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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Nov. 13th, 1889.

At 9:30 o'clock most of the delegates assembled for the prayer meeting, which was held for half an hour ere proceeding to the opening of Convention.

At 10:15 the first business session was opened by singing the Doxology and repeating the Lord's Prayer in unison.

As there had been no Recording Secretary elected at last Convention and the Executive Committee had not been able to fill the vacancy, the Corresponding Secretary was requested to take her place, after which the roll call of officers and Superintendents of Departments was called, the following responding :—

President, Mrs. J. Cunningham,
Corresponding Secretary, Miss B. S. McDougall,
Mrs. G. Grant,
Mrs. Street,
Mrs. King.

Mesdames Milligan and Moore were appointed a committee on credentials and courtsey. After retiring for a few minutes, the committee reported the following duly accredited delegates:—

VICTORIA:—Mrs. Berkholder,
 “ P. Wilson,
 “ J. W. Moore,
 “ N. Shakespeare,
 “ [Capt.] Grant,
 “ Durham,
 “ S. Moore,
 Miss A. Cusack.

NEW WESTMINSTER:—Mrs. T. Cunningham,
 “ (Rev.) Scouler,
 “ (Rev.) Baldwin,
 “ C. E. C. Brown,
 “ Mrs. D. S. Milligan,
 “ G. W. Grant,
 “ J. A. Cunningham.

CHILLIWHACK:—Mrs. McGillivray,
 “ G. Chadsey.

NORTH ARM:—Mrs. J. W. Sexsmith,
 “ Garrett,
 Miss A. Empey.

The minutes of executive meetings held during the year, read and approved. Moved by Mrs. Street, seconded by Miss McDougall, that the action of the Executive Committee in striking out clause four in the Rules of Order be rescinded and the call for new Unions be given. Carried.

The call being given by the President, it was reported that although no new Unions had been organized during the year, an effort was being made in Nanaimo, with good prospects of success.

Reading of Rules of Order from the Chair.

Moved by Miss McDougall, seconded by Mrs. Gordon Grant, that the President nominate reporters for the Press. Carried.

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- Mrs. Gordon Grant, Mrs. King,
- “ Berkholder, “ McGillivray,
- Mrs. Sexsmith.

Moved by Mrs. King, seconded by Mrs. Berkholder, that the Corresponding Secretary's report be taken up as the first business on Thursday morning. Carried.

On motion, Mrs. D. McGillivray was appointed Treasurer for the remainder of Convention year.

A letter was read from Mrs. Ashwell, of Chilliwack, stating that the Treasurer's report had not been prepared for Convention, and enclosing the affiliation fee, for Chilliwack Local Union.

The President reported having procured the pledge cards for local Unions.

Moved by Mrs. G. Grant, seconded by Mrs. J. W. Moore, that the pledge cards be sold to local Unions at cost price. Carried.

On motion, the President was requested to read Condensed Parliamentary Rules at each morning session. Rules read from the Chair.

Noon hour of prayer observed, after which Session adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Afternoon session opened with singing, after which Mrs. Sexsmith, of North Arm, led in prayer.

Minutes of former session read and approved.

On motion, the President finished reading the Rules of Order.

On motion it was decided to have the roll call of officers and delegates at both morning and afternoon sessions.

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REPORTS OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

The report of Mrs. Hall, Superintendent of Scientific Instruction in Public Schools, was read and, on motion, received.

The Superintendent of Franchise being present, requested that all should make a point of reminding the local Unions to which they belonged to do all in their power to impress upon the voters their responsibility in this direction, and all women who have the privilege of the Franchise to use it.

The Superintendent of Literature and Woman's Journal and Influencing the Press, not being present, it was decided to postpone the discussion on their departments, hoping to have them with us before Convention closes.

The Superintendent of Work Among Railroad Employees gave a verbal report, which, on motion, was received.

Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table—No report.

Legislation Petition and Franchise—Superintendent presented her report and, on motion, it was received and discussed.

Committee on Courtesy introduced several visitors to Convention.

Heredity and Hygiene—Superintendent gave a verbal report, which was received and discussed, and the Superintendent requested to prepare a short paper on the subject, to be read at Thursday morning's session.

Hospital Work—No report sent by Superintendent, but Mrs. Berkholder, of Victoria, and Mesdames Scouler, Baldwin and Major gave very encouraging reports of the work being done in this department.

Report of Superintendent White Cross and White Shield read and received.

The Secretary of the Refuge Home Committee read their first annual report and, on motion, was received.

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Moved by Mrs. T. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Milligan, That the action of the Executive Committee, in establishing the Refuge Home, be sustained and the House kept as Provincial property. Carried.

On motion, it was decided to print the Constitution and reports of the Refuge Home for distribution. The consideration of the Constitution to be taken up as the second order of business at the morning sessions.

On motion, the President to occupy the chair at the evening session and the general officers to occupy seats on the platform.

