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<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	- - - - -	Miss Tilley.
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. R. W. McLachlan.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	- - - - -	Mrs. Tilton.

EX-OFFICIO VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Mrs. Sanderson, Quebec. Mrs. Thornley, Ontario.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF CONVENTION.

Miss Cosford, *Recording Secretary*, Ontario.
Mrs. Atkinson, *Corresponding Secretary*, New Brunswick.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, Mrs. Fotheringham, Miss Scott, Miss E. S. Faircloth, Mrs. O. C. Whitman, Mrs. Ure, Mrs. A. W. Strong, Mrs. Reede, Mrs. T. Moodie, Miss Dougall, Mrs. E. Cole, Mrs. Bascom.

DELEGATES.

British Columbia—Mrs. Tate.

Manitoba—Mrs. McClung.

Ontario—Mrs. Cavers, *Delegate-at-Large*; Mrs. Atcheson, Cornwall; Miss Fish, Otterville; Miss Rea, Ottawa; Mrs. Waters, Mrs. Watsou, Hamilton; Mrs. Donaldson, Ottawa; Mrs. Darch, London; Mrs. Ashcroft, Mrs. Smellie, Bruce County; Mrs. Hilborne, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Carlyle, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Gillespie, Toronto; Mrs. Goldie, Ayer; Mrs. Switzer, Richmond Hill; Mrs. Baker, Mitchell; Mrs. Chrysler, Brantford; Mrs. McMaster, Campbellford; Mrs. Paton, Peterboro; Mrs. Maddock, Guelph; Miss Needs, Bowmanville; Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Forbes, Grimsby; Mrs. Hopper, Cobourg; Miss Holden, Belleville; Mrs. Bolton, Bellwood; Mrs. Gibson, Barrie; Mrs. McKinnon, Caledonia.

Prince Edward Island—Mrs. Johnston.

Quebec—Mrs. Miller, Québec; Miss Meiklejohn, Knowlton; Miss Isa Monk, Montreal.

Fraternal Delegate—Mrs. Wilson, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Miss Helen Fisher, Miss Hilda Rutherford, Miss Wiggins, Miss Thomas.

LIFE MEMBER.

Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, Westmount, Montreal.

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INTERIM MINUTES OF DECISIONS BY CORRESPONDENCE.

January, 1896.

In accordance with the motion passed by the Convention at Quebec, the following were unanimously appointed as the Dominion Literature Committee:—Mrs. Cowan, Miss Tilley, Miss E. Wills, Mrs. Locke, with the Superintendent, Mrs. Bascom.

Owing to the inability of Mrs. Chipman of New Brunswick to accept the appointment of Superintendent of "Y" Work, by the unanimous vote of the Sub-Executive, Miss Scott of Ottawa was appointed. Mrs. Bigelow of Cornwall was unanimously appointed Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, as Mrs. Phillips of New Brunswick, was unable to act. The President and Corresponding Secretary were empowered to fill any further vacancies to the best of their ability.

Through some inadvertence, the important suggestions that came from the Superintendent of Franchise with her report to the Quebec Convention, never reached the Plan of Work Committee, therefore a copy of them was sent to the Sub-Executive, with the questions— "Are you in favor of bringing in a bill this season?" "If so, of what nature?" No agreement was arrived at.

March, 1896.

Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, our Honorary Life Member, having signified his desire to present a banner to the Dominion Union, to be given as a prize, the Sub-Executive thankfully acknowledged his kindness and suggested that it be presented to the Province having the greatest percentage of increase of members in the "Y" Unions each year. Mr. Ramsay kindly acquiesced in the suggestion.

The Sub-Committee having learned that the place of meeting for the next Convention of the World's W. C. T. U. (which will be in 1897) was not yet settled, decided to invite them to meet in Canada.

By the unanimous vote of the full Executive, the invitation of the Toronto District W. C. T. U. to hold the next Dominion Convention in that city was accepted.

July, 1896.

The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Dominion Union, with Mrs. DeDonell of Toronto, were appointed to prepare the programme for Convention.

The President having received an earnest invitation from Mrs. Stevenson, Corresponding Secretary of the National W. C. T. U. of the United States "to come and bring a large delegation with you," to the Convention which meets in St. Louis, November 13th, it was unanimously decided to ask each Province to nominate one fraternal delegate, who would be credentialed by the Dominion Union, such nomination to be in by October 1st, after that date the delegation to be filled by the President and Corresponding Secretary.

It was also unanimously decided to invite fraternal delegates from the National W. C. T. U. of the United States to attend our Dominion Convention.

It was decided, so as not to conflict with the dates of the National, to hold our Dominion Convention from November 6th to 10th, inclusive.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Toronto, November 5th, 1896.

The Committee met this evening at 8 o'clock, in the rooms of the Toronto District Headquarters, 56 Elm Street. The following members were present:—Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, President; Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Vice-President; Mrs. Tilton, Treasurer; Miss J. Tilley, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. R. W. McLachlan, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, Mrs. Fotheringham, Miss Scott, Miss Faircloth, Mrs. Ure, Mrs. Read, Mrs. T. Moodie, Miss Dougall, Mrs. E. Cole and Mrs. Bascom.

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn, "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide." Dr. Yeomans read the forty-sixth Psalm. Mrs. Sanderson led in prayer. The Secretary read the Interim Minutes of Decisions by Correspondence.

Moved by Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That the programme as printed be accepted, subject to necessary changes.

The following Committees were nominated:—

Credentials.—Miss Tilley and the Provincial Presidents.

Courtesies of Convention.—Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Brownell.

Finance.—Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Moffat, Mrs. Strong.

Appropriations.—Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. Sanderson, Dr. Yeomans, with Mrs. Tilton as an advisory member.

Awarding Prize Banners—Mrs. Tilton, Miss Dougall, Mrs. McClung.

It was moved by Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, That the President and Corresponding Secretary consult with Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, as to the proposed conditions, as stated in the "Woman's Journal," for competition for the "Y" Banner.

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Regrets on account of unavoidable absence were read from Mrs. Woodbury, Nova Scotia; Mrs. Rugg, Quebec, and Mrs. Cunningham, British Columbia. As these letters contained suggestions, it was moved by Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Dr. Yeomans, That all letters from absent members of Executive, containing suggestions for the work, be sent to the Plan of Work Committee.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the National Council of Women, asking the Dominion Union to appoint a committee to meet with a committee which they would appoint, to talk over some misunderstanding which had arisen. It was moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That a reply be sent to the communication received from the National Council of Women, re the difficulties that have arisen between some of its Local Societies and our own, expressing our sorrow that any but amicable relations should exist, and hoping that both organizations may ever maintain towards each other a friendly attitude, but stating that it has never been the policy of the Dominion Union to interfere in either Local or Provincial difficulties, and that it would therefore be inadvisable at this time to depart from what has been so long the established custom.

A design for a Life Membership Certificate was submitted to the Committee, prepared by Mrs. (Dr.) Elliott, Toronto.

Letters were read from the Secretary of the World's W. C. T. U., accepting the invitation to hold their Convention in Canada in 1897; also from Mrs. Stevenson, Secretary of the National W. C. T. U. of the United States, asking for the appointment of fraternal delegates to its Annual Convention in St. Louis.

On motion, the Committee adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE DOMINION W. C. T. U.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Zion Congregational Church,
Toronto, Nov. 6th, 1896.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 9.30. The devotional exercises consisted of singing the hymn "How Firm a Foundation," the reading of the Crusade Psalm, and prayer by Dr. Amelia Yeomans, and Mrs. Bigelow.

The Roll was called, eighteen members of Executive responding. The Interim minutes were read, and, on motion of Miss Meiklejohn, Quebec, seconded by Miss Cosford, Ontario, were adopted.

The Minutes of the Executive, held on November 5th, were read and also adopted, on motion of Mrs. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Livingstone.

The Corresponding Secretary read greetings from the following persons:—Mr. C. T. Williams, Montreal; Mrs. H. P. Todd, Boston; also Mrs. Ida Read, President of Vermont State Union, and Mrs. Burt, of New York, both appointed fraternal delegates to the Dominion Union from the National W. C. T. U. A letter was also read from the the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada, thanking the Union for its kind greetings to them while in their Annual Convention. Extracts from letters containing greetings were read from Miss Bowes, British Columbia; Miss Trite, New Brunswick; Mrs. S. J. Craig, Quebec; Mrs. Lamb, British Columbia. Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, that the Corresponding Secretary reply to these greetings.

A letter was read from the Prisoners' Aid Association, asking for the signatures of the Dominion Union officers to a petition to the Dominion government to change the location of a proposed Reformatory.

Moved by Miss Cosford, seconded by Mrs. McClung, That the said petition be signed by the officers. Moved in amendment that the letter of the Prisoners' Aid Association be sent to the Plan of Work Committee.—Carried.

The report of the Deputation was read by the Secretary. Moved by Mrs. Bigelow, accepted.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, that ten minutes be allowed for the reading of the minutes of the departments.—Carried.

Miss Tilley read the report of the Prisoners' Aid Association, New Brunswick. On motion of Mrs. Sanderson, the report was accepted.

Miss Helen Fisher was presented by Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, Ontario, and the Dominion Union, was presented to the Convention.

Mrs. Tilley, London, Ontario, was presented to the Convention for the Dominion Union, and was accepted at being present.

Miss Dougall, Montreal, was presented to the Convention for "Victory through Weakness," and was accepted on motion, Convention.

Mrs. Sanderson led the singing of the minutes of the last session.

Miss Tilley read the report of the Corresponding Secretary work, Miss Bowes, the report of Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson.

Mrs. Whitman, Canso, Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Sanderson, Fishermen and Sailors, Fishermen and Sailors, Fishermen and Sailors. Mrs. Whitman moved, Miss Tilley report.

The report of the Department of the Corresponding Secretary, Superintendent, was read and Mrs. Sanderson moved the reception of the report. Mrs. Sanderson and carried.

The following names were presented to the Work Committee:—

Quebec.—Miss Meiklejohn, Ontario.—Mrs. Bigelow, Ontario.—Mrs. Bigelow, British Columbia.—Mrs. Lamb, British Columbia.—Mrs. Nova Scotia.—Mrs. Whitman, Nova Scotia.—Mrs. Whitman, Manitoba.—Mrs. McClung, Prince Edward Island.

The report of the Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall. On motion of Mrs. Bigelow, seconded by Mrs. Whitman, the report was accepted.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Cavers, That ten minutes be allowed for discussion after the reading of reports of departments.—Carried.

Miss Tilley read the report of Work among Raftsmen and Lumbermen, in the absence of the Superintendent, Miss Trites, New Brunswick. On motion of Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, the report was accepted.

Miss Helen Fisher was introduced as a page of the Convention.

Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, Honorary Life Member of the Dominion Union, was presented to Convention and gave a short address.

Mrs. Tilley, London, Ont., Secretary of the Order of King's Daughters for the Dominion, was introduced, and expressed her pleasure at being present.

Miss Dougall, Montreal, gave a Bible reading, the subject being, "Victory through Weakness."

On motion, Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. Sanderson led the opening devotional exercises. The minutes of the last session were read and, on motion, confirmed.

Miss Tilley read the report of the department of World's Missionary work, Miss Bowes, the Superintendent, being absent. On motion of Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. Read, the report was accepted.

Mrs. Whitman, Canso, N.S., Superintendent of the Department of Sailors, Fishermen and Lighthouse Keepers, presented her report. Mrs. Whitman moved, Miss Dougall seconded, the acceptance of the report.

The report of the Department of Work among Foreigners, Mrs. Parker, Superintendent, was read by Dr. Amelia Yeomans, who also moved the reception of the report. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Sanderson and carried.

The following names were given in as members of the Plan of Work Committee:—

Quebec.—Miss Meiklejohn, Miss Ida Monk.

Ontario.—Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. Read.

British Columbia.—Mrs. Tate.

Nova Scotia.—Mrs. Whitman.

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 Quebec.—Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. P. R. Miller.
 Ontario.—Mrs. Cavers, Miss Cosford.
 New Brunswick.—Mrs. Atkinson.

The following resolution of the World's W. C. T. U. officers sent to the Dominion Union on the death of its Honorary President, Mrs. Youmans, was, on motion of Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, received, and the Corresponding Secretary was asked to officially reply.

RESOLUTION

Adopted by the General Officers of the World's W. C. T. U., on the Death of Mrs. Youmans.

RESOLVED: That we send to our loved comrades, the White Ribbon women of Canada, officers and members of the Dominion W. C. T. U., the assurance of the appreciation that we feel for that gifted and heroic worker, Mrs. Letitia Youmans, the pioneer of the movement throughout Canada. We have long watched with you in spirit beside her bed of pain, where through seven long and weary years her blithe and sunny disposition held her superior to the bondage that physical discomfort and misery inflict upon the human soul. We rejoice that our honored sister was devotedly loyal to our Christian faith, and in all her sufferings still believed that "He doth not willingly afflict nor grieve the children of men," and that "What we know not now" it is promised that "we shall know hereafter," and "The afflictions of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit."

We regard the character and life work of Mrs. Youmans as a precious heritage to all White Ribbon people. She knew the very beginnings of the movement, helped to form its foundations broad and deep, laid her life upon its altar and was spent in its service. We are glad that during her illness she had the courage and ability to write a most interesting history of her work, which will remain as the authentic statement of those "beginnings" from which your society has grown to be certainly second to no other in zeal and intelligence in all the World's W. C. T. U. We rejoice that you were enabled to be of financial service to one who had never counted her life dear to her in our sacred peaceful war. And so we are sending you this message of tender remembrance, appreciation and love, because for all of us the time is short, and, as has been so well said by a great-hearted philanthropist, "if there is any kind word that we can speak, or any good that we can do, let us not be neglectful or forgetful, for we shall not pass this way again."

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" And the best of all is, God is with us."

We are your loyal and loving sisters in this faith.

FRANCES WILLARD,
President.

ISABEL SOMERSET,
Vice-President at Large.

AGNES SLACK,
Hon. Secretary.

ANNA GORDON,
Hon. Assistant Secretary.

MARY E. SANDERSON,
Treasurer.

Reigate, England,
July 28th, 1896.

Dr. Amella Yeomans, Vice-President, took the chair, and the President, Mrs. Rutherford, delivered her annual address. It was moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That the President's address be received by a rising vote of thanks, and that the suggestions therein contained, be sent to the Plan of Work and Resolutions Committees respectively.—Carried.

Miss Tilley, the Corresponding Secretary, presented her Annual report. On motion of Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. McClung, it was accepted.

The Rev. Dr. German and the Rev. Dr. Parker, both pastors of Methodist churches in Toronto, were introduced and expressed interest and sympathy with W. C. T. U. work. These clergymen asked for speakers from the Convention for their next Sunday evening service.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Tilton, read her annual statement, which was, on motion of Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Miss Cosford, adopted.

Miss Jennie Jenkins, a little girl of seven, gave a pleasing vocal solo.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, extending greetings and asking for the appointment of four delegates to a special meeting of the Alliance, soon to be called. Miss Tilley moved, Mrs. Cavers seconded the motion, That the letter be referred to the executive for consideration.—Carried.

Miss Wills, Secretary of the Dominion Literature Committee, presented a report. On motion of Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Miss Holden, the report was accepted.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That the pages be not called upon to carry messages during the reading of reports.—Carried.

The report of work in the North-West Territories, Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, Superintendent, was read by Miss Cosford. The report was, on motion, accepted.

The Evangelistic Department report, Mrs. A. Gordon, Superintendent, was read by Miss Meiklejohn. Moved by Miss Meiklejohn, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That the report be accepted.—Carried.

The session was closed by singing the Doxology.

EVENING.

The members of Convention were entertained by the Toronto District Union to a Reception and Tea in the Parlors of the Elm Street Methodist Church, from six to eight o'clock.

The public meeting was held in the church. Mrs. Rutherford presided. The Rev. Dr. German, pastor of the church, and the Rev. W. F. Wilson, conducted the devotional exercises. The following items composed the programme :—

Address of Welcome on behalf of the Toronto District W. C. T. U., Mrs. Cowan.

Response on behalf of Dominion Convention, Dr. Amelia Youmans, Winnipeg.

Anthem, Elm Street Methodist Church Choir.

Greetings from the King's Daughters and Sons, Mrs. Tilley, London.

Greetings from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, Mrs. J. B. Wilmott, Toronto.

Greetings from the Woman's Auxilliary of Missions of the Church of England, by Mrs. Williamson, Toronto.

Greetings from the National Council of Women, by Mrs. Wilmoughby Cummings.

Greetings from the National W. C. T. U. of the United States, by Mrs. Wilson, President of the Buffalo Union.

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Mrs. Atkinson, of Moncton, N.B., responded to these greetings on behalf of the Dominion Convention.

While the collection was being taken up, Mr. Doherty sang the verses of "Some Glad Day," the choir and audience joining in the chorus.

The following greetings were then extended :—

Toronto City Council, Alderman F. S. Spence.

Sons of Temperance, Mr. Caswell.

Dominion Alliance, Dr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., and the Rev. Dr. Dewart.

Royal Templars of Temperance, Mr. J. W. Cameron.

Canadian Temperance League, Mr. J. S. Robertson.

Epworth League of Toronto, Mr. Davis.

Christian Endeavor Union of Toronto, Mr. Duncan Clark.

Vocal Solo, Miss Doherty.

Response to greetings on behalf of Dominion Convention, Mrs. May Thornley.

The Doxology was sung. The Rev. Dr. German pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.—NOVEMBER 7TH.

MORNING SESSION.

Mrs. Tate, British Columbia, led the devotional exercises, Mrs. Johnston, Prince Edward Island, led in prayer. The minutes of the last session were read and, on motion, confirmed.

Miss Tilley read the report of the Credential Committee, which showed forty-three delegates present. Moved by Mrs. Wheeler, seconded by Mrs. Hilborn, that this partial report of the Committee be received.—Carried.

Mrs. Cavers read the report of Department of Purity and Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion, Mrs. Cunningham, Superintendent. On motion of Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, the report was accepted.

The report of the Dominion Literature Depository was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Bascom. Mrs. Bascom moved, Mrs. Sanderson seconded the adoption of the report.

The Youmans fund Committee reported through Miss Tilley. The report was adopted on motion of Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. McClung.

Moved by Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Mrs. McClung, That the Committee on Resolutions be asked to frame a suitable resolution

of thanks to Mr. J. S. Loudon, for his kindness in dispensing the Yumans Fund.—Carried.

Mrs. Wilson, President of the Buffalo, N. Y., Union, was tendered the privileges of Convention on motion of Mrs. Bascom, seconded by Mrs. Thornley.

Mrs. Tilley, London, Secretary of the King's Daughters of the Dominion, gave the daily Bible reading. The subject was "Praise." On motion the Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. Atkinson, New Brunswick, conducted the devotional exercises. The minutes of the morning session were read and on motion confirmed.

Moved by Mrs. Ashcroft, seconded by Miss Tilley, That the programme as printed for the afternoon be used, and that the items on the morning's programme not given, be taken up afterwards.—Carried.

Dr. Yeomans was appointed Timekeeper to limit the discussions following reports.

Mrs. Moodie, Superintendent of Coffee Houses, presented her report. On motion of Mrs. Moodie, seconded by Mrs. Strong, the report was accepted.

The Press Department, also the report of the Dominion Reporter to the "Union Signal" were given by Mrs. Ure. The reports were on motion, accepted.

The Misses Wiggin and Thomas were introduced as pages for the Convention.

The Y. W. C. T. U. Department report was read by the Superintendent, Miss Scott. On motion of Miss Scott, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, the report was accepted.

The Juvenile and Sunday School work was called for. Mrs. Atkinson explained that she had resigned some months ago, but as it had not been so understood, she would prepare the report in time for printing. Consent was given.

Mrs. Rockwell's report of the Department of Legislation and Petition, was read by Miss Tilley, who moved its acceptance, seconded by Mrs. Whitman and carried.

The hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," was sung.

Mrs. Fotheringham, Superintendent of the Flower Mission Department, presented her report. Mrs. Fotheringham moved, Mrs. Livingston seconded the acceptance of the report.

It was resolved that miscellaneous articles distributed, be not included in the Flower Mission reports. After discussion, this matter was referred to the Plan of Work Committee.

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A Flower Mission Band, called the Pansy Band, were introduced. This Band, composed of girls from eight to fifteen years, was marshalled on the platform, each one carrying some of the usual gifts of flowers, fruits, jellies, custards, etc., used in Flower Mission work. They sang very sweetly a song about the Pansies. Mrs. Fotheringham explained the history and work of the Band.

It was moved by Miss Meiklejohn, seconded by Mrs. Strong, That a collection be taken up at the afternoon meetings.—Carried.

The report of the department of Kitchen Gardens was read by the Superintendent, Miss Faircloth, who moved the acceptance of the report, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson and carried.

Moved by Mrs. McClung, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That Mrs. Tilley be made a member of Convention.—Carried.

Miss Beatrice Wilson sang the solo, "The Holy City."

Mrs. Read read the report of Lord's Day Observance. Mrs. Read moved, Mrs. Tate seconded, the acceptance of the report.—Carried.

The report of Soldiers and Volunteer Camps was read by the Superintendent, Mrs. Tilton. Mrs. Tilton moved, Miss Starr seconded the reception of the report.—Carried.

Miss Stirling, now of Philadelphia, but lately of Nova Scotia, was introduced, and told of the burning of her Home for Immigrant Children in Nova Scotia because, as she believed, of the stand she had taken against impurity, and her well known W. C. T. U. principles.

A Conference on Purity, led by Dr. Amelia Yeomans, with an address on Heredity by Dr. Stowe-Gullen, proved of so much interest that it was decided to continue the conference on Monday, at 5 p.m.

The Doxology was sung and Convention adjourned.

EXECUTIVE.

The Committee met at 8.15 p.m., at the Headquarters, 56 Elm Street.

Mrs. Paul, Toronto, submitted a scheme by which the Dominion Union could raise money. The matter was discussed, but no action was taken.

A letter from the National Superintendent of Schools Savings Banks was read.

Moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Strong, that a recommendation be sent to the Plan of Work Committee.

A communication was also read from the World's Superintendent of Christian Citizenship. Moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Ure, That this letter be sent to the Plan of Work Committee, with

the recommendation that the Department of Christian Citizenship be added to that of the Franchise Department, and that the Department be called :—"Equal Franchise and Christian Citizenship."

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler, That Bands of Mercy be added to the Department of Juvenile- and- Sunday School work.

Moved by Mrs. Strong, seconded by Miss Tilley, that Dr. Yeomans, Miss Tilley, and Mrs. Sanderson be a committee to discuss a Memorial Literature Fund, and that this committee prepare a resolution on the subject.

THIRD DAY.--NOVEMBER 9TH

MORNING SESSION.

Mrs. Whitman, Nova Scotia, led the devotional exercises.

The minutes of last session were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the Executive meeting were read and, on motion of Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. Tate, were adopted.

Miss Tilley read greetings from Forrest W. C. T. U., containing Proverbs 4 : 23-27 and Revelations 22 : 14.

The report of the Health and Heredity Department, Mrs. S. J. Craig, Superintendent, was read by Mrs. A. W. Strong, and was, on motion, accepted.

Moved by Mrs. McClung, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, That while we gratefully acknowledge the help we have received from the reading of "Life and Health," we move that the Publisher be requested to see that no article be inserted that is objectionable to Temperance Workers, especially recipes containing alcohol.—Carried.

The report of the Department of Exhibitions and Fairs, Mrs. Rugg, Superintendent, was read by Miss Tilley. On motion of Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, the report was accepted with the elimination of the word "Bar" in the report of the work done by the Montreal Central Union at the General-Hospital Fair.—Carried.

Mrs. Sanderson, on behalf of the Committee on Appropriations, presented the following report:—"The Committee on Appropriations recommend that Superintendents of Departments receive five dollars, if needed. That ten dollars be granted to the Superintendent of Legislature and Petition, if needed. That the Recording Secretary be allowed twenty dollars for compiling the report. That eighty dollars be granted for the use of the President and Corresponding Secretary for office work."

On motion of Mrs. report was adopted.

Mrs. Sanderson called she had given last year by Mrs. Sanderson, Carried.

The Roll was called. gates responded.

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The following Teller Switzer, Mrs. Ashcroft, Miss Monk.

Mrs. Rutherford was to the platform by Mr.

The result of the vote Yeomans was re-elected.

The noon hour having noontide prayer.

Miss Tilley having delivered very scattered one, it was Thornley, That a Committee present, with Mrs. Atk. Tate, and Miss Tilley, the position of Corresponding

Mrs. R. W. McLachlan Mrs. Tilton, Treasurer.

On motion, Convention

Convention assembled were conducted by Mrs.

The minutes of last session Moved by Mrs. Lucas, tion of Corresponding Secretary at 11 o'clock.

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On motion of Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Sanderson called attention to the notice of motion which she had given last year. It was moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That debate on this motion be adjourned.—Carried.

The Roll was called. Sixty-one members of Executive and delegates responded.

Silent prayer, followed by audible prayer, led by Miss Dougall, preceded the election of officers.

The following Tellers were named by the President:—Mrs. Switzer, Mrs. Ashcroft, Mrs. Chrysler, Miss Cosford, Miss Faircloth, Miss Monk.

Mrs. Rutherford was re-elected President, and was conducted to the platform by Mrs. Sanderson and Mrs. Thornley.

The result of the vote for Vice-President was that Dr. Amelia Yeomans was re-elected.

The noon hour having arrived, Mrs. Wilson, Buffalo, led in the noontide prayer.

Miss Tilley having declined re-election, and the vote cast being a very scattered one, it was moved by Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. Thornley, That a Committee composed of the Provincial Presidents present, with Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. Tate, and Miss Tilley, be appointed to confer about candidates for the position of Corresponding Secretary.—Carried.

Mrs. R. W. McLachlan was re-elected Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Tilton, Treasurer.

On motion, Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention assembled at 2 o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. McClung.

The minutes of last session were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mrs. Lucas, seconded by Mrs. McClung, That the election of Corresponding Secretary be deferred until Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock.

Moved in amendment by Miss Scott, seconded by Miss Monk, That we proceed with the election of the corresponding Secretary as soon as the Committee appointed are prepared to submit names.

The amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

Miss Hilda Rutherford, the little daughter of the President, was introduced as a Convention page.

A School of Methods was held. The following papers, followed by interesting discussions, were given :—

"Lord's Day Observance," Mrs. Reede, Teeswater.

"Systematic Giving," Mrs. E. Cole, Montreal.

"The Latest Aspect of the Prohibition Question, and how we are to meet it," Dr. Yeomans, Winnipeg.

Miss Crang sang the solo, "Jerusalem."

Moved by Mrs. Dart, seconded by Mrs. McClung, That the suggestion given by Dr. Amelia Yeomans to prepare a letter for saloon keepers, to be distributed before the coming plebiscite campaign, be referred to the Plan of Work Committee.—Carried.

An exhibition, "How the 'Y's' teach housekeeping," was given by a class of little girls, conducted by Miss Faircloth, Dominion Superintendent of Kitchen Garden Work.

A telegram, signed by W. W. Buchanan, extending the greetings of the Royal Templars, was read.

Miss Lee, a White Ribboner from Queensland, was introduced, and extended fraternal greetings from that far-off land.

The conference on Purity, adjourned from Saturday afternoon, was resumed. Dr. Amelia Yeomans presided. Dr. Stowe-Gullen assisted.

The doxology was sung, and on motion, Convention adjourned.

EVENING.

A large audience was present at the Public Meeting held in Broadway Tabernacle. Mrs Rutherford presided. The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Speir, and the Rev. Mr. Khuring. The programme was as follows :—

Anthem.—Broadway Tabernacle Choir.

Address.—"What is the W. C. T. U. doing?" Mrs. Wilson Buffalo, N.Y.

Hymn.—"Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Address.—Miss Agnes Slack, World's W. C. T. U. Secretary.

Collection Speech.—Dr. Amelia Yeomans.

Anthem.—Choir.

The National Anthem was sung and the Benediction pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Khuring.

NOVEMBER 10th.—EXECUTIVE.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That as the invitation of Ottawa to the World's W. C. T. U. to hold their Convention in 1897, had been sent in unofficially, that a telegram be sent to the President of the Ottawa Union asking if the invitation is still open.

The devotional exercises were held at Knowlton, Que.

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Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, That the Department of Work and

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FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Meiklejohn, Knowlton, Que.

The minutes of last session were read and confirmed.

The minutes of Executive were read, and on motion, were adopted. Miss Monk reported on behalf of the Plan of Work Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Ashcroft, seconded by Mrs. Reede, That the Plan of Work be voted upon seriatim.—Carried.

