
Markdale.....	3 25
Thornbury.....	3 00

20 75

Glengarry—

Martintown.....	2 13
Maxville.....	6 00
St. Elmo.....	4 00
Lancaster.....	3 25
Vankleek Hill.....	5 63

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Grenville—

Bethel.....	1 50
Cardinal.....	3 00
Kemptville.....	13 25
Prescott.....	9 25
Spencerville.....	4 00

31 00

Halton—

Oakville.....	3 00
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3 00

Haldimand—

Caledonia.....	5 25
Dunnville.....	3 25
Hagersville.....	3 00
Selkirk.....	1 00

12 50

Hastings—

Belleville.....	19 25
Madoc.....	3 00
Trenton.....	2 00

24 25

Huron—

Clinton.....	5 00
Seaforth.....	4 00

9 00

Kent—

Chatham.....	8 37
Ridgetown.....	7 00
Dresden.....	7 87
Wallaceburg.....	4 00
Blenheim.....	5 38
Thamesville.....	5 00

37 62

Lambton—

Forest.....	6 65
Wyoming.....	5 00
Watford.....	2 50
Alvinston.....	6 00
Sarnia.....	6 25
Sombra.....	3 75
Wilkesport.....	2 50
Petrolia.....	7 50

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Amount carried forward..... \$421 75

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$421 75
<i>Lincoln—</i>		
Beamsville	\$ 5 75	
Grimsby	5 00	
Homer ('95)	2 50	
Campden	4 00	
St. Catharines	5 50	
St. Catharines "Y's"	6 00	
		28 75
<i>Lanark—</i>		
Carleton Place	10 80	
Perth	2 50	
Lanark	3 00	
Playfair	2 00	
Smith's Falls	13 20	
		31 50
<i>Leeds—</i>		
Brockville	7 75	
Lyn	3 50	
Athens	4 50	
Gananoque	3 25	
Lake Eliada	1 75	
Lansdowne	2 25	
Delta	1 75	
		24 75
<i>Middlesex—</i>		
London	81 25	
London "Y's"	3 00	
Napier	5 00	
Melbourne	1 50	
Ilderton	4 25	
Glencoe	5 75	
Strathroy	4 25	
Woodgreen	1 75	
Parkhill	2 50	
Mt. Brydges	2 50	
		111 75
<i>Muskoka—</i>		
Huntsville	5 75	
		5 75
<i>Nipissing—</i>		
North Bay	6 25	
		6 25
<i>Norfolk—</i>		
Delhi	4 45	
		4 45
<i>Northumberland—</i>		
Campbellford	3 00	
Cobourg	3 00	
Warkworth	4 75	
		10 75
<i>Ontario—</i>		
Prince Albert	3 00	
Port Perry	5 50	
Whitby	7 00	
		15 50
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$661 20

Amount brought forward..... \$661 20

Oxford—

Brownsville.....	\$ 3 25	
Embro	1 00	
Ingersoll.....	6 25	
Norwich	5 50	
Oterville	3 25	
Oterville "Y's"	1 25	
Salford	4 75	
Woodstock	9 00	
Verschoyle	2 50	
Tilsonburg.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	40 75

Perth—

Listowel.....	4 00	
Mitchell	2 50	
Stratford.....	2 25	
St. Mary's.....	6 50	
	<hr/>	15 25

Peterboro—

Peterboro	3 00	
	<hr/>	3 00

Peel—

Brampton.....	7 50	
Port Credit.....	3 25	
	<hr/>	10 75

Prince Edward—

Pictou	7 50	
Pictou "Y's"	3 00	
	<hr/>	10 50

Renfrew—

Arnprior.....	3 00	
Pembroke	5 50	
Renfrew.....	6 75	
Westmeath	2 50	
	<hr/>	17 75

Simcoe—

Alliston.....	3 00	
Barrie	5 00	
Collingwood	10 15	
Gravenhurst	4 75	
Orillia.....	7 50	
	<hr/>	30 40

Stormont—

Aultsville.....	2 25	
Avonmore.....	1 75	
Cornwall.....	13 00	
Moulinette	3 50	
Newington....	2 50	
Osnabruck.....	1 00	
Wales	4 75	
	<hr/>	28 75

Amount carried forward..... \$818 35

<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>		\$818 35
<i>Toronto—</i>		
Northern.....	\$ 15 00	
Creighton	11 00	
Central.....	16 50	
Gordon	7 50	
Willard.....	6 50	
Parkdale.....	10 00	
Western.....	5 00	
Central "Y's".....	8 50	
Youmans'.....	4 25	
Dovercourt.....	2 00	
Deer Park.....	4 75	
Bathurst.....	2 50	
Dovercourt "Y's".....	1 00	
		94 50
<i>Victoria—</i>		
Lindsay.....	2 63	
		2 63
<i>Wentworth—</i>		
Dundas	4 50	
Hamilton.....	22 25	
Hamilton Central	40 00	
Hamilton Central "Y's".....	15 00	
		81 75
<i>Welland—</i>		
Niagara Falls.....	2 25	
		2 25
<i>Wellington—</i>		
Arthur	2 75	
Guelph.....	15 75	
Rockwood.....	2 00	
Mount Forest.....	6 13	
Drayton.....	2 00	
Palmerston	2 75	
		31 38
<i>Waterloo—</i>		
Ayr.....	5 00	
Berlin	5 00	
Blair.....	1 00	
Central Dumfries.....	2 75	
Galt.....	5 00	
Oakwood.....	3 25	
Pine Grove.....	6 50	
Preston.....	7 50	
Waterloo.....	3 25	
		39 25
<i>York—</i>		
Richmond Hill.....	1 00	
		1 00
Fees received after looks closed last year.....		6 75
Total affiliation fees.....		1077 86
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>		\$1077 86

Amount brought forward.....\$1077 86

Contributions for Lumbermen's Work—

Ottawa	\$ 10 00
Lake Eliada	5 00
Brockville	2 00
Grimsby	1 00
Martintown Loyal Legion	2 00
Lyn	5 00
Gananoque	5 00
*Peterboro	2 00
Lancaster	2 00
Caledonia	1 00
North Toronto	2 00
Collected by Mrs. Mickle	2 50

39 50

Youmans' Fund—

Lansdowne, 82c; Mildmay, Drayton, Barrie, Strathroy, Stratford, Vienna, Campbellford, Warton, Alliston, Scotland, Hagersville, Thornbury, Essex, St. Catharines, Spencerville, Caledonia, Selkirk, Hamburg, Ingersoll, Wallaceburg, Dundas, Bracebridge, Lindsay, Cornwall, each \$1.00.....	24 82
Seaford	1 20
Martintown, Wyoming, Teeswater, each \$1.25.....	3 75
Chatham, Brockville, Dresden, Gravenhurst, Port Dover, Oakville, Smith's Falls, Meaford, Lucknow, Amherstburg, Preston, Kemptville, Brampton, Tilsonburg, each \$1.50.....	21 00
Rockwood, Port Hope, each \$1.75.....	3 50
Pembroke, Chesley, Wales, Warkworth, Paris, Napier, Cardinal, Mt. Brydges, Melbourne, Guelph, Iroquois, Vankleek Hill, Embro, Carleton Place, Newmarket, Listowel, Stouffville, each \$2.00.....	34 00
Galt, \$2.75; Verschoyle and Ebenezer, \$2.85.....	5 60
Brownsville, Glencoe, Youman's Toronto, each \$3.00.....	9 00
Arnprior, \$4.00; Owen Sound, \$4.20.....	8 20
Blenheim, Belleville, Prescott, Sarnia, Perth, North Bay, Ottawa, Almonte, Deer Park, Brantford, each \$5.00.....	50 00
West Toronto	5 65
Morrisburg, Berlin, Cobourg, each \$6.00.....	18 00
Fort William, London, Grimsby, Newmarket, each \$10.....	40 00
Orono	13 00
Hamilton, \$31; Hamilton Central, \$30.....	61 00
Toronto District	47 15
Interest, \$3.50, less postage, \$1.12.....	2 38

348 25

World's and Dominion Missions—

Hamilton Central	5 00
Cornwall	3 55
Smith's Falls	2 00
London	2 00
Meaford	60
Verschoyle	1 10
Owen Sound	2 15
Athens	1 88

Amount carried forward.....\$1465 61

Amount brought forward.....\$1465 61
World's and Dominion Fund (continued)—

Amherstburg	\$ 2 00	
Hamilton	1 75	
Dundas	50	
Petrolea	1 66	
Ottawa	1 50	
Napier	2 00	
Paisley	60	
Toronto District	4 35	
Grimsby	50	
Copleston	1 20	
		34 34

Armenian Fund—

Caledonia	10 00	
Iroquois	3 00	
Blenheim	8 15	
Chatham	2 95	
Lindsay	2 25	
Sault Ste. Marie	5 00	
Cornwall	5 00	
Maxville	5 00	
Glencoe	2 00	
Sopbra	11 25	
Drayton	5 00	
Lancaster	3 00	
Wyoming	7 00	
Sarnia	10 00	
Vienna	1 00	
St. Elmo	8 00	
Burford	1 00	
		89 60

Sundries—

Balance from last year	898 56	
Convention receipts	83 19	
Donation, Mrs. Reade, Teeswater	4 80	
Sale of Annual Reports	56 24	
Advertisements in reports	50 00	
Rebate on last year's reports	16 00	
Dominion Union, 2nd payment on literature stock	100 00	
Interest on bank deposit	14 00	
		1,262 79
Total income	\$2,852 34	

EXPENDITURES.

President—

Salary Stenographer	\$125 00	
Postage, telegrams and office supplies	43 92	
Traveling	12 05	
		\$180 97

Vice-President—

Traveling	7 75	
Postage	5 86	
Incidental allowance	10 00	
		23 61

Amount carried forward.....\$204 58

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Amount brought forward \$204 58⁰⁰*Corresponding Secretary—*

Salary	\$100 00	
Postage and traveling.....	30 68	
		130 68

Recording Secretary—

Incidental allowance.....	20 00	
Traveling	7 75	
Postage, etc.....	13 50	
Telephone.....	15 00	
		56 25

Treasurer—

Allowance	20 00	
Traveling	28 55	
Postage	11 40	
P. O. orders, draft charges, etc.....	5 02	
		64 97

County Presidents—

Miss Sproule, Algoma	15 00	
Miss Stone, Leeds.....	2 25	
Mrs. Cavers, Waterloo.....	1 00	
Miss Doyle, Grey	5 00	
		23 25

Departments—

Mrs. Bigelow, "Scientific Temperance"	2 89	
Miss Huff, "Parliamentary Usage"60	
Mrs. Gordon, "Evangelistic"	3 50	
Mrs. Falconer, "Unfermented Wine"	4 50	
Mrs. Brownell, "Prison and Police"	2 25	
Mrs. Rockwell, "Legislation and Petition"	10 00	
Mrs. Lucas, "Hygiene and Heredity"	7 53	
Mrs. Starr, "Soldiers"	3 98	
Miss Wakefield, "Systematic Giving"	9 73	
Mrs. MacCallum, "Sabbath Observance"	5 00	
Mrs. Spence, "Franchise"	1 80	
Miss Phelps, "Colored"	5 00	
Miss Scott, "Y"	10 00	
Mrs. Wheeler, "Parlor Meetings"	3 08	
Mrs. Reade, "Flower Mission"	9 80	
Mrs. McKee, "Curfew"	3 00	
Mrs. Cavers, "Literature, Art, etc."	2 94	
Mrs. Davis, "Sailors"	1 53	
Mrs. Thornley, "School of Method"	6 00	
Mrs. Tennant, "Indian"	30	
Lumbermen's department	6 52	
		99 95

Sundries—

Accounts paid after books closed last year.....	8 55	
Convention expenses	125 83	
Donation to Mrs. Youmans	50 00	
Preparing Annual Report (Miss Cosford).....	20 00	
Case for prize banner.....	3 00	
Express on banner.....	75	
Postage on letters to teachers (17 counties).....	25 04	

Amount carried forward \$579 68⁰⁰

Amount brought forward..... \$579 68

Sundries (continued)—

Dominion Literature Depository (supplies).....	\$ 14 78
W. T. P. A. for literature (old account).....	39 50
S. F. McMahon for literature (old account).....	20 80
Advertising Directory in <i>Woman's Journal</i>	15 00
Miss Scott (account for journals and postage).....	5 00
President's expenses to Dominion Convention.....	35 60
World's and Dominion Missions.....	34 34
Postage and express on reports and circulars.....	10 09
Printing (including Annual Report).....	342 33
Armenian relief.....	89 60
Loss on drafts and cheques.....	70
Youmans' fund (sent direct).....	50 65
Affiliation fee, Dominion W. C. T. U.....	215 55
	<hr/> 1107 71

Total expenditure.....\$1,687 39

STATEMENT.

Total assets	\$2,852 34
Total disbursements	<u>1,687 39</u>
Balance	1164 95
Divided Into—Emergency fund	\$449 30
Youman's fund.....	297 60
Lumbermen's fund	<u>35 73</u>
	782 63
Net balance.....	<u>\$382 32</u>

JENNIE MACARTHUR,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

M. BINNIE CREWSON, Auditor.

CORNWALL, October 23, 1896.

FEE RECEIVED AFTER BOOKS CLOSED.

Lakefield, Peterboro County	\$3 00
Port Colborne, Welland County.....	2 75
Welland, Welland County.....	3 00
Fenwick, Welland County.....	1 00
Milton, Halton County.....	5 00
Chatham "Y's", Kent County.....	2 25
New Edinburg "Y's", Russell County	1 25
Lucknow "Y's", Bruce County.....	2 50
Hamilton, (additional) Wentworth County	75
Stouffville, York County.....	3 50
Toronto Junction, York County.....	4 25
Weston, York County.....	4 00
Newmarket, York County.....	<u>6 25</u>
	\$ 39 50

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ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE BOOKS CLOSED.

Miss McKinnon, Haldimand County	\$ 2 65	
Mrs. Livingstone, Oxford County	1 00	
Mrs. Hilburn, "Fair" Department	2 78	
Miss Teskey, "Narcotics"	1 29	
Mrs. Morrison, "Railroad"	52	
Mrs. Livingston, "Press"	3 65	
Mrs. Dunlop, Teacher's Letters	1 60	
Heal & Fleming, Printing	9 84	
		\$23 33

CONVENTION FINANCES.

Expenses—

General Officers	72 00	
Express, Telegrams, &c.	3 55	
Miss Agnes Slack	25 00	
		100 55

Receipts—

Collection, Town Hall	13 96	
Collection, Presbyterian Church	41 55	
Donation, (a friend)	1 00	
Reports sold	70	
		57 21

Balance \$43 34

JENNIE MACARTHUR,

Treasurer.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

EVANGELISTIC.

(MRS. GORDON, Superintendent.)

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.—

Psalms cxxvii, 1.

Although much good work has been done, yet, for different reasons, comparatively few reports have reached me.

BRUCE—Reports temperance sermons preached, gospel mass-meetings, social gatherings taking the form of religious services and mothers' meetings, well attended, all taking part, and a number of Bible readings; visited the sick and poor and distributed much literature. Your Superintendent was present at their County Convention, and found an earnest, consecrated band of workers.

CARLETON—Reports Bible readings, observed day of prayer, literature distributed, has a Bible reader doing constant and good work.

DURHAM—Has done much good work, although no report.

HALDIMAND—The Superintendent gives praise to God for the work done. Results cannot be always known, yet the seed sown in faith and prayer, must bring forth fruit unto eternal life. Bible readings and prayer meetings, the most encouraging part of which was, the willingness of the members to take part. Meetings were kept up amid the storms of winter and intense summer heat. Temperance sermons preached and much help from the ministers in every work of reform undertaken by the Union for the people's good. Quantities of literature distributed in railway stations, barber shops, and at the Fair. The sick visited, the poor fed and clothed—many of the garments being remodelled by the members of the Union.

KENT—Has an energetic Superintendent, and every local union reports good work done, some of which was cottage prayer meetings, gospel mass-meetings, social meetings, with Bible readings, at which meetings many signed the pledge; visited the drunkards, reading and praying with them; visited hotels, one lady remarking, "That the white ribboners were the worst enemies the hotels had"; clothed the needy, fed the hungry, visited the hospital, and on Christmas Eve gave both nurses and patients a Christmas letter from the union. Best of all, souls have been converted to God.

LANARK—Reports much work done, some of which was gospel and temperance mass-meetings, temperance sermons preached by the ministers, letters sent to the sick and to the careless urging them to attend church; large quantities of literature distributed.

MIDDLESEX—Reports the usual good work of feeding the poor and clothing the needy, just as Jesus commanded; also, distributed about 1,564 papers, etc., in hospitals and jails; paid 137 visits to the hospital, held services in the jail, the results of which were that many of the prisoners have been genuinely reformed; some discharged prisoners obtained situations, many have proved satisfactory.

OXFORD—Held gospel mass-meetings, mothers' meetings, cottage prayer meetings and consecration meetings. It was recommended by the Plan of Work Committee that each Union have a monthly consecration service.

PETERBORO—Helped the aged and poor, and distributed immense quantities of literature.

RENFREW—Reports mothers' meetings at the homes of the members of the Union, the sick and poor helped and visited, held weekly Bible readings.

SIMCOE—Reports meetings for prayer and personal consecration, which have aroused to a clearer sense of their responsibility in God's sight, many with whom they have come in contact.

TORONTO—The new year began with the usual prayer meeting at Mrs. Youmans' house, fruit and flowers being presented to her for the last time. Prayer union held each month, not largely attended, but much enjoyed. Subjects of prayer "The Armenians," "Sabbath Observance," "Liquor Traffic in Africa," etc. Held mothers' meetings at which quilts were made; cottage meetings, sick visited and cheered, literature distributed, and services held by the "Y's" in the hospital comprised some of the work done.

WELLINGTON—Has paid visits to the sick and erring, given help in every way to the poor; held cottage prayer meetings; the work encouraging and reports interesting.

YORK—The Superintendent wrote to all the locals and gleaned the following:— A large number of gospel meetings held, conducted by members of the unions; these were well attended by young men. Some ministers preached temperance sermons, Unions endeavoring to have temperance prayer meetings in the churches every three months, parlor social in aid of the Girls' Shelter, in Toronto, literature scattered, much charitable work done including fruit and medicine for sick and poor, held services in the Industrial Home. Relying wholly upon God they are sure results will follow.

SUMMARY.

There have been written 84 postal cards and 10 letters, 300 circulars sent out, besides many personal letters to County and Local Superintendents interested in the work. Your Superintendent has attended and spoken at five County Conventions and held some special meetings at different times during the year.

SUGGESTIONS.

Let us remember that many a man put in the seed who never saw the harvest, just as many another brought home ripe sheaves on which he bestowed no labor save that of the sickle. The worker for Christ, therefore, is to work in faith, expecting the Divine hand to secure the result.

Appoint County and Local Superintendents; have at least one week's special services during the year.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

(MRS. MACCALLUM, Superintendent.)

There are so many things that tend to the secularization of the Sabbath that we need to be on our guard at every point.

In Canada, we have not yet gone to such lengths in Sabbath breaking as our neighbors across the line. They tolerated the Sunday paper to begin with, we have followed suit in our Toronto issue of *The World*, though we may not have our Sunday theatre, yet, we have our Sohmer Park; we have our mail trains and freight trains, and elegantly appointed passenger trains, which are regularly made up for Sunday.

Our Governor General and suite scruple not to set the example of travel and recreation on that day.

Then there is the wrong done to our neighbor, the working-man, whom we are bound to love as ourselves. God made the day to be a rest day for him, by this perversion of it, it is made a day of drudgery and weariness. God made the day in the interest of the toiling millions—made it that the throbbing brains might have a short respite, that the tired bodies might have a chance to recover tone and strength, that the family might enjoy a day together in the home, and that there might be this weekly recall from the burden of life, to think of higher things.

This wrong is done for the purpose of securing some worldly advantage. It is done because dollars seem of more consequence to the men who do it than obeying the Divine will and giving God an unhindered way in blessing our humanity.

On a Sabbath of February of this year the Christian sentiment of this Dominion was shocked by the following item, which appeared in an Ottawa paper:—"Lady Aberdeen attended Divine service at St. Andrew's Church this morning. All day workmen have been busy in the Senate Chamber transforming it into a ball-room for the historic State Ball that is to take place to-morrow evening." What shall we say when they, who are the representatives of the Queen and who are looked to as the embodiment of law and order, permit such things. After more than a dozen years of service of the Canada Atlantic Railway it entered the brains of the managers of that railway that the running of a Sunday train would be advantageous to them, so it was started and has been running ever since. This roused the indignation of a number of the Christian women of one of the stations on the road, and they felt that something must be done. Thinking that the best way of having the evil remedied was to write to headquarters. Accordingly they wrote the Governor General to put a stop to the desecration. It is needless to add that his Excellency took no notice of the communication.

Because of the Sunday train a farmer was tempted to begin shipping his milk to the city on the Sabbath, but public sentiment was too strong on the subject, and the traffic discontinued.

That Christians are realizing, in a measure, the danger to which our country is exposed in the laxity with which the Sabbath is kept is seen in the number of ministerial associations that have taken up the subject; also, in the fact that at the denominational gatherings last June so many Superintendents of Lord's Day Observance were appointed. The Lord's Day Alliance of Ontario has been reorganized for more aggressive work. Quebec, too, has, or is about to organize, for the same purpose.

While there are aggressive inroads to the sanctity of the Sabbath by the enemy, yet God's people are lifting up a standard against him, and the future in this respect is bright as the promises of God.

A writer on this subject says, in answer to the question, what can be done? "Talk, write, discuss, agitate, in season and out of season cry out against this desecration with all the vehemence of the old prophets. Above all, let each man see to it that his individual example is on the right side in a contest which means so much to Christian progress and the welfare of humanity."

The following is the work reported:

ALGOMA EAST—Reports one Superintendent of Lord's Day Observance; circulated literature on the subject; four Sunday Schools have specially taught the Fourth Commandment; all the ministers have preached sermons on it. The Sabbath law has

been enforced by the Christian people so as to stop the running of the Pulp Mill. Public sentiment is improving, and Sabbath desecration diminishing.

ALGOMA WEST—We have no Superintendent of Lord's Day Observance; circulated about 200 pages of literature on the subject; have not specially taught the Fourth Commandment except as it came up in the Sunday School lessons; we tried to have the Crooks Act enforced. Public sentiment is improving, but many of the people here are forced to labor on the Sabbath. The C. P. R. and the Beattie line know no law in this respect. A Lord's Day Alliance has been formed. There has been less desecration of the Sabbath this year than the last.

BRANT—No report.

BRUCE—Reports two Superintendents of this Department; sermons preached by the ministers on Lord's Day Observance; one prayer meeting held; sought to have the shops closed on Saturday afternoons. Public sentiment is retrograding on the Sabbath question, and as a result, Sabbath desecration is increasing.

ESSEX—Reports one Superintendent of this Department; distributed fifteen leaflets on the subject; sermons preached, but the number not given; have tried many ways to stop the sale of liquor on the Sabbath, and have been successful in some cases; also had gambling places closed on that day. Horse racing and liquor selling on the Sabbath shows that we are not progressing very rapidly in keeping the Fourth Commandment.

GREY—Reports two Superintendents of this Department; has circulated 600 pages of literature; has brought the subject especially before the Sabbath School and sent leaflets to the mothers, and also distributed them in the churches, with the results that many more young men attend the Sabbath services. The ministers have preached on the subject at the request of the unions, and mothers' meetings have been held. An effort was made to enforce the law regarding the sale of liquor on the Sabbath, but with no apparent result, then a communication was sent to the Provincial Government, and as a result several were fined, and the law has been better kept since that time.

GLENGARRY—Four Superintendents have been appointed, and 500 pages of literature on the subject distributed; three Sabbath Schools have used Sabbath readings and specially taught the Fourth Commandment; two sermons were preached at request of the Unions, but all the ministers in the county connected with the Presbytery were to preach on the subject; one prayer meeting was held; Sabbath pledges were circulated, and mothers urged to arrange their household work for the better keeping of the day.

HALDIMAND—Work done, but no particulars given.

HURON—No Superintendent of this Department; we have secured early closing of the stores on Saturday nights; there is an increase of bicycle riding on the Sabbath.

LINCOLN—Has no Superintendent of Lord's Day Observance; the Ministerial Association has taken up the work very strongly, and the ministers have preached on the subject; we have Sunday street cars, and Welland Canal open on Sunday; we twice protested to our government, but the traffic still goes on.