On motion to adjourn, session closed with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

Quite a number of the delegates and members of the local Union, and their friends, assembled at half-past six o'clock to partake of the good things provided by the Entertainment Committee, after which the following programme was presented :

Meeting opened with singing and prayer, after which the address of welcome was read by Mrs. Scouler, of New Westminster, and responded to by Mrs. Sexsmith, of North Arm. After a solo by Mrs. Lyal, the President read her Annual Address, which, on motion, was adopted. A recitation by Miss Vista Baldwin, and a solo by Mrs. Hill, brought the programme to a close. After announcement of next day's sessions from the chair, the meeting adjourned, Mrs. Scouler pronouncing the benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Meeting opened with singing and prayer. Minutes of former sessions read and approved. Roll call of officers and delegates. Parliamentary rules read from the chair. On motion the Corresponding Secretary was granted further time to prepare her report, and the consideration of the Refuge Home Constitution taken up.

On motion the constitution was read as a whole and considered clause by clause. Articles one, two and three adopted as read; article four amended to read "total abstainers"; articles five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten as read. On motion the constitution as a whole as amended was adopted.

The following ladies were nominated by the Superintendent of the White Cross and White Shield as the Board of Managers for the Refuge Home for the coming year: Mesdames Hayward, Armstrong, Shakespeare, Spafford, Berkholder, M. Grant, Robson, Beckworth, McGregor, Humber, Flett and Grant. Nomination confirmed.

After a short discussion of the financial basis for the Home, Mrs. Sexsmith moved that in printing the constitution and reports of the Home, annual subscriptions be asked. Moved in amendment that the matter be referred to Committee on Resolutions for consideration. Amendment carried. The subject of reports printed in in some of the Provincial papers derogatory to the Home was discussed. Moved by Mrs. Scouler, seconded by Mrs. Baldwin, that the matter be allowed to pass without any further notice being taken of it. Moved in amendment by Mrs. Street, seconded by Mrs. Milligan, that a statement be published in the report of the Home, to be circulated through the Province, to the effect that the only foundation for said reports was the fact that one girl escaped from the Home for two hours and was afterwards expelled for insubordination. Moved in amendment by Mrs. King, seconded by Miss Empy, that the reports be contradicted through the public press. First amendment carried. Noon hour of prayer observed, after which session adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with singing and prayer. Minutes of former session read and approved. Roll call of officers and delegates, to which nineteen responded. Moved by

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Mrs. G. Grant, seconded by Mrs. Street, that the com-
mittee for the publication of the pamphlet regarding the
Refuge Home be left to the Board of Managers for that
institution to appoint. Carried.

Mrs. Thornbur, Superintendent of Heredity and
Hygiene, gave a most interesting and instructive paper
on that subject, which on motion was received and a vote
of thanks tendered her by the Convention.

A letter from the Superintendent of Unfermented
Wine at the Lord's Table was read by the Corresponding
Secretary, and received as a report by the Convention.

The Superintendent of Juvenile Work not being
present, a short report for that department was read by
the Secretary, and added to by the delegates from the
different Unions present. After discussing the depart-
ment for a few minutes, on motion the report was
received and suggestions regarding the work of this de-
partment deferred until after the opening of the question
box.

The Superintendent of Parlor Meetings sent no
report, but the department was discussed for a few
minutes by the Convention.

The Superintendent of Kindergarten Work read a
short report, which on motion was received.

ORGANIZATION.—The Mainland Organizer not being
in the Province, the only report presented was that of
Mrs. Spafford, Island Organizer, which on motion was
received.

On a call for the work done by local Unions for the
Provincial treasury, North Arm was the only one that
reported the fulfilment of their pledge of last year.

The President reported the affiliation fees to
the Dominion Union, the share for British Columbia Pro-
vincial Union being \$12.50. Moved by Mrs. G. Grant, sec-
onded by Miss McDougall, that the amount asked for be
paid to the Dominion treasury. Carried. On motion the
Secretary was instructed to draw an order on the Provin-

cial treasury at once for the amount; also one for \$7.00 for pledge cards. A letter was read by the Corresponding Secretary from the Dominion Superintendent on Home Missions, asking that this be added to our already existing departments, which on motion was done.

On motion the Convention year was extended to 14th November after this year, a regular date to be set for the closing of all books.

The Treasurer's report was read, and Mrs. Sexsmith, of North Arm, appointed auditor and granted time to prepare report.

On motion the question box was passed around, and Committee retired to open and prepare report for Convention.

The Department of Literature and Woman's Journal was discussed, and Mesdames Berkholder and Spafford appointed a committee to call on the Superintendent and get a report of the department from her. Reports of local Unions—Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster, no reply; North Arm and Chilliwack reports were read, and on motion received.

On call for reports of Standing Committees, none reported, and on motion it was decided to abolish the committee on "Declaration of Principles," and, instead, to publish same with the minutes.