The hour for the election of the Corresponding Secretary having arrived, the report of the Plan of Work was suspended.

The Rev. W. F. Wilson was introduced, and told of his appreciation of the work of the W. C. T. U.

Miss Agnes Slack, Secretary of the World's Union, was introduced, and spoke principally about the coming World's Convention to be held in Canada 1897.

The Committee appointed to submit names for the office of Corresponding Secretary, proposed those of Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Reede.

After prayer, led by Mrs. Atkinson, the election was proceeded with, and resulted in Mrs. Atkinson's appointment.

It was moved by Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Miss Cosford, That Convention adjourn. The motion was lost.

Moved by Mrs. Bigelow, seconded by Mrs. McClung, That a committee be appointed, consisting of Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. Sanderson and Mrs. Atkinson, to prepare an amendment to the By-law on Plan of Work and Resolutions Committees. Carried.

On motion, Convention adjourned.

EXECUTIVE.

The newly-elected officers met at 1.30 p.m. It was moved by Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, That the Department of Purity and Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion, be changed to that of Purity.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That a Department of Work among Young People's Societies be created.

The following Superintendents of Departments were appointed :—N.-W. Territories.—Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, Edmonton, Alberta. Peace and Arbitration.—Mrs. Geo. Cleveland, Johnville, Que. Scientific Temperance Instruction.—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall, Ont. Heredity and Health.—Mrs. S. J. Craig, Compton, Que.

- Purity.—Mrs. Cunningham, New Westminster, B.C.
 Evangelistic.—Mrs. A. Gordon, Ottawa, Ont.
 Foreign Work.—Mrs. Parker, Winnipeg, Man.
 Exhibitions and Fairs.—Mrs. (Dr.) Rugg, Stanstead, Que.
 Unfermented Wine.—
 Raftsmen and Lumbermen.—Mrs. Trites, Sussex, N.B.
 Legislation and Petition.—
 Equal Franchise and Christian Citizenship.—Mrs. (Dr.) Edwards,
 Ottawa, Ont.
 Parlor Meetings.—Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, Paris, Ont.
 Kitchen Garden.—Miss Elizabeth S. Faircloth, Toronto, Ont.
 Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission.—Mrs. Fotheringham, Toronto.
 Woman's Journal.—Miss Scott, Ottawa, Ont.
 Juvenile, Sunday Schools and Bands of Mercy.—
 Sailors, Fishermen and Lighthouse Keepers.—Mrs. O. C. Whitman,
 Canso, N.S.
 Soldiers and Militia, Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa, Ont.
 Narcotics.—
 Y. W. C. T. U.—Miss Scott, Ottawa.
 Press.—Mrs. Ure, Montreal, Que.
 Railway Employees.—Mrs. A. W. Strong, Montreal, Que.
 Police Stations, Prisons and Jails.—Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Winni-
 peg, Man.
 Lord's Day Observance.—Mrs. Read, Teeswater, Ont.
 Houses of Entertainment and Coffee Houses.—Mrs. T. Moodie,
 Montreal, Que.
 World's W. C. T. U. Mission Work.—Miss Bowes, Victoria, B.C.
 School of Methods, Parliamentary Usage.—Mrs. Rutherford,
 Toronto, Ont.
 Temperance Grocery Work.—Miss Dougall, Montreal.
 Evangelistic Training Schools and Institutes.—
 Systematic Giving.—Mrs. E. Cole, Montreal.
 Literature Depository.—Mrs. Bascom, Toronto, Ont.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Cavers.
 The minutes of the last session were read and confirmed.
 On motion of Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. Ashcroft, the min-
 utes of the Executive meeting were adopted.
 The report of the Plan of Work Committee was continued by
 Mrs. Bigelow.
 Moved by Mrs. Gillespie, seconded by Mrs. Donaldson, That the
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Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That Article IV. of the By-Laws be altered to read as follows :—(a) "The Committee on credentials, Finance and Courtesies shall be appointed on the first day of the Annual Meeting. (b) The Plan of Work and Resolutions conveners shall be appointed for the ensuing year on the last day of Convention as follows :—"A convener shall be elected by the Convention, with a Committee representing each Province, to be nominated by the Sub-Executive of said Province."—Carried.

According to notice of motion given last year, it was moved by Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. Tilton, That Article XII. of the By-Laws be inserted between Article VI. and VII. of the Constitution.—Carried.

Mrs. Cavers presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Moved by Mrs. Ashcroft, seconded by Miss Meiklejohn, That the Resolutions be voted upon seriatim.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. Lucas, That the report of the Resolutions Committee as amended be adopted.—Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Bigelow, seconded by Mrs. Donaldson, That the communication from the Prisoners' Aid Association be referred to the Sub-Executive.—Carried.

The following telegram from Ottawa was read :—

"Ottawa Union extend to the World's W. C. T. U. a most hearty invitation to meet here for their next Convention."

AMELIA GORDON, President.

Also the following resolution from the City Council of Toronto :—

"Resolved :—That as the World's W. C. T. U. have decided to hold their next meeting, which is to be in the year 1897, in the Dominion of Canada, this Council hereby invites them to hold their meeting in the city of Toronto, and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to forward this invitation to the Dominion Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to be presented to the proper officers of the World's Union.

JNO. BLEVINS, City Clerk.

Miss Tilley also read invitations from the Toronto District Union, and the County Union of Hochelaga to meet in Montreal.

As the decision of the place of meeting for the World's Convention had been left with the Dominion Union, it was moved by Mrs. Bascom, seconded by Mrs. McClung, That the vote be taken by ballot. The motion was lost.

A standing vote was taken, resulting as follows :—Toronto, 40; Montreal, 8; Ottawa, 7.

Moved by Mrs. Sanderson, seconded by Mrs. Bascom, That every Local Union in the Dominion be asked to contribute at least one

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and in Canada next year, meeting at the same time, notice of motion given in notice of motion, as follows will move at the next Annual" appears to be substituted.

presented to Mr. Dunlop and Messrs. Flowers also to Messrs. Sanderson.

discussion about the condition which he desired to present in his report of opinion by a resolution of his willingness to support the "Y" Unions, even if

appointed to decide upon the following motion:—In loving remembrance of the late Mr. Sanderson and Mrs. Ella F. M. Sanderson, the funds on hand for the purpose of Life Membership Fees, may be formed by the members to increase the fund. Moved by Mrs. Sanderson,

Mrs. Sanderson, That the members of the various Unions Committees be appointed

read by Mrs. Tilton, That the motion was

carried, That the remainder of the business be

carried by Mrs. Moodie, That, with the exception of the members of the Police Stations,

the report of Work in the Province was accepted on the motion of Mrs. McClung.

Dr. Yeomans presented the following resolution, which was seconded by Mrs. McClung and carried:—Resolved, that we memorialize the government, praying for access to the Prisons of the Dominion, and use of the Protestant chapels for W. C. T. U. services with the prisoners, at such times as the chaplains are not using the room and that prisoners be permitted to attend. We would call attention to the fact that Protestant chaplains must each belong to but one denomination, while the W. C. T. U. is undenominational and can in this way meet the needs of many not otherwise provided for.

Miss Tilley read the report of "The Woman's Journal." On the motion of Miss Tilley, seconded by Mrs. Tate, the report was accepted.

Moved by Mrs. Carlyle, seconded by Mrs. Tate, That all unfinished business be left to the Executive. The Doxology was sung, Mrs. Tate led in prayer, and the meeting adjourned.

EVENING.

The evening meeting was held in Zion Congregational Church. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Peckover, conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Rutherford presided, and called on the Rev. Mr. Peckover, who addressed the meeting on the work of the W. C. T. U. in Kingston, Jamaica, with which he had been associated. The following musical programme was then given:—Vocal Trio—The McBratney Brothers; Vocal Solo—Miss Impey; Trio—The McBratney Brothers.

The Flashlights from the Province were given by:—

Mrs. Johnston, Prince Edward Island.

Mrs. Whitman, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Atkinson, New Brunswick.

Mrs. Sanderson, Quebec.

Mrs. Thornley, Ontario.

Dr. Amelia Yeomans, Manitoba.

Mrs. Tate, British Columbia.

The presentation of the Prize Banners followed. The Dominion Banner was presented by Dr. Amelia Yeomans to Mrs. Johnston, for Prince Edward Island, that Province having the greatest increase of members. Mrs. Johnston replied. The "Y" Banner was presented by the donor, J. Hale Ramsay, to Mrs. Sanderson, who received it on behalf of the "Y's" of Quebec Province.

The members of Convention joined hands, forming a circle around

the church, and united in singing "God be with you till we meet again." Dr. Yeomans led in prayer.

Moved by Mrs. McLachlan, seconded by Dr. Yeomans, That Convention do now adjourn sine die.

ELIZABETH WEIR McLACHLAN,
Recording Secretary.

EXECUTIVE.

9.30 a.m., November 11th.

The Committee met at headquarters, 56 Elm Street. The following Members were present:—Mrs. Rutherford, Dr. Yeomans, Miss Tilley, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Sanderson, Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. Whitman, Mrs. Ure, Miss Scott, Miss Dougall, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Tate, Mrs. Bascom, Miss Faircloth, Mrs. McLachlan.

Dr. Yeomans opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the last session of Convention were read and confirmed.

The appointment of four delegates to the meeting of the Dominion Alliance was, on motion of Dr. Yeomans, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, left with the Sub-Executive.

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, That our representatives to the Dominion Alliance be instructed to press for a reconstruction of the Alliance, so that the active working Temperance Societies shall have a controlling influence, and that no one Temperance organization shall be so represented as to swamp the votes of the rest.

The following Superintendents of Departments were nominated:—

Unfermented Wine.—Miss E. Cora Hind, Winnipeg, Man.

Legislation and Petition.—Mrs. Alexander, Ottawa, Ont.

Narcotics.—Mrs. Metcalfe, Thurso, Que.

School Savings Banks.—Mrs. E. Cole, Montreal.

Work among Young People's Societies, Miss Wiggins, Toronto, Ont.

Official Reporter for "Union Signal."—Mrs. Ure, Montreal, Que.

Consent was given Mrs. Ure to ask the Editor of the "Union Signal" to have a column of World's Missionary news in that paper.

Dr. Yeomans offered a supply of "Warning Words" at half price to the Dominion Depository, payment to be by exchange of literature. Mrs. Thornley moved, Mrs. Whitman seconded the motion, That consent be given for this exchange.

Mrs. Thornley was named as convener for the Plan of Work and Dr. Yeomans for the Resolutions Committee.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Whitman, That if a

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sufficient number of advertisements can be obtained in one month from date for the Annual Report, that one thousand copies be printed, but otherwise five hundred.

The following were named to secure advertisements, the rate to be \$15 for the outside cover, and \$12 for the inside pages:—Mrs. Atkinson, for New Brunswick; Mrs. Strong, for Montreal; Mrs. Bascom, Toronto; Miss Cosford, London; Mrs. Whitman, Nova Scotia; Dr. Yeomans, Winnipeg. It was decided to let Toronto have the outside page.

The following were named for the Literature Committee:—Mrs. Rutherford, Miss Tilley, Mrs. Bascom, Mrs. Lucy Milne, with power to add to their number.

Dr. Yeomans stated that she had been appointed by Manitoba to bring two matters before the Executive: 1st. That if the Dominion Convention were held any time after November 30th, the reduced railway rates which begin on that date and continue for four months, could be taken advantage of by the delegates appointed from Manitoba, North-West Territories and British Columbia. 2nd. That a Dominion Medal contest be decided upon.

Mrs. Alison Scott, Ottawa, was appointed Auditor.

Mr. Sweetnam, Toronto, was named as Auditor for the Literature Depository.

Moved by Mrs. Tilley, seconded by Miss Scott, that we recommend to the World's officers to hold their Convention as early as possible in October, within the first two weeks.

The Corresponding Secretary was asked to write to the World's W. C. T. U. Secretary, asking for the assurance that the World's leaders will remain and take part in the Dominion Convention as they had done in the National, as we are equally a national body and our need is greater.

Moved by Miss Scott, seconded by Mrs. Sanderson, That Mrs. Rutherford be appointed fraternal delegate to the National W. C. T. U. Convention, to be held in St. Louis.

Mrs. Tilton presented the report of the Finance Committee.

Consent was given to embody a summary of the Ontario report of Curfew Bells in the Juvenile Report.

Moved by Miss Scott, seconded by Mrs. Bigelow, That all unfinished business be left to the Sub-Executive.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

MRS. A. O. RUTHERFORD, TORONTO.

Sisters and Fellow-workers :—This Convention brings together the laborers from the fields to report on the work done, and the harvest reaped, and it is a time for planning for the future. We are devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father for his tender care over us through another year; we thank Him for the workers who have labored, and the soldiers of the White Ribbon Army who have stood ready to fight for the right. And we feel bound to be thankful for the signs of the times in soon having an opportunity for the great voice of the people to pronounce on the greatest of all reforms, and the foundation plank of the whole White Ribbon structure : Prohibition. As we pray so may we work.

The Provinces.—Every Province writes encouragingly of the work done during the year. Although the area has not been increased, yet, while at the last Convention we had only a family of five children, this year "we are seven," the Maritime Union having subdivided itself into three independent Provincial Unions.

The North-West Territories.—In accordance with the recommendation of the Executive at Quebec, Mrs. McDonald, Superintendent of the North-West Territories W. C. T. U., was communicated with to know if it would be possible to make an official tour throughout the Territories, visiting Local Unions. Satisfactory arrangements were arrived at, and on the 12th of September last, Mrs. McDonald commenced her tour.

In a letter received by me from her she speaks in most encouraging terms of the prospect of the growth of the W.C.T.U. in the Territories, and says that her visit will prove a profitable one, as in a new country, as it is, it is next to an impossibility to keep the working forces intact without some one making just such visits as she has made, helping here and encouraging there. She suggests :—

1. A Superintendent for each department of the work should be appointed, as far as practicable, which would help the work greatly.
 2. That a Convention be held for the purpose of organization.
- I need not dwell further on this, as her report will be presented to the Convention.

British Columbia.—There are a great many people flocking to British Columbia to the gold mines, and the question has come to me; "Cannot the Dominion W. C. T. U., in some way, send literature to the hosts of miners that are going to British Columbia?" We have a letter from Miss Bowes, asking the question: "Could there not be a Dominion W. C. T. U. representative at their Convention

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Along the line of legislation we have before us at this Convention a more important matter than we have ever had before during our existence, and that is the decision of the Privy Council, which has come to us since our last meeting; it says that any Province has power to pass a local option law. Also, that the power to totally prohibit lies only within the province of the Federal Government. Following this decision the large Convention which met in Toronto last July in connection with the Dominion Alliance, sent a large deputation to Ottawa to impress upon the new government the necessity of carrying out their pledge made in 1893; and I point you to the reply of Mr. Laurier. He says, "The plebiscite is part of the Liberal programme adopted at the convention of 1893. Our policy has been before the people, who have pronounced upon it. It now becomes our duty to carry out our programme, and I say frankly it is our intention to do so. As to the time when it should be done, my answer is this : It is the intention of the Liberal party to carry out to the letter every article of its programme, with in the very shortest possible limit. There is no intention to delay. On the contrary, speaking even politically, it is perhaps the best policy of all to deal with the question within the shortest time. It is not our intention this session, but I have every hope that next session, and not later, we shall introduce the legislation promised. This is a question in which the women are, perhaps more than the men, interested. Mrs. Alexander has not the right of suffrage, but all will admit that she could not influence the government of her country more if she had a vote than she can do by simply speaking."

To me there is something in that promise that almost overwhelms me, when I think what it means to us and what the possibility of defeat means to the Reform in which we are engaged, and I sometimes hesitate to speak about it at all, and yet we must confess it. I pray God that we may be enabled during this Convention to plan so wisely and so well that the possibility of defeat may never come to us. When I think of what it means to have this policy defeated at the polls, when I think of the weary, weary years of reaction that will set in, it overwhelms me, and so I pray that we may centre our thoughts on victory and it will soon be ours, and it will be in the province of the people of this country to say whether they are going to have prohibition or not, for this time the plebiscite means more than an expression of opinion. The Government who are giving the pledge have promised to follow it up by legislation, and so I pray earnestly that we may plan wisely and well, and that our motto may be "Victory," not "Defeat." In connection with this I

may say that one of our own number spoke on that deputation and I have quoted Mr. Laurier's own words in regard to it as a testimony to Mrs. Alexander's worth.

I do wish that in this plebiscite there could be some arrangement made whereby the women of Canada could express themselves. I do not like to think that such an important thing as this is going to be decided and I have no right or way of expressing my opinion. I do not know how it can be done, but if we all think about it and talk about it we may arrive at some means whereby it may be put on a practicable basis that the women of Canada may have an opportunity of expressing themselves.

Our literature department, I am glad to report, is in a very prosperous condition this year, although we must regard it to a certain extent as a missionary work. There are one or two things I would like to call the attention of the Convention to:—

Under the head of Social Purity, and published by Dr. Mary Wood Allen, there are a couple of pamphlets, which I think ought to be in the hands of every mother; they are "The New Crusade," and "Mothers' Friend." We cannot do better work along these lines than to see to it that these little pamphlets find their way into the hands of the women of Canada. I am indebted to Mr. Woodbridge, for a copy of "The Life and Works of Mary A. Woodbridge, late Secretary of the National W. C. T. U.," and I would recommend it to all W. C. T. U. members as a valuable addition to their libraries. We also have, just published, the "Y" Calendar, which contains reports of the Superintendents of the different countries in connection with the World's W. C. T. U., and it is one which you will prize very highly. Although we have not departments of "Bands of Mercy" and "Christian Citizenship," in our regular plan of work, our Superintendent has put the literature pertaining to both of these departments in the Depository.

Last year we were planning for the relief of our dear Honorary President, who had suffered for so many years. This year we come but she has gone. In the middle of the summer she was called home, mercifully called home. Her sufferings were intense the last weeks of her life, and when she was taken home, we, as requested so often by her, sang the doxology. We could not be anything but glad to think that she was at rest. We thought that the Dominion W. C. T. U., our sisters throughout the Dominion, would like to have recognized her services, and so we planned that we would have a day of memorial, and a service was held in the Sherbourne Street Methodist Church, at which I spoke on behalf of the Dominion Union. We received from England the following telegram: "Canada's Deborah is gone. May her mantle rest upon the heroic

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Our Provincial President for Ontario pays this tribute to Mrs. Youmans: "A lecture given by Mrs. Youmans when I was a school girl, was one of the formative influences of my life." And so from one and another came testimonies.

We had not a sad service; it was a joyous service and we were so glad that she was at rest; and I am sure that in the hearts of everyone here there must be thankfulness that they were permitted the last few months of her life to relieve her from the cares that were troubling her as to the means of providing for herself. She was so grateful for all that was done for her. I saw her just two weeks before her death, when I was about to leave the city for my holidays, and I noticed a very great change in her, but I had no idea that the end was so near, but we had a happy time together, because I never allowed myself to be melancholy under any circumstances when I went to see Mrs. Youmans. We had a joyful visit for about half an hour. On my return two weeks later to attend our Provincial Convention, a message was received that she was dying, and I went to see her. But she was not conscious enough to speak. We thought she recognized us at times, because she made such desperate efforts to speak, but still she could not do it. I left Toronto the next day, and she passed away that night without becoming conscious. Her last words were that she was so glad that the end was so near. And so in that meeting held in Sherbourne Street Church, we responded to her oft repeated request, and the great audience arose and sang the doxology.

I have the pleasure of presenting to you on behalf of Mr. Williams of Montreal, this beautiful portrait of our departed leader, Mrs. Ella F. M. Williams. He sends it to us as a token of all the kindness that Mrs. Williams received from the W. C. T. U. during her illness, and that he also received after she passed away; and it is so nice to think we can have her face always with us at our Conventions. Mr. Williams leaves it with you to say whether the picture shall go with the prize banner or whether it shall be kept at the headquarters of the Dominion W. C. T. U., to be taken to the Conventions from year to year.

Next year will be a red letter year instead of a red letter day in the history of our Union. Canada is to entertain the World's Christian Temperance Union; two cities have invited them, Toronto

and Montreal. And it is to be decided by you at this Convention which invitation shall be accepted. We hope to welcome the Secretary of the World's W. C. T. U. to our Convention, and we will hear more from her in regard to it.

There are three or four Superintendents of the World's Union that have been appointed that I wish to lay before you: Mrs. Lovell has accepted the Superintendency of the new department of Mercy. She has been for some time at the head of the National Department of Mercy of the United States. Mrs. Amy Hicks has accepted the Superintendency of our Labor Department, She has done much to ameliorate the condition of English working women. Mrs. Drysdale, who is one of the most loyal workers in connection with the B. W. T. A., has accepted the Superintendency of "Work among Household Helpers." Miss Lodie Reid is now Superintendent of the Press Department in place of Mrs. Fenwick Miller, who has recently resigned. These appointments have all been made since our last meeting.

There are also two notices of motion which have been sent to the Executive, to be brought up at the World's Convention; the first is as follows: "I hereby give notice that I, or someone in my place, will, at the next Convention of the World's W. C. T. U., move an amendment to the Constitution of the World's W. C. T. U., by which the officers of that Society shall be nominated in the Executive Committee, but these nominations shall be subject to the action of the Convention. Also of a By-law to be added to the World's W. C. T. U. code, requiring that the Convention be extended over three full days."

During the year one or two very earnest Sabbath-school workers conceived the idea of having a badge for work in the Sabbath-school (you know this is the age of buttons) and so they went to one of the jewellers in the city here and tried to explain to him what their thought was, and he got up a design of a small silver pin with the words "Sabbath School Temperance Association" on it. I wrote to our Dominion Superintendent about it, but she had not given it any thought. I would like the advisability considered of securing some such badge for the work among our Sabbath-school children. The same jeweller prepared a silver pin with the object of having it adopted as a pin by our W. C. T. U. The little pin I wear on my breast is the design, and is tied with white ribbon. I leave it with you for further consideration and action.

There are some people whose life year by year is only a going around and around in the old beaten paths, with no onward movement. They are like men who walk in a circular course for a prize, covering a thousand miles, perhaps, but ending just where

they began. Rather, it goes about a mountain circuit, until at last he gets to the foot of God. While we must we should do them a little that that may be the end of the White Ribbon our work a little better praying, when this low country becomes free, work for God and home

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REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

As we gather to-day in the city where our Honorary President so long dwelt, our thoughts cannot but turn to her and to the memory of the loving messages she always sent us at our Conventions. As we believe she is with the Lord, can we not say—

“Death may hide, but cannot divide,
Thou art but on Christ's other side.
Thou art with Christ and Christ with me;
In Christ united still are we.”

The business transacted throughout the year by our Sub-Executive has been given you by the interim minutes, and the Superintendents will take up the work of the different departments, so I will not touch on any of these, but with a few words regarding the Provinces, give the statistical report.

ONTARIO.

The year just ended will compare favorably with any previous year, indeed, there appears to be a decided advance in the desire to do more work. Several Unions express the wish for some energetic means to be taken to stir the workers to greater activity, and some of the Local Unions feel they are not doing what they should, nor half they have the ability to do. This is a helpful sign, writes the secretary, and she goes on to say, “We believe we are on the eve of a great awakening, and trust that our Conventions, Dominion and Provincial, may be successful in forming of plans for this increased desire to work, especially for the extinction of the legalized traffic in strong drink.”

NOVA SCOTIA.

This Province shows a gradual loss of members during the past three years. Several Unions have died during that period, and others which have paid affiliation fees, report not having met for several months. There seems, however, to be a very encouraging amount of activity among most of the thirty that have affiliated, and I think no decline in the influence of the organization as a whole. In regard to temperance legislation and sentiment, Nova Scotia may rightfully claim the position that has been accorded her, as the Banner Province of the Dominion. In but two counties of the Province can liquor be legally sold—Richmond and a part of Halifax County. A two-thirds vote of ratepayers is required to authorize anyone to open a saloon, and in only the two localities named can this be secured. Nevertheless, there is a large illicit sale of liquor in a great many of the provincial towns, particularly in the seaports. Much has been done for the Armenians in this Province. Money has also been raised for an Organizing Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

In this Province, the W. C. T. U. commands the respect of all. The best work among them being Scientific Temperance. Twenty-one prizes were given in the public schools, and they are pushing this department. The mothers' meetings are also doing good work.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The W. C. T. U. is a recognized power in this Province, and in spite of the confusion entailed by the dissolution of the Maritime the work has gone steadily forward, and is, we believe, on a firmer basis than ever.

MANITOBA.

The W. C. T. U. is here holding its ground, and is indeed advancing slightly in power for good throughout the Province.

QUEBEC.

By both friend and foe, our organization is looked upon as a power—God has blessed the efforts during the past year. The temperance cause is growing, and the members are progressing spiritually as well as mentally.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The W. C. T. U. here is thirteen years old, having been organized by Miss Willard. The Refuge Home sustained by the Province has done and is doing a good work. Petitions have been presented to the Legislature asking for needed reforms, and a number of these have been granted. This Province is the most backward as regards prohibition sentiment, but a plebiscite campaign has now been begun.

In the North-West, the work, under Mrs. McDonald's fostering care, is most encouraging. A special letter was sent by your President and Corresponding Secretary to each of these Unions prior to the Superintendent's visit among them, but you will hear fully of these Unions when her report is read.

The number of Reports sold is as follows :—

Ontario..	35
Quebec..	81
Nova Scotia..	25
New Brunswick..	8
British Columbia..	23
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These statistical returns show a falling off of 18 Unions, and 1227 members less than last year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIA TILLEY.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

DOMINION W.C.T.U. CONVENTION, TORONTO, NOVEMBER, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

By J. Hale Ramsay	\$5 00
" Collections—	
Elm Street Methodist Church.....	\$17 00
The Pavilion	15 00
Broadway Tabernacle.....	31 66
Zion Congregational	12 69
Convention.....	16 00
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.....	93 40
" Toronto District W.C.T.U.....	6 60
" Amount required from General Fund.....	73 93

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EXPENDITURE.

To Travelling Expenses, Officers—	
Vice-President, Winnipeg and return.....	\$64 50
Treasurer, Ottawa and return.....	15 66
Recording Secretary, Montreal and return ...	14 80
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" Buildings—	
Zion Congregational Church.....	15 00
Caretaker	5 00
Elm Street Methodist Church.....	10 00
Broadway Methodist Church.....	10 00
.....	40 00
" Printing and Telegrams—	
Programmes.....	10 00
Badges, 50 cents; Ribbons, 50 cents	1 00
Express, Reports	25
Telegrams	1 12
Advertizing in Papers	6 60
.....	18 97
" Miss Slack, Secretary W. W.C.T.U.....	25 00

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ROBERTA E. TILTON, *Comptroller*.

THE DOMINION WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

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November 1st, 1896,

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By Balance—

General Fund	\$469 31	
Missionary, N. W. T.	124 17	
Literature Committee	63 01	
Life Membership	25 00	
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" Affiliation Fees—		
Treasurer Quebec W. C. T. U., 1895	48 47	
" Ontario " 1896	215 55	
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" Nova Scotia " "	35 00	
" New Brunswick W. C. T. U., 1896	26 53	
" Manitoba " "	19 50	
" British Columbia " "	18 80	
" Prince Edward Island " "	8 95	
" N. W. Territories " "	6 00	
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Corresponding Secretary	17 09	
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" World's and N. W. T. Missionary Work—		
Treasurer Ontario W. C. T. U.	34 34	
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" New Brunswick "	7 89	
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" Mrs. Youmans' Fund—		
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Corresponding Secretary	4 00	
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J. Hale Ramsay, Winnipeg	25 00	
" Donations—		
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	Dominion Convention	\$101 69
	“ Printing—	
	Dudley & Brown, Toronto—3,000 Envelopes	\$6 00
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	“ “ “ 400 Post Cards	1 00
	Gilbert & Lyon, Toronto—500 copies Reports, 1895	121 50
	R. E. Armstrong, St. Andrew's, N.B.—“ Official Call ”	1 50
	J. Dougall, Montreal—Order Book	2 00
	M. Mackay, Scott—Advertisng Directory in “The Woman's Journal”	20 00
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	“ Officers—	
	President, Postage, Typewriting, etc	19 13
	Vice-President-at-Large	1 16
	Corresponding Secretary, Salary	100 00
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	Superintendent N.W. Territories	124 17
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	“ Superintendents—	
	Legislation and Petitions	10 00
	Heredity and Health	5 00
	Narcotics, 1895, \$1.85; 1896	*1 85
	Franchise and Petitions	1 75
	Systematic Giving	5 00
	Flower Mission	5 00
	Unfermented Wine	1 00
	Coffee Houses	1 00
	Lord's Day Observance, 1895, \$1; 1896, 70 cents	1 70
	Exhibitions and Fairs	75
	Soldiers and Volunteer Camps	1 62
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	“ Literature—	
	Ontario W.C.T.U., 2nd instalment	100 00
	Custodian, Literature	75 00
	Hamilton W.C.T.U.	20 00
	M. Mackay Scott, Custodian, 2½ months	12 50
	Freight, Ottawa to Toronto	9 00
	Coxhead & Co., Shelving, Papering and Boxes, Depository	13 00
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	“ Miscellaneous—	
	S. Tidy & Sons, Toronto—Floral Pillow	10 00
	Express, Banner to Edmonton	1 10
	“ Portrait from Quebec	40
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RECAPITULATION.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Balance.
General Fund	\$993 62	\$684 49	\$309 13
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Youmans' Fund	204 50		204 50
Literature Committee	63 01		63 01
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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

In accordance with instructions from the Dominion Executive, I started, on September 12th, 1896, to make a tour of the Unions of the North-West.

