

"FOR GOD AND HOME AND HUMANITY."

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REPORT AND DIRECTORY

OF THE

TORONTO DISTRICT

Woman's Christian Temperance Union,

FOR 1890-91.

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"Union is Strength."

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR DISTRICT UNION.

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W. C. T. U. MEMBERSHIP AND PLEDGE.

**“For God, Home and Humanity.”**

Any woman may become a member of this Association by signing this Pledge, and paying the sum of sixty cents per annum into the treasury of Local Union.

Gentlemen may become honorary members of this Association by signing the Pledge, and paying the sum of one dollar annually,

OUR PLEDGE.

**I Hereby Promise, God helping me, to abstain from the use of 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.**

Signature,.....

Address,.....

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”—PHIL. iv. 13.

WHITE SHIELD PLEDGE.

“Keep thyself unspotted from the world.”—ST. JAMES i. 27.

“Be strong and of good courage, fear not, for the Lord Thy God, He it is that doth go with thee.”—DEUT. xxi. 6.

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PROMISE, BY THE HELP OF GOD,

- 1.—To uphold the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women.
- 2.—To be modest in language, behaviour and dress.
- 3.—To avoid all conversation, reading, art and amusements which may put impure thoughts into my mind.
- 4.—To guard the purity of others, especially of my companions and friends.
- 5.—To strive after the special blessing promised to THE PURE IN HEART.

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## HONORARY MEMBERS.

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 J. Forster.  
 J. T. Robertson.  
 T. Eaton.  
 G. A. Cox.  
 F. S. Spence.  
 G. B. Sweetnam.  
 J. J. McLaren.  
 G. M. Rose.  
 Daniel Rose.  
 J. B. Bousted.  
 Wm. Carlyle.  
 E. M. Morphy.  
 Wm. Houston, M.A.  
 Rev. D. V. Lucas, D.D.  
 Alderman Hugh MacMath.  
 James Dobson.  
 George Spence.  
 A. R. Williamson.  
 David Millar.  
 W. J. Hendry.  
 Rev. J. E. Lanceley.  
 John Rowland.

Thos. M. Rowland.  
 H. T. Meredith.  
 Elias Rogers.  
 E. H. Hilburn.  
 S. R. Hanna.  
 J. Edd Stedman.  
 J. Coxhead.  
 J. W. McKendry.  
 Rev. Mr. Parr.  
 Rev. Mr. Mutch.  
 G. Walker.  
 E. Galley.  
 B. Brick.  
 R. Galley.  
 Bev. Dr. Briggs.  
 Rev. Dr. Sutherland.  
 Silas James.  
 J. B. Marshall.  
 E. C. Rutherford.  
 W. Stutchbury.  
 Anthony Bell.  
 H. A. Brown.  
 Alderman Phillips.  
 T. A. Onderkirk.  
 E. Yeigh.  
 T. E. Earl.  
 W. McCartney.  
 Dr. Potts.

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*Unfermen*  
*Fair . . . .*  
*Franchise.*



<i>Literature</i> .....	Mrs. Walker, 183 Sherbourne Street.
<i>Press</i> .....	{ Mrs. Coxhead, 21 Close Avenue. Miss Rose, 280 Victoria Street.
<i>Fire Halls</i> ..	Mrs. King, 150 Cowan Avenue.
<i>Journal</i> .....	Miss Williamson, 30 Suffolk Place.
<i>Work among Young People</i> .....	Mrs. Dr. Chamberlain, 615 Spadina Avenue.
<i>Sabbath Observance</i> .....	Mrs. Dr. Gregg, 8 Madison Avenue.
<i>Sabbath Schools</i> .....	Mrs. Hilburn, 74 Brunswick Avenue.
<i>Flower Mission</i> .....	Miss Rose, 280 Victoria Street.
<i>Juvenile and Domestic Kindergarten</i> .....	Miss Skinner, Deer Park P.O.
<i>Narcotics</i> .....	Miss MacGregor, 443 Bathurst Street.
<i>Parlor Meetings</i> .....	{ Mrs. Forster, 93 Hazlton Avenue. Mrs. Hilburn, 74 Brunswick Avenue.
<i>Peace and Arbitration</i> ..	Mrs. (Dr.) Todd, 165 College Street.
<i>Band of Hope</i> .....	Mrs. Thompson, 276 Church Street.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Toronto District W. C. T. U. was held in Richmond Hall, 24th September.

Executive met at 10.30 a.m., the President in the chair; 18 members present. Meeting opened by singing and prayer, led by Miss Skinner and Mrs. Lucas. Recording Secretary read the Minutes of last Executive Meeting. On motion, they were adopted.

Reports were received from the Delegates who had been appointed to attend the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance and the Dominion Alliance as well. In the interest of Scientific Temperance Instruction it was moved by Miss Skinner, seconded by Miss Williamson, "That District Superintendent requests Local Superintendents to find out the day these lessons are given in the Schools in their locality so that they can attend, and that every effort be made to have the Prizes purchased given to the Pupils." Carried.

Local arrangements were made in connection with Provincial Convention to be held in Toronto next month, and the settling of accounts in connection with the Fair work, &c. The noontide hour of prayer was observed in silent devotion, after which Mrs. Fawcett led in prayer, and the meeting adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was opened at 2.30. The President in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by President and Mrs. W. L. Scott, which was followed by the President's address. The Recording Secretary read Minutes of morning Executive Meeting, which were confirmed.

The Corresponding Secretary then read her report as follows :

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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting of the Toronto District W. C. T. U. (see report, page 7), your Secretary conveyed to the Annual Convention of the County of York W. C. T. U. the decision of the majority of the Local Unions comprising the District Union of Toronto, and of their representatives assembled in Annual Convention, namely, that these Unions withdraw from affiliation with the County of York, and affiliate through the District organization with the Provincial W. C. T. U.

The action which this decision represented was a perfectly legal one, based on Art. VI. of the County Constitution, which recognizes the right of any Union to affiliate with a county or not, as that Union may deem expedient, the wording is—

“Any Local Woman's Christian Temperance Union may become auxiliary to the County Union by endorsing its constitution, reporting the names of officers and number of members to the County Corresponding Secretary, and by paying annually to the Treasurer the sum of (5c) five cents per member.”

The decision of the Toronto District Union was conveyed to the Provincial Convention in the following memorial :

“That as the District Union of Toronto, after long and careful consideration of the subject, believes that it is in the best interests of the W. C. T. U. of Toronto, and of the County of York, that they be separate organizations, each affiliated with the Provincial Union, and as the vote of the Local Unions taken separately, and the vote of the representatives and members of these Unions in their Annual Meeting, was more than a two-thirds majority, therefore the District Union of Toronto has withdrawn from affiliation with, and through the County of York, and now requests to be placed on the same standing, and with the same privileges as an organized County.

By order of the District Union,

E. S. SPENCE,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

After a short presentation to the Convention of the reasons which the District Union had for separating from the County of York, the request was placed in the hands of a committee, who after consideration recommended, “That this memorial be received” adding “and that any city having an affiliated membership of four hundred be recognized as a County Union, by adopting the County Union Constitution of the Provincial Union.

JENNIE CAVERS, *Convener.*

JANE ALEXANDER, *Secretary.*

The recommendation was adopted by a large majority of the Convention.

The members of the Toronto District Union received this finding in good faith, believing that what they had asked was accorded to them, which was simply recognition on the same basis as an organized County—but during the year a letter was received from the Provincial President stating, that unless Toronto had four hundred members the District Union could not claim the privilege granted. This was a surprise to the Toronto Unions, but they could not do anything as they understood the finding of the Provincial Convention to be decisive, the memorial was adopted by an almost unanimous vote of the Convention, having no reference to numbers.

At the end of the first half year, the District Treasurer sent the Provincial affiliation half-yearly fee to the Provincial Treasurer, but it has been returned, thus cancelling the relation of the Toronto Unions with the Provincial Union, not on any legal grounds, but by the decision of the sub-Executive of the Provincial Union.

This decision based on the fact that Toronto had only 381 instead of 400 members; but this had nothing to do with affiliation with the Provincial Union, was not a legitimate reason why affiliation should be refused, as the Toronto District Union had not in the least degree violated any rule of the Provincial, County or Local Constitutions.

This is how the case stands at present, the foregoing is a simple statement of facts. We forbear comment, but in no respect will the action of the sub-Executive of the Provincial Union interfere with the aims or work of the Toronto District Union.

The report of last year's work must necessarily be very imperfect, as the statistics from the various Unions are not yet in my hands, so that a summary of the year's work of the Unions, or of the number of members cannot be presented. I hope that next year the printed forms issued by the Provincial Union, will be supplied us, so that the Secretary shall be able to report at the Annual Meeting an outline of the work done by each Union.

Now, the facts must be gleaned from the reports of the various Secretaries as they are read here to-day. Apart from the work of the individual Unions, the District Union has a work, peculiarly its own; the concerted action of delegates from the Local Unions, some of which I can place before you. Early in the year an International Congress for the higher education of women was held in this city. The W. C. T. U. alive to whatever would tend to elevate womanhood, sent a deputation to that Congress assuring them of their sympathy and co-operation. A poem from the graceful pen of our press correspondent, Mrs. Curzon, was read, and a printed copy presented to each member of the Congress as a souvenir of their visit.

An entertainment which had occupied the brains, and hands and feet of a large number of workers for a considerable time, was brought to a very successful issue in the month of November. 'The meeting of the nations' was an unqualified success, the originators of the

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scheme were well repaid by the appreciation of crowds of people and the realizing of nearly \$300 over all expenses for our Headquarters.

A select committee of our ladies visited both Sabbath and day schools, they were invited to address the children in the former, and in the latter, sometimes addressed the classes and ascertained that Scientific Temperance was taught in all forms above the third book.

It is to be regretted that the prizes purchased by the District Union for the best examinations on Scientific Temperance, have not been claimed. No examination on this subject was held this year, but we hope to so place the matter before the School Board the coming year, that we shall be able to do as we have done hitherto, and present prizes to the successful competitors on the subject of Scientific Temperance.

