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PROVINCES.	UNIONS.		ACTIVE MEMBERS.		FEES PAID DOM. W. C. T. U.	
	1894.	1895.	1894.	1895.	1894.	1895.
British Columbia . . .	7	11	500	544	\$25 00	\$27 20
Manitoba . . . . .	42	28	700	516	35 00	25 80
Maritime . . . . .	83	84	1500	1500	75 00	75 00
Ontario . . . . .	229	202	4614	4992	230 70	249 60
Quebec . . . . .	73	86	1907	1928	95 37	95 43
Local Unions N. W. Territories . . . . .	8	11	89	196	4 45	9 80
Totals . . . . .	442	422	9310	9676	\$465 52	\$483 83

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*Evangelistic Work*—Mrs. Young, 42 John Street, Victoria.

*Hospital Work*—Mrs. McNaughton, 34 Edmonton Road, Victoria.

*Young Woman's Work*—Mrs. Charles Schooley, Vancouver.

*Press Work*—Mrs. S. H. Brown, 800 Richmond Street, Vancouver.

*Juvenile and Kindergarten*—Miss Jane Brown, Box 935, Vancouver.

*Parlor Meetings*—Mrs. N. Shakespeare, Victoria.

*Flower Mission*—Miss Latham, New Westminster.

*Narcotics*—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, Box 385 New Westminster.

*Conference with Influential Bodies*—Mrs. (Rev.) Ladner, Chilliwack.

*Parliamentary Usage and School of Methods*—Mrs. Jenkins, 10 First Street,  
Victoria.

*Missionary Society*—Miss Bowes, 100 Cormorant Street, Victoria.

*Fair Work*—Mrs. McCraney, Hornby Street, Vancouver.

*Prison Work*—Mrs. Coulter, New Westminster.

*Social Purity*—Mrs. D. Spencer, Victoria.

*Coffee Houses*—Miss Shepherd, Victoria.

*Temperance Groceries*—Mrs. Sexsmith, Eburne, North Arm.

*Organizer*—Mrs. Spofford, Victoria.

OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND DELEGATES  
PRESENT AT ANNUAL MEETING,  
NOVEMBER 1895.

*Acting President*, Mrs. Todd.  
*Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Tilley.  
*Recording-Secretary*, Mrs. Rutherford.  
*Treasurer*, Mrs. Tilton.

*Ex-Officio Vice-Presidents.*

Mrs. Sanderson, Quebec.                      Mrs. Thornley, Ontario.  
Mrs. Woodbury, Nova Scotia.

*Ex-Officio Members of Convention.*

Miss McArthur, *Treasurer*, Ontario.  
Mrs. Cosford, *Recording-Secretary*, Ontario.  
Mrs. McLachlan, *Corresponding-Secretary*, Quebec.  
Mrs. Destin, *Recording-Secretary*, Quebec.  
Mrs. Leet, *Treasurer*, Quebec.

*Superintendents of Departments*

Miss Scott      Mrs. A. W. Strong.  
Mrs. Ure        Mrs. T. Moodie.  
Miss J. E. Dougal

*Ontario Delegates*

Mrs. Bascom, Toronto      Mrs. Gordon, Ontario  
" Holmes, London        Mrs. Gillies, Gananoque.  
" Thorp, Windsor        Mrs. Cowan, Gananoque  
" Donaldson, Ottawa      Miss Halfpenny

*Quebec Delegates*

Mrs. Middleton, Quebec	Mrs. Geggie, Quebec
" S. W. Foster, Knowlton	" Griffith Quebec
Miss Meiklejohn, Knowlton	" P. R. Millar, Quebec.
Mrs. Metcalf, Thurso	" Archibald Miller, Quebec.
" Fraser, Chatham	Miss Darlington, Quebec
" Bowman, Scotstown	Mrs. Armitage, Sherbrooke
" J. Ewing, Richmond	" Whitney, Quebec
Miss Castle, Stanstead	Miss Rolph, Quebec
Mrs. Spaulding, Stanstead	Mrs. Stobo, Quebec
" J. L. Jones, Quebec	Miss Morgan, Quebec

*New Brunswick Delegate*

Mrs. Emerson, Moncton.

*Fraternal Delegate*

Mrs. Reed, Vermont

*Pages.*

Miss Louisa Geggie	Miss Muriel Ryland
Miss Elsie Geggie	Master Harold Geggie

**LIFE MEMBER :**

Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, Westmount, Montreal.

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## INTERIM MINUTES OF DECISIONS BY CORRESPONDENCE.

JUNE, 1894.

The Sub-Executive unanimously agreed to appoint Miss Mary Scott, of Ottawa, to fill the vacancy in the delegation to the Prohibition Convention, to be held in Montreal, in July.

It was also agreed to authorize Miss Scott to bring Dominion literature to said Convention in case the Ontario Literature Department decided to have a table there.

As Mrs. Rutherford had charge of the work of preparing the Annual Reports, it was decided to ask her also to order the stationary needed for the use of the Executive Committee.

The letter prepared by the Corresponding Secretary in response to one from the President of British Columbia was read by the members and approved.

The President was authorized to secure needed substitutes in case vacancies occur in the delegation appointed to attend the Prohibition Convention.

JULY, 1894.

The Sub-Executive, authorized by voting papers, the following items :

1.—A letter from the Corresponding Secretary to the Superintendent of Railway Work, expressive of the good wishes of the General Officers, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. A. W. Strong.

2.—The insertion of the Dominion W.C.T.U. Directory in the *Woman's Journal* at the usual price, \$20.00 per year, in advance.

3.—The regulation that "Each Dominion Superintendent should send the President a copy of her Plan of work for the year before issuing it, and that all new measures of importance should be submitted to the Sub-Executive, before being urged on Provincial Superintendents."

4.—That Miss Cora Hind, of Winnipeg, be appointed Superintendent of Y. W. C. T. U. work for this year.

5.—That, as Mrs. Turnbull is unable to keep the Department of "Social Purity," Dr. Amelia Yeomans, of Winnipeg be asked to take it. That Mrs. Seymore, of St. John, N.B., be asked to take "Prison Work," Mrs. Cunningham, of New Westminster, B. C., the Department of "Foreign Work," etc., and that all vacancies yet unfilled or which may occur in the list of Superintendents, may be filled by the President and Corresponding Secretary.

SEPTEMBER, 1894.

Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, Corresponding Secretary of the National W.C.T.U. of the United States, having written to the President asking that a letter of greeting be sent from the Dominion Union to the National Convention to be held in Cleveland in November, it was decided by the Sub-Executive that the Dominion Corresponding Secretary should be authorized to prepare such a letter and send to Mrs. Woodbridge.

Mrs. Helen M. Barker, Treasurer of the National Union of the United States, having written to invite the Dominion Union to share with the World's and National W. C. T. Unions, and the British Woman's Temperance Association, in the expense of preparing a testimonial to Gen. Neal Dow, to be presented at the National Convention, the Sub-Executive decided that as a part of the World's W. C. T. U., the Dominion Union would be sufficiently represented in the matter.

At the request of the Superintendent of Franchise, the Sub-Executive voted to authorize her to endeavor to secure, at the next session of the Dominion Parliament, the presentation of the same petition for equal franchise that was used last year.

The Sub-Executive also authorized the Superintendent of Franchise to use the same wording for the petition to be signed by *men only*, as was used in last year's petition from the Dominion W.C.T.U.. The Saturday after New Year's day, having been suggested as a good time for the Crusade Membership Day, of the Juvenile Temperance Societies, the Sub-Executive voted that it be set apart for that purpose.

The Moral Reform Union, of England, having requested the officers of the Dominion Union to sign the sub-joined petition, the Sub-Executive authorized the desired signatures, and recommended that copies of the petition be also forwarded to Provincial Executives for similar action.

(Copy of Petition.)

#### MANIFESTO.

CIRCULATED BY THE MORAL REFORM UNION.

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LONDON, July, 1894.

"We accept with satisfaction the statement made by the Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, in his circular issued this year, that it is impossible to re-enact the Contagious Diseases (Woman's) Acts in the British Islands, and also the opinion expressed in the report of the Departmental Committee on the Indian Cantonments Acts, that those Acts are inconsistent with the decisions of the House of Commons and that they authorize practices which the Committee advises should be made penal in India.

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Having learned with great grief and regret of the death of Mrs. Fawcett, a former Dominion President, the President was authorized to send a letter of condolence to Rev. Mr. Fawcett, in the name of the General Officers.

With regard to a letter from the president of the Ontario W.C.T.U. inquiring if the Dominion Union could decide about the purchase of the Ontario Literature Department before the Ontario Conventions, the Sub-Executive voted that as no official action, had, as yet, been taken by the Provincial Union, the matter must be held in abeyance until after the Ontario Convention.

#### DECEMBER, 1894.

At the request of the Editor of the *Union Signal*, Mrs. Margaret Ure, of Montreal, was re-appointed Official Reporter to the *Union Signal* for the Dominion W.C.T.U.

A letter having been received from Mr. Carson, Secretary Quebec Branch of the Dominion Alliance, asking the Dominion Union, if possible, to send a representative to a meeting to be held in Montreal, December 27th and also to prepare a resolution with regard to the dismissal of the President of Brome County Alliance from the employment of the C.P.R. the General Officers adopted the following resolution.

*Resolved*—That the General Officers of the Dominion W.C.T.U. have learned with surprise and regret that Mr. W. W. Smith, of Sutton Junction, P.Q., President of Brome County Alliance, has been dismissed from his position as an agent of the C.P.R. because of his advocacy of the cause of Temperance. They desire hereby to place on record their sense of the injustice of such a dismissal for such a cause, and to express their sympathy with Mr. Smith in the trying circumstances in which he is placed."

(The resolution was forwarded to the meeting but the great storm prevented the attendance of any representative.)

#### JANUARY, 1895.

The Sub-Executive unanimously decided to authorize the Treasurer to pay the bill for printing the Franchise Petition, now being prepared by the Superintendent of Franchise.

*Also*—To endorse the "Call to prayer" issued by the W.W.C.T.U., Superintendent of Evangelistic Work and to request the Dominion Superintendent to do all in her power to obtain the observance of May 18th and 19th, the days mentioned in the "Call."

Regarding the methods of appointing delegates to the World's W.C.T.U. Convention to be held in London, Eng., in June, 1895, the following resolution was adopted.

*Resolved*—"That the delegates to the Convention of the World's W.C.T.U. to be held in London, England, shall be appointed in the following manner. Each Provincial Executive shall be invited to nominate before March 15, 1895, as follows, Ontario, 3; Quebec, 2; Maritime, 2; Manitoba, 1; British Columbia, 1. Delegates thus nominated shall be credentialed by the Dominion W.C.T.U., but nominations from provinces will only be received up to March 15th, after that date the President and Corresponding Secretary shall have power to fill vacancies to the best of their ability."

FEBRUARY, 1895.

"In compliance with the request of the Ontario Provincial Union to appoint a valuator to represent the Dominion W.C.T.U. in appraising the stock of the Ontario Literature Department, the Sub-Executive unanimously appointed Mr. James Ogilvy, of "Durie and Son," Ottawa.

MARCH, 1895.

When the Plan of Work Committee reported, during the last afternoon of our last Convention, it made among others, the following recommendation, "That the Dominion Convention be held in the fall, after the Provincial Conventions." See Report, page 110, number 23.

This was unanimously adopted by Convention. See Report, page 34, paragraph 4. At the same time some doubt being expressed as to the legality of so great a change. The President was asked (after the Act of Incorporation should be signed) to seek legal advice. The same lawyer who assisted in securing the act has been consulted, Mr. Leet, of the firm of McLaren, Leet and Smith. The following is his reply.

MONTREAL, 14th FEB., 1895.

DEAR MRS. WILLIAMS,

Referring to your inquiry as to whether your Executive can give effect to the recommendation of the Committee on the Plan of Work, "That the Dominion Convention be held in the Fall, after the Provincial Conventions," I beg to say:

Inasmuch as by Article 5 of Constitution the Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place as shall be decided by the Executive Committee. That would not mean, however, that the Executive could act in an arbitrary or whimsical manner and plan the Convention so early or so late as to really not fulfil the purpose of an Annual Convention. If the change proposed was intended to be for one year only, it would certainly require some very good reason to justify a delay of five or six months. In the present case as it seems to have been the wish of the Convention and that the change would be permanent, I have no doubt the Executive would be justified in carrying out the recommendation of the last Convention as expressed by adopting the report.

Very Truly Yours,

(Signed) SETH P. LEET.

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The vote of the full Executive sustained the recommendation of the Plan of Work Committee. "That Dominion Convention be held in the Fall after Provincial Convention" by a vote of 30 to 4.

Also—The full Executive unanimously empowered the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Dominion Union, with the President of the entertaining Union, (Quebec) to arrange as to the exact dates of Convention. And that the same three ladies, serve as the Committee for Arrangements for Convention.

APRIL, 1895.

The Sub-Executive unanimously agreed to the purchase of the Ontario Literature Stock on the following basis. The Dominion Union to pay cash down \$132.80, the balance in three years time *without interest* in annual instalments. The purchase to date from March 1st, the time of the valuation of the stock. The Sub-Executive decided to leave the stock in Ottawa till Convention should meet, with Miss Scott as custodian (with her consent) and that a salary at the rate of \$100.00 per annum should be paid for the care of it.

Owing to the sudden death of our dearly loved President, the Secretaries had not time to consult with the Sub-Executive as to a floral offering for the funeral but ordered by telegram a pillow, costing \$15.00 Their action was sustained by the General Officers and the amount ordered to be paid out of the Dominion Treasury, thus making it a gift of the whole Union.

The Sub-Executive requested the Corresponding Secretary to draw up a Resolution to be sent to Mr. Williams, expressing our deep sense of loss, and extending to him our heartfelt sympathy.

A letter from the "King's Daughters" having been received expressing sympathy with the Dominion Union in the loss of our President, the Sub-Executive authorized the Corresponding Secretary to reply on behalf of our Dominion Union.

Mr. Ramsay having sent \$25 to pay for a Life Membership in the Dominion Union, it was unanimously agreed by the Sub-Executive, That as our Constitution does not provide for such membership, steps should be taken at the next Convention to provide for Life Membership.

By vote of the Sub-Executive, Mrs. Rutherford was appointed on the Convention Program Committee.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD

*Recording Secretary.*

QUEBEC, Nov. 14, 1895.

The Executive Board of the Dominion W.C.T.U. met at 7.30 p. m. in the parlour of the Y.M.C.A.

Acting President, Mrs. Todd, in the chair. After singing a verse of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," the 121st Psalm was read and prayer was offered by Mrs. Todd, all uniting in the Lord's Prayer.

Answering to the roll call there were present :

Mrs. Todd, Acting President.

Miss Tilley, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Rutherford, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Tilton, Treasurer.

Mrs. Thornley, President, Ontario.

Mrs. Sanderson, President, Quebec, and Miss Scott, Mrs. Ure, Mrs. A.W. Strong, Mrs. T. Moodie, Miss J. E. Dougal, Superintendents of Departments.

The Interim Minutes of decisions by correspondence were read by the Recording Secretary and adopted on motion of Mrs. Thornley.

The program was then considered. Miss Tilley stated that arrangements had been made for holding a Mass Meeting of children, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, too late to be put in the program, but most of the Sabbath Schools were withdrawing their sessions for this purpose. It was arranged that Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Woodbury and Mrs. Gordon give short addresses and that Mrs. Distan be asked to arrange for the music, On motion of Mrs. Sanderson, the program as printed was adopted, subject to necessary alterations.

The Convention Committee were then nominated as follows :—

CREDENTIALS—

Miss Tilley and the Provincial Presidents.

COURTESIES—

Mrs. Geggie, Mrs. Middleton.

FINANCE—

Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Strong and one to be named by the Quebec Union.

On Motion of Mrs. Rutherford, seconded by Miss Scott, Miss Dougal and Miss Thornley were appointed a Committee to formulate a plan of appeal in behalf of a Youman's Fund and submit to the Executive.

On motion the Board rose.

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## MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DOMINION W.C.T.U.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING.

QUEBEC, Nov. 15th, 1895.

CONVENTION.

The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Dominion W.C.T.U. convened in the Y.M.C.A. Hall at 9.30 a.m.

Convention was called to order by Acting President, Mrs. Todd, who conducted devotional exercises. Mrs. Rutherford, Miss Tilley, and Mrs. Tilton assisting.

The Recording Secretary called the roll of officers when eleven responded.

The interim minutes of decisions by correspondence, were read and on motion of Mrs. Foster, P. Q. were adopted. Also the minutes of Executive which were held last night.

Mrs. Middleton wished to be excused from acting on the Courtesy Committee as she could not be present through all the meetings but at the request of Convention allowed her name to stand, Mrs. Griffith of Quebec being added.

The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Mr. Williams, of Montreal in reply to the resolution sent him, of sympathy, when our beloved President was called *home*.

A letter of greetings was read from Mrs. Ruttan, President of Manitoba W.C.T.U. Mrs. Thornley moved that the Corresponding Secretary reply to all greetings received during Convention. This was seconded and carried.

Miss Elsie and Master Harold Geggie were introduced as pages.

The Plan of Work Committee was appointed as follows :—

Miss Cosford, Ontario.

Mrs. Bascom, Ontario.

Mrs. J. Ewing, Quebec.

Miss Castle, Quebec.

Mrs. Woodbury, Nova Scotia.

Resolution Committee—

Mrs. Gordon, Ontario.

Miss MacArthur, Ontario.

Mrs. Metcalf, Quebec.

Mrs. Spaulding, Quebec.

Mrs. Emmerson, New Brunswick.

Reports of Departments were then taken up.

*World's Missionary Work.*—Miss Bowes, B. C. Superintendent, was read by Miss Tilley and on motion accepted.

*Sailors, Fishermen and Lighthouse Keepers*—Mrs. Whitman, N. S., Superintendent, was read by Mrs. Woodbury and on motion accepted.

*Unfermented Wine.*—Mrs. C. W. Strong, P. E. I. Superintendent, was read by Miss Cosford and on motion accepted.

*Soldiers and Volunteer Camps.*—As there was no Superintendent for this Department. The Corresponding Secretary had kindly gathered a report from the Provinces that carry on the work. This was received and permission given to condense it for printing. Permission was given to add several items to the various reports read.

A letter of greetings was read from Mrs. Livingston, an Ontario delegate, regretting that at the last moment she was prevented from coming by urgent business.

Mrs. Foster, P. Q., read an excellent paper on "Literature as a Department Help" which had been sent by Mrs. Parker, Winnipeg.

At 11.15 Mrs. Distin, Quebec, gave a Bible Reading. Mrs. Gordon leading in prayer at the noon-tide hour.

A telegram of greetings was read from Mr. J. Hale Ramsay. Mrs. Gordon, Ontario, moved, Mrs. Middleton, Quebec, seconded—That a telegram be sent Mr. Ramsay expressing our thanks for his kind thought and extending a cordial welcome, should he be able to visit us in Convention.

On motion, Convention adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

#### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

EXECUTIVE, 1 p. m.

Mrs. Todd in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Miss Dougal.

The Committee *re* "Youman's Fund" reported as follows. "We would recommend that there be formed a Standing Committee, whose business would be to notify, each year, the President of each Province shortly before the Annual Meeting of that Province of the "Youman's Fund," making suggestions that from time to time, may seem necessary.

It is suggested that each Province be recommended to send their monies to their Provincial Treasurer, and that she hold such in a separate fund, notifying the Dominion Committee of the amount and holding it subject to their call. Further—that the Committee be requested to draw upon these funds in sums proportionate to the numerical strength of each Provincial Union, and that Mr. Loudon receive all orders for money from the Dominion Committee, but that the drafts come from the Provincial Treasurer to Mr. Loudon.

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Recommended, that the Dominion Committee consist of Miss Tilley and Mrs. Rutherford of Toronto.

(Signed) J. E. DOUGAL.  
MAY R. THORNLEY.

The report was approved by the Executive.

Miss Dougal, moved, Mrs. Thornley seconded—That the Acting President send a telegram, expressive of the love and sympathy of the Dominion Union, to Miss Francis Willard, President of the World's W.C.T.U.

The Committee then rose.

CONVENTION, 2 p. m.

Mrs. Sanderson, President of Quebec Provincial Union conducted devotional exercise. After which, Mrs. Todd took the chair and the minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved. The minutes of Executive held at noon were also read and on motion of Mrs. Foster, Quebec, seconded by Miss Cosford, Ontario, were adopted.

Miss Tilley read a letter from our beloved Honorary President, Mrs. Letitia Youmans. Mrs. Middleton, Quebec, moved, Mrs. Emmerson, N. B. seconded, that a telegraphic message be sent in reply. This was carried by Convention rising.

Miss Lois Geggie was introduced as a page.

Mr. C. T. Williams, Montreal, was introduced by Mrs. Todd as our "Brevet Comrade," and warmly welcomed by Convention. Mr. Williams brought with him a beautiful portrait of our *promoted leader*, which was placed immediately behind and above the presiding officer's chair and wreathed with ivy, beside it stood a vase tied with the white ribbon, filled with beautiful white chrysanthemums, the thoughtful gift of Mrs. Holmes, of London, an Ontario delegate.

The Annual Report of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Tilley, was then presented, and on motion of Mrs. Sanderson, Quebec, adopted.

*Report of Northwest Territories.*—Mrs. C. A. R. Macdonald, Edmonton, Alberta, Superintendent, was read by Miss Tilley and adopted.

Mrs. Tilton presented her report as Treasurer, which on motion of Mrs. Thornley, Ontario, seconded by Mrs. Foster, Quebec, was adopted with thanksgiving. Mrs. Ewing, Quebec, sang the White Ribboner's favorite "Some Glad Day."

*Peace and Arbitration.*—Mrs. M. McDonell, Toronto, Ont., Superintendent, was read by Mrs. Rutherford and accepted.

*Legislation and Petitions.*—Mrs. Rockwell, Picton, Ont., Superintendent, was read by Mrs. Geggie. Mrs. Rutherford moved, Mrs. Foster seconded, that the part referring to Ontario be revised by the officers present, as an important gain made during the year was omitted. With this provision the report was accepted.

*Scientific Temperance Instruction.*—Mrs. Noyes, Cowansville, Quebec, Superintendent was read by Mrs. Geggie. On motion it was referred back to Mrs. Noyes, with the request that she embody the report from Ontario in it.

*Foreign Work.*—Mrs. Parker, Winnipeg, Man., Superintendent, was read by Miss Tilley and accepted.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Cavers, Galt, Ontario, Superintendent of Sabbath Observance. Also a message that Dr. Amelia Yeomens, of Winnipeg, was unable to come after all her arrangements had been completed to attend Convention.

The Doxology was sung and Convention adjourned to meet at eight o'clock, in the Methodist Church.

#### EVENING.

This meeting was held in the Methodist Church. Mrs. Todd presiding.

Opening exercises consisted of singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Scripture lesson by Rev. Mr. Day and prayer by Rev. Mr. Mansell.

A warm address of welcome was given Convention by Mrs. Middleton, Honorary President of Quebec Provincial Union, on behalf of the City Union and the Province.

Miss Tilley in a very happy strain responded on behalf of Convention. Rev. Mr. Day, pastor of the Baptist Church and Rev. Mr. Mansell, pastor of the Methodist Church, extended cordial greetings on behalf of their respective churches. Mrs. Thornley responded to their kindly words.

Mr. C. T. Williams, of Montreal, gave an address which came to us like a benediction from our beloved President gone home.

After the collection was taken Mrs. Todd gave a short but graphic account of the meeting of the World's W.C.T.U. in London, Eng., last June.

Excellent music was provided by the choir of the church, a very beautiful solo being sung by Mrs. Russell.

After singing the Doxology, the meeting adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9.30 a. m.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING.

CONVENTION, Nov. 16, 1895.

Mrs. Todd in the chair.

Mrs. Thornley conducted devotional exercises.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Miss Muriel Ryland was introduced as a page.

The Credential Committee presented the following as a partial report.

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*Woman's Journal* Ottawa, and on motion *Literature Depository* and on motion accepted. Convener, was also read.