LEEDS—Reports one Superintendent appointed; the ministers preached on the subject, and 1,200 pages of literature were distributed.

MIDDLESEX—Made efforts to secure the early closing of stores and manufactories; contributed \$9.00 to the Early Closing Association; the subject of Lord's Day Observance was discussed at our meetings, and the need of enforcing this in the home was emphasized; literature on the subject was distributed; a shopper's pledge adopted and circulated; a strong resolution has been adopted in regard to the delivery of milk on the Sabbath.

MUSKOKA—Reports one Superintendent of Lord's Day Observance; does not know for certain how many pages of literature were distributed; a Sabbath pledge was circulated, signed by 150 teachers and scholars. Public sentiment is improving and Sabbath desecration diminishing in our county.

NIPISSING—One Superintendent of Lord's Day Observance; one Sabbath School has specially taught the Fourth Commandment; two sermons preached on the subject; a copy of the law regarding Lord's Day Observance was printed in the local papers and request sent to Council asking that the constable be instructed to see the law enforced. In some respects there is an improvement in Lord's Day Observance, in others a determination to violate the law. There has been more buying and selling during the year on the Sabbath, but less unnecessary work done on the railroad.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Reports no County Superintendent of Lord's Day Observance; Sabbath Schools have specially studied the subject; one Sabbath sermon preached and one prayer meeting held; Sabbath pledges have been circulated; Look-out Committees have been appointed to enforce law. Public sentiment is improving and Sabbath desecration is decreasing.

ONTARIO—Reports no Superintendent of this Department, and no work done, save the ordinary teaching from pulpits, Sabbath Schools and homes.

PETERBORO—Reports no shops sell openly on the Sabbath; police officers are helpful in looking after the selling of tobacco on the Sabbath. As a rule, electric cars are not run on the Sabbath, but, on the 24th of May they dared to do it; but the

ministers and members of the W. C. T. U. raised their voices in condemnation so that it will be a while before they attempt it again.

PEEL—Reports having distributed 200 pages of literature on Sabbath Observance; Sabbath School children provided with papers; ministers requested to preach on the subject; the number of bicycle riders on the Sabbath is appalling.

RENFREW—Reports having distributed literature on the subject, and tried to prevent the Sabbath decoration of the cemetery, but failed. Sabbath desecration is increasing.

SIMCOE—Reports having taken up the Lord's Day Observance Department in connection with the evangelistic work, and has no separate report.

STORMONT—Reports six Superintendents of Lord's Day Observance have been appointed; literature has been distributed; one sermon preached; brought action against the Gilbert Dredging Company for work on their dredges on the Sabbath day; brought action against two hotel keepers for Sunday selling—gained one, lost one. Public sentiment is improving in regard to Sabbath keeping, but an earnest wish is expressed that something might be done to reach contractors on Government works. They violate the sanctity of the day without any just cause, and the effect is demoralizing in the extreme.

TORONTO—Reports thirteen Superintendents of Lord's Day Observance; a large quantity of literature distributed; many sermons preached on the subject; at the District monthly prayer meeting this Department held a prominent place. In conjunction with the Lord's Day Alliance the District Superintendents have done all they could to enforce law and prevent the desecration of Sabbath. Meetings have been held to plan the work of this Department, which is so important in this great centre, and where, we fear, the desecration of the Lord's Day is increasing.

WENTWORTH—Reports one Superintendent of this Department; says, as we are having a test case of the legality of running cars on the Sabbath a number of sermons have been preached pro and con (twelve in number); we co-operate with the Lord's Day Alliance and contribute to its funds; one special work we do is to keep off the cars ourselves and to persuade others to do likewise. Public sentiment is otherwise than improving, and desecration of the Sabbath increasing as regards patronizing cars, boats, etc., are concerned.

WELLINGTON—Reports no work done in this Department, but hopes to take it up in the future.

HYGIENE, HEREDITY AND SOCIAL PURITY.

(MRS. D. V. LUCAS, Superintendent).

In the Book of Genesis we read:—"And God said let us make man in our own image, after our likeness."

It is impossible to conceive of the grandeur and purity of man, as he came forth from the hand of his Creator; but that glory has passed away, dwarfed and deformed by sin and disease, he has become a moral and physical wreck. The laws of God concerning life, health and purity have been violated, and the sins of the fathers have been visited upon the children. Ribot, the great French scientist says, "There are six thousand years between the savage and the civilized gentleman." But we feel confident that if the men and women of this and succeeding generations were to learn and obey the laws God has given for human guidance an undreamed of perfection would be attained in less than one thousand years. None of us can hope to live so long, and it might not be possible to note any great advancement in the course of one short lifetime, but it should be a sufficient reward to know we had at least contributed an endeavor towards the elevation of the race. "It is a simple obligation laid on every one, to make the world better for one being."

"The commandments of the Lord are right," "The law of the Lord is perfect," "Keep my law that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, *forever*." Grand opportunity, linked with grave responsibility, and many of us too much afraid of the responsibility to grasp the opportunity. Are we realizing our responsibilities? Perhaps when the record of the year's work has been given, we shall be better prepared to answer. As your Superintendent, I have prepared *three circulars* this year. As the first one, (on Social Purity) required immediate attention, by advice of the President, it was sent *direct* to the Local Unions; the second one, (on Hygiene) was sent to the county officer to be distributed among the Unions, and the third, (on Heredity) reached them only through the columns of the *Journal*. At the request of the Dominion Superintendent, I prepared an article for the "symposium," which appeared in the *Journal*, entitled, "What shall we eat?" supplied several "readings" for parlor meetings, and gave one public address; wrote 42 letters and 12 post cards, and received 38 letters and post cards. As the labor and expense of preparing and sending out these 700 circulars was considerable, and I tried to be very practical and to cover all the ground, not forgetting to plead for replies, I thought I would not send out another asking for *reports*, but trust to my *call* in *Journal*. As a result, I find myself somewhat in the position of the Israelites in

Egypt, required to "make bricks without straw," so many of the women have not thought worth while to let me know what they have done. Some of the reports have delighted me, and I feel safe in saying that the interest in the Department is increasing; many more mothers' meetings have been held, and a much larger quantity of literature distributed than last year. I have before me a copy of the Factories Inspector's report, from which I quote the following paragraph for your information and encouragement: "It affords me great pleasure to bear testimony to the efficiency with which Miss Carlyle, the female inspector has performed her duties. *The number of complaints received by her from females would indicate that the appointment had not been made too soon.* It is perhaps as well, that women and others, who may consider that they are subjected to an injustice, should have an opportunity of making a complaint of any grievance, which can be submitted to the legislature, if deemed necessary. Complaints made to inspectors, so far as the names of complainants are concerned, are deemed confidential."

Every Union was urged to write a letter to the member of Parliament for that constituency, asking him to support Mr. Charlton's bill relating to our criminal laws. I am sorry I cannot tell you how many such letters were written. Only *eighteen* have written to say that they had done so. As you know, the measure was not voted on at that time, nor during the session just closed. But as Mr. Charlton says he intends to bring it up every session until it is carried, or until he ceases to occupy a seat in the House, we hope it will receive attention at the next session. As many of the present members were not in the House last year, they have not been asked to support this important measure. I would, therefore, request all the Unions in constituencies where new representatives have been elected, to endeavor to pledge them to the support of this bill. It is well to let our representatives understand that the eyes of the white-ribbon women of the Dominion are upon them, and taking note of their action. You will be glad to know that Mr. Charlton fully appreciates the assistance the W. C. T. U. has rendered him in this matter, and desired its continuance.

The reports from counties are as follows:

DURHAM—Superintendent endeavored to interest teachers in "Hygiene."

ELGIN—Superintendent—Circulars of Provincial Superintendent read and discussed at regular meetings, and several readings given; recitations at evening meeting, and a lecture by a minister on "Social Purity," given before a large audience. A collection of \$5.00 taken.

GLENGARRY—Papers read at regular meeting; literature sent to members of Parliament; two papers read at parlor meetings;

one mothers' meeting, topic, "Social Purity;" request sent to teachers of public schools to suppress obscene writing and pictures on school premises; one address given at public meeting, 200 leaflets on "Social Purity" distributed.

GREY—Suitable books were presented to the Owen Sound Union by one of the members, which have been read with interest and profit; over 300 pages of literature have been distributed, and an excellent paper entitled, "White Lillies," was prepared and read by the County Superintendent at Convention.

LINCOLN—No Superintendent—Discussions at regular meetings, and books on Heredity and Social Purity circulated.

OXFORD—Superintendent—Four Local Superintendents in county, four unions contributed towards the Girls' Shelter, in Toronto, discussions and papers in regular meetings, readings at parlor meetings, articles sent to the press, talks at mothers' meetings, and an address by Mrs. Thornley.

PETERBORO—No Superintendent—Rescue work and assistance to the outcast.

TORONTO—Superintendent—No report, except from Parkdale, whose energetic Superintendent reports 217 pages literature distributed on Hygiene, 1,900 pages on Social Purity; several copies of Mary Wood Allen's books—"Teaching Truth," "Child Confidence Rewarded" and "Almost a Man"—circulated. She gave an address to a number of poor women who had been reformed and elevated by means of the W. C. T. U. mothers' meetings. She, also, gave an address at a largely attended parlor meeting, and has had discussions at regular meetings.

Thirty-one counties, 11 Superintendents and 8 reports.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. I would suggest, that during the session of the House, when Mr. Charlton's bill re criminal laws is brought on for discussion, a deputation of W. C. T. U. women be appointed to present the case before the members from a woman's stand point, and that the selection of this delegation be left with the Provincial sub-Executive.

2. That the work of this Department be divided, and a Superintendent be appointed for "Health and Heredity," and another for "Social Purity," as it is impossible for any ordinary woman to attend to the work of both.

3. That a Superintendent be appointed for every county, and, as far as practicable, in every Union, and that every Superintendent *study* the work of her Department and be prepared to instruct others with regard to it.

4. That Superintendents of this Department co-operate with Superintendents of other Departments, such as Evangelistic, parlor meetings and mothers' meetings, as this Department affords suitable subjects for discussion at all such meetings.

5. Enlist the sympathy of physicians, trained nurses, specialists and ministers, and secure lectures, talks, papers and sermons from them.

6. Introduce books on these subjects, into public and circulating libraries.

7. Take at least one journal on Health and Heredity, and one on Social Purity.

I would recommend the following books and papers:

"Heredity," by Ribot (book), \$2.00; Appleton & Co., 5 Bond street, New York.

"Hereditary Genius," by Sir Francis Galton (book), \$2.00; Mac-Millan & Co., New York.

"The Trinity of Evil," by Canon Wilberforce (small book); Willard Tract Depository, Toronto, Ont.

"A Clean Life," by (Dr.) Kate Bushnell (small book), 35 cents; Temple, Chicago.

"Good Health" (monthly magazine), \$1.00; published at Battle Creek, Mich.

"Life and Health" (monthly magazine), \$1.00; Gazette Publishing Co., 1213 Broadway, New York.

"The New Crusade" (monthly magazine), 50 cents; Wood Allen Publishing Co., Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mary Wood Allen's little books "Teaching Truth," "Child Confidence Rewarded," etc., as also a fine selection of leaflets can be secured from Mrs. Bascom, 56 Elm street, Toronto.

Dear Sisters, if we believe that national demoralization brings national ruin and decay, and that the purity of a nation cannot rise higher than the purity of its women, ought we not as Christians and philanthropists to put forth more efforts to prevent the demoralization of our youth and the degradation of our women? "We wrestle, not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, and wickedness in high places. Let us put on the whole armour of God and go forth to fight the battles of our Lord," remembering that He has said, "Lo, I am with you."

PURITY IN LITERATURE, ART AND FASHION.

(MRS. JAS. R. CAVERS, Superintendent).

It is impossible to give a perfect report of the work done in this Department, as so few replies have been received to the questions which were sent to each Union. No doubt more has been done than we are aware of. More attention certainly has been given to this subject, and from reports received there is a considerable quantity of impure literature circulated in insidious ways.

We have before mentioned some of the ways in which this literature is circulated: Names of boys and girls are procured from school pass lists, etc., and then samples of prohibited papers are sent by mail to these young people, with various inducements in the shape of prizes, free supply of the paper in return for lists of other names, and we saw in one paper an advertisement offering \$35 per 1,000, for names of boys and girls. One mother wrote me that her son had received copies of six different papers, and we could give other instances of the same thing being done. Complaints have been made that these papers are brought over on steamboats plying between the United States and Canada.

In many localities boys still make a practice of collecting pictures given away with cigarette packages, the majority of which are very objectionable. Under the present law neither the manufacturer, nor those who circulate them can be touched. Until the law is amended our hands are practically tied, as men can print, manufacture and privately circulate these pictures and objectionable literature with impunity. Few new facts have been brought to our notice, but we know that this class of literature is constantly being sent through the mails. We would urge parents and others to be on their guard, and if they find any such literature coming to their homes to send it, with the wrapper or envelope in which it was enclosed, to the Provincial Superintendent. All such evidence helps to strengthen our plea for more stringent legislation.

In response to question blanks sent out replies were received from twenty-six counties, of which eleven only have Superintendents.

BRANT—One Union—Has given a public library and reading room to the village.

GREY—Owen Sound Union—Sent protest to Town Clerk against some show bills.

HASTINGS—One Union—Supplied good literature to barbers' shops.

KENT—One Union—Supplied barbers' shops with papers.

LINCOLN—Had this topic discussed at a parlor social; supplied papers to barbers' shops.

LAMBTON—Supplied papers to barbers' shops.

MIDDLESEX—Supplied papers to barbers' shops.

MUSKOKA—Supplied papers to barbers' shops.

PERTH—Supplied papers to barbers' shops.

STORMONT—Warned parents about those objectionable papers.

SIMCOE—Had "Big G" poster removed; supplied barbers' shops with good literature.

TORONTO—Took action against some show bills; distributes large quantities of good literature to fire halls.

WATERLOO—Three Unions—Provide papers for barbers' shops; a list of prohibited papers was given to each book store.

Thirty-six letters and 51 postal cards were written, 250 circulars and about 400 lists of prohibited papers were sent out.

SUGGESTIONS.

That unions should make an earnest effort to promote the circulation of good, cheap, wholesome literature, not only by supplying livery stables, hotels, barbers' shops, etc., but by placing it in homes where they are unable to procure it for themselves.

That the Dominion Government be requested to cause clauses *a* and *b* of Section 179, of the Criminal Code, which admit of the private sale of impure literature, to be so amended as to make both manufacturer and distributor liable to a penalty.

PRISONS AND POLICE.

(MRS. BROWNELL, Superintendent.)

One of the chief aims of this Department is to carry Gospel Temperance to the inmates of prisons and jails, and the reports this year show that the work done, has been almost entirely along this line. Evangelistic services have been regularly held, a large amount of literature distributed, prison libraries established, and in one or two instances special efforts were made at Christmas time to reach the hearts of these perishing ones, and lead them to that loving Saviour who died to redeem them, and who said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

No new suggestions have come to us from the Prisoners' Aid Association, and so far as we know, little aggressive work has been done in the way of reform in prisons and reformatories.

Three houses of refuge; one in Lambton, one in Perth, and one at Athens for Leeds and Grenville, are being erected. In a very special way does the building of these industrial homes or houses of refuge appeal to us. The practice still continues of placing in the jail old people unable to work, and who have no home or friends who are willing to care for or look after them. We would urge our Superintendents, and all who are interested in our work, to be more diligent in promoting the welfare of these aged and homeless ones.

At the Prohibition Convention, held in Toronto last July, a resolution was introduced urging the advisability of establishing one or more inebriate asylums or industrial homes for the treatment of habitual drunkards. Sir Oliver Mowat has said upon more than one occasion that the government would do their part as soon as the temperance people were ready to do theirs. And why should they not? If they legalize a traffic that ruins hundreds of thousands every year, why should they not do something for the victims. It might be well if some plan of action could be set forth so that, unitedly, our W. C. T. U. women in Ontario could use their influence in this direction.

During the year your Superintendent obtained samples of literature especially prepared for prisoners and prison libraries. They are issued under the supervision of Mr. Moody and his co-workers at the Bible Institute, Chicago, and can be obtained free by paying the duty. They are highly recommended by Dr. Rosebrugh, Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association; ex-Warden Massie, of the Central Prison; Mrs. Cowan, Superintendent for Toronto, and others.

There have been seven Superintendents appointed in this Department, and eleven counties have sent reports.

BRUCE—Mrs. Heeling, Superintendent—Reports having visited the jail regularly, holding evangelistic services and distributing literature; has been agitating for house of refuge.

DURHAM—Mrs. Cryderman, Superintendent—Does not report any work in jail, but visited the lockup and found only a short hall with three small cells without light or ventilation. The whole combined only large enough for five or six persons. Sometimes twelve or fourteen persons are crowded into this place not fit for human beings. A petition largely signed was sent to the Council praying for better accommodation.

HASTINGS—No Superintendent—The Visiting Committee report visiting the jail regularly. Evangelistic services have been held, especially among the women. The prisoners are supplied with books from the prison libraries, and with tracts and pamphlets. The committee has found situations for several girls who were out of work, and in some cases provided passes to take them home.

LAMBTON—Mrs. Wheatley, Superintendent—Have held evangelistic services regularly throughout the year; attendance good and services appreciated: four young men signed the pledge, and one professed conversion; thirteen of the prisoners were women, this being the largest number ever committed in one year. A number of aged men have been living in jail awaiting the completion of the house of refuge; 12,600 pages of literature distributed.

LINCOLN—Miss McGhie, Superintendent—Evangelistic services have been held during the year. A book social was held in March by St. Catharines Union, which resulted in donations of 125 books, and some money; the County Council also donated \$10.00 towards the library.

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE—No Superintendent—The Counties of Leeds and Grenville are united in their municipal work. There has been a house of industry built at Athens for the poor of the counties. No further work has been reported.

PRINCE EDWARD—Mrs. (Dr.) Morden, Superintendent—No report.

PETERBORO—No Superintendent—The President reports a number of visits to the jail, and 3,003 pages of literature distributed, also 31 books. For want of a house of refuge, the aged homeless ones have been sheltered in the jail.

PEEL—No Superintendent—The President reports Brampton Union having visited jail regularly, holding service and distributing literature. At Christmas and Easter, the Union remembered them with fruit and flowers accompanied with text cards.

TORONTO—Mrs. Cowan, Superintendent—Evangelistic services have been held regularly among the women in the jail. Clothing has been frequently supplied to those leaving the jail, and sometimes places are found for those requiring work. Literature from Chicago has been distributed in the jail and Central Prison, and has been much appreciated.

WELLINGTON—No Superintendent—Corresponding Secretary reported evangelistic services having been held regularly with the prisoners during the year. God has owned the efforts put forth in the conversion of sinners.

SUGGESTIONS.

That we still urge upon the Unions the appointment of a Superintendent where jails or other institutions of a reformatory character are situated.

That local Unions donate a collection each year to help the County Superintendent in her work, and to assist in supplying literature. This is one way in which local Unions can help a County Superintendent.

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.

(MRS. S. W. HILBORNE, Superintendent).

Great difficulty is experienced in this Department in obtaining reports from the counties, no doubt largely on account of the Convention meeting just at the close of the Fair season, allowing no time for County Superintendents to obtain reports from locals and get them into the hands of the Provincial Superintendents in time for them to report to the Convention.

I sent out a carefully prepared circular to all the County Superintendents and Local Unions the middle of July, suggesting plans for work and urging Unions that had not taken up the work as yet to do so at once, and at the same time pressed them to report to me by October 10th, this was followed by a post card reminder quite late on in the Fair season, and the following is a brief compilation by counties of all reports received :

ALGOMA—Reports the distribution of considerable literature at the Sault Ste. Marie Fair; no liquor was sold on the Fair Grounds, and little or no drunkenness observable on Fair Day. They also report the distribution of leaflets at the Murilla Fair.

BRUCE—Reports three Unions as doing Fair Work. Lucknow distributed 820 pages of neatly parcelled literature, while Paisley and Teeswater each had tents and served lunches for the first time; they each distributed a large quantity, and both were financially successful.

CARLETON—Made no report to me, but I gleaned the following from their County report in the *Woman's Journal*:—"Refreshment booths were provided at Ottawa and Richmond Fairs. The receipts to the booth were over \$900, expenses over \$700, leaving a balance of \$200 to carry on the work of the different departments for the year."

GLENGARRY—Reports Maxville Unions doing Fair Work by serving meals, which realized a profit of \$35.00.

GRENVILLE—Reports three Union doing Fair Work, viz.: Kentsville, serving lunches; and Prescott and Spencerville distributed literature.

HALDIMAND—Reports 1000 pages of literature distributed at Caledonia Fair.

LAMBTON—Sarnia Union obtained control of the Fair Grounds and prevented the sale of liquor entirely; served hot meals and distributed literature. Forest Union had a tent and served lunches, while they with Petrolea and Wyoming each distributed literature.

LANARK—Distributed 235 tracts at Smith's Falls Fair.

LEEDS—Reports two Unions, Della and Gananoque, each distributing tracts and leaflets at the Fairs.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Cobourg Union served meals and lunches.

MIDDLESEX—Reports Glencoe and Parkhill as distributing literature, while Ilderton and Strathroy had booths, the former serving lunches and the latter hot meals. London with their usual enthusiasm served 3,550 meals, with receipts \$1,045, and net profits \$507.

RENFREW—Only one Union reports work in this Department. Renfrew Union served dinner and tea both days of the Fair in their booth. Receipts amounted to \$58.65. The profits were devoted towards clearing the debt on dining booth, which now only amounts to \$15.00, and will no doubt be vanquished next year.

STORMONT—Reports work done by Cornwall only, and while the day was wet they cleared \$62 from refreshments.

TORONTO—Reports a new pavilion on the Industrial Fair Grounds, 40x60 feet, with kitchen, serving rooms, a spacious dining hall and large reception rooms, with all necessary tables, heaters, serving counters, etc., at a cost of \$1,678, \$678 of which has been paid. The work was carried on by ladies of the different Unions in the city. During the two weeks of the Fair it was well patronized, both at lunch counters and literary stand. The service consisted of tea, coffee, sandwich, pie, cake, milk and ice-cream. The Dominion Superintendents of Literature and Primary Sabbath School Work, each had tables, and also one for the *Canadian Home Journal*. Nearly 15,000 pages of literature and a large number of district reports and copies of the *Woman's Journal* were distributed. The ladies were honored with quite a number of distinguished guests, among whom were Lord and Lady Aberdeen, who were entertained at a five o'clock tea, also Mrs. Warn, a white ribboner from India; Hon. Attorney-General Longley, of Nova Scotia; Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, and numerous others, all expressed themselves as highly pleased with the undertaking.

WELLINGTON—Reported only two Unions as doing Fair Work, one serving lunches and the other distributing literature.

SUGGESTION.

I would recommend for the consideration of the unions, the propriety of providing quantities of pretty temperance picture cards, set with attractive mottoes or texts, which may be memorized for distribution among the children. Business firms have discovered this to be a successful medium for advertising. Why should it not be equally successful in implanting prohibition principles?

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

(MRS. BIGELOW, Superintendent).

This work of prevention has been diligently prosecuted during the year. The aggregate information contained in the county reports warrant the statement that never before in one year has there been so much earnest, energetic, persistent, judicious labor expended upon this Department by both local and county workers.

We have not yet secured the graded lessons and regular examinations for which we have been pleading, and it is idle to expect the best results until we do. Meantime the year's effort has been directed towards interesting, arousing and enlisting the teachers. With this object in view 7,000 copies of "An Open Letter to Teachers" was sent out. A scheme for the visitation of Teachers' Associations, with Scientific Temperance literature, addresses and a resolution for discussion was inaugurated in Middlesex. In connection with this an attempt was made to increase the circulation of the *School of Physiology Journal*, which, it was felt, on account of its monthly lessons prepared for every class, suited to the capacity of every pupil, as well as its general clear presentation of every part of the subject should be in the hands of every teacher. Seven associations have been appealed to in this way, and we hope this work among the teachers in their Conventions will be continued until every association has been reached.

An attempt was made to secure the assistance of the ministers of the Gospel in our efforts to educate the general public whose children are in the schools, as to the importance of Scientific Temperance Instruction by addressing them through the columns of the religious papers. We have not heard that any thing was accomplished thereby.