A week of very successful Evangelistic meetings was held by the District Union in various parts of the city. Miss Wright of Ottawa, was invited to come and assist and speak at each meeting. The results of this effort are in a great measure hidden from us, but when the reaping time comes, the good seed sown may be found to have brought forth an hundred fold. The attention of the District Union was called to the defective sanitary arrangements in many places where women and girls are employed. A deputation waited on a Committee of the Legislature in reference to this, but it was then too late to bring in a bill covering this subject—another year we hope something will be done.

A number of the members of the District W. C. T. U. and others interested in the advancement of women formed themselves into an association called "the Council of Women." These waited on the proposed aldermen at the close of last year to enlist their interest in placing women on the High School Board of the city, the result is known to all—three ladies chosen by the "Council of Women" have to-day seats as Trustees on the High School Board of the city, and perhaps for the first time in the annals of the city, a woman has been received on merit, regardless of sex, in the appointment of Miss Ryckman, as teacher, at a salary of \$1,500 a year—same salary as would have been paid to a male teacher. We are looking forward hopefully, to be able to place women on the Public School Board of the city the coming year.

A Union prayer meeting of the various Women's organizations in the city, was held in this hall in the month of June. The W. C. T. U. having charge—the Societies represented were the W. C. T. U., the Y. W. C. A., the Y. W. C. G., the Girls' Industrial Institute, the City Relief Association, and the Haven. It was a time of blessing and encouragement, the Master was present by His Holy Spirit and all felt, "It is good to be here." This Annual Meeting will be in charge of the City Relief Society the coming year, and I would earnestly urge a large attendance of C. T. U. Women at that meeting. Notice will be sent to the various Unions by the Secretary.

Delegates were appointed from the District Union to the Congregational W. M. S. and to the Convention of King's Daughters, addressing the meeting on both occasions. The Union's work at the Fair, will be reported by the Superintendent. A word on headquarters: We are about to enter into the occupancy of our headquarters, which we trust will be a new era in the success of the District Union. We are hopeful to be able to accomplish more good and to be more helpful to those who are treading in dangerous paths. The Treasurer will place before you the financial statement of our headquarters. Under her able management all the liabilities of the year have been met, and we have faith in God and in the efforts of our noble C. T. U. Women that the increased expenditure will be met by increasing support from the Christian people of our city.

The District Union has held during the year, 17 meetings—11 regular and 6 special meetings; average attendance, 21. The Recording Secretary reports having written during the past year 110 letters and 393 postal cards. The Corresponding Secretary has not kept a separate account of letters and postal cards, but it would be about 50 letters and 150 postal cards—making a total of letters written, 160; postal cards, 543.

We have had hindrances to the more successful working of our Union during the past year. The protracted illness of both Secretaries has been a serious drawback—projected work has had to remain undone, but on reviewing the year, while as much has not been accomplished as we wished, still we "thank God and take courage," and while we remember that the success of God's work is "not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit," we also know that He has placed the doing of that work into apparently feeble hands. Sisters, each one can do something. Let us be willing workers. Let us consecrate ourselves anew to the work to which we are pledged "to train the young, to 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." May God grant that to none of us it shall be said, "you knew your duty but you did it not,"—but of each may the Master say, "She hath done what she could."

MRS. JACOB SPENCE,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

The Treasurer's report was then presented:

TREASURER'S REPORT, DISTRICT W. C. T. U.

1890.		RECEIPTS.	
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Oct.—To	Collections . . . . .	4 48
“	“ Donation from Bathurst Union . . . . .	50
“	“ Sale of Tracts and Ribbon . . . . .	3 00
“	“ Space in Annual Report . . . . .	11 50
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Sept. 26.—	“ Interest on Deposit . . . . .	6 92
“	“ Fair Work Receipts . . . . .	121 15
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1890.	DISBURSEMENTS.	
Oct	—By Loan to Headquarters . . . . .	\$ 95 09
“	“ Part Fees Provincial Union . . . . .	20 00
“	“ Rent of Room in Hall . . . . .	5 50
“	“ Postage and Car Fare . . . . .	21 37
“	“ Prizes to Public School Pupils . . . . .	27 45
“	“ Literature for Distribution . . . . .	7 00
“	“ Fair Work Disbursements . . . . .	47 11
“	“ Printing . . . . .	50 50
1891, Sept.	— Fees to Dominion Alliance . . . . .	2 00
“	“ Rent of Room in Hall . . . . .	4 50
“	“ Postage and Car Fare . . . . .	11 21
“	“ Fair Work Disbursements . . . . .	42 23
“	“ Cash on Hand . . . . .	90 05
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Nov. 24th, 1891. Audited and found correct,  
 (Signed.) L. T. TODD,  
*Auditor.*  
 HELEN G. MACMATH,  
*Treasurer.*

HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FUND W. C. T. U.

	RECEIVED.	
Oct. 1—	To Rent of Building, 10 Months . . . . .	\$ 700 00
“	“ Meeting of Nations, Autograph Quilt, &c. . . . .	328 85
“	“ Central Union . . . . .	282 00
“	“ Gordon Union . . . . .	11 00
91, Sept. 26—	“ Parkdale Union, Mrs. MacMath . . . . .	7 00
“	“ Bathurst Union . . . . .	3 00
“	“ Mrs. Ida Lynd, Port Credit Donation . . . . .	5 00
“	“ Northern Union, Mrs. Clark . . . . .	3 00
“	“ Two Months Rent of Building . . . . .	140 00
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1890.	EXPENDED.	
Oct.	— By Deficit . . . . .	\$ 3 34
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“	“ Interest . . . . .	635 09
“	“ Principal . . . . .	100 00
“	“ Repairs . . . . .	64 64
“	“ Postage and Car Fare . . . . .	4 00
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 Nov. 24th, 1891. (signed.) L. J. TODD,  
*Auditor.*

HELEN G. MACMATH,  
*Treasurer.*

Reports of Unions and departments of work, read by the Recording Secretary or delegates from each Union: Moved, seconded and carried—"That a synopsis of them be printed in our annual report."

The President asked the Treasurer to report what Unions had affiliated with the District that we might know who had votes on the election of officers for the coming year. The Treasurer reported, "That all had paid their fees to District but one, viz.: the 'Northern.'"

Moved by Mrs. MacMath, seconded by Mrs. Scott, "That the elections be by open vote." Carried.

Mrs. R. McDonell was elected President. As our late President, Mrs. D. V. Lucas, (on account of leaving the city in the Spring) was unable to take office, Mrs. McDonnell asked her to keep the chair and conclude the day's business, to which she consented. Mrs. W. Carlyle, was re-elected Vice-President; Mrs. Jacob Spence, was re-elected Corresponding Secretary, but could not accept on account of ill-health, when Miss Skinner was elected. Mrs. J. Forster, was re-elected Recording Secretary, and Mrs. MacMath, re-elected Treasurer.

Moved by Mrs. J. Forster, seconded by Mrs. J. Spence, "That our retiring President, Mrs. D. V. Lucas, be Hon.-President for this year." Carried. Mrs. Curzon was re-elected Press Correspondent. A vote of thanks was given to our retiring President for the impartial manner in which she had conducted all meetings; also to the retiring Corresponding Secretary for her valuable services, and asking her to accept again the Superintendency of the Departments of Franchise, Legislation and Petitions. As the hour was late the appointment of Superintendents was deferred. Meeting closed with prayer, led by Mrs. Lucas.

Oct. 4th.—A special meeting of the Executive was held at the residence of Vice-President, 24 members present. Mrs. Carlyle led in prayer. Superintendents were nominated. Recording Secretary was to inform each of her nomination. If any one declined to accept the position, President and Recording Secretary had power to appoint another.

Moved by Mrs. Emery, seconded by Mrs. Bastedo, "That the various Unions pay us last year for their space in District Report." Carried.

A resolution was passed endorsing the Children's Aid Society. Meeting closed with Doxology.

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, (Condensed.)

Are we making any progress? This is a question that is often asked, and in order to answer it, we must know who is meant by *we*. While there may not be advancement in each and every lodge or union of the many existing organizations, if you ask me as a member of the great brotherhood of Temperance Reformers, the wide world over, are we advancing? I say, yes, decidedly yes. At our last annual meeting I called your attention to the encouraging features of our own field, and we see no signs of discouragement, in reviewing our work for the year now closing. To-day, we want a wider outlook—so for our mutual encouragement and profit, let us look abroad and inform ourselves as to the character and scope of the movement in other places and other lands—remembering as we do so that the success of the glorious cause any where is our success, for are we not all regiments of the one grand army?

The progress during the past ten years, has been greater than during any other ten years, since the enterprise assumed organized form. Organizations are much more numerous and powerful, and our literature is improving both in quantity and quality. In *social* life the change is very marked and gratifying. Who cannot see the progress in the churches, particularly in Great Britain, while on this continent the majority of the ministers are and have been with us in the great movement, it has not been so there. Here quite 65,000 out of 70,000 ministers, are total abstainers. In England *now*, one-half the bishops and one-fourth of the clergy have *measured* up that far and in the non-conformist churches, about three-fourths of the ministers are on the side of abstinence, and the number increasing \* \* \* \* About 3,000 of the churches use unfermented wine, and almost every church or Sunday School has its band of hope. There are 2,000,000 of young people and children enrolled as members. \* \* \* \* \*

The Medical Faculty, though a very conservative body, has been permeated with our principles. Indiscriminate use of alcohol as a medicine has been abandoned except by a few of the very old school.