Red Deer was the first point reached. Finding that Mrs. Ray Gaetz, the President, who had been mainly instrumental in upholding the Union, and keeping the members together, had left the previous week for England, and as my last letter of inquiry, written some months ago, had not been answered, I did not deem it advisable to stop there, as it would cause a delay of three days.

At Calgary I was the guest of Mrs. Shore, the Secretary of the Union, who entertained me most hospitably, and introduced me to several of the members, with whom I passed a very pleasant hour in conversation upon W. C. T. U. affairs.

Next morning I left Calgary in a snowstorm for McLeod. Owing to the storm, we did not get a sight of the Rockies, the chief feature of interest on the route. Passing through alternate strata of snow, mist, and rain, we reached the terminus of the railway at 1.30 p.m. The ride into town (nearly three miles) was a memorable one, not soon to be forgotten—and I most devoutly hope it will never be duplicated. A pouring rain, and a wind that would have turned our northern Boreas green with envy; wind and water flying in sheets, until my umbrella was dripping with the mixture, and my coat had assumed a soft drab color by coming in contact with McLeod real estate.

We dashed through pools of water and mud, and if we missed one on our way, it was altogether an oversight on the part of the driver. After a half-hour's battle with the elements, I reached the friendly shelter of Mr. Gee's pleasant home and was soon made comfortable by his estimable wife, who is the very efficient Secretary of the Union.

A meeting of the members had been called for, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and in spite of the rain, a majority of them were present. They are a small band of earnest workers, fully intent on keeping Temperance and Prohibition before the people, and doing "whatever their hands find to do." The President, Mrs. Grady (wife of Mayor Grady) is a host in herself and an inspiration to those about her. They have twelve active and seven honorary members, a Band of Hope numbering thirty-five, making altogether fifty-four who have signed the Pledge. They have held fifteen regular meetings and five special ones, during the year. Have

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distributed about five hundred pages of literature, chiefly among the ranchers. Some Departmental work has been done in Social Purity and Narcotics. Since May, have had a quarter column—McLeod Gazette—which they have kept filled—previous to this, they paid twenty-five cents a week for the same privilege. There is one saloon less owing to their influence and efforts. They report their Union as holding a stronger position this year than ever, and their outlook more encouraging.

On Monday afternoon I left on the stage for Lethbridge, a ride of thirty-one and a half miles, in the face of an East wind, and a mist that at times greatly “resembled rain,” varied by a “river to cross,” the current very rapid, the water to the floor of the stage, and a big boulder close beside us, just under the water, lying in wait to give us a plunge bath, should the wheel by any accident touch its edge. We arrived at Lethbridge at seven in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan, who have been working in the interests of the R. T. of T. for several years in Manitoba, were holding a series of meetings in Lethbridge. The W. C. T. Union had been dropped, owing to the removal of some of its best workers, and the remainder having become members of the R. T. of T. I announced a public meeting of the former members of the Union and the ladies of the town who were interested in Temperance work. We held the meeting in the Presbyterian Church, and had a number of ladies present. In going over their work, found they had three boxes for the distribution of Temperance Literature, one on the South train (for Montana) one in a barber's shop, and one in the Templars' Hall, in which they had placed about two hundred pages of literature. I gave them an outline of the origin, progress, and extension of the W. C. T. U. and its work. They were greatly interested in this, giving the most marked attention. Afterwards, the former members held a consultation among themselves, and had they deemed it feasible, I am sure would have at once re-organized. They expressed regret at being unable to do so. They are largely engaged in church work, having an Epworth League of C. E., a Christian Endeavor, Home and Foreign Missions, Ladies' Aid in the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, a Chinese class, and in Temperance work a large number of Templars. A resolution was passed to form a “Band of Mercy” in connection with their Juvenile work.

I left Lethbridge at one o'clock on Friday morning, for Dunmore, on the main line of the C. P. R., changed cars there for the east, and arrived in Moosomin at one o'clock a.m., on Saturday. As a mistake had been made as to the time of my arrival, there

was no one at the station to meet me. The night was very dark and windy—only two men on the platform—I asked for the nearest hotel, and one of the men said if I would go with him, he would try to make me comfortable. He proved to be the proprietor of the Lake House, and kept his word—for which I still remember him with gratitude. As I had been twenty-four hours without sleep, I was very glad to be shown to my room at once. On inquiry the next morning, I was unable to get the names of any of the members of the Union, or their whereabouts. Recollecting the remark of a good colored man, who said, he read in his Bible—"Blessed am ye if ye help yosef, for yo shall be helped," I proceeded to act on his rendering of the Scripture and found it true. In a short time I reached the home of Mrs. Rutledge, who promised to see the members and arrange for a meeting that afternoon at the house of Mrs. McGuirl, the Treasurer of the W. C. T. U. After attending to this, she called at the hotel and took me to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Widdes, where I was to remain during my stay in Moosomin. At the hour appointed for the meeting, quite a large number of ladies had gathered, and we went over the work of the year. The Union is in good working order; they hold a business meeting one week, and a Union prayer meeting the next, and I have no doubt this is the cause of their success. The Union consists of ten active members and one honorary member; also an order of Cadets, under the superintendence of Mrs. Widdes, of the W. C. T. U., with twenty-six members. Five thousand leaflets of religious and temperance literature have been distributed during the year, in Livery Stables, Post Office, Barber Shops, Police Station, Railway Station, Feed Store and Elevators. The Union has secured the passage of the "Curfew Bell," which law is very carefully observed by the youth of the town, although no bell is rung. They have a Superintendent of Fairs, also of Literature. Will take up work in Social Purity, Narcotics and Press Work next year, and will form a Band of Mercy. Crusade Day and the Day for Prayer will be observed (D.V.) next year. Will communicate at once with Fleming (next station) as to the possibility of forming a Union there.

I left Moosomin at 1.48 a.m., on Monday, and went direct to Qu'Appelle. I had heard the Union at Broad View had been dropped, and its members amalgamated with R. T. of T., so made no arrangement to stop there. In Qu'Appelle, I learned there were a number of the members there still, and after consulting with Mrs. Belyea, decided to return to Broad View, which I did that night. Mrs. Belyea telegraphing Mrs. Thorbun, the former President of my intention, that lady met me at the station, and escorted me to her

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Left Broad View at 3.45 a.m., and reached Qu'Appelle at 6.10. In the evening met the members for a business meeting. They have now a membership of twenty-two (three more than when they sent affiliation fees in March). No honorary members. Have sent out three dozen leaflets and all the "Journals" sent them for distribution. Have a Band of Hope with 40 members. Crusade Day and Day of Prayer will be observed this year. Departmental work in Social Purity, Juvenile Work and Health and Heredity. Press Work will be taken up this year, under the able management of Miss Middlemiss, the lady teacher in the Public School. Will probably form a Band of Mercy.

On Thursday evening held a Public Meeting for ladies. About thirty were present, who manifested great interest in the work of the W. C. T. U. Gave a short address on Temperance and Prohibition, at the close of which a lady came up and asked me to speak upon Social Purity, if only a few words. I did so, taking the motto, "White life for two," and addressing the mothers particularly on the necessity of watchfulness over the little ones, and aiding the teachers in putting down and condemning every appearance of evil. The members and others thanked me for my words of encouragement and information, and hoped I would be able to visit them next year. Mrs. Belyea, the efficient and energetic President, will at once visit Indian Head, and if possible, establish a Union there. While in Qu'Appelle I was most kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Belyea, who, with willing hands and hearts, are ready to help on every good work, and in whom the Temperance workers will find strong allies.

Left Qu'Appelle at 6.10 a.m. on Friday, and reached Regina, the capital of the North-West, at 7.35 a.m. Several of the W. C. T. U. members were at the station. I dined with the Secretary, Mrs. T. P. Fisher, and was the guest of the President, Mrs. McLachlan, during the rest of my stay in town. On Friday evening I met the members of the Union and a number of ladies from the town, who had been invited by them to attend an open meeting. They were greatly interested in the marvellous growth of the W. C. T. U., and its rapid extension to every part of the world. Do not wonder at the members being enthusiastic over the work, and proud to have a hand in

aiding and helping it on. At the close, ten ladies joined the Union. Held a business meeting with the members on Saturday evening. They report 24 active members, and a long list of honorary members, but these had lapsed—would at once take steps to get the list renewed. No Band of Hope at present. Have held 26 regular, and some special meetings during the year. Have distributed about 3,000 pages of literature. Have boxes in the usual places. Two of their members visit the jail every Sabbath—have obtained 12 signatures to the Pledge among the prisoners. These visits comprise devotional exercises, reading, religious and Temperance stories, and the singing of hymns. Mrs. Hawke visits the female prisoners—only two or three at most—in another part of the jail. In company with the President and Secretary, I made a visit to the jail. Admitted for the first time in my life behind the bars, and observing the prisoners, I experiences quite a novel sensation. The President conducted the exercises, and asking for a hymn, one of the prisoners immediately asked for "Jesus, lover of my soul," and all joined heartily in singing. The Bible lesson was Isaiah 53rd chapter, and after a few remarks of some of the most striking passages, prayer was offered by the Secretary. They urged me to say something to the prisoners, as they would expect an address. The long, narrow room, the cells, the iron-grated doors, and the barred windows, all affected me very powerfully. I spoke to them for a few minutes and had not proceeded far when I felt I had their most profound attention. At the close of the service, which can only last an hour, we shook hands with them, and they thanked me for coming to see them. The Departments taken up by this Union are Flower Mission, Jail work, and Literature. No decrease in saloons, but the members are determined to make extra efforts to prevent the selling of liquor on Sabbath and after lawful hours, if nothing more. Crusade and Day of Prayer will be observed in future. The present position of the Union compares favorably with the past—and their prospects for another year are very good.

An hour's ride from Regina brought me to Moosejaw, on Monday, 28th inst., when I was met by Mrs. McDougall, President, and Mrs. Keyes. I dined at Mayor Bogne's, and discovered in his wife an old fellow-student; this unexpected pleasure was mutual. Held a special meeting in the afternoon, ascertained what life there was left in the Union, and endeavored, as far as possible, to fan that into permanent health and strength. They had held one meeting on March 30th, 1896. Twenty members had paid their fee. Have no Band of Hope at present. No Literature has been distributed. Had lost many members by removal, which accounts partly for their

weak states. There was a meeting the following again. A committee ask permission to place a public meeting was held in the chair. A. Colpitts, Select Council. The President then in the "Origin, progress and Prohibition. Mr. Colpitts, Select Council, who spoke on and, I hope, profitable to you."

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Next morning (29th) I was proclaimed a captive, the "railway strike" having taken place in the night, and the word circulated that "no trains would be run that day." We found the officials had decided to go as far as they could, so I bought a ticket for Calgary, and got on board, not knowing what the result would be. On reaching swift Current, the Superintendent of that division came on board, and we felt quite safe—a light engine being sent ahead to prevent collisions, etc. We reached Calgary, between 3 and 4 on Wednesday morning, very glad to be so far on our return journey. Owing to the uncertainty of the trains, and some mistake about the time of my arrival, the friends were not looking for me, and I went to the Alberta Hotel. After breakfast, sent a message to the Secretary, Mrs. Shore, who responded in person. Arrangements had been made for a meeting of the members on Thursday afternoon, and a public meeting on Friday evening. I had to leave on Thursday's train for the North—fearing the train might be cancelled—so we held our business meeting on Wednesday evening, in the vestry of the Methodist church. There are 18 active members belonging to the Union. They hold meetings every fortnight. Have a Band of Hope with a membership of 107. Two boxes for literature are kept filled throughout the year. No regular Flower Mission, but flowers are distributed during the season. They have established a "Christian Woman's Home" for the aged, and for girls out of employment. They receive some help from the Council in the support of this most estimable institution. In press matters, both papers ("Herald" and "Tribune") give free insertions to all communications. The Day of Prayer was observed, but not Crusade Day. The members of this Union have many discouragements in the apathy and indifference of those who ought to give them strong sup-

port. In the carelessness of those who ought to help shield and protect the young from temptation, and in the public support given to the Liquor Traffic.

I left Calgary regretting very much that I could not remain to the meeting they had taken so much pains to make a success.

Edmonton Union has a membership of 14, the work for the past year has been the distribution of 1,000 pages of literature, the sustaining of a Band of Mercy with 51 members and a L. T. L. with 59 members, and the occasional holding of Gospel Temperance meetings. The establishment of a hospital with a free ward for male and female patients, has relieved the Union in a large measure from caring for the sick. The boxes for literature are well sustained. One that was placed in a barber's shop had to be removed, owing to the animus of some of his customers to anything connected with Temperance. The "Water Barrel" has been kept supplied with pure ice water since May; it is well patronized and has become one of the institutions of the town. A petition has been circulated to be sent to the North-West Assembly, for an act to prohibit the sale of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes to minors. This has been largely signed by the citizens. A copy was sent to each Union in the Territories, and nearly all have taken action upon it. Two dollars was contributed to the Youmans Fund and ten dollars donated to the hospital. Meetings are held monthly; have two honorary members and hope to increase the membership next year.

GENERAL REMARKS.

In making a tour of the Unions I travelled 1,705 miles, visited eight towns, and held 14 meetings. The outlay for this was considerable, but in no other way could an accurate idea of the W. C. T. Unions and their work be ascertained. I have every reason to believe my visit will be productive of good. Information, manner, and methods of work have been asked for at all points. The towns or villages are small and far apart, have very little communication with each other, and having very limited fields to work in, it is hard to keep up the interest.

Mrs. Grady of McLeod advocates a Convention of the Unions in the Territories at some central point. The long distances, cost of travel, and the few who could attend are all objections to carrying out this plan, desirable as it is. If all the members could be got together, the advantage would be great, and an impetus given to the work that nothing else could give.

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Yours for God, and home, and Canada,

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

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

In reporting these departments for the first time under one heading, I am unable to give any prominence to the last named, as I have received no reports of work done on this line from the Provincial Superintendents, excepting that I have a promise from Mrs. J. Cavers of Ontario, that their Convention Report will be sent on as soon as collected.

I have again to call the attention of the Convention to the diversity of combinations existing in the grouping of other departments with that of Purity, and also to suggest that the Provincial Unions be advised to follow the Dominion grouping as nearly as possible in the arrangement of their departments.

Ontario.—More attention has been given to this subject than ever before, and from reports received there is a considerable quantity of impure literature circulated in various ways. One of these ways is to procure names of boys and girls from school lists published in the newspapers, and send them various inducements in the way of prizes for lists of names. In one paper an advertisement offered \$35 per thousand names. Complaints have been received from parents whose children have received impure literature through these means. In many localities boys make a practice of collecting pictures, the majority of which are objectionable, given with packages of cigarettes. Under the present law neither the manufacturer nor those who circulate them can be touched. Until this law be amended our hands are tied, as these pictures can be manufactured and circulated with impunity.

The late government accepted two of the three suggested changes proposed by the National Council of Women, "That the private as well as the public sale of all such books and pictures be made an offence, and that their manufacture shall also involve a penalty." This is so far good, but it only affects the sale, while it should in-

clude the free distribution of such literature, including medical pamphlets and other circulars which are often thrown in at the doors, where they are easily picked up and read by boys and girls. Patent medicine advertisements that defile the pages of many country and city newspapers, including even the Toronto "Globe" and "Mail-Empire," ought also to be precluded, and such advertisements—pictorial or otherwise—as pander to man's lower nature. Much of the statuary in the Toronto Normal School and some of the reproductions of Art in magazines, have also received a measure of condemnation from many.

Twenty-six counties have sent replies, eleven of which have County Superintendents. In thirteen, work had been done. Barber shops and livery stables have been supplied with good literature. Objectionable pictures and show bills have been removed through their efforts. Booksellers have been supplied with lists of prohibited papers, and public sentiment has been awakened throughout the Province. One Union has given a public library to the village,—a practical way of working—for something should be offered in place of the cheap, trashy literature which is so abundant and popular among the young. It would be well for the Dominion Executive to memorialize the government for more stringent legislation for Purity in Literature and Art.

Quebec.—The report from this Province is gathered from Miss E. G. Barber's Convention report, published in their minutes for 1894-5, and dated October, 1895. This throws the work now reported one year behind date, which is much to be regretted, as a manuscript report of latest facts would be of far greater value to you. However, there is a reason in this instance, perhaps, from the statement made by her Secretary, who wrote to say that Miss Barber was suffering from a severe accident, barely escaping with her life. In St. Andrews, Argenteuil County, Miss Hibbard held four White Shield meetings. Many girls had taken the Purity pledge home with them "to think over," but had not signed it.

In Potton, a public address on Social Purity was given last autumn by the Provincial Superintendent. In Compton, they have 62 pledged members of the White Shield, Silver Cross and Daughters of the Temple, and literature has been distributed. In Sawyerville and Stornaway, Purity literature and leaflets had been distributed.

In Montreal, Westmount, the President has made twenty-four visits to fallen women, some of whom have abandoned their old life and are doing well. A sad case is mentioned of a girl of 14 years of age who went innocently night after night to see a train pass a country station. One of the officials offered her a drive,

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Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. R. T. Holman writes—"Regarding Purity work, I have to say that we are working in this department, but it is impossible to tabulate results. Women on all sides are being aroused, through the influence of mothers' meetings, to the importance of the subject, and to their individual responsibility for the low standard of morals. In all our ten Unions in this Province the question of a white life for two is being discussed, and women are eager to learn how to broach the subject to their children. We advise to answer the questions of the little ones truthfully and let these questions be the guide as to how much to tell. We emphasize—Satisfy the child and encourage it to come to its mother with all its difficulties. Our women will need to do some thinking to be ready to meet these confidences. Dr. Spherry's work, "A Child's Confidence Rewarded," is, I think, the title of a fine book to give to older children to read.

Manitoba.—Dr. Amelia Yeomans of Winnipeg, sends her report of Purity as printed in the Convention Minutes of June, 1896. She says:—The work done in this department shows growth and increase of interest; 18 Unions are engaged in Purity work. Gladstone, Boissevain, Rat Portage, Portage la Prairie, Melita, the Brandon Y and Carberry Unions have distributed Purity literature. Ninga Union has a Superintendent, holds mothers' meetings, distributes literature, and best of all, "our young boys, all of them, have signed the triple pledge." So says their report. Manitou Union has a Superintendent and holds mothers' meetings every fortnight, which are well attended, it has also helped individual

cases of unfortunate women. Winnipeg Central has done energetic work. The tract, "Warning Words," was sent, as last year, to the girl employees of a large number of the city hotels. The houses of destruction which, with the full knowledge of the city authorities, disgrace the outskirts of Winnipeg, were twice visited by the Superintendent with other ladies. "Where are we to go?" is the question which must, yet cannot now, be answered. The Winnipeg Y has no Superintendent, but reports much good work done on somewhat novel lines. They have purchased books bearing on Social Purity and loaned them to young men, thinking, very sensibly, that they, quite as much as victimized girls, require Christian ministrations. They have circulated Ellice Hopkins' wonderful tracts and "Curfew Bells must Ring to-night." Souris has a Superintendent, holds mothers' meetings and distributes leaflets. Dr. Yeomans has visited Rat Portage, Boissevain, Pilot Mound, Cartwright, Morden and Manitou, addressed meetings on the subject of Purity, and distributed her leaflets, "Warning Words," and "Mothers and the Suffrage." Eighteen letters have been written, 29 postal cards, and 21 envelopes, enclosing printed matter, have been forwarded by mail to the different Unions.

North-West Territory.—The Qu'Appelle W. C. T. U. has been studying this department of work in its regular business meetings from time to time, having procured several books on the subject. Mrs. Bulyea says, "We are dealing almost entirely with the young. I found there were practices being carried on among children, of which I was sure the parents were ignorant, and I find that some of the parents had never heard of such doings. There is not much to report. The women seemed interested in the subject, and we hope good will come from the talks.

British Columbia.—The Superintendent reports:—"We rejoice that our Unions, as never before, are awakening to the importance of this department. While the Provincial Refuge Home in Victoria is still affording helpfulness to wayward feet, all the work on this line is not confined to this one city, nor this one Home. On the tenth of October last, the ladies of Vancouver Union opened a Refuge in their city for those who desired help in leading a better life. They were led to undertake this work owing to the fact that the Provincial Home was overcrowded, and there were others seeking admission who could not be accommodated. It was kept open for six and a half months, when for lack of funds they were compelled to close it. Various donations of different kinds were received, with \$460 in cash. Seven women and girls and one babe were cared for during that time. Three of this number were sent to their friends,

situations were found for Home in Sapperton, and the babe is being cared for in Vancouver. The ladies of the Police Commission are giving protection for their children. They flaunt themselves at the order to attract and detain that quite young ladies. Some are visited and so have. They found, however, that against the individuals who prove the charge in Court law-breakers and so have enforced. Good city work. In Chilliwack the efficiency has been holding mothers' high water kept them at bay. Suitable leaflets were prepared to discuss the matter. It would be well for Unions. In Nanaimo owing to save the fallen women from houses of prostitution to which has since been trying to get. The other, we regret to say, in Ingleton. Two other ways, the east and are still with the Convent, who had been in the suburbs was found to be in the tences, but upon the Vancouver proprietor before the police. In Victoria, the Provincial charge of two Christian workers. The medical men and consideration, day after day gratis. The press have been items for the home in Vancouver. of their papers to the effect in her report says, "Any woman will know that we have one class being composed of able—who have got into the street been living in houses of

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situations were found for two others, one was sent to the Sisters' Home in Sapperton, and one to the Refuge in Victoria, while the babe is being cared for in the Alexandria Children's Home, Vancouver. The ladies of New Westminster have lately interviewed the Police Commissioners of their city, in order if possible, to secure protection for their children from the disreputable characters who flaunt themselves at their own doors and on the public streets in order to attract and deprave both old and young—it being known that quite young lads find their way into these houses and older ones are visited and solicited in their offices and places of business. They found, however, that it was necessary to lay a formal charge against the individuals who kept these houses, and be prepared to prove the charge in Court. The way seems to be made so easy for law-breakers and so hard for those who would like to see the law enforced. Good city government should be the reverse of this. In Chilliwack the efficient Superintendent of this department has been holding mothers' meetings for several months past, till the high water kept them at home. Two weeks before the time of meeting suitable leaflets were distributed among the ladies, who were thus prepared to discuss the subject chosen when the day of meeting arrived. It would be well if this plan could be adopted by other Unions. In Nanaimo our sisters have been working hard in striving to save the fallen ones. Two young women were taken from houses of prostitution to the Refuge in Victoria. One of these girls has since been trying to live a Christian life, and has been married. The other, we regret to say, is in the reformatory at Seattle, Washington. Two other wayward girls were sent to their parents in the east and are still with them. A little girl was sent to St. Mary's Convent, who had been turned out of her home. A hotel in the suburbs was found to be taking young girls in, under false pretences, but upon the W. C. T. U. laying information against the proprietor before the police magistrate, the thing was put an end to. In Victoria, the Provincial Refuge Home is doing a good work in charge of two Christian women, who rule by love rather than by force. The medical men of the city have shown great kindness and consideration, day or night being ready to give their services gratis. The press have also shown their kindness by inserting items for the home in the daily papers and by sending free copies of their papers to the Home. The matron of the Refuge Home, in her report says, "Anyone who has a little knowledge of our work will know that we have two distinct classes of girls to deal with; one class being composed of young women—often previously respectable—who have got into trouble, and the other of those who have been living in houses of ill-fame. It will at once be seen that the

latter class is far more difficult to deal with than the former, and that the percentage of apparent failure is greater with them. It can hardly be otherwise—the awful life which a girl of this class leads—a life of which we can have only the faintest conception, which drags her down, at least to the level of the man who ruined her, and who is infinitely lower than we can have any idea of. Almost always more sinned against than sinning, her chastity gone, her moral sense blunted, her faith in all that is good and pure destroyed, is it any wonder that she comes to us often with the barrier of infidelity added to those other barriers which are, humanly speaking, insurmountable? From August 1895, to August, 1896, twenty girls and women have been received into the Home. There have been five maternity cases in the year, and I believe I am justified in saying four of these girls have been truly converted to God. One of these four went home, and her mother says of her, "She is just as different as she can be." Five girls had been living in houses of ill-fame, and of these four were apparent down-right failures; but of one we have the joy of knowing that she has been born into the family of God by the new birth, and that she and her husband are unitedly serving the Lord. "I thought religion was just a sham, until I came here," she said, and I found that in her case as in others, scepticism had its root in the awful fact that professors of religion are habitual frequenters of these houses. One young girl, almost a child, came to the Home with her baby, and is now working out, the child having been adopted. Of those in the Home now, one has been there more than two years. She is not quite bright, but is most grateful and sincere, and her simple faith in her Heavenly Father is often a lesson to older Christians. I have asked my girls if any women ever go deliberately into a life of shame, and they tell me such cases are exceedingly rare. I know of children who were ruined when they were ten years old. I have been told of two innocent girls who were kept in such dark ignorance by their mothers that when they became engaged, they were easily persuaded that the act which ruined them was really a proper part of an engagement! We had one girl in the Home who became a mother when she was only fourteen years and four months old, and one woman who was deserted by her husband and left with a little boy to support, said to me:—"I know now that it is better to choose death rather than such a life; but I didn't think so then, I tried everywhere to get work sufficient to keep me and my baby, but I couldn't. Then I engaged with a theatrical company, but the night before we were to start, the manager came to me and said they were pairing off for the trip, and wanted me to pair with him. I refused, losing my situation in consequence; but seeing nothing else

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The more we study this department the more we are convinced that the foundation of our social structure is rotten. Woman, as the mother of the race, has never yet had the respect which is her right, and the men who ought to become the fathers of a better generation, have years ago disqualified themselves altogether for parentage. Until the marriage relationship changes, there is small chance for the boys and girls to be born ever to become better than their ancestors. For this reason, our W. C. T. U. women have every cause to be thankful that such a book as *Karezz*, by Dr. Alice B. Stockham, has been published, and in closing, I would suggest that the delegates from the various provinces carry home with them the glad news that "a more excellent way" has been discovered, by which the mother is no more a slave, and the children are born free from the lustful passions and appetites. "*Karezza* elucidates a theory of conjugal life, in which there is a love and communion between husband and wife, from which results a mastery of the physical and complete control of the fecundating power." "*Karezza* may be considered a supplement of Tokology, and like that, does not deal with ideals, but with tested theories and practical truths. They have been lived and demonstrated, and are here presented to the readers as living facts." "*Karezza* makes a plea for a better birth-right for the child, and aims to lead individuals to seek a higher development of themselves through most sacred relations. It presents truths that are attainable, and when the goal of mastery is reached, the ideal marriage will be consummated in united lives, giving a prophecy of generations of welcome offspring." So says the author in her greetings to the reader. The books are only a dollar each, and can be procured by sending to Alice B. Stockham & Co., publishers, 277 Madison Street, Chicago, Ill. It may be that middle-aged men will not accept a better method of living, but I think this book should be put into the hands of every young man before marriage.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. CUNNINGHAM.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

We would like to preface our Dominion Report with a quotation from the "School Physiology Journal":—

"Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools is an effort to engraft upon the nation of to-morrow, in the plastic period of its present childhood, the new truths against strong drink and other narcotics that are revealed by modern science. That these truths should have been denied, scouted and opposed by some, the method declared inadequate by others, is only history repeating itself.

As surely as truth has in its many long battles in the world's history triumphed over error, and reshaped human action, so surely will this truth against strong drink and other narcotics, drilled into the minds of the childhood of this generation, reshape for sobriety the country soon to be governed by them."