The Auditor reported she was unable to get the Treasurer's books to balance, and as the Treasurer appointed at the last Convention was not in the Province, and the present Treasurer had only been appointed since the opening of the Convention, asked that the Secretary be allowed to give what assistance was possible in the matter. Request granted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was called for, and on motion it was decided to read them as a whole and consider separately. After the reading of resolutions prepared by the Committee, the President suggested one or two that would aid in the work for the coming year, and a motion was carried referring the matter to the

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RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That we deprecate the opening of the saloons on the
 Sabbath Day, and urge upon the local Unions to use their influence
 with the authorities in their respective localities in closing these places
 of business from Saturday until Monday morning.

Resolutions No. II and III referred back to com-
 mittee for consideration.

4. Resolved, That in order to form a permanent fund for the Pro-
 vincial Refuge Home, a published report of the work be published, and
 yearly donations be solicited through local Superintendents of Social
 Purity, as soon as practicable.

5. Resolved, That we recommend to every member of the
 W.C.T.U. to sustain that political party which has had the courage to
 form a platform embodying among its principles the prompt and abso-
 lute prohibition of the liquor traffic, and the honest and vigorous en-
 forcement of all other laws for the repression of vice and intemper-
 ence; also the extension of the franchise to women.

On motion to adjourn the session closed with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening a Union prayer meeting was held in
 the Presbyterian Church, at the close of which a collec-
 tion was taken up amounting to \$16.00.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Meeting opened with singing and prayer. Minutes
 of former session read and approved. Committee on
 Courtesy introduced Mrs. Reece, of Chilliwack, to the
 Convention, and on motion she was made a member of
 Convention. Roll call of officers and delegates, to which
 sixteen responded.

The President read a letter from the Superintendent
 of Literature, received since last session of Convention,
 which on motion was received as a report, and the Com-
 mittee appointed to confer with her regarding report dis-
 missed.

The Committee on Resolutions were called upon to proceed with their report :

2. Resolved, That we deplore the increasing use of tobacco and other narcotics, and urge a more wholesome education and stringent legislation relative to these evils.

3. Resolved, That, while this Convention fully appreciates the action of the Board of Education in allowing scientific temperance instruction to be introduced into our Public Schools, they most respectfully ask that both this and the Band of Mercy literature should be made one of the studies required of the pupils in their education.

6. Resolved, That we recommend that a committee be appointed to wait upon the President of the Knights of Labor and obtain, if possible, the co-operation of that body with our W.C.T.U. temperance work.

7. Resolved, That we recommend that the Social Purity Department in our local Unions consider the work of a "Woman's Protective Agency," and also that they adopt Dr. Bushnell's pledge for White Shield work.

8. Resolved, That the minutes of this Convention be printed within ninety days from the date of closing.

9. Resolved, that all local Unions be invited to give one entertainment during the year, the proceeds of which shall be devoted to replenishing our W.C.T.U. Provincial Treasury.

10. Resolved, That we acknowledge, with grateful appreciation, the assistance given the W.C.T.U. by the ministers of the Province, who have so ably and willingly at all times aided us, both by their counsel and presence at our meetings and on other occasions.

11. Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be tendered the ladies of New Westminster who have so hospitably entertained the delegates during their stay, to the officials of the Baptist Church for placing their edifice at the disposal of the ladies, to the singers who have added increased interest to our evening meetings, and to all others who have by their help assisted in making the Convention a success.

12. Resolved, That the sympathy of the sisterhood of the W.C.T.U. of this Province be conveyed to our sister, Mrs. Hemlaw, in her sad bereavement, assuring her that our prayers will ascend to our Heavenly Father that He will give her all needful grace and comfort to sustain her.

13. Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to the C.P.N.Co. for the reduced rates of travel granted our delegates.

Corresponding Secretary's report read and after discussion was adopted.

Auditor granted further time to prepare report.

On motion the Programme Committee was instructed to present all bills contracted in connection with this

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[see ProConstitution]. Carried.

Noon hour of prayer observed, after which meeting
adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Afternoon session opened with singing and prayer.

The Secretary being absent, Mrs. Street was appointed
pro tem.

Roll call of officers and delegates, 19 present.

President read rules for election of officers.

Mrs. C. E. C. Brown led in prayer.

Miss Empey and Mrs. J. W. Moore were appointed
tellers.

The Secretary returning, minutes of morning session
were read and approved.

Election of officers proceeded with, resulting as fol-
lows :

President—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westmin-
ster.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. C. L. Street, New
Westminster.

Recording Secretary—Miss B. S. McDougall, New
Westminster.

Treasurer—Mrs. D. McGillivray, Sumas.

On motion, it was decided that the President of the
Victoria Union take the chair, and the Convention pro-
ceed with the question box, while the Executive Com-
mittee retire to nominate Superintendents.

Several questions of great importance to the work of
local Unions were asked, and replies given by Mrs. G.
Grant, of Victoria, and Mrs. Street, of New Westminster.

The Executive Committee returning, nominated the following for Superintendents of Departments, nominations confirmed by Convention :

Scientific Instruction in Schools—Mrs. H. G. Hall, Victoria.