Thirty counties have reported—ten more than last year. We are thankful to God and to His human helpers for the increase.

The following is a summary of reports. For brevity's sake we omit many items of interest. All the counties mentioned have distributed "The Open Letter":

ALGOMA EAST—Scientific Temperance is taught, but not to all pupils.

ALGOMA WEST—Taught only in the higher classes.

BRUCE—Here we have a very encouraging aspect of affairs. Our subject is thoroughly taught from the text book to older pupils, and simplified for the younger ones. Hope to have it placed on the promotion examinations, and petitioned the Inspector to that effect.

DUNDAS—Scientific Temperance is taught, but there is no definite information as to what extent.

DUNHAM—Pupils are expected to write on Scientific Temperance at the promotion examinations, and the Unions give prizes for proficiency. School visitation is carried on.

ESSEX—Has had the assistance of those in authority in all their efforts, and the junior classes have not been neglected here. Unions have provided the *School Physiology Journal* for the teachers.

GREY—Reports school visitation, prizes given to pupils passing the best examination on Temperance, a reception to modelities, the *School Physiology* furnished teachers; and something to be commended and imitated is found here—an Anti-Cigarette Society.

GRENVILLE—Only tells us that they distributed "The Open Letter."

GLENGARRY—Has more than fulfilled its promise of last year. Meetings have been held to interest teachers. A board of W. C. T. U. ladies have examined and awarded prizes to pupils for papers prepared, and yet the capable, energetic Superintendent of this County complains, "It is not taught as it should be in all the schools."

HASTINGS—Writes that the subject is taught and the teachers like to teach it. Prizes have been given for proficiency, and will be again.

HALDIMAND—Believes the subject is faithfully taught. Union gave prizes at entrance.

HURON—Says they have not done anything they consider worthy of reporting.

LINCOLN—The Superintendent gives an interesting account of the usual work, and sends a report from the Inspector, which is very satisfactory. He states that Scientific Temperance is taught as ably and successfully as any other subject, and expresses his pleasure in the knowledge acquired of it in his schools. He recommends the use of charts, but finds it difficult get desirable helps unless the law requires them,—a difficulty experienced by many others.

LANARK—All the classes enjoy the privilege of temperance instruction. The little ones have oral lessons; the older ones use text books.

LAMBTON—Every possible opportunity seems to have been improved. Besides the usual line of work they used the local papers in the interests of Scientific Temperance, and circulated pledges among the teachers.

LEEDS—Says Scientific Temperance is taught in all the schools, and they have carried on the customary work in that Department.

MIDDLESEX—Thorough work in every available direction seems to have been the rule here. The W. C. T. U. ladies made the discussion in the Teachers' Association very helpful to the cause by giving needed explanation and information. Temperance literature and the *School Physiology Journal* were circulated among the teachers.

MUSKOKA—In visiting the schools and supplying literature to the teachers, have found the subject considerably neglected.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Reports good work and favorable conditions. The Inspector co-operates with the W. C. T. U., and the result is teachers are endeavoring to do their pupils justice.

ONTARIO—Schools have been visited by our workers, and the teachers promised compliance with the regulations.

PERTH—Very well taught throughout the county. Teachers favorable and interested. Work suggested by Departmental circular faithfully performed.

PETERBORO—Emphasizes the good accomplished by the "Open Letter," and records the fact that the Inspector helped in its distribution. They had public presentation of prizes and addresses by the Superintendent, ministers and others, interspersed with solos, duets, etc., making the occasion quite important.

RENFREW—Report the usual lines of work:—Visitation, prizes, etc., and tells us that temperance teaching has a place in the High School. We wish the same could be said of every high school and collegiate institute.

SIMCOE—Addressed the Teachers' Association with good results, and distributed literature; tried to enlist the modelites, gave prizes, and believes matters are progressing favorably.

STORMONT—The Superintendent has put forth faithful effort, but little has been accomplished apparently. The fourth classes get the teaching required by the regulations and in some schools the junior classes. But there is little hope for anything like systematic, thorough work unless there are examinations provided for. The Cornwall Union, through the Superintendent, presented each teacher with a packet of literature tied with white ribbon.

TORONTO—Required temperance instruction which was for the most part faithfully given. Frequent visitation of schools. Teachers in hearty sympathy. Three socials were given the teachers, and addressed by prominent temperance men. An address was also given the Normal School students, by Mrs. Cowan, on the invitation of the Principal.

WENTWORTH—Like Toronto, seems to have worked every plan with success in all. They gave medals for best papers on Scientific Temperance, in collegiate institute, public school leaving and entrance examinations, and consider prizes quite an incentive to careful study. But "not taught to junior classes," proves that even in Wentworth, there is something not as it should be.

WELLINGTON—Besides the usual work, visited a School Board and secured their promise to see that temperance was taught to junior classes.

WATERLOO—Believes that temperance is taught in most of the schools. They exerted themselves along the suggested lines.

YORK—Presented the Inspector and Principals of high and model schools with W. C. T. U. reports, and in visiting schools, found Scientific Temperance taught fairly well. Charts are used.

We believe that Brant, Carleton, Elgin, Halton, Kent, Nipissing, Norfolk, Oxford, Prescott, Peel, Prince Edward, Russell, Victoria, Welland and Frontenac have distributed "Open Letters."

Your Superintendent has written seventy letters and cards in the interest of this Department during the year. There are 400 copies of the "Open Letter" still on hand for further need.

GLEANINGS FROM THE REPORTS.

It is a good thing to be able to say to the indifferent or opposed:—"The law demands it."

It has been found to help the cause when the wives of teachers wear the white ribbon.

We would record our grateful appreciation of the help accorded by some of the Inspectors.

Those workers are to be envied who have the co-operation of those in authority in the schools.

It helps materially when the ministers indorse the work. Can we get more of them to do so?

A model school principal who sneers at temperance teaching is a calamity in any community, inasmuch as the young teachers who have been trained by him can hardly fail to be imbued with his spirit.

Some teachers strive to prepare their pupils for real life, others only prepare them for examinations, and will not spend time teaching anything that does not count in marks.

The *School Physiology Journal* is just the help the teachers need. How can we get them to take it for themselves?

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UNFERMENTED WINE.

(MRS. FALCONER, Superintendent.)

During the early part of the year, a circular letter was sent to the Unions throughout Ontario; a few copies of new leaflets lately published, and also some old ones. We are indebted to Miss Moore, Attica, New York, Superintendent of this Department of the National W. C. T. U., for sending leaflets, papers, etc., and for suggesting and explaining plans of work. The Magical White Ribbon and all the great work it represents, soon caused a bond of union to be formed between your Superintendent and Miss Moore. From reports and letters received we are convinced that more will be accomplished by this Department on the ground of expediency, and, by showing that it is a wise and righteous thing to remove what may prove a stumbling block to weak and tempted ones.

The report will show that a steady and satisfactory work is being done.

GRENVILLE—The general report from this county is that, as a rule, Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists use unfermented wine.

GREY—In this county eighteen churches report that they use the unfermented wine, two have abandoned the wine of commerce, and others are considering the question.

KENT—This county sends a most encouraging report:—Total number of churches, thirty-seven; of these, twenty-eight use unfermented wine; four have abandoned the fermented wine this year.

LAMBTON—Fermented wine is used in seven churches, and we are pleased to know some have abandoned the wine of commerce during the year, eighteen now using unfermented wine.

LANARK—In the report received, we find thirteen churches use unfermented wine, and two churches the wine of commerce.

LINCOLN—All churches except Episcopal and Roman Catholics are using the unfermented wine.

MIDDLESEX—This report though coming in late, was very interesting. Good work is being done. Out of sixty churches that have been reported, forty-eight use unfermented wine. One has abandoned the wine of commerce this year, and members of the Union make the wine used in some places.

OXFORD—The Unions in this county are endeavoring to educate the people on this important subject. Public addresses on Bible wines have been given. Thirty-six churches are using unfermented wine.

YORK—Last year reported twenty out of thirty churches use unfermented wine. We judge that it stands about the same as last year.

TORONTO—Reports Baptists, Reformed Episcopal, Congregational, Methodists, and nearly all the Presbyterians use unfermented wine. Two new ones gained this year.

RENFREW—Seems to be wide awake to the necessity of banishing the wine of commerce from our Lord's table. Pembroke, seven churches; Arnprior, six out of seven; all in Renfrew, with the exception of one.

SIMCOE—This county is at work, and will show more work done next year. Barrie, six out of eight churches use unfermented wine; Orillia, three out of four.

WATERLOO—Interesting report from this county. The workers are very much alive there, and, although the effort made has not always been successful, we need not be discouraged, "For right the day will win."

WELLAND—Seven out of twelve churches use unfermented wine.

PETERBORO—As a rule Presbyterian, Baptist and Methodist churches all use unfermented wine.

CARLETON—We regret, has not sent in any report, but we know that in Ottawa the Baptists, Reformed Episcopal, Congregational, Methodists and most of the Presbyterian churches use unfermented wine.

NARCOTICS.

(MISS ADELINE M. TESKEY, Superintendent).

Twenty organized counties are recorded in report of last year as having a Superintendent of Narcotics. All have been written in regard to their year's work, and eighteen have replied. Two more organized counties—Perth and Glengarry—have reported taking up the work during the year, so in all twenty-two organized counties have a Department of Narcotics, and twenty have sent in a report.

BRUCE—Regrets that owing to the Superintendent moving away nothing has been done in Narcotics.

ESSEX—Quoting the words of her Superintendent—"Has just wakened up to the fact that Narcotics is one of the most important parts of the work of the W. C. T. U." They have distributed 700 or 800 leaflets, also copies of Tobacco Act; have active Band of Hope, and a club of ten for *Anti-Tobacco Gem*; they found a man in ignorance of the law selling tobacco to boys; he pasted a copy of the Act in a conspicuous place in his shop, and promised never to offend again.

GREY—The County Superintendent reports not being able to do much aside from reading all she could get on the subject. She hopes for better things next year.

GLENGARRY—Asked grocers to discontinue the sale of tobacco, and two of them did so; distributed narcotic literature freely; gave three papers at parlor meetings, and taught the evils of narcotics in the Children's Society; asked clergymen to preach on the subject; one complied.

KENT—Reports very little work done. Papers on the subject read at School of Methods, and at an Epworth League meeting.

LINCOLN—Has distributed 1,000 Narcotic leaflets; twelve copies of *Anti-Tobacco Gem* are taken and distributed among the boys; the Tobacco Act has also been carefully distributed; Superintendent gave several talks to Bands of Hope, and drew the attention of trustees to the desirability of employing only non-smokers as teachers; requested a minister to preach against tobacco; two papers on "Morphine and Opium" have been read, one at an "At Home" of the Royal Templars, another at a parlor meeting.

LANARK—Reports distributing literature, also enforcing the Tobacco Act.

LAMBTON—Each of the eight Unions have a Superintendent; kept the Tobacco Act in all places where tobacco was sold; a progressive Anti-Tobacco League with a membership of seventy-four; one copy of *Anti-Tobacco Gem* taken; had three lectures on tobacco, and a liberal distribution of literature; papers were read on the evils of Narcotics, and freely discussed; and items sent to local newspapers.

LEEDS—The County Superintendent had the Tobacco Act printed in large letters on pasteboard, (size, 9x12), and placed it in every store in her own town, including drug stores. All received her well—but one, who told her, she had better go home and mind her own business. The ministers have been requested to preach against tobacco; and the Christian Endeavor has promised to give an evening to the subject of Narcotics. Literature has been freely distributed.

MIDDLESEX—Out of the ten Unions in the County, nine have taken up the work of Narcotics. Literature has been freely distributed at the Western Fair, township fairs, and elsewhere. Tobacco Act placed where tobacco was sold. The evil effects of tobacco-using are being taught to the children in a Band of Hope. An attempt was made to organize an Anti-Tobacco League, but the Presbyterian Minister of that place had started the Brigade work among the boys, and that was thought sufficient. The public school teachers were waited upon and asked permission for an Anti-Tobacco Pledge in the school. This was readily granted.

The consent of the School Board was then obtained, allowing the teachers to pledge the children. The chairman of the School Board was in such hearty sympathy with the movement that he thought the pledge should be made compulsory, and every child refusing to sign it should be punished in some way. A memorial was sent to the Epworth League Convention, held in St. Thomas, asking them to pass a resolution condemnatory of the sale and use of tobacco, particularly on the part of members of the Christian Church. The Convention passed said resolution. A similar memorial was sent to the Methodist London Conference, which convened in Stratford, in June. The following reply was received:

"We desire to place on record our appreciation of the unceasing efforts of our noble sisters of the W. C. T. U., and we beg to assure them of our hearty sympathy, and pledge them our cordial co-operation."

Sunday Schools were visited, and the terrific effects of tobacco-using set forth. Many of the boys pledged themselves to abstain from the use of tobacco in any form. In London, a club of twenty was obtained for the *Anti-Tobacco Gem*, which was distributed monthly by Superintendent. Narcotic literature was sent to each teacher in the public schools of the city, and a letter urging them to start Anti-Cigarette Leagues in their various schools. The news of this movement among the schools reached Edmonton, N. W. T., and the Superintendent was requested to send a similar letter to each of the school teachers in Edmonton, which was accordingly done. In the interests of the Department the County Superintendent repeatedly wrote each Local Superintendent during the year, hoping through this means to bring all in closer touch. The colored Union formed this spring was visited by Superintendent, and a talk given on the evil effects of tobacco-using.

NORTHUMBERLAND—The County Superintendent has a Sunday School class of ten boys who are all pledged along with several other boys. She has subscribed for ten copies of the *Anti-Tobacco Gem*, and gives one to each boy in her class. There are three other subscribers for the *Gem* in the county. Three of the merchants have given up the sale of tobacco. Literature was given to a public school principal with a request that he would start an Anti-Tobacco League. He said he would consider the matter. Copies of the Tobacco Act have been distributed, and one sermon has been preached on the subject.

PERTH—Has just recently taken up the work, but has sent in no report since announcing appointment of Narcotic Superintendent.

TORONTO—Regrets there is no Department of Narcotics in any of the city Unions. None seem willing to take up that work. Miss Wills, the "Y's" Scientific Temperance Superintendent, has

secured some anti-tobacco pledges among the boys, and the teachers are trying in some of the public schools to form Anti-Tobacco Leagues.

WELLINGTON—Has placed a copy of the "Tobacco Problem" in a public library, and urge the people to read it. Literature has been freely distributed. At the Township Fair distributed narcotic literature, and gave a copy of Tobacco Act to every dealer in refreshments on the grounds. A deputation waited upon teachers in public and high schools urging them to assist in putting down the use of tobacco.

WATERLOO—Thinks that until the Provincial and Dominion take up this great work more fully the local Unions will not do much. The Superintendent reports hearing from four Unions, but nothing was done.

WENTWORTH—Regrets that the county has not yet got to work. In the city of Hamilton, however, much has been accomplished. The County Superintendent corresponded with all the city physicians asking for all the information they could give on the effects of narcotics on patients with whom they had come in contact. She also wrote to the head teachers enlisting their sympathy and co-operation. There were papers read at seven parlor meetings on Narcotics in different forms; three Bands of Hope addressed on the subject, and 44,000 children pledged. One of the Aldermen assisted the Superintendent in getting a minor to visit fifty places where tobacco was sold, and forty-seven of these were found breaking the law. They gave the law-breakers a severe warning, and think now it would be a difficult matter to purchase the weed through minors in the city of Hamilton. They spent \$11 for private detective work.

YORK—Regrets there has been little or nothing done in Narcotics. The County Superintendent sent out circulars to all the Unions, but received no reply.

Two single Unions in the County of Simcoe report having taken up the work this year. Also one in Peel, and one in Haldimand.

During the year, besides the circular letter, 43 cards and 4 letters have been written in the interests of the Provincial Department. In compliance with recommendation of last Convention the members of the Ontario Medical Council were respectfully asked to pledge themselves against prescribing opium unless when positively necessary, and when such necessity existed to watch the patient until the use of the narcotic was discontinued. No reply was received to this petition.

SUGGESTIONS.

Procure a report of the Nineteenth Convention of the Ontario W. C. T. U. and *carefully study it*. The report of Middlesex alone is bristling with suggestions for work in many avenues.

That workers post themselves with *facts* concerning the evils of tobacco. Be able to give the boy you meet on the street with a cigarette a *reason* why he should not smoke, besides simply telling him it is not good for him; he has heard the same about candy, and heeds the one as little as the other. Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you—and to some who do not ask you why the W. C. T. U. are waging war against the giant nicotine. A clergyman, in Toronto, in conversation a short time ago, said, "I cannot altogether agree with the W. C. T. U. in their warfare against tobacco, I am in hearty sympathy with them on the *liquor* question, but I do not see that *tobacco* does so much harm in the world." One of our ladies promptly replied, "as a Christian minister, what do you think of the millions of money that goes up every year in smoke, and the world's needs so great?" He at once said, "looking at it in *that* way, of course it is a great waste." There are many ways of looking at it, and there are very many who need instruction in these ways.

That Unions never falter nor hesitate about starting Anti-Tobacco Leagues among the boys. There are scores of boys walking the streets of our towns and cities who, notwithstanding the Tobacco Act, are learning to smoke. They have never been *taught* the evil effects of tobacco, and do not know how they are injuring themselves. A school teacher in Toronto, who has charge of a league of 174 members—newsboys, bootblacks, etc., says, nothing influenced the boys so much to give up the use of tobacco as carefully imparted knowledge of its evil effect on the system.

Start with the boys *young*. A woman teacher of large experience among boys in Ontario, says:—"After boys have smoked five years, will and strength of character are gone, and, humanly speaking, it is impossible for them to stop." What a necessity for prompt action!

That workers read the "Tobacco Problem," by Meta Lander, and strive to get the book into public libraries.

That they take high ground in talking with religious professors. By the countenancing of tobacco are the members of Christ's body building up His kingdom? Are they walking in the light—the condition on which the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin? Do they enjoy the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit at the same time they are enjoying their tobacco?

PRESS.

(MRS. ALMEDA LIVINGSTONE, Superintendent).

In presenting this report to Convention I am pleased to note that, except in three instances, no local Union has had to pay for space in local papers. In many towns the editors have solicited contributions from the W. C. T. U.

During the year I have written 18 letters and 28 postal cards; in January sent out 235 printed circulars with plans for work; in September sent out about the same number of printed postals with questions as to work done according to plan, but have only received 131 replies.

The following is a synopsis of Press work done, as reported to me:

ALGOMA—Has two Superintendents; 2 papers accept temperance contributions; 53 items, and 3 columns have been supplied by Superintendents.

BRANT—Has reported two Superintendents; 200 items inserted in papers, and 60 columns filled.

BRUCE—Superintendents supply 3 newspapers; 140 items and notices, and 60 columns contributed, also 6 quarterly reports.

CARLETON—Superintendents supplied 25 columns. No record kept of items.

DURHAM—Has Superintendents, but no account kept of work.

DUNDAS—One paper supplied; 25 columns filled.

ELGIN—Has two excellent Superintendents; 4 newspapers are utilized; 90 items, notices and articles have been given, and 29 columns. The Superintendents tell us that several instances have come under their observation of practical good being done through the Press.

GRAY—Has two Superintendents; 2 newspapers have been given 18 items, and 1 report of a red letter day.

GLENGARRY—One Union report; 75 items; 12 red letter-days written.

HASTINGS—Has one Superintendent; 3 newspapers supplied with 30 items; 12 columns have been filled this year.

KENT—Has six Superintendents; 5 newspapers are supplied by them; 140 items were presented to the Press, and 111 columns filled; 2 red letter days written up, and 23 quarterly department reports as suggested in Provincial plan of work, were also printed.

LINCOLN—Reports 3 papers supplied; 45 items sent and the general work of organization kept before the public mind, but no record kept.

LANARK—Reports 12 items sent to local newspapers; also 50 columns supplied; 2 quarterly reports were printed.

LAMBTON—Reports 2 reports of the observation of red letter days written up; 100 items; 25 columns.

MIDDLESEX—Superintendents supply 5 newspapers; 208 items; and 164 columns were furnished by the organization; 2 red letter days were written up, and 4 department reports were printed.

MUSKOKA—One paper accepts items; 8 were contributed.

NORFOLK—Simcoe was the only place heard from in this County, and they wrote me that the Union in this place had been too denominational, and that they had disbanded, thinking they would re-organize again, but had failed to do so.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Two newspapers have been sent 40 items No record kept of reports or meetings.

OXFORD—Superintendents have supplied 211 items, notices and articles, and 120 columns to the friendly papers; 4 red letter days have been written up, and 6 quarterly department reports printed.

PERTH—Has Superintendents; much work accomplished, but no record kept.

PETERBORO—No account kept of work; realize that the Press is one of the best educators.

RENFREW—Superintendents have supplied 64 items to the paper; 6 papers or essays on red letter days were printed; also 4 reports.

SIMCOE—Superintendents have done good work; 16 items sent to papers, and 75 columns filled during the year.

STORMONT—Reports one Superintendent; 2 papers are supplied—usually weekly; no record kept of items and columns supplied; 3 red letter days written up.

TORONTO—The Superintendents heard from report 6 papers supplied with temperance items—204 items and 150 columns were furnished by Superintendent. Several Unions report that they have done Press work, but have kept no record of it. They are unanimous in thinking that the Press is of great help in the temperance reform.

WATERLOO—Superintendents have the privilege of 2 newspapers; have furnished 29 items; 25 columns; 1 red letter day was written up.

WELLINGTON—Superintendents have contributed 24 items; 1 red letter day was written up.

YORK—Reports 7 newspapers were furnished W. C. T. U. news; 153 items were sent to papers; 12 columns. One editor refuses to publish advertisements of either liquor or tobacco.

SUMMARY OF WORK BY SUPERINTENDENTS.

Two thousand and ninety items, notices and articles furnished the Press; 934 columns filled during the year.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. Would recommend that each Press Superintendent secure once a quarter short reports from Superintendents of other departments for insertion in the W. C. T. U. column, besides contributing intelligently herself.
2. That red letter days be written up.
3. That County Press Superintendents secure quarterly reports from Local Superintendents which could be condensed and forwarded to Provincial or Dominion.
4. We would strongly urge Press Superintendents to keep a letter-book for the purpose of a correct record of work.
5. That each Superintendent give prominence to the Plebiscite movement.
6. That Superintendents supply themselves with *Journal*, *Union Signal* and *Woman's Column*, and "Points for Press Workers," by Miss Lottie Reede.
7. That a symposium be arranged on equal suffrage or some other vital question. Superintendents should obtain opinions of intelligent men and women.
8. That a portion of time between 8 and 9 a.m. be devoted to prayer for the success of the Press Department.
9. That one meeting in each local W. C. T. U. in January be devoted to this Department, as this is a department which feeds all others, and should be thoroughly understood and developed.

WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

(MISS MARY MACKAY SCOTT, Superintendent).

The *Woman's Journal* is now in its thirteenth year as a monthly organ of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The circulation is yet but 3,000. An improvement is noticed in the number taken in Ontario since last year, which we owe to the valuable assistance of Mrs. Thornley, and the many who have spoken a kind word on its behalf throughout the Province. Ontario list numbers 1,255, representing 46 counties and 175 different post offices. Complaints have reached us to the number of about twenty, of the *Journal* not reaching its destination, but we are always glad to send duplicate copies. We are not going to keep on sounding a regretful note, for "there's a world moving God-ward and sun-ward," but if the subscribers have had trials with the paper going astray, and being sometimes badly printed, we have also had ours at one end of the line. In the past few

years our experiences have been varied. We have had the printing office take fire when the paper was half set up, and sometimes the printers go off on a jubilee or banquet and almost set the paper up-side-down. As we do not control the printing office, anyone who knows anything about getting printing done at a job office, can tell of the delays that will occur with a pressure of work. Then the advice we have had on "how to run a paper," and the spring poetry which never sees print, and the matrimonial advertisements which go into the waste basket. We bow with respect to the woman who sends in a good list of subscriptions with her blessing, and when she sends a report of work done condenses her remarks as much as possible. We have tried to give as good a paper as we could on very limited means with no assistance financially from anyone, but we are afraid we are approaching the state of the man, "whose wife took in sewing to keep things a-going, while he superintended the earth." Seriously speaking it is time the W. C. T. U. had a fortnightly paper, and we hope soon that some plan may be devised whereby the *Journal* may be enlarged and improved with a good financial backing.