Now we will see how this truth has been winning its way to general acceptance during the year, and in what manner its W. C. T. U. advocates and originators have been preparing the way, and assisting its progress on to its final triumph, when our legislators and educators shall concede to Scientific Temperance Instruction the right of way, because if its importance, and every child educated in the public schools shall be taught the physical sin of using alcohol and other narcotics.

Aggressive activity seems to have been the watchword throughout the Provinces since last the reports were gathered in. We would briefly summarize as follows:—

Ontario sent an "open letter" to 7,000 of its teachers; through the religious press asked the assistance of the ministers of the Gospel in the furtherance of the cause of Temperance education; sent circulars to Public School Inspectors and Teachers' Associations, to secure the discussion of the subject in those gatherings of our public educators. The division of the schools in a county among its Unions for convenient visitation and supervision, has in some cases been found helpful to the County Superintendent. Thirty counties of Ontario have this year reported successful work in this department.

Quebec's Superintendent, Miss McCallum, has been looking up and building up the waste places there, wherever possible, by planning the work for the County Superintendents and Unions, and through them urging upon teachers the faithful attention to this part of their duty. The Quebec Minister of Education assures us that in that Province, Physiology and Hygiene is taught in all grades, from

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Nova Scotia.—Mrs. A. E. McLeod writes that the Temperance Instruction Law is very well observed in her Province. As a rule, the W. C. T. U. and the School Inspectors are in sympathy with and assist each other in this work, and Inspectors require the same examinations in Temperance as in other studies. Endorsed text books adapted to grade are being generally used, many primary teachers giving oral lessons. Lady teachers especially are interested and glad to do their part. "But," says Mrs. McLeod, "fathers and mothers need a 'stirring up.'" If they were determined that the men who teach should be temperance men, and not addicted to the use of tobacco in any form, much more would be accomplished. Most heartily we endorse this sentiment from Nova Scotia, the more so because it applies to all our Provinces.

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. N. McLeod tells us that every Union on that island has its Local S. T. I. Superintendent. She firmly believes that careful, personal supervision of the schools by the local workers is productive of the best results, and recommends that teachers be urged to assist in W. C. T. U. public meetings, as they have found by experience that no teacher can ever again be quite uninterested in a Union when she has done a bit of active work therein. Endorsed text books are used and Inspectors helpful.

Manitoba.—The Superintendent writes that because of bereavement and care, she has not been able to give attention to her department, but we know the local workers in the Prairie Province have not failed to improve their opportunities.

New Brunswick sends assurance that the law requiring Temperance Instruction in schools is very well enforced by the school authorities.

British Columbia.—We have no information from British Columbia except that the department received considerable consideration and was given due prominence at the Provincial Convention.

Your Superintendent has written nineteen letters and eleven cards in connection with the Dominion work during the year.

We are thankful to the Giver of all good for the measure of success shown by the Provincial reports. The resignation of my predecessor, Mrs. Noyes, who for so many years led and guided the steady, onward progress of this work, could hardly fail to be somewhat detrimental to continued success. But we are glad for what she accomplished and that we still have her sympathy, prayers and

occasional advice, always wise. We would commend "The School Physiology Journal" as just the help the teachers need, and Unions can do no better work than to see that they get it. We would also recommend that determined effort be made to place "The Northern Messenger" in every home where there are children, from one end of this country to the other, and hope the publishers will reprint the lessons on Scientific Temperance that appeared in its pages last year, lessons that we know have been used with good effect. Then we would that every boy and girl might read its stories, commit to memory its gems of poetry, and grow morally and mentally strong on the wholesome, nourishing diet it furnishes for soul development.

And now we are face to face with the fact that the year's precious opportunities are forever past. We thank God for those we have been enabled to improve; we humbly pray to be forgiven for those we have allowed to glide from us unimproved; we hope we have been given wisdom and increased devotion to the cause, and we look with stronger faith to our Heavenly Father for grace to enable us to do Him better service during whatever time He may be pleased to give us to labor for Him here below.

C. B. BIGELOW.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HEREDITY.

As Superintendent of this department, I am glad to report an increasing interest along these lines of work throughout our land, not only among our W. C. T. U. women, but among those outside our ranks, as is evidenced by the large number of lectures, addresses, sermons and papers that are now being given on Heredity, and the various subdivisions of the department of Health, also the space given it by the religious and secular press; only last week's issue of the "The Christian Guardian" contained a sermon and editorial on the subject of Heredity, and the editor, the Rev. A. C. Courtice, after calling the special attention of the ministers and medical readers to these articles, said, "any further light thrown on this great theme of heredity will be welcome." We believe that at least some of this "turning of the tide in the affairs of men" is due to the quiet, persistent efforts of our W. C. T. U. workers for years past; therefore, let us thank God and take courage.

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sued a circular, which was sent out with leaflets forwarded by the Dominion Superintendent, urging all the Unions to give this very important branch of our work due consideration. Four Unions responded by taking up this department, Vancouver, Duncan's, Comox and Victoria. The Comox Union procured two books, which are used as guides on this subject, "The Well Dressed Woman," and "Hygiene for the Home," reading a portion and talking over its teachings. Victoria is especially favored by having Dr. Mary McNeil in their midst, to aid and lecture on this subject. Dr. McNeil gave an able paper at the Provincial Convention, on "The Sins of the Father" as visited on the children, which is soon to be published in leaflet form. The Provincial Superintendent takes the monthly "Life and Health," and circulates it where it is likely to be read. We welcome this, our first regular report from British Columbia.

North-West Territories.—Three Unions, Calgary, Moose Jaw and Qu'Appelle, reported. The two former report so many removals of officers and members during the past year, that it has been difficult to keep up the work. A visit from Mrs. McDonald of Edmonton has, however, encouraged them to go on. Mrs. Bulyea, President of the Qu'Appelle Union, has this department in charge. Portions of the regular meeting are given to the subject, which is taken up by reading, short addresses and discussion. Two of the meetings have been devoted to discussion on alcohol as medicine. Twenty pages of literature distributed. Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, Superintendent of the Territories, takes the journal, "Life and Health," and uses it in the interests of the work.

Manitoba.—The department of Health and Heredity was last year included in the Social Purity work, but an earnest appeal from the Dominion Superintendent has been responded to and it again stands as a Department in the Provincial Union, with Mrs. (Rev.) McClung as Superintendent. In such hands we know it will be ably worked. Dr. Amelia Yeomans has come to our aid several times during the year, once by furnishing an article for the "Symposium on Health" and recently by an article on "Heredity," for "Life and Health."

New Brunswick.—The new Superintendent, Mrs. S. McLeod of Newcastle, has been written to several times, besides sending departmental helps and a copy of the Dominion Report, but no report has been received. I presume next year we may expect greater things, as the work will be better understood.

Nova Scotia is the only Province that has not responded to the call to take up this department. Two appeals have been sent, one when they were just organizing as a Provincial Union, and again just before the Annual Convention. We hope, however, before another

Dominion Convention, to have this department in good working order "down by the sea."

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. W. A. Brennan, Superintendent, sends an excellent report. All the Unions have been communicated with. Three, Charlottetown, Kensington, and Summerside, made a speciality of this department, while others that only meet once or twice a month, combine it with their mothers' meetings. At Summerside, most interesting monthly meetings have been conducted by the Provincial Superintendent. At the Island Convention last May, Mrs. Brennan gave a paper on "Aims and Scope of Hygiene," which elicited much interest and discussion. She also distributed copies of the quarterly journal, "Health Culture," to which since then several subscriptions have been forwarded, and about the same number of packages of "Health Science Leaflets," by Dr. Kellogg, and miscellaneous leaflets that she had on hand. A well written paper on "Health and Food" was read by Miss Gregor and discussed helpfully and intelligently by Convention.

Ontario.—Mrs. D. V. Lucas, Superintendent, has done a vast amount of work during the past year. A circular letter on Health was sent to all the Unions, while that on Heredity was printed in the "Woman's Journal." There are 42 organized counties in Ontario, and the Superintendent thinks it safe to say that some work has been done in each. Thirteen have County Superintendents of this department. In several places lectures and talks have been given by ministers and physicians and our own women, both at Union and public meetings, and County Conventions. Work has also been done in the Bands of Hope along the line of Hygiene, and among the children in the schools. Many thousand pages of literature have been distributed and several copies of "Good Health" and "The New Crusade" taken, and some W. C. T. U. libraries contain books on Health and Heredity. The Woman Factory Inspector is proving a great success in Ontario, which proves that the appointment was made none too soon.

Quebec.—Mrs. Craig, Superintendent, where there are 86 Unions and 11 organized counties, the following statistics are given:—

Number of Unions taking up the department of Health and Heredity	46
Number of County Superintendents	9
Number of Township Superintendents	1
Number of Local Superintendents	30
Counties having Memorialized the Physicians	6
Letters and Post Cards written by the Provincial Superintendent	71
Circular Letters sent out	100
Pages of Literature distributed by the Superintendent	2823

Aside from this, he distributed by the Local "Life and Health," a number of sermons, talk given throughout the attended three Counties. Through the combined W. C. T. U. (of which some years ago) two pointed. The Dominion Heredity," continues to recently been ordered "Health," in the June kindly received by Miss it read and discussed.

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Aside from this, hundreds of pages of literature have been distributed by the Local Unions and several copies of "Good Health," "Life and Health," and "The New Crusade" taken. A large number of sermons, talks, papers, addresses and lectures have been given throughout the Province, and the Provincial Superintendent attended three County Conventions, speaking along this line. Through the combined efforts of the National Woman's Council and W. C. T. U. (of which the W. C. T. U. was the first in the field some years ago) two Women Factory Inspectors have been appointed. The Dominion Superintendent's leaflet, "Health and Heredity," continues to have a wide circulation, some having recently been ordered from New Hampshire. The "Symposium on Health," in the June number of "The Woman's Journal," was kindly received by Miss Scott, and we hope all the Unions have had it read and discussed at their meetings.

Some time during the winter months I hope to be able to arrange one on "Heredity." During the year I have sent out circular letters to all the Provincial Superintendents and Unions in the North-West Territories, seven Dominion Reports and sample copies of "Life and Health;" have written 81 letters and post cards in the interests of the work, and circulated 1,500 pages of literature.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIA G. CRAIG.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISTIC DEPARTMENT.

Manitoba.—Mrs. Stewart, the Superintendent, reports good work done by all the Unions. Letters were sent in the beginning of the year outlining the work for County Superintendents, and at the close of the year each Superintendent was requested to make the last meeting a special day of prayer for the coming Provincial Convention, that the officers and members might be endued with power from above. The Superintendent was greatly cheered with answers from nearly all, stating that they would comply with the request.

The general work has been the usual mothers' meetings, prayer and praise services, consecration meetings and gospel mass meetings. The poor and sick visited, in homes hospitals, jails and police stations, "endeavoring to show to the world they are what they profess to be, by doing all the good they can for Jesus sake."

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ed, but much more has been accomplished. Besides the usual work done by other Provinces, some new features might be itemized with profit, a few of which are:—Meetings for Bible study, half-hour prayer meetings before the business meetings, prayer meetings at Provincial Conventions, children taught the Scriptures and Bible stories read to them, members pledged to pray for blessing on the cause, a W. C. T. U. invalid chair—greatly blessed in the Master's service among his suffering children; letters to young men away from home to encourage them in their Christian life, and evangelistic meetings led by members, each in turn—these made so attractive that people say "They do not want amusement, but something to do them good." Bible women report thousands of homes visited. This Province leads in the wonderful Sheltering Home, the Superintendent says of it, "We believe many will praise God throughout eternity for its hallowed influences." The admissions during the year numbered 247, and a large number of discharged prisoners. Another interesting feature has been the formation of a society for little girls—many of them Jewish children—who meet weekly to sew for the poor; they also sing hymns and temperance songs, listen to reading, and all take the temperance purity pledge. One member maintains a missionary, who is in preparation for service in Africa.

British Columbia has a Superintendent, but I have not received her report.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Seymour, Provincial Superintendent, reports as follows:—The work has been carried on as usual, with grand success. Jails visited, services held with both men and women and the discharged prisoners visited in their homes. Mothers' meetings, services in the hospital, prayer meetings in the Local Unions. Nothing else can so prepare us for the work of the Master as His help. The Superintendent concludes her report with these remarks:—"I have heard from several Unions and they are all doing the same kind of work, some in one way and some in another, all trying to lead the erring ones to Christ. I trust God will bless the efforts put forth, for without Him we can do nothing."

Mrs. Seymour has been passing through deep waters, the Father having, after two days' illness, called her only child, aged 12 years, whose last words to the sorrowing mother were, "Mamma, toil on for the Master."

Ontario.—Although much work has been done in this Province, I have only received thirteen reports. We have nothing new to relate, but praise God, for the privilege of doing the same work Jesus did, who went about doing good. The religious meetings seem to have been greater in number, as well as increased interest and

profit. Many souls have been baptized with the Holy Spirit. There were the morning convocations in Hamilton, and many conversions during the year.

God says, "As we have sown much seed, we shall also have a harvest of blessing with you, and be faithful in this department."

Have at least one of these the devotional meetings, and give God our best.

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As your Superintendent of this Province, I have to report that the work done throughout the year has been most encouraging, and while I feel that perhaps it would be better to consider the advisability of the work under that of "Literary and Educational,"

In response to my report of the work done in the Province of Souris, has worked most encouragingly at the result of the year's work, and in the enquiries, which she has made, she has the effect that "they have no foreigners." Brazil, in the immigrant she has seen, among Chinese being reported having a good report, but as far as the work done in the line now.

We have a very encouraging report from the Province of Quebec, who say that the work done in the Province, and in the Counties, and in the Presidents of Counties

profit. Many souls have been saved, and God's own children been baptized with the Holy Ghost. Remarkable for the latter result were the morning consecration meetings at the Provincial Conception in Hamilton, and the numerous meetings at County Conventions during the year.

God says, "As we sow, so shall we reap!" What a wonderful harvest of blessing will come from the prayers and labors of the faithful in this department at the "harvest home."

SUGGESTIONS.

Have at least one week's special services in each Union. Make the devotional meetings interesting. Always put Christ first, and give God our best.

Respectfully submitted,

A. GORDON.

REPORT OF WORK AMONG FOREIGNERS.

As your Superintendent of Foreign Work I am sorry that my report is a short and meagre one. There appears to be very little work done throughout the Dominion under this particular department, and while I feel strongly the importance of it, I cannot help thinking, in view of the correspondence received on the subject, that perhaps it would be well for the Dominion Executive to consider the advisability of including the work of this department under that of "Literature" or "Evangelistic."

In response to my requests for information, three replies only have been received. Our Manitoba Superintendent, Mrs. McLaren of Souris, has worked very faithfully, but she is somewhat discouraged at the results. She has had twelve responses only to her enquiries, which she handed to me. Nine of the twelve say in effect that "they have no need for the department, as the have no foreigners." Brandon does good work by means of literature in the immigrant sheds. Portage la Prairie reports "some work among Chinese being done by the Sunday Schools there." Morden reports having a good field but a lack of workers. Winnipeg has no report, but as far as I can ascertain does no work along this line now.

We have a very energetic Superintendent in Miss Parker of Aylmer, Quebec, who says she has written to all the Superintendents in the Province, and where there was no Superintendent, to the Presidents of Counties, asking that a Superintendent be appointed.

She adds, "I enclosed samples of literature and plan of work, such as you sent me, but only seven counties took any notice of my communication." "Stanstead County sends a very encouraging report."

Mrs. McGregor, Corresponding Secretary of British Columbia, writes that "Vancouver is the only Union that has a department of Work among Foreigners, but all do work along these lines in hospital visiting, literature distribution, etc.," adding that "a Home is being just organized for sailors and cabin men, which we hope will do good."

These reports are the only ones I have received in response to my letters of enquiry, and I do hope, my dear sisters, if the department is to be kept a distinct one, that some discussion of the subject will be drawn out at Convention, and perhaps by this means suggestions will be made that will help the work in the future.

Last year I mentioned the need of Icelandic literature, suggesting that some of our leaflets bearing on the formation and specific work of W. C. T. Unions, be translated, and I would still urge upon the Convention the need of this. In Winnipeg, the Icelandic population is continually increasing, and although the people soon speak English fluently, they do not read it, and cannot get any benefit from English literature. I should be delighted to put some of John Woolly's or Francis Willard's leaflets into their hands, in their own language, and I believe the women could be induced to form themselves into Unions, if they had the necessary supply of suitable literature to help them. God speed the work.

Respectfully submitted,

K. E. PARKER.

REPORT OF EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.

British Columbia and Manitoba.—The Provincial Conventions in both of these Provinces are held in the summer, so that it is not possible to transfer the provincial reports of this department to the Dominion report in the same year in which the work is done, unless the Provincial Superintendents antedate their work by more than half a year. This is a good deal to ask of them, simply in the interest of the Dominion Convention, especially as their work cannot be as thoroughly done in the fall as later. The Ontario and Quebec Superintendents can testify as to the difficulty in collecting the facts for the Provincial Reports between fair time and

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Of British Columbia, Miss A. J. McDougall is the newly appointed and enthusiastic Superintendent: of Manitoba, Miss Cleveland, Mordecai. I do not doubt both of these ladies will do the utmost in their power to forward the interests of their department.

British Columbia.—Chilliwack Union had their refreshment booth open during the three days of their fair, from which the sum of twenty-three dollars was realized. Temperance literature was distributed, and good cold water furnished to the thirsty. New Westminster Union provided a rest room, with seats for the weary, distributed literature and made two dollars by caring for parcels. Victoria Union erected a handsome booth at their provincial exhibition, where all were welcomed, and much literature distributed. The W. C. T. U. in connection with the Woman's Council, had a "Woman's Exhibit," which was a great success.

Manitoba.—The Central Union, Winnipeg, reports:—For six years, or ever since the first year of our Winnipeg Industrial Exhibitions, we have done our part towards making things comfortable for all who might attend. We have leased the same plot of ground each year, and had a large dining tent—for some years floored—in which were placed many long tables, covered with white oilcloth, and decorated with flowers. In this tent we served first class meals at 35 cents each. We had a large kitchen tent also, in which all our cooking and baking were done, an awning for the dishwashers, a good icehouse, and a nice resting tent, where ladies could have a quiet moment to read and rest, and where there were White Ribbon sisters, to check their parcels—for the sum of five cents—furnish them with writing material, plenty of good temperance literature, and ice water. We also had a lunch counter in front of the dining tent, and many little tables scattered about, at which light lunches, ice cream, fruit, etc., were served on the European plan. Our kitchen help and dishwashers we paid, our own members and their friends doing all the rest free of charge. During the first few years of the work, we had things pretty much our own way on the grounds, and made a good deal of money, but for some years now, competition has been very keen, consequently we did not do so well. Last year we changed our mode, and served all on the European plan. This we found to be much easier for the workers, and more satisfactory to the public, but unfortunately it proved less lucrative. We now intend petitioning the city council to recommend to the ex-

hibition board that our Society be allowed a lease of ground for a certain number of years, to be determined, upon which we shall be allowed to put up suitable buildings for carrying on our work. In this way we could work much more successfully. We could hold lectures and prayer meetings, have good music, and papers from our members on the various branches of our work, and thus disseminate truth, or in other words, sow temperance seed which in the future would bring forth an abundant harvest.

New Brunswick is the only one of the Maritime Provinces that has a Fair Superintendent. Literature was furnished at the St. John's exhibition.

Quebec.—The largest reported amount of literature given away was at Brome Corner; 10,172 leaflets. Danville comes next, with 5,000 English and 2,400 French, pages leaflet literature. Waterloo Y's distributed 1,300 leaflets. A large amount was given away at the provincial exhibition. Montreal, but the estimates were not kept. Smaller amounts, including temperance papers, were reported from all fairs where work was done. Refreshments were served on five fair grounds:—Chateauguay Co. (two fairs); Hochelaga Co. (Montreal exhibition); Shefford Co. (Waterloo fair); Stanstead Co. (one fair, Smith's Mills Union serving). At the Montreal exhibition the Westmount and Eastern Unions had tents in which dinners were served, and gospel meetings held. During the exhibition, the Westmount tent was demolished by a cyclone, the caretaker barely escaping with his life. Although the exhibition was not open on Sunday, yet gospel services were held for the stock-men, who, by their attendance, showed their appreciation. The Eastern Union had a restaurant in the C. P. R. exhibit. The C. P. R. showed their appreciation by lending them dishes and paying their electric light bill. The location was the worst on the ground, being among the circus people, and so they had opportunity for mission work. The Montreal Central Union did no work at the exhibition, but at the General Hospital fair, held later, they had charge of a temperance booth, which netted \$200 for the hospital.

Ontario.—Work done by 25 Unions, not including the Toronto District Union: Twelve out of the 25 served refreshments, and nearly all distributed literature. We cannot, in a Dominion report, give the prominence that we would like to the county fairs. Their reports are full of interest, all speaking of hard work done, encouragement in the doing and more encouragement in the financial results, which are an earnest of more future work. At the great exhibitions, the W. C. T. U. have indeed "risen to the occasion." London served 3,550 meals, with receipts \$1,045, net profit, \$507.

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Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN C. RUGG.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF UNFERMENTED WINE.

In the past the Department for Unfermented Wine has done much and is still standing firm in the battle against placing the wine of commerce on our Lord's table. Assured as we are, that it is a stumbling block to the weak and tempted, we also feel it is an unwise thing to have the young members of the church called on to use that which we teach them in all other ways to avoid. We still press on, glad of the present success and hopeful for the future.

British Columbia.—Mrs. Bryant reports that as a rule all churches except the Anglican use unfermented wine.

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. Strong, Superintendent. This report is almost the same as the former one, and the question is asked, "How can we reach our Anglican churches, as they seem to think to use any other but fermented wine would be sacrilege?"

Manitoba.—Mrs. Chamberlain sends much encouraging news. In Winnipeg alone eleven churches use unfermented wine, and the churches in ten country places around Winnipeg all use it. A number of the larger places, not only use it, but make it, and some of the doctors are even prescribing it to their patients in place of the old fermented wine.

Alberta, N.W.T.—Mrs. McDonald rejoices in the fact that the Methodists and the Baptists use no other than the unfermented wine. Most of the Presbyterians use it, and those who do not, are likely to fall into line.

Quebec.—Mrs. (Dr.) Paterson, who has worked in this department for seven years, gives an interesting report. Literature has been scattered over the Province, and the Superintendents written to more than once. Mrs. Paterson feels strongly, that it is on the ground of expediency that this department will make the surest advance.

Ontario.—Mrs. Falconer, Superintendent. There was no report last year. We are pleased to be able to tell of good progress this year. Fourteen counties have been heard from, various letters received tell of one or more having abandoned fermented wine, and as a rule all churches excepting the Anglican and Roman Catholic use the unfermented wine.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRIETTA FALCONER.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN AND RAFTSMEN.

Ontario.—The Superintendent, Mrs. Hunter, writes that in Ontario less work was done in this department than had been accomplished the previous season. There was no agent engaged this year, but four assistants were appointed, one of whom, Mrs. Mickle, Gravenhurst, reports that from twelve Unions in her district, fifty-five comfort bags were sent out. Other Unions sent out Bibles, Testaments, and a great quantity of other good reading matter. Through the kindness of some firms in forwarding parcels, this Superintendent was enabled to keep 900 men supplied with good reading throughout the season. Mrs. Mickle received from the men their grateful acknowledgments of her kindness. Mrs. Chapman, Winton, reports much encouragement. Comfort bags and literature were supplied freely and distributed as opportunity offered. The Pembroke Superintendent reports 79 comfort bags, with scrap books and considerable literature distributed. A great amount of work done along this line, has not been reported to Mrs. Hunter, as is shown by the county reports. Mrs. Hunter is of the opinion that much more can be accomplished through an agent than can be done by the Local Unions.

Quebec.—The Superintendent, Mrs. Bowman, is also of the opinion that the work in this department would be advanced much more rapidly with the aid of a missionary. The following counties are

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reported:—Argenteuil, Chateaugay, Hochelaga, Quebec, Richmond, Drummond, Stanstead and Compton. In Compton the clergy held fortnightly services at different points, in the lumbering districts. On one occasion 70 men attended the service. An one of the camps, the Rev. Mr. Shearer of Sherbrooke entertained the men with magic lantern, exhibiting views from "A Trip to the North Pole." The Birchton Union sent some 400 papers to a camp in Maine. Two camps near Megantic were supplied with papers. The Brookbury Union having sent to one camp 150 papers and tracts, with five comfort bags. In a box of literature sent by Mrs. Putney, Mrs. Bowman noted different books of the Bible bound separately. She recommends this idea to other Superintendents. Large quantities of literature in French and English were sent to camps in Richmond and Drummond counties. Literature in Gaelic, French and English to the amount of 3,808 pages, was received from the Rev. Mr. Scott and distributed. The Superintendent at Trenholme reports having sent a quantity of literature to railroad men also. Ottawa county has done good work in supplying a number of camps with literature. In Quebec county two camps have been supplied with papers, tracts, pledge cards, and letters were written at Christmas. In Hochelaga, 200 papers have been distributed; the Y's have now undertaken the work. The Superintendent in Argenteuil reports a distribution of some 860 papers, tracts, etc., with 15 comfort bags. From Bulwer Union, 1,466 pages of literature were sent to a camp at Springhill, with six comfort bags; 350 papers and tracts, with 4 scrap books were sent from the Compton Union to a camp at East Clifton, and Megantic 600 pages of literature, with one scrap-book. Sandhill Union sent out three scrap books. The Superintendent, Mrs. Bowman, supplied thirteen camps with literature, comfort bags and Christmas letters. Six of these camps were composed entirely of Frenchmen, and Mrs. Bowman was glad to be able to provide them with a quantity of good literature in French. One hundred Christmas letters received from Mrs. Capel, Montreal, were highly appreciated by those who received them. These letters are worthy of imitation.

British Columbia.—The Superintendent, Mrs. Newcombe, reports that this department has been taken up by two Unions only. Vancouver Union has done good work among the lumbermen through a colporteur, who held services in the camps besides distributing Bibles and other literature. Comox Union has taken up the work among the miners instead, and literature has been distributed in the mining districts.

New Brunswick.—The Superintendent, Mrs. Fowler, reports nine

Unions working in this department. Campbelltown Union supplied eight camps with papers and magazines. Bale Verte sent out 500 pages of literature besides magazines and a well filled comfort bag. Richibucto, St. George and St. Stephen Unions distributed large quantities of papers and magazines. Woodstock Union sent 77 lbs. of literature, besides hymn books, to camps in Victoria county. Fredericton Union supplied lumbermen during the winter and raftsmen in the summer, to the amount of 1,380 papers and 690 tracts; St. John, North, sent out 40 lbs. of literature, and Sussex from 75 to 100 papers and magazines.

Nova Scotia has no Superintendent. Work is reported having been done by the Bridgewater Union.

Prince Edward Island has not taken up this department. Lumbering is not carried on in that Province to any extent.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. TRITES, Superintendent.

REPORT OF LEGISLATION AND PETITIONS.

The reports of work done in this department during the past year are, as a whole, encouraging. Beginning with British Columbia, we find our sisters there specially active in petition work. In conjunction with the Woman's Councils of Vancouver and Victoria, they petitioned their legislature, asking for the appointment of police-matrons. They hope for results in the near future. Amendments to the Married Woman's Property Act were asked for, also the legislation necessary to provide for the ringing of the Curfew Bell. An effort was also made to secure Scientific Temperance Instruction in their schools, but, so far, without success.

Manitoba has, so far, not reported.

In view of the fact that the Ontario Superintendent of this department is also Dominion Superintendent, and also, that a general election was to take place during the year, it was deemed advisable to combine the work and thus save time, labor and expense. It was felt that the time was a critical one, and that the Unions might, if they would, do much to help in the election of prohibitionists to Dominion Parliament, and so a circular letter was sent to all the Unions in the Dominion. An appeal was also published in the "Templar," "Christian Guardian," and "Onward," and, in a num-

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ber of cases, efforts were made to carry out the suggestions it contained. Funds and bodily strength gave out, however, and so the result was not all that had been expected. An appropriation of \$10 each was made by Dominion and Provincial Executives, of which \$19.42 was expended in printing and postage, leaving a balance of 58 cents to be divided between these two treasuries. One thousand circular letters and 2,500 pledges for voters were sent out to the 480 Unions of the Dominion, also about 300 written letters and cards.