Literature and Woman's Journal—Mrs. J. W. Williams, Victoria.

Influencing the Press—Mrs. J. W. Sexsmith, North Arm.

Work Among Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners—Mrs. G. W. Grant, New Westminster.

Work Among Railroad Employees—Mrs. Bannerman, Kamloops.

Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table—Mrs. J. C. Henderson, Chilliwack.

Legislative Petition and Franchise—Mrs. G. Grant, Victoria.

Heredity and Hygiene—Mrs. L. Thornbur, New Westminster.

Evangelistic Work—Mrs. J. W. Moore, Victoria.

Hospital Work—Mrs. D. McNaughten, Victoria.

Prison Work—Mrs. D. Robson, New Westminster.

Young Women's Work—Miss A. Empey, North Arm.
Work Among Indians—Mrs. [Rev.] C. Tate, Chilliwack, Mrs. [Rev.] T. Crosby, Fort Simpson.

White Cross and White Shield—Mrs. D. Spencer, Victoria.

Juvenile Work—Mrs. G. Chadsey, Chilliwack.

Parlor Meetings—Mrs. P. Wilson, Victoria.

Kindergarten Work—Mrs. W. R. King, New Westminster.

Narcotics—Mrs. C. L. Street, New Westminster.

Flower Missions—Miss Amy Humber, Victoria.

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After discussion regarding the work of Superintendents of Departments, on motion, it was agreed to place at the disposal of each Department the sum of \$2.50, for stationery, postage, etc., the bills to be presented at Convention.

Rev. Thos. Scouler introduced, and addressed a few words of encouragement to the Convention.

On motion, it was decided to leave the construction of a clause for the constitution, regarding holding of property, in the hands of the Executive Committee, with power to obtain legal advice if necessary.

Time for closing all yearly accounts set two weeks previous to date of Convention.

An invitation to hold the next annual Convention in Victoria was tendered the Convention, and, on motion, accepted with thanks.

The date of next Convention to be left in the hands of the Executive Committee, to arrange if possible, to be held while Miss Willard will be in the Province, if she is enabled to fulfil her promise of visiting us.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid: Programme Committee, \$4.00; Sexton, \$9.00; telegram, 25 cents. Total, \$13.25.

On motion, it was agreed that no advertisements be printed on the covers of Provincial Convention minutes.

On motion, the Presidents of the local Unions in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster were appointed a committee to secure advertisements for same, rates to be those of last year.

The Corresponding and Recording Secretaries were appointed a committee to prepare the minutes for publication.

Committee on Courtesy presented their report, which, on motion, was received and committee discharged.

The following were appointed conveners of standing committees, with power to choose their own committee: Finance, Mrs. D. McGillivray; Plan of Work, Mrs. Spoford.

Auditor's report read and adopted.

Minutes of afternoon session read and, on motion, adopted.

President closed the meeting with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

A large audience assembled in the Methodist Church in the evening, when suitable music was rendered by the choir, Mrs. McCrady, Mr. Vidal, and Mr. Harris.

Addresses by Rev. E. D. McLaren, of Vancouver, and Mrs. Gordon Grant, of Victoria.

Meeting closed with singing the Doxology and the Benediction.

Convention adjourned.

BARBARA S. McDOUGALL,

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ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

MRS. L. W. SCOUER.

DEAR SISTERS AND FRIENDS OF THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE
 UNION.

In the name of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of this city, I desire to bid you all a very hearty welcome. Although you have left your homes for a little season, I trust in another sense you will all feel at home among us, and as we exchange thoughts and ideas one with another during these days of our Convention, may each one be able to say, "It is good for us to be here." The Royal City is not so well known as the sister cities of Victoria and Vancouver, still we think it has advantages belonging peculiarly to itself. We may not be able to boast of seven hills like the ancient city of Rome, but we certainly have a city "set on a hill," with a beautiful river at its base. Perhaps, as you climb to your respective homes each day, you may not feel particularly in love with this feature of our city. Then, we are supposed to possess another great advantage. New Westminster is believed to be the best city morally on the Pacific Coast, still, even with our partial eyes, we can see great room for improvement in this respect. A saloon-keeper in a certain city is credited with translating our well-known initials thus: "Women constantly torment us." This charge can scarcely be laid at our door, as the saloon-keepers seem to have quite enough of their own way here, but I am sure we would all be delighted if they could see the wisdom of closing their present places of business, and re-opening (if they pleased) with some other kind of merchandise that does not make sore heads and sore hearts as well. We all wish to see greater progress in the temperance work; still, if every mother among us is training her children to be strictly temperate and pure, surely this is something. But this not enough; we must try to influence other mothers' sons who may be far from home, for, alas, how many bright and promising youths in all our cities are already on the downward road? Happy they who have not suffered in their homes or their kindred through the evil of intemperance. I believe there are few who can make this proud boast. The young people of the present generation are being educated on the temperance question in a way their fathers and mothers were not. There are Bands of Hope and Royal Legions everywhere, and in part of the United States, and also in our own Dominion, instructions are given on the evil of alcohol in the public schools. An appalling statement comes from New York; it is as follows: "Careful investigation shows that at least 150,000 children, mostly very young, are in the habit of daily visiting the saloons of the city." Such a statement is surely enough to arouse the most careless (although it comes from a distant city), and cause mothers especially to bestir themselves on behalf of those committed to their care. Let us try to win the young for Christ and His Church, and all else will come right. There are three P's I have heard of in connection with missionary work which seem to me quite as appropriate in our temperance work. These are Prayer, Patience and Persistence. Let us remember to put each one into practice. We also need enthusiasm, combined with common sense. It would be well if all the members of