The Religious Press, almost without exception, encourages our teaching and very many of the secular papers are equally favorable to it. The reports of the various organizations, Sons of T., I. O. G. T., R. T. of T., Rechabites, all show unmistakable signs of progress. We bid them all God speed and assure them of coming victory. The W. C. T. U. and B. W. T. A. which are practically one, are through their many departments of work, achieving greater things than the most sanguine among us ever dreamed of. Incalculable service is being rendered to the cause by the instruction given in the schools. Not only are there excellent text books, but diagrams and charts, specially prepared, show-

ing the effects of alcohol on the brain, the nerves, the digestive organs and the circulation of the blood. These are used in almost all parts of the world. \* \* \* \* \* The poet Grey said as he watched the Eton boys at play and thought of the temptations of their future life, "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." We would rather inculcate the thought, "to be forewarned is to be forearmed," and teach the young everywhere, the blighting, degrading, destroying nature of alcohol.

What splendid work the next century will see, when these young people, thus instructed and equipped shall bend their energies to establish and maintain laws which shall make the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor an impossibility! Across the border the temperance people rejoice over the decision of the courts, regarding the "original package" bill, where in some of the States at least the penalties and fines for its infringement are so much to be dreaded that few will venture to do it. In England the recent decision of the celebrated case of "Sharper vs. Wakefield" has been cause for joy and thanksgiving in the Temperance Camp. An Irish paper says of it: "The claim for *compensation* has received its quietus, in fact, been laid in the grave without hope of resurrection, by the *coup de grace* administered to it by the Lord Chancellor and his most noble and learned colleagues." Sir Wm. Harcourt, referring to it, in a letter to Sir Wilfred Lawson, says: "If the magistrates have the *will*, as they have the *power* to discharge their duty, a great advance will be made." In some of the Australian colonies the rigorous and persistent effort of the temperance people, has been rewarded by the enactment of a law by which, by a simple majority vote, the number of licenses may be reduced to the statutory number—though this number is far too large the licensed houses in many places have been reduced by fifty per cent. \* \* \* While our Antipodian cousins have admitted the principle of compensation—a mistake I hope the electors of Canada will avoid—they have provided that the liquor party bear the burden, by an increased duty on their goods. In Canada, while we have no great victory to record, we feel hopeful regarding the recent agitation caused by the "petition of the churches." Its reception at Ottawa will be of great service to the people, in opening their eyes to the fact, that if they would have good wholesome laws, they must have good upright legislators to enact such laws. \* \* \* \* \* That it should be *advocated* that the *revenue must* be raised though homes be desolated and souls destroyed is very painful, but we are glad to know there are statesmen, eminent and of large experience who do not see any great difficulty in cutting off a yearly revenue of 5,000,000 from a traffic which is the cause of 20,000,000 of outlay. So we say, though this petition may not give us prohibition, it will serve to educate the people, and when the "Sovereign people" have determined they will have it, it will come. \* \* \* We must not "grow weary in well-doing," but continue to roll up the

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Cheering letters have been received from Mr. W. S. Caine, concerning his work in India, where he is endeavoring to establish temperance guilds in the various schools and colleges, and the higher and cultured people are joining in the movement.

In Sweden, a new system of licensing has been adopted called the Gothenburg, which reduced the number in Stockholm alone from 193 to 87. It is worthy of remark that no protest was made on the part of the people who thus suddenly had their old haunts closed against them. In Sweden, as everywhere else, it is the *opening* of drink shops, not the closing of them that causes disorder. From a circular issued by T. W. Powderly to the Knights of Labor, we quote the following:—

“The temperance question is an important one. I sometimes think it is the main issue. \* \* \* \* \* There is over \$700,000,000 invested in the manufacture of rum in the U. S. A., and not half a million of men employed in its manufacture. If this amount of capital was transferred from that channel of trade to anything else, there would be employment for three millions of men. Do you ask, is it possible to do it? If we have the will, we have the way and the power. Forward is the word that comes ringing along the line from the Divine side of the conflict.”

After such noble utterances, temperance reformers must recognize the Knights of Labor as their trusty, powerful allies. The other side. While it is a pleasure to be able to refer to so many cheering signs, our spirits almost drop when we think of the enormity of the evil which still exists. How to make a deeper impression upon it should be the question of the hour. Its power has been stayed and to some extent reduced, but we shall not be satisfied until we see it wholly overcome. There are 250,000 saloons in the U.S., 100,000 in England, and thousands more in Scotland and Ireland, and 10,000 in Canada. England's drink bill for 1890 was £139,000,000. According to Government statistics, there was consumed in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages in Canada in 1889, and the quantity increases year by year—2,000,000 bushels of grain, representing about 4,250 gallons, estimated at \$2 per gallon, gives an expenditure of about \$50 per family. Ontario's liquor bill for 1890 was \$17,000,000, almost as much as the total exports of the whole Dominion. \* \* \* \* \*

This awful traffic is playing terrible havoc in Southern and Western Africa. In a single week, ships touching at Madeira on their way to the African coast, contained among their cargoes spirituous liquors valued at \$5,000,000. For this state of things, so-called Christian nations are responsible. Strong protests are being made against this, and the opium traffic, both of which have been forced on an unwilling people, and we hope the reproach may soon be taken away.

Thousands upon thousands die the awful death of the drunkard every year, under the inexorable sentence, “the drunkard shall not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven.” The time has gone by when vague

and qualified denunciation of the traffic can be accepted. Something more than sweeping resolutions, from Conference, Assembly, or Synod, with an occasional "chill of horror" is required. These must be succeeded by consistent, persistent effort to uproot the evil. The church should no longer lend its support to the traffic by purchasing intoxicating wine for the Table of the Lord. There is no room for argument as to the fitness for the Lord's table of that which is admitted to be unfit for man's. Christian people everywhere should speak out with no uncertain sound on the nature of the traffic, the duties of governments and citizens, with regard to it, the culpability of all who in any way help to maintain it, and the responsibilities of electors for the use of their franchise. They should declare relentless war and wage it to the bitter end, and to do this, we need moral suasion, argument, example and the ballot box combined. Dear sisters, this work is ours. \* \* \* \*  
 Tennyson sings, "Our wills are ours to make them thine." The same is true of what we call our time. It is ours to make it God's. Let us say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do," and when the answer is given, let us not be afraid nor dismayed by reason of the multitude, for the battle is not ours but God's, and nothing terrified, let us wait upon the Lord and renew our strength, that when the struggle comes, as come it will it may be said, as once before, "the thing was done suddenly for the Lord God had prepared the people." We are the King's messengers, and must jostle our path through the crowd who tarry by the way. On our side is the King, the Lord of Hosts, who declares that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. Let us go forward therefore and stretch out the hand of faith and prayer over the Red Sea of Intemperance and crime. The winds of Divine Help will blow, and clear the way for the great army of Christian philanthropists, and in safety we shall reach the other shore—the shore of prohibition.

The Lord is with thee, For the fight He needs thee,  
 He will defend whatever may oppose  
 Strange though the way—  
 Yet follow where He leads thee,  
 He leads to victory over all thy foes.

E. ADELIA LUCAS.

Annual Meeting of Toronto District, W. C. T. U.,  
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## REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS.

### CENTRAL

Meets at Headquarters, north-east corner Elm and Teraulay Sts., every Monday, at 3 p.m., first Monday in the month excepted.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>Honorary President</i> .....	Mrs. W. S. Finch, 76 Gerrard Street East.
<i>President</i> .....	Mrs. D. Cowan, 122 Huron Street.
<i>Vice President at large</i> .....	Mrs. E. H. Hilburn, 74 Brunswick Avenue.
<i>1st Vice President</i> .....	Mrs. F. S. Spence, 209 Sherbourne Street.
<i>2nd Vice President</i> .....	Mrs. Shortreed, 222 Jarvis Street.
<i>Recording Secretary</i> .....	Mrs. Moffat, 327 Berkeley Street.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> .....	Mrs. Thompson, 276 Church Street.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Mrs. St. Croix, 7 North Street.

#### SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

<i>Evangelistic</i> .....	Mrs. Cowan, 122 Huron Street.
<i>Social Purity</i> .....	Mrs. Jarman, 49 Simcoe Street.
<i>Fire Halls, Sailors and Railroad</i> .....	Mrs. Emory, 28 Agnes Street.
<i>Lumbermen</i> .....	Mrs. Moffat, 327 Berkeley Street.
<i>Fair</i> .....	Mrs. Caswell, 92 Gerrard Street East.
<i>Literature</i> .....	Mrs. Rutherford, 18 Suffolk Place.
<i>Unfermented Wine</i> .....	Mrs. Thompson, 276 Church Street.
<i>Press</i> .....	Mrs. Faithful, 16 Maitland Street.
<i>Journal</i> .....	Mrs. Warren, 37 McGill Street.
<i>Sunday School</i> .....	Mrs. Hilburn, 74 Brunswick Avenue.
<i>Franchise</i> .....	Miss Dunlop, 116 Anne Street.
<i>Scientific Temperance</i> .....	Mrs. F. S. Spence, 209 Sherbourne Street.

The Central Union has a membership of 76 ; 26 business meetings held during the year with half an hour's devotional exercises preceding each. Good work done in 11 departments. In addition to the general work of the Evangelistic Department, Mrs. Bradley's services were secured for one week, and Evangelistic and White Shield meetings held in different parts of the city. The Jail has been visited and 500 Tracts distributed, at the Mercer 1000 Tracts given away. Two railway stations supplied regularly with Literature numbering 515 leaflets, also two Fire Halls with 577, and four Steamboats with 1200 papers and Tracts.

One Lumber-men's Camp was supplied entirely by Central, to which was sent—1 Scrap Book, 300 Leaflets, Sermons by Moody and Talmadge, 378 papers and magazines, together with a large quantity of useful general reading, 4 parcels have also been sent to the Longford Lumber Company, and 1 parcel to the McPherson Camp.

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est of Franchise and Sabbath observance, 25,000 Leaflets have been donated and distributed. Schools visited by Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. Moffat in interest of Scientific Temperance—Wellesley, Church, Louisa and Victoria Street Schools. In all, very kindly received by Principals and Teachers. In Wellesley Street, addressed 12 Classes. They found there a Chart, a splendid help in teaching Temperance, this is supplied by the School Board at a cost of \$40. In three rooms they found Pledge Books well filled, and in another room 20 boys stood up who had signed the pledge. In Church Street School, Mrs. Cowan addressed 6 Classes. In Victoria Street School, 6 Classes, about 40 in each Class. In Louisa Street School the same Lady gave addresses in 3 rooms, several lower classes being grouped so that all the children in the School, except the lowest form were spoken to.