Quebec Unions petitioned for the appointment of women Factory Inspectors and two were appointed. They also petitioned for legislation securing the appointment of women on school boards, and against the sale of tobacco to minors. In the city of Quebec they secured a site, and free water supply for a drinking fountain in honor of the Honorary Provincial President, Mrs. Middleton. Such a monument in Toronto, to the memory of Mrs. Youmans, would be a fitting tribute to our departed Deborah.

From New Brunswick comes a report of an advanced step or two in legislation. Two women must now be appointed on the school boards of cities and incorporated towns, instead of one as formerly. This has been done already in St. John, Fredericton, St. Stephen, and Moncton. One of these is to be appointed by the municipal council, and one by the legislature. Truly, the "world is moving on." A few years ago your Superintendent recollects very distinctly the open-mouthed wonder with which such a suggestion from her was regarded, and now we have the matter crystallized into law. The New Brunswick license law has been amended so that a would-be liquor-seller must have a majority of the ratepayers' names to a petition, instead of one-third, as formerly. Another notable fact is the appointment of the Provincial Recording Secretary of the W. C. T. U. of that Province to the position of County Alms House Commissioner—the first time a woman has been given such distinction in the Maritime Provinces. The Provincial Superintendent of this department for Nova Scotia, sent a letter to all the Unions emphasizing the appeal in reference to the election of Prohibitionists to Dominion Parliament.

Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island report no petition work, owing to their recent reorganization by Provinces.

The Mock Parliament has been, and continues to be a success, both as a means of raising funds for Local Unions, and as an educator, along the lines of temperance and suffrage legislation, and also, that of parliamentary practice. Toronto, London, Hamilton, Chatham, Owen Sound, and a number of other places in different

parts of the Dominion, have held sessions, and in nearly every case the entertainment has been repeated. Information and sample copies may be obtained at any time from the Superintendent of this department.

We note with pleasure the abolition of the bar in the House of Commons, and only wish the prohibition had extended to the Senate. Mr. Charlton's bills relating to the better observance of the Sabbath, and for the protection of young women, were only given a first reading. They will likely come up again next session. Messrs. Flint and Craig, M.P.'s, deserve, and should receive, the hearty thanks of the W. C. T. U. for the good work done by them during the past year.

The long-looked-for decision of the Privy Council having been given, and the near prospect of a Dominion Plebiscite, mark an important epoch in the history of temperance legislation in this country. The latter is not what we wanted, nor is it necessary, in our opinion, since the great majority of the electorate of Canada have already pronounced upon this question. We must accept the situation, however, and spare no effort to make the coming contest an object lesson to the civilized world.

Respectfully submitted,

HULDAH L. ROCKWELL.

REPORT OF THE FRANCHISE DEPARTMENT.

Another year has passed and apparently we are no nearer the goal of our department—the Enfranchisement of Women—I say apparently, because I believe in reality we are very much nearer—any one in looking over the year's work would be convinced that all the meetings held, the speeches made, the earnest efforts put forth in connection with the Dominion Petition, must have had a very widespread influence on the public opinion in this question.

In regard to the petition, I am pleased to report that it was presented to the last government in the beginning of the year, with over a thousand voters' signatures. It was a very representative petition—the signatures representing all classes of men in the Dominion—politicians, clergymen, university professors, teachers, lawyers, doctors, merchants, mechanics and laborers; it was also an influential petition as far as petitions are influential, being signed only by men who had votes.

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Ontario again leads the way as the most active and energetic during the year of all the Provinces. Out of 27 counties reported, 14 have done active work, especially Toronto, Bruce, Glengarry, Grey, Haldimand and Northumberland. Twenty-six meetings were held in this Province in the interest of Franchise. Five counties worked in municipal elections and in the Dominion elections. The counties distributed literature. Toronto and Grey held Mock Parliaments for the discussion of the question.

Quebec.—We have nine Superintendents in the Province, some of whom are recently appointed, and are awaking to the necessity of work being done in this department. In territory covered by the W. C. T. U., in this Province, there are two thousand, two hundred and eighty-two women who are qualified to vote at all municipal elections and for School Commissioners or Trustees, and to vote on all school questions submitted to the electors. There are, of course, many more qualified women who have not been reached by W. C. T. U. influence. I am sorry to report only sixty-four voted at the last municipal elections, which shows that education is needed along this line; I am confident, however, that a good number will be added to the above figures in the elections just before us.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have also done good work.

Manitoba reports that, in company with the Equal Suffrage Club, a letter was addressed to the last Methodist Conference, asking permission to appear to place their cause before the Conference—permission was refused, but during the Conference, a motion was passed endorsing the granting of the suffrage to women. Married women owning property have municipal and school suffrage in Manitoba.

British Columbia is to the front in aggressive work. A public meeting was held in the City Hall, New Westminster, at which the mayor presided. This meeting was called for the discussion of Women's Franchise, and was most successful. At its close a number of male voters signed the Dominion Petition, also a petition to their own legislature asking for Woman Suffrage. The Victoria Union has taken a keen interest in the Franchise movement. A public debate and also a lecture by Miss Bowes were given under its auspices.

In summing up the work for the year, gratitude is felt for the work done. Seed has been sown, effort has been made—probably some mistakes. The past is in His keeping—we turn from the review with courageous faces to the future, asking for guidance and self-abnegation.

HENRIETTA MUIR EDWARDS.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLOR MEETINGS.

Your Superintendent was much encouraged and gratified on reading the sketch in the "Union Signal" of October 15th, of Mrs. Mary S. Boden, of Derby, England, Superintendent of Parlor Meetings for the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and whoever is chosen leader of this department for our Dominion this coming year, will doubtless receive many helpful suggestions from this devoted sister, who has for some time been leader of the Social department for the British Woman's Temperance Association. The work in our country has progressed in some respects during the past year. Last year we had only four Superintendents, while this year we have seven. To some the work is new, but all write of much interest in this department, and we shall hope for full reports next year.

British Columbia.—The Superintendent, Mrs. E. J. Shakespeare, writes:—"I cannot give you much of a report. We have continued to hold our Parlor Meetings monthly, all through the year, with good success. As a rule, the attendance is much better than at our regular weekly meetings. It is at the Parlor Meetings that we get most of our new members.

Manitoba.—Mrs. B. M. Hamilton, Neepawa, is the present Superintendent. Seven Unions held in all nineteen Parlor Meetings. Twenty honorary members were secured, and at one social a collection of \$14 was raised. Light refreshments were served at nearly all of these meetings. Winnipeg "Y" gave a reception to Miss Alice Palmer, our latest round-the-world missionary, and celebrated Miss Willard's birthday by a birthday reception.

Nova Scotia.—Miss Ellie E. Smith, Windsor, Superintendent. Miss Smith was for two years Superintendent of Parlor Meetings for the Maritime Provinces, and expresses much interest in the work. She writes:—"Nine Parlor Meetings held in the Province, but quite a number of socials and "At Homes" have been held (these should not be classed under Parlor Meetings), showing that the social element has not been overlooked. . . . I am glad to be able to report that all Unions that have taken up the work advocate it very strongly as a means of keeping up the interest in the Unions as well as interesting outsiders."

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Josiah Woods, Sackville, is reported in the "Woman's Journal" as being Superintendent of Parlor Meetings, and taking it for granted that whatever the "Woman's Journal" says must be true, I wrote Mrs. Woods, and she replied that she did not know of her appointment as Provincial Superintendent, and therefore had made no effort to gather a report of work done.

This was in September. I hope Mrs. Woods or her work will accept the Parlor Meetings a success.

Ontario.—Twenty-two and fifteen County Superintendents reported the work this year. Only a partial report of that seven counties reported this year. I think to report. Fifty-four Seventy active and new and therefore is not a failure.

Prince Edward Island.—The Superintendent, writes:—"We have come from each of that this work is a measure of success because of temperance."

Quebec.—Mrs. L. H. writes:—"Although I wrote to each of the Unions, and to every Union a report from more than that resulted in adding several finances. As far as health is concerned."

Suggestions.—I am sure we can directly accomplish much more if we chain of organization, Provincial Superintendents who shall work up some special work like that are apt to become weary way to awaken new zeal at least once in three departments may be extension, Prison and Jail work sympathy of every right the invitation out of come members out There are some departments in cities, but this of the smallest Unions.

This was in September, and I have not received anything further. I hope Mrs. Woods or some other woman who is interested in the work will accept the appointment and make the department of Parlor Meetings a success in New Brunswick.

Ontario.—Twenty-two counties were heard from. There are fifteen County Superintendents, eight new counties having taken up the work this year. While this is encouraging, I am sorry to say that seven counties reporting good work last year have not reported this year. I think this is not due to lack of work, but failure to report. Fifty-four Unions held one hundred Parlor Meetings. Seventy active and ninety-one honorary members were secured. Only a partial report of money raised at these meetings was given, and therefore is not a fair report. The amount reported is \$128.20.

Prince Edward Island.—Mrs. Emma McNeil, Kensington, Superintendent, writes:—"We have ten Unions in this Province, five of which have taken up Parlor Meetings, and very encouraging reports have come from each of these Unions of work being done. We feel that this work is a means of arousing the indifferent ones to the cause of temperance."

Quebec.—Mrs. L. H. Tomkins, Granby, Superintendent, writes:—"Although I wrote to every County Superintendent of Parlor Meetings, and to every Union in unorganized counties, I have not yet had a report from more than half. In some places the work done has resulted in adding several to the membership, and increasing the finances. As far as heard from, the report is better than last year."

Suggestions.—I am convinced that Provincial Superintendents could accomplish much more in this department by communicating directly with Local Unions, but as this is not in accord with the chain of organization, I would again suggest, as last year, that Provincial Superintendents endeavor to secure County Superintendents who shall work up the department in Local Unions. Unless some special work like the plebiscite engages our attention, members are apt to become weary of doing nothing, and I know of no better way to awaken new zeal in the Unions than to hold Parlor Meetings at least once in three months. At these meetings many of the departments may be explained and discussed, such as Flower Mission, Prison and Jail work, and those appealing to the interest and sympathy of every right-minded person. Those who have accepted the invitation out of courtesy to the hostess will, many of them, become members out of sympathy with our philanthropic work. There are some departments of our work suitable only to Unions in cities, but this of Parlor Meetings may be undertaken by even the smallest Unions.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA A. WHEELER.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FLOWER, FRUIT AND DELICACY MISSION.

In presenting a report mainly statistical, it may appear very dry, but if dry, like the bones in the "Valley of Vision," it may be very suggestive. We could wish for our listeners, as a means of enlisting their sympathy and interest, a bird's-eye view of the Flower Mission workers in this wide Dominion, as they flit among the homes of the poor, or through hospitals and other institutions for helping the sick, the destitute, and the fallen. But such a view is reserved for the angels, who, we believe, watch over this sacred ministry and service.

In this Seventh Annual Report—the second compiled by your present Superintendent, we find renewed cause for thankfulness and encouragement. There are now eight Provincial Superintendents, an increase of three, one of whom has been appointed by the N.-W. Territories. The Ontario Superintendent purchased the new Dominion Flower Mission forms, and by their use has been able to give much more full and systematic reports. The variety of work taken up by this department and its extension, is increasing rapidly; and its elasticity to take in all kinds of work is one of its chief recommendations: Its capacity to utilize workers, young and old, is also marked.

It will be observed in the following reports that work not only so-called sentimental, but eminently practical, is done; so practical that persons of the most utilitarian views may engage in it; so expansive that it may readily embrace all the Evangelistic Departments, and thereby for ever set at rest the controverted question—"too many departments of work." Armenians, Jews, and "tramps" are all included as subjects for F. M. workers; thus acting on Richter's advice, "Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good; try to use ordinary situations," and the Divine command, "Do good unto all men."

Nova Scotia.—Superintendent, Mrs. D. W. Crandall, New Canada, reports, "The Flower Mission has not been very vigorously pushed under the Maritime. The Unions are not fully under way. There are no County Superintendents, and only three Local Unions have reported. Summary:—2,121 bouquets, 1,860 texts, 325 visits to institutions, \$8.61 expended, delicacies carried 163 times. Halifax "Y's" observed June 9th as Flower Mission day.

Prince Edward Island.—Superintendent, Mrs. W. E. Patton, Charlottetown. This report dates from May 6th, and is from four Local Unions;—656 bouquets, 824 texts, 328 pages literature, 16 qts. soup, 5 packages fruit, 5 dozen eggs and oranges, 10 institutions and 74

private homes visited, \$9.66 received for clothing. The W. C. T. U. city in holding meetings in prison a literature are distributed. Work Neat rolls of paper, including temporary among the crews of vessels in procuring literature, linen bags were were willing to hang them up in papers, tracts, etc.

New Brunswick.—Superintendent John, reports having written to the following replies from ten, eight of visits to the jails and to Girls' Home keep records of work. One "Y" eight departments of work, viz., Mission, Evangelistic, Literature, Press Library, and a Girls' Band of twenty pay an annual fee of 25 cents. In every week during the winter and in distribution of fruit, etc. A and ninety-five shut-ins were remunerated. The circulating library has done good sent throughout the country, containing each, besides 100 magazines, 1,154 582 clippings, and numerous paper boxes are refilled with fresh literature has about met expenses. About 13 recorded within eleven months are shown in the localities where the circulation is carried on in much of the pictures, booklets, hospitals and orphanages. Summary pages literature, 6 quarts soup, 6 baskets provisions, delicacies carried 163 times, 16 fans, 12 bouquet holders Armenians, \$5.00.

Quebec.—Superintendent, Miss L. "Quebec has 73 Flower Missions find it very hard to get the Superintendent's account even of the number of bouquets. The children raise flowers and say the flowers do them good, but cheer them more." Clothing, but

private homes visited, \$9.66 received, \$9.65 expended, 12 articles clothing. The W. C. T. U. city missionaries have been assisted in holding meetings in prison and almshouse, where flowers and literature are distributed. Work has been done among sailors. Neat rolls of paper, including temperance literature, are distributed among the crews of vessels in port, also flowers. To aid in procuring literature, linen bags were made and given to friends who were willing to hang them up in their homes as receptacles for papers, tracts, etc.

New Brunswick.—Superintendent, Mrs. (Dr.) Gray, Fairville, St. John, reports having written to thirty-one Local Unions, and obtained replies from ten, eight of which report work and weekly visits to the jails and to Girls' Home. A number of Unions do not keep records of work. One "Y" of twenty-five members reports eight departments of work, viz., Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission, Evangelistic, Literature, Press, Picture Circulation, Circulating Library, and a Girls' Band of twenty-five members, each of whom pay an annual fee of 25 cents. Four of these girls were on duty every week during the winter and spring months to assist the "Y's" in distribution of fruit, etc. A letter mission is also sustained, and ninety-five shut-ins were remembered during the holidays. The circulating library has done good work. Twelve boxes have been sent throughout the country, containing libraries of thirty volumes each, besides 100 magazines, 1,154 temperance and religious leaflets, 582 clippings, and numerous papers. Upon being returned, the boxes are refilled with fresh literature. So far the money donated has about met expenses. About 132 readers of the books have been recorded within eleven months and much appreciation has been shown in the localities where the libraries were sent. The picture circulation is carried on in much the same manner, only the circulation of the pictures, booklets, and pamphlets is confined to hospitals and orphanages. Summary:—639 bouquets, 620 texts, 10,000 pages literature, 6 quarts soup, 66 visits, 86 articles clothing, 52 baskets provisions, delicacies carried 137 times, fowls, plum-puddings, 16 fans, 12 bouquet holders, etc., donated at Christmas, to Armenians, \$5.00.

Quebec.—Superintendent, Miss Laura Hurd, Sherbrooke, states, "Quebec has 73 Flower Missions, 66 in organized counties. I find it very hard to get the Superintendents to keep an accurate account even of the number of bouquets. Three of the largest counties have failed to report. Much work is done by Bands of Hope. The children raise flowers and distribute them. The patients say the flowers do them good, but the bright faces of the children cheer them more." Clothing, butter, eggs, vegetables, fruit, jellies,

unfermented wine, and many comforts for the poor and sick have been furnished, but no account kept. Statistics give 8,550 bouquets, 2,559 texts, 42 pledges, 21 visits to institutions and 311 to private homes. Flower shows are held by many Unions, and children compete for prizes. 1,192 slips have been given away, and many baskets of flowers given to different hospitals.

Ontario.—Superintendent, Mrs. A. B. Reede, Teeswater, reports as follows, "We have sent out 204 Dominion forms for reporting, 243 circular letters, 369 Flower Mission leaflets. Nine organized counties have no Superintendent. The following is a summary of work done in twenty counties :—19,731 bouquets, 14,640 texts, 13,676 pages literature, 834 quarts canned fruit, 141 dozen eggs, 159 dozen oranges, 461 pledges, 182 visits to institutions and 2,252 to private homes, \$221.07 received, \$251.61 expended, 663 articles clothing. Miscellaneous :—675 lbs. flour, 187 loaves bread, 35 dozen buns, 21 cakes, 22 pies, 5 plum-puddings, 56 quarts milk, 10 quarts soup, 10 bottles unfermented wine, 22 lbs. candies, 13 lbs. tea, 6 lbs. butter, 100 lbs. beef, 8 turkeys, 169 baskets provisions, 61 Christmas dinners and 364 meals to families, 303 lunches to "tramps" and needy ones, jellies and delicacies to sick 147 times, 194 Christmas letters, 24 bon-bon boxes, 158 funeral wreaths, 127 large cards to India, wall scroll lent 8 times, 3 Hebrew Testaments given to Jews, to Armenians, \$10. The Superintendent suggests to County Executives, "Do not fail to have a Flower Mission Superintendent appointed"; to County Superintendents, "Rest not till every Local Union takes up this department"; to the Superintendents, both Local and County, "Be earnest in prayer, watchful for opportunities, faithful in duty, accurate in reporting, and ever trusting in the promise, "Inasmuch." God has blessed our efforts. A young man, almost an infidel, while ill, received a bouquet with the text, "Come, let us reason together." By means of this text the Lord reasoned with him till his heart was touched and given to the Master's service. Another expressed the belief that he had found salvation through a leaflet sent with a bouquet. The flowers have comforted as well as the texts, reminding the sick of the Heavenly Father's care of the lilies and the how much more He cares for them."

Manitoba.—Superintendent, Mrs. P. H. Clark, Rat Portage. Tracing Flower Mission Superintendents and their work in Manitoba is no easy task, the present Superintendent being the fourth appointed during two years. The following was gleaned from the tenth Annual Report: Work in this department has been carried on in ten Unions, but only three Superintendents have given statistics as follows :—1,552 bouquets, 27 texts, 40 articles clothing, 3 baskets food to needy families, 50 helpful books lent to girls, \$15

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spent on flowers, 1 "Y" floral design, 1 temperance scrap book. Generous donations of unfermented wine, children taken to park for outing; milk supplied to poor children; food cooked and children cared for during mother's absence. Several Unions report:—"Bouquets distributed tied with white ribbon and texts attached," and "flowers sent to sick and to funerals," etc. The newly appointed Provincial Superintendent reports for one Union, and states, "A harvest home was held, from which fruit was distributed by the W. C. T. U."

North-West Territories.—Superintendent, Miss S. C. Rodgers, Edmonton, reports only for Edmonton. "Two visits have been made to a Catholic hospital, and 40 bouquets distributed. It was thought unwise to accompany the bouquets with texts. Our work is limited, but we look forward to extension.

British Columbia.—Superintendent, Miss Latham, New Westminster. No report.

DOMINION STATISTICS.

Provincial Superintendents..	8
Bouquets distributed..	33,500
Texts..	20,230
Number pages literature..	24,000
Quarts of canned fruit..	845
Pecks of fresh fruit..	584
No. dozen eggs..	144
No. dozen oranges..	162
Pledges obtained..	503
No. of visits to Institutions..	554
No. of visits to private homes..	2,704
Receipts..	\$230.73
Expenditure..	284.87
No. articles of clothing..	801

It is gratifying to note a large increase in the number of pledges—an increase of 449. Two local missions represent more than one-third of the whole Flower Mission work of the Dominion. It is said that the Master does not reckon work by quantity but quality, and I am glad to believe that the scattered work throughout the Provinces represents much evangelistic effort for the uplifting and salvation of souls. "To seek and to save," is the watchword of every true-hearted Flower Missionary. Love of souls and love for the Master is the heart of the Flower Mission. Love is the key note; love and prayer the conquerors of every difficulty. These may find expression in the tiniest bouquet and text, or in the more sub-

stantial gift or gentle ministry to the sick and dying. The evangelistic work of Flower Missions calls for earnest women of God; women who have gained the true victory of life in the closet, and have come forth from their Gethsemane purified and filled with the peace that passeth understanding; women who can say with a God-given mastery of self, and without tears, "Thy will be done." Such become sources of strength, joy, and blessing to the suffering and fallen, and are fitted to be succorers of many." "Strength and honor are her clothing . . . She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness." Such is the ideal evangelist and hospital visitor. An eminent divine has said, "The crying need of the time is for workers saturated with the Spirit of Christ; not doing the work themselves and then expecting the Lord to "add" His blessing, but going out in the name and power of the Lord, His Spirit living in them and working through them. Thousands of prayers are lost by misdirection. People are led to look wistfully up to heaven for the out-pouring of His Spirit when they might be engaged in something nearer home. It is not the out-pouring that is wanted, but the in-letting. The windows of heaven are not shut. They are wide open. It is our hearts that are shut. Ah, these gates that shut the Spirit out, gates of brass, doors whose hinges are so stiff with selfish habit that they seem for ever closed! There are many who do not seem to realize that the block on the line is at their own door. There is no obstacle in the line of the perpendicular. It is on the horizontal lines that the block occurs. It is free course for the Spirit's movements that is wanted. Human hearts and lives are the conductors of the Spirit, who is close around us, like the air we breathe, and all that is needed is that these hearts open to Him and make room for Him, and then, themselves charged, allow the precious current to pass on through them to others." The Flower Mission department needs more "Y's," girls with life before them, girls just out of school, modest and unaffected, with all the sweet expectancy of life in heart and eye. Very much of the best and hardest work of the Flower Mission has already been accomplished by these devoted workers. Their interest and ingenuity are unbounded, and we look for even greater achievements by them in the future. We cannot do without the children, the little children, those winsome workers, who carry sunshine in their eager little faces to many a cot in hospital and Aged Woman's Home. Bands of Hope may be utilized for Flower Mission work, and carry it on in connection with regular temperance training.

1. That Flower, Fruit, and Literature Department be printed not to exceed literature department.
2. That Dominion Flower Missions be organized.
3. That Unions engage in work that is practicable to establish dispensaries, and employ workers.
4. That Provincial Conventions be held by the Department of new Flower Superintendents.
5. That the Dominion Flower Superintendents, Provincial Superintendents,

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Your Superintendent has many plans for its advancement for months her work was trying to comfort sad hearts.

At the request of Mr. Ramsay, your Superintendent, which is the work of the nations of the world, and the small sum of 15 cents.

This department lost a worker who was always sympathetic in it. A new friend, Ramsay, the benefactor of the Province showing a year in the "Y" Unions.

Your Superintendent has been at the County Convention in Quebec, work of the "Y's". At the report the following:—

Nova Scotia.—Miss Elliott is one of four Unions in Nova Scotia, Windsor and Yarmouth, who made 660 visits, dis-

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission records books be printed not to exceed 10 cents apiece and placed in the Dominion literature department.
2. That Dominion Flower Mission texts be printed.
3. That Unions engaged in Flower Mission work endeavor where practicable to establish loan or circulating libraries, linen closets, dispensaries, and employ nurses and women physicians.
4. That Provincial Corresponding Secretaries report the appointment of new Flower Mission Superintendents to the Dominion Superintendent.
5. That the Dominion Flower Mission forms be used by the Provincial Superintendents, in order to make reporting more uniform.

S. M. FOTHERINGHAM.

 REPORT OF THE "Y" W. C. T. U. DEPARTMENT.

Your Superintendent began the work of this department with many plans for its advancement, but it was otherwise ordered, and for months her work was tending the sick beds of dear ones and trying to comfort sad hearts with an ache in her own.

At the request of Mrs. Barnes, World's Superintendent of "Y" work, your Superintendent assisted in getting up the "Y" almanac, which is the work of the "Y" Secretaries of some of the great nations of the world, and is for sale at the literature depository for the small sum of 15 cents.

This department lost a good friend in the death of Mrs. Youmans, who was always sympathetic with our work and took a great interest in it. A new friend has come to our rescue in Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, the benefactor of the W. C. T. U., who has offered a banner to the Province showing the greatest increase of members in the year in the "Y" Unions.

Your Superintendent had the pleasure of assisting at the Ottawa County Convention in Quebec Province, by reading a paper on the work of the "Y's". All the Provinces have been written to, and report the following:—

Nova Scotia.—Miss Ellie Smith, Windsor, Superintendent. There are four Unions in Nova Scotia, Halifax Wlling "Y," Halifax Floral, Windsor and Yarmouth, with 149 active and 52 honorary members, who made 660 visits, distributed 2,860 bouquets and 11,150 pages

of literature, gave four dollars to organizers' fund, secured seven pledges from convicts, and in Windsor has a coffee room. The departments in working order are:—Coffee rooms, Demorests contests, crayon contests and tea tests, readings given at the Home for the Aged and Poor House, distribution of literature, work among sailors, the making of literary scrapbooks, such gatherings being termed paste parties. When completed, the books will be sent to the lumber camps. The work of Systematic Giving has been introduced into one "Y" Union. A column is supplied to the press by two of our "Y" unions. Parlor meetings have proved helpful in securing new honoraries. The Flower Mission is joined in by all the "Y" Unions. All lines of charitable work are carried on. Teas for poor children of the town were supplied at Christmas. Our "Y's" all do the business of the Union in a parliamentary way, which is much to their praise. Narcotics, Juvenile Work, Scientific Temperance Instruction, and a number of others constitute the work of the Nova Scotia "Y's." One Union has been very helpful in the prison work, as there were seven conversions. They visit every week, carry reading matter and teach the Sunday-school lesson, write letters, and do all they can to help the convicts. The Superintendent adds, "The 'Y's' have done good, honest work."

Ontario.—Superintendent, Mrs. Starr, Toronto: assistant, Miss May Gordon, Ottawa; has a band of twelve Unions and four "Y" Committees, with a membership of 411 active members; \$102.75 in affiliation fees have been paid into the provincial treasury. The Unions are, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Toronto (Central), Toronto (Dovercourt), London, Teeswater, Ottawa (New Edinburgh), Lucknow, Otterville, Picton, Chatham, the last five being formed this year. The branches of work carried on are:—Flower Mission, Evangelistic, including in one Union, partial support of Bible Reader, Band of Hope, Anti-Tobacco league, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Parlor Meetings, Sewing Schools, Newsboys' Clubs, Lumbermen's Work, Distribution of Literature, Medal Contest, Relief Work, Sabbath-school Work, Christmas Dinners to the Poor, New Year's Receptions and Press Work. St. Catharines' "Y" forwarded a protest to Sir Oliver Mowatt, Mr. Marter and Mr. Hiscott, against running the street cars on Sunday, and a petition to the Council to reduce the number of tavern licences. London has a Young Woman's Christian Association as a branch with 200 members. There are "Y" committees in Amherstburgh, Barrie, Thamesville, and Rockaway, which are a great help to the W. C. T. U.

British Columbia, Superintendent, Mrs. Schooley, Vancouver, has three "Y" Unions; Victoria, 43 active and 12 honorary members, is engaged in Flower Mission and Hospital Work; one social has

been given. Money received from 23 honorary members; 15 visits made to the jail; of literature distributed. Amount of money received for item—personal contribution to temperance work, which committee has been for active members, for the society how to make a list in connection with a list of the year.

Prince Edward Island town. There is one "Y" town.—The branches of Meetings, Demorest Temperance Instruction, of who pass the best example distributed among the saloons. W. C. T. U. in their charge of a parlor for Manitoba, Superintendent "Y" Unions, one in W. "Y" takes up many departments in the Literature, Social department ten copies every month. Twelve chased. Each new member for six months. Reading. A large quantity of newspapers department have sent thousand Sunday-school distributed each month in the bouquets were sent to plied to poor families. Other branches of work as those mentioned. and greater interest in work are taken up—Prison and Social. Over distributed. Three social contest. Over seventy, the temperance booth. good work and expects

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 ing item—personal conversations, 22, and speaks of direct Christian
 temperance work, which we fain would see imitated. A standing
 committee has been formed, consisting of three honorary and two
 active members, for the purpose of giving suggestions to the "Y"
 society how to make the work more practical. A Bible reading
 in connection with a literary society was carried on for six months
 of the year.