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REPLY TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

MRS. SCOLLER AND SISTERS OF NEW WESTMINSTER:

We thank you for your cordial greeting this evening. Three years ago our Convention was held in Westminster, and we retain pleasant recollections of your cheerful hospitality, as well as of our interesting meetings on that occasion. We have looked forward to this, another Convention, when earnest workers in our loved cause from different parts of the Province would come together to review the labors of the past year and lay plans for the future. We are glad to see each others' faces, and feel confident our intercourse shall be helpful and encouraging, and that we shall return to our homes and local Unions to work with increased knowledge and fresh enthusiasm. We have anticipated this gathering with pleasure, too, because our W.C.T.U. meetings have ever been characterized by love and a spirit of unity. Here women of all Christian denominations meet together and know no creed but this, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We are pleased to mark the many improvements that have been made in your fair city during the past three years. Your citizens have been very energetic in adopting such measures as they believe will conduce to the material prosperity of the place. All this is a source of pride and gratification, yet we cannot but wish that the same enthusiasm and unanimous effort could be directed toward the liquor traffic, which has been so aptly termed a "gigantic swindle;" and such its character, purpose and history declare it to be. We trust, however, the time is not far distant when public sentiment shall be elevated to such a standard that this foe to our homes and happiness shall be assigned its place with other systems and practices which operate against the well-being of society, and made punishable by law. To hasten the accomplishment of this work is the aim and unceasing endeavor of the Women's Christian Temperance Union throughout the world, and we believe that if faithful in the use of our opportunities we shall in due time see our efforts crowned with success. Our hope is in training the young and "winning them for Christ," as has been so ably put in the address to which we have just listened. To this end we raise our voice against every danger that visits the unheeding steps of youth, and I should like to suggest that we give more attention than we hitherto have done to a practice less pernicious in its effects than the intoxicat-

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Hoping that this may be the most profitable and influential Convention we have ever held in British Columbia, I again thank you for your courtesy and your hospitality.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS, 1889.

BELoved FRIENDS AND SISTERS:

Owing to your President's protracted visit in Ontario, and other delaying circumstances, our Sixth Annual Convention has been thrown later in the season than usual, and the short November days have overtaken us, yet with hearts illuminated and made warm by rays from the Sun of Righteousness and loyal to the work we have undertaken "for God and Home and Country," we have come together for mutual counsel and advice, that thereby our strength may be renewed for another year of blessed toil for the Master, remembering he has said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

Among the Provincial Unions of the Dominion we rank least numerically.

Ontario, organized in the year 1877, reports a membership of six thousand, besides thirty-five Young Women's Unions, containing one thousand members.

Quebec, organized in 1883, now claims seventy-one (71) auxiliaries and a membership of three thousand one hundred.

The Maritime Provinces, organized in 1883, have fifty affiliated Unions and something over twelve hundred members.

Manitoba, organized in 1885 and reorganized in 1887, together with the North-West Territories, have over twenty local Unions, membership not reported.

British Columbia, organized in 1883 can only count * six local Unions, with a total membership of two hundred and fifty.

Our scarcity of local Unions can be accounted for by the fact that the population in the rural districts is scattered over a wide area and it

* Since the minutes have been in the press committee's hands, Mrs. Lilla Moore, an American temperance lecturer, reports having reorganized a W. C. T. Union at Kamloops.

is difficult, often impossible, for the women, alone, to travel over the roads which separate them from the place of general meeting. In many of these settlements the I. O. G. T. seems better adapted, as the men and women can together assemble for the lodge after the duties of the day have ended, and thus the good work of creating prohibition sentiment is not neglected, though not done under W. C. T. U. auspices.

In our rapidly growing towns and cities we ought to expect and strive to secure a proportionate increase in the membership of existing Unions, and whenever possible a second and a third Union should be organized for the convenience of members residing at a distance from the Central Union.

The city of Toronto can now boast eleven live Unions with a membership of five hundred and upwards.