Mr. J. Hale Ramsay offers nine prizes.

Mrs. Youmans was a good friend to the *Woman's Journal*.

We have splendid talent in the W. C. T. U. of this Province, which is being, and should be, brought to light and in the fight for the Plebiscite will tell on the future of this land. If in any way the *Woman's Journal* has been of any assistance and served its generation, it has done its part.

Subscriptions for the *Woman's Journal* in Ontario:

Addington.....	2	Haldimand.....	5	Peel.....	5
Algoma East.....	1	Huron.....	6	Prince Edward....	1
Algoma West.....	15	Kent.....	83	Renfrew.....	36
Bothwell.....	9	Lincoln.....	26	Russell.....	8
Brant.....	37	Lanark.....	41	Simcoe.....	54
Bruce.....	48	Lambton.....	18	Stormont.....	36
Carleton.....	108	Leeds.....	30	Lennox.....	..
Durham.....	38	Middlesex.....	78	Toronto.....	101
Dundas.....	15	Muskoka.....	32	Victoria.....	8
Elgin.....	2	Nipissing.....	2	Wentworth.....	43
Essex.....	36	Norfolk.....	27	Welland.....	4
Frontenac.....	6	Northumberland..	2	Wellington.....	28
Grey.....	39	Ontario.....	13	Waterloo.....	39
Glengarry.....	26	Oxford.....	24	York.....	14
Grenville.....	40	Perth.....	16		
Halton.....	13	Peterboro.....	4	Total.....	1255
Hastings.....	36				



SCHOOL OF METHOD.

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, Superintendent).

A few days since I was reading this strange text in the 7th chapter of Amos:—"They hunt every man his brother with a net, that they may do evil, with both hands, earnestly."

What a picture of the organized liquor traffic of 1896, as it prepares to meet the conscience of this Dominion at the ballot box! No half-hearted measures for it. Existence depends upon it; every energy and resource must be called into requisition.

If, in the years gone by, we too have been putting into our work our best "doing good with both hands earnestly" the day of reward is not far off. This Department exists to encourage first-class methodical work; and its motto is:—"A Workman That Needeth Not to Be Ashamed."

REPORT.

The question asked each Superintendent:—"Have you supplied yourself with the helps for County Presidents?" was satisfactorily answered in all but a couple of cases.

Nearly all the schools held evening meetings, at which the work was presented in addresses, papers, recitations, music, etc. These are not reported in the following statistics:

BRANT—Superintendent, Mrs. Hitchcox, Paris—Held one partial school; two subjects.

BRUCE—Superintendent, Miss Fisher, Paisley—Held one full school; five subjects; question box.

CARLETON—Superintendent, Mrs. Donaldson, Ottawa—Held one partial school; two subjects.

DURHAM—Superintendent, Mrs. Cryderman, Bowmanville—Held one partial school; six subjects and question box.

ELGIN—Superintendent, Mrs. (Rev.) McCutcheon, St. Thomas.

OXFORD—Superintendent, Mrs. B. D. Livingston, Tilsonburg—These two counties united to hold a full school; ten subjects; parliamentary drill; two question boxes. Oxford held, also, one partial school; three subjects; drill and question box.

ESSEX—Superintendent, Mrs. Kate Maxwell, Amherstburg—Held one partial school; two subjects and a model meeting; question box.

GREY—Superintendent, Miss Winnie Doyle, Owen Sound—Held one partial school; two subjects.

GLENGARRY—Superintendents, Mrs. (Dr.) Munro, Maxville—Held one full school; five subjects.

GRENVILLE—Superintendent, Mrs. Thos. Bennett, Spencer-ville—Held one partial school; five subjects; question box.

KENT—Superintendent, Miss Reddick, Chatham—Held one full county and three local schools; — subjects; four parliamentary drills and six question boxes.

LINCOLN—Superintendent, Mrs. M. K. Forbes, Grimsby.

WELLAND—Superintendent, Miss Lillian Phelps, St. Catharines—These two counties held one partial school between them; two subjects; question box.

LANARK—Superintendent, Mrs. Alex. Taylor, Carleton Place—Has not held a school this year.

LAMTON—Superintendent, Mrs. Coghill, Wyoming—One full and one partial school; ten subjects; two question boxes.

LEEDS—Superintendent, Miss Stone, Athens—Did not hold a school, but had a drill and question box in connection with County Convention.

MIDDLESEX—Superintendent, Mrs. Cora Calvert, Napier—Held one partial school; two subjects and a model meeting; question box.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Superintendent, Mrs. McMaster, Campbellford—Held three brief local schools; four subjects; one parliamentary drill; one question box. Held one partial county school; four subjects.

PERTH—Superintendent, Mrs. Baker, Mitchell—Held one partial school; four subjects and a question box.

RENFREW—Superintendent, Mrs. A. Hunter, Pembroke—The Unions are so far apart that all they can manage is a brief convention once a year.

SIMCOE—Superintendent, Mrs. McKee, Barrie—Held one partial school; nine subjects; one drill and one question box.

STORMONT—Superintendent, Miss J. MacArthur, Cornwall—The County Convention and attached school has, for local reasons, been postponed till after Convention so that their report will come in with next year's.

TORONTO—Superintendent, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, Toronto—Held one full school; six subjects and a question box.

WENTWORTH—Superintendent, Mrs. Hardy, Hamilton—One partial school; three subjects and a question box.

WELLINGTON—Superintendent, Mrs. Maddock—Has not yet held a school.

WATERLOO—Superintendent, Mrs. Jennie Cavers, Galt—Held one full school; six subjects and a question box.

YORK—Superintendent, Mrs. Isa Gilchrist, Toronto Junction—Held one partial school; one subject; drill and question box.

SUMMARY.

There are now 28 organized counties—2 more than reported last year. In these there have been held 21 full or partial schools, (6 full and 15 partial) besides 6 local schools. As 1 full, and 3 local schools have not reported any details of their doings, we cannot give the correct number of papers and talks presented. Those reported were 95 in number. Evangelistic and Juvenile work head the list with 7 papers each; Narcotics come next with 6; and Franchise follows with 5. In all, 66 papers were devoted to various lines of department work. Two model meetings were held; 10 Parliamentary drills given; and 25 question boxes opened. The papers and addresses, apart from the departments, covered a wide range of topics; some of them, if one could judge from their titles, were exceedingly practical.

PROVINCIAL.

As Provincial Superintendent it has been my duty to correspond, through the year, with the presidents in organized counties. Each of the twenty-eight has been written to at least twice, and some of them a half dozen times, according to the needs of the case.

The four leaflets relating to the "Duties of Local Officers" were sent to every Union, with an accompanying circular. The words of appreciation received in reply were most encouraging.

Having a greater number of the leaflets than would be required for Ontario, your Superintendent, thinking they might be of use elsewhere, negotiated with other Provinces, and sold as follows:

Quebec, 800 copies.....	\$ 5 20
Manitoba, 200 copies.....	1 30
British Columbia, 100 copies.....	65
Nova Scotia, 300 copies.....	1 95
Prince Edward Island, 200 copies.....	1 30
Dominion Literature Depository, 200 copies..	1 30

Total number of copies, 1800.....\$11 70

This money, with the exception of the \$1.30 owed by the Literature Depository (which is to be "taken out in trade"), is in the hands of the Superintendent, awaiting the next School of Method printers' bill.

At least 200 additional leaflets were purchased in small quantities by organizers, mainly in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Being paid for in stamps, which were used on Department letters, no account of them was kept. We have, therefore, disposed of fully 2,000 of these helps for local officers, besides the nearly 900 copies sent out to our own societies.

A leaflet on "Programmes" has been prepared, and another on the "Duties of a County President," is under way. We hope both will be ready for distribution before long.

The half day of school, that has become a part of every Provincial Convention, was conducted as usual at Hamilton. There were six papers, a parliamentary drill and question box. The discussions were hearty and helpful.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. The need of *practical* papers must again be noted. Essays on our departments do well for public evening meetings, but furnish no food for the worker's note book. In corresponding with those who are to take part in the programme, let the County President keep this thought to the front: "We want actual plans and methods of work, and nothing short of that will meet the requirements of the case."

2. Perhaps the most valuable suggestion I have to offer has been developed by the workers themselves, having appeared almost simultaneously in two sections. The thought, which was that of holding *local* schools, evidently grew out of the difficulty of getting local Superintendents to attend the county schools. If the mountain will not come to Mahomet, then Mahomet must go to the mountain. So one energetic President has actually inaugurated, and another proposed the holding of schools in connection with the local societies. These local institutes for the benefit of the stay-at-homes, would probably do away with the spring school, but would not interfere with (except to make much more effective), the school in connection with the annual Fall Convention.

3. Another suggestion, also evolved from the reports, is a plan by which each County Superintendent of a department pledges herself to visit, in the interests of her department, one or more of the Local Unions. This "hand touch" amongst the workers is of the greatest value, and should be constantly encouraged.

4. A magnifying glass will focus the rays of the sun upon a given point. So must the School of Method be made to focus the department rays of our white ribbon luminary upon the Plebiscite. Let every School, from this time forward, make the coming vote the objective point for its papers, addresses and discussions. We have scarcely a department that cannot be made a weapon of attack. If this thought were suggested to each County Superintendent; and through her to her local helpers, what an army of educational workers we would have in the field!

Then there are the general features of the campaign, such as literature, the platform, finances, etc., that will need careful and prayerful consideration.

Let every School of Method for 1896-7 be a centre for the dissemination of Plebiscite information and enthusiasm.

FRANCHISE.

(MRS. F. S. SPENCE, Superintendent).

ALGOMA EAST—Distributed literature.

ALGOMA WEST—Work not taken up.

BRUCE—Devoted two meetings to the discussion of Franchise; submitted questions recommended by Dominion Alliance to candidates for election to the Commons. Mr. Tolton answered, "Yes." At each political meeting held during election campaign the query, "Are you in favor of Prohibition and Woman's Franchise," was presented to the candidates. Two answered, "Yes." Mr. McNeil, elected for North Bruce, being one of these.

ESSEX—Worked in municipal elections. In one place all the women voters, but one, voted for temperance men.

GREY—Sent petitions to Mrs. Edwards; gave 150 leaflets to women voters; canvassed for Aldermanic candidates, one of whom was elected; held mock parliament, assisted by lady teachers, which was very successful from every standpoint; distributed other leaflets, of which no account was kept; sent Franchise clippings to newspapers.

GLENGARRY AND PRESCOTT—Sent in petitions; distributed 110 leaflets; had four Franchise addresses at public meetings; circulated a lot of other Franchise literature; was instant in and out of season in bringing subject into conversation.

GRENVILLE—Held two meetings devoted to Franchise; had discussion upon the leaflet, "Twelve reasons why women should vote"; distributed 100 leaflets.

HALDIMAND—Had one meeting devoted to this subject; worked in municipal elections, 28 out of 32 voted. Hopes to do earnest work in future.

KENT—Says so little done, not worth reporting.

LINCOLN—Circulated some literature; thinks it necessary that more money should be spent and more agitation made upon this subject.

LAMBTON—Distributed literature to electors; presented the subject to candidates for Parliament; discussed at regular meetings; had sermons preached by ministers the last Sunday in May; thinks this an important Department; hopes it will receive more attention in future.

MIDDLESEX—Secured a large number of names on Dominion petition; circulated literature, and had regular monthly reading on the subject.

SIMCOE AND MUSKOKA—The work was defined and urged persistently; literature was distributed; some well-filled petitions were sent in.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Circulated petitions; worked in municipal elections; held two public and one parlor meeting; circulated copies of Franchise By-Law.

ONTARIO—Very little been done; hopes to have the subject discussed at County Convention.

OXFORD—A good deal done; nothing specified.

PRINCE EDWARD—Reorganized; have had Franchise Superintendent appointed.

RENFREW—Nothing done.

STORMONT—The subject has been discussed in local meetings; one public meeting held, at which papers and addresses were given; a good deal of literature was distributed.

TORONTO—Worked hard and successfully at municipal elections for Mayor, Aldermen and School Trustees; held a Mock Parliament, which was so much appreciated that at the request of a number of university lady students it was repeated.

WATERLOO—Read Franchise paper at regular meeting; distributed literature.

SUMMARY.

Counties heard from, 28; distributed literature, 11; worked in municipal elections, 5; worked in Dominion elections, 2; discussed at regular meetings, 8; meetings held in interest of Franchise, 16; supplied newspapers, 2.

SUGGESTIONS.

Being convinced that a good deal of Franchise work was done which has not been reported I would suggest that each county have a Superintendent if for nothing else than to gather in reports, and that they be more exacting. "Because of their opportunity," they will *receive replies*. The Provincial Superintendents try to give helpful suggestions to every Local Union, but they should depend on the county officers for their delivery, and then for knowledge as to their use. The County Superintendents should write a dozen times, if necessary, and keep on writing until they receive some report.

In comparing this and last year's report, it is encouraging to notice that some Unions have shown more interest and done more for this department than before. Several letters have been received by me from W. C. T. U. members and others, asking for literature and facts which would be helpful in preparing for debates, etc. I have been disappointed in not hearing from a few who reported last year, but hope and believe they have not been idle, have only failed to make known their good deeds.

LEGISLATION AND PETITION.

(MRS. HULDAH ROCKWELL, Superintendent).

The only reports of work done in connection with this Department during the past year are from Toronto District, and Grey, Bruce, Oxford and Prince Edward Counties.

TORONTO—Petitioned their City Council for aid in establishing a Girls' Shelter, and received \$200, also for the Curfew Bell, but without success. They also urged their Representatives to vote for Mr. Charlton's bill.

GREY—Unions also wrote their members at Ottawa to the same effect.

BRUCE—Did also. Walkerton petitioned against a billiard license, and Paisley closed up a liquor store.

PRINCE EDWARD—Urged their Representatives to vote for Mr. Charlton's bill. Markdale Union petitioned against a liquor store; also, against the repeal of the Dunkin Act in one township, and with good success; worked in favor of the better enforcement of law, reduction in hours of sale and against liquor stores, and with some degree of success.

OXFORD—Circulated petitions for woman suffrage, Curfew Bell, reduction of licenses, and for abolishing the bar in the House of Commons.

One thousand circular letters, 2,500 pledges for voters and about 300 cards and letters were sent out by this Department during the year.

The mock parliament has been, and continues to be, a marked success, both as a means of raising of money for local work, and as an educator along the lines of temperance, Franchise Legislation and Parliamentary Usages. Toronto, Hamilton, London, Chatham, Owen Sound and a number of other places in different parts of the Dominion have held sessions, and in nearly every case had to repeat them a second evening. Information and sample copies can be obtained at any time from the Superintendent of this Department.

We note, with pleasure, the abolition of the bar in our House of Commons, and only wish that the prohibition extended to the Senate.

Messrs. Craig and Flint, M. P's, deserve our sincere thanks for the good work done by them during the past year in the removal of the Commons' bar, and the division on the prohibition resolution.

Mr. Charleton's bill, raising the age of consent from sixteen to eighteen years, received only a first reading, but will, no doubt, bob serenely up again next session, along with that on Sabbath Observance. We should be thankful for such a champion of truth and righteousness as he.

In view of the fact that your Provincial Superintendent is also Dominion Superintendent of this Department, and also that a general election was to take place during the year, it was deemed advisable to combine Provincial and Dominion work as much as possible, and thus save time, labor and expense. A circular-letter, as has been already reported, together with pledges for voters, was sent to each of the 480 Unions in the Dominion. This was thought by some to be an interference with the rights of Provincial Superintendents; perhaps so, but there are times when too much machinery is a hindrance rather than otherwise.

Besides, a letter of explanation was sent to each one of these Superintendents, and as they had no words of censure to offer, no harm was done. The circular-letter also appeared in the *Templar*, *Christian Guardian*, *Onward* and other publications and in many instances efforts were made to carry out the suggestions offered, but funds and bodily strength gave out, and so the result was not all that was desired or intended by your Superintendent.

An appropriation of \$10 each was made at our request by both Dominion and Provincial Executives, and this amount was expended, with the exception of 60 cents, which will be duly accredited them for next year's work. A statement in detail has been given to the Treasurer of this amount. And, now, for the coming year we have to prepare for active operations in this Department. A Dominion plebiscite is not what we asked for, nor what we want, but the situation *is as it is*, and we must accept it, and spare no effort to make the coming campaign an object lesson to the civilized world. The great majority of Canadians want the curse removed. Let us help the electorate to say so.

SUGGESTIONS.

We offer the following practical suggestions for next year:

- 1st. That we, as a Provincial Union, recommend that a Plan of Work Committee be formed by a limited number of representatives from each Province, *in proportion to the membership*; this committee to prepare, in printed form the work for the year. The great trouble in keeping up the interest of our Unions is for them to know what to do, and how and when to do it. The object of this recommendation is to meet that want. It could be passed by this Convention in some form and referred to the coming Dominion Convention.

2d. That the matter of literature for the coming campaign is an all important one, in our judgment, and that we also recommend that it be taken up on a more extensive scale than ever before; our consideration of plans to include the issuing of a special campaign sheet for several weeks, or even months, previous to the taking of the vote.

3d. That an appropriation of \$10.00 be made for the work of this Department in addition to postage, etc., in order that reliable legal advice may be obtained on all the technicalities of the local option law, which will, no doubt, be taken up in a number of localities. Often the work of weeks or months falls to the ground for want of knowledge on some little legal point, and if your Superintendent knew all the points on reliable authority, she could give it to all the Unions, thus saving them expense and trouble.

PARLIAMENTARY USAGES.

(MISS JULETTA B. HUFF, Superintendent).

This Department has been but poorly looked after this year, owing to the fact of a serious affliction of the eyes suffered by your Superintendent. However, a letter was inserted in the *Woman's Journal* asking that those interested in and desirous of taking up Parliamentary practices communicate with the Superintendent, who would gladly answer questions and make suggestions. One card was received from Mrs. C. N. Bell, of St. George, and answered at once.

Post cards to the County Secretary, or to the Superintendent of the Department, where there was one, were sent to 27 counties, and 18 replies received, as follows:

DURHAM—No Superintendent—Think they will take it up next year.

ELGIN—No Superintendent—Nothing done; hope for better things next year.

ESSEX—No Superintendent—No Union taking it up, but held a Model meeting during the County Convention, conducted by the County President, Mrs. Maxwell. A great many good suggestions were given.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. M. H. Henderson, Superintendent—Four Unions take up the work, but the older members find it a little hard—the new ones do better. Prescott Union has Roberts' Rules and Mrs. Benjamin's book, had one drill. The Superintendent hopes to visit the County Unions during this year.

GRAY—Has five Unions taking up the rules to a certain extent, but none enforcing them strictly. It does not work well to be too formal to Superintendents.

KENT—Mrs. Sowerby, Superintendent—Miss M. Reddick reports six Unions doing good work. One, a drill for five or ten minutes at each meeting; two drill at local School of Methods; another two half hours during the year; and another a part of the time set aside for drill alone. Chatham has given mock parliament twice.

LEEDS—No Superintendent—A little has been done in one or two Unions, but with no marked success.

LINCOLN—No Superintendent—Had a drill at County Convention, and all the Unions conduct their meetings after Roberts' Rules of Order. St. Catharines "Y's" have a Superintendent.

NORTHUMBERLAND—No Superintendent—Had drill at County Convention. Two Unions take up the work; one has a W. C. T. U. hand book, which is a great help.

SIMCOE—No Superintendent—All conduct meetings in parliamentary manner, but no special efforts made.

STORMONT—No Superintendent—Cornwall Union has given some attention to work practically; expect to do more next year.

TORONTO—Parkdale W. C. T. U. is the only Union taking up Parliamentary Usages department, but they suppose School of Methods to be the same, one of which Mrs. Rutherford held, it was very good although the day was stormy. Provincial officers present.

WENTWORTH—The county has taken up the Department; Superintendent's name not given. Both Central and Hamilton Unions have given considerable attention to it without having a regular department, and Superintendents, Mrs. Thornley and Mrs. Boole, have both held meetings.

Regretting my inability, through poor health, to accomplish something in this Department, I respectfully submit the above report.

PARLOR MEETINGS.

[(MRS. EMMA A. WHEELER, Superintendent.)]

On account of illness in my family for nearly a year, my personal work in this Department has not been as great as formerly. I am glad, however, to know that under the faithful supervision of County and Local Superintendents the work has gone on fairly well.

Following is the statistical report as far as I have received. I regret that I cannot mention individual Unions.

BRANT—Mrs. (Judge) Jones, Brantford, Superintendent—The Superintendent having been from home much of the time did not send a report, but we learn from other sources that three Unions

held Parlor Meetings, one of which took the form of a parlor concert, at which \$12 was raised.

BRUCE—Mrs. Alice M. Armstrong, Lucknow, Superintendent—Five Unions have held a total of 13 meetings. I regret that no report of members gained or money raised was given. The Superintendent writes that they find society people will attend these, when they would not at an ordinary temperance meeting.

CARLETON—Mrs. Meyer, Richmond, Superintendent—Two Unions have held a total of 8 Parlor Meetings; 4 active members and 8 honorary members (gentlemen) were added; \$12 for the work was one result of these meetings, besides interesting many in the cause of temperance.

ELGIN—Mrs. J. P. Garnett, Vienna, Superintendent—One Union held 3 Parlor Meetings; 6 new members were gained, "besides gaining favor with the public," and \$7.00 was raised. At one meeting one of the school teachers gave an excellent paper on "Narcotics," and at another the Principal of the high school gave one on "Literature."

GREY—Mrs. Jessie Reede, County Corresponding Secretary—Reports two Unions held in total 3 Parlor Meetings; 7 active members were added, and \$18.50 was raised.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. Wm. J. Cummings, Spencerville, Superintendent—One Union held 4 Parlor Meetings. There are 6 Local Superintendents.

GLENGARRY—Mrs. Macallum, Maxville, Superintendent—Four Unions held in total 7 Parlor Meetings. No report of members gained or money raised. The Superintendent writes, "All are pleased with this plan of reaching the public."

HALDIMAND—Mrs. McGregor, Caledonia, Superintendent—Only one Union, Caledonia, has taken up the work; 3 Parlor Meetings were held, one of which was addressed by Mrs. Wright and Miss Cosford, of London.

KENT—Mrs. W. L. Samson, Blenheim, Superintendent—Two Unions have held in total 3 Parlor Meetings; \$14 was raised and much interest awakened in the work. This county reports 5 Local Superintendents, and all promise more work next year.

LAMBTON—Mrs. Mitchell, Watford, Superintendent—Six Unions held each a Parlor Meeting; \$20 was raised. There are 5 Local Superintendents in the county; all are in favor of the work. "Hard Times Social" and "Birthday Party"—one each—were held. One Union gave an "At Home" to three adjoining Unions, "which was delightful."

LANARK—Mrs. R. Craig, Smith's Falls, Superintendent—Smith's Falls is the only Union in the county which has taken up the work. They held 2 Parlor Meetings; 43 new members were added, and "some honorary members."

LEEDS—Mrs. C. C. Stack, County Corresponding Secretary—Reports that at their recent convention, Mrs. Cowan, of Gananoque, was appointed Superintendent. We look for a good report next year. Two Unions have held Parlor Meetings.

MIDDLESEX—Miss Jennie D. Jones, London, Superintendent—Four Unions held in total 8 Parlor Meetings; 5 being held by one Union. One of these was addressed by Miss E. U. Yates, and another by Mrs. Kimball, of Fredonia, N. Y., on "Prison Work," and another by young collegiates. Amount of money raised, \$22.65; 5 Local Superintendents are reported.

MUSKOKA—Three Unions held each a Parlor Meeting. No report of members gained or money raised.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Mrs. W. W. Armstrong, Campbellford—Reports two Unions held, a total of 3 Parlor Meetings; 1 active and 1 honorary member gained; \$5.45 was raised.

OXFORD—Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Norwich, Superintendent—Six Unions have taken up the work; 5 Parlor Meetings have been held; 7 active and 3 honorary members were gained; \$18.20 was raised.

PETERBORO—Mrs. Paton, County President—Reports 2 very successful Parlor Meetings held in Peterboro; 3 new members gained, and promise of more.

PEEL—Mrs. B. B. Lynd, Port Credit, Superintendent—Reports one Parlor Meeting; 3 active members gained.

PRINCE EDWARD—Picton reports Mrs. B. Gillespie Superintendent of Parlor Meetings.