Prince Edward Island.—Superintendent, Miss Johnson, Charlotte-
 town. There is one "Y" Union in Prince Edward Island. Charlotte-
 town.—The branches of work taken up are Flower Mission, Parlor
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 W. C. T. U. in their Industrial School every week, also in taking
 charge of a parlor for girls in the winter evenings.

Manitoba, Superintendent, Miss A. Gordon, Brandon. Has two
 "Y" Unions, one in Winnipeg and one in Brandon. The Winnipeg
 "Y" takes up many departments of work. Excellent work is done
 in the Literature, Social and Floral departments. In the Literature
 department ten copies of the "Woman's Journal" are distributed
 every month. Twenty good temperance books have been pur-
 chased. Each new member receives a copy of the "Union Signal"
 for six months. Reading this paper makes temperance workers.
 A large quantity of miscellaneous papers were distributed. P. O.
 department have sent over three hundred magazines and over one
 thousand Sunday-school papers. One hundred leaflets were dis-
 tributed each month in the city. Five successful socials were held, 375
 bouquets were sent to one hospital, food and clothing were sup-
 plied to poor families, and fifteen dollars were spent on flowers.
 Other branches of work have been carried on just as successfully
 as those mentioned. Brandon "Y" is increasing in membership,
 and greater interest is taken in the work. Five departments of
 work are taken up—Press, literature, Band of Hope, Flower Mis-
 sion and Social. Over three thousand papers and magazines were
 distributed. Three successful socials were held; one Demorest
 contest. Over seventy-six dollars was raised during fair time at
 the temperance booth. A "Y" committee in Manitoba are doing
 good work and expects soon to grow into a "Y" Union. We hope

during the year to form many of the "Y" committees in connection with the W. C. T. U.

Quebec Province.—Mrs. Nutting, Waterloo, Superintendent. Has Y. W. C. T. U. in Lachute, Montreal, Westmount, Point St. Charles, Windsor and Brompton, Waterloo, Sutton and Buckingham. Lachute has 40 active and 25 honorary members, and finds the honorary members of great assistance. Has had public meetings, sent ten dollars to the Armenian fund and five dollars to the Sheltering Home in Montreal, and made twelve comfort bags for the lumbermen. Montreal "Y's" are following a plan of Bible study. Special programmes are arranged for the regular meetings of debates and essays. Parlor meetings are held, also Sewing Schools, with nearly one hundred children. Three Bands of Hope are supported. Literature has been distributed and relief given to the poor. Contributions have been given to the Missionary department of the W. C. T. U., the Fresh Air Fund, the Good Will Club, Holiday House, and the Diet Dispensary. Westmount reports sewing meetings and Parlor meetings. Point St. Charles has given relief to the poor and supports a Flower Mission. Waterloo has eleven departments of work. A Band of Mercy of seventy members is supported. Evangelistic department distributed literature, Bible readings are given monthly. Annual Day of Prayer was observed. Literature is supplied to the railway stations. Several public and social meetings have been held. Five dollars were contributed to the Youmans fund and ten dollars to the World's Missionary Work. The Flower Mission is also carried on.

New Brunswick.—Superintendent, Miss A. R. Trueman, Sackville. Moncton and St. Stephen have "Y" Unions.

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MARY MACKAY SCOTT.

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REPORT OF THE KITCHEN GARDEN DEPARTMENT.

This department cannot report as much progress during the year as your Superintendent desires.

New Brunswick.—The classes in St. John have been doing good work as usual.

Ontario.—Another class has been formed in Toronto, making three in that city. Your Superintendent has not been able to get any information about the work in London, though she has written several times.

Some time ago a letter was received from a lady in Yarmouth, asking for information regarding the Kitchen Garden work. This was answered immediately, giving as full particulars as possible. Some time after a card was received, stating that on account of the expense of getting an instructor, the project had to be abandoned.

We trust that in the future some way may open up for the greater development of this work, as we are assured by the good resulting that it is of the greatest importance.

ELIZABETH S. FAIRCLOTH.

THE "WOMAN'S JOURNAL."

In January, 1889, when your Superintendent bought out the subscription list of the "Woman's Journal" for nine hundred dollars, she had the courage of one inexperienced and untried in many things which she has learned since. The "Journal" is now in its thirteenth year as the organ of the Woman's Christian Union. The circulation is but 3,000. An improvement is noticed in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, which we owe to the assistance of Mrs. Thornly and many who have spoken a word in its behalf and sent in subscriptions. Complaints have been sent in from time to time of the "Journal" not reaching its destination, but we are always glad to send duplicate copies. We are not going to keep on sounding a regretful note, but if subscribers have had trials with the paper going astray, and being at times badly printed, we have had ours also. In the past few years our experiences have been varied. We have had the printing office take fire when the paper was half set up, and sometimes the printers go off on a jubilee or banquet and almost set the paper upside down. As we do not control the printing office, anyone who knows anything of printing at a job office,

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will know of the delays that will occur when occasionally the paper has to wait on, perhaps, circus bills. The woman who sends in subscriptions with her advice on how to run the paper will always win from us a respectful hearing, but as is sometimes the case, we are undecided what to do when a report of a Union reaches us, usually of some length, which does not subscribe for a single copy. However, we are not in this work for the money there is in it. We have tried to give as good a paper as we could on very limited means, with no assistance financially but a grant to the World's Fair number, which cost \$274.75; Dominion grant, \$17.37; Ontario grant, \$13.40; Maritime grant, \$4.00; total, \$34.77.

We are afraid we are approaching the state of the man "whose wife took in sewing to keep things a-going, while he superintended the earth." The "Journal" lost a good friend in Mrs. Youmans, who helped and encouraged us many a time. We owe a debt of gratitude to the generous hearted benefactor of the W. C. T. U., Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, for offering nine prizes for the greatest number of new subscribers in the different Provinces. We have splendid talent in the women of the Unions of this Dominion, which is being and should be brought to light, and in this year of the plebiscite will tell on the future of the country. The "Journal" has held its ground until the reserves came up, but it is time the W. C. T. U. had a fortnightly or weekly paper with a good financial backing, and we hope that some plan may be devised by which it may be enlarged and improved, or bought out and a better one take its place, which will be loyally supported by the members of the W. C. T. U.

"Woman's Journal" Subscriptions.

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Ontario.....	1,255	1,216
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Nova Scotia.....	97	141
Manitoba.....	93	145
New Brunswick.....	78	107
British Columbia.....	54	70
Prince Edward Island.....	30	44
North-West Territories.....	58	111
United States.....	33	—
Foreign Countries.....	16	—
Exchanges.....	90	—
Advertisers.....	15	—
Ottawa Ads.....	37	—
Mission Work in N.W.T.....	120	—
Total.....	2,303	

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In the North-West Territories the largest number in the county garry, 12; Edmonton, 10.

In Prince Edward Island the largest number in the county merside, 7; Kensington, 7.

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REPORT OF JUVENILE

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The Quebec county taking the largest number is Hochelaga, 68; Compton, 62; Richmond, 36; Stanstead, 32. Montreal takes the largest number in the cities, 58; Quebec, 21.

In Nova Scotia the largest number is taken in Wolfville, 21; New Glasgow, 10; Annapolis and Great Village, 9.

In New Brunswick the largest number is St. Stephen, 23; Newcastle, 8; Moncton, 7.

In Manitoba the largest number is taken in Winnipeg, 38; Treherne, 15, Brandon, 13.

In British Columbia the largest list is in Vancouver, 21; New Westminster, 15; Eburne, 6.

In the North-West Territories the largest number is taken in Calgary, 12; Edmonton, 10, and Moosejaw, 8.

In Prince Edward Island the largest list is Charlottetown, 7; Summerside, 7; Kensington, 5.

One hundred and twenty have been sent every month to the North-West Territories for mission work.

MARY MACKAY SCOTT.

REPORT OF JUVENILE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Your Superintendent regrets that, owing to a misunderstanding as to the need of her preparing the report this year (she having resigned in June), the information at her command is not more definite and complete as regards the work done in the Juvenile department in some of the Provinces. However, it can be shown that this department has held its own throughout the Dominion as a whole, and in some cases has made marked progress.

Manitoba.—This Province has been very unfortunate during the past two years in having their Superintendents remove from the Province almost immediately after their election, thus, of course, leaving the work at a standstill. However, they now have a Superintendent who is taking hold of it most enthusiastically and has succeeded in forming a Loyal Legion in Portage la Prairie, and but for an outbreak of scarlet fever in the west ward of the town,

would have organized another. There are fifteen societies in Manitoba, but the membership is not given.

Prince Edward Island.—Work in Sunday-schools is being carefully carried on in this Province, but through some mistake, the Superintendent was not acquainted with the fact that general juvenile work was included in her department, and so, when written to for her report, there was not time to acquaint herself with the facts. Enough is known of the Island W. C. T. U. women to warrant your Superintendent in saying that the work is being done and well done, though nothing definite can be given.

Nova Scotia.—This department is without a Superintendent in Nova Scotia, we are sorry to say, but from the Corresponding Secretary's report the following is gleaned. There are eight Bands of Hope, conducted throughout the year, with a membership of 365, and one Band which closes during the summer months, the membership not given. Excellent work is done among the Sunday-schools in Nova Scotia, and we venture to say that in no Province of the Dominion is Sunday school work more systematically and effectually carried on.

New Brunswick.—Six Bands of Hope and one Boys' Club reported in this Province, with a membership of 590. The great difficulty seems to be that women with a "gift" for this work among boys and girls are hard to find. Then again, the members seem to think that Scientific Temperance Instruction in schools takes the place of the Band of Hope, and that the latter are not so necessary as formerly, but such is not the case. The Sunday-school branch of this department is well conducted, and in a great proportion of the Sunday-schools, the quarterly temperance lesson is regularly given. Great harmony also exists between the Provincial Sunday-school Association and the W. C. T. U., and our work is frequently brought before the Association by a representative of the W. C. T. U., and in his travels the Field Secretary of the Association constantly refers to and advises the adoption of W. C. T. U. methods in the Sunday-school.

Quebec.—Sixty-six societies in this Province against forty-four last year. A great zeal is manifested by the workers in this department, and many and varied are the efforts made to hold the interest of the boys and girls, among them being reading rooms, circulating libraries, object lessons, kindergarten methods, games and songs, flower shows, prizes for the best flowers and vegetables raised, physical drills, dumb bell exercises, prizes for essays, concerts, lessons on hygiene and medal contests, etc. Eight societies are carried on where there are no W. C. T. Unions. Total membership 2,081. Bands of Mercy are also conducted in connection with several of the Bands of Hope. A report comes from this Province which comes

from no other, namely, The work in Sunday-schools and pledge cards have been and have been largely successful, the quarterly temperance lessons respond most willingly to sermons.

Ontario.—Reports sixty-three Boys' Clubs, eight cooking class, four kitchen Bands of Hope. The One society in Middlesex fund, two dollars to luncheon Convention. Another in to a hospital in Montreal Society, Toronto. Still another to Armenian fund. The shown marked progress, county reports good work, temperance lessons taught, several churches heretofore closed and one outcome of all this a Sunday-school in an or made fifty visits to schools followed, would give a gift, ture has been addressed to members. Numbers of societies year, 1,433, but a large proportion

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from no other, namely, of a Band of Hope carried on in a jail. The work in Sunday-schools is also faithfully done. The honor roll and pledge cards have been placed in a large number of schools and have been largely signed, and in nearly every Sunday-school the quarterly temperance lesson is used. The ministers are said to respond most willingly to the invitation to preach temperance sermons.

Ontario.—Reports sixty-nine Bands of Hope, with 5,355 members. Three Boys' Clubs, eight sewing schools, five Bands of Mercy, one cooking class, four kitchen gardens carried on in connection with the Bands of Hope. There have also been eleven medal contests. One society in Middlesex County gave five dollars to the Armenian fund, two dollars to lumbermen, and also sent a delegate to the Convention. Another in Glengarry County sent four scrapbooks to a hospital in Montreal and contributed \$2.85 to Children's Aid Society, Toronto. Still another in Lambton County gave five dollars to Armenian fund. The work done in Sunday-schools has also shown marked progress, Toronto district taking the lead. Every county reports good work done. Scholars pledged, quarterly temperance lessons taught, schools visited and addresses given. Several churches heretofore closed to our women have opened their doors, and one outcome of all this faithful work has been the starting of a Sunday-school in an old brewery. One County Superintendent made fifty visits to schools in her district, an example, which, if followed, would give a great impetus to our work. A new departure has been addresses given to Sunday-school teachers by Union members. Numbers of signatures to pledges obtained through the year, 1,433, but a large proportion has not been reported.

North-West Territories and British Columbia.—For information regarding Juvenile work in the North-West we are referred to the report of the Superintendent of those Territories, which need not be repeated here. British Columbia sent no reply to the two communications sent, and it is probable that they were not received.

"The Curfew Bell" is at present united with the Juvenile work, and we are glad to say that wherever it has been tried, this ringing of a bell to warn children off the streets at night has been a great success. About forty towns and vilages in Ontario have adopted it, and the Provincial Superintendent speaks most enthusiastically of it, and recommends a pamphlet on "The Revival of the Curfew" by Mr. Kelso as being well worth reading.

New Brunswick is the only other Province reported as taking any steps to secure the adoption of this law. We earnestly urge every W. C. T. U. woman to take this subject to heart, and to try to make it a practical issue in their various localities.

E. R. ATKINSON.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF SAILORS, FISHERMEN AND LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS.

It is somewhat with a feeling of regret that the work of reporting for the department of Sailors, Fishermen and Lighthouse Keepers is approached this year. Regret that the work accomplished comes so far short of the needs of the department. Last year we hoped for greater increase in interest, enthusiasm, and labor in this most important line during 1896; but our hopes have not been fully realized. This may be due, so far as the Maritime Provinces are concerned, to the dissolution of the Maritime W. C. T. U. and the organization instead of Provincial Unions. The efforts of each Province to stand alone resulting in some cases in less work in certain departments.

Early in the year a circular letter was sent to the Provincial Superintendents throughout the Dominion in this department through the columns of the "Woman's Journal," and later communication was made by card. We are happy to report that we have been successful in reaching each Superintendent.

British Columbia has appointed a Provincial Superintendent this year.

Vancouver W. C. T. U. reports a Seaman's Institute which they have established. This institution was opened June 7th, 1895; and was carried on for about seven months. About July 1st, the "Sailors' Rest" board united with us and the Institute was for a time very successfully conducted by Mr. Wm. Salmon, who was a consecrated, earnest, energetic Christian worker, and thoroughly understood and sympathized with his fellow seamen. The Institute was well patronized and appreciated by the seamen when in port, and twenty-eight temperance and fifty-six religious services were held there. On Dominion Day, 1895, a very enjoyable picnic was provided for the seamen in port. Social entertainments were also provided for the citizens from time to time. Many needy sailors were supplied with food, lodging and clothing, and from the Institute many letters were sent to gladden far distant mothers and other friends. About 30,000 pages of literature have been first used in the Institute and afterwards put on board the vessels as they left port. We are deeply grieved to add that Mr. Salmon felt himself called upon to visit his parents and other relatives in his native land, and we were compelled to close the Seamen's Institute for want of a suitable person to take his place. Now all that appears to be left for us to do for our mariners is to visit them on board the ships, invite them to our churches and our homes, and supply them with literature

for their voyages, and aside in our hospitals.

Ontario.—Mrs. Davis, literature distributed, sent by one Union and a number by other Unions. Montreal by other Unions and personal conversations. Work has been done in this department which has been reported. We are interested in this department as well as the desirability of it with.

Quebec has been at work. I write hopefully as follows: going on steadily during the year. I greatly rejoice in the fact that I have been actively engaged in this business in the great work. It is appreciated, not only by the officers but by the seamen. The officers ask for their illustrated papers have been sent to the St. Lawrence by our bags have been contributed. Fifty-five of these were sent to the hospitals for treatment. Finns and Englishmen have been held, and pleasure attention shown them. Leaving the hospital for home, it he walked back four baskets of fruit and flowers. Newspapers and magazines. An interesting report is inspiring.

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Ontario.—Mrs. Davis, Superintendent, reports 4,000 pages of
literature distributed, seventeen comfort bags made and given away
by one Union and a number made and supplied to Toronto and
Montreal by other Unions. Boats have been visited when in port
and personal conversation held with many of the sailors. More
work has been done in Ontario probably this year than that which
has been reported. We would strongly urge upon the Unions in-
terested in this department the advisability and utility of reports,
as well as the desirability of accurate statistics in connection there-
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Quebec has been at work in earnest. Mrs. Stobo, Superintendent,
writes hopefully as follows: "The work in this department has been
going on steadily during the past year, and your Superintendent
greatly rejoices in the knowledge that many of our number have
been actively engaged preparing comfort bags for the men who do
business in the great waters. These, in many cases, are much ap-
preciated, not only by the poor sailors, but in some instances even
the officers ask for them." Five thousand pamphlets, tracts, and
illustrated papers have been distributed along the south shore of
the St. Lawrence by our devoted helper. Over ninety-one comfort
bags have been contributed by various Unions. Many of these
bags contained both English and Norwegian Bibles and tracts.
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hospitals for treatment. Norwegians, Swedes, Russians, Russian
Finns and Englishmen have been reached—personal conversation
has been held, and pleasure has frequently been expressed for the
attention shown them. An instance is given of a sailor who, on
leaving the hospital forgot his comfort bag—rather than be without
it he walked back four miles in order to obtain it again. Four
baskets of fruit and flowers and one hundred and fifty parcels of
newspapers and magazines have been given away. This inter-
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Mrs. Worden, Superintendent for New Brunswick, reports several
packages of literature sent to Sailors' Mission in St. John. Thirty
vessels have been visited and eight thousand nine hundred pages
of literature have been distributed, also hymn books and tracts
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Prince Edward Island has not appointed a Provincial Superin-
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Souris, Prince Edward Island, has a most successful Sailors' Rest,
under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. of that place.

Early in the year your Superintendent, as Provincial Superintend-

ent of Sailors work for Nova Scotia, wrote thirty circular letters to Unions, following them later with messages and postal cards. Considerable interest has been manifested in the work. One hundred and one packages of newspapers have been distributed, as well as large numbers of Testaments and comfort bags. One box has been sent to the "Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen," valued at five dollars. Two barrels of literature have also been sent to lighthouse keepers, also two pairs of socks to seamen. The work of visiting marine hospitals has also been taken up by our sisters with good results. Thirty thousand pages of literature have been distributed by two Unions, and many visits to vessels have also been reported. One Local Superintendent reports numbers of letters written to sailors leaving for foreign ports, and records twenty-nine letters received in reply during the year. Personal conversation and prayer has also been held with sailors. Efforts have been put forth to induce captains to refrain from bringing liquor into certain localities, with excellent results. One man, a Swede, writes, "I read the little book (Testament) you gave me when I need comfort. I tell you I'll bring no more rum to Bear River." Pledge cards have often been offered and accepted. One young man writes, "The captain wants to know where we got those pledge cards." The pledge card was sent, and the captain signed it. Four dollars has been contributed to the department fund and sent to a needy Sailors' Rest. Dear Sisters, let us not be satisfied with the results of the past, but take hope for more blessed returns for the coming year. We shall reap if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted,

O. C. WHITMAN.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS AND VOLUNTEER CAMPS.

In a recent speech before the English Army Temperance Association, Lord Wolseley said, "There are yet some battles to be fought, some great enemies to be encountered by the United Kingdom, but the most pressing enemy at present is drink. It kills more than all the newest weapons of warfare, and not only destroys the body, but the mind and soul also."—This clipping from one of our journals expresses the views of one of the most noted soldiers of the British Empire, and the article went on to say that the Commander-in-Chief in India, Sir George White, holds the same views—and what true commander of our soldier-citizens does not? In the

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regular army we know that the men devote their enlisted time of service wholly and absolutely to work involved in their enlistment; at the end of their time, when securing their discharge, no matter how honorable that discharge may be, they often are long seekers after employment, if sober and industrious, there are so few things that he may do, that, out of sheer incapacity to do anything else but soldiering, he re-enlists and takes his shilling a day! If intemperate, he goes from place to place, and the excuse is made, that "he's an old soldier" and therefore must drink. 'Tis good to know that the "English Army Temperance Association" is an active force of total abstainers at work among the regulars—and may it be blessed abundantly in its efforts to rescue the soldiers as the Navy Association has been in reclaiming the sailors. In Canada the only station for England's regular troops is in Halifax, under the command of Major General Montgomery Moore, but from Halifax to Victoria, in town, city and country village, is found a scattered force of vallant men, working at their farm, forge, bench, store or office all day, who are known as "The Militia of Canada." These men, through love of country and stimulated by the true spirit of being prepared for defence, are found in their drill halls or rooms, two hours one or two nights a week, for months, that they may qualify themselves as our Canadian soldiers, and a more thoroughly qualified or equipped force of militiamen is not to be found in Her Majesty's realm.

In constituting a department for soldiers, the Dominion W. C. T. U. felt that something might be done to interest the men—as militiamen—in the temperance work, by the circulation of literature, visiting the camps, providing, when allowed, for the greater comfort of the men.

Your Superintendent of the past year found, when she took the department, two Provincial Superintendents, and she closes the year with but two; this does not imply much progress, but an effort has been made to interest every Provincial Union in the militia of our country. A circular letter was sent in March to the Superintendents of Ontario and Quebec, to the Corresponding Secretaries of Manitoba, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, as well as to the Superintendent of the North-West Territories, to interest the Mounted Police Force, who are the defenders and protectors of the Territories. Complete lists, from the "Militia Lists of Canada for 1896," were sent in September, compiling the force in each Province, that every Superintendent might know how many of the 3,500 men, under their different commanders, or in their separate corps, were within her jurisdiction. Gen. Gascoigne, in command of the Militia of Canada, was called

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upon, and the last three annual reports of the Dominion W. C. T. U. were left with him. These were read with much interest, and we are assured that though the General is a true advocate of sobriety he had known nothing previously of the work of the W. C. T. U..

With regard to the replies to circulars or other matters, this department has had a similar experience to others—some of the Provinces acknowledged the receipt, others omitted it.

From Nova Scotia we learned the W. C. T. U. have done nothing as yet for the militia, but are working up to it, and I trust another year will be able to report actual work done.

In Ontario it had been the work of the Y. M. C. A. Another year, if we can unite with them, it would improve matters."

Nothing from British Columbia or Prince Edward Island.

Manitoba hoped to bring it before the Convention. It is a matter of regret that Superintendents of this important department have not been appointed in these Provinces. In the North-West, Mrs. Macdonald writes, "I called upon the Inspector of the Mounted Police, he was not at home. I have distributed 250 pages of literature among the members of the force; was received very courteously and thanked very kindly; shall continue to send them small parcels at intervals.

Mrs. Dickson, Superintendent of Quebec, says, in her last letter: "I fear I can do but little this year for the volunteers; they are already in camp. We presumed that no camps were to be held this year." I desire to heartily co-operate in securing a permanent Temperance Association for our militia service. I am sending a circular letter to the Montreal "Witness" and "Star," calling attention of Christian workers and patriots to this truly great and important work of temperance in the army and among the volunteers." I received no regular report from the Superintendent.

The stirring and active Superintendent of Ontario commences her report by saying, "We have been greatly encouraged in this department this year, for while our Local Unions have not yet awakened to the broadness of this field of labor, and the very great need of work in this department, still we have made some advancement along the line." Literature was distributed among "The Queen's Own Rifles," and "The Royal Grenadiers" on their 24th of May outing; also at the Toronto Armouries and the Stanley Barracks. Lieut.-Col. Vidal, acknowledging a package of literature for Camp Barnfield, said, "Dear Madam.—I received your letter of the 17th instant to-day, also the package of papers which I have directed to be distributed among the different corps in camp. We are all much obliged for your thoughtfulness. The members of your society will be pleased to hear that, so far, not a single case of intoxication has come to my notice. I am, madam, faithfully yours, F. H. Vidal."

The "Canadian Militia" asking for an insertion and mand to notify the Superintendent and what effort on behalf of the corps. In happy to insert the letter in the editorial columns.

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The "Canadian Military Gazette" editor was communicated with, asking for an insertion in the "Gazette" requesting officers in command to notify the Superintendent when their battalions go to camp and what effort on behalf of the W. C. T. U. would be most acceptable to the corps. In reply, the editor said he would only be too happy to insert the letter, and would also draw attention to it in the editorial columns. Anything further we can do to help on the good you have inaugurated, you have only to suggest, and we will endeavor to carry out your ideas. I hope the day may never come when the Canadian Force will require to go out into active service, but if it does, we feel that the little attentions to the soldiers at camp of training simply show that the members of your association would render much more substantial assistance at a time when it would be indeed necessary."

In closing this report your Superintendent would strongly recommend that each Province shall appoint a Superintendent for this important Dominion work. Our defenders of his land demand a special interest on the part of our W. C. T. U. workers. If a militiaman is seen in a state of intoxication in uniform, it is considered a disgrace to the Queen's uniform. We want to prove to them that whether in uniform or not, intoxication is defiling the temple of the King of Kings. We do want our militiamen to be Canada's defenders as good soldiers against those foes of licentiousness and intemperance, which are walking in all places in our land, in the rural districts, in our towns and cities; these enemies are indeed destroying more than all the newest weapons of warfare, therefore let us appeal to every corps, through our literature and personal work, and in one special real W. C. T. U. way you may all help. When passing a man on the street, you do not know what his special work may be, but when he wears the Queen's uniform, you know he is a soldier and therefore pray for him and the Canadian force :

Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
Looking unto Jesus, who is gone before;
Christ the Royal Master, leads against the foe,
Forward into battle, see his banners go !

ROBERTA E. TILTON,

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NARCOTICS.

Sadly enough, we are becoming impressed with the fact that this department of work is not a universally popular one; the odds in many instances seeming against us. Some of those to whom we might naturally expect to turn for support and encouragement, meet us with ill-concealed indifference, others openly avowing their antipathy to this work. On the other hand, we believe a preponderating majority of White Ribboners and Christian people generally, are becoming aroused to the long category of evil-doing and sin following in the wake of narcotic using. This arousal is largely due to the constant and wide dissemination of literature bearing upon the subject. We cannot over-estimate the importance of this phase of the work. A single seed-thought dropped, on the evils of tobacco using among the young, may produce a hundred-fold of increase in a life freed from this habit. "The word fitly spoken" on this theme may arrest the thought and stimulate the purpose of some one into a clearly defined course of action, which stops short of nothing less than an absolute freedom from the tobacco and opium habits. Let us not then despise the day of small things. We may be building better than we know. Let our main concern be that the foundations of our work be laid upon Jesus Christ, who must needs be "the chief Corner Stone" in any structure enduring until the "heavens and the earth shall pass away."

Ontario.—Taking the Provinces in order of organization, Ontario reports, through its Superintendent, Miss Teskey, Toronto, twenty-two organized counties as having established departments of Narcotics. Thousands of Anti-Narcotic leaflets have been distributed at fairs, Unions, Bands of Hope, Sunday-schools, railway stations and on board steamers. There is also a decided increase recorded in the number of subscribers to the "Anti-Tobacco Gem." Copies of the Provincial Tobacco Act have been placed in the public schools as well as in stores and shops where tobacco was sold, and five grocers are reported as having discontinued the sale of the same. Anti-Cigarette and Anti-Tobacco Leagues have been formed in public schools, Sunday-schools and Bands of Hope. Conventions have been memorialized, School Boards waited upon, and the members of the Ontario Medical Council asked to pledge themselves against the prescribing of opiates except when positively necessary. Talks on this subject have been given by different Superintendents, many of whom have kept the press supplied with anti-narcotic clippings or original matter. Some counties report the enforcement of the Tobacco Act, others the exposure of vendors trafficking in cigarettes, accompanied by impure pictures or indecent literature.

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Quebec.—With Mrs. Wm. Miner of Granby as Superintendent, reports ten counties as engaged in this work, with a working force of twenty-one Local Superintendents. As in Ontario, special attention has been laid upon the distribution of literature, which has been scattered freely wherever it was deemed it would be helpful. The "Anti-Tobacco Gem" has also been largely circulated, two counties supplying it to nearly all the English-speaking schools within their jurisdiction. Public school teachers have been interviewed, some of them promising to bring this matter before their pupils weekly. Essays have been written, on the injurious effects of tobacco upon the human system, and prizes bestowed. Anti-Cigarette Leagues have been formed among the young, whose interest in this subject has been stimulated in every possible way. Lecturers have been secured, who have given this matter special prominence; papers have been read and the press supplied by Local Superintendents. One county reports thirty-three merchants and hotel keepers pledged not to sell tobacco in any form to minors. The Provincial Superintendent sent a circular letter to four hundred Sunday-school Superintendents in her Province, calling their attention to this growing evil among the boys. Ministers were also interviewed and asked to preach at least one sermon a year against the use of tobacco and other narcotics; numbers complied, and an arousal of conscience and interest among the church members is confidently expected. We are not surprised that the Superintendent reports "progress," for here, as in Ontario, the work is broadening and deepening.