Dear Sisters, we have a work to do in this Province equal in importance to any being done elsewhere by Christian Temperance Women. Our Departments are the same as theirs and our zeal should likewise correspond. We have soldiers and sailors, lumbermen and railway employees to visit and provide with literature; hospitals and prisons where our services are most thankfully received and rewarded by a marked change for the better in the lives of many of the inmates, some of whom we have reason to believe have experienced the regenerating grace of God and are now consistent members of churches. We have mothers to instruct in the laws of Hygiene and Heredity, that their children may be spared the fearful consequences so often resulting from a lack of knowledge on their part; and the public schools to influence by using our privilege at the polls, in the election of school trustees who will guard the moral as well as the mental training of our young people; who will employ only such teachers as are qualified by a total disuse of alcoholics, narcotics and impure language, to be safe examples for them to follow; and who will insist upon the study of scientific temperance being pursued with the same thoroughness that other studies are, in every department, using the text books provided for this purpose by the board of education. The importance also of teaching that true manliness consists in being kind and merciful to every living creature and defending the weak and helpless must not be overlooked. It is a fact to be deplored that the boys of our public schools are becoming more cruel each year and less considerate of the comfort and happiness of the boys younger than themselves, and if steps be not taken to bring them to a better state of mind, these same boys will, before long, become the criminals of our police courts.

Ralph W. Trine, who this year obtained the \$100 prize offered by the American Humane Society, says: "Moral, ethical and humane training have not kept pace with intellectual training. There has been an abundance of mind culture, but a sad neglect of heart culture, and more heart culture is what our country stands in need of to-day." On this he bases his strong plea for humane education in our public schools. Bands of Mercy should be organized and suitable literature provided.

SOCIAL PURITY.

Among other good points made before a teachers' institute in New York recently, this one finds a place: "That teachers have an unescapable duty in the direction of social purity, and that upon them de-

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Mrs. Hannah Whittall Smith, whose bright presence we so regretfully miss to-day, and who is our loss and England's gain, urges us to take up in our local Unions a method most helpful in England. It is called the "Travelers' Aid," and by means of placards placed in the railway stations, in the women's quarters of steamship steerages, in shops, lodging houses, etc., warns women to beware of designing persons, and chance advertisements, at the same time giving names and addresses of trusty women to whom they may go for help and counsel—thus extending its protection to those who go from town to town, as well as those who emigrate. For example, a placard in Manchester is thus described: "On the wall was a card which I had not before noticed, inviting young women obliged to journey alone to a strange city to write beforehand to the Travelers' Aid Society, London, giving the name of the station and the hour of the expected arrival, and promising that such unprotected folk should be met by women who would see them into comfortable lodging houses. Young girls who had not taken this precaution were warned not to accept help from men or women unknown to them, and not to go to any situation obtained through an advertisement, without first getting some certain knowledge of its respectability. At the foot of the placard were appended the names and addresses of half a dozen women in Manchester, who would advise girls coming as strangers to that city with regard to boarding houses and help them to obtain work."

Dr. Bushnell will soon prepare the "White Shield Manual," a companion to my "White Cross Manual," and has furnished the following pledge, which we both ask you to authorize as better adapted to us than the one used by our British friends:

WHITE SHIELD PLEDGE.

I promise by the help of God:

1. To exercise a spirit of charity toward the outcast woman, and endeavor to protect her from further wrong and degradation.
2. To maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women, and carry out my principles in all social relations.
3. To endeavor, especially, to discourage the association and marriage of pure young women with corrupt young men.
4. To endeavor to discourage all extravagance in dress, decolette costumes, and extremes of fashion.
5. To be a defender of the virtue of the orphan and working-girl.
6. To educate and train all young people who are under my control or guardianship in these principle, and use all possible means to promote the purity of our homes.

REFUGE HOME.

Our W.C.T.U. Refuge Home in Victoria is the outcome of a felt want among our local Unions. The care of the unfortunate and fallen ones was laid heavily upon our hearts, and, looking up into the face of Him who said, "Neither do I condemn thee," we resolved to do what lay in our power to save at least a few jewels from the mire of sin into which they have sunk. This is a difficult and discouraging task, requiring much self-denial, faith and patience—yes, and money also, to make it a success.

God has been good to us and already blessed our efforts in the salvation of some, and kind friends have assisted us nobly in the purchase of the needed property, but there is still a debt upon it which must be lifted besides the every day running expenses, requiring constant vigilance on the part of the local committee of management. It will be necessary before we part to devise some means of raising a permanent fund for the maintenance of this home.

FINANCE.

I will reproduce, for the benefit of the finance committee, advice given by the National President at the New York Convention of 1888. She says:—

A method, new, at least to me, is now working admirably in certain circles of good people, and I wish to urge it upon the attention of the Womans' Christian Temperance Union. The principle is that "ten times one are ten."

I will copy the papers just as they came to me. It will be seen that by substituting for Bishop Garrett's work a brief statement and appeal for whatever line of work one had in view, the plan would be complete.

The friends of Bishop Garrett's work in northern Texas have for years been trying to raise the money for a much needed school for girls in that very hard missionary field. The importance of the Christian education for our young girls, especially in the missionary field of the far West and Southwest, cannot be over-estimated.