Our Sabbath School department has been of special interest, Pledge Books distributed in 15 Schools in St. James and St. John's Wards, and addresses delivered in 5 of the Schools by Mrs. Cowan. We feel this to be a good work, which will bear fruit and bring forth workers when the present ones are laid aside.

The Central Union took charge of the W. C. T. U. Tent, on Exhibition Grounds one day, and had very successful meetings. Rev. Dr. Galbraith gave a most inspiring address. One Parlor meeting held at the residence of Mrs. Cowan.

Receipts for the year, \$143.88; expenditure, \$138.77; on hand, \$5.11. Total, \$143.88. Affiliation Fees:—Provincial Union, \$19.00; District Union, \$3.80. Collected for Headquarters, \$282.10.

M. C. FORSTER,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

LIST OF MEMBERS.—Mrs. Arnot, 488 Yonge Street; Mrs. Dr. Aikens, 280 Jarvis Street; Mrs. Brimer, 210 Yonge Street; Mrs. Brown, 126 Jarvis Street; Mrs. Cowan, 122 Huron Street; Mrs. Caswell, 92 Gerrard Street East; Mrs. Cheney, 9 Pembroke Street; Mrs. Campbell, 22 Gerrard Street West; Miss Carty, 263 Jarvis Street; Miss M. E. Carty, 263 Jarvis Street; Mrs. Cuthbertson, 16 Pembroke Street; Mrs. Carman, 272 Victoria Street; Mrs. Dodds, 507 Sherborne Street; Mrs. Emory, 28 Agnes Street; Mrs. Eaton, 182 Lowther Avenue; Mrs. Feriole, 41 King Street East; Mrs. Forster, 93 Hazleton Avenue; Mrs. Faithful, 16 Maitland Street; Mrs. Faircloth, 59 Bleeker Street; Mrs. W. S. Finch, 76 Gerrard Street East; Mrs. W. H. Howland, 7 Queen's Park; Mrs. Hilburn, 74 Brunswick Avenue; Mrs. Hillock, 25 Wilton Avenue; Mrs. Humphreys, 309 Yonge Street; Mrs. Hooker, 266 Jarvis Street; Miss Harris, 36 Huntly Street; Mrs. Haight, 6 Simpson Ave; Mrs. Jarman, 49 Simcoe Street; Mrs. S. James, 102 Howard Street; Mrs. Kent, 14 Walmer Road; Mrs. Kilgour, 144 Bloor Street East; Mrs. Lytle, 44 Ann Street; Mrs. Lawson, 461 Church Street; Mrs. Large, Queen Street East; Mrs. Lawrence, 522 Church Street; Mrs. McDonell, Sunnyside; Mrs. J. McMillan, 85 McGill Street; Mrs. J. P.

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work, viz., Bands of Hope and Mothers' Meetings. We have two Bands of Hope, with a membership of about 500, one mothers' meeting with a membership of 12. We have distributed about 5000 pages of temperance literature, given \$15 worth of prizes in our Bands of Hope, and spent \$12 on mothers' meetings.

Our annual concert was very successful, the proceeds of which was \$40. At the beginning of the year we owed \$38 on the furniture which we had bought for one of the rooms in West Association Hall. This debt we have also been able to pay. At the close of our meetings in June, each member promised, so far as possible, to give one cent a day towards a poor fund for the winter. At our annual meeting the amount contributed to this fund amounted to \$5.71. In looking over the year we think it has been one of our best, for which we feel very much encouraged for the future.

Treasurer's report—Receipts for the year \$225.46; expenditure \$205.30; balance \$20.16.

M. E. HOLMES, *Recording Secretary.*

LIST OF MEMBERS, (Active.)—Mrs. Alexander, 128 Dovercourt Road; Mrs. Atkinson, Parkdale; Mrs. Beaumont, 65 Sheridan Avenue; Mrs. Bridgland, 3 McKenzie Crescent; Mrs. Bond, 1026 Queen West; Mrs. Bulman, 127 Givens Street; Mrs. Campbell, 325 Brock Avenue; Mrs. (Rev.) Chambers, 249 Shaw Street; Mrs. Fairbairn, 130 Dovercourt Road; Mrs. Eliza Fletcher, 142 Dundas Street; Mrs. J. J. Graham, 306 Dovercourt Road; Mrs. R. H. Graham, 938 Queen Street West; Mrs. Holmes, 41 Fenning Street; Mrs. House, Western Y.M.C.A.; Mrs. Hughes, 125 Givens Street; Mrs. Lightfoot, 107 Argyle Street; Mrs. Matson, 63 Argyle Street; Mrs. Meredith, 186 McPherson Ave.; Mrs. (Rev.) Mutch, 110 Havelock Street; Mrs. (Dr.) Oakley, 888 Queen Street West; Mrs. Porter, 71 Foxley Street; Miss C. Thompson, 160 Niagara Street; Mrs. Weir, Ossington Avenue; Mrs. Williamson, 53 Fenning Street.

Honorary Members—Rev. Mr. Alexander, E. Bulman, J. Bulman, A. Bates, Mr. Cobbs, Mr. Cairns, R. Fletcher, Alderman R. H. Graham, J. J. Graham, Mr. Hetherington, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Howe, Rev. Mr. Mutch, S. J. Moore, J. Matson, H. T. Meredith. Mr. Smith, Mr. Weir.

PARKDALE.

Place of Meeting, King Street Methodist Church Parlor; Number of Members, 19; Average attendance, 11; Business Meetings, 17; Concerts, 2; Garden Party, 1; Gospel Meetings, 52.

OFFICERS.

*President* ..... Mrs. MacMath, 45 Lansdowne Avenue.  
*Vice-President* ..... Mrs. W. L. Scott, 72 McDonell Avenue.  
*Corresponding Secretary* ..... Mrs. Abercrombie, 25 Brock Avenue.  
*Recording Secretary* .. Mrs. Dr. Fisher, 29 Elm Grove.  
*Treasurer* ..... Mrs. McFarlane, 55 West Lodge Avenue.

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<i>Fire Hall</i> .....	Mrs. Fisher.
<i>Sabbath Observance</i> .....	Mrs. Inglis.

Treasurer's Report—To balance on hand, \$9.13; Members' Fees, \$6.60; Concert, \$1.82; Garden Party, \$25.00; Charity Concert, \$60.95; Mrs. MacMath \$7.00. Total, \$110.50. By Charity, \$51.72; Lent, \$25.00; Sundries, \$21.24; Headquarters, \$7.00; Balance, \$5.54. Total, \$110.50.

LIST OF MEMBERS.—Mrs. Spaulding, 43 Lansdowne Avenue; Mrs. Burns, 1403 Queen Street; Mrs. Edwards, Gwynne Avenue; Mrs. MacMath, 45 Lansdowne Avenue; Mrs. J. Johnston, Elm Grove; Mrs. Griffin, Beatty Avenue; Mrs. Frazer, Spencer Avenue; Mrs. Scott, Marion Street; Mrs. McFarlane, 55 West Lodge Avenue; Mrs. Clement, 84 Jamieson Avenue; Mrs. King, 150 Cowan Avenue; Mrs. Coxhead, 21 Close Avenue; Mrs. Inglis, 1280 King Street West; Mrs. Gowanlock, 20 Gwynne Avenue; Mrs. A. Duff, 24 Elm Grove; Mrs. German, Dunn Avenue; Mrs. Stevens, 200 Cowan Avenue; Mrs. Fisher, 29 Elm Grove; Mrs. Boddy, 11 Maple Grove; Mrs. Brown, 158 Cowan Avenue; Mrs. Abercrombie, 25 Brock Avenue.

MRS. COXHEAD,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

EAST TORONTO

Meets in White Ribbon Hall every second Wednesday, at 3 p.m.

OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	Mrs. Vance, 630 Queen Street East.
<i>1st Vice President</i> .....	Mrs. Armstrong, 43 Bolton Avenue.
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Mrs. Gray, 181 First Avenue.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Mr. Beatty, 1380 Queen Street East.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

<i>White Shield</i> .....	Mrs. Frizzell, Pape Avenue.
<i>Jail Work</i> .....	Mrs. Potter.
<i>Evangelistic</i> .....	Mrs. Beatty, 1380 Queen Street East.
<i>Press</i> .....	Mrs. Gray, 181 First Avenue.

We have 26 active and 4 honorary members; have held 10 business and 8 Evangelistic meetings; have subscribed for two papers (weekly) to be sent to the Fire Hall in our District. A Social meeting was held in our room for the purpose of securing the sympathy of the Royal Templars in our work. Our members assist in the work of the Relief Society, Young Women's Guild of the East End: have distributed 6,000 pages of literature. We assisted at the meeting of the Nations, and donated to headquarters.

Our expenses for the past year were \$22.35. We hope during this year to add "Work among Lumbermen" and "Mother's Meetings" to the branches already taken up.

MRS. GRAY,  
*Secretary.*

### GORDON

Meets in All Saints' School Room, every Monday (1st excepted) at 3 p.m.

#### OFFICERS.

<i>President</i> .....	Mrs. B. Brick, 210 Carlton Street.
<i>Vice President</i> .....	Mrs. J. Spence, 210 Sherbourne Street.
<i>Recording Secretary</i> .....	Mrs. Walker, 183 Sherbourne Street.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> .....	Mrs. R. Galley, 216 Berkeley Street.
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Mrs. E. Galley, 375 Parliament Street.

#### SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

<i>Literature</i> .....	Mrs. Walker, 183 Sherbourne Street.
<i>Railway and Jail</i> .....	Mrs. Risdon, 230 River Street.
<i>Fire Halls</i> .....	Mrs. T. Brick, 18 Gifford Street.
<i>The Press</i> .....	Mrs. Smith, 229 King Street East.
<i>Unfermented Wine</i> .....	Mrs. Walker, 183 Sherbourne Street.
<i>Woman's Journal</i> .....	Mrs. Norris, 358 Wellesley Street.
<i>Franchise</i> .....	Mrs. J. Spence, 210 Sherbourne Street.
<i>Health and Heridity</i> .....	Mrs. Lucas, 425 Wellesley Street.

The membership of this Union during the past year was 23. Nineteen meetings were held, each partly devotional; average attendance, 8.

We hold ourselves free for the District Devotional meeting 1st Monday of each month.

The work of the Union has been chiefly in the hands of the Superintendents of Railway, Jail, and Fire Halls. Their work will be reported in the proper place. The Union assisted in all the work accomplished by the District, and also provided the programme for one day at the tent, on the fair grounds.

Provincial affiliation fee, \$5.25; District affiliation fee, \$1.05; Three Honorary Members, \$3.00.

*Corresponding Secretary.*

LIST OF MEMBERS.—Mrs. Lucas, 425 Wellesley Street; Mrs. Spence, 210 Sherbourne Street; Mrs. Walker, 183 Sherbourne Street; Mrs. Brick, 212 Carlton Street; Mrs. Smith, 224 King Street East; Mrs. Norris, 338, Wellesley Street; Mrs. Packard, Mutual Street; Mrs. McLeod, 480 Euclid Avenue; Mrs. Crawford, 197 Seaton Street; Mrs. Self, St. James Avenue; Mrs. Brick, 18 Gifford Street; Mrs. Galley, 375 Parliament Street; Mrs. R. Galley, 216 Berkely Street; Mrs. Lumsden, 276 Queen Street East; Mrs. Hall, Dr. Temple's Hospital; Mrs. Angus,

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Meets every second and fourth Monday at 3 P.M., in N. W. Branch of Y. M. C. A.

OFFICERS.

*President* ..... Mrs. Gregg, 8 Madison Avenue.  
*1st Vice President* ..... Mrs. Wallace, 402 Huron Street.  
*2nd Vice President* ..... Mrs. Bastedo, 97 Robert Street.  
*Recording Secretary* ..... Mrs. Steele, 235 Huron Street.  
*Corresponding Secretary* ..... Mrs. Pease, 50 Major Street.  
*Treasurer* ..... Mrs. Moore, 137 Augusta Avenue.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

*Fair* ..... Mrs. Sinclair, 556 Spadina Avenue.  
*Journal* ..... Mrs. Whitecraft, 11 Orde Street.  
*Band of Hope* ..... Mrs. Dr. Chamberlain, 615 Spadina Avenue.  
*Headquarters* ..... Mrs. Henderson, 77 St. Patrick Street.  
*Press* ..... Mrs. Troutman, 463 Spadina Avenue.  
*Work among Lumbermen* ..... Mrs. Wallace, 402 Spadina Avenue.

We feel on entering on the fourth year of our existence as a Union, that we have lacked in the past in enthusiasm and zeal, and oftimes it has seemed that we were accomplishing very little in the grand cause for which we are banded together. Yet, we are part of one mighty procession, marching on to victory, and if we keep our eyes on our Leader, we shall gain courage and strength.

We have a membership of 28. Have held 20 meetings, including one Bible reading, with an average attendance of eight. We distributed literature at fire-hall, sent two bundles of papers, scrap books and leaflets to the lumber camp assigned us. We had an entertainment for Headquarters, and realized sixteen dollars. We also contributed a small amount for Mrs. Youmans. Our Band of Hope has held 22 meetings ; average attendance 14. At the last meeting of the Band, nineteen prizes were distributed. The ladies of the Union gave the Band a pic-nic, which was very enjoyable. Mrs. Dr. Baxter, with Mrs. Cowan, Evangelistic Superintendent, visited two schools. We take thirteen copies of the Journal.

Total receipts for the year \$51.82 ; expenditure \$51.43.

I. H. TROUTMAN.

LIST OF MEMBERS.—Mrs. Bastedo, 97 Robert Street ; Mrs. Beavers, 421 Spadina Avenue ; Mrs. Boyce, 16 Sullivan Street ; Mrs. Curzon, 5 Washington Avenue ; Mrs. Chamberlain, 615 Spadina Avenue ; Dr.

Stowe Gullen, 461 Spadina Avenue; Mrs. Gregg, 8 Madison Avenue; Mrs. Henderson, 77 St. Patrick Street; Mrs. Lillie, 36 Carlisle Street; Mrs. Mason, 74 Bellevue Avenue; Mrs. Milne, 11 Clarence Square; Mrs. Mcore, 137 Augusta Avenue; Mrs. MacGregor, 168 Brunswick Avenue; Miss McDonald, 247 Lippincott Street; Mrs. Parker, 152 Borden Street; Mrs. Pease, 50 Major Street; Mrs. Rutherford, 16 Sussex Avenue; Mrs. Rowley, Spadina Avenue, corner Oxford; Mrs. Steele, 235 Huron Street; Mrs. Settell, 629 Spadina Avenue; Mrs. Sinclair, 356 Spadina Avenue; Mrs. Troutman, 463 Spadina Avenue; Mrs. Wallace, 402 Huron Street; Mrs. Whitecraft, 9 Orde Street.

### BATHURST.

This Union meets in the little Hall, one door south of Queen Street, every Tuesday afternoon, at 3 p.m.

#### OFFICERS.

*President* ..... Mrs. Wm. Carlyle, 614 Spadina Avenue.  
*1st Vice President* ..... Mrs. Dr. Todd, 165 College Street.  
*2nd Vice President* ..... Mrs. Dearing, 97 Shaw Street.  
*3rd Vice President* ..... Mrs. Dr. Noxon, 334 Bathurst Street.  
*Recording Secretary* ..... Mrs. F. C. Ward, 12 Robinson Street.  
*Corresponding Secretary* ..... Mrs. Dr. Fraleigh, 598 College Street.  
*Treasurer* ..... Miss Maggie Carlyle, 186 Queen Street West.

#### SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

*Evangelistic* ..... Mrs. Gillings, 97 Strachan Avenue.  
*Sailors and Railway Work* ..... Mrs. Baker, 42 Tecumseth Street.  
*Band of Hope* ..... Mrs. Dr. Carlyle, 186 Queen Street West.  
*Soldiers Work* ..... Mrs. Dr. Todd, 165 College Street.  
*Sabbath School* ..... Mrs. Ward, 12 Robinson Street.  
*Fire Hall* ..... Mrs. Hay, 202 Farley Avenue.

In reviewing the year just closed, although we cannot record an increase in our members, still there is occasion for much gratitude to God for His abundant mercies to us as a Union. We have at present twenty-three members—an average attendance of ten. Eighteen business meetings were held during the last year. We have held four "At Homes," which we believe did much good. Proceeds in all amounting to \$36.60, also one Concert for the poor, realizing after all expenses \$42.00. We have assisted seven families in our ward, (also three families in other wards), with groceries, coal and money—the latter only being given to pay rent or to meet some needful expenses we knew of. In the Evangelistic department, we have distributed literature and succeeded in getting some of the pastors of the churches to deliver Temperance sermons. Worked in Municipal elections. A committee of six members organized for this work at the end of November, and divided the ward into six districts visited the women, who had the privilege of voting, leaving voters' cards. On election day we secured a

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hall for our committee, also two hacks beside those sent in by friends and provided lunch for our workers. We started out in good hope of placing our Temperance candidate at the head of the pole, but to our great disappointment we did not succeed. By circulating a petition we were successful in stopping a transfer of a shop license from Queen Street to Markham Street. Have distributed 2,000 pages of literature. For want of accommodation were not able to open our Band of Hope last year, but intend doing a good work in that direction this year. Twenty bouquets accompanied with jellies or some other little delicacies, have been distributed to the sick. The Fire Halls in our District have been faithfully visited every week, changing the literature and keeping the boxes looking neat. We have also paid off the balance on our organ, \$13.25, and find after all expenses have been paid up to date, a balance in our Treasurer's hand of \$16.40. In closing my report I might just say, that in looking over the past year the officers cannot help but feel that we might have done better work but this feeling should be an incentive, an encouragement for us to work harder next year.

During the past year God has seen fit in his wisdom to remove one of our members, Mrs. Willcock, after a long and painful illness.

Treasurer's Report—Money Received—From Socials, \$36.60; Concert, \$52.50; Members Fees, \$10.80. Total \$99.90. Expenditure—Given to the Poor, \$38.25; Organ, \$13.25; Ex. Delegate to Kingston, \$6.50; Affiliation Fees, \$5.00; Rent, \$5.00; Piano, \$3.00; Concert Expenses, \$10.50; Literature, \$2.00; By balance, \$16.40. Total \$99.90

May God's richest blessing be granted upon our faithful co-operation and mutual work the coming year.

CYNTHIA WARD,  
*Secretary.*

LIST OF MEMBERS.—Mrs. Carlyle, 614 Spadina Avenue; Miss Carlyle, 186 Queen Street West; Mrs. Wagner, 60 Sullivan Street; Mrs. Gillings, 97 Strachan Avenue; Mrs. Ruff, Temperance Mission Hall; Mrs. McDowell, 159 Dunn Avenue; Mrs. Baker, 42 Tecumseth Street; Mrs. Dr. Watson, 10 Euclid Avenue; Mrs. Hayes, 202 Farley Avenue; Mrs. Trent, 159 Bathurst Street; Mrs. Dr. Noxon, 334 Bathurst Street; Mrs. Dr. Frealeigh, 598 College Street; Miss Noble, 12 Robinson Street; Miss McGregor, 443 Bathurst Street; Mrs. Dr. Todd, 165 College Street; Mrs. F. C. Ward, 12 Robinson Street; Mrs. Williamson, 139 Grange Avenue; Mrs. Webber, Euclid Avenue Methodist Parsonage; Miss Smith, 401 Huron Street; Mrs. Taylor, 34 Phoebe Street; Mrs. Whetter, 911 Queen West; Mrs. Garbutt, 130 Bathurst Street; Mrs. Dearing, 97 Shaw Street.