The Maritime Union, having developed into the more comprehensive and complete organization of three Provincial Unions, each of which is supplied with a Narcotic Superintendent, we now may naturally expect more definite and widespread results. But the past year has proven one of adjustment, organization and seed-sowing, so we must not look for great results at present.

New Brunswick reports, through its Superintendent, Mrs. M. A. Freeze of Petitcodiac, a free distribution of anti-narcotic literature, and the supplying of W. C. T. U. columns in newspapers with articles bearing upon this subject. We regret to notice a minor cadence in the report, which states, "many of the Unions are neglecting the work of Narcotics." On the other hand, we are glad to note that throughout New Brunswick there are comparatively few who indulge in the use of morphine and other opiates.

Nova Scotia reports, through Mrs. McLeod, Parrsboro, that the work in this department is largely accomplished through the public schools, where Scientific Temperance and the effects of tobacco upon the system is regularly taught, and the same examinations required for them as for other studies. They are endeavoring to enforce the

Anti-Tobacco law, which has now become with them a legal enactment. The Superintendent also reports the distribution of anti-narcotic literature, nor does she feel they have commenced too soon, as she sadly admits "that the increase of smoking among the boys in her Province is alarming."

Prince Edward Island reports, through its Superintendent, Mrs. McNeil of Summerside, who is likewise Superintendent of Scientific Temperance, that she has been endeavoring to work the two subjects in conjunction. Her aim is to have the physiologies taught in every school, with a Superintendent in every district in charge of this special phase of the work. Every Union on the Island has a Superintendent.

Manitoba.—Though no Superintendent is reported as having been appointed for this Province, the North-West Territories have a self-constituted one in the person of Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald of Edmonton, who has been doing effectual work during the past year, and with whom your Superintendent has been in correspondence. Mrs. McDonald, learning of a circular letter, which had been sent by the Local Superintendent of the London Union to each one of the public school teachers of that city, asked that a duplicate copy be furnished her; this request was complied with, and each one of the school teachers in Edmonton were supplied with the same. Mrs. McDonald also instituted and carried to a successful completion, a petition which is now before the North-West Assembly, praying "that the sale of tobacco in all forms to minors be prohibited." Copies of this petition were sent to every Union throughout the North-West Territories for signatures. We wish Mrs. McDonald "God-speed" in this work.

British Columbia.—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster, as Superintendent, reports that in her Province this appears like a very unpopular department of work. Many of the W. C. T. U. women whose husbands and brothers and sons indulge in the use of tobacco feel as if it would be casting a reflection upon their dear ones did they array themselves against it. Because of this the work languisheth. British Columbia has an Anti-Cigarette law, which its Superintendent reports as "practically a dead letter because the men who ought to see it enforced fail to do their duty." Opium eating is fearfully prevalent in the Province, and Chinese opium dens everywhere abound. One glint of light is visible in this dark horizon: The Superintendent reports she "is hoping much from the school children, who are studying the Path-Finder series, some of whom have resolved 'not to defile themselves.'"

The need of more workers in this department is great. Workers with hearts inspired with love to God and suffering humanity—for

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In the interests of this department, your Superintendent sent out a Plan of Work to the various Provincial Superintendents, each of whom largely adopted the same. She also contributed articles bearing on the subject to the public press, and gave different talks upon the same. Not forgetting the necessity of keeping the channel of communication open between herself and the various Provincial Superintendents, not only through letters published in our official organ, but by private correspondence as well. She also had prepared and forwarded to the Dominion Parliament a petition praying "that the manufacture, importation, and sale of cigarettes containing deleterious drugs, and the manufacture, importation, sale or gift of cigarettes accompanied by impure pictures be prohibited by law." But when the petition reached the Government, it was so engrossed and engulfed with "Remedial Bill Measures," that our petition met with small notice or favor. But we intend to petition and importune until, like one of old, we shall be heard, and our request granted, "because of our much speaking."

SUGGESTIONS.

1. We would respectfully suggest that each Narcotic Superintendent arm herself with all possible and obtainable information on this subject, so that she may, when necessity demands, give an intelligent, logical reason for the stand she has taken.

2. Believing that our most effectual work lies among the young, we would suggest the desirability of a universal enlistment of sympathy on the part of Sunday-school and public school teachers.

3. That the formation of Anti-Cigarette and Anti-Tobacco Leagues be actively kept up.

4. Ask ministers to preach one sermon at least, against the evils of narcotic using, and Christian Endeavor and Epworth League Presidents to give at least one meeting a year to the discussion of this subject.

5. Whenever a Provincial Tobacco Act is passed, earnestly strive for its enforcement, if found defective, then petition for its remedy.

6. That Provincial Superintendents wait upon Conferences, Synods, Assemblies and all gatherings of influential bodies, asking their sympathy and co-operation in our efforts towards the complete extermination of the habitual use of narcotics.

7. Believing that our greatest ally in this work will be the free dissemination of information relative to the subject, we would suggest the desirability of keeping the press constantly supplied, and of the imperative necessity of scattering anti-narcotic literature everywhere, nor should we be neglectful of the good accruing from papers, talks, and lectures on this subject.

8. Urge upon County and Local workers the necessity of an immediate movement towards checking the use of opium and other deadly drugs.

9. In view of the awful extent to which impure pictures are circulated with packages of cigarettes, urge upon County and Local Superintendents the necessity of being ever on the alert for any such productions and endeavor to prosecute, or at least expose, the vendors of the same.

SARA ROWELL WRIGHT.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT ON INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

King Solomon said, "of making many books there is no end," but what would he think of the making of the newspapers which flood the land in these days; and though "much study" of them may be a "weariness," imagine the general consternation if these daily purveyors of news should be suppressed. The attempt to realize this may give a faint conception of the place the newspaper occupies in all relations of life, commercial, political, social and religious. Such is the tremendous power which it is the duty of this department to try and press into the service of the W. C. T. U. My duty is not so much to speculate on how this may be done, as to tell what has been attempted during the past year in this direction. One of the most hopeful reports, bright with future promise, comes from Mrs. C. A. R. McDonald, who represents the North-West Territories, most scattered and least organized of our Provinces. During Mrs. McDonald's recent tour, she urged this department on the Local Unions, most of which promised to give it special attention. Eight papers now insert items free.

Mrs. Davidson of New Brunswick reports good and regular work done in Fredericton, Woodstock, Sussex and St. John.

Nova Scotia, under Mrs. DesBrisay, is alive and supplies fourteen papers with temperance items. In proportion to the size of the Province, this speaks well for the energy of its workers.

Prince Edward Island has not yet a Press Superintendent, but good to be desired at Charlottetown.

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Manitoba has an excellent record of performance, but in preparation for the future are kept supplied with temperance items.

So far all has been encouraging, but there is a weak point in this department which needs attention. There are 404 Unions in the Dominion, but only 100 are reported. Doubtless there are many more in the field for this work, but I would urge Superintendents to consider this matter and suggest that a leaflet be prepared, urging workers, giving hints as to the best method of securing them.

The Press in general is fairly favorable to the W. C. T. U., but it must be remembered that the more marked were it not for the many of the papers are fostered.

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It is only to be expected that Ontario should be in the foreground as regards Press work, and from Mrs. Livingstone comes the clear notes of achievement and anticipation. Nine hundred and thirty-four columns of temperance talk have been supplied to forty-five papers, and 2,090 items furnished by 101 Press Superintendents. This is an advance on last year.

Quebec makes a good second, perhaps second only as far as results are concerned. In very few instances is there access to French papers. This is a point which requires consideration; so far it has been an unworked field. Miss Cora Merrill reports that twenty-seven Local Superintendents only were reported to her this year. If there were no imperfect links in the chain leading from the local unions to the Provincial Convention, reports would be fuller and more interesting than they are.

British Columbia reports regular and satisfactory work done by six Unions. In New Westminster, a spirited discussion on the "Franchise of Woman" was carried on through a local paper, "The Columbian."

Manitoba has an excellent record for the past year, not only in performance, but in preparation for better work. Thirteen papers are kept supplied with temperance items.

So far all has been encouraging, but now I want to call attention to a weak point in this department. How is it that, though there are 404 Unions in the Dominion, only 166 Press Superintendents are reported. Doubtless there are small places in which there is no field for this work, but I would respectfully urge Provincial Superintendents to consider this matter carefully. It has been suggested that a leaflet be prepared, urging Local Unions to take up this work, giving hints as to the best manner to set about it.

The Press in general is fairly favorable to the aims of the W. C. T. U., but it must be remembered that in many instances this would be more marked were it not for the political influence under which many of the papers are fostered.

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In answer to the question whether instances of good being done through Press Work had come under the notice of any Superintendent, several were given, in which individual benefit had been derived, but while such are hailed with thankfulness, the special aim of this department is to disarm prejudice and educate the public sentiment for action when the time is ripe.

I feel I have done scant justice to the earnest band of Press workers through the Dominion, but the report of any work where results are not tangible must of necessity be meagre, but whatever difficulties, and they are many, attend it, surely there is none which can so justly appropriate the promise, "Cast thy bread upon the water, and thou shalt find it after many days."

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET G. URE.

REPORT OF SCHOOL OF METHODS AND PARLIAMENTARY USAGES.

Manitoba.—Held a Provincial School of Methods in connection with the Annual Convention, which proved one of its most useful features. The Central Union of Winnipeg has endeavored to make its winter Literary Programmes such a school by taking up in turn salient points in the work, and having each Superintendent treat of her own department in a particular paper or address.

Quebec.—Held Provincial School of Methods one afternoon during Annual Convention, also two County Schools, at which the President, Mrs. Sanderson, was in attendance.

New Brunswick.—Mrs. Burpee writes that the organized counties are as yet so few that the report must appear meagre. A half-day school was arranged by the Superintendent in connection with the Provincial Convention, also Carleton County Annual Meeting. Departments and subjects discussed were:—Mothers' Meetings, Juvenile Work, Individual Responsibility, How to make our Local Meetings Interesting, Sabbath Observance, Home-made Wine and Beer, Parliamentary Usages; with two Drills and a symposium on "Why do I wear the White Ribbon?"

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mer, devoted one afternoon to School of Methods, which was very helpful.

Nova Scotia.—Owing to the fact that the President, Miss Caroline Steadman, was out of the province in the summer, this is only a partial report. A school was held at Bridgewater, in connection with the Provincial Convention, and many expressed themselves as helped thereby. The following topics were discussed: Purity, Distribution of Literature, and Parliamentary Drill. A Parliamentary Drill was conducted, and was expected that a school would be held at the Provincial Convention in the fall.

Ontario.—Mrs. Thornby, Superintendent of this department has made most satisfactory progress in the past year, and the large benefits derived through the schools held, are amply demonstrated. There are now 28 organized counties; 121 full or partial schools, besides 6 local schools. Papers and talks reported were 95. The following is the list with seven papers each; Narcotics, with six, and Franchise with five. In addition, a school was voted to various lines of departmental work. Meetings were held and ten Parliamentary Drills, five question boxes opened. The papers presented in the departments, covered a wide range of subjects. Superintendent, it has been my duty to visit every year, with the Presidents in organization, and have been written to at least twice, in each county. The four School of Method leaders, "The School of Local Officers," were sent to every county by a panning circular. The half-day of school held at every Provincial Convention, was covered by 6 papers, a Parliamentary Drill, and a paper by Julietta B. Huff, Superintendent of this department. Increased interest in this department was shown in 10 minutes of each meeting to it, so that in three months. As Dominion School of Methods has been communicated with. "W.C.T.U. by Mary Allen West; "The Model Unionist;" "Do Everything," by Frances C. C. "School of Methods," by Mrs. May R. C. President, her Duties and Responsibilities "The Local Treasurer and her books,

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Nova Scotia.—Owing to the fact that the very efficient Superintendent, Miss Caroline Steadman, was obliged to resign her position in the summer, this is only a partial report. One school was held at Bridgewater, in connection with the District Convention in June, "and many expressed themselves as profited, encouraged and helped thereby. The following topics were discussed:—Social Purity, Distribution of Literature, and Alcoholic Liquors as Medicine. A Parliamentary Drill was conducted by Mrs. Marshall. It was expected that a school would be conducted by Mrs. Edith J. Archibald at the Provincial Convention.

Ontario.—Mrs. Thornby, Superintendent, writes, "The work of this department has made most satisfactory progress during the past year, and the large benefits derived by the local Unions, through the schools held, are amply testified to by the workers. There are now 28 organized counties; in these there have been held 21 full or partial schools, besides 6 local schools. The number of papers and talks reported were 95. Evangelistic and Juvenile head the list with seven papers each; Narcotics follows close after with six, and Franchise with five. In all sixty-six papers were devoted to various lines of departmental work. Two model meetings were held and ten Parliamentary drills given and twenty-five question boxes opened. The papers and addresses, apart from the departments, covered a wide range of subjects. As Provincial Superintendent, it has been my duty to correspond, through the year, with the Presidents in organized counties. Each of the 28 have been written to at least twice, and some of them a dozen times. The four School of Method leaflets, relating to the "Duties of Local Officers," were sent to every local Union, with an accompanying circular. The half-day of school that has become a part of every Provincial Convention, was conducted at Hamilton. There were 6 papers, a Parliamentary Drill and Question Box." Miss Juleta B. Huff, Superintendent of Parliamentary Usage, reports increased interest in this department, some Local Unions devote 10 minutes of each meeting to it, some once a month and others once in three months. As Dominion Superintendent, every Province has been communicated with. "W.C.T.U. School of Method Manual," by Mary Allen West; "The Model Union," by Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister; "Do Everything," by Frances E. Willard, and the leaflets, "School of Methods," by Mrs. May R. Thornley; "The Local President, her Duties and Responsibilities," by Mrs. May R. Thornley; "The Local Treasurer and her books," by Miss Jennie MacArthur;

"Duties of Local Corresponding Secretary," by Mrs. May R. Thornley; "Duties of Local Recording Secretary," by Miss Ella Cosford. These, with one since published, "Programmes," by Mrs. May R. Thornley, every Superintendent of this department should have and become well acquainted with. They are all for sale at the Dominion W.C.T.U. Literary Depository, 56 Elm Street, Toronto.

A. O. RUTHERFORD,

REPORT OF THE "UNION SIGNAL" REPORTER.

The duty of this office is to see that Canadian W. C. T. U. work is represented in the official organ of the National W. C. T. U. across the lines. Those who know the efficiency and wide circulation of the "Union Signal" will recognize the desirability of having a monthly column set apart in it for Canada. This is arranged for, but a reporter's life is not always a happy life, notably so when the news which is being depended on for a fixed date does not arrive in time. There are minor miseries incident to press work which are beyond a writer's control. Who cannot sympathize with this wall of the poet —

"It is frightful to think
What nonsense, sometimes
They make of one's sense,
And what's worse, of one's rhymes.

When I talked of the dewdrops
From freshly-blown roses,
The nasty things made it
From freshly-blown noses."

But among avoidable hindrances to press work are those brought about by lack of regularity, a point which causes much irritation to the editor and consigns many an article to the waste paper basket. Therefore I would be much obliged if the ladies who have been appointed in each Province would kindly try to have their reports reach the Dominion reporter on the first of each month, in this way each Province will receive its due share of notice.

During the past year, eleven reports have been sent to the "Union Signal," and thirty letters written. Without prejudice to our own official organ, "The Woman's Journal," which should

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REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WORK AMONG RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

"The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad recently discharged some of its trainmen, not for drunkenness, but because they 'took a glass now and then.' 'A policy of this nature is severe,' says the Railway Age, 'but it needs only a moment's thought to see that it is founded in reason. . . . The railroad business is one of exceeding responsibility Mental clearness is all important in the performance of its duties, and strong drink tends to the confusion of the faculties.' This the railroad managers evidently believe, for we are told that on most of the roads in America at the present time, knowledge that an employee touches strong drink in any form and at any time, is sure to cost him his position."

As your Superintendent read the above, the first thought was, what a help this is going to be to our work; but the second was whether this would affect the root of the evil. Though railway employees may lose their positions because of the occasional glass, and the lives of travellers be better protected thereby, will the discharge of those employees promote their reform? Will it not rather harden and drive to greater excesses? We have asked ourselves again and again how can we best reach railway employees—through the comfort bags and Christmas letters? Through the literature boxes in the stations and on the trains? Or through the reading-rooms, of which there are so few? It would seem as though there should be some more direct and aggressive effort in their behalf.

New Brunswick writes, "There is a certain amount of railway work done by way of boxes at depots, there are about twenty, but this is of as great benefit to the patrons of the roads as to the employees. Had we decided to take up the department this year, we would have been at a loss for a suitable Superintendent."

Nova Scotia says, "We have not taken up the Railway Work this year. We find it difficult to secure good working Superintendents."

Quebec reports having written to all Superintendents, but few replies received. Two counties furnished literature for depots; 23 Christmas letters have been written, some comfort bags made, 4,300 leaflets (including a number of French and English) distributed, bundles of papers and magazines have been sent to country places.

Ontario has branches in six counties, has distributed 11,231 pages of literature, 189 periodicals, has sent two large Christmas cakes—so much appreciated that they were acknowledged through the press, and does personal work in the way of conversation.

As yet, the reports and suggestions from Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia have not been received.

The following suggestions come from Ontario:—"Could not Unions make large scrap-books for use in the caboose in leisure hours, this in addition to the Bible usually provided? Cannot we obtain through some official (local), the names of employees, that they might be remembered individually at holiday time? Could not prayer be offered—in Local Unions—for these men by name?"

At the recent convention of the Railway Men's Christian Association held in Montreal, the highest officials of both the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railroads were present and expressed their appreciation of the work of the Association. In those Provinces where that Association is represented, our work evidently is to supplement what that Association is doing. We would therefore recommend our Superintendents to inform themselves to that end, feeling confident that the Association will be glad of their assistance in the temperance department of their work.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES BRYSON STRONG.

REPORT OF PRISON AND JAIL WORK.

Perhaps among the many paths of worthy effort trodden by the White Ribbon Sisterhood, none lead us through scenes of such pathetic interest as those winding in and out among the prisons and jails of our great Dominion. Brothers and sisters in bonds, prisoners of the Devil, many of them, prisoners too, under the provisions of laws not always wise and humane, confront us with appealing eyes behind whose depths lie sad life and heart histories.

We are not, as yet, dear sisters, allowed to help make or modify these laws, and against this disability we should never cease to pro-

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the cells of sin's victims, bringing human sympathy and Christian
love, and sometimes hope has succeeded despair, and the cry of a
new-born soul been heard in the midst of captivity. With such
fruit of service does our Master reward his children.

Ontario reports seven Superintendents appointed and eleven
counties sending reports of work (principally evangelistic). Samples
of books for prison libraries have been procured by the Provincial
Superintendent. Ontario still co-operates with the Prisoners' Aid
Association. Houses of Refuge, one in Lambton and one in Perth,
are being erected, it is hoped that this may do away with the in-
human practice of confining those in jails whose only crime is ad-
vanced age and inability to work. The Provincial Superintendent
urges that wherever there is a prison within reach of a Union, that
Union appoint a Superintendent of this work. Also, that all Local
Unions donate one collection a year to aid in Prison and Jail Work.
I strongly endorse these suggestions.

Quebec has but four county jails, and of these only Sherbrooke
reports. Literature has been distributed, and at Christmas letters
were sent to the prisoners. A great work has been done at the
Reform School through Band of Hope meetings, and joint services
by the Y. M. C. A., Flower Mission and W. C. T. U.

Nova Scotia states that more than fifteen Unions are doing work
in this department, but no particulars are given.

Prince Edward Island reports work done in Charlottetown and
Summerside. In Charlottetown the Union engages a city missionary
to supplement the visits of the members. Meetings have been held
in each cell, and individual evangelistic work done. The "Y's"
have added their touch of beauty and fragrance to these ministrations
by gifts of flowers to each prisoner. In Summerside the work
has been faithful visiting.

New Brunswick has only six Unions engaged in this work, be-
cause there are so few places where there is a jail or prison of any
kind. They have visited, sent flowers, and given away leaflets and
bibles.

British Columbia.—Work has been done in the penitentiary and very
much blessed both to prisoners and workers.

Manitoba.—A Provincial Superintendent of this department was
appointed at the last Convention. Her plans, when carried out, will
be fruitful for good. In Winnipeg the police station has been

visited and a service held with the prisoners, twice a week, for many years; much work has also been done in the city jail.

Both from British Columbia and Montreal, complaints have been made of difficulty of access to prisoners, through unwillingness of officials. I quote a paragraph from the eloquent pen of the ex-Provincial Superintendent for British Columbia, "If only we could have wardens and chaplains willing to let our band of earnest, sympathetic Christian women have right of way in all the jails and penitentiaries in the Dominion, I know it would be following out the line of God's will in the matter. Who has a better right to this privilege, than our sex, the mothers who have risked their lives for these erring, unfortunate men?"

This strikes a responsive chord in my heart, dear comrades, as I believe it does also in every W. C. T. U. woman. Let it be ours to hear the gracious words in the great day of final adjustments, "I was in prison, and ye visited Me." I think our society should demand, and work ceaselessly until they obtain,

1. The freest possible access to prisoners.
2. The appointment of Police Matrons in all cities.
3. The appointment of Woman Bailiffs to travel with female lunatics and prisoners.
4. The proper and humane separation and classification of prisoners.
5. The establishment of Inebriate Homes both for men and women, and of comfortable refuge homes for aged destitute people.

When punishment ceases to be corrective, and becomes purely degrading, as in the cases of so many of the frequenters of our police cells, it is time for Christian people to devise other methods. Oh, may we all become such bond-women of Jesus Christ that, with divine discontent, we may never rest till all the slaves of vice and appetite who come within the range of our influence, have been brought into the "glorious liberty of the sons of God,"

AMELIA YEOMANS, M.D.

REPORT OF LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

The work of this department is second to none in importance. Its scope as defined by its title reveals the difficulty of obtaining a satisfactory report of work done. Early in the year your Superintendent addressed letters to the Provincial Superintendents of Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba, and to the Corresponding Secretaries

of the remaining Provincial department; also suggested work, this letter was received from Ontario, and a Superintendent, O'Meara, Secretary of organization to appoint the same day already know that there are defence of the Lord's Day we desire that their God's Day of rest, convinced that He will give Divine power in aid of would bring the matter result. We have heard was also published in the Sabbath in preparation.

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of the remaining Provinces, urging to diligence and activity in this department; also suggesting certain methods of carrying on the work, this letter was also printed in the "Journal." Replies were received from Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, the latter appointing a Superintendent. A letter was also addressed to A. E. O'Meara, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, requesting that organization to appoint as a day of prayer for Sabbath Observance, the same day already set apart by the W. C. T. U. We rejoice to know that there are Christian men who are combining together in defence of the Lord's Day. Believing in the power of united prayer, we desire that their prayers and ours, with those of all lovers of God's Day of rest, may arise as sweet incense to the Lord, convinced that He will give a ready ear to our petitions and bring His Divine power in aid of the Sabbath. Mr. O'Meara replied that he would bring the matter before the committee and write me the result. We have heard nothing further of the matter. A letter was also published in the "Journal" deploring the work done on the Sabbath in preparing for the fancy ball in Ottawa.

Inquiries were made as to the Sabbath laws of the different Provinces, and as far as we have ascertained, Ontario, Nova Scotia, and Manitoba have such laws; from the other Provinces no information has been received. Such Sabbath laws as do exist are confessedly defective. There is no Dominion Sabbath law, and the Dominion Parliament has heretofore refused to enact such a law, although repeatedly urged to do so. In this connection we should not forget the noble work done for the Sabbath by the brave Mr. John Charlton.

Prince Edward Island reports no Superintendent and no work done, except that the subject is taught in the Sabbath-schools. Public sentiment favors individual liberty. There are no known desecrations of the Sabbath on the Island. Work for Lord's Day Observance is done chiefly by the churches.

The work has not heretofore been taken up in New Brunswick, but previous to their recent Convention, the Corresponding Secretary requested your Superintendent to write a paper on the subject to be read at the Convention. With this invitation we gladly complied, and hope that it may persuade to the taking up of this work.

Manitoba reports a general observance of the Lord's Day and a general enforcement of the Sabbath laws. These laws are so defective as to be almost worthless. No street cars run on the Sabbath and no steam cars start from Winnipeg. Efforts are being made to have places of business close early on Saturday evening.

British Columbia reports.—Provincial Superintendent appointed. Literature has been distributed and more general interest taken

than a few years ago. Saloons are closed on the Sabbath, but I am sorry to report tobacco and fruit stores are kept open. Our laws need remodelling for the closing of the latter.

Ontario.—Eighteen counties report work done; this is an increase over other years. Thousands of pages of literature distributed. The pulpit has spoken with no uncertain sound. Sabbath instruction given, public meetings held, and early Saturday closing successful in many places. The Sunday car question is still a vexed one, and we, as Christian women, need to exercise prayerful vigilance lest this evil become prevalent in our cities. Much good work has been accomplished along educational lines in the regular meetings of our Unions, by means of which mothers have been influenced to better Sabbath-keeping in the home.

Quebec reports.—We have much reason to thank God for the measure of success that has crowned our efforts. It is cheering to note that a deep and wide-spread interest is being taken in the work. Questions of grave import are being discussed, literature is being sought for, Sabbath keeping in the home has received a decided impetus, and the Christian church is being roused as never before on this important question. This department memorialized the various Synods, Conferences and Conventions of the Evangelical Churches last June, praying them to take steps to form a Lord's Day Alliance for the Province of Quebec. That Alliance has been formed. At our Provincial Convention we were aroused by an address on the subject by the Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay. The Sabbath laws of our Province are but the merest apology, and it is only by the grace of God and the continued vigilance of Christian people that we have a Sabbath worthy the name.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That we recommend all Provincial Unions to appoint Superintendents of this department, and that these Superintendents keep themselves in close touch with the County and Local Superintendents, urging them to greater efforts on behalf of Lord's Day Observance, enthusing them by counsel and encouragement, and bidding them remember that the Lord's Day's greatest foe is intemperance,

2. From Mrs. Morrill, Quebec's Superintendent, comes this suggestion, that we memorialize the various Church Conferences and Synods, praying them to take a concerted action and form a league both offensive and defensive against those who would encroach upon our blessed Day of Rest.

3. That we observe the first Sabbath of April as the day of special prayer on behalf of Lord's Day Observance, and that ministers of

the Gospel be requested and that Sabbath-school recommend the use of t

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4. That we second the efforts of Mr. J. Charlton, in his endeavor to secure the enactment of a Dominion Sabbath law.

5. That we strive to secure the removal of such defects as may exist in our Provincial Sabbath laws.

6. That we remember "that men can never be made religious by act of Parliament," and hence the responsibility of conscientious carefulness in our own practice and in the instruction of our children, as in our hands, under the blessing of God, rests the moulding of the future governments of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE B. REEDE.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSES OF ENTERTAINMENT AND COFFEE HOUSES.

Your Superintendent in presenting her report, has to acknowledge that, however bright the outlook in this department was last year, that brightness has vanished, some sparks that were kindled have died away, not so much from the fact that our sisters were not alive to the importance of this work, but the general financial depression, which has been seriously felt.

British Columbia has a Superintendent and the work has been started.

North-West Territories.—Department not taken up, but has been under consideration.

Manitoba.—The subject of coffee rooms was discussed and it was decided that no work of the kind could be taken up at present.

Ontario.—No Superintendent; correspondence has been carried on with some Local Unions, where the need of this department is strongly felt by some members. One sister writes, "There is no place in Ontario needing a coffee room as much as our town on the shores of the lakes, for when navigation closes, the men employed on the boats remain in town, with no evening resort but the saloons. Month by month the matter has been talked over, but nothing done. Meanwhile, some mother's son has taken his first steps to ruin, while others have gone farther and farther away from temperance and purity."

Quebec.—The Superintendent of this Province reports having written to fifteen County Officers, in response to which she finds though the need of coffee and reading rooms is felt, little has been done. Bristol Corners still supports a temperance hotel under W.C. T. U. management. In the county of Hochelaga there are now two coffee houses, both in the city of Montreal, one situated at Point St. Charles, the other under the auspices of the Northern Union. The latter has a large business, though not standing so good as last year, owing to strong opposition and the general financial depression. Reading matter is provided and is much used.