*Juvenile and Sunday School* Superintendent, was read and on motion referred to the

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Mrs. Read, President, fraternal delegate from with the Chautauqua of the National Union motion of Mrs. Foster. Read was made an hour

*Narcotics.*—Mrs. Cosford, and on motion Work Committee.

*Railway Employes* Strong, Montreal, and Mrs. Moore of E was introduced.

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*Woman's Journal* report was given by the Superintendent, Miss Scott, Ottawa, and on motion accepted.

*Literature Depository* was reported by the custodian, Miss Scott, Ottawa, and on motion accepted. Report of Literature Committee, Mrs. Todd, Convener, was also read by Miss Scott and accepted.

*Juvenile and Sunday School Work*.—Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton, N. B. Superintendent, was read by Mrs. Emmerson, and adopted. The suggestions in it being referred to the Plan of Work Committee.

Mrs. Todd, read a letter just received from our honored and beloved World's President, Miss Willard, which was received with much enthusiasm.

Mrs. Read, President of Vermont State W.C.T.U., was introduced as a fraternal delegate from the National Union of the U. S. Mrs. Read was greeted with the Chautaugua Salute. In a few words Mrs. Read presented the greetings of the National Union and expressed her personal pleasure at being present. On motion of Mrs. Foster, Quebec, seconded by Mrs. Middleton, Quebec, Mrs. Read was made an honorary member of Convention.

*Narcotics*.—Mrs. Wright, London, Superintendent, was read by Miss Cosford, and on motion accepted. The suggestions being referred to the Plan of Work Committee.

*Railway Employees* was reported by the Superintendent, Mrs. A. W. Strong, Montreal, and on motion accepted.

Mrs. Moore of England, an earnest Christian worker among young women, was introduced.

The Bible Reading at 11.30 was given by Mrs. Bascom, Toronto.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Montaeal *Witness*, on motion of Mrs. McLachlan, Quebec, seconded by Mrs. Ewing Quebec, for a parcel of the *Daily Witness* sent to Convention.

On motion Convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

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#### SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

EXECUTIVE, 1.15.

Mrs. Todd in the chair.

Miss Dougal moved, Mrs. Rutherford seconded—That an Appropriation Committee be appointed. Carried.

Mrs. Thornley, Ontario, Mrs. Foster, Quebec, Mrs. Woodbury, N. S., were nominated as such Committee.

Mrs. Todd read a letter she had received from Miss Rosina Smith, with reference to a Sailors' Rest at Vancouver. On motion of Mrs. Sanderson it was decided to ask Mrs. Todd to reply stating that the Dominion Union could not

take action on personal appeals and think all such appeals as the one referred to should come through Provincial Unions.

Miss MacArthur, Ont., and Mrs. Leet, Quebec, were appointed a committee to award the prize banner.

A new Department, that of "Systematic Giving," was unanimously recommended.

On motion the Committee rose.

CONVENTION, 2 p.m.

Mrs. Todd in the chair. The opening prayer was offered by Miss Meiklejohn. The minutes of the morning meeting were read and confirmed.

Minutes of Executive held at noon were read and on motion of Mrs. Sanderson were confirmed.

On motion of Mrs. Geggie, the thanks of Convention were tendered to the *Daily Telegraph*, Quebec, for a number of copies of the paper sent to Convention.

*Report of Flower Mission*—Mrs. Fotheringham, Toronto, Superintendent, was read by Mrs. Rutherford, and on motion adopted, the suggestions being referred to the Plan of Work Committee.

*Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion* was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Todd, and on motion adopted.

*Evangelistic*.—Mrs. Morrison, Owen Sound, was read by Mrs. Gordon and adopted. Rev. Mr. Bruneau, French Protestant Clergyman was introduced.

*Kilchen Garden*.—Miss Faircloth, Toronto, Superintendent, was read by Miss Meiklejohn and adopted, and the suggestions referred to the Plan of Work Committee.

*Parlour Meetings*.—Mrs. Wheeler, Paris, Superintendent, was read by Miss MacArthur, and adopted.

*Temperance Grocery Work* was read by the Superintendent, Miss Dougal, Montreal, and on motion adopted and resolutions offered by Miss Dougal referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

*Houses of Entertainment and Coffee Houses* was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Moodie, Montreal, and adopted.

*Press* was read by the superintendent, Mrs. Ure, Montreal, also her report as Official Reporter for the *Union Signal*. Both were adopted.

Mrs. Armitage of Sherbrooke was introduced. Miss Rolf of Quebec, favored us with a solo, which was sweetly sung.

*Heridity and Health*.—Mrs. S. J. Craig, Compton, Superintendent, was read by Miss Tilley and adopted. Our old friend, "Miss Arena," was present with a full suit of health undergarments on and the members of Convention were invited to inspect them at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Thornley, then gave notice of motion as follows. "I hereby give notice that I, or some one in my place, will move at next Convention, that the following Amendment be made to the Constitution—That if within three months

after the close of Convention shall be inefficient or for any cause be inefficient or for any cause or Superintendency thereof shall be empowered to award the prize banner." Mrs. Armitage favored us with a solo, which was sweetly sung.

*Exhibitions and Fairs* was read by Miss MacArthur. Tilton, it was referred to for 1895 with it.

Rev. Mr. Noble, of Montreal, was introduced.

The following Resolutions were adopted: The Woman's work for women in all Woman's organizations and Unions have heard with interest of the work of the Union, whereby a poor woman's Hospital, and a large measure of success.

*Resolved*—That we recommend the Institution to do so." This was seconded.

Mrs. Emma Fowler, of the Evangelistic Training School, was introduced. On motion of Mrs. Todd, she was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

*Report of the Y. W. C. A.* was read by Miss Tilley. It embodied the report of the Y. W. C. A.

A loving message was read by Mrs. Foster, and on motion adopted.

*Report of France* was read by Mrs. Strong and on motion adopted.

Announcements were made for Monday at 9.30 a.m. singing the Doxology.

Mrs. Todd in the chair. The opening prayer was offered by Miss Meiklejohn.

after the close of Convention any Officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient or for any cause unable to perform the duties of her position the office or Superintendency thus held shall be considered vacant and the Sub-Executive shall be empowered to fill the place.

Mrs. Armitage favored us with the sweet White Ribbon song, "Some Glad Day."

*Exhibitions and Fairs.*—Mrs. Rugg, Stanstead, Superintendent, was read by Miss MacArthur. As the report was only for 1894, on motion of Mrs. Tilton, it was referred back to Mrs. Rugg with the request to embody the reports for 1895 with it.

Rev. Mr. Noble, of Trinity Church, Quebec, was introduced.

The following Resolution was moved by Mrs. Thornley — Whereas—Woman's work for woman requires and should receive the heartiest support of all Woman's organizations. Therefore, Resolved—That, we as a Dominion Union have heard with pleasure of the scheme proposed by the Toronto District Union, whereby a portion of their Head-quarters shall be converted into a Woman's Hospital, and would express our hope that the blessing of God and a large measure of success shall follow the enterprise. Further—

*Resolved*—That should we as Dominion workers have opportunity to recommend the Institution to patients going to Toronto it will be our pleasure to do so." This was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Emma Fowler Willing, New York, World's Superintendent of Evangelistic Training Schools, was introduced as the guest of Convention.

On motion of Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs Willing was made an honorary member of Convention.

*Report of the Y. W. C. T. U.*—Miss Hind of Winnipeg, Superintendent, was read by Miss Tilley. on motion of Mrs. Bascom, this was also referred back to embody the report of 1895.

A loving message from Mrs. Cunningham of B. C. was read by Mrs. Todd.

*Report of Franchise.*—Mrs. Edwards, Ottawa, Superintendent, by Mrs. Foster, and on motion was accepted.

Mrs. Strong read a resolution which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Announcements were made and Mrs. Ewing moved that we adjourn till Monday at 9.30 a.m. This was seconded and carried. The meeting closed by singing the Doxology.

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### THIRD DAY—MORNING.

CONVENTION, Nov. 18th, 1895.

Mrs Todd in the chair, who conducted devotional exercises, Miss Dougal leading in prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter of greetings were read from Mrs. Spofford, President of the B. C. Union.

The Recording Secretary called the roll of officers, members and delegates present, forty responded to their names.

Mrs. Read, fraternal delegate from the U. S. was invited to a seat on the platform.

The report of the Appropriation Committee was then read as follows.—  
“Recommended, 1st. That each Superintendent be allowed to draw upon the treasury up to the limit of \$5.00 if Department requires it.

2nd. That the grant of \$20.00 hitherto given to the Recording Secretary be withdrawn, and that the compiling of reports be placed in the hands of Corresponding Secretary to whom a grant of \$100, paid quarterly, shall be made.

3rd. That in view of the additional work that is likely to fall on the Superintendent of “Legislation and Petitions” an additional amount of \$5.00 be allowed her.

4th—That the salary of the Custodian of the Literature Department be \$100.00.

Mrs. Thornly, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Woodbury, Committee with Mrs. Tilton Advisory Member.

Mrs. Thornley moved the adoption of the report. It was seconded and carried. Preparatory to the election of officers Mrs. Read lead in prayer.

Mrs. Todd appointed the following tellers: Mrs. Leet, Quebec; Mrs. Holmes, Ontario; Mrs. Castle, Quebec; Miss MacArthur, Ontario.

Before proceeding with the election Mrs. Todd spoke feelingly in thanking the ladies for personal kindnesses shown during the past year, at a time when it was most needed. While it seemed wise for the present that she should reside in Boston, yet she hoped, at no distant day, to come back to Canada, where she had been born into the W.C.T.U. and always intended retaining her membership here.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, Toronto.

Vice-President-at-Large, Dr. Amelia Youmans, Winnipeg.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Julia Tilley, Toronto, (re-elected.)

Recording Secretary, Mrs. McLachlan, Montreal.

Treasurer, Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa, (re-elected).

Mrs. Geggie moved, Mrs. Distin seconded—That a telegram be sent Dr. Yeomans conveying the information of her election and congratulations thereon. Carried.

The following Resolution was moved by Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Mrs. Middleton, and carried by Convention rising—

“That the thanks of this Convention be extended to our retiring Vice-President-at-Large, not only for her services as Vice-President of the Dominion

W.C.T.U., but for her loyalty that position in the midst of regrets that Mrs. Todd is leaving W. C. T. U of Canada, do rest upon her and her daughter.

Mrs. Armitage, Sherbrooke, “Naomi,” after which Mrs. Todd led in the noon-tide prayer.

Announcements were made 2 p.m.

Mrs. Todd presided. Miss Tilley read and held the next meeting of received with thanks and (tution) to be decided late.

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W. C. T. U., but for her loving work as acting President, especially when called to that position in the midst of deep bereavement. That while this Convention regrets that Mrs. Todd is leaving Canada for the United States, the sisters of the W. C. T. U. of Canada, do continue to pray that God's own, sweet blessing may rest upon her and her daughter in their new sphere of work."

Mrs. Armitage, Sherbrooke, then rendered beautifully, the solo, "Ruth and Naomi," after which Mrs. Willing gave a Bible Reading and at twelve o'clock led in the noon-tide prayer.

Announcements were made and on motion Convention adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

### THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

#### EXECUTIVE, 1 p. m.

Mrs. Todd presided and Mrs. Sanderson opened the meeting with prayer.

Miss Tilley read an invitation from the Toronto District W. C. T. U. to hold the next meeting of the Dominion Union in that City. The invitation was received with thanks and left with the Executive (as provided by the Constitution) to be decided later.

Superintendents of Departments were nominated as follows.—

N. W. Territories—Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, Edmonton, Alberta.

Conference with Influential Bodies—Sub. Executive.

Peace and Arbitration—Mrs. R. McDonnell, Sunnyside, Toronto Ont.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Phillips.

Hereditry and Health—Mrs. S. J. Craig, Compton, Que.

Purity—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster.

Evangelistic—Wm. Gordon, Ottawa.

Foreign Work—Mrs. Kate E. Parker, Winnipeg.

Exhibitions and Fairs—Mrs. (Dr.) Rugg, Stanstead, Que.

Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Falconer, Ottawa.

Raftsmen and Lumbermen—

Legislation and Petitions—Mrs. Rockwell, Picton.

Franchise—Mrs. (Dr.) Edwards, 127 Metcalf St., Ottawa, Ont.

Parlor Meetings—Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, Paris, Ont.

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

Y. W. C. T. U.—Mrs. Chipman, St. Stephen.

Kitchen Garden—Miss Elizabeth S. Faircloth, 59 Bleeker St., Toronto.

Woman's Journal—Miss Scott, 26 Albert St., Ottawa, Ont.

Juvenile and Sunday Schools—Mrs. Emma R. Atkinson, Box 7, Moncton, N. B.

Sailors, Fishermen and Light House Keepers—Mrs. O. C. Whitman, Canso N. S.

Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion—  
Soldiers and Volunteer Camps—

Narcotics—Mrs. Wright, 133 Elmwood Ave., South London, Ont.

Press—Mrs. Ure, 772 Palace St., Montreal, Que.

Railway Employees—Mrs. A. W. Strong, 15 Sussex Ave., Montreal, Que

Police Stations, Prison and Jail—Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Winnipeg.

Sabbath Observance—Mrs. Reade, Teeswater.

Houses of Entertainment and Coffee Houses—Mrs. T. Moodie, 185 Manse St., Montreal, Que.

World's W. C. T. U. Missionary Society—Miss S. Bowes, Box 16, Vancouver, B. C.

School of Methods—

Parliamentary Usages—

} The President.

Temperance Grocery Work—Miss J. E. Dougall, "Witness" Office, Montreal.

Systematic Giving—Mrs. Cole, Montreal.

Official Reporter for "Union Signal"—Mrs. Ure.

Auditor—Mrs. Alison Scott, Montreal.

The Committee then rose.

#### CONVENTION, 2 p.m.

This afternoon was mostly devoted to a School of Methods, conducted by Mrs. Thornley, President of Ontario.

Thoughtful and earnest papers were prepared by Mrs. Ure, of Montreal, on "Press Work." "The State a Half-Orphan," by Mrs. Rockwell, of Picton. "Treasurer's Mistakes," by Miss MacArthur, Cornwall.

Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing, newly appointed World's W. C. T. U. Superintendent of Evangelistic Training Schools and Institutes, then gave a most interesting and detailed account of her work.

An instructive and amusing Parliamentary Drill was conducted by Mrs. Thornley. The question Box was opened and as is usual much valuable information was brought out in the answers. This brought the school to a close.

Mrs Todd took the chair and Mr. Carson, of Montreal, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance was introduced.

Mrs. Thornley moved, Mrs. Sanderson seconded—That Mrs. Letitia Youmans be our Honorary President for this year. This was carried amid enthusiasm.

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The Corresponding Secretary read a letter from Miss McIndoe. Announcements were made and Convention adjourned to meet at 9.30 to-morrow morning.

EVENING, 8 p.m.

A Mass Meeting was held in Chalmer's Church, Mrs. Todd presiding.

The opening exercises consisted of singing the hymn "Rock of Ages," Scripture Reading by Mrs. Todd, and an anthem by the choir "Hark! Hark, my Soul" and prayer by Mrs. Willing.

Mrs. Armitage sang beautifully "The Promise of Light."

Mrs. Read, President of Vermont State, W. C. T. U., and a fraternal delegate from the U. S. briefly addressed the meeting. After which an appropriate selection was sung by Mr. A. F. Neil, entitled "My Boy has come home to stay."

Mrs. Jennie Fowler Willing was the next speaker and held the attention of her audience while she gave a vivid description of the vices of large cities and the need of more workers.

While the collection was being taken the choir sang "Not Unto Us" and the meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the Doxology.

#### FOURTH DAY—MORNING

CONVENTION, Nov., 19th, 1895-

Mrs. Todd in the chair, who conducted devotional exercises, Mrs. McLachlan leading in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday's meeting were read and confirmed.

Miss Tilley read the report of *Purity Department*, Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster, B.C., Superintendent. On motion it was accepted.

Miss Dougal moved, Mrs. Gordon seconded—That the Corresponding Secretary have authority to edit and condense all the reports of Superintendents of Departments for this year as so many of them have come in sections. Carried.

Miss Tilley moved that the following be added to the Bylaws and that the same stand as a notice of motion to be embodied in the Constitution next year. "That any person signing the pledge and paying the sum of fifty dollars may become an Honorary Life Member of this Union." This was seconded and carried unanimously.

The following telegram was received from the Vice President elect. "Accept with loving thanks from Province and personally,"

AMELIA YEOMANS, M. D.

Winnipeg, Man.

Mrs. Armitage sang for us "Some Glad Day" and by special request as our sweet singer was obliged to leave us, "If I were a Voice." Mrs. Read, our fraternal delegate, bade us good-bye and Convention wished her *bon voyage*.

The *Plan of Work Committee* presented their report through the Convener, Miss Cosford. On motion of Mrs. Thornley the report was considered seriatim and adopted as a whole. When the discussion on the different clauses was completed, Mrs. Sanderson moved, Mrs. Ewing seconded—That the report as amended be adopted. Carried.

As it was twelve o'clock, on motion of Mrs. Foster, time was extended fifteen minutes for Convention Prayer Meeting, which was led by Mrs. Todd.

At 12.15 Convention adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE, 1 p.m.

Mrs. Todd in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Woodbury.

It was unanimously recommended, That as the Act of Incorporation places the Headquarters of our Dominion Union at Toronto, That the Literature Depository be moved there, accepting the kind offer of the District Union for the use of a room in their Headquarters, 56 Elm St. Also—That the Literature Committee, number five, including the Superintendent all to be residents of Toronto.

Mrs. Bascom was nominated as Superintendent of the Literature.

On motion it was decided that the nomination of the Literature Committee be left to the President, Corresponding Secretary and the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Sub Executive and Provincial Presidents.

On motion the Committee rose.

#### FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON.

CONVENTION, 2 p.m.

Mrs. Todd in the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Thornley.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of Executive held at noon yesterday and to-day were read and on motion adopted.

Mrs. Thornley moved, Mrs. Sanderson seconded—That the Plan of Work report be re-considered. Carried. Clause 5 read. "Recommended, That, Evangelistic Training Schools and Institutes be added to Evangelistic Department." This was amended at the earnest solicitation of Mrs. Willing by adopting *Evangelistic Training Schools and Institutes* as a separate Department on motion of Mrs. Sanderson.

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Mrs. Todd reported verbally for the Committee appointed at the last Con-  
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Dominion Union. A number of these Bands are already in existence in N. B.  
and are found to work admirably. They are designed to draw in the women in  
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The conditions of membership are signing the pledge, wearing the white  
ribbon and paying twenty five cents annually, the fee to go to the County Treasury.  
The County Union must have an oversight and take an interest in all such  
members by writing them, sending literature etc.

Mrs. Foster moved, That the proposition to form Youman's Bands be  
endorsed and recommended. This was seconded and carried.

Mrs. Strong presented a partial report of Convention Finance Committee,  
which was adopted as such. The report showed that the Local Union had  
receipted all the advertising bills. Mrs. Rutherford moved, that our cordial  
thanks be given to them for their great kindness in aiding us so materially with  
the finances. Seconded and carried unanimously.

Miss MacArthur presented the report of the Resolution Committee which  
was considered seriatem. One or two slight amendments were made. On  
motion of Mrs. Foster the report as amended was adopted as a whole.

These additional Resolutions were moved by Miss Scott, seconded by Miss  
Tilley—That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Williams for the loan  
of the picture of the dear face of his wife, our late President, which has acted  
like a benediction to us, and for the assistance Mr. Williams has been in this Con-  
vention. Also—To Mrs. Holmes of London, for the beautiful flowers she  
brought from home to adorn the picture. By Mrs. Gordon—That our thanks be  
tendered to Mrs. Armitage who so sweetly sang to us and to Mrs. Willing for  
her inspiring addresses. These were carried unanimously.

Mrs. Sanderson gave notice of motion as follows:—"I, or some one else in  
my place will move at the next Dominion Convention that wherever the word  
Annual appears in the Constitution, the word Biennial be substituted."

An invitation was received from the City Union for a five o'clock tea,  
which was accepted with pleasure.

Miss MacArthur kindly made a present to the Dominion Union of a  
Simplex Printer for the use of the Corresponding Secretary. Miss Tilley moved,  
Mrs. Foster seconded, a hearty vote of thanks for the same. Carried.

Miss Tilley read a letter from Miss Frost of Montréal, calling attention to  
the liquor advertisement in the Magazine "Wee Willie Winkie." Miss Scott  
moved, Mrs. Thornley seconded—That the communication be laid on the table.  
This was lost.

Mrs. Tilton moved, Miss Scott seconded—That the Corresponding Secretary

communicate with Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen drawing her attention to advertisements for M——'s Champagne, which appears on the pages of the otherwise attractive Magazine "Wee Willie Winkie." Carried.

Miss Tilley moved—That all reports not read be received as read. Seconded and carried.

Moved by Mrs Strong, seconded by Mrs. Ure—That we record our appreciation of Miss Scott's good care of the Literature since she has had charge of it. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Gordon all unfinished business was left to the Executive. At five o'clock Convention adjourned to meet at 8 p.m.

EVENING, 8 p.m.

The closing meeting was held in the Hall of the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Todd presiding.

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn "How firm a Foundation etc. Mrs. Middleton offering prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon meeting were read and confirmed.

The first part of the evening was devoted to a short, bright memorial service in honor of Mrs. Williams the late President and was taken part in by Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Tilton and Miss Tilley. Reference was also made to Mrs. Fawcett a former Dominion President by Mrs. Rutherford.

A duet by Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Rutherford entitled "Some Sweet Day" was followed by the presentation of the prize Banner. The Committee having reported that it was won by the North West Territories. They having made an increase in membership of one-hundred and twenty per cent.

Miss MacArthur received it on their behalf to forward to Mrs. McDonald, Edmonton, Superintendent for the N.W.T.

The Provincial Presidents who were present were called on for five-minute addresses on the work in their respective Provinces. Mrs. Thornley spoke for Ontario, Mrs. Sanderson for Quebec, Mrs. Woodbury for N. B.

Mrs. Metcalf. of Thurso, Que., recited acceptably, "Flying Jim's last leap."

The solo "There is a Green Hill Far Away," was beautifully rendered by a Quebec lady, after which fifteen minutes were spent in a most interesting manner. The chairman called on different ones to tell in one minute, why they joined the W.C.T.U.

After the collection was taken all the White Ribboners present formed in a circle around the room, and with hands clasped joined in singing our parting hymn, "God be with You Till we Meet Again," the others in the audience joining in the Chorus, and Convention adjourned *sine die*.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD.  
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QUEBEC, Nov. 19, 1895.

A meeting of the new Executive was held in the parlors of the Y.M.C.A. hall at 7 p.m., the President, Mrs. Rutherford presiding.

After prayer Superintendents were appointed as follows :

*Evangelistic Training Schools and Institutes*, Mrs. Archibald, Halifax.

*Raftsmen and Lumbermen*, Mrs. Trites, Petitcodiac, N. B.

*Soldiers and Volunteer Camps*, Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa.

It was moved by Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. Woodbury, that 500 copies of the Annual Report be printed and the price charged 15 cents each. Carried.

It was recommended that a form of bequest be inserted in the Report.

Moved by Mrs. Todd, seconded by Mrs. Tilton—That if Mrs. McDonald, Edmonton is free to engage in work in the N.W.T. she be allowed to draw upon the funds for expenses or literature which has been donated for this work. Also That Mrs. McDonald furnish the *Woman's Journal*, the official organ of the Union, to the Presidents of the Local Unions in the N.W.T. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Tilton—That the Sub-Executive take into consideration the formation of an Ella F. M. Williams Memorial Fund for the free distribution of Literature, using the Honorary Life Membership fees or any other donations as a basis for such fund as may in their judgement seem best. Carried.

It was decided to ask through the *Woman's Journal* for designs for a Life Membership Certificate, such designs to be the work of a member of the W.C.T.U. or "Y" and that the Sub-Executive decide upon a design which will be suitable for Provincial as well as the Dominion Union.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"I saw a beautiful angel wandering up and down the earth, he touched the aged and they became young, he touched the poor and they became rich, he touched the sorrowful and their faces became radiant with joy, he touched the worn and weary and they were filled with strength, I said, Who is this beautiful being wandering up and down the earth?" They told me his name was Death."