DOVERCOURT.

This Union has had a number of removals during the year which has affected their work in some branches, but have distributed three thousand pages of literature. They commence the year with a membership of twelve.

OFFICERS.

- President* ..... Mrs. McLemard, 342 Ossington Avenue.
  - Vice President* ..... Mrs. Madill, 14 Shannon Street.
  - Secretary* ..... Miss Stanhouse, Delaware.
  - Treasurer* ..... Mrs. Smith, Westmoreland Avenue.
- MRS. J. C. MADILL.

CENTRAL "Y."

The Central Y. W. C. T. U. meet every first and third Wednesday of each month at Headquarters, 56 Elm Street, at 3.30 p.m.

OFFICERS.

- President* ..... Miss Tilley, 544 Spadina Avenue.
- Vice President* ..... Miss Skinner, Deer Park P.O.
- Corresponding Secretary* ..... Miss McConnell, 127 Bedford Road.
- Recording Secretary* ..... Miss E. Wills, 47 Pembroke Street.
- Treasurer* ..... Miss Clark, 600 Parliament Street.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

- Evangelistic* ..... Miss Agnew, 372 Shaw Street.
- Band of Hope* ..... Miss Corbett, 206 Elizabeth Street.
- Scientific Temperance* ..... Mrs. Berkinshaw, 76 McPherson Avenue.
- Press* ..... Miss W. M. Wills, 47 Pembroke Street.
- Journal* ..... Miss Teasdale, 68 Walton Street.
- Flower Mission* ..... Miss Macdonald, Oaklands.
- Parlour Meetings* ..... Mrs. Malcolm, 98 Church Street, Assistant.
- Headquarters Representative* ..... Miss Williamson, 21 Suffolk Place.
- ..... Miss Skinner, Deer Park P.O.

Number of meetings held during the year, twenty-two—thirteen business and nine devotional—with average attendance of eleven members. We have a membership of forty active and twenty-four honoraries who paid their fees.

Evangelistic work.—In addition to the regular monthly devotional meeting of the Union, held the third Wednesday of each month, the Golden League, a weekly class for colored young men and boys, meet every Tuesday evening and has resulted in much good. There are about twenty members with an average attendance of twelve. In this class the elementary branches of a plain education, singing, Scientific Temperance and the Scriptures are taught. All who signed the Pledge during the year have, with one exception, kept it,

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Scientific Temperance—Instruction in this subject has been given weekly during the school term, to a class of between forty and fifty girls and boys in the Elizabeth Street School, with highly gratifying results. At Christmas a written examination was held and two prizes given by the Union. The first prize for ninety-seven per cent. of the whole paper, and the second prize for eighty-five per cent.

Press—During the year five letters were sent to the *Woman's Journal*, Ottawa, and "locals" to the *Globe*, *Mail*, *Telegram*, *Empire*, *World* and *Evening News*.

Lumbermen's Work—Two camps were provided with literature as follows:—46 Papers, 24 Temperance Leaflets, 6 Methodist Magazines and 20 Scrap-books.

Parlor Meetings—An "At Home" was held for our Honorary members. The St. Catharines "Y's" were entertained at lunch on the occasion of their excursion to Toronto. Two lectures were given under our auspices and we assisted in taking charge of the Tent at the Exhibition on School Children's Day.

Flower Mission—Distributed during the year in the various institutions and hospitals of the city and among the sick poor who are known to us, Bouquets, with Scripture Text attached, 7,500; Plants, 20; Jellies, 550; Eggs, 50 dozen; Fruit, 25 baskets; Tea, 12 lbs., and other delicacies; also, 600 pages of Literature; 2 Rocking-chairs; Clothing, Bedding, &c. To fifteen families in need, at least 1,200 visits have been made and \$64 expended in the work of the mission. Instruction in Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, &c., has been given twice a week to the little ones in the Sick Children's Hospital, who greatly enjoy the visit of their teachers. Income from all sources during the year \$137.35.

E. WILLS,

*Recording Secretary.*

LIST OF MEMBERS, (active)—Miss Agnew, 372 Shaw Street; Miss Anderson, Victoria Street School; Misses Bennett, 95 Gerrard Street East; Mrs. R. Berkinshaw, 76 Macpherson Avenue; Miss Bolton, 630 Ontario Street; Miss Christie, 29 Sussex Avenue; Miss Clark, 600 Parliament Street; Mrs. A. R. Clarke, 37 Wilton Crescent; Miss Cook, 29 Park Road; Miss Corbitt, 206 Elizabeth Street; Miss Desbarres, 95 Bloor Street; Miss Elliott, Pembroke Street; Misses Howland, 69 Beverley Street; Miss How, 506 Church Street; Mrs. Jeffers, Rose Avenue; Miss Lay, 348 Jarvis Street; Miss Lumsden, Rosedale; Miss Lytle, 44 Anne Street; Miss W. Macdonald, Oaklands; Mrs. Malcolm, 89 Church Street; Miss McConnell, 127 Bedford Road; Miss McMillan, 107 Magill Street; Miss McMichael, 46 St. Patrick Street; Miss Manley, Deer Park P.O.; Miss Moore, 136 Jarvis Street; Mrs. McMichael, 71 D'Arcy Street; Miss Norris, Bolton, Ont.; Miss Parsons, Corner Yonge and Scollard Streets; Misses Rider, 48 Wellington Street; Misses Robinson, Box 49, North Toronto P.O.; Miss Rose, 280 Victoria Street;

Miss Shaw, 389 Markham Street ; Miss Saunders, Yorkville Avenue ; Misses Skinner, Deer Park P.O. ; Miss Smith, China Inland Mission ; Miss Swift, 53 Huntley Street ; Miss Teasdall, 68 Walton Street ; Miss Tilley, 544 Spadina Avenue ; Miss Tipling, 8 Gerrard Street West ; Miss Urquhart, 37 Avenue Road ; Misses Williamson, 21 Suffolk Place ; Misses Wills, 47 Pembroke ; Miss Wood, 3 College Avenue.

Honorary Members—Alex. Bell, 453 Euclid Avenue ; N. E. Bolton, 630 Ontario Street ; Lambert Bolton, 630 Ontario Street ; J. D. Edgar, Knox College ; A. E. Glew, 64 Churchill Avenue ; S. R. Hanna, 428 Yonge Street ; Dr. Henderson, 445 Yonge Street ; R. G. Kirby, 20 Balmuto Street ; Frank Procter, 453 Church Street ; J. E. Rider, 48 Wellington Street ; Mr. Shipe, 32 Lansdowne Avenue ; John Trethewey, Jr., Owen Sound ; W. E. Wheadon, Toronto Junction ; Rev. W. F. Wilson, 103 McCaul Street ; Dr. Wilson, 6 Yorkville Avenue.

GORDON "Y."

The Gordon "Y's" met in October, 1890, at the residence of the President, and organized for work.

OFFICERS.

*President*.....Miss E. S. Faircloth, 59 Bleeker Street.  
*Recording Secretary* ..... Miss Neale, 70 Salisbury Av.  
*Corresponding Secretary* .....Miss Neale, " "  
*Treasurer* .....Miss Sheppard, 546 Parliament Street.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

*Press* ..... Miss Barron, 10 Montague Place.  
*Kitchen Garden*..... Miss Keele, 576 Onrario Street.  
*Evangelistic* ..... Miss Cline, 160 Wilton Avenue.

It was decided to continue the Kitchen Garden Work in the Sackville Street Mission Hall. Two classes were formed, bringing about fifty girls under training. Each of these signed the Pledge during the year. Three Exhibitions of Kitchen Garden work were given.

The meetings of the Union were held fortnightly, and in addition to the work in the Mission Hall, four dollars (\$4.00) a month was contributed to the Creche, and an amount of Jelly given to the sick. Two successful parlor meetings were held.

The members wish to thank their Heavenly Father for the desire to work in His name, which led them to co-operate harmoniously, and for the successful results of the season's work.

Amount of money received, \$56.00 ; disbursed, \$55.85 ; balance, 15 cents.

Active members, 20 ; honorary, 7. Total 27.

Fees paid to Mrs. MacMath:—Provincial, \$5.00 ; District, \$1.00 ; for Reports, 70c. Total \$6.70.

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EVANGELISTIC.

In May, the District Union invited Miss Bertha Wright, so well and favorably known, to hold a series of afternoon and evening meetings, which were well attended and enjoyed by many. Your Superintendents visited and held Bible readings in the following Unions, viz., Eastern, Bathurst, Western, Willard, and twice in the Northern. The Central Union last fall engaged Mrs. Bradley, to give a series of Evangelistic and social purity addresses, though not so well attended as they would have wished, yet they did not regret the effort. The Western Union has held 17 Mothers' Meetings at which Bible Readings were given. Parkdale holds its usual Gospel Temperance meeting on Sabbath afternoon uniting with the Good Templars in this.

The Central "Y" held 7 devotional meetings, at which Bible Readings were given; in addition, Literature has been distributed weekly at the Firehalls by Mrs. Emory of the Central Union, also Parkdale and Eastern have distributed papers and literature (Willard.)

Mrs. A. M. Cowan,  
*Superintendent.*

WHITE SHIELD.