New Brunswick.—We regret to have to report that two coffee rooms in this Province have had to close owing to competition. Fredericton keeps on its good work in this line. Associated with the coffee room is the distribution work, particularly among the poor. The coffee room is well patronized by working girls and many a young man, broken down by the hard life he has been leading, goes there and pours out his woes to the manager, getting encouraged and "mothered up." St. Stephen sends our brightest report: "Coffee room has had a very prosperous year, and the good done will never be known this side of Jordan." St. John.—One coffee room, doing a successful business, pays expenses; obliged to close one; previous years, two reported. Amherst.—Took up this department last year. They have a house, letting rooms and giving table board. Literature is supplied.

Prince Edward Island.—One coffee house in this Province, that at Charlottetown, not doing quite as well as formerly, but new methods and plans will be tried.

Nova Scotia.—Windsor.—Here the "Y's" went into the work and opened a coffee room in 1892; they doing most of the work entailed. That being the case, it is self-supporting. One good feature of this work is entertaining different clubs visiting the town for athletic matches. Frequent thanks has been given by young men that they can get a comfortable meal, without going where liquor is sold. Cakes, etc., are made to order and the proceeds enables them to send food to the destitute.

Halifax.—Supports a coffee room and lunch room, to which much time and thought is given. The financial results from these enterprises have not been as satisfactory as in former years, owing to the general depression. In connection with the coffee room is the Home, into which 135 boarders have been received, 160 poor children provided with breakfast, and 180 families relieved. Here also 25 unfortunate girls have been cared for, many of whom returned to their homes, through the matron communicating with the parents. Em-

ployment found for other useful life.

This report shall close "It is absolutely necessary to stop short of this."

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Quebec has promptly reported, Miss F. R. M. British Columbia, with New Brunswick reports \$6.22. Tot

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ployment found for others, who are endeavoring to lead a pure and useful life.

This report shall close with a few words from Dr. F. G. Peabody, "It is absolutely necessary to provide social substitutes for the saloon, and no temperance reformer has a right to think his work stops short of this."

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. E. MOODIE.

REPORT OF WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

In submitting my report, I must not forget that in this electric age, brevity characterizes all productions that meet with popular favor. Consequently I shall endeavor to keep inside the "two minute" limit. I began my yearly duties by sending a circular letter to the Missionary Superintendents of the different Provinces, where such had been appointed, and in case of non-appointment, I addressed the Provincial Corresponding Secretaries. I was very explicit and I think reasonable in my requests. I looked for a very favorable response, but have been denied by all except Quebec, British Columbia and New Brunswick. A month ago I wrote again, asking each Province to report "pro. or con."

Quebec has promptly and nobly responded through the Superintendent, Miss F. R. Moulton, Sherbrooke, to the extent of \$60. British Columbia, with eight Unions, has raised \$16.40; New Brunswick reports \$6.22. Total received, \$82.62. "Sow beside all waters."

S. BOWES.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

"God's thought" for our crippled treasury was received into the Dominion one year ago.

Quebec.—The wise women of the East were the first ones to adopt the "Bible plan of Giving." Ten counties have regularly appointed Superintendents; 11,000 pages of literature have been distributed, Bible readings were given at different centres of influence, and papers followed by helpful discussions were universal.

Ontario.—Ontario followed close to Quebec and appointed a clear-

trust our sisters throughout the Provinces will not forget that, when we enter on the Plebiscite Campaign.

It has been a very busy year at the Depository, because the work was so new, and there was so much to learn. When I look back over the past few months, since January, I am surprised at myself for ever having accepted the position so kindly offered me at Quebec last year, for I knew so little of the work. One of our workers told me the position had been offered to her, and she was glad she had refused it. The thought came to my mind—"fools rush in, where angels fear to tread."

The year has been one of gradual increase of knowledge, and must only be considered an experimental one. There has been a great amount of work done, and hundreds of pounds of literature carried to the Post Office, or dragged from it. I always have a valise, and am always on the street cars, and occasionally a motor man makes free to remark, "there must be a great deal of boodle there, mam," as he hands the valise off, for the literature makes trips to and from Parkdale, as well as from the Post Office. My husband has been good enough to put up shelves at home—I think in the hope that I might be induced to stay there sometimes. The stock received from Miss Scott was large and we sighed over the unpacking of it, and firmly determined to reduce that stock as soon as possible—but demands for literature not in stock kept coming in, and I had not been in charge many weeks before I found it was necessary to make additions and thousands more on the shelves have been the result.

Mrs. Bateham's consent was received to the request that I might reprint her Sabbath Observance leaflets, and "Remember the S—," "Children and the Sabbath," "Minor Questions on Sabbath Observance," "Does Sabbath Keeping Pay?" "Cousin Jane and the Street Cars, and "Sabbath Sunshine in the Home," can all be recommended for use in that department.

A great variety of handbills for distribution at fairs, and railroad boxes, etc., has been printed, so that there are a great many good Gospel Temperance leaflets—many on beer, on cider, narcotics and root beer. I hope Mrs. Bigelow's suggested plan for study of subjects in schools will be taken up, and I will endeavor to meet the demand.

Mrs. Allan's books, "Almost a Man," "Teaching Truth," "Child Confidence rewarded," and "A Clean Life," are recommended for the Social Purity department. "Hints for Press Workers," "The Model Union," and "The Model Union Meeting at Loyalville", are all interesting and helpful. Anti-Tobacco League Pledge Cards, similar to those introduced by Miss Wills into a Toronto school,

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have been printed. We have also reprinted Mrs. La Fretra's leaflet, "Why should a church member belong to the W. C. T. U.?"

But I must not begin to catalogue the leaflets on the shelves. We hope you will come and see for yourselves, and if at any time a Superintendent wants help in her work, I shall be pleased to give what help I can, and will also be grateful to hear of new leaflets suitable for the work.

Very often I wish there were free leaflets for distribution. I am puzzled when a request like the following comes, "Send me whatever you have gratis," or "Have you no free leaflets like the missionary societies?"

I am persuaded each Superintendent in Local, Provincial, and Dominion Union should receive an appropriation for literature that she may know how to go to work. Also there ought to be a manual for each department, giving best methods of work for each department.

I would like to suggest that this year, Superintendents confer with me before sending out their circulars or printing prices of leaflets. It is very trying to receive orders for such and such a leaflet, recommended by such and such a Superintendent, when it is not in stock. It places one at a disadvantage, and it would be more courteous to consult with the Depository first. The President of Ontario has been very kind and good during the year, helping, and giving plans before they were issued to the world. I would suggest that each Superintendent send a copy of her circular to the Depository to be kept for reference. I would like Superintendents to feel we are a mutual help to each other.

I would also suggest, as has been done before, that each Province make a selection of literature to be sent to new Unions. I would also like to call your attention to Mrs. Youmans' book, there is a number of them left, which we offer at 75 cents each, and one would be a valuable addition to each Sabbath-school library in the Dominion.

When sending money by P. O. Order, which is the right way to send it, please be careful to get the correct initials of my name, the clerk in the Money Order Department is often severely tried by the variety of my initials—and so am I. One order was sent to D. Bascom, and when an explanation was given, the sender said he meant it for "Dr. Bascom."

Have written over six hundred post cards and three hundred letters.

Yours respectfully,

ANNIE M. BASCOM.

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Scales	
1 Table	
Insurance	
1 Index Book	
1 Copying Book	
1 Art Square for Carpet	
1 ¼ feet Tablecloth	
Print for Curtains	
1 Large Table	

LEAFLETS PRINTED

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5,290 Pledge Cards, Cards	
1,000 Additions to Catalogue	
5,000 A Temperance Story	
5,000 Come and Help us	
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1,000 What the Beer Business is	
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1 Table..	1 20
Insurance..	4 80
1 Index Book..	10
1 Copying Book..	1 30
1 Art Square for Carpet..	3 75
1¼ feet Tablecloth..	82
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5,000 Teaching Temperance..	2 50
5,000 Canada's Drink Bill..	2 50
500 Bill Heads..	1 35
2,000 Three Sabbath Breakers	1 60
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3. The obtaining of the Temperance Manuals recommended by the Committee of the President of the General Assembly.

4. Large quantities of information, were placed in the hands of the Executives for free distribution.

5. Letters were sent to the plan adopted by the President of the Province is furnished in the form of a parcel of literature, in which individual work may be done.

6. It was gratified to receive from Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and the other provinces, a large quantity of literature for the immediate printing of a leaflet, entitled, "Progress of the Temperance Cause."

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REPORT OF THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Members of Committee.—Mrs. Bascom (Convener), Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Locke, Miss Tilley and Miss Eliza Willis (Secretary).

During the year six meetings (five regular and one special) have been held, with an average attendance of five members.

The following are the completed transactions of the Committee:—

1. The purchase of the Hamilton stock of literature for \$20. The agreement concerning this appeared in the "Woman's Journal."

2. The preparation of a carefully compiled list of Temperance Tales suitable for Scientific Temperance prizes, or for placing in Sunday-school libraries. This was the outcome of a communication from Mrs. C. B. Bigelow, Dominion Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, inquiring if such books were kept in stock. The list may be had by applying to Mrs. Bascom, and the books ordered through the Depository.

3. The obtaining of the agency for the Pledge Cards and Temperance Manuals recommended and brought out by the Temperance Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and endorsed by the General Assembly.

4. Large quantities of Workers' Leaflets, containing much valuable information, were placed at the disposal of the various Provincial Executives for free distribution, the expressage only being charged.

5. Letters were sent to the Provincial Presidents, recommending a plan adopted by the Province of Ontario, viz:—Each Union formed in the Province is furnished by the Provincial Executive with a parcel of literature, indicating the lines along which the most effectual work may be done. A catalogue of such literature was enclosed. It was gratifying to meet with a cordial response from Quebec, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Manitoba.

6. At the last meeting, the final arrangements were completed for the immediate printing of Mrs. Thornley's new School of Methods leaflet, entitled, "Programmes."

The Secretary has written ten letters and fifty-nine postal cards.

As there is a great need of more purely Canadian Temperance Literature, the retiring Committee would suggest that a copy of any good paper read at Convention be sent to Mrs. Bascom, Superintendent of the Literature department, in order that she may lay it before the Literature Committee.

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REPORT OF YOUMANS' FUND COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, who were appointed at the last Dominion Convention, to make the arrangements for the above fund, held five or six meetings with Mr. Loudon during the year, conferring as to the plan for asking for the money needed, amount required and expenditure. As you are all aware, a letter was sent to the Provincial Presidents, bringing our appeal before them, and asking that they present the same request to the Local Unions. This letter was well received, and we feel very thankful for the generous response, as shown in the accompanying statement. Some of the amount acknowledged in this report was sent in before our request was made. We cannot but refer here to the kindness and interest shown by Mr. Loudon in everything concerning this fund. Always ready to meet with us whenever asked, and doing all in his power to help forward this loving service for our departed Hon.-President.

SENT DIRECT TO MRS. YOUMANS.

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W. C. T. U. Convention, 1895.. . . .	\$50 00	
Cobourg.. . . .	5 00	
Grimsby.. . . .	10 00	
Newmarket.. . . .	10 00	
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EXPENDITURE PER MR. LOUDON.

Paid Mrs. Youmans..	\$150 00
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Mrs. Ham, Housekeeper, Gratuity	25 00
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Money in Ontario Treasury	\$330 00
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“ “ British Columbia	24 00
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“ “ Prince Edward Island	8 00
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Received by Mr. Loudon	\$444 95
Qu'Appelle	4 00
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Sent to Mrs. Youmans direct	161 65
Total	\$1,039 75

A. O. RUTHERFORD, President.
J. TILLEY, Cor. Sec.

REPORT OF THE PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE.

Mrs. McClung, Winnipeg, Convener.

Recommended.—That in view of the approaching Plebiscite, each Provincial President be asked to urge upon the Unions in her Province, the necessity of using every means possible for arousing public sentiment in favor of Prohibition, such means embracing distribution of literature, public meetings and personal canvass of votes, as well as, co-operation with other Temperance Societies, Church organizations, and that individual members be prepared to give hearty assistance in whatever capacity required.

2. That from this time until the campaign is over, the Plebiscite shall be made a subject of constant public and private prayer.

3. That we ask the Evangelistic Alliance to place the subject of Temperance on the topics of the Week of Prayer, if they have not already done so; also that in view of the approaching Plebiscite Campaign, Unions subscribe and do their very utmost to circulate “War Notes,” published at the office of the “Montreal Daily Witness.”

4. That we recommend the Rev. E. O. Taylor, of Oak Park, Ill., as a lecturer. His terms are reasonable, his method of presenting truth unique and of deep interest.

5. Viewing with alarm the appalling cigarette smoking, with all its evil effects, the general use of tobacco by men, detrimental to the health of the general public, breathe a tobacco-polluted atmosphere. Superintendents, whenever practicable, Synods, Assemblies, and all gatherings, their sympathy and co-operation in the extermination of the use of narcotics, urge upon County and Local Unions to interview church members engaged in various forms, and ask them to discontinue.

That Superintendents urge the distribution through the Young People's Christian Unions, and Day Schools, and in the general use of the Unions, also that efforts be made to take by the Sunday-schools themselves, the use of the Sunday-school papers. That we urge the formation of Prohibition League in our Canadian schools, and against the use of tobacco until the

6. That our Dominion Union cooperate with the railways in the name of many workers, the smoking from the passenger cars, and the suffering caused thereby may be alleviated by our grateful appreciation of whatever measures abolishing liquors from railway stations, and banished from every depot and dining car.

7. That we observe the first Sabbath-day Special prayer on behalf of Lord's Day, and urge the ministers of the Gospel to preach the Gospel, and special Sabbath-school instruction be given.

That we second the efforts of Mr. Taylor to secure the enactment of a Dominion law, and the better enforcement of existing laws, and the removal of such defects as at present exist.

8. That as section 179, clauses A and B, stand, sales of impure pictures, paper, and photographs, privately without any penalty being imposed, and distributed also without incurring a penalty, secured as will make both the manufacture and their free distribution an advertisement to be sent to Mr. John C. Taylor.

9. That the Dominion Sub-Executive Council urge the Dominion government to amend Section

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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, also that efforts be made to have the "Anti-Tobacco Gem" taken by the Sunday-schools themselves and distributed with other Sunday-school papers. That we urge the formation of Anti-Cigarette Leagues in our Canadian schools, whereby scholars are pledged against the use of tobacco until the age of twenty-one.

6. That our Dominion Union communicate with the different railways in the name of many women, begging them to separate the smoking from the passenger cars, that the tobacco nuisance and the suffering caused thereby may be mitigated. We would record our grateful appreciation of whatever has been done in the way of abolishing liquors from railway stations, and urge that they be banished from every depot and dining car.

7. That we observe the first Sabbath of April as a Day of Special prayer on behalf of Lord's Day Observance and that we ask ministers of the Gospel to preach special sermons, and that special Sabbath-school instruction be given.

That we second the efforts of Mr. Charlton in his endeavor to secure the enactment of a Dominion law. That steps be taken for the better enforcement of existing Provincial laws, and for the removal of such defects as at present exist.

8. That as section 179, clauses A and B of the criminal code now stand, sales of impure pictures, papers and books can be made privately without any penalty being imposed, and may be freely distributed also without incurring a penalty, that such amendments be secured as will make both the manufacture of such books and pictures and their free distribution an indictable offence. This recommendation to be sent to Mr. John Charlton, M.P.

9. That the Dominion Sub-Executive be authorized to request the Dominion government to amend Section 182 of the criminal code

by striking out the words, "Above the age of twenty-one years," as we believe that anyone old enough and wicked enough to commit such an offence is old enough to be punished for so doing; also that the age of protection for girls be raised to twenty-one years.

10. Whereas we heartily sympathize with our sister and fellow worker, Miss Sterling of Philadelphia, late of Nova Scotia, in the persecutions endured because of her active opposition to shameless immoralities which disgraced the section about her Children's Immigrant Home in Nova Scotia, and whereas we are grieved to think that owing to the failure of the national government to assure her protection, Miss Stirling has had to leave her Canadian home, Resolved—That the Dominion Sub-Executive communicate with the Dominion government asking that the matter be investigated.

11. That Record Books be issued by the Flower, Fruit and Delicacy department, at a cost not to exceed ten cents apiece, and placed in the Literature Depository.

That the Dominion forms for reporting be used by each Province to insure more uniform reporting. That Dominion Text Cards be published. That all Unions engaged in Flower Mission Work endeavor to establish loan libraries, linen closets, dispensaries, and the employment of trained nurses and women physicians.

12. That any Band of Mercy having a President and other officers and a membership of thirty, can procure from Mr. T. Angell of Boston, humane literature for distribution free, recommended that a Band of Mercy be organized in connection with each of our Juvenile Societies.

13. That the Dominion Press Superintendent be requested to prepare a leaflet on Press Work, giving suggestions in detail for the guidance of Provincial and Local Superintendents.

14. That the Dominion Union, through its Superintendent of Legislation and Petition, request the Dominion government to provide that the promised Plebiscite be taken on the municipal voters' list.

15. That we urge upon all officers of County and Provincial Unions, the duty of subscribing for our official organ, "The Woman's Journal," our Band of Hope paper, "the Northern Messenger" 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 workmen without tools. And that we provide for the financial outlay incurred by printing the World's Fair number of "The Woman's Journal," and that each individual member be asked to subscribe ten cents.

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Provincial Superintendents to get "The School Physiology Journal" in the hands of the teachers throughout the Dominion, and that we earnestly urge the most strenuous efforts to increase the circulation of "The Northern Messenger," and secure for it a place in every home, and that the publishers be requested to print again Scientific Temperance Lessons in its columns.

17. That School Savings Banks be a department of Dominion work under the supervision of the Superintendent of Systematic Giving.

18. That the Dominion President be asked to perfect the arrangements re Sabbath-school Temperance Badges, W. C. T. U. pins and badges for honorary members.

19. That in view of the objects and aims of the World's Department of Christian Citizenship, said department be combined with that of Franchise, and that the department be called "Equal Franchise and Christian Citizenship."

20. As we have a decrease in membership reported this year, we recommend the Parlor Meeting department as a most efficient means of securing new members.

21. That the Dominion Evangelistic Superintendent request the Provincial Superintendents to instruct the local workers to see that notices of church and temperance meetings be placed in hotels and places of public resort for the benefit of travellers.

22. That in future all the business meetings of the Convention close at the hour appointed, especially at noon, as otherwise we greatly inconvenience our entertainers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. J. Cavers, Galt, Convener.

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."

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 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, especially on Saturdays, so that both employer and employee may be better able to enjoy the privileges of the day of rest.

We regret that some benevolent societies choose the Lord's Day for decorating the graves of their comrades, entailing, in some instances, the running of excursion trains.

We would also protest against the practice of holding military and other parades on the Lord's Day, and commend the action of those clergymen who have refused to preach on such occasions.

3. Whereas, we, members of the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled from all parts of Canada in this beautiful city, have experienced the restful quiet of a Sabbath in Toronto, we desire to congratulate the Christian and moral people of this city upon having thus far preserved the sanctity of the Sabbath, and we hope when the vote is taken in the near future upon having Sunday cars, they will again be successful in preventing that entering wedge toward the desecration of the Lord's day.

4. Whereas the protracted atrocities in Armenia, carried on by the advice and under the protection of the Sultan of Turkey, has aroused all Christendom, yet not to the point of aggressive warfare in their behalf, and whereas the women and children are the worst sufferers, as a fate more terrible even than murder and butchery has befallen many of them, and whereas the beloved leader of the World's W. C. T. U. hosts, has issued an appeal to the women of the United States in behalf of the women of Armenia, therefore, Resolved, That as a Convention we place on record our most earnest protest against said atrocities and the apparent apathy and indifference of the various Christian governments of the earth, and that we individually resolve to do all in our power to mitigate the present sufferings in Armenia.

5. Whereas the W. C. T. U. was organized for the overthrow of the legalized liquor traffic, and whereas from the present Dominion

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government we have promises for the issue of the people versus the saloon; therefore, Resolved, That we, as a Society, stand as a unit in our opposition to this evil, and call upon the electorate to do their duty at the coming Plebiscite Campaign, and that we urge upon the Provinces to press the issue in their various localities.

6. Resolved, That as God's intentions concerning woman must be measured by the capabilities with which He has endowed her, as we have no right to let any of His gracious gifts to us lie unused, as he has provided us with all the qualifications which make intelligent and helpful voters, and added to them, that tender and vital interest in the human race which inheres in womanhood and maternity, we will never rest until we can fight Christ's battles armed with ballots, and we demand from our Dominion government the speedy enactment of an Act which will give equal franchise with men, to the women of our vast Dominion.

7. Whereas appalling instances of degradation and betrayal of young and innocent girls continue common occurrences among us, Resolved, That the age of consent be raised to twenty-one years, thus showing that our people recognize the fact that a degree of maturity is required for responsible barter and sale of honor and virtue as for conveyance of land or other material property.

8. Resolved, That cigarettes and tobacco should not be sold to minors, the same considerations applying as in the previous resolution.

9. Resolved, That in cases of married couples, the signature of both husbands and wives shall be necessary to all applications for liquor licenses, and that they shall be counted as one.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. Whereas the practice of committing men and women whose only fault is that they are old and disabled and often friendless, to

the common jail, is a disgrace to our Christian civilization, therefore: Resolved, That our Unions everywhere urge upon the authorities the need of erecting suitable homes for such; also the establishment of cottage homes as Reformatories for boys and girls.

13. Whereas, we, as an organization, believe in the righteousness that exalteth a nation, and that our rulers should be men known and read of their fellows; therefore, Resolved, That we hail with pleasure and delight the action of the present government in closing the bar for the sale of intoxicants in the House of Commons, and regret that the Senate have not seen fit to follow the good example.

14. Resolved, That our most earnest thanks are hereby tendered to Mr. J. Hale Ramsay for many kindnesses, and especially for the beautiful Prize Banner so generously given by him for promotion of Y. W. C. T. U. work throughout the Dominion.

15. Realizing the necessity of help in our W. C. T. U. work, and recognizing the assistance that has been given by the "Woman's Journal," which would be much more effective did it come more frequently into our homes, we earnestly urge all our White Ribboners to make a special effort to increase its circulation to such an extent that it may be made a weekly publication.

16.—Resolved, That we carry to our respective 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.

17. Resolved, That we most cordially express and desire to record our heartfelt appreciation of the faithful and loving services of our retiring Corresponding Secretary, and we pray that our Father's richest blessings may rest upon her, and that she may be spared for many years in the Master's service.

18. Resolved, That the Dominion Union memorialize all church organizations of women that at their various gatherings, they have at least one prayer offered for the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

19. Resolved, That we tender the thanks of the Dominion Convention to the editor of the "Montreal Witness" for copies of the "Northern Messenger," which were so kindly sent for the delegates, and that we urge the circulation of the "Northern Messenger" in every direction.

20. Resolved, That the earnest thanks of the Dominion W. C. T. U. are hereby tendered to Mr. J. S. Loudon for his kind and efficient services in connection with the funds contributed by the Unions for the use of our beloved Honorary President, Mrs. Letitia Youmans.

21. Resolved, That we greatly appreciate the thoughtful kindness of Mr. C. T. Williams in presenting to the Dominion Union the excellent portrait of our late beloved President, and convey to him our heartiest thanks for the same.

22. Resolved, That we T. U. Convention, now trustees of Zion Congregation to the Billeting Committee kindly received and entered who from day to day, h Elm Street Church and B us the use of their That our thanks be given Y. P. S. C. E., the Epworth Alliance, the Royal Ten the Mayor and City Cou to the Toronto District room at Headquarters, l and Mrs. Merryday, for the choirs, organists and music, to the pages for Press for its recognition all who have in any w ention.

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 of rulers should be men known
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 the House of Commons, and
 to follow the good example.
 Thanks are hereby tendered
 to the members, and especially for the
 attention given by him for promotion of
 the Dominion.

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22. Resolved, That we convey the thanks of the Dominion W. C. T. U. Convention, now in session in the City of Toronto, to the trustees of Zion Congregational Church for the use of their building, to the Billeting Committee and citizens of Toronto who have so kindly received and entertained us, to the ladies of the Local Union, who from day to day, have provided luncheon; to the trustees of Elm Street Church and Broadway Tabernacle, who have kindly given us the use of their buildings for the evening meetings. That our thanks be given to the city pastors, to kindred Societies, Y. P. S. C. E., the Epworth League, Sons of Temperance, Dominion Alliance, the Royal Templars of Temperance, the Baptist Y.P.U. the Mayor and City Council for their kind and encouraging words, to the Toronto District W. C. T. U. for the use of a commodious room at Headquarters, lighted and heated, free of charge, to Mr. and Mrs. Merryday, for their courtesy and attention therewith, to the choirs, organists and soloists who have charmed us with their music, to the pages for their aid in carrying our messages, to the Press for its recognition and faithful reporting of our work, and to all who have in any way contributed to the success of the Convention.

GREETINGS.

Boston, Nov. 6th, 1896.

Most loving greetings. For God is my witness how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus. And this I pray that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment, so that ye may approve the things that are excellent. Phil. 1 : 8, 9.

HARRIOT T. TODD.

Hamilton, Nov. 9th, 1896.

The Dominion Council of Canada, Royal Templars of Temperance, elected a deputation to convey the Order's greetings. Your Secretary's telegram indicated that it will not be convenient to receive the deputation, I am therefore instructed to express by this message the sympathy and good wishes of our National Organization. See Jeremiah 9 : 20, 21.

W. W. BUCHANAN.

PROPER FORMS FOR PETITIONS.

HEADING FOR PETITION TO THE SENATE.

To the Honorable the Senate of the Dominion of Canada
in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance
Union.

(Place and date).....Humbly showeth,—That, etc., etc....

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signatures—at least three in number—on the page on which
petition ends. Petition must be type-written.)

HEADING FOR PETITION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS.

To the Honorable the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada
in Parliament assembled :

The Petition, etc. (as for Petition to the Senate).

HEADING FOR PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable Governor-General of the
Dominion of Canada :

The Petition, etc. (as for Petition to the Senate).

CONSTITUTION

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

We, the Christian Women of the Dominion, being grieved by the increasing evils, and appalled at the consequences, believe it has become our duty to unite our efforts for the redemption of our race. That we may the more effectively do so, we have organized the following—

This Association (The Dominion Christian Temperance Union) shall have for its object the promotion of the Christian Temperance cause in the Dominion of Canada.

The Officers shall be, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, one for each of the organized Provinces, and one for the Dominion Union. The Provincial Unions shall have control and provide for the same. Five shall constitute a Provincial Union.

The Annual Convention shall be held in the Dominion of Canada, and the Provincial Unions shall send to the same a delegate, and one delegate for each of the Provincial Unions.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
DOMINION
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

PREAMBLE.

We, 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 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.

ARTICLE VI.

Any person signing the pledge and paying the sum of fifty dollars may become an Honorary Member of this Union.

ARTICLE VII.

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 VIII.

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.

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Sec. 3.—The Recording Executive Committee, and She shall send to each member notice of each meeting, and are to be especially considered members of Committee of each annual meeting. She the Executive Committee perform all other duties

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(a) The Committees of appointed on the first day of the Plan of Work pointed for the ensuing laws:—A Convener shall represent each Province of said Province.

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.

(a) The Committees on Credentials, Finance and Courtesies shall be appointed on the first day of the Annual Meeting. (b) The conveners of the Plan of Work and Resolutions Committees shall be appointed for the ensuing year, on the last day of Convention as follows:—A Convener shall be elected by Convention with a Committee representing each Province, to be nominated by the Sub-Executive of said Province.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE DOMINION WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Whereas the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union 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 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. Williams, of Montreal, Que.; Mrs. Harriot T. Todd, of St. Stephen, N.B.; Miss Julia Tilley, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, of 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, Que.; Mrs. C. Spofford, of Victoria, B.C.; Mrs. C. W. Strong, of Summerside, P.E.I., and all others who are now or hereafter become associated with them, according to their Constitution and By-laws, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, under the name of "The Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union," hereinafter called the Union.

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 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.

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 five thousand dollars: Provided that any devise of real estate shall be subject to the laws respecting devises of real estate to religious corporations, 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.

4. The Union shall, within seven years after its acquisition of any real estate, sell or otherwise dispose of or alienate so much of such real estate as is not required for the purposes of the Union.

5. The Union may also make and pass regulations and by-laws for the direction and management of the Union.

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.

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.

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.

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