Each person receiving this paper is asked to make two copies of it; putting at the top the next highest number, the same number in each copy, sending to two friends, at the same time returning this paper with ten cents in stamps to the

RIGHT REV. ALEXANDER GARRETT,
Dallas, Texas.

The two friends, in their turn, are asked to do exactly the same, with as little delay as possible. Those who receive No. 15 are asked to close the matter by sending it with their ten cents to Bishop Garrett without copies. Anyone declining to join is requested to send this paper to Bishop Garrett, as this is the only way in which it can be known that the chain is broken, and although it only means ten cents and a little trouble to each, yet any break in the chain may involve a serious loss, as the unbroken chain gives sixteen hundred dollars.

This help is earnestly asked "In His Name."

"No service too small to lay at our dear Master's blessed feet,
And naught too great, if He but give the strength and wisdom for its meet."

YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK.

This department demands our earnest consideration in conjunction with that of the Loyal Temperance Legion. We find it difficult to get a sufficient number of helpers to make our Loyal Legions attractive as they should be to the young whom it is so important to keep under our supervision.

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INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

What have we done of late in this department? Do the local papers convey our messages to the public as often as they might? If not let us endeavor, if possible, in future to make better use of printers' ink.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

Total abstainers are beginning to discover that grape juice, properly preserved from fermentation, has a blessing in it. Physicians are becoming aware of its nutritive and medicinal qualities and are prescribing it more frequently. A writer in the *Union Signal* says of it:—"In practice among the sick it has been found especially valuable in typhoid fever—usually a pint of juice and a quart of milk daily. In severe cases of diphtheria and scarlet fever, where all food was refused, even children have taken one or two pints a day with relish and life-giving effect. In pneumonia, in infantile diarrhoea and dysentery and in hydrocephalus or dropsy of the brain, it has been found extremely useful. In tendency to cancer, especially of the stomach, it has been retained when all else was rejected, with effects almost miraculous. In short it appears to offer more to invalids and persons in weak health than any other one thing with which we are acquainted. Patients may consult their individual tastes, under professional advice, but as a rule they will do well to use the late vintage for medicinal purposes, while for communion or as a drink the other is perhaps preferable on account of its beautiful appearance.

The chemicals in fresh juice are too strong for most delicate people and are therefore removed by settling, the clear juice being siphoned off. It should stand from six to twelve months for the best results. Heat the grape juice to about 180° Fahrenheit, and seal hot, as with any fruit. This and the long standing, and siphoning, re-heating and re-sealing, are the secrets of pure juice dealers."

For the use of anyone desiring to make communion wine for their own church I submit the following recipe which is highly spoken of. It is excellent; never sours or ferments: Select your grapes—not too ripe: separate the defects from stems and fruit, then put them into a kettle with a little water, and slowly bring them to a scalding heat, stirring them occasionally.

Then put them into a cheese-cloth bag and drain over night. Express the juice and strain through another, thicker bag, and add sugar to suit the taste; then bring to a boil, skimming frequently: bottle and cork. The corks should be long and perfect, the juice fill the bottles except just space enough to insert the cork at first, to make it airtight; then, as the juice cools, press down the corks so that no space is left between the juice and cork, or can the juice the same as fruit. If any is left over, scald, bottle, and cork as before.

ANOTHER.

Be sure, says a writer, to seal up several bottles of grape juice this coming fall. As a tonic it is excellent, and nothing can be pleasanter for a summer drink. It is nourishing as well as satisfying. By experience I know it is splendid for the sick. My son wrote me it was the only thing that his stomach would retain when he was seasick on a voyage to Europe.

ANOTHER.

Twenty-five pounds of best Concord (or any juicy grapes). Scald with only enough water to keep from burning; when they burst open; set off to cool, then press through a stout jelly bag; add nearly four pounds coffee sugar; let it come to the boiling point again and seal up as you do canned fruit. This amount ought to make twelve quarts of rich wine. Keep in a cool, dark place. If open any length of time, it will ferment. This is good for communion wine.

It is with great thankfulness we record the fact that our Christian ministers are replacing the wine of commerce, so long made use of at the Lord's table, with the unfermented wine, thus removing temptation from the young and those reformed from the drink habit.

NARCOTICS.

There is an evil in our land which is becoming more obtrusive as the years go by. Wherever we go, by sea or by land, it confronts us. God's pure air, which should be recognized as the undeniable right of all to enjoy, is defiled by it and rendered unfit to breathe into the lungs. Even the rocks and fences are made use of to increase the popularity and sale of this offensive poison and the vulgar advertisement stares us in the face, great colored letters on a black background, "Smoke cigars, cigarettes." Nine men out of every ten follow the advice thus given and the little boys, in very short pants, may be seen standing on the street corners smoking cigarettes.