As we gather here to-day we cannot but think of this beautiful angel, and what he has wrought in our midst, for truly the most important event in our history since last we met has been the visit of this angel who has taken home our dear President and changed that worn and weary form to one of perfect strength and beauty. Instead of letting our thoughts go back to that time when we had her with us, rather let them go up to where she rests in perfect joy and peace, free from all life's cares and burdens. Our work has received a blow, it has been indeed difficult to gather up the threads, without the strong firm hand that knew so well what to do with all the tangles, but our Master has been good in leaving us the one who presides here to-day, and who in the midst of many difficulties and a sore heart has guided the ship so far on its journey.

According to the wish of the representatives at our last Convention we gather to-day at the season of the year when wintry's chilly frosts, instead of the inspiration of awakening spring air upon us. The delegates have not found it so easy to gather in force with the thought of November's storms before them, the expenses too are greater than in the summer season and that is a serious matter. The thought was that fuller reports would be the result of meeting at the close of all the other Conventions, but this is to be proved, and from the letters I have received from the Superintendents I fear the reports are not so full as usual. May I earnestly just here suggest that Provincial Superintendents when making out their reports for their own Province make a short synopsis to send immediately to the Dominion Superintendent without her having to ask, it would save so much delay and trouble and make our returns far more complete.

As you are aware we have asked to send delegates to the Grand World's W.C.T.U. gathering in London, and am glad to report that at that wondrous meeting with its 775 delegates from every corner of the earth, distant Africa, far off China, Japan, Turkey and the Islands of the Sea. Canada had its representatives headed by your acting President Mrs. Todd and the following delegation—Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Sanderson, Miss Phelps, Miss Huff, Mrs. Indoe, Miss

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Finley, Mrs. Browning and Mrs. O'Neil. A report was also sent from this Union for which Miss Gordon sent a letter of thanks. Of this gathering you will hear this evening from an eye witness and participator in its deliberations, and I will say no more.

At the meeting of the National Council of Women held in Toronto last Spring, your Corresponding Secretary was asked to be present and also another of our Dominion officers and the hope was expressed that we should bring greetings.

This Mrs. Rutherford and myself did and in her reply Lady Aberdeen expressed her grateful thanks and her sympathy for the loss we had sustained in the removal of our President and desired us to carry this to the members. The following letter was also sent.

"DEAR MISS TILLEY—Her excellency the President and the members of the National Council of Women desire us to thank the W.C.T.U. most sincerely for their kindly greetings so well expressed by you on their behalf at our annual meeting. Trusting that as time goes on, we and all workers for the good of humanity may be more closely drawn together.

I remain very sincerely yours,

EMILY CUMMINGS, Secretary.

In March last the purchase of the Literature Department from Ontario was consummated.

We sincerely trust this Department will receive the patronage of all our members from Atlantic to Pacific, otherwise it can never succeed, it is doubtful whether money could ever be made out of it, but if it could meet its expenses it would be well and it certainly seems as if this might be done.

A correspondence has been held with Miss Sterling who is greatly interested in finding homes for young men from the Old Country, and who is very anxious for better protection for women.

We had hoped to have her with us at this gathering, but ill health has obliged her to go south and therefore prevented our hearing from her on this subject. Australia has sent one of her reports and a sisterly letter. Also a letter of sympathy at the loss of our President has been received from the Dominion Secretary of the King's Daughters and Sons, to which your Secretary sent an official reply. Your Secretary also sent a telegram of greeting to the National Convention.

Since our last gathering the Royal Commission have reported as you are all aware, but unfortunately not favorably to the cause.

The question of the jurisdiction of Provincial Legislation was considered by the Supreme Court and judgment given last February, declaring that provinces had no prohibitory power. An appeal from this decision was taken to the Imperial Privy Council and the judgment it is expected will be given next week.

The Recording-Secretary has sold the following number of Reports, an increase on previous years.

Ontario.....	153
Quebec.....	65
Maritime.....	29
Manitoba.....	8
British Columbia.....	40
Northwest Territories.....	12
Total.....	<u>307</u>

#### ONTARIO.

The statistical returns in the report of 1894 shows an increase of 378. But the last year has been the best in many ways, the members being more active and the work of the departments more thoroughly done. There is a great amount of charitable work carried on in this province in the way of care of sick, poor and destitute. The Unions are also on the alert to prevent more licenses being granted in their localities, and are on the aggressive to reduce the number already held.

#### QUEBEC.

This province shows a steady increase in temperance sentiment, but the membership is about the same. A new department of Systematic Giving has lately been added,

#### MARITIME.

The membership does not vary from last report. The chief event in the history of their Union is their dissolution into separate Provinces, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island now being distinct Unions. We trust the result will be beneficial.

#### MANITOBA.

Here we have another decrease. It is felt that an organizer would be a great help there in deepening interests and furthering the work.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Both Unions and membership have increased here. They carried off the prize banner last year. Will they do it this year?



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TABLE OF STATISTICS.

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This shows an increase of 366 members, but a decrease of 20 Unions.

All which is respectfully submitted,

J. TILLEY,  
 Corresponding Secretary.



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## EXPENDITURE.

*General Fund—*

Expenses of Convention, London, 1894.....	\$207 87
Affiliation Fee to World's W.C.T.U., 1894.....	\$95 52
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Express on “Banner” to Victoria, B. C.....	1 15
Compiling Report, 1894.....	20 00
Printing Reports (500), 1894.....	115 20
Postage (\$8.96) and Printing Postcards (\$4.50).....	13 46
Miss Phelps, Travelling Expenses.....	9 00
Floral Pillow for “Our President,”.....	15 00
First Payment on Literature bought of Ontario W.C.T.U..	132 80
Refund to Ontario W.C.T.U. for Custodian's Salary for (2 Months.....	16 67
6 Months Salary to Custodian.....	50 00
Officers' Expenses, President, for Postage, Telegrams, etc .	17 97
Corresponding Secretary.....	10 75
Recording Secretary.....	6 79
Treasurer.....	5 58
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*Superintendents of Departments—*

Superintendent N. W. Territories .....	6 00
“ Juvenile Work.....	4 68
“ Heredity.....	5 00
“ Franchise.....	6 40
“ Fairs.....	1 60
“ Flower Mission.....	5 00
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General Fund.....	\$469 31
Temperance Missionary Work N. W. Territories .....	124 17
Literature Committee.....	63 01
Life Membership.....	25 00
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General Fund.....	\$773 43
Officers Expenses.....	41 09
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World's Missionary W.C.T.U. Work .....	102 27
Printing Expenses.....	77 55
Literature Committee.....	17 00
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ROBERTA E. TILTON,

Examined and found correct,

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, QUEBEC, P. Q.  
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Travelling Expenses of Officers—	
President.....	\$30 00
Recording Secretary.....	32 50
Corresponding Secretary.....	32 50
Treasurer.....	16 50
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Mrs. Willing.....	35 00
Mrs. Armitage.....	8 00
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Y. M. C. A. Building.....	5 00
Y. M. C. A. Light.....	6 00
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Methodist Church Trustees.....	6 00
Methodist Church Janitor.....	2 00
	-----\$ 8 00
Chalmers Church Janitor.....	2 00
Advertising—	
Quebec Chronicle.....	10 00
Quebec Telegraph.....	6 00
Quebec Mercury.....	6 00
	-----\$ 22 00
Printing—	
Dudley & Burns, Programmes.....	7 00
Dudley & Burns Election Slips.....	1 00
Dudley & Burns Badges.....	50
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Stationery for Secretaries.....	98
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Telegrams to Dr. Youmans.....	50
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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

However deeply a person may be interested in the progress of any particular work, yet, when called upon to take an important office in that work, an office involving great responsibility, it is but natural that one should shrink from accepting such a position, fearing that all desired would not be accomplished, or all expected could not be carried out successfully.

Such was my experience when asked by our late lamented President, through our esteemed Dominion Secretary to assume the duties of Superintendent of the Unions in the Northwest Territories.

A list of thirteen Unions was furnished me by the Dominion Secretary and with these Unions I have held correspondence since the time of my appointment, Oct. 31st, 1894, until the present. I find the same lines of work taken up by all, but owing to locality, surroundings and circumstances, some have much larger fields than others, and consequently are able to accomplish greater results. I may safely say of them all. "They have done what they could."

Wolseley Union held one or two meetings and disbanded. Almost every family there was represented in the R. T. of T., and the members thought another Temperance organization unnecessary. The President of the W. C. T. U. was leaving town about that time, so the course adopted was thought best.

The Templars have done good work. Through their efforts the hotel licenses were withheld and Wolseley has had Prohibition for the past year.

Maplecreek Union is considering the advisability of disbanding for the same reason as Wolseley, as the R. T. of T. is largely represented there. They asked advice and I referred them to the Dominion Secretary. Have not received any further information.

Broadview Union was established by Miss Phelps, and is doing good work. Has held several Public meetings and taken up the subject of Narcotics. The Presbyterian and Methodist ministers have given their aid in the work.

Boxes for the distribution of Temperance literature have been placed wherever available. Ten copies of the *Women's Journal* are taken. They have a membership of twenty-three.

Moosonin is fully alive to the importance of Temperance work. Sermons on Temperance are preached once a month and Gospel Temperance meetings are held as often as practicable. Boxes for the distribution of Temperance litera-

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Qu'Appelle Union has a Band of Hope in good working order. So far has not been able to hold any public meetings. Take several copies of the *Woman's Journal* and has a membership of seventeen.

Regina has a larger field for work; a L. T. L., under the care of a committee of eight ladies, two working at a time, Scientific Temperance is taught. A large committee for visiting the jail. Two ladies are only allowed at a time, so they take the work in turn, and make a visit every Sabbath. They find the prisoners attentive and interested. Are trying to establish a Girls' Home. One of the ministers, Rev. Mr. Brown is a valuable co-worker. Have a membership of twenty-eight.

Moosejaw is well to the front in the work. Has held several very successful Public Meetings and Gospel Temperance Meetings are held at the close of the Sabbath evening services.

Had a Lunch Counter at the "Fair." Sent eleven dollars and fifty cents, (\$11.50) to Medicine Hat in aid of "Gold Cure." Have a Band of Hope with forty members and have distributed large quantities of Temperance Literature. (Sent "Affiliation Fee" to the Dominion Treasurer.)

Innsfail Union is giving up the work as a Union. Marriage and removal of officers have seriously retarded their progress. Have the sum of three dollars in hand; asked advice as to its disposal. I thought it best to send the money to the Dominion Treasurer to aid in the general work and wrote them to that effect.

Red Deer has the "Banner Union" in the Territories with regard to members. They have fifty-four names on their list, and forty-two paid-up members. They were at a great disadvantage at first owing to lack of information regarding meetings, membership fees, etc. Sent all necessary instruction. It is difficult to hold successful meetings, owing to the members being so scattered. Have a "Band of Hope," are distributing Tracts and Leaflets and taking an interest in Health and Heredity.

Calgary Union has changed its officers several times during the year owing to removals. Have formed a "Band of Hope," and placed the "Triple Pledge" in two of the Sabbath Schools. Worked hard for the establishing of the "Carlew Bell."

Fort McLeod Union was established by Miss Phelps. Mrs. Grady, the President has been in California for her health, but the work has been well looked after by Mrs. (Rev.) Adamson. They have a Band of Hope. Boxes for the distribution of Temperance Literature, in Public places. Had a refreshment table at the Exhibition. Present membership, seventeen.

Lithbridge Union does more in Departmental Work than any other having Superintendents in "Literature" "Health and Heredity," and "Social Purity."

Reports from these departments have probably been sent to the Dominion Superintendent as I have not received any to date. A greater interest in Temperance is manifested. A membership of Twenty-one.

Edmonton, the farthest removed from the great centres has not been idle during the past year, though not accomplishing all that was desired.

The work of this Union had been visiting and relieving the sick, sustaining a L. T. L. to which has been added a "Band of Mercy" with forty members. Prohibition has been kept before the people by means of Gospel Temperance meetings, and the distribution of over two thousand pages of the best Temperance Literature available. Parcels of Temperance Literature have been sent to four other neighborhoods. Four boxes in the most public places are kept supplied with Temperance Literature to which are now added leaflets from the "Band of Mercy."

A "Water Barrel" with the inscription "Drink and Think," was placed on the Main street, and has been filled with fresh water and ice daily, it has been well patronized and appreciated. A small trough was attached to the standard for the benefit of the dogs, and has added largely to the comfort of the thirsty canine. Ten copies of the *Woman's Journal* are taken. Membership fifteen.

(MRS.) C. A. R. McDONALD,

*Superintendent of Territories*

EDMONTON, ALTA, N.W.T., Oct. 24th, 1895.

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## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PURITY IN LITERATURE, ART AND FASHION.

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The report of this Department is painfully brief. Only one of the Provinces having done any work, though it is hoped in Local Unions where the great need has been realized, faithful souls have done their duty.

The Maritime Union was the first to take up this Department and worked well and earnestly. When the former Superintendent resigned, an appointment was made, but not for months did your Superintendent learn that the lady had not accepted the position, and no one was elected to take her place.

Quebec has been written to and Circulars and Plans of Work forwarded but no replies could be obtained, either this year or last.

Ontario has done good work. The Superintendent issued a very neatly printed circular, sending a copy to each Union, with a list of prohibited papers. These elicited replies, and not a few copies of vile prints were sent here, proving how this form of evil is spreading among us. She wrote several times to the Post Office Department, has addressed County Conventions and Local Unions, and ends her report by throwing out several wise suggestions to govern her helpers. There has been a good increase in the number of Unions who have adopted the Department.

The need of work in these lines grows greater every year. There seems to be little or no restraint on publishers of obscene papers. Your Superintendent forwarded a copy of the newest aspirant of this sort, to the Post-Master-General, and received a reply that it should be attended to. The paper referred to comes out openly against the W.C.T.U. and its leaders, and as if in defiance, boldly makes the announcement that only in Living Pictures can a woman appear perfectly nude and not be subject to arrest. All honor to our brave English Leader who dared to stand for Purity and denounce the depraved taste that demands this degradation of our sex.

Agitation *does* help. Instances can be given where, though ridiculed and sneered at as prudish, a marked improvement has been noticed.

Repeated absences from Canada, and other causes known to you all, have interfered with the proper working of this important department. Your Superintendent gives it up in the earnest hope that her successor may be able to accom-

plish all that was in her own heart to do, and above all secure the long-awaited for Amendment.

Your Superintendent would suggest that this Department be merged into one with the Purity.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIOT T. TODD.

## FOREIGN WORK.

In presenting the annual report of the Department of Foreign Work, your Superintendent feels great regret that this first year of work has not been crowned with the success she has aimed at and desired. Shortly after accepting the appointment (at the request of our much loved President whose loss is so painfully realized at the present time). Your Superintendent wrote to all the Unions in the Dominion urging that the Department be taken up or that increased effort be put forth if already in existence. Copies of the leaflet "Responsive Readings" on "Work among Foreigners" by Mr. Grubb were enclosed and also the offer made to procure samples of Literature in several languages, or to render assistance in any way. The leaflet was also distributed by your Superintendent at the Manitoba Convention and the attention of the Delegates drawn to the subject. A new Superintendent was appointed for Manitoba, Mrs. McLaren of Souris, who is working in the interests of the Department, but her report is not yet to hand.

*Quebec* has also appointed a new Superintendent, Miss Parker of Aylmer and reports "A large quantity of French Literature distributed during the year among the lumber camps, also in the railway station in the boxes."

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Ontario does some work among "Indians" and has a Colored Union at St. Catharines, with Miss Phelps as Superintendent, this is a cause for thankfulness, though not much result is seen as yet but they hope for better in the future. The latest report however, for Convention, has not yet been received, it may be more hopeful still.

Maritime Provinces are not heard from but your Superintendent is very anxious that this Province should do good work in this line as there must be good opportunities for it on the coast.

There is a large Icelandic population in Manitoba and your Superintendent regrets being unable to procure Literature in that language, and she desires to commend the subject to the Convention for consideration in the hope that means may be found of getting translations of some of our own leaflets suitable for distribution among them, those treating of the work of the Union and how to organize, would in her opinion if read, be about the best way to interest the Icelandic women who are very intelligent and could by these means be set to work to help one another. "The strangers within our gates" ought to have a warm place in our hearts, let us remember them at the throne of grace and in all our plans for "helping and healing" may we never forget them.

Respectfully submitted,

K. E. PARKER,

*Superintendent Foreign Work.*

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF KITCHEN GARDEN.

During the past year your Superintendent has endeavored to ascertain what is being done in this Department throughout the Dominion. The results have not been as encouraging as might have been desired.

In Quebec, British Columbia and Manitoba no work whatever of this kind has been done. In Toronto, Ontario, three sets of utensils have been in use during the past winter, when between 50 and 60 young girls were instructed in the rudiments of housekeeping. An exhibition of the work given by the combined classes in the month of May was well attended and awakened considerable interest in this Department. It is proposed to extend the work in this city during the ensuing winter if sufficient helpers can be secured.

From the Maritime Provinces also comes a very good report of work done. In St. John, N.B., besides the regular Kitchen Garden Classes, a Cooking class was formed. Entertainments and exhibitions were given by these classes.

We find that in some of the larger cities this work has been taken up by other societies which makes it more difficult for the W.C.T.U. to introduce it.

What is most felt in connection with the work where it is carried on is efficient helpers. There are so few who are willing to give the time or take the trouble to learn and carry on this very important work. The world sometimes moves slowly but always surely. We have not yet reached the time when Domestic Kindergarten will be taught in our public Schools, but we believe the day is not far distant. For this we hope.

Ten letters were written in the interests of this Department during the year which were duly answered by those to whom they were addressed. Two or three were received asking for information about the work, which were answered by your Superintendent.

### SUGGESTIONS.

1st. That this work not being necessarily "Y" work might be taken up by any W.C.T.U. in any desirable locality where there is no "Y" Union.

2nd. That when a "Y" Union desires to undertake this work, but do not feel able to assume the financial responsibility that the Local W.C.T.U. help them.

3rd. That any Union wishing for information as to cost, etc. of K. G. Utensils, can get it in the leaflet prepared by Miss Tilley and which can be procured from Miss Scott of Ottawa, also that instruction in the use of the utensils can be arranged for on application to the Superintendent.

E. S. FAIRCLOTH,  
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## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSES OF ENTERTAINMENT AND COFFEE HOUSES.

Your Superintendent in presenting her first report of Dominion work, regrets that though something has been attempted, little accomplished. Some bright rays have flashed upon us, which leads us to look forward to a more continual fire during the coming year. Many are realizing the need of this Department, small towns deplore the want of cheery places for young men to meet together free from temptation.

British Columbia has made a start, having appointed a Superintendent. The "Y's" have entered the field and have made a fair beginning, having a Coffee Room with three quarters of the shares sold. There are also two Temperance Reading Rooms.

N. W. TERRITORIES—Mrs. McDonald of Edmonton writes:—"That the subject of Reading and Coffee Room combined was taken up by their Union, and while endeavouring to open the safe haven two restaurants were started, therefore it was thought wise to defer their work for the present."

MANITOBA—Department not taken up.

ONTARIO—No Superintendent. A little local work has been done with the result that a Coffee Room has been opened in Paisley, County Bruce, and at the end of its first year has proved self-supporting, having been well patronized by country people and farmers in particular. Literature is always kept on hand.

QUEBEC—Bristol Corners supports a Temperance Hotel which proves a boon to many travellers, who have been known to drive miles in order to put up at said hotel.

HOHELAGA COUNTY—It is with regret we report only two Coffee Rooms in Montreal. The Central Union finding it advisable to close their room, which we trust is but for a time. The Craig St. business, under the auspices of the Northern, continues to do good work. In the spring it was deemed necessary to enlarge the Dining Room which now seats 120. The cost of alterations with replenishings, was entirely borne by the business, and amounted to \$400. Much of the success of the business is due to the manager who faithfully performs his duties. Reading matter is provided for the customers.

POINT ST. CHARLES—Have just renovated their Coffee Rooms and under a new manager hope to do better work than even in the past they chiefly reach

those employed at the Grand Trunk offices. A Reading Room adjoining is bright and homelike.

MARITIME PROVINCES—Eight Coffee Houses reported.

FREDERICTON—Has a successful self-supporting business with excellent appointments for carrying on the work. They have been able to employ their own members, who thus have many opportunities of sowing the seed. Papers, magazines and leaflets are provided.

ST. JOHN—2 Coffee Rooms, one supplies particularly the needs of farmers and country people, the other central, that of business men. Your Superintendent when passing through St. John visited the Coffee Rooms and noticed their bright cheery aspect.

ST. STEPHEN—Good Coffee Room in an attractive position, must be noticed by all who enter the town by train. Well patronized, doing good Temperance work under an earnest manager who loses no opportunity to drop a word in season. All the New Brunswick Coffee Houses are self-supporting.

CHARLOTTETOWN P. E. I.—Coffee Room with an adjoining room used in hot weather as a cool resting place. Literature supplied. Self-supporting. A great boom to country people on market days.

HALIFAX—Two Coffee Houses, both a business success, one is more a Lunch Room patronized by ladies and gentlemen, the other a Coffee Room doing noble work, last winter fifty poor children received daily one good meal and soup supplied to sick and very poor. Other benevolent work also accomplished after paying all business expenses. Rescue work is combined with the Coffee Room, a temporary home for girls, where many have been cared for and employment found, some have been rescued from a life of sin.

WINDSOR N. S.—Has also seen its way to enter upon this important Department. Questions are sometimes asked as to whether "running restaurants is work for ladies? Is any good really accomplished by Coffee Rooms?" To the first question, "Yes, undoubtedly if by so doing we can save one soul. Secondly we hear from Edmonton N.W.T. that proofs are not wanting of the benefit of Coffee Rooms, a young man there claiming to have been saved from a life of dissipation by access to one in Montreal. The manager of the Northern Coffee House, Montreal, received this testimony—"The ladies will never know the good they are doing by this place, it has saved me from being a drunkard, and many more who were my companions in the saloons are now found here. At St. Stephen's your Superintendent was told of the result of words fitly spoken by the manager there. A young fellow generally worse for liquor would go in and she would speak with him, he seemed not to heed, but a day came when he found himself in prison, her words prayerfully spoken came back to him and he left that prison a changed man.

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These are but a few cases who can tell how many have been helped. Your Superintendent realizes the hindrances to more being done in this Department is the money outlay, business ability with steadfast endurance which is absolutely necessary to be put into such enterprises, and the prayer is raised that our Dominion shall soon be covered with Temperance Houses.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. E. MOODIE,

*Dominion Superintendent of Houses of Entertainment and Coffee Houses.*

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## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLOR MEETINGS.

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Our W.C.T. Union in every Province, so far as heard from, are becoming more and more interested in this Department.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Mrs. E. J. Shakespeare, Superintendent reports as follows:

"In presenting my report of Parlor Meetings in W.C.T.U. work for the past year, I have much pleasure in stating we have held eleven meetings in connection with our Union in Victoria, the Young Woman's C.T.U. have held three.

VANCOUVER reports having held five, which resulted in several new members being added to their number.

NEW WESTMINSTER reports five, which were both interesting and entertaining. At the close of one of these meetings a collection was taken up in aid of the local Funds.

It is with heartfelt gratitude to God for the many blessings by which we have been surrounded, we feel encouraged to go forward and do what we can to put down this great curse of intemperance. As a Union, we have felt greatly benefitted by holding Parlor Meetings once a month. They have been the means of drawing us closer together in the common bonds of sisterhood, helping us to know each other better. I am sorry that more of the Unions cannot take up this Department of our work."

MANITOBA—Miss Bella McArthur, Superintendent, reports in part as follows: Only six Unions reported work done, although no doubt many more Unions have done social work.

MANITOU reports one social, but hopes to do better work another year.

HARTNEY UNION has "At Homes" during the winter in the hall, and in the summer they have Lawn Socials. These meetings are well attended and enjoyed.

CARMAN UNION reports one social, at which they secured three active and three honorary members.

MORDEN reports two afternoon socials.

WINNIPEG South End Union reports one social, at which a large collection was taken.