SIMCOE—Good work has been accomplished through Parlor Meetings this year. Barrie held two; one took the form of a birthday party, and was very successful. Orillia held four, taking up different subjects—narcotics, impure literature, alcoholic drinks and temperance in public schools. These meetings have proved a great help educationally as well as socially, and the membership has been increased.

RENFREW—County Corresponding Secretary reports they have not taken up the work.

TORONTO—Mrs. J. M. Rose, Superintendent—Reports seven Unions have held a total of 22 Parlor Meetings and 5 garden parties; number of active members not given; 82 honorary members were secured; amount of money not given, and the Superintendent writes the meetings should be "conducted more for bringing the members and their friends together so as to interest them in the work and induce them to join our ranks, and not for money making." In all of which I quite agree with her. One meeting was addressed by Mrs. Pratt, of Hamilton, on "Teaching Temperance to the Young," and resulted in the Union starting a class

for some young boys who were living by themselves in an old brewery, and good results have followed. Six Local Superintendents have reported. Mrs. W. H. Orr is associated with Mrs. Rose as District Superintendent.

WATERLOO—Miss Jennie M. Adair, Galt, Superintendent—Three Unions have held each a Parlor Meeting; 3 active members were secured, and \$3.85 was raised. The gentlemen showed much interest in the meetings.

WELLAND—St. Catharines has held six Parlor Meetings. Refreshments were not served, neither was there a collection taken, but an occasional offering was received. Four honorary members and 8 active ones were secured; different subjects along departmental lines were discussed and papers read. We believe this to be a helpful line of work.

WELLINGTON—Mrs. (Dr.) Savage, Guelph, Superintendent—One Union held 4 Parlor Meetings.

YORK—Miss Wiley, Corresponding Secretary, writes they have not taken up the work, but hope to in the future.

SUMMARY.

Counties reported, or at least heard from, 22; 3 more than last year.

Counties reported last year that were not heard from this year, 7. They are Essex, Grenville, Lincoln, Ontario, Simcoe, Stormont and Wentworth.

New counties reported this year, 10; 8 have taken up the work.

County Superintendents this year, 15; last year, only 5.

Unions, 54; held a total of 100 meetings; 70 active members were secured; 91 honorary members; total amount raised, as reported, \$128.20.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That all organized counties appoint a Superintendent.
2. That in unorganized counties, the County Corresponding Secretary seek to interest the Unions in Parlor Meeting work.
3. In addition to the "Birthday Party" and "Hard Times Social" recommended last year, we would suggest "An Afternoon with our Prominent Workers," "Thumb-Nail Sketches," which can be secured of Mrs. Bascom, 56 Elm Street, Toronto, would furnish particulars of many of the World's W. C. T. U. officers and workers, and sketches of some of our Dominion and Provincial workers could be easily obtained. Assign to members of your Union as many characters as you would have time to give each five or ten minutes to represent her subject. Call for each

subject by the name of the worker to be represented, the member responding to give a brief sketch of her work for the W. C. T. U. Endeavor to obtain a parlor from one of your members, or a friend who has not been identified with your work, and whose standing in society will insure the acceptance of her invitation.

Invitations should be printed or written (not on postal cards). If printed, secure a large number at one time to save expense, leaving blank spaces for name of speaker or title of the social, date, and name of hostess. The reception committee should consist of the Superintendent of Parlor Meetings, the hostess, and the President of the Union. The other members of the committee can assume all responsibility of seating the guests and of the refreshments, thus relieving the hostess. Prepare your programme, and personally see each person whom you desire to take part. Always pass the basket for questions, and do not neglect your opportunity to secure new members, presenting the pledges and an invitation to each guest to join the Union. Teas, socials, parlor concerts and receptions, where our work is presented, can be classed under this Department.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

(MISS ROSE E. WAKEFIELD, Superintendent).

A word from the Lord—"There is that *withholdeth*, more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

A word from man—"The *ministry of money* is the great matter on which, particularly *disciples*, need *education and transformation*."

The Rev. A. G. Pierson says:—"All work for God has a *financial basis*, and if that basis is rotten, unsound, unsteady, *the whole structure is in peril*."

This temperance movement is work for God, and because it is work for God, it has a *financial basis*. The question that I want to sound in your ears, through my annual report, is this:—Are we receiving the *spiritual and material* benefit that should accrue to us from the *financial* side of our work.

Early in the year I communicated with every Union in the Province. Later cards were sent to each organized county, asking that the Systematic Giving Department be brought forward at the various County Conventions, and, if possible, Superintendents appointed.

About 6,260 pages of Systematic Giving literature was distributed among the Unions, and extracts supplied to the *Woman's Journal*. Some weeks ago I wrote to our County Presidents, asking whether the Systematic Giving Department had been organized. In response to these messages and the regular cards of inquiry sent this month, the following information has been gleaned:

NORTHUMBERLAND—Reports neither County nor Local Superintendents, but sends a note of *hope* for coming year.

WELLAND—None "yet."

KENT—Has a President, who urged the County Convention to appoint a Superintendent, but the matter was overlooked. She will try again.

GRENVILLE—Has a County Superintendent, but no work reported.

PEEL—Reports no Superintendents. Has had talks and one paper, and discussion on Systematic Giving has been arranged for.

RENFREW—Reports no Superintendents. The County President will try to bring the matter before them.

GLENGARRY—Reports no County Superintendents. Matter brought up but could get no Superintendent. No Local Superintendents reported. Serious talks and discussions on Systematic Giving.

PRESCOTT—Has only one Union—affiliated with Glengarry. No Superintendent or work reported.

SIMCOE—No County or Local Superintendents reported. Have had papers and discussions on Systematic Giving. Intend to hold meeting soon to talk up subject and, if possible, appoint a Local Superintendent.

TORONTO—Reports a District Superintendent just appointed, and is in full sympathy with department. Paper on Systematic Giving read and discussed.

OXFORD—Has a County Superintendent. At Convention had a very helpful Bible reading on Systematic Giving.

LANARK—Prince Edward, Leeds, Welland, York, Ontario, Algoma East, Huron, Muskoka, Halton, Algoma West, Brant, Peterboro, Dundas—No Superintendents reported, but some encouragement for the coming year.

LAMBTON—Reports that they have added the department, but as yet have no Superintendent; a great deal of discussion at Convention; "majority of members closely adhere to principle of Systematic Giving,"—so says one Union.

STORMONT—No County Superintendent—No Local Superintendents reported; gave most of an evening to the subject. Perhaps something may be done next year.

ESSEX—No County Superintendent—One Local Superintendent reported. Members bore testimony at recent meeting to benefit derived from use of plan of Systematic Giving.

LINCOLN—No County Superintendent—No Local Superintendents reported. Made subject topics for the regular meeting, Bible selections, readings and discussion. Department has done

good by bringing an important truth to notice, suggested by our Union, "that while most of our members give a tenth *to the Lord*, we include our W. C. T. U. work in our givings."

GREY—Has no County Superintendent, but hopes to appoint one ere long. One very efficient Local Superintendent reported. Literature well circulated in different churches; some of the ministers asked to preach on Systematic Giving; Superintendent has done good by bringing a number to see their duty more clearly and making it more of a pleasure to give.

WENTWORTH—Has a County Superintendent—One Local Superintendent reported.

BRUCE—Has a County Superintendent—One parlor meeting held, at which Systematic Giving discussed, and readings given; profitable discussion elsewhere.

HASTINGS—No Superintendent reported—In sympathy with the subject.

DURHAM—Has no County Superintendent, but will bring matter before County Convention. No Local Superintendents reported.

NIPissing—Has no County Superintendent—In one Union very many have, through this W. C. T. U. Department, adopted the plan of Systematic Giving.

PERTH—Has a County Superintendent—One Local Superintendent reported. Three ministers are going to preach on Systematic Giving, very soon. "They are glad to do so."

WATERLOO—Has a County Superintendent—One Local Superintendent reported; a box placed on table at Union meetings for free-will offerings; one meeting in which Systematic Giving discussed from scriptural stand-point; expect great benefit by and by.

MIDDLESEX—Has no County Superintendent—Expect Department to be added ere long. One Local Superintendent reported; one Systematic Giving meeting held; literature freely distributed to "interest," "stir up" and "educate"; work advanced as a result; ministers to be asked this autumn to preach on Systematic Giving.

CARLETON—Has no County Superintendent—Wants to appoint, but fails to find suitable person. No Local Superintendents reported; one very successful Systematic Giving meeting held; literature read and discussed, and one address given by minister on subject of Systematic Giving.

HALDIMAND—No Superintendent reported—Had arranged for one Systematic Giving meeting with good programme, but weather prevented.

TOTAL FOR PROVINCE.

County Systematic Giving Departments	8	
Local " " "	6	
Discussions	13	
Papers on Systematic Giving (one for next meeting)	4	
Bible readings	2	
Testimony meetings (personal benefit)	1	
Systematic Giving meetings (topic)	6	
Unions distributing literature	2	
Addresses on Systematic Giving from ministers	1	
Sermons—Asked some ministers to preach	1	Union
Sermons—To ask this Autumn	1	"
Sermons—Received very ready promises from 3 ministers	1	Union

GOOD ACCOMPLISHED BY DEPARTMENT.

1st. "Has brought a number to see *their duty* more clearly, thereby making it more of a *pleasure* to give."

2d. "Has done good by bringing an important truth to our notice.

3d. "Marked advance" in interest re Systematic Giving.

4th. "Has worked a marvelous change in many, and very many have adopted the plan."

What shall we say to these things? That very little that can be dressed in *figures* has been accomplished. That most of the work has been done *without organization*. There is however, a promise of a rich harvest, when this *ploughing* and *seeding* time is over. Systematic Giving is in the air. People are wondering, questioning, ever disputing its right to exist, and when this stage of any reform is reached, there is hope. Only indifference breeds corruption. *Systematic Giving has come to stay, for God has sent it.* And now let me tell you what some of the Unions have said :

"We have not enough that believe in it to organize," and yet that "it" was a piece of God's own work. Is it true, as someone has said, that "the body of professed Christians do not believe *Bible teaching*, on the subject of Giving?"

"Thought we ought," (to organize) "I wanted to"—*but they didn't*. "A Department that requires education!" Yes, and there's no better educator than a live Systematic Giving Superintendent.

“Our money is principally raised by concerts and lectures,”—
‘and yet show I unto you a more excellent way’—“Upon the first
day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God
hath prospered him.”

"Too poor."—It doesn't require *wealth* to give systematically. It requires *faith* and *obedience*.

“Don’t find suitable person for Systematic Giving Superintendent.”—Ask the Lord *to repair* an old member or *create* a new one.

"Too busy—many giving beyond their means."—This Systematic Giving Department is not a side track. It lies near the heart of our Temperance work. God cannot fully own the efforts of those who obey not His distinct command: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Our W. C. T. U. work could be expanded a thousand-fold had we money to expand it. We should have the money had we the faith to espouse scripture methods of giving. Will not our women who *are* giving faithfully (and there is a blessed company of them) help to spread the wholesome light, by *taking time* to organize a department of Systematic Giving? Some day these golden beacon fires will spread, and their light will help to usher in the Christ of our Union work.

"Difficult for women who do not control the family purse."—I seem to feel that just at this point lies the real soul of my year's message. There is a mighty host of these "purseless" women, and my heart goes out toward them. There are many of them *God's heroes*, and I thankfully remember, as I look at their courageous grasp upon ammunitionless guns, that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal," but spiritual. *And yet the thing is wrong, and because it's wrong it must go.* We women are responsible for the death of this evil. If we kill it, it may be gone before another generation comes upon the scene. The boys and girls are ours to train. *They* can right this wrong. Shall we give them a chance? Shall we declare to our girls a standard of financial equality? Shall we saturate our boys with the *simple justice* of our claim? If we do, they will respond, and this thing that is crippling our W. C. T. U. work, and putting its blighting finger upon every corner of the Master's vineyard, will be gone. I would that I could pour a mighty flood of earnestness into this part of my year's message. Here are some brighter bits of experience:

"I have practiced it for twelve years, and could not be induced to give it up. God has blessed me both spiritually and temporally."

"I believe it to be the right way."

"Many of us have adopted this principle, *being persuaded*, that we have no right to use the Lord's portion for our temporal necessities."

"I believe in it—have followed it for years, and *would on no account* return to the old haphazard way of giving." These extracts need no comment; they are strong enough to stand alone.

What do I suggest? Just five things:

1st. If you *can't* get a first-class Systematic Giving Superintendent, get a second-rate one. God can do wonders with a *willing* second-rate woman.

2d. If your Union is lethargic on the subject of Systematic Giving, sow it with Systematic Giving literature. New thoughts are ingathering of the silver, and a wondrous spiritual impulse will be the harvest.

3d. For one meeting, divide your Union into two parts. Let No. 1 find out what God says on the subject of scriptural giving. Let No. 2 discover what *man* has to say. You'll perhaps be surprised at the *oneness* of the testimony.

4th. Give every public school child in your town a copy of Thanksgiving Ann. It will cost, *but it will pay*.

5th. Don't keep this new, strange Systematic Giving Department out in the cold any longer. It is your child—"bone of your bone, and flesh of your flesh." Take it into the warm heart of your work, *mother* it for a season, and when stronger grown it will stand alone, and you shall feel that it is no fanatical, insufficient creature, but a thing of *God sent power*.

FLOWER, FRUIT AND DELICACY MISSION.

(MRS. ALICE B. REEDE, Superintendent).

Your Superintendent would report that shortly after her appointment she purchased a large enough quantity of the two leaflets, "The Why and How of Flower Mission" and "The National Leaflet," on Flower Missions, to supply every Local Union in the Province, so that no Union would be without an appeal. We have sent out 204 forms for reporting, 243 circular letters, 22 postals, 369 leaflets, and 19 personal letters. Nine of the organized counties have no Superintendents. From many of the local Corresponding Secretaries in these counties and unorganized counties we have received favorable replies to letters, but with very few exceptions, any reports. Two County Unions have appointed Superintendents, and several Local Superintendents have been appointed in unorganized counties. The following are county reports as received :

BRANT—359 bouquets, 309 texts, tracts, 8 quarts canned fruit, 10 pecks fruit, 5 dozen eggs, 48 dozen oranges, 50 private homes visited.

BRUCE—1,283 bouquets, 348 texts, 165 pages literature, 33 quarts canned fruit, 32 pecks fruit, 6 dozen eggs, 7 dozen oranges, 24 pledges, 661 private homes visited; receipts \$62.76, expenditure \$66.07; 33 articles clothing, 28 funeral wreaths, 4 turkeys, candies, cakes, etc.

CARLETON—300 bouquets, 300 texts, 500 pages literature, 30 quarts canned fruit, 40 dozen eggs, 20 dozen oranges, 10 pledges, 6 institutions and 40 private homes visited; receipts \$50, expenditure \$50; 85 articles of clothing.

DURHAM—130 bouquets, 130 texts, large baskets of flowers sent to Toronto hospital, jellies and other articles.

ELGIN—39 bouquets, 24 texts, 230 pages literature, 6 quarts canned fruit, 3 dozen eggs, 1 dozen oranges, 131 pledges, 2 institutions and 19 private homes visited; expenditure \$1; 9 articles of clothing, distribution of charities were numerous.

ESSEX—No Superintendent. No report.

GLENGARRY—370 bouquets, 7 texts, 2 quarts canned fruit, 1 peck fruit, 1 dozen eggs, 4 institutions visited; receipts \$5, expenditure 35 cents; 10 articles of clothing, supplied churches and public meetings with flowers.

GRENVILLE—No Superintendent—No report.

GREY—191 bouquets, 38 texts, 2 quarts canned fruit, 2 pecks fruit, 18 dozen oranges, 4 pledges, 10 articles of clothing, 4 turkeys.

KENT—300 bouquets, 236 texts, 76 quarts canned fruit, 4 pecks fruit, 5 dozen eggs, 2 dozen oranges, several pledges, 182 private homes visited; receipts \$22, expenditure \$20.25; 84 articles of clothing, 650 pounds flour, 125 loaves bread, meal, sugar, potatoes, meat, jellies and various other articles.

LAMBERTON—331 bouquets, 187 texts, 100 pages literature, 33 quarts canned fruit, 60 pecks fruit, 3 dozen oranges, 844 private homes visited; receipts \$6.00, expenditure \$4.95, a great many articles of clothing, 18 glasses jelly, 20 pounds beef and chicken, 100 wreaths.

LANARK—80 bouquets, 80 texts, \$2.00 worth of literature, 6 private homes visited; receipts \$3.00, expenditure \$3.60; a great many articles of clothing, jellies, pickles, and 25 meals to needy ones.

LEEDS—No Superintendent—One local Union reports 20 bouquets and 20 texts.

LINCOLN—85 bouquets, 15 texts, 1021 pages of literature, 6 pecks fruit, 6 institutions visited and 15 private homes, 85 Christmas letters.

MIDDLESEX—342 bouquets, 142 texts, 90 pages literature, 90 quarts canned fruit, 14 dozen eggs, 7 dozen oranges, 2 pledges, 147 private homes visited; expenditure 45 cents; jelly, 4 pounds butter, 8 pounds meat, 2 cans honey, 10 loaves bread, tea, etc.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND ONTARIO—No Superintendents.

OXFORD—444 bouquets, 436 texts, 1,310 pages literature, 15 quarts canned fruit, 26 pecks fruits, 5½ dozen eggs, 5½ dozen oranges, 2 institutions visited and 65 private homes; receipts 49 cents, expenditure \$4.45; 49 articles of clothing, 21 baskets corn, 4 loaves bread, 6 cakes, 6 pies, 5 gallons pickles, 3 quilts, 1 load wood, 5 baskets tomatoes, 25 pounds flour, 1 basket sandwiches.

PERTH—No Superintendent.

PEEL AND PETERBORO—Unorganized. Peel reports 20 private homes visited, 8 funeral wreaths, and Peterboro (per Mrs. Paton) reports 67 bouquets, 167 texts; expenditure \$1.47; jellies, 21 pots of flowers to hospital and other institutions on Flower Mission Day.

RENFREW—72 bouquets, 70 texts, soups, jellies, fruits, and children of poor woman cared for.

TORONTO—7571 bouquets, 320 texts, 1,200 pages literature, 350 quarts canned fruit, 55 pecks fruit, 28 dozen eggs, 13 dozen oranges, 7 institutions visited, 195 private homes; expenditure \$23.70; clothing for 45 families, 14 baskets provisions, fuel to 12 families, 9 dozen bananas, 12 pounds tea, Christmas dinners to 61 families. All Unions in the city sent wreaths or cut-flowers to the casket of our dear Hon. President. The District sent a beautiful pillow, and each member was provided with a spray of flowers, which was laid in her casket, completely covering her in her last sleep; sad that it was the last time we could carry her flowers; glad that she was free.

WATERLOO—405 bouquets, 399 texts, 278 pages literature, 4 quarts canned fruit, 8 institutions visited and 50 private homes; receipts \$4.30, expenditures \$4.17; 6 articles of clothing.

WELLINGTON—100 bouquets, 105 texts, a few leaflets, 24 quarts canned fruit, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen eggs, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen oranges, 28 private homes visited; expenditure \$2.48, 1 Thanksgiving basket.

YORK—7,242 bouquets, 5,707 texts, 8,782 pages literature, 161 quarts canned fruit, 383 pecks fruit, 33 dozen eggs, 39 dozen oranges, 290 pledges, 157 institutions and 430 private homes visited; receipts \$67.52, expenditure \$68.67; 332 articles of clothing, more than 600 pounds provisions, 4 funeral wreaths, 2 mattresses, wall scrolls lent, Hebrew testament, 6 gospels, and numerous other useful articles.

SUMMARY.

There have been distributed in the Province according to reports received—19,731 bouquets, 9,040 texts, 13,676 pages of literature, 834 quarts of canned fruit, 579 pecks of fruit, 141 dozen eggs, 159 dozen oranges, 461 pledges, 202 institutions visited, 2,252 private homes, receipts \$221.07, expenditure \$251.61, 663 articles of clothing, 140 funeral wreaths, over 1,400 pounds of provisions, 264 meals given. Among the incidents we find these:—"God has blessed our efforts"; "We are trusting"; "Young lady when dying said, 'The lily makes me think of the white robe awaiting me'"; "Two young men testify that they were led to the Saviour by means of the text sent with the flowers"; "The flowers and texts have comforted, reminding the

sick of their Heavenly Father's care of the lilies, and *how much more* He cares for them."

SUGGESTIONS.

That this Department be called the Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission.

To the County Executives—Do not fail to have a Flower Mission Superintendent appointed.

To County Superintendents—Rest not till every Local Union takes up this Department.

To the Superintendents—both Local and County—Be earnest in prayer, watchful for opportunities, faithful in duty, accurate in reporting, and ever trusting in the promise—"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

(MRS. AGNES HUNTER, Superintendent).

The work among lumbermen during the past year was not quite so extensive as the previous winter. It was decided not to have an agent. Many Unions thought the Department had ceased to exist, so it was later before supplies were sent in for distribution. Four Assistant Superintendents were appointed in different parts of the Province, as the work was increasing.

Mrs. Mickle, Gravenhurst, reports:—Received from 12 Unions, 55 comfort bags. (If anyone wishes to know the amount of work this represents, as well as expense, let them make one). Several other Unions sent valuable parcels of bags (the number not stated), literature, scrap-books, a weekly paper, good books, tracts, testaments and Bibles sent in abundance. Mrs. Mickle was enabled, through the kindness of firms and book-keepers sending parcels without charge, to keep 900 men supplied through the season. Many notes of thanks were received by her, testifying how much the men appreciated what was sent to them.

Mrs. Chapman, of Wiarton, reports being much encouraged in her work among the men, and hopes we shall be able to do more in the future. Many Unions kept her supplied with comfort bags and literature, which she sent to camps and distributed as opportunity offered in northern part of Bruce County.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Mrs. J. T. Vosper, Superintendent—Reports 7000 pages of literature sent to the camps and surroundings. I am sure the men appreciate our work; I have received many thanks from them.

LINCOLN—Mrs. Alex. Scott, Superintendent—Is pleased to say that there has been a decided improvement in this branch of our work. A growing interest is clearly seen among the Unions, and the letters received from the camps express only gratitude for the comforts sent, and earnest prayers for our success as an organization.

GLENGARRY—Reports no Superintendent—But good work done.

HASTINGS—Mrs. A. C. Maybee, Belleville, Superintendent—Reports having supplied camps in North Hastings. She also visited the men on the "Drive"; distributed literature, and tried to leave this thought with them—"If you have received a kindness, pass it on." In due time, she received an encouraging letter, thanking her and saying they would inform her of their location early next year.

LEEDS—Mrs. V. L. Mackie, Superintendent—Reports \$16.50 collected for agent's salary, besides scrap-books, comfort bags and literature. 79 comfort bags with literature and scrap-books, were sent out by the Superintendent from Pembroke.

TORONTO—Mrs. J. Robinson, Superintendent—Mrs. Christie, of Northern Union, says:—"I have taken a good deal of pleasure out of my office this year. Have received quite a number of letters from the 'Camps,' telling me of their work; also how they spend their spare time. They spoke highly of the literature, and also wondered how we could think of so many necessary articles for the comfort bags. The manager said if we could just see how much the men appreciated our work we would feel repaid for our trouble." Mrs. Dick, Deer Park Union, says:—"We keep literature of a pure and temperance kind regularly supplied to camps, hotels, waiting-rooms, street railway company's men, and one barber shop."

OXFORD—Mrs. Wilkinson, Ingersoll, says:—"Many of the Unions have taken up other Departments of work, understanding that help was not needed by this Department."

We have every reason to hope that our labor is not in vain, but that much good is being accomplished by this Department of our work.

SUPPLIES FOR LUMBER DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Mickle reports, from London, \$2.00; Mt. Brydges, 50 cents; donation from Strathroy; Glencoe sent 10 comfort bags and literature; a Toronto lady sent 30 pounds literature; Orono, 12 comfort bags; Peterboro, 61 pounds literature, scrap-books and 16 bags; Waterloo, a box; Ayr sent 150 pounds of literature and 8 comfort bags; Pine Grove, 6 comfort bags and literature; Milton, a box of bags; Stratford, literature and a weekly paper; Guelph "Y's", 12 comfort bags; a lady in Guelph sent a very large quantity of literature on which \$1.40 express charges had to be paid. There were five journals, illustrated papers and story books. The men heartily enjoyed them. Sarnia, good literature.