Number of Meetings held.....	8
Number of Addresses given.....	24
Signatures to the White Shield Pledge.....	152
Signatures to the White Cross Pledge.....	80
Signatures to the Daughters of the Temple.....	6
Pages of Literature Distributed .....	7,000

In reviewing this department of our work, for the past year, we believe, there are indications of increased interest in this movement, and many are beginning to realize as never before, that it is a work of purity, not impurity, and are desirous to know what is their duty, and are seeking light and strength from our Heavenly Father to perform it aright; bearing in mind, the truth of God's Word, as stated by James 3, 17: The wisdom that is from above, is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Should we not as members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions endeavor, to have society reach the Bible standard, of purity, purity of mind, life, and conduct. Purity may truly be said to be the Spiritual Magna Charta of Humanity; and owes it dazzling whiteness only to the combination in divinely adjudged qualities of the seven prismatic virtues Love, Faith, Hope, Justice, Courage Patience and Truth. The White Shield movement is designed to reach

the true basis of physical, moral, and spiritual, health, it comes with its pure specific, precept to supply what has been lacking in the training of our families. Sacred and beautiful, is its mission leading us to Christ; and accomplishing by organized effort that which some of us have been attempting to do silently and separately in our own homes.

We pray for wisdom Lord,  
Our families to guide;  
Within our house, around our board.  
Do thou, in love preside,  
We pray for help, O Lord,  
Our little ones to train,  
To shun each sinful act and word,  
And heavenly life, obtain.

MRS. W. L. SCOTT,  
*Suprerintendent.*

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### SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

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I regret exceedingly not being able to report a large amount of work done in Sabbath Schools; when we started out with the distribution of pledge books to the schools I hoped to be able to report large results, but am disappointed, that disappointment resulted, I have no doubt, largely through my enfeebled health which has prevented me from attending to the work in person. Pledge-books have been distributed to the following schools by the Central Union: Emmanuel Baptist, Bloor Street Baptist, Jarvis Street Baptist, Queen Street Baptist, (colored), Bond Street Congregational, Zion Congregational, Agnes St. Methodist, Elm Street Methodist, Central Presbyterian, Charles Street Presbyterian, Cooks Church Presbyterian, St. James Square Presbyterian, Mission Hall Union Mission, Chester Baptist Mission.

Some little time ago I sent a card to the Superintendent of each of these schools requesting them to report to me the number of children in such schools who had taken the pledge; and to the fourteen cards sent I have up to the present time received three replies, one report says 118 children pledged, one reports nothing done yet but promises to attend to it and advise me. I also sent my cards to all the Unions in the District asking them to report the Sabbath School work done by their respective Union, and to these I received three replies all saying nothing done and one reply saying that they had succeeded in having the temperance lesson taught in two schools. Thus far none of the Unions except the Central appear to have really taken up the Sabbath School work in earnest and from the responses given to the work of the central I am fully persuaded that if all the Unions would take up the work, appoint a superintendent and have pledge-books dis-

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MRS. HILBURN.  
*Superintendent.*

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## SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

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The work done under the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction since our last annual meeting is as follows :

The following schools were visited—Wellesley Street, Church Street, Victoria Street, Louisa Street, Phœbe Street and McCaul Street. Principals and Teachers were kindly agreeable. In Wellesley School, 12 classes were addressed upon the subject of Temperance and Purity. Mr. McDonald and Teachers are earnestly teaching temperance. They use a Yazy's Chart. There are three well filled Pledge-books in this School. In Church Street School, 6 classes were spoken to. Mr. Byfield complained of the meagreness of the Temperance Text-book. In Victoria Street School, 6 classes were addressed. There are some very enthusiastic temperance teachers here. In Louisa Street, all the scholars in the school listened to one of Mrs. Cowan's talks. In Phœbe and McCaul, all the Senior classes were addressed. Before we knew the decision of the School Managing Committee concerning special prizes, we purchased 12 books for prizes to scholars in Senior and Junior, 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes competing for W. C. T. U temperance essays. We waited upon School Board, who kindly acceded to our request, that we do as formerly, whereupon all arrangements were made for distribution of prizes as usual. Mr. Hughes informs me that because of some mistake the scholars did not write for our prizes. We wait now for the District W. C. T. U. to decide what shall be done concerning these books.

MRS. F. S. SPENCE,  
*Superintendent.*

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## SAILORS.

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The Superintendent made regular visits to four Steamboats during the season, and placed 1,200 tracts and papers in the boxes provided by the W. C. T. U.

MRS. EMORY,  
*Superintendent.*

## FRANCHISE.

The work of this department for the past year has not been fully reported, only a few items have come to hand. Some Unions (the number has not been given to me) did good work at the time of the Municipal Elections in order to secure the election of Temperance Aldermen into the City Council, this was effective in some cases. Copies of the Dominion W. C. T. U. petition to the Dominion Parliament were placed in the hands of each Union, but have not yet been called in, so that their success cannot be reported.

About 25,000 pages of Woman Suffrage Literature have been distributed throughout the city during the past year.

There has not been any special effort made last year in the way of having lectures or holding meetings in the interest of this department, but that the subject is growing in importance in the minds of thinkers is evident from the number of debates that are being held on this question, and the place that is being given to it on the platform by nearly all public speakers, on social problems.

MRS. JACOB SPENCE,  
*Superintendent.*

## LITERATURE.

*Central Union.*—At jail, 500 papers. Sailors and Fire Hall, 72 books, 40 tracts, 228 magazines. 604 papers to one Lumber Camp. Sent 11,035 leaflets and several parcels of literature to three other Camps. 1,000 leaflets, etc., distributed at Mercer.

*Western Union.*—At Fire Hall and Band of Hope, 5000 leaflets and tracts.

*Willard Union.*—Sent two large parcels and scrap book to Lumber Camp, also a number of tracts and leaflets to Fire Hall and 100 leaflets at entertainment.

*Gordon Union.*—To Railroads, Jail and Fire Hall 4,000 leaflets, &c.

*Central Y Union* has spent \$2.50 on Temperance Literature.

*Eastern Union* distributed 700 tracts and leaflets to Fire Hall, also sent 3 papers weekly by mail for year.

*Bathurst Union* have visited the Halls in their District weekly and changed the literature in the boxes, besides this, 25,000 leaflets and tracts have been donated and distributed in the interest of Franchise and other departments.

MRS. WALKER,  
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Your Superintendent has sent to the daily and weekly papers 45 locals during the year for District Union, and received reports from the following, viz: Gordon Y. W. C. T. U., 10 locals: Willard, 18; Central Y., 17; Parkdale, 13. Total 103.

MRS. COXHEAD,  
*Superintendent.*

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### FAIR WORK.

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Through the kindness of the managers of the Industrial Exhibition, space was again secured for our Tent within the grounds. The meetings were held every afternoon except two. Most of the Unions took the days allotted to them, and worked very energetically to make the meetings helpful to those attending. On Children's Day, we granted permission to the workers in the Fresh Air Fund for the children to pass through our Tent, so as to facilitate the distribution of the lunches. About 25,000 pages of literature were distributed, 70 signed the Temperance Pledge, 158 signed the White Shield Pledge, and 80 signed the White Cross Pledge.

We are much indebted to the Misses Joy, of Toronto Junction, for the Musical services rendered on Children's Day, also to Rev. W. F. Wilson, Rev. Dr. Galbraith, Rev. Mr. Hooper, Rev. Mr. Madill, Rev. Theo. J. Parr, Mr. Farley, Mr. J. Wardell, and others, for the helpful addresses they gave.

MRS. HUGHES,  
*Superintendent.*

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### "WOMAN'S JOURNAL."

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The number of Unions subscribing for the *Journal*, are 5; The Central, 21; Willard, 13; Northern, 13; Gordon, 12; and Central "Y's," 11. Total 70.

MISS WILLIAMSON,  
*Superintendent.*

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### FLOWER MISSION.

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This Mission meets every Thursday afternoon at 2.30.

During the past year the meetings have been held in the Mission Union Hall, Mission Avenue, where, through the kindness of Mr. How-

land, a room was set apart for our use on that day. Average attendance of workers 8.

One of the new features in our work has been the selecting and printing of our own texts. This we have been obliged to do owing to the difficulty we have had in securing suitable texts.

Three workers visit the General Hospital, and the wards there are wonderfully brightened by the little cluster of blossoms at each bedside. "Thank God for the flowers" one of the men said to us the other day.

The patients take good care of the texts, many of them taking them home when they recover. Many send them to friends, and so the good seed is scattered. We do not always know the result but we have this promise, "My word shall not return unto me void." When time permits we stay and read with the patients.

Three workers visit the sick in St. John's ward.

The Homes for aged women, on Elizabeth street and in North Toronto, have been visited by three other members.

Occasional visits have been paid to the Home for Incurables, but we have not enough workers to take up that regularly.

The work in the Children's Hospital is very interesting and the four who visit there, in addition to distributing the flowers, are teaching the children two days a week.

Some of the boys and girls are making wonderful progress and are studying history, geography, etc., books for the work being kindly furnished by the Hon. Minister of Education. The children are very anxious to have teachers, one little girl begged that she might have some one sent to teach her, she said, "I do want to be learned."

During the Summer the children were visited at the Lakeside Home, Mr. Doty, as usual, kindly granting us passes.

We have to thank several for sending flowers through the year, amongst whom, are Miss Skinner, Mrs. Stark, Messrs. Slight, Hill, Marshall, Cotterill, Fogarty, &c.

There has been distributed, very much of which no account has been kept, but our books show the following:—7,500 bouquets and texts, 550 glasses of jelly, 50 doz. eggs, 25 baskets fruit, 12lbs. tea, and other delicacies, 2 rocking-chairs, clothing, bedding, &c., to 15 families; and \$64.00 has been spent or used among the sick and for the relief of the poor.

Of this amount \$20.25 was generously contributed by the Central Methodist S. S., and the balance by friends of the work.

MISS C. COOK,  
*Superintendent.*

## KINDERGARTEN.

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which is really very good, Dovercourt being the only silent one, but of these ten, only two Unions are carrying on Bands of Hope. These are the Western, which has two, with a total membership of 600. It has weekly meetings, and has distributed 2,000 pages of literature. They teach the Temperance Catechism and have given prizes at Christmas. In addition to this, they have two teachers at the Baptist Band and three at the Methodist.

The Willard Band has had 22 meetings with an average attendance of fourteen. They also distributed prizes, nineteen being given for attendance and good conduct. They also had a pic-nic which was very enjoyable.