WINNIPEG Y. makes the best record in social work, they held eleven meetings, all having some unique feature; all partaking of the nature of Parlor Socials, and all so varied as to be worth describing at length. The first was held in May in the Art Parlors of Mrs. Carr. Hundreds of beautiful pictures were hung, plants were in profusion, and an excellent programme of music and recitations given. Cake and lemonade was served. Lady Schultz was present and expressed pleasure at the delightful arrangements for entertaining the guests. Collection amounted to \$28.50. Another of these parlor meetings is worthy of note. It was held in the Thistle Rink. The decorations referred principally to our work, Miss Willard's picture being draped with the American flag and Union Jack. The World's and National mottoes were displayed in letters two feet in size, and there was a Literature booth filled with W.C.T.U. publications. Miss Willard's birthday, September 28th was particularly honored by the presence at the Garden Fete, of Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen, who addressed the members of the Union, spoke a kind word to each one personally, and accepted from the President a copy of the life of Miss Willard's mother, entitled, "A Great Mother." Miss McArthur says:—"Although it has not always been possible to make the programmes as distinctively temperance as the members would like. Literature has been given out, some appeals for members made, and numbers have been secured, while conversationally the work has been well presented."

No report has been received from the Maritime Provinces.

Ontario has made considerable progress in this Department during the past year.

Fourteen Counties reported one hundred and twenty-four parlor meetings held; an increase of sixty-four over last year. 102 active members were secured, an increase of 74, and 11 honorary members, an increase of eight. \$275.97 was raised at parlor meetings, but this does not show the total amount, as some unions made no definite reply to this question. Four men are known to have been converted on the tobacco question by these meetings.

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QUEBEC—Mrs. L. H. Tompkins, Superintendent, reports: "In this Province the interest in the Department of "Parlor meetings," has greatly increased during the last two or three years. All agree in thinking they are very helpful, but in some sections they find it difficult to hold them. The number held in this Province (as far as reported to me) has not exceeded eighty during the year. At some meetings no one signed the pledge, at one eleven honorary members were secured. Several report two, four, seven, etc., as the number that joined the Temperance ranks at a Parlor Meeting.

In this vicinity, (Granby) we charge no fee unless the meeting is held in a public place, but in some sections at the close of each business meeting a Parlor Meeting is held, and each guest and member give five cents.

Parlor meetings were designed to enlist the leaders of society in our work. The wealth, social position, influence and talents of these women, many of whom are earnest Christian women, are needed in the Temperance Reform, and if we neglect our duty in not inviting them to become members of our Union, we may be responsible for the disuse of all these talents.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

That Provincial Superintendents endeavor to secure County Superintendents who shall work up the Département in Local Unions.

As everybody, old and young, have birthdays, I have clipped from the "Union Signal," the following suggestion.

#### PARLOR MEETING SUGGESTIONS.

Each Union might hold a birthday party.

Have invitations written or printed; make silk or satin bags about 2 inches long by inch and a half wide, and with each invitation send a bag and a card with the following written or printed:

"Here is a little purse, about as big as a minute  
And this is the kind of coin we ask you to put in it;  
A penny for each of the birthdays, through all your happy years,  
(The most have been bright with blessings, if a few have been stained with tears.)  
The Silver of kindly words, the Gold of your heart's love true,  
We know we shall find among them for the W.C.T.U."

Have the reception arranged for the afternoon and evening to accommodate all, both young and old.

Have music, vocal and instrumental at brief intervals, and have at least one paper or address afternoon and evening, upon some Department of our work.

One or two recitations of a temperance character would add to the interest.

Serve light refreshments throughout the entire reception hours.

EMMA A. WHEELER,

*Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT ON INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

The response to the call for reports from the Provinces on this department of work has been most cheering, cheering not only on account of the amount of work done, for who can estimate that, but in the spirit of awakened zeal, and a clearer vision of the possibilities opening before us.

To begin with the Pacific Coast. British Columbia, through Mrs. R. Heaton, reports six press superintendents, and a readiness on the part of the newspapers to print all notices and articles sent them.

Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, Superintendent of North-West Territories, says that out of eight Local Unions four report good treatment by the press; two, that there is at present no newspaper in their respective towns, and other two are obliged to pay for any advertisements.

Mrs. Smale, for Manitoba, reports good work done by fifteen Unions, and is very hopeful of even better success next year.

Ontario's energetic Superintendent, Mrs. Livingston, writes with enthusiasm of her assistants in press work, of whom she is proud. The work has been doubled during the past year. Sixty three local and twenty county superintendents have filled 375 columns with selected and original matter, and Mrs. Livingston herself has contributed sixty-three original and 400 selected articles to the Ontario Press.

Quebec, under Miss Cora Merrill's guidance, has thirty-nine press superintendents, who find an outlet for their energy in the columns of twenty-five news papers all sympathetic with the work, to a greater or less extent.

Mrs. Matheson, for the Maritime Provinces, reports twenty-seven Press Superintendents and out of thirty-four newspapers, twenty-four have given space, six are friendly and four silent. Mrs. Matheson draws special attention to the great aid that the Press, if properly handled, might be to the development of the W.C.T.U. If our women only would realize that the pen is mightier than the sword and each one wield her light weapon, its point tipped with zeal and intelligence.

Fifty letters and four cards have been written in the interests of the Department. This is far from being a full report of the work done throughout the Dominion. Statistics of figures are often misleading but particularly so in work of this kind. Let us not rest till every Union in the Dominion has a press superintendent who will faithfully watch her opportunity and let slip no chance of

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Respectfully submitted,

M. G. URE.

## REPORT OF “UNION SIGNAL” REPORTER.

This comparatively new branch of work originated at the request of Miss Sudduth, one of the editors of the *Union Signal*, the official organ of the W.C.T.U. in the United States, the object being to have Temperance work in Canada represented in its pages.

Our dear Mrs. Williams gave much time and thought to place this undertaking on a good footing and it was at her suggestion that the different Provinces were asked to appoint reporters, whose duty it is to forward to the Dominion reporter, at intervals of not less than six weeks, all important items of news occurring in their Province.

The following ladies have been appointed :

Mrs. Crandall, Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Geo. Bigelow, Cornwall, Ontario.

Mrs. R. E. Parker, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mrs. Spofford, Victoria, British Columbia.

Quebec and the Northwest Provinces have not yet appointed representatives.

During the year eight reports have been sent, twenty-seven letters written and six cards.

This opportunity is taken to suggest that Superintendents of Departments should communicate anything new or interesting to their Provincial reporter in order that Canadian progress may be properly represented in the official organ of our wide awake sisters across the line.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET G. URE.

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FLOWER MISSIONS.

It is my duty and pleasure to present the report of the Flower Missions, conscious that the sustained interest and success of the work is due very largely to "the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still."

Your new Superintendent has been able, under peculiar difficulties, to gather statistics in part of work accomplished during two years.

The first work undertaken, ten days after accepting office, was to write the Provincial Superintendents for a statement of the interest and extent of the work in their Provinces. To this request only one full reply was granted.

There have been repeated changes of Superintendents since last printed report was given, which accounts in part for indefinite returns.

Your Superintendent has sent out thirty-eight letters, fourteen post cards and about seventy flower mission forms, the latter for obtaining uniform statistical reports, and one lamentably condensed article to the "Journal."

When failing to reach a superintendent, Provincial officers have been beset to consider flower mission interests, to disentangle them from other departments of work, and in due time to deal out bouquets, or delicacies, eggs, or cord-wood! or *whatever else should be forthcoming* for this Dominion report.

### NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Superintendent—Mrs. McDonald, Edmonton. As yet the North-West is not divided into provinces or counties—simply districts of North and South Alberta. A reply from the Superintendent bearing the true ring of Christian comradeship and helpful interest, was an inspiration not to be forgotten, although no work was reported. The establishment of a hospital and flower mission work is confidently looked for the near future.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Superintendent—Miss M. E. Latham, New Westminster, B.C. No report is given for 1895, but a report for 1894 states that three hospitals have been visited in New Westminster, and in Victoria a committee have supplied the hospitals and sick rooms with bouquets. On Flower Day every person in the jail, Marine and other hospitals, received a bouquet, with Scripture text. In other places, bouquets for churches, funerals, grave decorations, etc., have been given out. "It has not always been possible," says the Superintendent, "to attach a

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It is to be regretted that where so much good work is done, no statistical reports are given.

#### MANITOBA.

Superintendent, Miss Rodgers, Winnipeg. The Corresponding Secretary reports the appointment of a new Superintendent and states. Out of the Unions reporting on June 1st, eight undertook flower mission work. No report was given at Convention. Winnipeg South End W.C.T.U. collected \$17.00, which with generous contributions from friends enabled the workers to take over three hundred bouquets to the St. Boniface Hospital. The Superintendent emphasized the fact that durability, as well as fragrance and beauty, should be represented in a bouquet. A number of Indian patients seemed delighted with gifts of flowers.

#### QUEBEC.

Superintendent—Miss Laura Hurd, Sherbrooke. This Province has a total of seventy-three Unions carrying on Flower Mission work; sixty six in organized countries. Six thousand, one hundred and three bouquets, and six hundred and ninety text cards have been distributed. Some texts have been given to tramps. 109 plants and packages of seeds and 131 slips were given to encourage children in the work, 240 pots of jelly, 81 floral designs for funerals, 47 signatures to the pledge, and 158 calls upon the sick are also reported. One Union raised money by sending flowers to Fair. Special work among the poor is mentioned, night nursing, sewing for needy families. One Union supplied 20 suits of clothing, 500 quarts of milk, etc. Hospital visiting in cities and towns is noted. Baskets of flowers have been furnished weekly by outlying Unions, also fruit. Another most interesting feature is work among boys in jail. Slips planted in jailyard bloomed all summer. Two loyal Legions have held flower shows, prizes being given by managers.

#### MARITIME.—(NO REPORT.)

The Provincial Superintendent states that she received no instructions on taking office, and sickness and death in the family had prevented her from doing anything.

Your Superintendent sent full letter and sample Flower Mission forms in July, hoping they would be adopted, as they were just suited for such emergency as the above named. They were, however, retained by her and forwarded to the Provincial Executive at Convention assembled.

#### ONTARIO.

Superintendent—Mrs. A. B. Reid, Teeswater. Miss Anning, the late Superintendent, gives statistics of work as follows:—19,312 bouquets, 15,842 texts, 12,379 pages of literature, 536 quarts canned fruit, 41 pecks fresh fruit, 71½

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The largest number of bouquets distributed by one mission was 10,000, and the largest number of quarts of fruit by a county Union, 284 quarts.

The largest average number of weekly visits in private homes, was 35. The same mission provided Christmas dinners for 50 families in their own homes.

Hospitals and other institutions have been regularly visited. Bible reading and prayer being held in some instances in hospital wards.

A great variety of work impossible to record in a statistical report has been carried on. Jews have been sought out, Hebrew Testaments given, and are being read by them. More general earnest effort has been made for the salvation of tramps, to whom texts as well as meals have been given, and for whom fervent prayer continues to ascend. Wall scrolls have been lent a month at a time to invalids. One Caxton School Chart, illustrating the effect of alcohol on the human system, was donated to Children's Hospital. One Union reports a charity concert, the admission fee being clothing, provision or money. Another county union reports 350 baskets of groceries and provisions given, out and \$111.00 expended. Still another raised potatoes and sold for \$3.50. Wood and tons of coal have been provided for the poor, poor children clothed and sent to Sunday school. One county superintendent has been so afraid of letting her "left hand know" that she kept back all report except of 90 bouquets. One mission sent 43 Christmas letters and \$39.00 worth of clothing—"Inasmuch!"

#### DOMINION STATISTICS.

Provincial Superintendents .....	5
Bouquets distributed .....	257,15
Texts .....	16,532
No. pp Literature .....	12,379
Quarts of canned fruit .....	536
Pecks of fresh fruit .....	41
No. dozens of eggs .....	71½
No. dozen oranges .....	59½
Pledges obtained .....	54
No. of visits to Institutions .....	248
No. of visits to private homes .....	2086
Receipts .....	\$276.78
Expenditure .....	\$309.40
No. articles of Clothing .....	608

Flower Mission is the very best Department for opening up avenues for evangelistic work, it gives the key to the hearts and homes of those we wish to reach and influence.

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To all Flower Mission workers I hand down the message given me by our late loved President, "You have a Department which is very dear to my heart, and I am sure you will give it a great deal of love and thought, and prayer, and enjoy it very much."

#### SUGGESTIONS.

That this Department be called Flower and Delicacy, or Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission.

That all Unions engaged in Flower Mission work endeavor to make it even more practical by establishing Loan Libraries, Linen Closets, Dispensaries, and the employment of trained nurses and women physicians.

That effort be made to provide country homes for city "Curfew" Waifs for a week or two at midsummer.

That as no definite idea of the amount of work can be known by past methods of making up reports, the printed Flower Mission Forms be recommended by the Dominion Executive, and used by Provincial Superintendents for statistical reports.

That special effort be made to circulate Temperance Literature, and to secure pledges.

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF FRANCHISE

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ONTARIO reports very energetic work all through the Province and consequently a decided advance in public opinion during the year. This is most encouraging, it is the creating of a favourable public opinion that is going to give women the franchise. Every effort put forth is a means to this end.

The Franchise workers in Ontario report effectual work in aiding the election of temperance aldermen, and in inducing women to use their municipal privilege. Many public meetings have been held for discussion of and addresses on woman suffrage in different parts of the Province. Dr. Anna Shaw was engaged by several Unions and gave interesting lectures to appreciative audiences. Parlor meetings were found helpful and Franchise Literature was distributed.

QUEBEC has not nearly so much to tell of work either attempted or accomplished, yet good faithful work has been done in this Province and there must in time be a good harvest from such sowing.

The other three Provinces have not sent in official reports but from letters received during the year an advance has been made in each Province and much active work done; in some places arduous work.

Although we cannot point to any one especial victory, your Superintendent has the pleasure of reporting a steady advance to final victory, of the suffrage regiment of the great army of Temperance workers in the Dominion.

The Petition is still in the field as December is the time appointed for returns, not much can be said about it yet. It has been generally circulated and although some mistakes have been made, they can, I think be rectified.

I regret exceedingly that I am not able to attend Convention as there are many points in the suffrage movement that I would like to have brought up for discussion. However, the Provincial Superintendents who will, I hope be at Convention are well qualified to discuss the different means used to advance our cause. Every legitimate means ought to be used to keep the question before the public. One of the great benefits of the Dominion Petition is, that the canvassers bring the question home to so many throughout the Dominion.

We have two ends to work for, these attained, they are the only two steps necessary to reach woman suffrage. First, a favorable public opinion and second, chief and hardest, the education of the women of Canada to the sense of their duty to seek the Franchise.

Our women as a whole will never move to get it as a *right*. Women may pay too dearly sometimes for their rights, but no sacrifice is too great for duty.

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Dear sisters, the question carefully, and suffrage do not shrink perhaps contempt of carry for Him.

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I would suggest that to draft a bill to be presented

Nov. 14th, 1895.

When our Christian women are stirred with the truth that it is every woman's duty to seek the Franchise for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, the good of her country and the protection of her home, then we will soon get it.

Dear sisters, those of you who are not favorable to this movement, study the question carefully, and if your study should convince you of the need of women suffrage do not shrink from taking a stand for it. The misunderstanding and perhaps contempt of your friends may be the cross which Christ asks you to carry for Him.

If it is thought advisable for the Dominion W.C.T.U. to bring in a bill for Woman Suffrage, I will like some expression of the Convention as to the nature of that Bill. Shall we ask first for partial Suffrage on the lines of Municipal Franchise? or for full Franchise.

My advice would be to have our petition for full Franchise, and all our teaching on that line but one bill for partial Suffrage. There are many now prepared to give us partial Suffrage, as that has been found to work well in municipal matters, and not to have devastated our homes as Mr. Langley fears parliamentary Franchise will. I think a bill on the line of Municipal Franchise, if not granted, would have a good support and in the near future, might be passed; that passed, and found to work well, the further extension might be sought. I am confident that the Dominion Houses are not ready for full Franchise for women.

I would suggest that the Convention appoint a committee of its chief officers to draft a bill to be presented to Parliament after the elections.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRIETTA MURS EDWARDS.

Nov. 14th, 1895.

## REPORT OF WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

In submitting my report this year I fully and deeply sympathize with my sister comrades as you assemble under a great shadow, that which could only be cast by the removal of one so loving, kind, faithful, wise and indefatigable as our was beloved president, who has gone to be "forever with the Lord."

I am thankful to our Heavenly Father that a good degree of success has attended this department, and yet very little compared with what I aimed at and worked for. Probably if we had a Dominion Missionary in the field the provinces as a whole would more readily respond to the Dominion Superintendent's appeal.

In the autumn of 1894 I prepared and issued a circular letter to each Provincial Superintendent of Missions or where there is no superintendent to the Corresponding-Secretary. This letter was very explicit relative to the necessity of Mission funds and how to raise the desired amount. During the last three months I have written again to remind the Superintendents of their reports. I have heard from the following.

Ontario's Corresponding-Secretary, Mrs. Wiley, writes that it is often difficult to secure efficient work from the Superintendents already in office, consequently no superintendent has been appointed and no work has been done. A *bad record for progressive Ontario.*

Mrs. T. G. Allan reports that the Maritime Province has risen the sum of \$38.21.

Miss Fannie R. Moulton reports Quebec as having raised \$57.03.

Manitoba reports through Mrs. T. C. Jones, that financial efforts have been very unsuccessful, but she was still hopeful that something would be raised for Missionary Fund, but as such has not reached me I can only promise to forward the fact as quickly as I am in possession of the same.

I regret that British Columbia in consequence of floods and hard times, has very little to report. Only \$6.95. Total \$103.19.

I congratulate Quebec on being the *Banner Province* in this department and Maritime Province *second best.*

The *Missionary field* is the *World*. The *World* for Christ. Let us do what we can to *plant the White Ribbon standard* for God and Home in *every land.*

I could suggest that the memorial we raise in honor of our late beloved president be a *Dominion Missionary to the foreign field.*

S. BOWES,

*Dominion Superintendent of Missionary Fund.*

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## REPORT OF LITERATURE DEPOSITORY.

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On March 1st, the Dominion W.C.T.U. bought out the stock of the Ontario Union. Miss McArthur, Ontario Treasurer was valuator for that Union and Mr. Ogilvie, of Ottawa, A. Durie & Son, for the Dominion, who pronounced the stock in first class order. The Ontario stock was valued at \$432.80 and added to the stock already in the Dominion Literature Depository made a valuable asset.

Cash sales from March, 1895, to Nov. \$258.67.

EXPENDITURE.	
Stock.....	\$88 81
Postage.....	20 11
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Paid on old Accounts.....	77 00
Ads and Incidentals.....	33 00
Total.....	\$237 98
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Stock on hand.....	\$655 23

MARY MCKAY SCOTT,  
*Custodian.*

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## REPORT OF "WOMAN'S JOURNAL."

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The *Woman's Journal* is now in its twelfth year as the monthly organ of the W.C.T.U. It has had its ups and downs, its hills and its valleys like every other work but the Master is Lord of the hills as well as the valleys, and enables us to rise above many of the woes and wails of W.C.T.U. work. It is a means of communication between the women and we hope is doing a little good in the world. Among its friends it owes much to the efforts of Mr. J. Hall

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Ramsay, a life member of the W.C.T.U., who has kindly offered a prize for the largest list of new subscribers to be sent in before January 1896. In March the Journal lost two of its best friends, Mrs. Williams, President of Dominion W.C.T.U., who brightened its columns with her loving and helpful suggestions, and Miss Emma Thompson, who has been its indefatigable advertising agent since its first issue in 1884. The circulation is 3,000 and an improvement is noticed in some of the lists, especially in the Northwest Territories. Ontario takes 1,216, Quebec 320, Nova Scotia 141, New Brunswick 107, Manitoba 145, British Columbia 70, N. W. Territories 111, Prince Edward Island 44. If the circulation were increased to 8,000, a fortnightly might be issued, which would suit the work much better. If every W.C.T.U. woman in the Dominion subscribed this might be accomplished very easily. But she does not—more's the pity.

MARY MCKAY SCOTT,  
*Editor and Publisher.*

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## REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

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The one thing accomplished by your Committee during the year has been the purchase of Ontario's stock and establishment of the Dominion Literature Department.

Three valuers were appointed, and the stock carefully gone over. The cost was estimated at \$432.80 of which \$132.80 was paid down, the balance to be paid in yearly instalments. In view of this expenditure your Committee unanimously decided not to issue fresh leaflets this year, but now the Department is established the work will go on again, and it is earnestly hoped that our women will crystalize their bright thoughts and let the Committee have them put into leaflet form for the benefit of all.

The Custodian will give report of sales and expenditures.

On behalf of Committee,

HARRIOT T. TODD,  
*Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF TEMPERANCE GROCERY WORK.

This Department was formed last year and is still in its infancy. Its object is to bring to bear all possible influences to cause the entire separation of the trade in food from the trade in strong drink, and in the meantime to induce temperance women to encourage grocers who make what they consider a sacrifice in giving up the profits of the liquor trade.

The secretary of British Columbia writes that not much has been done in this Department owing to the illness of the Superintendent. Several grocers in Victoria have liquor licenses and these, she says, happen to be the ones who keep the freshest stock of groceries; nevertheless the W.C.T.U. members generally do not patronize them. Manitoba has no Superintendent and reports that liquor licenses are not given to grocers but the Hudson Bay Company sell it in connection with their grocery under a wholesale license.

No answer has been received from Ontario but we understand that no Superintendent has been appointed. Groceries and liquors are not sold together but grocers can hold a license and put up a partition in their store with a separate entrance and sell food on one side and diluted poison on the other. Quebec has a Department which has been worked very energetically. Mrs. McLachlan the Superintendent has written to all organized counties and unions in unorganized counties. Compton, Ottawa and Shefford have appointed Superintendents, others report that they have no licensed grocers. This Superintendent urges the importance of work in towns and cities, she says:—"Many housekeepers some of them W.C.T.U. members are attracted by the lower prices of goods sold by grocers who are licensed to sell spirituous liquors, failing evidently to see that by supporting such men we are helping to carry on the traffic which as a union we are banded to destroy. When the Montreal Union was formed in 1883 many members signed the Temperance Grocer's Pledge. Most of the Unions in Montreal have been active in this Department, grocers have been visited and talked with earnestly about the sin of selling liquor, while those who have given up the sale have been commended for so doing. The Provincial Superintendent has tried by addresses to bring the importance of this Department before four of the Montreal Unions. It is hoped that the provincial W.C.T.U. will take active measures to petition the Provincial Legislature to do away with the granting of liquor licenses to grocers.

The Maritime Union has no Department. The Corresponding Secretary

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writes that being mostly under the Scott Act licenses are granted in very few counties or towns. Grocers can obtain licenses in Halifax and St. John but rarely do so.

In view of the fact that the sale of strong drink by grocers lays a great temptation in the path of women who wish to obtain liquor secretly (indeed some city grocers supply liquor by the glass free to certain of their poor customers) it is of the greatest importance that we should work and pray for the separation of the two trades.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. DOUGALL.

Montreal.

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HEREDITY.

Have communicated with the different Provincial Superintendents several times since the last Convention besides sending out circular letters, the latter being also sent to all the Unions in British Columbia and the North West Territories, as well as several other places in these sections where Miss Phelps lectured. Altogether have sent out 7 annual reports, a large quantity of Literature, 50 circular letters and papers for signatures on Woman's Dress and sample copies of "Good Health." Have written 72 letters and post cards and spent \$15.80 in the interest of the work. Will report by Provinces as follows—

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Owing to the removal of the Superintendent from the Province and Mrs. J. A. Halliday being recently appointed, no regular report has been received, but the Provincial Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. McGregor writes, that in Victoria Dr. Mary McNeil has given a few talks on the subject, while in Vancouver papers have been written and read at the regular meeting. Westminster has been very busy with their new Woman's Hospital and Sanitarium.

### NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

Mrs. McDonald reports that 15 of the most intelligent women of Edmonton signed the paper on Woman's Dress quite willingly. Red Deer has taken up

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Dr. Amelia in this Department during the past year. Dr. Yeomans has prepared papers "The Physiology of Childbirth" to teach our Children to do that we may have a large number of children in different parts of the Province. Winnipeg.