Mrs. Chapman of Wiarton, reports:—Palmerston sent her a very nice assortment of literature and 12 comfort bags; Chesley, 12 comfort bags; Teeswater, literature; Hamilton, a good supply of papers and *British Workman*.

Mrs. Scott, reports:—Collingwood sent 11 comfort bags, with literature, to camps; Barrie supplied 9 camps with literature during the winter, 6 comfort bags and a number of scrap-books; Gravenhurst Union sent 7 comfort bags, large parcels of literature monthly, cash, \$1.00 for agent; Huntsville has supplied three large camps with literature and comfort bags regularly; Orillia sent 1,746 pages of literature to their camps during the year; Maxville sent 7 well supplied comfort bags and large packet of literature; Otterville sent 6 comfort bags; Woodstock, 850 papers; the "Y's" of Toronto supplied two camps at Dorset and one at Iron Bridge with literature regularly during the season—1,012 pages in all; Northern Union (Toronto District) sent in all, \$2,000 pages of literature and 8 comfort bags; \$2.00 donated to agent's salary.

Mrs. Gregg, Willard Union, reports:—4,670 pages of literature sent to camps, 2 testaments, 2 large scrap-books and other good books; letters were also sent to each camp, and many answers received from the men.

Mrs. Millgate, Creighton Union, reports:—250 papers sent to camps.

Your Superintendent at Pembroke sent only 79 comfort bags and literature to ten places for distribution—136 the previous winter.

WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYÉS.

(MRS. ALICE P. MORRISON, Superintendent).

The following reports are all that have reached your Superintendent in time for Convention.

GREY—Figures are not given in the report of this county, but regular distribution of literature at the various depots is faithfully attended to, as well as some work of a more personal kind.

KENT—Two Unions take up the work in Kent County, and 189 periodicals and 576 pages of literature have been distributed during the year. A wall-pocket is placed on each coach that passes through these towns.

LEEDS—Has taken up this work in good earnest in all its Unions; \$8.00 worth of literature has been distributed at one place, and in addition, 4,600 pages, while some seven or eight boxes have been supplied regularly, besides occasional distribution on the trains.

PETERBORO—Has distributed 2,902 temperance and religious papers in baggage rooms, and supplied two large cakes at Christmas, for which the women received cordial thanks through the public press.

WATERLOO—Five Unions in this county report boxes supplied at stations with good periodicals, but no details as to value or number of pages is given.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

Last year considerable discussion took place over the question as to whether all literature distributed at stations should be included under this Department. This is now practically settled for us by the refusal of the C. P. R. officials to allow boxes or racks to be hung in any of their stations, as all the wall room in their stations has been purchased by an advertising company, who, of course, has full control. This company was applied to for permission to place a rack in Owen Sound station, but this was not granted, their rules being very strict along this line. But, I believe, good will come out of seeming evil in this case, as in many others, for we will thus be compelled to distribute our literature where it is really intended to go, among the railway employés, placing for it suitable receptacles in the baggage-room or caboose.

Do not forget in doing this, to supply a Bible or Testament with some of the many precious invitations and promises underlined.

A good plan, where possible, is to interest some Christian official or employé, who will see that leaflets and other reading matter is personally distributed.

There are some excellent leaflets now to be had at our literature department, which will be very helpful in this way.

A good scrap-book carefully selected and arranged would be, I am sure, an acceptable addition to caboose literature.

Lastly, shall we not make it a point to obtain the names of all the men employed on the railroad passing through our town or city, and keep the list for special remembrance at Christmas time, thinking of them and praying for them as friends whom we would win for Christ. I believe such a course would bring very great results, both for time and eternity.

Let Local Superintendents see that at least at two or three meetings of their Union during a year this Department—its needs and plans—has full consideration, and I am sure next year a better and fuller Provincial report will be the result.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

(MRS. E. E. STARR, Provincial Superintendent.)

We have been greatly encouraged this year in this Department, for while the local Unions have not yet awakened to the broadness of this field of labor and the very great need of work in this Department, still we have made some advancement along the line.

At the Twenty-fourth of May outing of the Queen's Own Rifles, under command of Major J. M. Delemere, at Kingston, Toronto District supplied literature which was distributed by the

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, belonging to Rev. Samuel Houston's Presbyterian Church, Kingston, having no W. C. T. U. to work in this line.

The Royal Grenadiers, under command of Lieutenant-Col. James Mason, spent the above-mentioned holiday at Berlin, and the W. C. T. U. of Berlin kindly received the literature provided by the Toronto District and distributed it there. The 48th Highlanders also went for an outing, under command of Colonel John J. Davidson, but as that officer is not as yet in sympathy with all our work, we were unable to reach the corps, though Wentworth County responded heartily to the call, and were willing to do whatever they could. However, we were thankful to Colonel Davidson for permission to distribute literature at the armories to his corps, and hope during the coming year to win more of his sympathy.

Total amount of literature distributed at camps, armories and Stanley barracks, 3,053 pieces. An effort was made to distribute literature at Boys' Brigade at Niagara, but we were too late arranging for it.

The 15th Battalion encamped at Kingston in September, and knowing that there was no local Union there, your Superintendent sent literature to the officer, Lieut.-Col. Vidal, asking if he would kindly have it distributed. The following reply speaks for itself:

CAMP BARRIEFIELD, 1896.

DEAR MADAM—I received your letter of the 17th inst., to-day; also the package of papers, which I have directed to be distributed among the different corps in camp. We are all much obliged for your kind thoughtfulness. The members of your society will be pleased to hear that so far not a single case of intoxication has come to my notice.

I am, madam, Faithfully yours,

F. H. VIDAL.

In looking over the *Military Gazette* it occurred to me to write to the editor and ask him to publish my letter in his paper asking officers in command of battalions to notify us when their battalion intend going to camp, what effort on our behalf would be acceptable to the corps, etc. The following is his reply:

OTTAWA, October 16, 1896.

DEAR MRS. STARR—I have your letter of the 14th, and I shall only be too happy to insert it in the *Canadian Military Gazette*, and we will also draw attention to it in our editorial columns. Anything further we can do to help on the good work you have inaugurated—you have only to suggest—and we will endeavor to carry out your ideas. I hope the day may never come when Canadian forces will require to go on active service, but if it does, we feel that the little attentions to the soldiers at camps of training simply show that the members of your association would render much more substantial assistance at a time when it would be indeed necessary.

Yours very truly,

"The Canadian Military Gazette Co."

JOHN BAYNE MACLEAN.

OTTAWA—Mrs. M. J. Scott, Superintendent—The Superintendent of this Department accompanied by the President, Mrs. A. Gordon, made two visits to the encampment during the time the Rifle men were there; on each occasion they were most cordially received and kindly treated.

Most of them appeared to appreciate their intentions, and not only thankfully received the tracts and literature distributed, but at once proceeded to read them. They found some who were Christians, and not only total abstainers, but strong advocates of the principle of prohibition. Many of them were acquainted with the work of the W. C. T. U., and highly commended our motives and aims.

Fellow-workers are we ready to go on with this Department. Will every county come to our aid.

Let us "Put on the whole armour of God," "Having on the breastplate of righteousness," "Taking the shield of faith," "The helmet of salvation," "And the sword of the spirit which is the word of God."

It is discouraging to have a county write and say there is nothing we can do, our battalion encamps so far from home, when their neglected work is probably being done by the Provincial Superintendent, who is still further from the encampment field.

By actual count, within fifteen minutes sixty-eight men in uniform of the defenders of Candaa were seen going into a bar. Is not this an appeal to us to be up and doing, these are brothers, husbands, fathers of our land.

May I here ask for a discussion or the opinion of the Convention as to a question of whose duty or right to act in the following case:

The York Rangers were encamped at Niagara this season. I wrote to York County urging that they improve the opportunity for work by making an effort on behalf of these hundreds of men. But, alas, the reply came:—"No Superintendent can do the work." I next appealed to Toronto District, but they said:—"These are county men, and the counties ought to look after them," and there it ended.

After twelve days' outing the corps returned. I happened to be near the wharf when the boat came in, and the men got off for a few hours in the city on their homeward journey. I was surprised to see that many of the corps were very young men, and possibly this had been their first outing. I could not but say:—What an opportunity we have lost.

Now, was it the duty of Provincial Superintendent to supply literature? There were Unions in the county.

I wrote to Niagara re work along this line, but got no reply.

Your Superintendent would like suggestions as to how best to reach the men who will take part in the sham-battle fields on Thanksgiving Day.

Are Boys' Brigades to be part of the Department of Soldiers' Work?

Last year we urged more active service in this Department, but still we lack the required zeal to make it a great victory.

Some of our workers may say that we want peace, not war. Yes, dear sisters, but our country must be prepared for defence. Is it not ours to do our best to have these brave defenders for God and home, as well as native land.

Trusting each delegate assembled in Convention will carry home with her the required zeal to forward this Department.

WORK AMONG SAILORS.

(MRS. J. H. DAVIS, Superintendent).

Early in September I sent cards to the County Superintendents, asking for report of work done. In most cases, I received prompt replies, but in so many counties this line of work is not taken up.

WINDSOR—Is at work. Has visited twenty boats and given 17 well-filled comfort bags, and in talking with the Sailors, feel encouraged as to results.

COLLINGWOOD—Reports active work.

GANANOQUE—Is the only Union engaged in this work in Leeds County. They have distributed 4,000 pages of literature.

PETERBORO—Reports having sent 6 comfort bags to the Seaman's Home in Montreal.

FOREST—Reports having made 14 bags and sent them to Dr. Moffat for distribution on vessels.

I have heard from 10 counties that have not taken up this work.

So many of the Unions are inland and consequently cannot visit boats, but still there is much they might do to assist those who can.

SUGGESTIONS.

1st. That inland Unions be asked to make bags and collect literature to help lake port Unions.

2d. That counties be urged to appoint a Superintendent of this Department.

WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

(LILLIAN M. PHELPS, Superintendent).

Four Superintendents report progress, and more interest taken in this Department of work.

LONDON—Under trying circumstances organized a "Youman's Band," and, from reports gathered, interest is taken by the Colored People and no doubt a development will come to them.

GUELPH—Has done something among the children in the Band of Hope, and reports the children interested in the work.

TORONTO—Reports a good deal of time and effort spent in trying to organize a W. C. T. U. among the colored women; literature was distributed; pastors and others called upon; arrangements were completed for addresses from our W. C. T. U. ladies in the churches of our colored friends.

These addresses resulted in a meeting of colored women, who, while manifesting much interest expressed themselves not ready for organization. Subsequently other attempts were made to organize without success. The Superintendent thinks that to secure our object it will be necessary for the District Union to pay the first fees as the churches from whose members we would expect our nucleus are numerically and financially weak.

We propose to make some effort next year among the colored boys.

WELLAND—Has a Colored Mission and carries on Sunday meetings, securing the colored preacher of St. Catharines to come occasionally. Every Sabbath they have a service in their hall. The President reports good done and interest taken by the colored people.

AMHERSTBURG—Has been trying to do something, but as yet has not succeeded in organizing a Union or "Youman's Band." The President adds, the colored preachers seem interested.

ST. CATHARINES—The Union is not doing as well as we would like, the Secretary having gone to England with Mr. J. H. Hector and many of the most interested ones having gone out of town. The Conference of the B. M. E. C. was held in St. Catharines and I had the opportunity to present the work of the Union and the Temperance Reform generally.

The Provincial Union supplied your Superintendent with literature to give to every preacher present, also there was sent to every preacher, copies of the Annual Report. I had the privilege of addressing the conference and most enthusiastic resolutions were passed.

During the year I have addressed two colored audiences and the Methodist Conference and I believe the interest taken has increased.

Now as to the outlook and two suggestions. Just one word *patience* and *sympathy* for these friends who are not as favorably situated as we are.

WORK AMONG INDIANS.

(MRS. TENNANT, Superintendent).

About twenty Missionaries have been written to during the year to find out the number of Indians who have taken the total abstinence pledge. Only a few of these have answered, but the reports are much more encouraging than last year.

The Rev. E. H. Taylor, of New Credit, says:—"About 160 Indians on this Mission have taken the temperance pledge since February 1st, 1893."

And the Rev. E. T. Douglas, of Christian Island, writes as follows:—"We have no temperance society here, but am pleased to say we have no drinking. Nearly all adults on the Island are members of the Church, that is, the Protestants. There is no intoxicating drink permitted on the Reserve, and the penalty is so heavy that white people seldom risk giving it, even to the Catholics."

I have no doubt but that this could be said of many of the Reserves. The people abstain though not *pledged* further than the *rules* of their respective Churches. But we think that all should take the pledge and labor for the temperance cause, and thus influence others for good who may not be members of any branch of the Christian Church.

I know there are places where (from report) Indians can get liquor from hotel keepers, and unprincipled white men take the Indians' money and buy the liquor, and then share with them in drinking it.

It will require continued perseverance to suppress the traffic, therefore, we think that a temperance society should be formed on every Reserve.

JUVENILE.

(MRS. T. H. PRATT, Superintendent).

The measure of the work of this Department for 1896 appeals to two classes before us—those who have done and those who have left undone—and how can we measure the difference between the power for good of those who do and teach those who are indifferent and have done nothing. To realize the responsibility resting upon us we must rightly measure the power of those who undo and consume, whose power is that of the moth and

rust, and this is the powerful degeneracy of this gigantic liquor traffic, which is raging a continuous, unrighteous warfare among our boys and girls, whose bodies and souls have to pay the price of our indifference. The boys and girls cry out for protection, and we mothers clamor also for their protection, knowing that this protection will pay its own dividend, but how can this protected time arrive if our White Ribboners, who ought to be thoroughly alive, do not embark in this investment.

We have 220 Unions reported for 1895, and out of this number only about 60 report having invested. What can we do, sisters, to arouse you upon this vital subject? We cannot expect to glean unless we sow. This Department has sent out 450 communications and 250 booklets; received replies to annual questions from 18 Provincial Superintendents; returns show 69 bands and 5,355 children for year on roll; expended \$10. So many Unions send the discouraging report:—"As we do something in Sunday School Work we do not think it necessary to have a Band of Hope." Now, if these Unions would only consider that the Sunday School has the Temperance Lesson taught only quarterly, generally, and would try and reason out logically how much a child could learn and digest under this regime, I am sure this reply would not be repeated.

I suppose the idea is to pledge the children, but this is only the skeleton we must clothe with facts and reasons, with the why's and wherefore's, to transform this skeleton into a living, tangible truth.

The counties report as follows:

MIDDLESEX—6 bands, 563 members; Working Boys' Club; an Industrial School; a Band of Mercy; 1 band contributed \$5.00 to Armenian fund; \$2.00 to lumbermen; and also sent delegate to Convention last year.

CARLETON—5 bands, 338 members, and Newsboys' Club; nightly attendance 50.

WATERLOO—2 bands, 307 members; 2 sewing schools.

OXFORD—3 bands, 311 members; kitchen garden.

GLENGARRY—2 bands, 105 members; sent 4 scrap-books to hospital, Montreal, and \$2.85 to Children's Aid Society, Toronto.

TORONTO—3 kitchen gardens, 40 members.

RENFREW—3 bands, 204 members; 1 medal contest.

LEEDS—3 medal contests; 4 bands, 172 members.

LINCOLN—5 bands, 159 members.

BRANT—6 bands, 585 members, 3 organized this year; distributed 2,300 leaflets.

LAMBTON—4 bands, 179 members; sent \$5.00 to Armenian fund.

LANARK—3 bands, 159 members.
 WELLINGTON—5 bands, 336 members; 2 medal contests; 2 bands organized this year.
 KENT—2 bands, 259 members.
 HURON—1 band, 70 members.
 HASTINGS—1 band, 150 members.
 STORMONT—3 bands, 350 members.
 MUSKOKA—1 band, 103 members.
 BRUCE—3 bands, 185 members; 5 medal contests.
 WENTWORTH—10 bands, 800 members; 4 Bands of Mercy; 4 sewing schools; 1 cooking class, and Newsboys' Club, 200 attending.

TOTAL SUMMARY.

Bands	69
Membership	5,355
Sewing schools	7
Newsboys' and Working Boys' Clubs	3
Kitchen Gardens	4
Medal Contests	11
Cooking class	1
New Bands of Hope	6
Bands of Mercy	5

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

This Department has shown marked progress during this year—Toronto District taking first place. All the counties report some work done in this line. Scholars pledged; quarterly lessons taught; schools visited; addresses given by our women; literature distributed and rolls presented to the schools. Education upon this line has been most satisfactory, showing our women to be more than ever wide-awake to the cause of the children. It will be a grand day when our churches take up this question of total abstinence as one of the fundamental principles of Christian ethics, and this Sunday School crusade will do more than anything else to educate our churches up to their duty, and arouse them to concerted action. All praise to our workers who have commenced this gentle current of wave circles, and who will, before many years, find the rebounding waves overflowing, carrying everything before its arc of wave circles, reaching the base of the legislative throne and demanding total submerging of this liquor traffic. Let us catch the enthusiasm, working harder and more zealously in the nurseries of the church. We are learning slowly the true art of building. A building, which if well done as to symmetry, will outlast the rock and crumbling hill, and remain as a reality—

a true heritage to future generations. "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build." Special notice of the following counties :

TORONTO—Reports a regular crusade, and has done most valiantly in Sunday School work; and feels that progress has been made, as several of the unexpected churches have opened their doors for the first time to our women. As an outcome of this crusade, a Sunday School has been started in an old brewery. We must congratulate this Union on having the honor of organizing the first Temperance Sunday School, and on such historic ground. A large number of addresses have been given, and one Union visited a school as a body. One Superintendent made fifty visits in her district. Literature distributed. A new departure was addresses to Sunday School teachers by our women. A large number of honor rolls were placed in the schools. The total number of signatures reported, 1,433; but a great proportion not reported.

BRANT—Reports 13 visits to schools; blackboard lessons and experiments; 2,000 scholars pledged (900 increase over 1895). The Junior League and Christian Endeavor are particular about the members signing the pledge, and hold temperance meetings.

GLENGARRY—Had public meetings.

DURHAM—Had a large school rally; delightful day—full of profit.

WATERLOO—Has also made a special effort in this line, and state that some of the schools have Bands of Hope and temperance meetings for young people; addresses given; 1000 children pledged.

WENTWORTH—Reports schools visited; pledges given; literature distributed; 4000 children pledged.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. Let every Union appoint a Superintendent for the work, also a Committee for Visitation.
2. Provide each school with cards and roll.
3. Make special effort for temperance books in libraries.
4. Urge upon the societies of young people special work in this line.
5. Make a special effort to get the sympathy and co-operation of Sunday School teachers. This might be accomplished by asking privilege to address the teachers.
6. That we adopt the idea of the White Ribbon Army and enroll the pledged scholars as members. Methods to be given later.

We have done well, but let us do better for 1897.

CURFEW BELL.

(MRS. S. G. E. MCKEE, Superintendent).

It is a matter of congratulation that from ocean to ocean the subject of Curfew Bell is receiving the attention of good men and earnest women.

The need of looking after the children is so apparent, and the consequences of neglect are so disastrous, that any means whereby the chances of criminality among the young are lessened, help given in temptation, or an arm of protection thrown around them in danger, are all hailed with gladness. And so this matter of ringing a bell to call them off the streets and bid them seek their homes, is finding more favor every day.

Recently, Toronto's city clerk asked officially that towns where the Curfew By-law had been passed would communicate with him, giving details as to efficiency, etc. From Quebec in the east to Edmonton in the north-west, with many a call in between, your Superintendent has replied to queries and given information as far as possible on this question.

I must again mention Mr. Nelson's valuable help in keeping the subject in the public mind. His little pamphlet on the "Revival of the Curfew" is deserving of special mention.

Of the Departmental work your Superintendent would beg leave to report the following:

Sent circulars to each Union where by-law is in operation, asking for statement regarding its enforcement; whether any means had been used for its greater efficiency, etc. To these circulars 18 counties replied, as follows:

COUNTY.	No.	TOWN
Bruce.....	1 place.....	Warton
Durham.....	".....	Port Hope
Grey.....	".....	Owen Sound
Haldimand.....	".....	Dunville
Lambton.....	".....	Petrolia
Leeds.....	".....	Brockville
Muskoka.....	".....	Huntsville
Northumberland.....	".....	Cobourg
Peterboro.....	".....	Peterboro
Peel.....	1 place.....	Port Credit
Simcoe.....	5 places.....	
Waterloo.....	3 places.....	

Of these 18, 12 testify to its benefit, and say it is well enforced. This does not represent all the bell-ringing towns—there are about 40—but these are all with which I have made acquaintance.

Your Superintendent has in progress a circular to be sent to all the municipalities of Ontario, urging the passage of the by-law,

and which we hope will awaken a still more lively interest in the work of this Department.

Let me here urge the women before me to take this subject to heart and make it a practical issue in their localities, not waiting to be reminded by a circular which, perhaps, is only read on the title-page, but use the means set forth in the "Children's Protection Act" (and which any woman may start), and each resolve that there shall be one more town whose children shall hear and obey the ringing of the Curfew Bell.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

(MISS ZILLAH RAE, Superintendent).

Your Superintendent felt very much like Rip Van Winkle in coming back to the "Y" Department and finding that instead of thirty-five "Y" Unions in Ontario in 1888, with a membership of almost one thousand, the number was down to six, with a few "Y" committees. This was not the result of any laxity on the part of those in charge, but of the numerous new outlets for Christian activity which have come into existence since those days. With head full of plans and heart full of resolves, she began the year of "Y" work, but it was otherwise ordered. We read that "those whom the Good Shepherd leads shall go in and out and find pasture." There is a going in as well as a going out into the stillness of His presence into experiences gained only by quiet waiting and the shutting of the door. Well for us if in the waiting we gain power.

In July, two hundred and twenty-two circulars were sent out and about fifty-four answers returned. Your Superintendent went across the border to Ottawa County Convention, in Quebec Province, and read a paper on "Y" work, and also read one at Carleton County Convention. During the year she had the pleasure of assisting Mrs. Barnes, World's Superintendent of "Y" work, in getting up the "Y" almanac for 1897, copies of which are to be found on the literature table. In March a social was given to the Ottawa "Y's."

Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, the W. C. T. U. benefactor has offered a banner to the Province showing the greatest increase of members in the "Y" Unions, but he has restricted it to the Unions which have no married women in them, and as years ago when this very vexed question of marriage was up, Ontario W. C. T. U. decided to let us keep our married women if they wanted to stay, so we will hope earnestly for a change of heart on Mr. Ramsay's part.

There are now twelve "Y" Unions in Ontario and four "Y" committees. Affiliation fees to the amount of \$102.75 are paid by the "Y's."

Ontario "Y's" lost a good friend in the death of Mrs. Youmans, who always showed the greatest interest in their work, but as "dying is but going from strife land to life land," we can rejoice amid our sorrow in the life more abundant and the rest that remaineth which she has faithfully won.

TORONTO—Toronto Central Y. W. C. T. U. has the following branches:—Flower mission, evangelistic, band of hope, anti-tobacco league, scientific temperance instruction, parlor meetings; number of meetings, —. President, Miss Lizzie McConnell; Corresponding Secretary, Miss McLelland.

WENTWORTH—Hamilton Y. W. C. T. U. has the following branches:—Seven bands of hope, sewing schools, newsboys' club; number of meetings, 30. President, Mrs. T. H. Pratt; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Burrows.

BRUCE—Teeswater Y. W. C. T. U. has the following branches:—Flower mission, lumbermen's work and literature; number of members, 36. President, Miss Lottie Watson, Corresponding Secretary, Miss Violet Keeler.

CARLETON—Ottawa Y. W. C. T. U. has the following branches:—Band of hope, flower mission, sewing circle, parlor meetings, medal contest, evangelistic (including support of Bible reader), relief work and assisting in newsboys' work. Among the entertainments was a banquet given to the President, at which Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Thornley and 400 guests were present; a flower conundrum social and a hard times' party. Number of members, 200. President, Mrs. Donaldson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Bessie Askwith, New Edinburg.

PRINCE EDWARD—Picton Y. W. C. T. U. has the following branches:—Band of hope, flower mission, juvenile temperance work and Sabbath school work; number of members, 15. President, Miss N. McMullen; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. J. Bogert. A few weeks before Christmas a social in the form of a birthday party was given which realized \$50. Part of this money was used in giving Christmas dinners to twenty-two needy families. A social was given, which was quite a success, in aid of a mission school. Help was given to the W. C. T. U. with an Old Folks' concert, which was well patronized. A New Year's reception was also given, which resulted in gaining some honorary members.