The Central "Y's" have continued the teaching in Miss How's school; between 40 and 50 children during the school term receiving Miss Wills' instruction with the greatest interest and attention. Prizes were given at Christmas for written examination, which is the true basis for the distribution of rewards, the 1st prize being given to one obtaining 97 per cent of the whole, and the second, 85 per cent. The answers were very original, and showed that the teaching had been thoroughly understood. They have unfortunately been unable to do any Kindergarten work, owing to lack of workers.

The only Kindergarten classes in our city have been carried on from October to April, by the Gorden "Y's"—48 were enrolled and the attendance was fairly good; 40 signed the pledge.

It has been decided by the Central "Y's" to begin a training class for the Kindergarten work as soon as possible. A suggestion has been made in connection with Band of Hope work, which I will refer to my successor, who may find it practicable, that is, that a monthly Normal class should be formed that should equip those interested in the young, but feeling that they do not know what to teach. That seems to be the regular excuse for neglecting Band of Hope work. Oh! I do not know how; I would not know what to teach.

Then, if we could but buckle the armor on to a staff of new workers and send them out to gather in the children from all quarters and teach those who are already gathered in our public institutions, much more would be done towards the education, which is to be the great lever to lift the liquor traffic from our midst.

E. L. SKINNER,  
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## CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

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As usual our society has been represented this year at many of the great conventions that lead the peoples' thought. During the convention of the National Teachers' Association, space was secured by your Superintendent, and tastefully decorated by some of our ladies, in the building where the exhibits from the different States of the Republic and Provinces of the Dominion were placed. The literature was furnished by the Dominion Union, and distributed by the Dominion Secretary and others.

Mrs. Cowan and the Superintendent conveyed sisterly greetings to the Congregational Woman's Missionary Society, and the Convention of "King's Daughters," and were warmly received. Mrs. Forster and Mrs. Scott represented us at the Council of the Dominion Alliance, then at the great "Woman's Congress," held in this city, October, 1890, the W. C. T. U. was represented by Mesdames Curzon, Hooker, Forster and Lucas. Mrs. Lucas read a short address, and a charming little poem written for the occasion by Mrs. Curzon.

M. McDONELL,  
*Superintendent.*

## FIRE HALLS.

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*Central.*—Supplied two Fire Halls regularly with literature.

*Gordon.*—One Fire Hall had papers and literature distributed to the men regularly.

*Parkdale.*—Distributed papers weekly to one Fire Hall during winter months.

*Bathurst.*—Visited the Fire Halls weekly in their locality and changed the literature in the boxes.

MRS. KING,  
*Superintendent.*

## LUMBERMEN.

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The Central Union has sent literature regularly to the men in camps, 4 large parcels were sent early in the season containing papers, magazines and books; then eight parcels weighing 5 lbs. each; one of our Unions sent all the year round to the Warren Company's Camp; in December 4 parcels were sent to Longford Lumber Company, and 1 to the McPherson Camp. In February, 5 parcels more were sent to these 2 camps. Some closed in the Spring, but literature has been sent all the year round to those camps that have been kept open. Dr Withrow and Mr. Massey have each, at their own expense, sent a large

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supply of literature. Willard Union, in the fall, sent 3 large parcels. In January, 1,677 papers; in May, 2,133 pages. Central "Y's" have sent 41 papers, 24 Temperance leaflets, 6 magazines and 20 Temperance books. Other Unions have also sent, but no report received. Prayer has gone with this literature that it may prove a great blessing to the men, and we know God's promise never fails.

MRS. LYTLE,  
*Superintendent.*

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The foregoing reports, do not by any means, show the amount of work done, as in many departments no report has been received from the Superintendent, but the work has been carried on most successfully.

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### HEADQUARTERS.

We have just taken possession of Headquarters, and hope to be able next year to report good work done. At present we are crippled by lack of money and therefore unable to open the Home for young girls as at first intended, but looking, praying and working for the means to accomplish this end, and while thanking our many friends who have aided us in the past, must appeal to them and others for further assistance, which if sent to any of the District Officers will be duly acknowledged.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR W. C. T. U. HEADQUARTERS.

COLLECTED BY MRS. W. H. PEARSON.

F. ....	\$20 00	G. Booth .....	1 00
W. H. Pearson.....	20 00	A Friend.....	1 00
Mrs. R. A. Reeve .....	10 00	A Friend .....	1 00
Brown Bros .....	10 00	A Friend .....	1 00
Robt. Walker & Sons .....	10 00	J. Lugsdin .....	1 00
Warren Bros. & Boomer.....	10 00	Miss McGuffin.....	5 00
J. Austin .....	5 00	Mrs. Patterson.....	10 00
W. A. Murray & Co. ....	5 00	Mrs. Cowan .....	20 00
Matthew Bros .....	5 00	Miss Inglis .....	1 00
Ryrie Bros .....	5 00	Per Mrs. McDonell .....	5 00
C. Rogers, Sons & Co.....	5 00	Mrs. Lyon.....	1 00
Swan Bros. ....	5 00	Per Mrs. Forster .....	5 00
James Scott & Son .....	5 00	Mrs. S. S. Martin .....	5 00
Jno. Catto .....	5 00	Mrs. Shortreed.....	20 00
A. J. Mason .....	5 00	Per Miss Watson .....	2 00
Mrs. R. S. Cuthbertson .....	5 00	Walker & Sons .....	5 00
Walter Sterling .....	5 00	J. Aikenhead .....	5 00
G. A. MacAgy.....	5 00	George A. Cox .....	20 00
Mrs. T. Berkinshaw .....	3 00	S. H. Blake, 2nd Instalment ...	10 00
H. H. H .....	3 00	A Friend .....	2 00
W. J. Hammond.....	2 00	Bathurst Union .....	3 50
A Friend .....	2 00	Gorden Union .....	11 00
Mrs. J. Ovens .....	1 00	Parkdale Union, Mrs. MacMath.	7 00
F. R. Varcoe .....	1 00	Northern Union, Mrs. Clark ..	3 00
F. T. Stubbs.....	2 00	Mrs. Ida Lynd, (Port Credit)....	5 00
Mrs. R. W. Lunt.....	2 00		

DONATIONS FOR HEADQUARTERS.

Elias Rogers, one ton of coal; Rufus Teskey, one ton of coal; Wm. Lent, one ton of coal; Western Union, thirty chairs; Mrs. E. L. Rutherford, Central, one breakfast set; Mrs. MacMath, one toilet set; Mrs. McDonell, two pillows, four pillow cases and four sheets; Mrs. Haight, two pillows, one bracket, antimacassar, &c.; Gowans, Kent & Co., five toilet sets; McKeown & Co., Goods (\$2); W. A. Murray & Co., two quilts; Kent Bros., silver forks; Scott & Co., Lace for curtains; E. M. Morphy, & Son, one dozen tea and one-half dozen desert spoons; E. Pott, pictures and vases; B. Fletcher, one-half dozen dust pans; W. R. Hoar, sundries; A. & S. 50c.; a friend, 25c.; J. Wanless. clock.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE TORONTO DISTRICT  
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ARTICLE I.

This organization shall be known as the Toronto District Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Union shall be :—

1. The centralization of the work of the various Toronto Local Unions for more effectively carrying out the objects for which they were formed.
2. Joint consultation and advice on plans for future work.
3. The formation of new Unions in the city, where it may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Union shall be :—President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot, after open nominations or informal ballot, at annual meeting. Presidents of Local Unions shall be Vice-Presidents *ex officio* of the District Union.

ARTICLE IV.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretaries, Treasurer, Presidents and Secretaries of Local Unions, and Superintendents of Departments, appointed by the District Union, five of whom, including the President and one of the Secretaries shall form a quorum. Should any of the representatives of Local Unions be unable to attend, that Union should appoint a substitute. This Committee shall have general management of affairs in the Union, and nominate Superintendents of Departments of work required in the city.

ARTICLE V.

The Annual Meeting shall be held in—(time and place to be settled at previous meeting of the Executive). The Executive shall meet monthly.

ARTICLE VI.

This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice having been given at the Executive meeting three months previous to the Annual.

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## BY-LAWS.

1. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings, have supervision of work in the city, organize new Unions, and issue calls for meetings, and, at the written request of eight members, call special meetings.
2. Vice-President shall assist in managing the work of the Union, and shall preside in the absence of the President.
3. Local Presidents shall assist in managing the work of the Union, and aim to create and stimulate interest in the same ; assist in organization, and preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President of the District.
4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, notify Local Unions of new branches of work ; secure reports of Corresponding Secretaries of Local Unions, from which she shall formulate a report for the Annual Meeting ; assist the President in preparing programme, etc., for the same ; and send Annual Report of the District Union to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary.
5. The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Union and of the Executive Committee, and keep a correct record of their proceedings ; and send to each member of the Executive Committee notice of such meetings. She shall apprise all members of committees of their appointment and duties ; notify the public of its meetings ; and file and sign all orders at the request of the President.
6. The Treasurer shall pay bills, on order of the President and Recording Secretary ; keep an exact book account, and present a monthly report of the same. She shall endeavor to secure contributions for District work ; collect unpaid affiliation District fees, and forward to the Provincial Treasurer the half-yearly affiliation fee received from Local Unions.
7. Superintendents of Departments shall advise and encourage each local Superintendent in the prosecution of her branch of work, subject to the approval of the Executive ; secure reports of same, and embody each separately in their representative reports to the Provincial Convention, giving each Union credit by name.
8. All members of Local Unions in the city of Toronto, affiliated with the District Union by the payment of five cents per member, shall be members of this Union, and have votes at the Annual Meeting. Every third monthly meeting is called "The Quarterly," and every member of the W. C. T. U. is privileged to attend.
9. Funds for carrying on the District work may be raised by any means determined on by the Executive.
10. These By-Laws may be amended at any Annual Meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice having been given at the previous Executive meeting.