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this branch of work. Some of the other Unions have written the Dominion Superintendent saying that they had appointed Superintendents of this Department, but have sent no report.

#### MANITOBA.

Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Superintendent. 14 Unions have reported as working in this Department. Have held 48 meetings specially devoted to this subject during the past twelve months and distributed a large quantity of Literature. Dr. Yeomans has delivered lectures in Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie, and prepared papers for the Mother's Meetings in Winnipeg on such subjects as "The Physiology of the Corset," "The Ethics of the Marriage Relation," "How to teach our Children Temperance," "Opium and Tobacco," "What shall we do that we may work the works of God" etc., these papers being copied and read in different parts of the Province 'thus proving a blessing to a greater number. A large number of signatures to the paper on Woman's Dress were secured in Winnipeg.

#### MARITIME PROVINCES.

This Department is being well carried on in the Maritime Provinces by Mrs. Brennan of Prince Edward Island. The Island Unions however, take the lead in this subject, several of them taking up the work in a most interesting manner, having special meetings devoted to the same. At the Island Convention a paper was given on "The Relation of Health to Happiness" by Mrs. (Dr.) McNeil of Kensington. Summerside was favored with a lecture last summer by Mrs. Jean Morris Ellis on "Maternity and Women's Dress." A lecture course every winter on hygienic subjects is an important feature of this Union's work, said lectures being generally given by the physicians of the town.

#### ONTARIO.

As this report extends over a period of a year and a half, Ontario has two Superintendents to report, Dr. Lelia Davis and Mrs. D. V. Lucas. Good and faithful work was done by Dr. Davis especially along the line of Dress Reform. Several interesting lectures were delivered and articles written for the journals. 15 Unions returned the papers on Dress Reform with 164 signatures. Mrs. Lucas sent out over 200 most interesting circular letters and received some replies. Six counties have county Superintendents of this Department.

#### QUEBEC.

Mrs. Craig reports having heard from 60 Unions and 43 had taken up the work to a greater or less extent, showing a steady gain. Out of 11 organized counties 8 have county Superintendents and we hope the rest will soon fall into line. 35 Unions circulated the paper on Women's Dress, securing 522 signatures

#### PHYSICAL CULTURE AND CORRECT DRESS.

These two subjects go hand in hand, one can not stand without the other. Leaflets have been distributed on Physical Culture and have tried to bring the

subject prominently before the Unions. Under the head of Correct Dress we are pleased to report about 800 signatures to the paper on Woman's Dress which was to serve as an entering wedge on this important subject. The little lady, Miss "Arena," who appeared at the last Dominion Convention in two reform costumes, the Boston Rational Dress and Grecian Robe, has since then appeared at the Compton County W.C.T.U. Convention, Quebec Provincial and Ontario Conventions, and spent several weeks in Manitoba where she excited considerable interest.

Just shortly before the death of our beloved Dominion President, Mrs. Williams, she wrote asking me if I could not have the little lady prepared for the Quebec Convention with a full set of hygienic underclothing, as it might prove a help to some of our sisters. You can all imagine what a pleasure it has been to me, as well as a sad duty, to see that this wish was faithfully carried out, therefore Miss "Arena" will appear in such apparel, including the Union under-flannel, health waist, etc, the clothing being so arranged that all the organs of the body have plenty of room for action and the whole weight of the clothing suspended from the shoulders. The dress (conventional) which she wears is also prepared with that aim in view and can be easily removed for further inspection. I had hoped to present Miss "Arena" in person but my health will not permit this year, therefore I send her among you, hoping that she may throw some new light on this important subject.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA G. CRAIG,  
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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

"If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" is a question that may be asked as we see the persistent efforts that are being made to remove one of the strongest foundations on which a nation's, as well as an individual's prosperity depends; the proper observance of the Lord's Day; and while we deplore the tendency to make it a season of worldly entertainment and mere pleasure seeking, yet we cannot but note with satisfaction the increased interest which has been taken in this subject during the past year, as may have been observed by those who have closely watched the course of current events.

The formation of the Lord's Day Alliance of Canada with the Ontario and other branches is encouraging and we hope that the organization of these societies may greatly conduce to the preservation of the day of rest, and so influence legislation that the proposed opening of canals etc., may be prevented.

We must mention a new danger which is threatening the sanctity of the Day, *i.e.* bicycle riding. By this practice Church, Sunday School and Home are neglected. The temptations to which this form of desecration may lead are many. Our own sex we regret, are also offenders in this respect. This is a difficult phase of the question and must be carefully considered and wisely and firmly handled.

Another source of desecration is the Military and Society parades, and it is much to be regretted that the clergy do not take a decided stand against it, by refusing to preach special sermons on those occasions.

The work of this Department has not received the attention which its importance demands. Some Provinces have not replied to the letters and questions sent them.

### ONTARIO.

Eleven counties report active work done. Last Spring several electric railroads asked a charter from the legislature permitting the running of their cars on the Lord's Day. Although the time for action was short the Provincial President issued a circular and petition which were sent to each local Union and resulted in a protest signed by thousands of citizens against the threatened desecration of the day. Public meetings were held and sermons preached in many places and the Christian public were stirred up generally and as a result no charter was allowed to companies to run cars on the Lord's day, save when absolutely neces-

sary. The early shopping movement in its connection with Lord's Day Observance is increasing.

QUEBEC.

Much good work has been done by the energetic Superintendent. Some 10,000 pages of literature have been circulated and a great deal of earnestness is shown by the Unions and Protestant clergy on this subject. In consequence of an accident the Superintendent is unable to give a full report, which we regret.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Has no Superintendent but try to have each Union take up the work.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

By resolution has endorsed all efforts that are put forth to preserve the sanctity of the Lord's day, and recommended members to be particular in observing it.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. We would suggest that as January 8th is set apart by the Dominion W.C.T.U. as a day of prayer, that special prayer for the success of Mr. Charlton's Bill which is to be again brought before Parliament, be included in the programme.

That the Dominion W.C.T.U. unite with the Lord's Day Alliance in bringing pressure to bear upon the Members of the House of Commons and the Senate to give the bill their hearty support.

2. Whereas: The Lord's Day is a boon granted to us, a precious gift bestowed through God's tender love—therefore:

*Resolved*—That we, as Christian women, pledge ourselves to endeavor to preserve its sanctity by doing no work other than that which is positively needful, and to use the day only for the purpose for which God intended it, rest and holy worship.

3. That we further the early closing movement by doing our own shopping as early as possible so that both employer and employee may be better able to enjoy the privileges of the day of rest.

That the name of the department be changed to "Lord's Day Observance."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. CAVERS,  
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## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

DEAR SISTERS,—Your Superintendent not only has reason to believe that in the work of the Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction no ground has been lost in the Dominion, but that an advance has been made all along the line from ocean to ocean.

The Maritime Union has become *three* unions: each with a determined Superintendent of its own on the alert to keep up the general interest in this great work of Prevention, and determined to let no opportunity slip for strengthening it.

Our Quebec and Ontario sisters are like-minded. The general public in all these Provinces has now come to look upon this new departure in Educational work as a matter of course—a *fait accompli*, and it is no longer considered an innovation.

In Quebec city a petition has been presented to the Council of Public Instruction asking that women be made eligible to sit on School Boards.

Ontario Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. Bigelow, Superintendent, writes: "The weak point in the regulation of the Educational Department, viz., The defective programme of studies and the defective examinations having been so often pointed out and their consequences so keenly felt by our workers; in accordance with the resolution passed at the last conference, a letter was written to the Inspector's Department of the Educational Association of Ontario, urging them to do their part towards removing this barrier to the success of our work. Copies of the letter were sent to the Secretary, Chairman and others interested.

In response to this Communication a most courteous reply was received from the Secretary of Ontario Educational Association accompanied by the following resolution:

*Resolved*—That the Secretary acknowledge this receipt of Communication from Ontario W. C. T. U. by expressing our sympathy therewith, and that we are doing and will do all that we can to further the teaching of Physiology of Temperance in accordance with the programme for Public Schools.

The circular of this department was sent out in March and to new Unions during the year.

Many communications evincing a strong desire to know and do have been received and replied to.

17 counties have reported thorough organization in this department and most encouraging and practical results.

The other counties have not reported but doubtless much has been done of which we have not heard. We feel assured there has been an increased interest during the year.

In the West the clouds are lifting. All through the western portion of our Dominion White Ribboners are becoming thoroughly aroused and determined to work in every way possible for securing the general introduction of Scientific Temperance Instruction into their public schools.

Mrs. Gamble, of Regina, is doing what she can for the Northwest Territories. Last winter your Superintendent, at Mrs. Gamble's request wrote a long letter on Scientific Temperance Instruction—its necessity, the history of its introduction into the schools of our own and other countries, and the best methods of carrying on the work. This article was published in both the Regina papers and seems to have been well received.

The present Superintendent of British Columbia, Mrs. McDiarmid, of Knutsford, thirty-five miles from Victoria, seems to be a woman specially fitted for the work to which she has been appointed. I have received most encouraging letters from her. In her last, after telling me of all she has been doing to pave the way for securing a compulsory Scientific Temperance Instruction Act for the Pacific Province, and of the encouragement given her by Colonel Baker, the British Columbia Minister of Education, she closes with these words :

"I have great faith in persistency, and, above all, I believe God has put this work into my hands, and that He will show me how to do it. He knows how ignorant and helpless I am, and that I depend wholly on His strength. 'In His name ! By His strength !'"

Surely we may look for some definite, decided advance in British Columbia the coming year.

Your Superintendent reported our Dominion Scientific Temperance Instruction work fully last Spring to Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, to embody in her report for the World's Convention held in London, England.

Many letters and postals have been written during the year to our workers in different parts of the Dominion.

Your Superintendent in this correspondence, as well as in articles written for our *Woman's Journal* endeavored to impress upon the minds of our special workers, and of White Ribboners generally, the necessity of general school visitation methodically conducted by our Unions, and of continued effort on their part for the encouragement of teachers and pupils.

Many copies of the *School Physiology Journal* are now furnished teachers in all our Provinces by our W.C.T. Unions. It would be well if a copy of this excellent educational periodical came to every Canadian teacher monthly.

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The dark clouds, which so long overshadowed us, are lifting. Our eyes are beginning to see the "Glory of the coming of the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. M. NOYES,

*Dominion Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction.*

## REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT.

The subjoined reports of the work of this Department in the several Provinces show a most encouraging increase of interest in this important branch of our W.C.T.U. organization. Our workers evidently realize that there is no cure like the Gospel cure and that reformation founded on anything short of this rests only on a broken reed or a foundation of sand.

The day of prayer, whose observance as an anniversary began in January, 1894, is now an established and widely-observed anniversary, and rightly so, for while it marks the natal day of our pioneer leader and Deborah of this conflict, Mrs. Yeomans, how appropriately it also commemorates the commencement of a New Year of service, and renewed consecration to our Master. The World's Day of Prayer has also been observed by many Unions in each of the Provinces.

Your Superintendent has striven to advance the interests of this Department by every means available and she gratefully acknowledged God's blessing *asked for and received* on the work in all its branches as shown by the reports as below:—May His work go on and prosper and may many, many souls come into their inheritance through the instrumentality of the Evangelistic Workers of the W.C.T.U.

### MANITOBA.

Mrs. Stewart Provincial Superintendent Evangelistic Work for Manitoba reports as follows:—“We sent out circulars to all the Unions to observe the

Dominion Day of prayer, also printed programmes for the World's Day of Prayer on May 18th and 19th. Visited the city ministers and secured their promise to preach on the subject of Temperance and the work of the W.C.T.U. On May 19th; also held a Mass Meeting which was well attended, on the 18th several of the other Unions did the same and I believe much good was accomplished. Winnipeg Unions held prayer meetings with families who were unable to attend church, and formed visiting committees who visited 8 or 10 families each week, also visited the poor and found out their needs, which they supplied. Winnipeg, Brandon, and Portage La Prairie visited the hospitals regularly, read the Bible and offered prayer at the bedside of patients, resulting in *many conversions*. The work was successfully carried on in a tent of the Fair Grounds. Prayer Meeting and Gospel Temperance Meetings being held.

Several Unions reported visiting the sick, reading the scriptures and praying with them, also holding Gospel Temperance Meetings. Monthly Bible readings and consecration service, getting the ministers of different denominations to preach Temperance sermons and helping the poor and needy. Neepawa Union raised \$110.00 to send a poor family back to friends in England. In fact all Unions heard from, have done good work. I pray that much more, will be the result of this year's work in all our local Unions.

#### MARITIME PROVINCES.

Mrs. Seymour, Provincial Superintendent has received reports from 22 Unions; these all show increased interest and better work done than previously. All take up several branches of Evangelistic Work, such as Mothers' Meetings, Jail Visitations, holding Gospel Meetings and distributing Gospel Literature, striving by every means to lead the erring ones from darkness into light. Many report having observed the day of prayer, and requesting the ministers to preach Temperance Sermons. In St. John alone there were held *44 Mothers' Meetings*, *52 Gospel Meetings* in jail, besides the regular Jail Visitation, many other meetings which lack of space forbids mentioning.

Moncton also reports *48 Gospel Temperance* and *52 Evangelistic* meetings besides Almshouse Visitations, etc. The work is increasing, but more helpers are needed here as elsewhere.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Through its Superintendent Mrs. Scouller reports as follows:—"Our ministers were asked to preach Temperance sermons at the close of last year, which they did. Literature was sent to the different Unions and in our jails and hospitals, more especially the former, regular Sabbath services are held under the auspices of the W.C.T.U.

In Vancouver, Gospel Temperance services have been held frequently at the close of the regular services. We trust and pray that God will bless our feeble efforts and that some souls have been blessed and we know that such is the case

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#### ONTARIO.

What God hath joined together let no man put asunder, viz :—The Christian first and the Temperance part of our God-given, unparalleled organization.

Perhaps never since the formation of the Provincial Union has this branch had such a number of faithful zealous Workers as at the present time, and never such untiring efforts blending withal the power of the living God. Again, never so many poor fed and clothed ; bereaved and sick visited and comforted ; Literature distributed ; and the lost sought and found. In addition to this, meetings, legion in number and kind, have been held ; and all sorts and conditions of men and women enlightened, encouraged, blessed and saved.

The meetings comprise open air and Gospel Meetings, special services, Bible reading, prayer and cottage meetings, mothers' and childrens' meetings etc. It may be truly said of them, they have sown the precious seed beside all waters.

Best of all God has been manifestly present in the little gatherings of the two's and three's up to the grand Convention just held in Hamilton, where many of the dear workers touched anew the *living* Christ, and were anointed with the Holy Ghost to go forth and do His blessed work.

Whatever work He has allowed us as a Province to do, and for all that has been accomplished we give Him praise and the glory, and feel each County and Local Superintendent is saying for the coming year :

“Speak to *me* Lord, that I may speak,  
In living echoes of Thy tone,  
As Thou hast sought so let me seek  
Thy wandering sheep both lost and lone.”

(MRS.) ALICE P. MORRISON,  
*Dominion Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

### ONTARIO.

The Superintendent, Mrs. Hunter, writes:—In presenting our Ontario Report, we are glad to be able to show much more work done than ever before. Over one hundred camps were supplied regularly with comfort bags, scrap books, and good literature, besides those visited by our agents. Twenty-five boxes or bales were also sent to Superintendent.

On Nov. 22nd Mr. S. Bromley accompanied by a young man started for a month's work among the men in camps. This was an experiment to know whether two going together (our Lord's plan) would accomplish more good in the same time. We were much pleased with the result. One letter received says:—"These gentlemen are very persistent in their work. They held service here at 8.30 Sunday morning, and then walked through ten inches of snow to the depot, seven miles distant, holding two services there the same day. Over thirty men walked from surrounding camps from two to seven miles distant, many more would have gone had not the snow been so deep. This, I think is proof that the men are interested in the meetings." Many more notes might be given. The Ontario Treasurer reported that \$229.25 was contributed by local Unions, so we were enabled to send them in another direction after the holidays. The agents report for January and part of February is presented. No. of camps visited, 19; men, 1159; meetings held, 24; comfort bags, 43; scrap-books, 25; tracks, 3000; Bibles and Testaments, 50; portions of, 74; besides those in comfort bags, or at total of 167 Bibles, Testaments or portions; miles travelled by train, 491; livery and ladger teams 123, walked 108; total 722. Professing Christians met in camps only seven. Literature distributed about 500 lbs. Comfort bags, literature etc. sent to camps not visited. No. of camps 22; men, 936; comfort bags, 37; scrap-books, 24; literature about 250 lbs.

They held special services at a village for sixteen days, attended by men from eight camps. Over one hundred persons professed faith in Christ. The whole village was moved.

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#### QUEBEC.

The Superintendent, Mrs. Bowman, is glad to report that good work has been done in some counties in the Province of Quebec. The following counties have taken up this Department of W.C.T.U. work, Argenteuil, Chateauguay, Compton, Richmond, Drummond, Hochelaga, Sherbrooke, Pontiac and Quebec. Compton County has had every opportunity of carrying on this work, as there were about 30 Lumber Camps in different parts of the county. Special attention was given to the French work in the Eastern part of the county, and through the kindness of friends in Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto, we were able to supply the French Camps with plenty of Literature in their own language. Bibles were sent to nearly all of the camps in either English, French or Gaelic. Good work has also been done in Richmond and Drummond counties. A large quantity of Literature was distributed in French and English and religious services were held in some of the camps. A very encouraging report comes from Pontiac county. The Superintendent writes that eight persons were converted last winter in a Lumber Camps through the instrumentality of the W.C.T.U. Let us thank God, and take courage.

#### MARITIME PROVINCE.

The following is only a partial report of work done in these Provinces.

Five Unions report work done.

Bridgewater Union has supplied a quantity of Literature to Lumber Camps.

St. John (north) reports having sent 13 packages (or 43 pounds) of literature to 13 camps, each package also contained a Testament.

Parrsboro Union has supplied several camps with reading matter during the winter.

Fredericton Union has supplied fourteen camps with thirty-eight packages of literature during the winter, besides having sent eighteen comfort bags, each containing in addition to the needles, thread, etc., a portion of the Scriptures. The bags proved very acceptable, one man saying they contained "just what they needed very badly." Since May three parcels of reading matter have been sent to the raftsmen.

Petitcodiac Union has carried on this department's work very faithfully. Mrs. Fowler, the local Superintendent, reports having sent a number of well filled comfort bags and Christmas letters, some of which the men answered, expressing their hearty appreciation of the Union's kind thoughtfulness. One thousand and twenty-six papers were sent to camps, besides religious books, tracts bearing on narcotics, alcohol, etc. To camps in Westmorland county they sent six bundles papers; Albert county, forty-two, Queen's county, sixty-six. Such a carefully kept record cheers a Superintendent's heart.

Will the Superintendents during the coming year kindly keep particular record of the actual amount of literature etc., sent to camp.

Note—These reports have been gathered at or since the Convention by the Corresponding Secretary, as the Dominion Superintendent had no reports sent her. The new Superintendent is Mrs. Trites, Sussex, New Brunswick.

### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF WORK AMONG SAILORS, FISHERMEN AND LIGHTHOUSE- KEEPERS.

We are frequently reminded at our annual Conventions that time is precious and your Superintendent of Sailor's Work in writing her report has endeavored to bring it within the prescribed limit, and also allow a few moments for suggestions to work.

Your Superintendent regrets that in 1895 Report only Ontario and the Maritime Provinces have been heard from. Efforts have been made several times during the year to reach the Superintendent of British Columbia and Quebec, but without success. We fear that Mrs. Stobo's past address has been changed.

Mrs. Davis, Superintendent of Sailor's Work for Ontario, reports forty letters written in the early spring urging to increased interest in her department. Four Unions have reported work taken up, while others speak of preparation for work in the future. Over six thousand pages of literature has been given away while magazines and boxes of books and papers not numbered have been distributed. Many "Comfort Bags" have found their way into the hands of Sailors. In the early summer your Superintendent as Maritime Superintendent of Sailors Work, wrote seventy letters to Unions in the interest of this Department. Sixteen Unions report activity in this work. The statistics are as follows:

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We sigh at the smallness of the record, in view of the importance of the department I would I could speak to every sister's heart on behalf of this most pressing work. Let us strive to surround our needy Sailor brother with an environment of good as he comes to us from the sea; let us follow him on the pathless deep by our prayers and our offerings to his comfort and spiritual well-being.

I would suggest that our Unions supply themselves with a few dozens of "Gospel Compasses" for the season's work. These can be obtained at the Methodist Book Room at Halifax, Nova Scotia, or ordered from London, England at the rate of seventy-five cents per dozen, (75c.) I would also suggest the distribution of Christmas cards to our sailors. These can be obtained in Montreal, and are enclosed in envelopes ready to present to seamen.

I would also like to bring before our sisters the interest of the Mission to deep sea fishermen. This work is carried forward on this side of the Atlantic at Labrador. Caps, wristlets, stockings and other articles can be knitted in coarse grey yarn for the fishermen on that dreary coast. These are very highly prized by the recipient. Directions can be obtained for knitting many of these articles if desired. They would be gladly received at Halifax, and thence forwarded by parties interested in the work to their destination. Further information will be sent if desired. "Charity begins at home," but does not end there. May renewed effort be made this year to stretch out the borders of this important department.

The following report from Quebec was received at Convention. The Superintendent writes. "The work in this department during the past year has been chiefly amongst the sailors, although it has been the duty of your Superintendent to reach the others as well. Yet we have some cause to rejoice for many of our workers have been active and prayerful, as many of our seaman could testify were they with us here to-day.

*Uverton* Union sent through Mrs. Middleton 12 "Comfort Bags." *Chatauguay Basin*, reports 280 papers, 4 magazines, 30 "Comfort Bags," 4 baskets of apples, 3 of grapes, also flowers at different times. *Montreal Central* Union reports having sent to the Montreal Sailors' Institute 1 large box of illustrated papers, magazines, etc., also one large parcel.

The sick sailors in Jeffreys Hale's Hospital have been visited and members of the Union have had the pleasure of speaking to many of them, and also presenting to them the Comfort Bags which your hands had prepared. Only a few weeks ago an answer came to a letter written by one of our workers and sent on its mission of love and of mercy. The sailor who received it had been

trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for some time and had found in Him an helper that would aid him to the end. He sends to the writer his best thanks, also to all the ladies of the W.C.T.U., and prays that God may reward and help them in their work.

Your Superintendent had the pleasure of being present at a Temperance entertainment given by sailors of the war ship *Crescent*, connected with the Royal Naval Temperance Society, while the ship was in the harbor at Quebec. After the entertainment there was an opportunity for conversation; many of the men said that they were interested in the effort the W.C.T.U. is making in their behalf.

"Let us not be weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) O. C. WHITMAN, Canso, N.S.,  
*Dominion Superintendent.*

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS.

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Much that we had hoped to report of advancement in this Department, during the past year, still remains unaccomplished; and were it not for our implicit faith in the righteousness of our cause and the ultimate triumph of right over wrong, we might grow weary in the warfare and become almost discouraged "because of the way."

The work throughout the Provinces during the year just closed has been mainly that of seed-sowing; we trust as a result of the patient toil involved, an abundant harvest will be vouchsafed. We believe furrows deep and searching have been ploughed through the hearts and consciences of church-members and temperance people in regard to the unrighteousness of the habitual use of narcotics, arousing them from the lethargy of indifference which has so long bound them; as a result of which we see the glimmers of the day when the Church of the Living God will be fully arrayed against this dire evil. Long before that day

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#### ONTARIO.

Taking the Provinces in order of organization, Ontario reports, through its Superintendent, Mrs. Edmin Cole, Carleton Place, thirteen County Unions actively engaged in this warfare, with a large working force of Local Superintendents. Anti-Narcotic literature, including copies of the Tobacco Act, has been freely distributed; local papers have been supplied with short articles and clippings. Anti-Cigarette, or better still, Anti-Tobacco Leagues have been formed. Church-members engaged in selling tobacco have been asked to discontinue the sale of same. Ministers requested to preach sermons against this sadly prevalent habit, and S. S. Superintendents and teachers in the Public Schools have been interviewed and asked to decry this great evil of smoking to the boys committed to their care. Thus the work in Ontario moves on.