LINCOLN—St. Catharines Y. W. C. T. U. has a membership of 25 active and 27 honorary members, with an average attendance at regular meetings of 7 members. The departments of work are 12 in number—flower mission, relief, railroad, lumbermen's, prison, Christmas letter mission, parliamentary usage, fair, press and band of hope. There have been distributed 2,485 pages of literature, 85 bouquets, 15 cards and 85 Christmas letters; relief has been disbursed to the value of \$21.50; 4 at homes were much en-

joyed, two of them being held in the interest of Prison and Lumbermen's Departments, at one of which a library for the jail was started, 125 books and \$1.15 having been received at the door; then the Pilgrims, Misses Phelps and Huff, at a public entertainment, gave very interesting discourses on the World's Temperance Convention, which they attended in London (England) last June. The "Y's" forwarded protests, petitioning against any attempt to run electric street cars on the Lord's day, to Sir Oliver Mowat, Mr. Marter and Mr. Hiscott; also a petition to the City Council urging that the number of tavern licenses in the city be reduced. In answer to the call for prayer for the World's W. C. T. U. Convention some of the "Y's" met with the "W's" on May 22d, 1895. The "Y" Band of Hope is carried on at the Protestant Home once a month, and the orphans—17 in number—were treated by the "Y's" to a substantial New Year's supper. The articles published in the "Y" corner of the newspapers number 45 (notices and contributions included); the sum of money received was \$44.86. President, Miss J. Huff; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Minnie Thomas

LONDON—Y. W. C. T. U. organized April 26th, 1889; has 12 active members and 4 honorary members; meets semi-monthly, with an average attendance of 8; they pay \$20 a month rent; total amount received for all purposes, \$778.83; 2 public meetings held in the year; 1 copy of *Woman's Journal* taken. Departments of work taken up—Young Woman's Christian Association, Pledge, Press News from the field, Evangelistic. The main work of our Y. W. C. T. U. is its work for young women; we have a Y. W. C. A. of 200 members, a library of 360 volumes and a well-furnished magazine table; our rooms are open daily, and from 25 to 50 young women spend their lunch hour in our cosy apartments. Bible, choral, art, physical culture and educational classes are held in the evenings; social and literary evenings are held monthly, varied by interesting talks on various subjects. We are the possessors of a summer outing home at Port Stanley, where, for \$1.50 a week, members of the Association may obtain a rest and change of scene during the heated term. A King's Daughters circle in connection with the Association is the means of deepening the spiritual life of many and of exemplifying the truth that the noblest fruit of Christian living is the desire to serve others. We seek in every way to uplift the young women of our city by surrounding them with helpful influences. President, Miss M. Trebilcock, 210 Piccadilly street; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Gwedolin Smith, the Barracks.

CHATHAM—Y. W. C. T. U. has just been organized with 9 members, and a promise of 9 or 10 more. President, Miss M. Reddick; Recording Secretary, Miss B. Crowe

CARLETON—New Edinburgh organized in October with 5 members. President, Mrs. D. Donaldson; Corresponding Secretary not yet appointed.

"Y" COMMITTEES.

ESSEX—Amherstburg has a "Y" Committee with the following branches :-- Juvenile work; number of members, 5. President, Miss Lucy Atkin.

SIMCOE—Barrie has a "Y" Committee. Branch of work—Flower mission; number of members, 3. President, Miss Daisy Rogerson.

KENT—Thamesville sends a very encouraging report. They arranged for temperance mass-meetings to be held once a month in the different churches; these meetings began last September and ended in May; members of the "Y" Committee took part in the meetings by giving addresses, reading, music, recitations, and often occupying the chair. At every meeting the church was crowded, thus showing the public generally were interested. All the members of the "Y" Committee have assisted in the Band of Hope work, some by conducting the musical part and training the children to sing temperance songs, others by giving object lessons (temperance) and addresses to the little ones. In June they arranged for an evening with Mrs. Blewett, and had a delightful entertainment. With the proceeds, it was decided to send for the *Union Signal* for use in W. C. T. U. and to read it at their meetings; with the balance, buy temperance literature for distribution at mass meetings. The members are all interested in the work. Dresden had a Superintendent of "Y" work for a few months, but has no report; hope to accomplish something during the coming year.

LINCOLN—The Rockaway "Y" committee prepared short programmes for the W. C. T. U. meetings and held one social.

SUMMARY.

DISTRICT UNIONS.	No. Active Members.	Amount Received.
Toronto (Central).....	34	\$ 8 50
Toronto (Dovercourt).....	4	1 00
Hamilton (Central).....	60	15 00
St. Catharines	24	6 00
Ottawa.....	200	50 00
Ottawa (New Edinburgh).....	5	1 25
Teeswater.....	36	9 00
London.....	12	3 00
Otterville.....	5	1 25
Picton.....	12	3 00
Chatham.....	9	2 25
Lucknow.....	10	2 50
Totals.....	411	\$102 75

"Y" COMMITTEES.

Amherstburg.	Barrie.
Thamesville.	Rockaway.

WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

(MRS. E. E. STARR, Superintendent).

Trusting that this year we will have a Provincial Department of "Work among Young People," I take the liberty of sending the report of this special effort made by Toronto District this year.

We have seven Local Superintendents, whose duty it is to visit Christian Endeavors, Epworth Leagues and all Young People's Societies, and give them a practical plan for temperance work. The young people are interested, but need inspiration to do more active work and knowledge as to how it ought to be done.

Most of the societies gladly appoint a temperance topic once a quarter, as we suggest, and are pleased to receive a W. C. T. U. speaker on that evening. We can do much to advance the cause so dear to our hearts by giving practical suggestions through a Provincial Department of Young People's Work. Our district feels the need of a Provincial Superintendent of this Department.

We notice with pleasure the interesting report of temperance committee of Bay of Quinte conference, and their recommendation that temperance literature be distributed by Young People's Societies.

The President of the Toronto Conference League also spoke strongly on the temperance effort by our young people at their May meeting. Interest in this Department is steadily increasing.

Twenty-nine of our churches have welcomed our effort to make temperance an interesting topic in their meetings; others have promised to take up temperance work this year. Are we willing and ready to help them? Let us prepare a plan of work along this line, both instructive and interesting.

SHELTER FOR GIRLS.

(MRS. A. G. WILSON, Secretary).

This new Department of work was undertaken by Toronto District W. C. T. U. about ten months ago.

The necessity for such a Shelter was brought home to us on several occasions by Police Inspector Archibald and Ald. J. J. Graham of Children's Aid Society. It is to provide for girls too old for Children's Aid Society, and for whom there is no other provision. Formerly, Inspector Archibald was obliged to take these girls into his own home at very great inconvenience to himself, rather than leave them to drift into danger and sin, or send them where they would be contaminated by jail life. The work presents the strongest claim, inasmuch as it is preventive in its nature.

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A grant of \$200.00 was obtained from the City Council to assist in establishing the Home, and many donations were received from Local Unions and Young People's Societies in the city, and from Unions and kind friends out of the city. Notwithstanding this help, we still find ourselves hampered for lack of money and other necessities.

Since the work was begun, one hundred and thirty girls have been sheltered in the Home. A very large number have been placed in situations and, we trust, saved to lives of service for God. Some have been returned to their parents or guardians.

Miss McIntyre, the Superintendent, has received many letters from these girls, expressing gratitude for the help received while in the Shelter.

The work was undertaken as a call to duty, with full confidence in our Heavenly Father that ways and means would be provided. God has blessed the work in a wonderful manner, and we know that the efforts have not been in vain.

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

(MRS. MARY WILEY, Corresponding Secretary).

During the year just passed we have greeted the various church assemblies, Synods and Conferences, the Epworth League Convention, the Christian Endeavor Convention. The Hamilton, London and Toronto Branches of the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society were also greeted.

Greetings were sent to our Provincial temperance societies. I. O. G. T., S. of T., R. T. of T., have all been reminded that we join them in the onward march toward prohibition.

The W. F. M. societies were urged to consider the opium and liquor traffic in China, India and other countries, and thereby arouse an interest in this important matter in order that in due time a memorial may be forwarded to the government protesting against the traffic.

In greeting the Christian Endeavor Convention we endeavored to stir them up to more active temperance work, especially in view of the coming plebiscite. These greetings were in some instances by wire, others by letter, and, where practicable, verbally.

In the majority of cases, very courteous replies were tendered, thanking for the remembrance and expressing hearty sympathy in our work. Your committee, with other temperance workers, had the honor of interviewing the Ontario Government last July. We had the pleasure of hearing the Premier state that "this is a temperance government, and we will give restrictive measures and enforcement as far as the people demand."

Then we think we are justified in inserting the following clipping from the *Montreal Witness*, as relating to Influential Bodies: "What has been noteworthy since the last Dominion elections, is the greatly increased attention and consideration paid by politicians and party papers to the prohibition question. This question has, ever since the new parliament replaced the old, been treated with marked respect. One example of this change is the fact that the late Finance Minister, once the ceaseless and most eloquent advocate of prohibition, has departed from the reticence and inaction which, since he became a Minister of the Crown, has marked his course. It is possible that not only the fact of a new parliament, but that of a new administration may have had something to do in setting him free to utter again his well-known views.

We will end this report by another quotation:—"The task of all who desire the legal wiping out of the drink traffic, is now to get the country to realize that the choice is actually in its hands, and that prohibition is actually within its grasp." For half a century the world has been moving along toward the abolition of the liquor traffic and now the time is at hand. We have Mr. Laurier's promise that if the people declare themselves in favor of total prohibition of the liquor traffic, he will totally prohibit it. Surely this is very satisfactory coming from such an influential body as the Dominion government.

SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F.,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
BALTIMORE, MD., January 2d, 1896.

Mrs. Mary Wiley, Secretary Ontario W. C. T. U., Richmond Hill, Ontario,
Canada:

MADAM—I have yours of 30th ult., conveying resolutions adopted by "The Ontario Provincial Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union," and will present the same to the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session, September 1896.

Very respectfully,
THEO. A. ROSS,
Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Mary Wiley, Richmond Hill, Ont.:

MY DEAR MADAM—I have your favor of December 30th, and acknowledge with thanks and with high appreciation, the resolution passed by the last Convention of the Ontario W. C. T. U. I can conceive of no greater honor than to be held by that body as worthy of the endorsement the resolution gives.

I am confined here at the house of my brother in North Tonawanda, N. Y., to my bed, the result of a railway accident sustained December 5th. My progress towards recovery has been slow, but I am making more satisfactory improvement in that direction for the last few days. I am now able to sit up two or three hours a day, but my injured limb compels me to be lifted from the bed to the chair. I have hopes of being able to reach my home toward the last of this month, and to resume my duties at Ottawa in early February. This, however, is a mere matter of conjecture. This accident will prevent my introducing the Lord's Day Observance bill this session. However, this is not a matter of special importance, as the session is called for one purpose only, and very little, if any, general legislation will go through more than the preliminary

stages. With kindest regards and best wishes for the success of the noble organization of which you are Corresponding Secretary for Ontario, I beg you to believe me, most sincerely and

Faithfully yours,

JOHN CHARLTON.

REPORT OF COUNTY PRESIDENTS.

(Compiled by MRS. J. R. CAVERS).

The reports received are, on the whole, encouraging, showing earnest, faithful work on the part of our County Presidents, but no report can do justice, or fairly represent all the efforts that have been made, or the help that has been given by them to the Unions under their care. Replies have been received from all but eight.

ALGOMA EAST—Mrs. Morrison—Had one Union at beginning of year ; organized 1, since dead.

ALGOMA WEST—Miss Agnes Sproule—Had one Union at beginning of the year ; wrote 148 letters and postal cards ; sent out 2,047 papers ; 139 parcels of literature ; 1,219 tracts ; 72 open letters to teachers ; had a box for literature placed at Ignace Station.

BRANT—Mrs. Hitchcox—Not heard from.

BRUCE—Miss Fisher—Not heard from.

CARLETON—Mrs. Donaldson—Had five Unions at beginning of the year ; none organized since ; visited all the Unions 3 times ; wrote 10 letters and 2 post cards ; held 1 convention ; organized 2 Bands of Hope ; called attention of Unions to recommendations Nos. 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

DURHAM—Mrs. Cryderman—Had three Unions at beginning of the year ; visited 2 ; wrote 12 letters and 16 post cards ; intends holding Convention ; has tried to organize a Band of Hope, but without success ; sent "round robin" letter, but it never came back ; called the attention of the Unions to recommendations, 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

DUNDAS—Mrs. J. H. Merkley—Had one Union at the beginning of the year ; wrote 2 letters and 2 post cards ; used the telephone generally.

ELGIN—Mrs. McCutcheon—Had three Unions at beginning of the year ; made an attempt to form another ; visited all ; wrote 145 letters and post cards ; held 1 County Convention ; organized 1 Band of Hope ; formed Youmans' Bands ; called attention of Unions to recommendations, 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

ESSEX—Mrs. Maxwell—Had five Unions at beginning of the year ; revived 1 ; visited 3 ; wrote 36 letters and 34 cards ; held 1 convention ; organized 1 Band of Hope ; sent "round robin"

letter with encouraging results; distributed 15 workers' letters, and hope to have some Youmans' Bands soon; drew the Union's attention to recommendations, 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

GREY—Miss Doyle—Had four Unions at beginning of the year; organized 1; visited none; wrote 35 letters and 82 post cards; held 1 convention; wrote to each Union; called attention to recommendations, 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

GLENGARRY—Mrs. Macallum and Miss McDonald—Had five Unions at beginning of the year; visited 5; wrote 11 letters and 8 post cards; held 1 convention; organized 1 Band of Hope; called the Unions' attention to recommendations 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work. Miss McDonald reports since March, one convention held and 2 Bands of Hope organized.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. Thos. Bennett—Had five Unions at beginning of the year; visited all; wrote 50 or more letters and cards; held 1 convention; called Unions' attention to 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

HASTINGS—Not heard from.

HALDIMAND—Miss McKinnon—Had three Unions at beginning of the year; organized 1; wrote 15 letters and 16 postal cards; hope to organize a County Union at once; sent "round robin" letter with good results; laid recommendations 13, 15 and 22, before the Unions.

KENT—Miss Reddick—Had six Unions at beginning of the year; organized a "Y"; visited 3; wrote 21 letters and 34 cards; held 1 convention; sent "round robin" letter with good results, and with practical suggestions.

LINCOLN—Mrs. Forbes—Had six Unions at beginning of the year; visited all, and 2 prospective points; kept no record of correspondence; held 1 convention; organized 1 Band of Hope; sent "round robin" letter, which was returned without comment; has a Youmans Band; has called the Unions' attention to 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

LANARK—Mrs. Alex. Taylor—Had five Unions at the beginning of the year; visited none; kept no record of correspondence; held a County Executive meeting instead of convention; organized a Band of Hope; sent "round robin" letter which never returned.

LAMBTON—Mrs. Coghill—Had eight Unions at beginning of the year; organized 1; visited 5, and held public meetings in the interest of the Unions not visited; wrote 70 letters and 65 post cards; held 1 convention; sent "round robbin" letter with excellent results; laid 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work before, the Unions.

LEEDS—Miss Stone—Had seven Unions at the beginning of the year; organized 1; visited 2; wrote 24 letters and 35 post cards;

held 1 Convention; organized 1 Band of Hope; sent personal letter to each President; have drawn the attention of Unions to 13, 15 and 22, clauses in Plan of Work.

MIDDLESEX—Mrs. Calvert—Had ten Unions at beginning of the year; visited 4; wrote 70 letters and 35 post cards; held 1 convention; wrote monthly letters to Presidents; called attention to clauses 13, 15 and 22 in Plan of Work.

MUSKOKA—Mrs. Hutchison—Had three Unions at beginning of year; visited all; wrote 42 letters and 56 post cards; prospects rather poor for organizing the County; has 3 members of Youmans' Band; called attention to clauses 13, 15 and 22 of Plan of Work.

NIPissing—Mrs. Detlor—Not heard from.

NORFOLK—Mrs. Wright—Not heard from.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Mrs. McMaster—Had three Unions at beginning of the year; visited 2; wrote 35 letters and cards; had 1 convention; sent "round robin" letter which never returned; called attention of Unions, to clauses 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

ONTARIO—Mrs. Wakely—Not heard from.

OXFORD—Mrs. Livingston—Eleven Unions at beginning of the year; organized a "Y"; visited 8 Unions; wrote 80 letters and 123 cards; held 2 conventions; reorganized a Band of Hope; wrote a monthly letter; called attention of Unions, to clauses 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

PERTH—Mrs. S. Baker—Had five Unions at beginning of the year; visited none; wrote 6 letters and 12 cards; held 1 convention; secured the removal of a license from one hotel keeper.

PETERBORO—Mrs. Paton—Had two Unions at beginning of the year; visited one; wrote about 69 letters; prospects brighter for organizing the county; sent "round robin" letter; called Unions' attention to clauses 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

PEEL—Mrs. B. B. Lynd—Had two Unions at beginning of the year; have prospects of organizing new Unions; has written 14 letters and 23 post cards; sent "round robin" letter, which did not return.

PRINCE EDWARD—Mrs. Rockwell—Not heard from.

RENFREW—Mrs. Hunter—Had six Unions at beginning of the year; have not visited, but have had constant communication; sent letters and postals to all; held 1 convention.

RUSSELL—Mrs. Donaldson—Not heard from.

SIMCOE—Mrs. McKee—Had five Unions at the beginning of the year; have 2 in progress for organization; visited 4; wrote 49 letters and cards; held 1 convention; reorganized 2 Bands of

Hope ; called Unions' attention to clauses 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

STORMONT—Miss MacArthur—Had seven Unions in the beginning of the year ; visited 2 ; wrote 25 or 30 letters and cards ; convention unavoidably postponed until January ; wrote each Union in reference to special need in each locality ; called attention to clauses 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Mrs. Rutherford—Had thirteen Unions at the beginning of the year ; visited 9 ; wrote 45 letters and 36 cards ; 162 street car trips ; 1 convention ; sent 1 "round robin" letter ; as Plan of Work goes to each Union, did not think it necessary to call the attention of the Unions to Clauses 13, 15 and 22 is in operation ; addressed 25 public meetings ; attended 50 Executive and other Committee meetings.

VICTORIA—Mrs. Sharp—Not heard from.

WENTWORTH—Mrs. C. Hardy—Had four Unions at beginning of the year ; organized 1 ; had 1 convention.

WELLAND—Miss Phelps—Had three Unions at beginning of the year ; organized 2 ; visited all ; had 1 convention ; organized several Bands of Hope ; kept no record of correspondence.

WATERLOO—Mrs. J. R. Cavers—Had eleven Unions at beginning of the year ; organized 1 ; visited 3 ; wrote 69 letters and 83 post cards ; had 1 Convention ; organized 1 Band of Hope ; called attention of Unions to clauses 13, 15 and 22, in Plan of Work.

YORK—Mrs. Gilchrist—Had five Unions at beginning of the year ; visited none ; have written 10 letters and 25 cards ; held 1 convention ; sent "round robin" letter with very good results ; called attention of Unions, to clauses 13, 15 and 22 in Plan of Work.



REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

APPROPRIATION.

Your Committee recommends:

- 1st. That the President be allowed the sum of \$125 for a stenographer.
- 2d. That the Vice-President be allowed \$10.
- 3d. That the Corresponding Secretary be granted \$100.
- 4th. That an allowance of \$20 each be made the Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- 5th. That the Recording Secretary receive \$20 for preparing the Annual Report.
- 6th. That the Provincial Union unite with the London Union in providing a telephone for the use of the Recording Secretary.
- 7th. That a sum not exceeding \$100 be allowed Miss Agnes Sproule for missionary work in Algoma.
- 8th. That County Presidents in organized counties be allowed the actual expenses incurred in endeavoring to organize Unions, and a sum not exceeding \$2.00 for incidental expenses specified to Provincial Treasurer.
- 9th. That \$25 be allowed to one who may be appointed to conduct a "Speakers' Bureau."

MRS. CAVERS,	} Committee.
MRS. MAXWELL,	
MRS. GORDON,	
MISS MACARTHUR,	
MISS SCOTT,	

RESOLUTIONS.

PREAMBLE.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, in Convention assembled, believing the liquor traffic to be dangerous in policy, sinful in action, contrary to the word of God, and destructive to the home, reiterate our policy as that of increasing hostility to its legal sanction, and prayerful and incessant effort for the total destruction of this sin against the best interests of society, therefore,

- 1st. *Resolved*, That as a society we will stand in united opposition to this evil, and that we call upon the electorate of this Province to do its duty in the coming Plebiscite campaign.

POLITICAL ACTION.

2d. Whereas, A number of the women of our land have considerable influence in municipal elections, and are privileged with some of the rights of citizenship, as shown in the use of the ballot, while others have a social and moral influence, therefore,

Resolved, That we individually pledge ourselves to support by all lawful endeavor, for municipal and Parliamentary positions, only those men who pledge for prohibition independent of party.

PLEBISCITE.

3d. Whereas, The W. C. T. U. was organized for the ultimate overthrow of the liquor traffic, and,

Whereas, The present Dominion Government promises to permit the people to record their opinion of the saloon, and to govern its legislation by that opinion; therefore

Resolved, That we urge upon our Local Unions immediate and continuous activity in educational and campaign work, that by the distribution of literature, and the use of the platform and the press, the people may be prepared for the vote.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION.

4th. Whereas, The present Ontario Government is pledged to enact all the prohibition that is within its jurisdiction; and

Whereas, The Privy Council's decision unquestionably gives it the power to regulate and restrict in any manner short of total prohibition;

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the reasonable requests formulated by the Toronto Convention of July 16th, feeling that more might have been asked, and less would have been treason to the cause.

LEGISLATIVE BARS.

5th. Whereas, we as an organization, believing in the righteousness that exalteth a nation, realize that the moral tone of our laws must depend on the moral character of our legislators; therefore

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure and delight the action of the present Government in closing the House of Commons Bar for the sale of intoxicants, and regret that the senior legislators of the Senate have not seen fit to follow this good example.

MILITARY COLLEGES.

6th. Whereas, It has come to our knowledge that, in the regulations governing our military colleges, the students (many of whom are mere boys) are permitted an allowance of beer or ale;

Resolved, That we desire to give expression to our regret that so baneful an influence should be allowed to interfere with the training of the defenders of our country.

TOBACCO.

7th. Whereas, The use of tobacco, particularly by the young, is an evil that seriously threatens the physical life of our country ;

Resolved, That special attention should be paid by our Unions to scientific works, giving full information regarding the dangers of its use ; and,

Further Resolved, That we earnestly advocate such an amendment of the laws of this Province as would make the smoking of cigarettes by minors (some of whom are almost infants) practically impossible.

OPIUM.

8th. Whereas, The opium habit is increasing, and among the women of our country is becoming alarmingly prevalent, and nothing short of the prohibition of its importation, except for medicinal purposes, will meet the needs of the case ;

Resolved, That we as a Provincial Union, urge the government to give us such a law.

SOCIAL PURITY.

9th. Whereas, The question of Social Purity is fundamental to healthy, godly, national life.

Resolved, That the home training of the young should aim to prepare them to avoid the snares of impurity, and,

Further Resolved, That we look upon a properly carried out Curfew Bell ordinance as a great protection to the morals of any community in which it exists.

THE SABBATH.

10th. Whereas, The increasing desecration of the Sabbath is becoming a question second only to that of the traffic in liquor and narcotics.

Resolved, That our sympathies are extended to the Christian people of Toronto, Hamilton and other cities, in their struggle to maintain the sanctity of the Lord's Day, and,

Further Resolved, That we recognize as the two great undermining forces, the liquor traffic, and the deadly apathy and indifference of professed Christians, and that we place on record our utter disapproval of every thing that tends to dishonor the Lord's Day, such as steamboat and railway traffic and excursions, and Sunday street cars and newspapers.

PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTORS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due those public school inspectors who have encouraged the workers in this Department by aiding in the distribution of leaflets, permitting the introduction of the subject of "Scientific Temperance Instruction"

at teachers' conventions, and placing it on promotion examination papers for all classes, and we trust to find this example followed by others of their number, thus helping to enforce the school regulation respecting the teaching of temperance and hygiene.

TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

12th. Whereas, The public school teachers, whose duty it is to teach temperance and hygiene, are sometimes ill prepared for the work,

Resolved, That this subject should be included in those required to be taught in high schools and collegiate institutes.

DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

13th. Believing that the home is an institution of God's own devising, and that the cottage system for both boys and girls more nearly approaches the idea of home life, and is more successful in the training of children than the large institutions at present existing; therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily indorse this method of caring for the destitute and forsaken.

MR. KELSO.

14th. *Resolved*, That this Convention desires to record its appreciation and approbation of Mr. Kelso and the work he is doing for the neglected and dependent children of Ontario.

SHELTERS.

15th. Whereas, Young women wage-earners in our cities and towns sometimes become discouraged and are decoyed from the paths of virtue; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as Christian women, urge upon our Local Unions to institute, wherever practicable, Homes where safety may be insured and protection given to the homeless girls who are transients in our large centres.

INEBRIATES.

16th. Whereas, We believe that the craving for strong drink is a disease, and should be treated as such; therefore,

Resolved, That we do most heartily co-operate with the Prisoners' Aid Association in their efforts to secure an Asylum for Inebriates, and Houses for Vagrants, believing that the establishment of such would be a benefit to society.

ARMENIA.

17th. Whereas, the protracted atrocities in Armenia, carried on by the advice and under the protection of the Sultan of Turkey, have aroused all Christendom, yet not to the point of aggressive warfare in their behalf; and

Whereas, The women and children are the worst sufferers, as a fate more terrible than even murder and butchery has befallen many of them ; and

Whereas, the beloved leader of the World's W. C. T. U. hosts has issued an appeal to the women of the United States in behalf of the women of Armenia ; therefore,

Resolved, That as a Convention we place on record our most earnest protest against said atrocities, and the apparent apathy and indifference of the various Christian governments of the earth, and that we individually resolve to do all in our power to mitigate the present sufferings in Armenia.

THANKS.

18th. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge with gratitude the courtesies of the Press in reporting and publishing the proceedings of the Convention.

(b). *Further*, We would thank the pastors and officers of the Methodist and Calvin Presbyterian churches for the use of the same ; the town council for their hall ; the choirs for their delightful music ; our friends in Pembroke for the abounding hospitality accorded us ; Mrs. Judge Thomas Deacon and Committee, for the floral and other decorations that have rendered our places of meeting so attractive ; the pages for their faithful services, and all who have, in any way, contributed to the success of this 19th Annual Provincial Convention.

PLAN OF WORK.

THE PLEBISCITE.

PRAYER FOR THE PLEBISCITE.

1st. *Recommended*, That from now until the campaign is over the Plebiscite shall be made a subject of constant public and private prayer.

PLEBISCITE LEAFLET.

2d. *Recommended*, That county and local workers provide themselves with a copy of Dr. Mackay's recently issued pamphlet re the Ontario liquor traffic and the approaching plebiscite, as in this way, for the small sum of 5 cents, any one may be furnished with excellent facts and figures for use in the campaign. Address, Templar Publication House, Hamilton.

NEW UNIONS.

3d. Whereas, We believe that the establishment of a large number of additional Local Unions would greatly aid us in preparing for the plebiscite ; and,

Whereas, The question of finance is the principle obstacle in the way of such organization;

Recommended, That the plan suggested in the President's Annual Address of raising, in each county, a missionary plebiscite fund, be approved by this Convention, and that an outline of said plan be sent to every County President, with an earnest request for prompt attention thereto.

NEW MEMBERS.

4th. Whereas, The public mind this year will be unusually exercised upon the question of prohibition, and many, previously indifferent, can easily be persuaded, while thus alive to the issue, to ally themselves with the active opponents of the saloon;

Recommended, That each Local Union have one, and where practicable, two membership-crusade days during the year.

YOUMANS' FUND.

5th. *Recommended*, That all monies contributed to the Youmans' Fund, and still remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, shall be made the nucleus of a fund to be called "The Youmans' Organizing Fund"; that out of this the expenses of provincial organizers shall be paid; that these organizers shall be sent into counties and districts where there are few, weak, or no Societies, and while endeavoring, by collections, to raise at least a portion of the expense thus incurred, all deficiencies shall be met from the Fund.

ALGOMA.

6th. *Feeling* that the greatest menace to temperance success in the Dominion vote will be our unorganized territory;

Recommended, That we secure the services of Miss Agnes Sproule, of Fort William, as Temperance missionary for Algoma.

THE PLATFORM.

7th. Whereas, The platform must continue to be one of our best educational agencies;

Recommended, That we press upon our Unions the duty of holding frequent public meetings, and of securing for speakers the best available talent.

Further recommended, That we heartily endorse Rev. E. O. Taylor, of Oak Park, Ill., as a lecturer whose method of presenting the truth is unique and deeply interesting, and whose terms are reasonable.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU.

8th. *Recommended*, That a Speakers' Bureau be formed and added to the departments in connection with the Ontario Union; that the names of all our workers able to assist in conventions, or

to address public meetings, be secured; that our own Miss Phelps, Mrs. Todd and a few other good speakers be added to this list; and that the whole be under the charge of a Provincial Superintendent to be appointed by this Convention.

ONTARIO LEGISLATION.

9th (a). In order that our societies may understand and promote an interest in the passage of the full legislation asked of the Toronto House by the temperance people;

Recommended, That all Unions, that have not already done so, be requested to at once consider carefully the import of the expected reforms, and, as far as possible, induce the churches and young people's societies which they can influence to do the same.

(b) Whereas, the Licensed Victuallers' Association are raising a fund to prevent the enactment of temperance legislation by this winter's session of the Ontario House;

Recommended, That our Sub-Executive be authorized to unite with other temperance bodies in any concerted action for the furtherance of temperance interests, that may be deemed necessary.

COUNTY WORK.

FUNDS.

10. As in order to do faithful work it is necessary that a County President visit each Union in her county at least once a year, and that all county officers attend the annual County Convention;

Recommended, That to secure funds for this and other needed expenses, each Local Union contributes to the county the proceeds of a parlor social or medal contest, or secure contributions from gentlemen interested in temperance work; also, that at the annual County Convention a public platform meeting be held, and a collection thereat taken in aid of county work.

Further recommended, That an effort be made to arrange for a continuous trip for the County Presidents, when visiting Unions, the expense being divided between the several Societies.

YOUMANS' BANDS.

11th. Whereas, The Dominion Union has provided a card for the members of the Youmans' Band, we

Recommend, That in order to introduce this work in every county, a copy of this plan of work, and five of the cards be sent each County President, from the depository, the expense incurred to be met from the "Youmans' Fund." We

Further recommend, That where possible the fee be the same as for the Local Union, and that each member be supplied with an Annual Report by the County Union, into whose treasury the fee goes.

THE DEPARTMENTS.

JUVENILE WORK.

12th. (a). *Recommended*, That one hour be allotted in general Convention for 1897 for conference on Juvenile Work.

(b). *Recommended*, That, where possible, Bands of Mercy be connected with children's societies.

(c). *Recommended*, That boys clubs be embodied in the Juvenile department, and that extensive organization be urged.

(d). Believing that habits of thrift and economy should be developed in childhood ;

Recommended, That, where possible, a savings bank be formed in connection with each Band of Hope.

SOLDIERS.

13th (a). Whereas, In the rules and regulations of the Royal Military College, Kingston, one clause reads, "That any cadet, with a parent's permission, may have a certain quantity of ale for dinner ; and as such a practice has most injurious effects upon the pupil ;

Recommended, That the Provincial Superintendent of Soldiers' Work be authorized to communicate with the proper authorities to have the use of liquor by cadets prohibited.

(b). Whereas, Officers and corps of the, Militia receive our efforts on their behalf with kindness, but only a few Local Unions in the vicinity of a camp have as yet made such effort ; therefore,

Recommended, That wherever camps or battalions are located Local Unions assist the Provincial Superintendent by distributing literature.

FRANCHISE.

MUNICIPAL.

14th (a). *Recommended*, That Municipal Councils be asked to petition the government to permit married ladies who are property holders to vote on all municipal matters.

PROVINCIAL.

(b) *Recommended*, That this Union petition the Ontario Government to grant the Provincial franchise to widows and unmarried women, on the same conditions as it is now granted to men.

RAILROAD.

15th. Whereas, The G. T. R. has forbidden its employees to use intoxicating liquor, and yet at its stations there are found open bars, which are a constant source of temptation to the men ;

Recommended, That the Provincial Executive bring this matter to the notice of the Railroad Company, with a view to the abolishment of these bars.

THE PRESS.

16th. *Recommended*, That Local Unions devote a part of the educational hour of one meeting to the interests of the Press Department.

"Y" WORK.

17th. (a). *Recommended*, That for "Y" work the Province be divided into the Eastern and Western sections, with a Superintendent for each. That while each Superintendent shall be responsible for her own section, and shall plan out and do her own work, mutual conference and council are recommended as an encouragement and assistance.

(b). *Recommended*, That the "Y's" interest themselves in Young Peoples' Societies of Christian Endeavor and Epworth League for the purpose of increasing their activity in practical temperance work.

LUMBERMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

18th. *Recommended*, That the Provincial sub-Executive approach the managers of the C. P. R. and G. T. R. with a request that they carry the parcels sent by the Unions to the Shantymen, free of charge.

PROVINCIAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

REPORTS.

19th. (a). *Recommended*, That Provincial Superintendents of departments prepare reports, as now, for insertion in the Annual Report, but that only introduction, summary and suggestions be read at Convention; also, that where possible, all reports shall be typewritten, and not more than five minutes be allowed for reading.

CIRCULARS.

(b). *Recommended*, That each Provincial Superintendent send a copy of her circular, not only to Local Superintendents, but also to the County Presidents, in order that she may be in touch with the plans of work which are being sent to her local workers.

LITERATURE.

(c). *Recommended*, That Provincial Superintendents confer with the manager of the Dominion Literature Depository and ascertain the prices per single copy, dozen and hundred of leaflets or pamphlets recommended in their Provincial circulars, in order that this information may be given to the Local Unions.

NEW DEPARTMENT.

20th (a). *Recommended*, That the present Department of Social Purity, Hygiene and Heredity be divided into the Departments of Social Purity, and Hygiene and Heredity, with separate Superintendents.

(b). *Recommended*, That a department to encourage a free

and discriminating use of literature be created, and a suitable Superintendent be appointed;

Further recommended, That our Superintendents impress upon our Unions the duty of loyalty supporting the Dominion Literature Depository.

SPECIAL DAYS.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

Recommended, That the last Sabbath in November be set aside as Temperance Day, and that pastors be asked to make Temperance the subject of that day's preaching.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

22d. *Recommended*, That we ask the Evangelical Alliance to place the subject of Temperance on the topics of the week of prayer, if they have not already done so.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

23d. *Recommended*, That clergymen and Sunday School Superintendents be asked to make Sabbath Observance the subject for the first Sunday in April.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

24th. Whereas, Loyalty to our cause demands a faithful support of its friend and advocate, the *Woman's Journal* :

Recommended, That we help its management by large sympathy and liberal patronage, and contribute to its columns items of interest as its editor may require.

PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

25th. *Recommended*, That the Provincial Convention be held alternately in the East, West, and Centre of the Province; and that the choice of the day upon which it shall be opened, be left to the decision of the Sub-Executive and the entertaining Local Union.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mrs. Thornley gave notice of motion that she, or some one else in her place, would move at the next annual meeting, that Article 2 of the Local Constitution be amended by striking out the words, "the regular fee," and substituting the words, "a fee, the amount of which shall be settled by each Union."

Mrs. Brownell gave notice of motion that she, or some one else in her place, would at the next annual meeting move: "That any person may become a life member of County or District Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$10; and any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and paying the sum of \$1 annually."

In Memoriam

MRS. LETITIA YOUMANS,
Honorary President, Dominion Union,
TORONTO

MRS. J. ARNOLD,
BROCKVILLE

MRS. TOLMIE,
KINCARDINE

MRS. WALKER,
PORT CREDIT

MRS. REV. W. J. CLARK,
MRS. DR. HOTSON,
MRS. JOHN DODD,
LONDON

MRS. J. MORRISON, MRS. KALAR,
TILSONBURG

MRS. McRAE,
AMHERSTBURG

MRS. OSCAR SCOTT,
ORONO

MRS. JACOB SPENCE,
MRS. WANLESS, MRS. BRICK,
MISS FOSTER,
TORONTO

MISS COOK,
SPENCERVILLE

MISS AMY SMALLFIELD,
RENFREW

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

CONSTITUTION.

PLEDGE.

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

PREAMBLE.

We, the Women of the Province of Ontario, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and danger of, and commiserating the misery caused by the liquor traffic, believe it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extermination.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, on this the 24th day of October, 1877, band ourselves together for the following special objects, and to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws :

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Ontario.

OBJECTS.

To unitedly array the Christian women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

To educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue.

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

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

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

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

To heartily co-operate with other temperance societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other society or association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

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

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

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), together with the County or District Presidents (who shall also be Vice-Presidents of Provincial Union), and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Board, with full power to control and provide for the general interests of the work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. These officers, with the exception of County or District Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected on the third day of the annual meeting, and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the greatest number of votes cast; except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 3. Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the officers, including Presidents of organized counties, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

INEFFICIENCY.

SEC. 4. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable to perform effectually the duties of her office or department, the office or Superintendency shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the Sub-Executive.

ARTICLE III.

SUB COMMITTEE.

The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, for the speedy transaction of business, with power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year; three of whom shall form a quorum. This Committee shall meet at such time and place as the President may direct.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board, one delegate from each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of such Union. This meeting shall be held the last week in October, in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive.

ARTICLE V.

AFFILIATION

Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of twenty-five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE VI.

LIFE MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Any person may become a life-member of the Provincial Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$25.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. Any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge, and paying the sum of \$1.00 annually.

BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at annual meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee, and perform all duties pertaining to her office.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President, in case of illness or death of the President, shall perform all duties pertaining to her office.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and, in organized counties, shall send to the County or District Corresponding Secretary, not later than September 1st, yearly blank forms for reports of Local Unions, and from information thus received shall summarize her Annual Report. Where no County or District Union exists she shall send blank forms to the Local Unions. She shall provide a directory of Unions for Provincial Report.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Union. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive and Sub-Committee, and shall send to each member of these said committees proper notice of such meeting, and designate in said notice the topics which are to be specially considered at the meeting. At the first session of each annual meeting she shall call the roll of delegates; she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting, and all papers ordered to be read. She shall apprise committees of their appointment at the first session of each annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof, properly audited, at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on orders signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate two weeks previous to the annual meeting.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS.

SEC. 6. Each County or District President in organized counties shall visit the unions of the county or district in which she presides, and shall secure the organization of new Local Unions. The annual county or district meeting to be held, where practicable, not later than September 30th. In unorganized counties, she shall, in addition to visiting Unions, seek to secure the organization of new Local Unions, and, if possible, a County or District Union. In unorganized counties, a sum not exceeding \$5 annually be allowed her for expenses by the Provincial Union. Any city having an affiliated membership of 300, may, by adopting the County Union Constitution, become a District Union with all the privileges and responsibilities of a County Union.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 7. Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their departments, and shall make known the same to the County or District Superintendent of their departments, through whom they shall receive reports of local Superintendents. In unorganized counties they shall send direct to Corresponding Secretaries of Local Unions; they shall annually, when the interests of their departments require it, send circulars, plan of work, blank forms, petitions, etc., which have been previously submitted to the Sub-Executive of Provincial Union, to County and District Superintendents. They shall have power to name a Committee from the Local Union, or Provincial Executive resident in

their own district, to call upon influential bodies when the interests of their department demand it. All necessary expenses shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

SUB COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8. Necessary expenses of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board in travelling to and from the annual meeting and special meetings, also for postage, stationery and printing, shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 9. The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall govern the Union in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Union.

CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT CONSTITUTION.

PLEDGE.

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

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of ——— County or District.

OBJECT.

The object shall be to strengthen the Local Unions, and assist them in carrying out the plans of the Provincial Union, and to arouse the women of the county or district to an organized effort for the banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (except the Auditor), together with the Presidents of the Local Unions (who shall also be *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents) and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Committee, with full power to provide for the interests of the work. In District Unions, Secretaries of the Local Unions shall be members of the Executive. The officers, with the exception of local Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected at the annual meeting and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 2. Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the County Sub-Executive and the Presidents of the Local Unions, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered.

INEFFICIENCY.

SEC. 3. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable to perform energetically the duties of her office or department, the office or superintendency shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the Sub-Executive.

ARTICLE III.

SUB COMMITTEE

The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, for the speedy transaction of business, with power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year; three of whom shall form a quorum. This Committee shall meet at such a time and place as the President shall direct.

ARTICLE IV.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board and one delegate for every five paying members of each affiliated Local Union. This meeting shall be held not later than the 30th September, if possible, in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The President and the Corresponding Secretary of a County or District Union, with the President of the Union where the meeting is to be held, shall be a Committee of Arrangement, selecting topics for discussion and devising means to make the meetings interesting and profitable.

ARTICLE VI.

AFFILIATION.

Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the County or District Union at the rate of five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the County or District Union.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

(a) The President shall preside at the annual meeting and meeting of Executive Committee, and may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of that Committee when such are required; visit the Unions in County or District, and organize new Local Unions. She shall also perform all other duties usual to such office.

(b) The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. She shall also, when required, assist the President in organization and general management of the work.

(c) The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Union. One month before the annual meeting she shall send blank forms to the local Corresponding Secretary of each Union for their report, from which she shall prepare her report for County or District Unions and Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

At the close of the annual meeting she shall provide a printed or written directory of each County or District and Local Union officer and Superintendent.

A copy of this directory shall be sent to each Provincial, County or District and local President and Corresponding Secretary and Superintendent.

She shall notify County or District Superintendents and Committees of their appointment.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of proceedings of County or District Unions. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee, and shall send to each member of the Committee notice of its meetings.

At the first session of each annual meeting, she shall read the minutes of each session of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

(e) The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed account thereof at each annual meeting.

She shall not pay any bills except on receipt of written order from the President and Recording Secretary.

She shall collect all unpaid *county or district affiliation fees* before annual meeting, and endeavor to secure contributions for County or District Union work. She shall also forward to the Provincial Treasurer the yearly Provincial affiliation fees received from Local Unions.

(f) Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their Departments, and shall make known the same to Local Union Superintendents, from whom they should secure, as far as possible, returns for County or District Union reports, all necessary expense to be borne by the County Union. These in turn shall be given to Provincial Superintendents, from which they may make up complete reports for Provincial Union. The County or District and Local Superintendents of any Department *shall form a Committee* to carry on its work when united action is essential.

(g) The Executive Committee shall appoint Superintendents of Departments and special committees.

(h) The expenses of the five general officers in travelling to and from meetings of the Union, also for postage, stationery and President's expenses in visiting Local Unions, shall be paid from the funds of County or District Union.

(i) This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Provincial Union, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting of the Provincial Union by the Recording Secretary of the Local Union.

LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SEC. 1. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of ——— Auxiliary to the Ontario Provincial W. C. T. U.

OBJECT.

SEC. 2. The object of this Union shall be to meet together for prayer and conference, to educate public sentiment to the standard of total abstinence, to train the young, save the inebriate, to secure the complete extinction of the liquor traffic, and to enter into any Christian work to which the Lord may call.

PLEDGE.

SEC. 3. I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors (including wine, beer and cider) as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the pledge, and by the payment of sixty cents per year. Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by the payment of the regular fee. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of members except the vote and holding office.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents (one for each church when practicable), a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), with the Superintendents of different Departments, shall constitute the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members shall then proceed to vote for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot. The Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the Sub-Executive (including the Vice-Presidents), and elected by the Union. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 2. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable properly to perform the duties of her office or department, the office or superintendency shall be considered vacant. Should the retiring member be an officer the Union shall elect her successor; if a Superintendent the Sub-Executive shall nominate and the Union elect.

ARTICLE IV.

AUXILIARYSHIP.

Each Union shall pay to the funds of Provincial Union through the County or District Treasurer (in organized counties) the sum of twenty-five cents per paying member, and to the County or District Union the sum of five cents per paying member, yearly. This amount to be taken from the membership fee. In unorganized counties this sum shall be sent direct to the Provincial Treasurer.

ARTICLE V

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of Local Unions shall be held early in September for the election of officers and Superintendents, also for delegates to County or District Union and Provincial annual meetings. At this meeting reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer and Superintendents of Departments shall be read and confirmed before being sent to the County or District Corresponding Secretary and Superintendents.

BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the organization, and to supervise its general interests, and she may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to preside in her turn, in the absence of the President, and to enlist women of her own church in the work.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and to report to the Corresponding Secretary of the County or District Union yearly on receipt of blank form (having first submitted her report to the Local Union), giving such items of general interest as will enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union. She, with the Recording Secretary, shall also prepare the report for the annual meeting of the Local Union. They shall also, in unorganized counties, prepare a condensed report for the Provincial Convention, sending to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary two weeks before the date of Provincial meeting. In small Unions, the work of the Secretaries may be done by the Recording Secretary, if desirable.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Union, and notify members of meetings.

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all membership dues, and to devise means to increase the funds of the organization. She shall receive and hold all money collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and making a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and the Recording Secretary. She shall forward regularly, in organized counties, to the County or District Treasurer, the yearly fees for the Provincial and County or District Unions.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

SEC. 6. If the demands of the work justify it, there shall be Departments of Work to correspond with Provincial Departments, and such others as the needs of the locality seem to call for.

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 7. 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 County or District Union, on or before the 17th day of September.

Where no County or District organization exists, the report should be sent to the Provincial Superintendent of that Department.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 8. The regular meeting of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting of the month shall be largely a devotional meeting. If possible, mass-meetings shall be held quarterly. The Executive and other committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

QUORUM.

SEC. 9. A quorum shall consist of such members as shall be present at a regular or special meeting, due notice of such meeting being given to the members.

DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

SEC. 10. Delegates to the Provincial Union are received on the following basis:—One of each Union and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of each Union. The expenses of general officers and Superintendents of Departments, for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling expenses of delegates to annual Convention shall, where at all practicable, be borne by the Union sending those delegates.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Devotional Exercises.
 Reading Minutes of Last Meeting.
 Treasurer's Report.
 Unfinished Business.
 Reception of Communications.
 Reception of New Members and Reading of Constitution.
 Reports of Committees.
 Reading of Paper on Temperance Question.
 Discussion.
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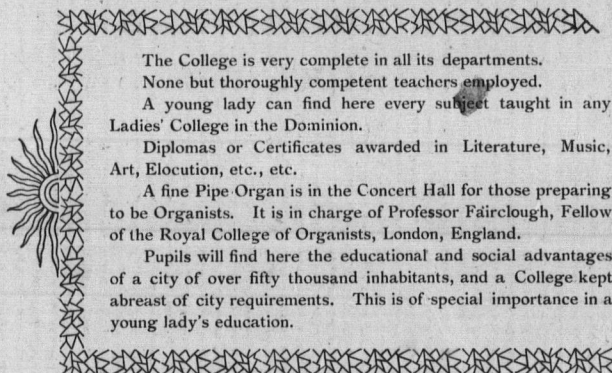
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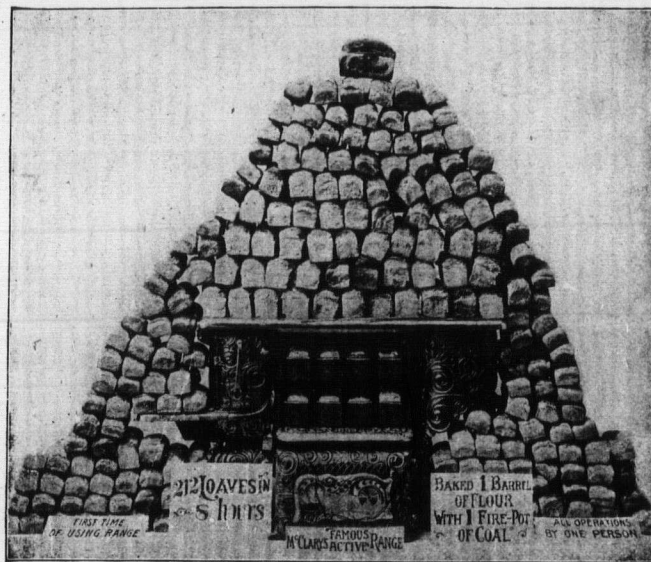
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