#### QUEBEC.

Quebec, with Mrs. (Dr.) Metcalfe, of Thurso, as Superintendent, reports interest in this Department slowly but surely increasing, but the odds at times seem against them; as many, even of the W.C.T.U. members, hesitate in coming out openly on this question for fear of annoying some one. Surely "A better day is dawning!" The work accomplished has been principally through the Juvenile Societies. Anti-Narcotic literature and Anti-Tobacco pledges have been freely circulated. Two Anti-Cigarette Leagues have been formed, with a large membership; and in the absence of any legislation along this line, two Counties have issued County Pledges requesting merchants, grocers and hotel keepers not to sell tobacco in any form to minors. This petition met with great success—so much so that it is expected all the Counties will try this method next year. Nine County and twenty-seven Local Superintendents are reported.

#### MARITIME PROVINCES.

Mrs. M. A. Freeze, of Petitcodiac, N.B., Superintendent, reports fourteen Local Superintendents engaged in this work; twenty Unions though have distributed Anti-Narcotic literature, and have endeavored in other ways to stem this increasing tide of evil. The Tobacco Pledges sent out by the Superintendents received 185 signatures. Owing to the merging of the Maritime Union into three Unions we will look for greater results and still more effectual work through this incoming year from the "Provinces by the Sea."

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster, Superintendent, reports

prospects bright for a good year's work. The past year has been mainly occupied in preparation for active service. Literature was distributed at their Provincial Convention and in other ways interest in the work stimulated through the efforts of the Superintendent.

British Columbia has a law prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors, which law, though, is reported as practically a dead letter through lack of enforcement by the proper officials.

#### MANITOBA.

We deeply regret to say that Manitoba, as yet, remains without a Superintendent in this Department, but we are hoping the near future will see this defect remedied.

So far this is all that has been reported, but let us remember that that which lies "under the surface" is oft times of more vital moment than that which is readily obtainable. We believe our cause is looking up. Ministers and laity are becoming aroused to the evils of the opium and tobacco habits. Your Superintendent is in receipt of communications from Sunday school superintendents, and Presidents of Epworth Leagues asking for information on this subject. Whilst our Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavors and Epworth League Societies take this cause in hand rapid strides are being made towards the overthrow of the evil, for this "Let us thank God and take courage."

A word personal. In the interests of this Department your Superintendent sent out a Plan of Work to each of the Provincial Unions in which were embodied a number of suggestions for work. She also contributed articles bearing upon the subject to our *Journal* and *Citizen and Home Guard*, nor did we forget to privately communicate with the different Superintendents, believing that the more intimate knowledge we have of each others aims and methods the better can the work be accomplished.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

Believing that this Department is second to none in importance we would respectfully suggest.

1. That every Province unrepresented by this work at once appoint a Superintendent.
2. Owing to the unprecedented success attendant upon the formation of Anti-Cigarette and Anti-Tobacco Leagues that Provincial Superintendents urge upon their county and Local Unions the desirability of redoubling their efforts in this particular.
3. In order to give our Departmental work as great prominence as possible that Provincial Superintendents, whenever practicable, wait upon Conferences, Synods, Assemblies and all gatherings of influential bodies and ask their sympathy and co-operation in our efforts towards the complete extermination of the habitua  
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5. Urge upon county and local workers the imperative necessity of an immediate movement towards checking the use of opium and other deadly drugs. In this connection would advise their interviewing their local physicians kindly asking them to be more careful in the prescribing of opiates.

6. Scatter Anti-Narcotic Literature everywhere, through the Unions, Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and Christian Endeavour Societies, Day Schools, Boats, Railway Stations, Manufactories, and the *homes* of all.

7. Ask Christian Endeavor and Epworth League Presidents also Sunday School Superintendents to give if possible, at least one meeting a year to the discussion of the alarming evils arising from the use of opiates, remembering "forewarned is forearmed."

8. In view of the awful extent to which impure pictures are circulated with packages of cigarettes, thereby corrupting the morals of the youth of our land, urge upon county and local Superintendents the necessity of being ever on the alert for any such productions and endeavour to prosecute or at least expose the vendors in the same.

SARA HOWELL WRIGHT,  
*Superintendent.*

## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF UNFERMENTED WINE.

I fear that my report for this year will be but meagre, and still I feel that this branch of our work is progressing—slowly, it is true, but none the less surely.

And yet there are Churches that look upon fermented wine for sacramental purposes as a sacred thing. To use any other would be a sacrilege. While we cannot but respect their convictions, we trust the day is not far distant when the too will see eye to eye with us, and remove the stumbling block out of the weak brother's way.

Mrs. Everett, Superintendent of the Maritime Provinces, reports that she has written many times to all the Unions and sent Literature. She states that most of the Unions report that all the churches except the Anglican and Roman Catholic use the unfermented wine. She adds it now only remains for the Provincial Unions to attack these strongholds.

Mrs. (Dr.) Paterson, of Quebec, reports, that this year she has received fewer answers to letters than at any former year. This is, not, she thinks on account of apathy, but, because the work is so slow and County Superintendents cannot report progress. But it would be more satisfactory if the county Superintendents would report just the actual state of things in their respective counties or districts, "It would," she adds, "be interesting to know what per centage of the churches of the Provinces have given up the use of intoxicating wine, but this is perhaps practically impossible to ascertain, because there are many counties containing Protestant churches in which we have no Unions." She has heard from seven Unions in her Province, of these Brome county reports an increase of two churches over last year making nineteen churches using unfermented wine Literature has been profusely circulated.

Chateaugay County—Five churches using unfermented, one fermented wine.

Hochelaga—All excepting Angelica. Of the others Pontiac reports three using unfermented and three fermented wine. Literature has been faithfully distributed by all local Superintendents.

Mrs. Chamberlain, of Winnipeg sends us a bright cheery report. She says that last year there were only ten churches that she knew of using unfermented wine. This year in addition to the ten there are four missions and a Holiness League. She is supplying a number of places outside the city with wine for Sacramental

purposes. She has distributed literature to the ministers in the city and also out through the towns in the North-West. From May 1894 to May 1895 fifty-five quarts and sixty-nine pints of unfermented wine have been sold by her which netted her Union \$17.21. "I trust, she says, "that the year entered upon may see good work done for the Master, and that He will enable me to do my duty in this Department."

Ontario and British Columbia have not reported. Your Superintendent hopes they are doing good faithful work. We do trust that the work of the year just entered upon may be more encouraging than that of the past year. And we do pray that God's blessing may rest on this branch of the work, and that He will hasten the time when those who minister to us in holy things will be led to realize the evil that lurks in the wine that inebriates, and that it may be speedily banished from all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

We have always begun our Report with the Maritime, but, bearing in mind the old saying that all things in their advance move westward have wondered whether the character which Maritime work had taken would itself lead the character of the work in other provinces.

The old Maritime Union has virtually passed over the Railroad work to the "Railway Christian Mission Association." Word comes from Nova Scotia:

Whether or not the two sister Provinces will adopt the same plan, since the division of the Maritime into three independent Provincial Unions, remains to be seen.

The Province of Quebec has been worked similarly to previous years, with one or two exceptions. Danville, Granby, Coaticook, Griffin, Massawippi, Smith's Mills and other places supply literature to boxes in their own or neighboring stations. Massawippi does the same for the *steamers* plying its *Lake*.

Richmond had two boxes stolen. Brome County not only supplies teaflets but circulates Temperance books. Such books as "Danesbury House," "Buy Your Own Cherries," etc., were bought and directed to individual Railway Employees. Pledges, also, were circulated.

In Montreal, literature has been sent to the Railway Gospel Mission, and from there distributed to both G.T.R. and C.P.R. employees. A Coffee House was started by the Northern Union at the Mile End depot, but, owing to lack of support was closed.

Pt. St. Charles Union distributed Christmas letters to employees living at the Point.

East End Union reports magazines and periodicals sent to outlying stations, through the medium of the Railway Gospel Mission.

Ontario reports—"As yet no Unions have carried out suggestions in regard to *Coffee and Reading Rooms*, though I am still hopeful as we had a good deal of discussion thereon at Convention, and that means, at least, *live* interest.

Unfortunately—as you mention in your letter—work on the Sabbath is part of the *written and printed form of contract* between *employers and employees* on the C.P.R. and I suppose on the G. T.R. This has a very pernicious influence on those whose moral stamina is not strong enough to say "I will *not* work on the Lord's Day," though I know several in this town who have been thrown out of work in mid-winter, for refusing to work on the Sabbath.

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I do wish we could have such a Mission as you describe in every large Railroad Centre. I will suggest this in the new circulars. I understand that the new G. T. R. manager is, personally, a *total abstainer* and requires *all in the employ* of his Company to be such. Is not this a grand thing for Canada?

Some Unions have taken up the work for the first time, others speak of the welcome reception of the reading matter provided by the W. C. T. U.

None said "We have given up the work." There is need of an occasional *personal* visitation to some of the Unions in large Railway Centres to stir the hearts of the workers to more earnest effort.

One Superintendent always travels with literature in pocket for distribution to conductor's and others. One Union made a Christmas cake for each station in their town. Railway boxes are in many stations. One lady made marginal notes on a newspaper article, appending her signature and placing in station box. The reader got his *wife* to join the W. C. T. U.; *his children* the Band of Hope, and wrote thanking the lady for placing the papers there.

Our Manitoba Superintendent reports Literature Boxes, not only in stations, coaches and cabooses on all the lines, but also in barber shops, boarding-houses, and Post Offices, in her locality.

She says—"In one town the station agent is so bitter against the work that he destroyed the Literature box, and we have reason to believe, the contents also. I wrote Superintendent Whyte who notified the agent that if the W. C. T. U. wished to place a box in the waiting-room, they had his permission to do so. We have replaced a box."

The Central Union in Winnipeg holds weekly meeting on Sunday afternoons, for Railway Employees.

Miss Jessie Brown, of Vancouver, British Columbia, writes,—New Westminster has dropped the department for want of material, they claim the street car employes were all they had to work amongst, and *their* brackets are now filled by the regular Literature Department.

Vancouver distributed 34,772 pages of literature, visited homes, and sick ones in hospital, also sent many Christmas and other letters; they are now arranging for a mass meeting.

Victoria has this year added Railroad to its Departments of work. Its Superintendent visited weekly the offices and workshops, talked faithfully to the men and left literature.

Nanaimo, although a new Union, has taken up the work, distributed 840 pages of literature and done other good work.

In Kamloops, though still without a Union, Mrs. Bannerman has pressed into service a friend, and together they give their Sabbaths to the work. My home is now with a Railroad employe; he and his wife are active, consecrated Christians. From him I learn that there is little Christianity amongst the men on the line. The lack of this, he, and Conductor Snider attribute to the absence of a Sabbath. It is all very well to preach to these men; they need it; but it

appears to me that while God's *command* is so violated we can hope for little reformation. In Vancouver, after hard fighting, we had our city charter remodelled and a *by-law enacted*, providing for the closing of fruit, tobacco and other stores, but I fear our *local* authorities could do nothing to prevent Railroad work. *Can we not do something* to secure a Sabbath for these men? Will you not lay this before the Dominion Union, and *try* to have something done?

As we glance backward from west to east, we conclude that the Railway Christian Mission Association has come into the field, not to supplant but to supplement our work, and so would extend to the Association the right hand of fellowship. With their aid we would strike at the root of the evil, Sabbath desecration.

How can we preach Christianity and Temperance to our railroad men, while at the same time to suit the demands of strangers, ignore the command to be found in Exodus 20, 8-10—*Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy, etc., etc., thou nor the stranger within thy gates.*

Respectfully submitted,

(Mrs. A. W.)

FRANCES BRYSON STRONG,  
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## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF "PEACE AND ARBITRATION."

The question of Arbitration is to-day receiving the marked attention of statesmen of all civilized nations, for it is now very generally conceded that war is a relic of barbarism and reflections cast by this monstrous evil are unpleasant to contemplate in the light that has dawned.

Canada through her statesmen has given no uncertain sound on this subject. The late Premier Sir John Thompson and the Hon. Wilfred Laurier leader of the opposition together with their prospective followers declared unanimously in favor of the principle of Arbitration for the settlement of International disputes. With feelings of honest patriotic pride I embodied this fact in my report to the World's Superintendent of Peace and Arbitration, believing that the action of those Christian Statesmen had placed our young nation on a higher plane. We, as part of the World's chain realize to the fullest extent the sentiment embodied in the lines "The world is my country and all mankind my countrymen," therefore, I thought the women of other countries would rejoice with us even as we glory in every advance made by other nations to usher in the reign of Peace on Earth.

But while on the watch-tour alert in the the interest of my Department it was with feeling akin to pain I discerned a new danger which gave me great concern because entrenched behind the church. I refer to "Boys Brigades." We are accustomed to respect that which has found favor in the Motherland, whence the new movement is wafted. This fact alone will incline many to accept them as a possible good, more especially as they are endorsed by some ministers. Our loyalty to the church, respect of the Motherland and the veneration in which Ministers of the Prince of Peace are held will keep silent many who fully realize that the trend is in the wrong direction, hence the danger.

The distribution of Literature has been the chief work of this Department. I am indebted to friends, many of whom are outside of temperance rank, who have made themselves willing mediums through which Literature has reached the large assemblies convened throughout the Dominion. I am also indebted to friends for many valuable packets of Peace Literature.

The Legislation of last year entailed a heavy correspondence, this year letters have been few in number, but the Literature distributed has exceeded that of any past year.

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Press work has been conducted on the old lines, viz., enclosing extracts that would be suggestive together with leaflets from the pens of able and well-known writers, these are sent to different individuals requesting them to give their views on the question, a plan which has been tried in other countries. I have found the method most effective. Already it has borne fruit as many of our ablest writers are now wielding the "pen against the sword." The press, too, through splendid editorials is moulding public opinion in the same direction. As human efforts must co-operate with the Divine in its final accomplishment shall not we, dear sisters, individually, resolve to do something during the coming year to usher in the reign of Peace on Earth so that we too may merit the reward promised the peace-maker.

#### SUGGESTIVE THOUGHTS.

As the holiday season approaches presents will be the order of the day. Let us encourage Kindergarten gifts, books and instructive games which may be enjoyed by girls and boys in the home circle, rather than the mimic soldiers, toy pistols and miniature cannons. Girls have no share in these and boys soon discover that home is no place to carry out into living reality tastes which the latter will tend to develop tastes, which will soon guide young feet to the camp, smoking concerts and kindred places after which the freedom of the club and pool rooms is more desired than the home. I do not ignore the importance of hereditary when I say early environment is everything. Mothers, children are as clay in the hands of the potter. How shall we fashion them? Let us encourage physical culture for both sexes rather than military drill for boys alone. Bands of Mercy should also receive our warmest support. Personally your Superintendent deems Boys Brigades out of place in the church of Christ. The law of force should not be propagated by Christians. Love, joy, peace are fruits of the spirit. The trend of the new movement is in the wrong direction. Physical force should be discountenanced as "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

May I also suggest that local Unions request ministers within their districts to preach at least one sermon in the year on Peace and Arbitration. If you have no Provincial Superintendent report the number of sermons delivered direct to Dominion Superintendent. Write Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Maine, U.S.A., World's Superintendent of Peace and Arbitration for list of Peace Literature. Mrs. Bailey will send free of charge to all ministers her publication "The Pacific Banner."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARY McDONELL,

*Dominion Superintendent of Peace and Arbitration.*

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATION AND PETITIONS.

The Reports of work done in this Department during the past year, are, generally speaking, encouraging, although no great legislative victories have been won. In both

### NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK

bills were brought before the Local Legislature providing for a further extension of the Franchise to women. These measures were pretty thoroughly discussed in both cases, but failed to carry. A bill of similar import came before the Legislature of

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

but was only given a first reading. Our sisters of this smallest of all the Provinces also secured the introduction of two other bills, one relating to the personal protection of women, and the other to property rights. Some amendments were secured to the former, but the latter was laid on the table. Petitions were circulated and sent in relating to all these measures.

### QUEBEC.

reports petitions asking for the appointment of a woman as inspector of factories and workshops where women and children are employed, which matter was laid over until next session. Petitions were also presented against the granting of a licence to Sohmer or any other park to sell liquor on Sunday, also against selling at Provincial Exhibitions, and that clubs be placed on the same footing as other drinking places; also that the sale of liquors be separated from that of groceries and other articles of trade. A very large number of signatures was secured to the last mentioned, but all were unsuccessful.

The Superintendent says, "During the coming year we are to repeat all this work, and, in addition bring in our Anti-Tobacco to Minor's Bill, and we are hoping for some measure of success. Local work is being done in trying to prevent the granting of licenses where none have hitherto been, also to limit the hours of sale as far as possible. Reports from local Unions show that the women of Quebec are taking advantage slowly of the municipal franchise and are agitating for a further extension of this right. In

## ONTARIO.

The most important advantage gained in this Province may be said to be the amendment to the "Mercantile House Act," introduced by the Government at the request of the Provincial Sub-Executive who were acting on behalf of the Ontario Union. The Act amended was granted in 1892, in response to W.C.T.U. petitions, deputations, etc., but was ineffective, because left to municipalities to enforce. The amendment provides, that upon the petition of 50 electors the Council of any municipality shall appoint Inspectors of Mercantile Houses, one of whom must be a woman. That in case the Council fails to take action within 90 days after the petition is filed, the Governor in Council may appoint the Inspectors affixing their salaries.

This provides a sure method of relieving the abominable conditions that too often surround young women in Mercantile Houses, which up to this year have never been inspected.

The second gain was in connection with factory inspection. The Provincial Inspectors have always been men. But as the employees are so largely women, the growing sentiment was in favor of a change. So the Sub-Executive presented a petition for the appointment of a woman Inspector. The cabinet before whom the deputation appeared, promised "consideration" and within a few days introduced a Bill amending the Factory Act, so as to permit of the appointment of a woman Inspector. Miss Carlyle, of Toronto, has been selected to fill the post thus created.

When the Electric Car Companies were pressing upon the Government the advisability of granting them the privilege of Sunday travel, the W.C.T.U. took vigorous action against such claims. Hundreds of letters were written to individual legislators.

There is no doubt but that the final favorable action was helped forward by the letters, protests, public meetings, etc., that originated with the local Unions, and were a response to the appeals of the Provincial Superintendent of Sabbath Observance.

Petitions to Dominion Parliament were circulated asking for the franchise for women on the same terms as men. Good work has also been done by local Unions in limiting the hours of sale, and in reducing the number of licenses. In

## MANITOBA

this department is combined with that of Franchise and during the year letters were sent to the members of the Legislature asking them what value they placed upon petitions as a means of gaining one of the ends most desired by the women of that Province, viz:—the Ballot for themselves. The replies, which are well worth noting, were with one exception to the effect that petitions were of *no value whatever*. A good deal of other work was done, principally in the distribution of literature. In

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an amendment to the School Act has been gained so that women are now eligible for school trustees *in cities*. One woman has already been elected under this regulation in Victoria. Petitions were circulated in favor of the enfranchisement of women, both as regards Provincial and Dominion Suffrage; for amendments to the Sabbath Observance law; and for the appointment of police matrons. The local union of Victoria also secured the co-operation of the Woman's Council in a petition to Dominion Parliament against the sale of opium as now carried on.

The introduction of a bill for the first time to grant Dominion franchise to women marks a distinct epoch in the history of this movement in Canada and considering that it was the first division on this question the vote was very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

H. ROCKWELL,

*Superintendent.*

## SOME PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

As a means of raising funds for local work as well as to further the interests of this Department as well as that of Parliamentary Usages, your Superintendent organized a Mock Parliament from among the women of her own Union, and a public entertainment was given by them. It was an imitation of the Local Legislature as far as possible and was a great success. In an opening address by one of the members it was assumed that women had always had control of public affairs except a few bachelors and widowers who had been allowed to vote for municipal and school officers, in short the "shoe was put on the other foot" for a time. A deputation of gentlemen waited on the Government asking for parliamentary Franchise for men, and our premier replied that she would "take the matter into her *serious consideration*." Two Bills were debated in a most entertaining way—one to provide Gold Cure Institutes at the expense of the government to sober up the drunkards, and the other to grant Parliamentary franchise to bachelors and widowers. A great deal of amusement and profit, too, resulted from it, and a good round sum of money replenished our local treasury. Thinking that this entertainment might profit other unions as it did our own the outline of the whole affair was gotten up in printed form and may be obtained here or on application to me at Picton, Ontario, for the small sum of five cents per copy to *W.C.T.U. women*, ten cents to anyone else) The Union which contemplates getting up a Parliament can, on application to me, also obtain everything needed to get up a Parliament in type-written form for \$2.00. Superintendents of this Department please note this.

The other matter to which I would draw special attention at this juncture is that of making a grand rally all along the line to help bring out prohibition candidates for Dominion Parliament, or to commit those already announced to a prohibition policy. Some will say "This is the men's work. Let us have

nothing to do with it." My dear sisters, have we not waited long and anxiously for the men to do it, and have they done it? I think the time has come for us to help, and, if necessary to take the first steps. Even the best men are very much afraid of their *party interests*, and we must set to work if anything is to be accomplished. There will not be another such opportunity for *five long years*, and if work is not done that we *might do*, will we not be responsible for the consequences. I wish I could impress everyone with the importance of this work as it looks to me. If the Executive will allow me sufficient funds to pay postage I will try to set the unions at work along this line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. What can we do? In the first place as Christian women we should pray and pray *definitely* to this end. Let us appoint a day for prayer that the way may be opened in every constituency for the bringing out of a good staunch man who will vote in Parliament and work, too, for a prohibitory law. If possible have the ministers preach sermons on the subject. Get a *Dominion voters list*—no other will do, of course, and call on the voters and talk to them, and *do it soon* before they are committed. If possible commit them to vote for a good temperance man by signing a requisition or pledge to that effect. It seems to me we go about it the wrong way to get candidates to come out. If we could assure men of plenty of *support* they would not be slow in announcing themselves. What is needed is to get the *voters in line*, and candidates will not be lacking. No man wants to court defeat and we can help in this way wonderfully if we set out to do so. If this is impossible get out a nice circular letter and address one to each voter, and then get up a social tea and invite them and their wives and put the question fairly before them—Which shall it be, the protection of the home or the protection of the saloon?

Sow literature broadcast on the question and that which is SPICY AND TO THE POINT AND WHICH WILL BE READ. Have it illustrated if possible. People will always stop to look at a picture.

*When things* are well worked up, not before, have a rousing public meeting and in this avoid denominational lines. Have all classes represented. Pull every string you can, and above all else, keep sweet and good-natured with your co-workers and every one else.

Have Children's Meetings and demonstrations if possible. Get at the parent through the children, especially the boys. These and many other things might we do, dear sisters, and who can tell the good that would result. Let us have a campaign started at once for the general elections will soon be upon us, and the decision of the courts is sure to be that the Dominion Government has jurisdiction over the manufacture, importation and wholesale trade in liquors at any rate. It does not seem possible for it to be otherwise. Hoping that you may see fit to act on these suggestions, I am yours sincerely.

HULDAH S. ROCKWELL,  
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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL OF METHODS.

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Our late President had this Department in her care, and as long as she was able did what she could to further its interests.

In the Maritime Provinces we find it very faithfully worked, and a number of Schools held during the past year. The District Unions in all three other Provinces holding a School, where, interesting and helpful subjects were discussed. The Superintendent, Mrs. Burpee, has communicated with all County Superintendents, and to many, leaflets were enclosed.

Ontario reports, through Mrs. Thornley, Superintendent, that the increased efficiency of County Unions is felt to be the result of Schools of Method. Seven full and 17 partial schools have been held during the year in this Province, making a total of 24. At these, 99 subjects were discussed, 18 question boxes answered, and 12 Parliamentary drills held. The subject of duties of officers and superintendents being the favorite theme for discussion.

They have also been conducted at the Provincial Conventions, and are usually regarded as the most interesting feature of the meeting.

No other Province has sent in a report of work in this Department.

Compiled by J. TILLEY,

*Corresponding-Secretary.*

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF POLICE STATIONS, PRISONS AND JAILS.

This department has had no Dominion Superintendent for over two years and therefore there is not much to report. In Ontario it has been combined with Evangelistic work, while in Manitoba there has been no department.

The Maritime Superintendent writes she sent to 60 Unions for reports but only heard from 25. Many places have no prisons and therefore do not need this special department. But where they are to be found there the members visit faithfully, distribute literature, hold services and visit the homes of prisoners. Letters have been written to them, Bibles given and a large number have signed the pledge. God's blessing has rested on their labors, for many have been led to forsake sin and turn to Christ and lead different lives.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In this Province most faithful work has been done. In Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster the jails and penitentiaries have been visited regularly and faithfully, Sabbath services held regularly and literature distributed, probably over a hundred thousand pages. Flowers have been presented to those attending the services. The workers have been cheered by the changed lives of a number of those visited and the result has shown God's blessing upon their efforts.

### QUEBEC.

Outside the city of Montreal there are only two places where prison work is done.

In Montreal no women workers are allowed to enter the male prison, nor is there anything to report from the police stations, the officials and most of the prisoners being Roman Catholics little can be done. The female jail is visited regularly, the number rarely exceeding twenty-five at any time. In Sherbrook good work is done in the Reformatory assisting the boys spiritually and teaching them Temperance principles.

In Cowansville the number of prisoners is small but they are regularly visited,

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF VICTORIA

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS AND VOLUNTEER CAMPS.

There having been no Superintendent for this Department in the Dominion during the past year, only a partial report can be given. The Provinces of Ontario and Quebec being the only ones having this Department connected with their work.

### ONTARIO.

Mrs. Starr, Superintendent, writes:—"Last year only one report was presented. This year four counties have done work.

"Two camps have been supplied with Literature.

"One Camp Hospital provided with flowers and text cards.

"One camp supplied with writing material.

"Two Military Colleges supplied with Temperance Literature or religious papers.

"Known number of tracts, papers and periodicals, 2492.

"How better can we help to proclaim peace than by aiding all men to become Soldiers of the Cross."

For the first time the Military camps in this Province were not permitted to open canteens at the large camp held in London. Our opponents expressed the gravest fears as to the possibility of conducting a camp without liquors. Insubordination on the part of the men was freely prophesied.

But the results so happily disproved all this nonsense that even the most notorious liquor paper in the city came out in favor of the change and congratulations were by no means confined to the friends of Temperance. Instead of having the streets swarming with semi-intoxicated men, an order and decorum altogether unprecedented was observable. At the close of the camp the good work accomplished was partially neutralized by the action of the city brewers who threw open their Brewries and invited the members of the camps and indeed used every effort to have them drink freely.

This was done in a bravado spirit, and many young men who had never before indulged were found at the close of the day in an helplessly intoxicated condition.

### QUEBEC.

This Province reports that the Military Camp was held in Richmond last June. The W.C.T.U. applied for the privilege of having their tent there as usual, but

much to their astonishment they were refused. They had been accustomed to distribute Temperance literature, hold temperance lectures and assist in many ways in helping the men gathered on these occasions. It was therefore a great disappointment to find this door of helpfulness closed to them, and they felt it was inexcusable as more than three-fourths of the men in attendance were English speaking Protestants.

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## REPORT OF DOMINION W.C.T.U. PURITY DEPARTMENT.

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In accepting the Superintendency of this Department, I did so with a heart and mind already devoted to its promotion and development in my own Province. But in addressing myself to the oversight of this work for the Dominion Union I have found, by correspondence and the study of Provincial Convention reports, that a great diversity of combinations exists in the grouping of other Departments with it.

In Quebec, "Evangelistic Work, Purity and Mother's Meetings" are linked together; in the Maritime Unions, "Gospel, Purity and Mother's Meetings," in Ontario, "Hygiene, Heredity and Social Purity;" in Manitoba, "Health, Heredity, and Purity;" and in British Columbia, "Purity and Mother's Meetings;" I find also another Department very closely related to the above, viz:—"Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion."

Perhaps it may seem presumptuous in me to call your attention to all this, in my first report, yet, because it is my first, is my chief reason for so doing. I feel that I am expected to prepare a plan of work which may be approved by the Convention and I have a sincere desire to do my best in this direction. I know also that Dominion Convention is the proper place to discuss and re-arrange such matters.

Of all the Departments undertaken by our "do everything" organization none is more intimately related to the family life of our nation than that of Purity

and as a natural sequence practical efforts connected heading or added to it.

"Health and Heredity" and "Mother's Meetings" are the name, and worked in united special study of these improvements at the home, and the cultural improvement of the community.

Would it be making a mistake to have added that of "Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion"?

The "Evangelistic Work" is entirely apart from that of the Purity Department, which already does in some, as well as in other kinds of places.

In looking over the list of W.C.T.U. Conventions, I find that there are many of them.

I have delayed the work of the Provincial Unions, but I trust if one or more of them make a statement for Convention purposes.

Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea writes: "Of the mothers here we find that the little ones are exposed at an early age. I have had their eyes rather than their hearts as many mothers as we can have may be watchful and on their guard, but they are not be innocently formed."

She asks for direct instruction, which is gladly given her, also a list of names.

Dr. Amelia Yeomans writes: "Our last Provincial Convention was held in the Department from Health and Heredity. In my reports to the Superintendent I made because Social Purity was well described under Health and Heredity, that caption, I thought it



and as a natural sequence, Mother's Meetings must take a prominent place in practical efforts connected with it; therefore, should be included under the same heading or added to it.

"Health and Heredity" too, seems closely allied with "Purity" and "Mother's Meetings" and should, perhaps, be also included under the same name, and worked in unison with them, by means of meetings called for, the special study of these important subjects, as related to the sanitary conditions of the home, and the culture and pre-natal influences so indispensable to the improvement of the coming generations.

Would it be making this Department too comprehensive, if to all these was added that of "Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion?"

The "Evangelistic" Department, in my judgment, should be reported entirely apart from that of Purity, and should stand in all the Provinces, as it already does in some, associated with that of "Prison and Police," including prayer meetings, Bible readings and gospel meetings of all descriptions, in all kinds of places.

In looking over the list of Departments, to be found in the reports of World's W.C.T.U. Conventions, my method of grouping seems to have been adopted there.

I have delayed the writing of this report, hoping to have heard from each of the Provincial Unions, but the time has come when it is not safe to wait longer. I trust if one or more of the Provinces fail me, they will be provided with a statement for Convention which may be printed with the rest.

#### NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

Mrs. G. H. V. Bulyea, president of the Qu'Appelle Union writes:—"Many of the mothers here we find lamentably ignorant of the danger to which their little ones are exposed at school or even while playing amongst themselves. Some have had their eyes rather painfully opened of late, and we are very anxious that as many mothers as we can reach may be informed on this subject, so that they may be watchful and on their guard, that habits which are hard to break may not be innocently formed."

She asks for directions for organizing Mother's Meetings which I have gladly given her, also a list of suitable Literature for study and distribution.

#### MANITOBA.

Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Superintendent of "Heredity and Hygiene" writes: "Our last Provincial Convention, at my request, changed the name of my Department from Health and Heredity to Social Purity, but for this year I sent in my reports to the Superintendent of my old Department. I had the change made because Social Purity work had to be done and more of it that was not well described under Health and Heredity than of what comes exclusively under that caption, I thought it best to use the title which is the more inclusive.

We have been very active in the work. Mother's Meetings, visitations of houses of ill-fame, distribution of Purity Literature has been faithfully attended to. We have no Provincial Refuge but our Central Union (Winnipeg) has given \$10.00 a year to the Salvation Army Rescue Home and we have made a free use of it as a refuge for those we have won from the infamous dens where they were dying both spiritually and physically. We have sent "Warning Words" (my leaflet) to all the hotels, and distributed another of mine, "Chains," in all the churches where permission could be obtained."

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mother's meetings are held once a month in many of the larger Unions and Purity Literature distributed.

Houses of ill-fame are visited and many of the inmates persuaded to abandon their evil ways and enter the Provincial W.C.T.U. Refuge Home in Victoria. This home has been established many years ago and the property occupied belongs to the Union and is clear of debt. Not being desirably located and the building requiring constant repair it has been thought best to build upon another site, also the property of the Union, in the suburbs as soon as times improve financially.

Besides donations and subscriptions secured by the local Unions the work has been greatly assisted by an annual grant from the Government of \$1000.00. During the Convention year 1893-1894 seventeen girls were sheltered in this home, eight of which entered the Maternity ward. Of these seventeen, six returned to their friends, one got a good situation, one was sent to the White Shield Home, of Tacoma, seven remained in the Home. For the year 1894-1895 besides the seven remaining from the last year twelve others were admitted. Only four of these were maternity cases. Of the four infants born, one was adopted, one provided for by its mother, who is living out at service, one died, one is still in the Home. Many of the cases have been most satisfactory and encouraging.

"The girls are required to assist in turn with the house work and give their spare time to sewing, a goodly number of orders being given by friends who are glad to assist the Home in this way."

#### MARITIME.

Mother's Meetings seem to claim the first place in the minds of workers. In Great Village, N.S., these meetings are held once a month in the homes of the members. A subject is selected from the Scripture and a leader appointed a month in advance. Summerside, P. E. Island reports a deep interest shown in Mother's Meetings. Different questions relating to the management of children are discussed. That children could be brought up without whipping was such an entirely new doctrine to some that three meetings had to be held to discuss that subject. A book entitled "Child Culture" by Elizabeth Harrison is recommended as a helpful study.

Carleton, St. John Mother's Meetings very freely discussed.

Halifax Union reported maintained.

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Miss Barber's report the interests of Purity, holding and organizing In quite a number of places Unions and Mother's Meetings

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Carleton, St. John, N.B. The members of the Union have found Mother's Meetings very helpful, as points of vital interest to mothers have been freely discussed.

Halifax Union reports Mother's Meetings held fortnightly and interest maintained.

St. John's Union holds a Mother's Meeting each month for the members and another each Sabbath afternoon for working women. This Union has also established a "Little Girl's Home," in the interests of Purity. Since being opened, one year ago, ten little ones have been gathered "in from the highways and hedges, in from the valleys of sin." One child of five years has been adopted from the home, nine are left. The object sought is to save girls who because of their *shadowed birth* are not eligible to the Orphans Asylums.

#### QUEBEC.

Miss Bayber's report for the past year shows a large amount of work done in the interests of Purity, by means of personal effort, travelling over the field, holding and organizing Mother's Meetings and giving addresses on "Purity." In quite a number of places this Department is being well worked by the local Unions and Mother's Meetings sustained.

Montreal, Western Union—Holds Mother's meetings every week and has done much personal work for drunkards and erring women.

Montreal Central sustains a "Girl's Reading Room." These rooms were opened eight years ago and have been supplied, without collections or subscriptions, by voluntary donations in answer to the praying faith of the workers. They have also a working girl's "What we Can Circle" of King's Daughters which has done good service, making baby clothes for little ones whose mothers had few comforts with which to welcome their advent into this cold world. They also held a sale in aid of the "Girl's Free Library" which does so much to counteract the impure Literature flowing into the city, and from which 2500 volumes have been taken during the year, 46 meetings of King's Daughters and White Shield were held through the year and at each the Temperance and Purity pledges were repeated in concert.

To the W.C.T.U. Sheltering Home 243 women and 43 children have been admitted during the past year. Of these 33 were maternity cases, one of them only 15 years of age, for it is the same sad story, year by year, many of them children when their babies are born. The Night Refuge has sheltered 79 women this year, two insane women have been sent to the asylum, three women returned to England and twenty-one sent back to friends, while seventy-two have been provided with situations and twenty-seven passed on to other institutions.

Montreal Central also reports twenty visits to houses of ill-fame, resulting in two young girls being rescued from one of them and from another several of the inmates were persuaded to return to their homes upon the death of the mistress and the breaking up of the place.

All Christian work and especially that of Social Purity, received a mighty impetus last winter, as God spoke through his servant. Mr. B. Fay Mills, never can we forget the days, when from the prayer meeting and the crowded church, Christian ladies, some of whom never before had trodden such unholy ground, passed tremblingly, prayerfully, almost in silence, to some of the worst haunts of vice and iniquity in the city, that they might sing and speak the gospel message there, and kneeling in the midst of those outcasts from society, might plead before heaven the value of the blood that cleanseth from all sin. We could tell you of souls in a house that is "the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death" shaken as by the breath of God, as the sound of gospel hymns rang through the building; and of one stray lamb, at least, returned to her mother's arms. Yet we know that a tide of iniquity still rolls on, that while this Convention listens quietly, within these sacred walls, to a Social Purity report, there are dark places in our cities that rival Hell; where at night the "can-can" is danced by girls so young and fair, that Christian mother's hearts are bleeding over them!

The terrible disclosures made in the courts and by the press, of the prostitution of mere children, are nothing new to some of God's tried workers in the Purity Department. But, beloved, they are His answers to their cry that He would arouse a slumbering church and an apathetic people to know and believe that such evils exist within a stone's throw of their own guarded homes, and that knowing, they might not rest again until they are swept away!"

Ontario's report has not yet reached me, owing to the fact that Dr. Jamieson's name was taken from the directory and to her the letter was addressed instead of to Mrs. D. V. Lucas, who, I have learned since, is the present Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARY A. CUNNINGHAM.

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.

### FAIR WORK 1894.

According to reports received, the W.C.T.U was represented on forty-one fair grounds in the Dominion: in Ontario, twenty-five; in Quebec, fourteen; in British Columbia two. Reports not received from Manitoba nor the Maritime Provinces.

If we compare *counties* in regard to the number of fairs in each where W.C.T.U. work was done, we find that Middlesex County, Ontario, leads the van with five fairs.

Lambton Ontario comes next with *three*.

Brant, Carleton, Durham, Grenville, Kent, (Ont.) Compton, Chateaugay, Richmond, Stanstead (Quebec), follow with *two*, while Hastings, Haldimand, Leeds, Oxford, Renfrew, Stormont, Toronto District, Thunder Bay District, (Ont.) Argenteuil, Brome, Pontiac, Quebec, Shefford, Sherbrooke (Quebec) bring up the rear with *one*.

There were protests against gambling at seven fairs. These protests were successful at Ilderton, Ont. and Cookshire, Richmond, Danville and Waterloo, Quebec. They were unsuccessful at Dresden, Ont., and Lachute, Quebec. At Cookshire the County Superintendent presented to the Directors a petition against gambling, signed by three hundred people.

Temperance Literature was distributed on thirty-six fair grounds. In many reports the *amount* is not stated. The largest amount given away at one fair was at Brome Corner, Quebec, where thirty-six thousand nine hundred and forty-four pages of leaflet Literature found their way into the pockets of the crowd, more than is reported from all the other fairs in the Dominion taken together.

As Ontario and Quebec both have provincial laws against selling liquor on fair grounds it might be supposed that there would be no such sale to report. The Ontario law was violated at the Toronto Exhibition but the guilty parties were punished. Liquor was openly sold on the grounds of the Provincial Exhibition, Quebec. To justify it, an old statute was unearthed, passed twelve years before, authorizing the sale of liquor on the grounds of provincial Exhibitions. This statute had been allowed to stand although subsequent legislation had nullified it. I am glad to report that at the opening of the next legislature the obnoxious statute was wiped out.

Where refreshments have been served the financial results have generally been satisfactory.

Victoria B.C., realized \$22.00; New Westminster, \$6.30, for taking care of parcels at 5 cents each.

In connection with County fairs we instance the amounts netted by a few Unions. Chatham Fair, (Kent Co.,) \$78.00; Sarnia, (Lambton Co.,) \$32.80; Glencoe, (Middlesex Co.,) \$30.91; Ilderton, (Middlesex Co.,) \$31.96; Tilsonburg, (Oxford Co.,) \$63.00; Renfrew, (Renfrew Co.,) \$81.00; Cornwall, (Stormont Co.,) \$81.00; Chateauguay, (Chateauguay Co.,) \$34.83; Bristol, (Pontiac Co.,) \$100.00.

At the four great Exhibitions held in the Dominion the W.C.T.U. have in each case been an important factor.

The London Ontario Union are going on unto perfection in fair work. Their imposing dining hall, with all its appliances is worth a trip there to see. Their profits after all expenses were paid were \$470.00.

During the Toronto Exhibition all the Unions in Toronto District united in serving refreshments on the European plan in a large tent from which they realized the same amount as London, \$470.00. Their tent was so crowded that they were obliged to abandon the gospel meetings which have in the past been an important feature of their work. According to the provincial report they had a busy time but a grand time. Visiting members were in attendance from New York, Michigan, Manitoba and even California.

The Canada Central Fair at Ottawa was as usual looked after by the Ottawa Union who were very much appreciated by directors and cleared \$200.00 for their treasury.

At the Quebec Provincial Exhibition, Quebec, the W.C.T.U. served refreshments in a tent clearing \$100. They emphasized the importance of the opportunity to explain to French and English the nature of their work, winning golden opinions even from the priests. They were assured that much good was done to the temperance cause by their venture.

Your Superintendent regrets that the reports have not been received from the other provinces as she has no doubt good work has been done.

#### REPORT OF FAIR WORK, 1895.

Ontario reports twenty-eight Unions doing Fair work, against twenty-five of last year. Four counties that last year did good work have sent no report this year. Three counties report one less Union than last year.

On the other hand Bruce reports three unions against one last year. Carleton has advanced from one to four. Metcalf, Richmond and Motr's Corners having undertaken work for the first time.

Lambton reports four unions instead of three as last year, Wyoming having come into the field for the first time, May this Union, though last, be not least,

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Lincoln, Northumberland, Prince Edward, Renfrew and Stormont have scored *one* over last year's Report.

Financially there has been an advance all along the line. The County Fairs all report a substantial increase while the Exhibition results are electrifying. London has leaped up from \$470 to \$909; Toronto from \$470 to \$636, and Ottawa from \$200 to \$1037 !!

London very nearly had a fire but escaped with \$50 loss, for which let there be a White Ribbon thanksgiving.

Toronto W.C.T.U. are hearing the call "arise and build." For years they have followed the example of the "Chambered Nautilus" and next year they will "leave their outgrown shell by life's unresting sea" and build "more stately mansions." Ad interim we have warm, kindly feelings for the "shells" which have *sheltered* so much loving service, so many gospel meetings such renewals of old friendships and beginnings of new. The "dome more vast," all hail!

Ottawa *has* heard the call and has builded. Let London look to her laurels. Ottawa's building cost \$800. It seats two hundred at once. This explains how her profits this year were nearly five times as much as heretofore. Out of the \$1,037 netted she made first payment on building \$425, paid for all the dishes required and had a surplus of \$223, for other departments of work.

Literature was distributed at all the fairs in the province, including nearly 9000 pages at Toronto Exhibition and 10,000 at Canada Central Fair, Ottawa.

#### QUEBEC.

Ten Unions did Fair work in the following counties: Argenteuil, Brome, Compton, Chateauquay, Hochelaga, Shefford, Sherbrooke, Stanstead. Compton and Chateauquay were the only counties that had two fairs. Refreshments were served on four fair grounds.

Three Unions did Fair work at the Provincial Exhibition, Montreal. One woman says "We bought everything from a teaspoon to a wash-boiler, everything required to run a kitchen and dining-room. We have paid our bills in full and have a snug sum in the bank. We went into the work solely on business principles, asked no donations and paid for everything even to a bag of salt. We said we were in competition with other restaurant keepers and we experimented to see if it would pay and have proved the affirmative. We wish publicity given to the fact as people say the W.C.T.U. want all they can get and pay for nothing.

Literature was distributed on every Fair ground, including a good deal of French literature. As usual Brome Corner Fair, Brome Co., distributed the largest amount in the Province and also in the Dominion 23,739 pages. Really this is getting monotonous. Won't some Union or County break that record?

## MANITOBA.

Every year as the autumn comes around the Winnipeg Union are at their post of duty, vigilant that their Industrial Exhibition be not desecrated by a licensed liquor booth and providing better refreshments in their W.C.T.U. tent. They serve dinners and lunches, distribute literature, have a rest tent and hold gospel meetings. They have given no figures but their results are very satisfactory. The Exhibition money is used to further philanthropic work in the city.

Other reports not received.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN C. RUGG.

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## REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Ontario reports 90 Bands of Hope as against 48 last year. Children's pledges, 8,292, 115 meetings held, Crusade Day observed with excellent results, 13 medal contests held. There are four Kitchen Garden Classes, five Sewing Schools, one Cooking School and two Boys' Clubs.

The Sunday School work has been progressive and aggressive. All the Unions report pledges in most of the schools, and quarterly lessons taught. Many have a committee appointed to address the Schools on quarterly Temperance Sabbath. This work has been pushed to the front greatly this year. 925 communications sent out by the Provincial Superintendent, which tells, I think, that the work has been thoroughly done.

### QUEBEC.

Has 44 Bands of Hope with a membership of 1,780, 23 public meetings held by the Children. Triple pledge is the one in general use. A society for boys who feel old enough to graduate from the Bands of Hope, called Royal Teetotallers was formed at Coaticooke, from which this work has become a regular Department, with a Superintendent of its own. Regular Quarterly Temperance lessons are given in most of the Sunday Schools. In Richmond and Drummond Counties an Anti-Tobacco Crusade has been carried on with good results.

### MARITIME PROVINCES.

Only eleven Bands of Hope reported. Membership 720. The work has, however, been pushed in the Sunday Schools, so that there are now hundreds and perhaps thousands more pledged children than ever before. Representatives of the W.C.T.U. have been sent to many of the counties and to the N. B. Provincial Sunday Schools Convention, urging the importance of Temperance teachings in the Schools. These have been kindly received and a great many inquiries as to our Method of work made. A large amount of literature has also been distributed at these Conventions, and among Sunday School teachers and Superintendents. The members of the W.C.T.U. are also watching to see that the law concerning Scientific Temperance Instruction in schools is carried out.

### MANITOBA.

14 prosperous Bands of Hope in this Province. Membership not given. In some of the smaller towns Temperance work is done in connection with Junior Epworth Leagues or in the Public Schools. The children have signed the

pledge, and temperance instruction is regularly given. In Brandon the "Y's" carry on three large Bands of Hope. The Winnipeg Central Union carries on the most extensive Juvenile work in the Province. They have two Bands of Hope, viz., "Company D," and "Company E." Kindergarten embroidery cards and Band of Mercy work have been introduced into Company D, which resulted in largely increased attendance. They have also purchased apparatus whereby they can detect alcohol in *anything*, which interests the children greatly. They are now raising funds to purchase a drinking fountain. "Company E" holds meetings in the evening near the C.P.R. shops. A number of young men attend and seem deeply interested in the Temperance lessons.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The only word received from this Province is through the Annual Report of the Corresponding-Secretary. In this we glean that there are five societies in existence, viz., three in Chilliwack (well attended) and one in Nanaimo and Duncans respectively. By permission of the Ladies' Committee in connection with the Provincial Orphan Asylum the "Y's" in Victoria expect soon to organize a Band among the inmates. The President refers to this department of work as being painfully discouraging throughout the Province and gives as the probable reason the difficulty in finding consecrated, gifted women to carry it on.

No new societies reported in either Assinaboia or Alberta, but those organized last year have been heard from and in some cases more manuals have been sent for which shows most satisfactorily that the interest is increasing.

E. R. ATKINSON.  
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## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE "Y" W.C.T.U.

Your Superintendent regrets exceedingly her inability to be present and read this report. The outlook for this department is most encouraging.

### MARITIME Y'S.

Mrs. J. B. Woodbury Superintendent. This Province stands at the head this year in the increase in number of Unions, four being added during the year, making twelve in all. The Superintendent sends a most encouraging report one sentence from which I quote. "There has been a very precious interchange of confidence between the Y's and their Superintendent and after many years of patient sowing a deep consciousness is felt that "Our labor is not in vain in the Lord." The "Maritime Y" a small mimeograph paper has been issued monthly and has proved an inspiration. The opening of a local "Y" Union in the Sackville Ladies' College is another most decided advance. Total membership active and honorary 375.

### QUEBEC.

Miss F. McFadden, Superintendent, reports twelve Unions, increase of two during past year. Flower Mission work and Bands of Hope in all Unions under her charge. An excellent cooking school in charge of Waterloo Union, "Letter Mission" in Point St. Charles Union and lecture course in the Montreal Union. Superintendent also reports enthusiastic letters from many Unions and a general air of courage and hopefulness about the work.

### ONTARIO.

Miss Zillah Rae, Superintendent, sixteen unions reported, being a gain of two during the year. Membership including "Y" committees with active and honorary, 455 The report from this province is long and brimful of good work and victories gained.

A few figures from the London "Y" must be given, though it is hard to choose where all work has been so good.

The library at London contains 360 volumes, 14,500 people have attended at the rooms during the year; 4,189 young women have patronized the lunch rooms and 85 have been able to take advantage of the Summer-outing Home at New Orchard Beach.

Hamilton "Y" has also done grand work, their special efforts being in the Juvenile Department 3900 pledges having been obtained.

Ottawa "Y" reports the largest membership, having 200 on its roll.

Toronto still contains Kitchen Garden, having three classes, its Flower Mission work is also most successful.

The other "Y's" are also doing noble work, the favorite departments being Flower Mission and whatever touches on the evangelistic lines.

#### MANITOBA.

Miss Anna Gordon, Superintendent, two Unions, no increase this year.

Brandon Union reports increased membership and increased number of Departments of work. A general and very satisfactory growth along all lines.

Winnipeg Union decreased in membership from 70 to 35, but nearly all of the members lost were Normal Students who have gone into country districts to teach and have taken their temperance enthusiasm along with them. The Union is again beginning to fill up with another normal class. In this way it acts as a graduating class for the province. Special attention given to socials and Post Office Mission Work. 12,00 papers and magazine and 125 large colored pictures distributed during the year besides thousands of temperance leaflets.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Mrs. C. A. Schooley, Superintendent, two Unions reported (no increase) Vancouver and Victoria.

Victoria increased membership of 40 and a Coffee House just opening.

Vancouver, increased membership of 31 and a night school well sustained. Much good departmental work done in both these Unions.

#### GENERAL FEATURES.

A most encouraging prominence given to "Flower Mission," "Band of Hope," and "Literature Distribution." An energetic and hopeful tone in all reports.

#### EFFORTS OF YOUR SUPERINTENDENTS.

All provincial Superintendents have been written upon four occasions. Two letters to *Woman's Journal* for "Y" corner. List of subjects for discussion at "Y" meeting sent for distribution, to all Superintendents.

Only one Superintendent, Mrs. Schooley Vancouver, reports their use.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

That W.C.T. Unions everywhere strive for the ingathering of the young women.

The last message your Superintendent received from our late lamented leader was "the Y's need mothering." Through the coming year let each member of every Union throughout the Dominion bear that message upon her heart.

Respectfully submitted,

E. CORA HIND,  
*Superintendent.*

Winnipeg, Nov. 12th, 1895.

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## REPORT OF DOMINION W.C.T.U. PLAN OF WORK.

Recommended—That our Provincial Unions take immediate steps to urge upon their local societies the necessity of doing whatever they can in the way of literature distribution, public meetings, etc., to influence the electorate to keep the question of Prohibition to the front in the approaching Dominion elections. Further—that every effort be made to commit the candidates to a declaration of principles on this question.

That the Departments of Purity and Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion be combined.

Following the suggestion of the World's Union, we would recommend that the Department of Systematic Giving be created.

That the name of Department of World's W.C.T.U. Missionary Society be altered so as to read World's W.C.T.U. Missionary work.

Reconsidered—Recommended that No. 6 of our Plan of Work be amended to read that "Evangelistic Training Schools and Institutes be added to our Departments."

Recommended—That in the absence of Y Unions and when there is an opening for such work, the "W's" take up the Department of Kitchen Garden; full directions for which will be found in the Dominion leaflet on this subject, prepared by Miss Tilley.

Recommended—That the Flower Mission Department be called the Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission.

That Provincial Superintendents of Narcotics wherever practicable wait upon Conferences, Synods, Assemblies, and all gatherings of Influential Bodies, and ask their sympathy and co-operation in our efforts towards the complete extermination of the habitual use of narcotics.

That Provincial Superintendents urge upon County and Local Superintendents of Narcotics to interview church members engaged in selling tobacco in its various forms and ask them to discontinue sale of same.

Also, that Superintendents urge the distribution of Anti-Tobacco literature through the young people's Christian Societies, Sunday schools and day schools and in the general literature distribution of the Unions.

Recommended—That Provincial Superintendents urge upon County and Local Superintendents the necessity of some effective movement towards checking the use of opium and other deadly narcotics, by interviewing local physicians, requesting the exercise of more care in the prescription of opiates. Further that

Societies of C. E. and E. L. and Sabbath School Superintendents be asked to give at least one meeting a year to the discussion of the alarming evils, arising from the increasing use of these dangerous drugs.

Attention is again called to Recommendation 18 of last year's Plan of Work, which is as follows:

That Provincial and Local Unions be urged to see that the Leaflet "The Teacher's Opportunity," by Mrs. C. H. Cole (address Miss Jennie Duly, 180 Arlington Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.) also Mrs. Hunt's School *Physiological Journal* (23 Trull St., Boston, U.S.,) be placed in the hands of teachers for their own use.

That the leading topic for the Day of Prayer be Sabbath Observance, and that special petition be made for the success of Mr. Charlton's Bill.

That the Dominion W.C.T.U. unite with the Lord's Day Alliance, in bringing all possible pressure to bear upon the members of the House of Commons and the Senate to give the Bill their support.

That the name of the Department be changed to Lord's Day Observance.

That we call the attention of the Dominion Literature Committee to the need of literature in the French and German languages, for the successful prosecution of our work amongst these nationalities.

That County and Local Unions prove their loyalty to the Dominion Literature Depot, by purchasing their supplies of leaflets, etc., therefrom.

Feeling the great need of a Juvenile Temperance paper of our own, providing the managers of "Northern Messenger" agree to make a greater specialty of Temperance in said paper, we recommend that it be adopted as the organ of the Juvenile Department of the Dominion W.C.T.U.

That we urge upon all officers of Local, County and Provincial Unions, the duty of subscribing for our official organ the *Woman's Journal* and the World's organ, the *Union Signal*, believing that White Ribboners without these sources of information as to the progress of our cause are as helpless as a workman without tools.

That, whereas it is impossible to follow and keep in mind the figures contained in the Treasurer's statement—That in future, where such work can be secured gratuitously, said statement be printed for distribution to delegates in Convention.

That Provincial Superintendents be urged to send a synopsis of their Report to Dominion Superintendent within two days after the close of their Provincial Convention.

Your Committee would call attention to the failure of some Dominion Superintendents to comply with Recommendation 25 of last year's Plan of Work in which it was decided that Reports must be from Provinces not Counties.

## REPORT OF I

In convention now would gratefully acknowledge that without His mighty aid we cannot offer to Him our heartfelt thanks. We may be enabled to meet our duty with denunciation with kind

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Whereas the Lord through God's tender love

*Resolved*—That we preserve its sanctity by doing no day only for the purpose

That we further the cause as early as possible so that we enjoy the privileges of the

*Resolved*—That we encourage workers who could work trained powers are much older "Y's," whether it be their duty in this matter

*Resolved*—That the of Odd Fellows—an order annual income of nearly a saloon keeper, bartender

*Resolved*—That the to express its intense sorrow for the Christian people of

## REPORT OF DOMINION W.C.T.U. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS, 1895.

### PREAMBLE.

In convention now assembled, we, the members of the Dominion W.C.T.U. would gratefully acknowledge the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father, realizing that without His mighty power we could have accomplished nothing, and would offer to Him our heartfelt gratitude and praise, praying that His presence and guidance may attend our every effort during the coming year, and, that by His grace we may be enabled to meet "argument with argument, misjudgment with patience. denunciation with kindness and all our difficulties and dangers with prayer."

*Resolved*—"That the basis of this Society is Total Abstinence, total prohibition of the liquor traffic and the opium trade, the enfranchisement of women, purity of personal life and international peace and arbitration, and we invite all earnest women who are like minded with us, to join our organization, put on the White Ribbon, and become soldiers in our peaceful war."

Whereas the Lord's Day is a boon granted to us, a precious gift bestowed through God's tender love therefore,

*Resolved*—That we as Christian women pledge ourselves to endeavor to preserve its sanctity by doing no work other than what is positively needful, and to use the day only for the purpose for which God intended it, rest and holy worship.

That we further the "early closing movement," by doing our shopping as early as possible so that both employer and employee may be better able to enjoy the privileges of the day of rest.

*Resolved*—That we call attention to the fact that the "Y's" sometimes retain workers who could work to greater advantage with the "W's," and whose trained powers are much needed by the older body, and we therefore urge the older "Y's," whether married or single to give prayerful consideration to their duty in this matter.

*Resolved*—That the Dominion W.C.T.U. commends the action of the Order of Odd Fellows—an order having a world membership of nearly 900,000 with an annual income of nearly eight millions—in so amending its Constitution that no saloon keeper, bartender or professional gambler can become a member."

*Resolved*—That the Dominion W.C.T.U. in Convention assembled desires to express its intense sorrow and indignation at the cruel tyranny under which the Christian people of Armenia are now groaning and especially the unspeakable

outrages to which our sisters of that nation have been so long subject with the covert sanction and connivance of the Turkish Government.

Therefore, we call upon the supreme authorities of our Dominion to let the voice of the people be heard on this burning question, and to act promptly in conjunction with the Mother Country, that swift and permanent justice may be done the Armenian people, whereby they shall be free forever to worship God, according to the dictates of their own conscience.

Realizing the increased help in our W.C.T.U. work that a larger circulation of our official organ the *Woman's Journal* would be, we earnestly urge all Canadian White Ribboners to make a special effort during the coming year, to secure subscribers therefore.

*Resolved*—That should the decision of the Privy Council, show that the power of total prohibition be vested in the Dominion Government, we call on our temperance leaders, backed up by the tens of thousands of their faithful followers, to formulate radical and aggressive demands, within the known powers of our legislature, and present them at once to the Government.

*Resolved*—That, as the work of the church is to save souls, and the work of the manufacturer and seller of intoxicating drinks, tend to destroy both body and soul, we find that there is a curious incongruity in inviting men, who have made their money in this way, to take a prominent part in the dedication of new churches or in any other public religious observances.

In view of the fact that Christians cannot condemn any practice of which they are willing to share the profits, we strongly urge that churches and benevolent societies, should utterly refuse to solicit or receive donations from those who are engaged either in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating beverages, in the belief that nothing will so surely place the deadly traffic under the ban, as the determined refusal to receive any money so made.

If it be true, as many believe, that groceries can be purchased more cheaply at stores where intoxicating liquors are also sold, we wish to call attention to the fact, that those who for this reason, purchase their groceries at such stores, are practically, not only, sharing in the profits and encouraging the sale, but discouraging those, who for conscience sake, have relinquished a profitable trade, and are in a manner helping to place temptation in the way of weak women.

*Resolved*—That we view with appreciation the work accomplished by Miss Phelps, especially in the North West Territories and British Columbia through which our membership has been so materially increased.

*Resolved*—That we carry to our prospective provinces the impetus received in this Convention, and by the grace of God, we purpose working more zealously in future, in token of the gratitude we feel toward our Heavenly Father and our untiring fellow workers.

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*Resolved*—That we tender the heartfelt thanks of the Dominion W.C.T.U. Convention, now in session in the city of Quebec, to the members of the Y.M.C.A. for the use of its handsome building, to the billeting committee and citizens of Quebec who have so kindly received and entertained us, to the ladies of the local Union, who from day to day, have provided such a sumptuous luncheon, to the trustees of the Methodist, Chalmers' and St. Andrew's churches, who have kindly given us the use of their buildings for the evening meetings. That our thanks be given to the city pastors for their kindly greetings, to the choirs and organists for their soul stirring music, and to the press for its gracious recognition of our work, to the pages who have ministered so faithfully, and to all who have in any way contributed to the success of the Convention.

ANTI-CIGARETTE LEAGUE.

*Resolved*—That we recommend the formation of Anti-Cigarette Leagues in our Canadian Schools, whereby the scholars are pledged against the use of tobacco, until they are twenty-one years of age.

MRS. GORDON,	} Committee on Resolutions.
MRS. COWAN,	
MRS. METCALF,	
MRS. EMERSON,	
MRS. SPALDING,	
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## GREETINGS.

EVANSTON, ILL., November 14, 1895.

*To my Beloved Sisters of the Dominion W.C.T.U., in Convention Assembled at Quebec.*

You are present to the eyes of my spirit, your kind voices sound in my inner ears, the touch of your warm sisterly hands is on that hand to which the outer one is but a glove that will be dropped ere long!

Mutual thought gives mutual presence and I am with you this morning in the clear, bright air of Quebec the Beautiful, whither I went with Anna Gordon in July of 1891, and whose brave hearts I hold in tender memory.

You are thinking of our loved one—lost a while—of that nimble hand, alert brain, unselfish heart. He to whom she is most dear, is with you, a brother, honored and beloved by us all, not only for his oneness of spirit with her, but because of his own noble nature and devotion to our blessed cause.

You will miss dear Edith Archibald, that loyal leader, who from the first, has borne and labored and had patience as it has been given to few women to do and who, with your brilliant and sympathetic vice-President-at-Large added so much of interest to the great Convention of the World's W.C.T.U. in London in June last.

Our dear Mrs. Sanderson, who was made treasurer of the World's W.C.T.U., is your hostess, and we, like you, rejoice in having found in her a treasure indeed.

We are sending fraternal delegates to you—our own Vice-President-at-Large, our President of Vermont W.C.T.U., and several other leaders (as delegates and alterates) having been appointed to bear the greetings of the Baltimore Convention where between four and five hundred delegates from forty-five states and Territories gathered to plan things good and great for the cause of a purified nation and a protected home.

They will tell you of the unflagging zeal, the increased membership, the stalwart declaration of principles and enlarged Plan of Work that will make that Convention forever memorable in our annals.

I know that you, too, will plan broader things than ever before and I beg you will appoint fraternal delegates to our next Convention which will doubtless meet in California.

Our dear Lady Henry Somerset will doubtless send you messages of cheer and I am hoping that we shall all see her in Canada and the United States next autumn, thence to go round the world.

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mans, is most cheering to all her friends and of its success there cannot be a doubt. God bless you each and all, is the prayer of my heart, in which our Anna Gordon, General-in-Chief of the Children's forces, earnestly joins.

Yours, my comrades, for good work here in our Redeemer's Name and better work yonder, where weariness shall never follow toil, and may we all make the heavenly port in peace.

FRANCES E. WILLARD.

TORONTO, 1895.

*Beloved Sisters*,—My heart goes out to you in warmest greeting. No longer able to join in the activities of life, I watch with deepest interest the progress you are making in our beloved work. The cloud which at first was small as a human hand is spreading all over our country. I know that this onward march means incessant toil and entire devotion. All that I can do now is to pray for your success and the emancipation of our country from the fearful thraldom of drink.

Our loss this past year has been heavy. Our leader, whom we all loved so much has responded to the call "Come up higher." Her name is engraven on all our hearts; as we knew her better we loved her more. May God in His infinite mercy raise up some one to take her place.

The departure of two others to foreign lands leaves a gap behind. Dear Mrs. Middleton still lingers with us. She has been to me a sister, beloved, and is to us all a way mark to the better world.

I ask for a special season of prayer in my behalf at this Convention. I am longing for the deliverance which seems to me cannot be so very far off. I thank you all for your kindness and forbearance with me and hope that when you assemble again I shall be in the better land. Now, farewell, dear ones.

Your disabled comrade,

LETITIA YOUNG.

VICTORIA, November 9th, 1895.

*Dear White Ribbon Sisters*,—Another Dominion Convention is assembled and British Columbia sends no delegate. This I am sure you will not attribute to lack of interest in our Dominion Convention, but will understand the difficulty in the way of our being represented—namely the expensive journey and length of time required.

Personally, I have wished and hoped each year since I have been President of the British Columbia Union that I might have the privilege of attending, but so far the way has not opened.

We will be with you in spirit and have been praying in our Union meetings for the success of the Convention and a great blessing upon all that is done.

We do indeed trust that it may be all that its officers have hoped and planned for and that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in all its sessions will make it all that it possibly can be.

Our especial message to the Convention is contained in Mal. 3-10 and Joshua 1-7. We were very proud to be the possessors for one year of the Dominion prize banner. Owing to change in time of Dominion Convention, we had it at the annual Meetings in our Province last August, as we unrolled and hung it up in Convention, it seemed to us almost a sacred gift, as we thought that the giver, who had not withheld her loyalty and service while here on earth, was even then singing praises and adoration to the Lamb who was slain, and is worthy to receive all honor and Dominion.

May you be wise with the wisdom of God in selecting one who shall take up her work.

Yours in the bonds of Christian love and work,

C. SPOFFORD,  
President British Columbia W. C. T. U.

MANITOU, November 9, 1895.

*Dear Sisters*—In behalf of the Manitoba Provincial W. C. T. U., we send greetings from our prairie province, and pray that our Heavenly Father's richest blessing may be poured upon you in your Convention, that you may be guided aright in all your deliberations, and that every delegate there may be inspired to redoubled effort in our work during the coming year.

Regretting that the way was not open for me to be present in Convention with you as anticipated, I am

Yours for faithful service,

P. E. RUTTAN,  
President Manitoba W. C. T. U.

MONTREAL, November 15, 1895.

Greetings dear comrades. Read Psalm 121.

J. HALE RAMSAY.

[NOTE—Many other letters and loving messages of Greeting were received from members not able to be with us.]

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# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## Of the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

### PREAMBLE.

The Christian Women of this Dominion, conscious of the increasing evils, and appalled at the tendencies and dangers of intemperance, believe it has become our duty under the Providence of God to unite our efforts for its extinction.

That we may the more successfully prosecute the work, we adopt the following—

### CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I

This Association (Auxiliary to the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union) shall be known as the "Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Canada."

#### ARTICLE II.

The Officers shall be, a President, a Vice-President-at-large, (the President of each Provincial Union being *ex-officio* Vice-President of the Dominion Union) a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer. The General Officers with Presidents of organized Provinces and Superintendents of Departments appointed by Dominion Union, shall constitute an Executive Committee to control and provide for the general interest of the work, of whom five shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE III.

The Annual Convention shall be composed of the Executive Committee, and the Provincial Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer, one delegate at large from each Auxiliary Province and one delegate for every one hundred paying members of Auxiliary Provincial Unions.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Any Provincial organization of W. C. T. U. may become auxiliary to the Dominion Union by endorsing its Constitution.

#### ARTICLE V.

An Annual Convention, at which time the officers shall be elected, shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

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## ARTICLE VI.

Each Provincial Union shall pay annually to the funds of the Dominion Union an amount equal to five cents per paying member of each Auxiliary Local Union

## ARTICLE VII.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any Annual Convention, notice having been given in writing of such change at the Previous Annual Convention.

## BY-LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

## PRESIDENT.

*Sec. 1.*—In case of the illness or death of the President, the duties of her office shall devolve upon the Vice-President-at-large. The President may through the Recording-Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when she may deem it necessary, or in response to the written request of any five members of the Executive Committee, and shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

## CORRESPONDING-SECRETARY.

*Sec. 2.*—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding-Secretary to send to each Provincial Corresponding Secretary, at least three months before the annual meeting, a blank for the report of that Province for the current year. She shall then collate from each report her own annual report.

## RECORDING-SECRETARY.

*Sec. 3.*—The Recording-Secretary shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee, and keep correct record of their proceedings. She shall send to each member of the Executive Committee a proper notice of each meeting and designate in said notice the topics which are to be especially considered at the meeting. She shall appraise members of Committee of their appointment at the first session of each annual meeting. She shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committees since the last annual meeting, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office.

## TREASURER.

*Sec. 4.*—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and to present a detailed report thereof to each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate two weeks previous to the annual meeting, when the books shall be closed.

## ARTICLE II.—VOTING.

General Officers and Dominion Superintendents shall vote *in person*, and their vote cannot be cast otherwise. Each delegation may fill its quota by visiting members from its own Province; if any Provincial President is absent, said Province may be represented on the Executive Committee by a member of its delegation.

## ARTICLE III.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers with the exception of Vice-Presidents, shall be elected on the morning of the third day of the Annual Meeting, and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the meeting an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately. Should any candidate receive three-quarters of the vote cast on the informal ballot, she shall be declared elected, if not, the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast. The retiring officers shall retain their position until the close of each convention.

## ARTICLE IV.—COMMITTEES.

The following Committees shall be appointed on the first day of the Annual Meeting:—On Credentials, on Finance, on Resolutions, and on Plan of Work for the ensuing year, the last two to consist of two from each Province, chosen by the representatives of that Province.

## ARTICLE V.—BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall be the Business Committee of the Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE VI.

All documents and announcements from the Dominion Union shall be sent to the Provincial Union through their respective Corresponding Secretaries.

## ARTICLE VII.

The expenses of General Officers (exclusive of Provincial Vice-Presidents) in travelling to and from the Annual Meeting, also for postage and stationary, shall be borne by the Union.

## ARTICLE VIII.—SUPERINTENDENTS.

Superintendents shall be nominated by the Executive Committee (excepting Superintendents of Departments) and elected by the Annual Convention. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered, and the Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of Annual Meeting.

## ARTICLE IX.

At each Annual Meeting a Committee shall be appointed on Courtesies of the Convention, to which shall be referred the charge of all introduction to the Convention.

## ARTICLE X.

The General Officers shall constitute a Sub-Committee for the speedy transaction of business during the year.

## ARTICLE XI.

Crusade Day shall be September 28th, and the Day of Prayer on January 3rd, Mrs. Youman's birthday.

## ARTICLE XII.

Any person signing the pledge and paying the sum of fifty dollars may become an Honorary Life Member of this Union.

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"Roberts' Rules of Order" shall be the recognized guide of Parliamentary procedure in all cases where it does not conflict with the Constitution and By-laws of the W.C.T.U.

ARTICLE XIV.

These By-laws may be altered or amended by a two-third's vote of the members present at any Convention.

PLEDGE.

I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquor, including beer, wine and cider, as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union the sum of \$..... and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

## AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE DOMINION WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

**W**HEREAS the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union Preamble. has by its petition prayed to be incorporated with the powers and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by 5 and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. Mrs. Letitia Youmans, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Ella F. M. Wil-  
liams, of Montreal, Que.; Mrs. Harriot T. Todd, of St. Stephen, N.B.;  
Miss Julia Tilley, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, of  
10 Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton, of Ottawa, Ont.; Mrs. Mary  
E. Sanderson, of Danville, Que.; Mrs. May R. Thornley, of London,  
Ont.; Mrs. Edith J. Archibald, of Cow Bay, Cape Breton, N.S.; Mrs.  
M. A. Cunningham, of New Westminster, B.C.; Mrs. Myrtle Blakely,  
of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Mrs. Elizabeth Middleton, of Quebec City,  
15 Que.; Mrs. C. Spofford, of Victoria, B.C., Mrs. C. W. Strong, of Sum-  
merside, P.E.I., and all others who are now or hereafter become asso-  
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and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the  
name of "The Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union,"  
20 hereinafter called the Union, Corporate  
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2. The purposes of the Union are the banding together of Christian  
women, pledged to total abstinence for the preservation of the Home,  
the education of the young, the elevation of public sentiment with  
respect to the cause of temperance, the reformation of the drinking  
25 classes by the power of Divine Grace, and the securing of laws which  
shall totally prohibit the carrying on of the liquor traffic in Canada. Purposes  
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3. The Union may acquire all land and property necessary for its  
purposes, provided that the annual value of the real estate held at any  
one time apart from that in the actual use of the Union shall not exceed  
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tions, in force at the time of such devise in the province in which such real estate is situate, so far as such laws apply to the Union.

**Disposal of property not required.** **4.** The Union shall, within seven years after its acquisition of any real estate, sell or otherwise dispose of and alienate so much of such real estate as is not required for the purposes of the Union. **5**

**Regulations.** **5.** The Union may also make and pass regulations and by-laws for the direction and management of the Union.

**Constitution and by-laws.** **6.** The constitution and by-laws of the Union now in force are and shall be the constitution and by-laws of the Union hereby constituted until they are changed as provided therein. **10**

**Head Office.** **7.** The head office of the Union shall be at Toronto, or at such other place as is by by-law determined.

July 21st, 1894.

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