Seventy years ago a gentleman would not dare to walk beside a respectable woman on the street and puff the fumes of tobacco smoke in her face, but now we are quite familiar with the sight. And it is all our own fault. When a W. C. T. U. committee waited on Mr. George Pullman, of palace car fame, recently, requesting him, among his other improvements for the comfort of his passengers, to banish the sickening odors of tobacco, he is quoted as saying that of every seven women whom he asked whether or not smoking was unpleasant to them, six gracefully answered "Not in the least." A writer on the topic adds, "Could you get the consensus of the real opinion of women on this and cognate subjects, it would be mighty interesting reading." 'Tis Blackie who says: "And many are afraid of God, and few of Mrs. Grundy." The smoking car is still provided, *free of charge*, for all smokers, though it costs as much to run as any other, and the non-smokers, who are inconvenienced by the filthy air which is wafted to them whenever the door of the car is opened have to pay extra charges that it may be retained. No such consideration is shown to those who desire the use of a sleeper. If they do not pay extra they have to forego the privilege.

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Had I time I could dwell at length upon fatal results attending the use of cigarettes by boys of tenders years, but will only add a chemist's statement after having analyzed them: "Cigarette tobacco is of the poorest quality, taken and bleached with chemicals to make it light colored, which then corresponds to a better quality of tobacco, Here is injury, as one cannot smoke them without taking the chemicals into his system. After bleaching, they are drugged with different flavoring compounds—so much so that the detection of a tobacco odor is not perceptible. These compounds consist of everything that man can invent. Among them opium is used to quite an extent. A cigarette smoker smokes his cigarette very differently from a cigar smoker, as almost always he inhales the smoke, so that the nicotine and flavoring matter is deposited upon the lungs. The smoke of the paper wrapper is as injurious, if not more so than the tobacco. It is a lamentable fact that women young and old, as well as little boys, five years old and upward, are becoming slaves to this evil."

MEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

At last the missing link has been found. For sixteen years the women have been perplexed to know just how to secure the fullest co-operation of their husbands and brothers. Honorary membership has in a great measure proved a failure, because it put the men in the same relationship with our organization as we have always held with theirs. We have told them they might sign our pledge and pay their tax (the membership fee) and even speak in our meetings, but when it came to voting—there we drew the line, saying in effect, "We will represent you at the polls." But now all this difficulty will be removed, and we can meet on a common basis and help one another. A constitution has been drafted and the necessary forms and conditions of organization provided, and a National Executive has in all probability been appointed at Chicago this week, while the National W.C.T.U. has been in session, to carry on the work until a National Union can be formed. Rev. Wm. Burgess, formerly of Toronto, one of the early editors of the *Canada Citizen*, and author of the book, "Land, Labor and Liquor," seems to be at the head of this movement. In a letter to the *Union Signal* he states that local Unions can be formed in any place on the application of seven men who are willing to sign the pledge and agree to the conditions of the constitution. Mr. Burgess' home is now in Canton, Ill., if anyone desires to correspond with him.

THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL W.C.T.U.,

Which met in Chicago on the 8th inst., has just closed its sixteenth Convention, and to-day, by special invitation, the delegates have been entertained at Rest Cottage, Evanston, the home of Miss Willard and her honored mother. It seemed most fitting that Chicago should be chosen this year as the rallying point for the white ribbon host of the nation, coming as they did from their ten thousand local Unions, representing over two hundred thousand true women, to celebrate the golden birthday of their President. Miss Willard's latest book, "Glimpses of Fifty Years," an autobiography of her own eventful life, and a review of the great temperance movement of half a century, should find a place in all our homes.

THE DOMINION CONVENTION,

Held in Toronto, June 11 to 17, proved a mutual uplifting to all who were privileged to attend. Never before has the womanhood of Canada been so well represented, nor had so good an opportunity of mingling voices and exchanging thoughts. Never again can we be strangers one to another. From the Atlantic we have met on common ground and rejoiced together in the bond of Christian love which holds us so closely related. Yes, and over the border line, also, reaches that mystic cord, for the woman we hold so dear and whom we are proud to own as the organizer of our Provincial Union and the Victoria local, Miss Frances E. Willard, President of the World's W.C.T.U., was there, and her secretary, Miss Anna Gordon; also Mrs. Bradley, from dear old England, one of the pioneers in the social purity movement there, who has been spending the summer lecturing in its interests in the Eastern Provinces. The one depressing circumstance of our Convention was the illness of Mrs. Youmans, who for so many years has been looked up to as our Dominion President. Inflammatory rheumatism has for months held her its victim, but the glad news comes to us that a decided change for the better has taken place, and she is now able to hold a book and use a pen.

The Convention expressed its sympathy for her by the following resolution, which was carried unanimously by a standing vote: "Resolved, that the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention, now in session, do present to Mrs. Youmans, the beloved President of this Union, an expression of the heartfelt sympathy of this Convention, with the assurance of the implicit faith and loyal devotion of each member to the chosen leader and founder of the Dominion W.C.T.U.; an assurance, also, of the prayers that are breathed for her from every heart in the Dominion that throbs with sisterly love beneath the 'Knot of Ribbon White.'"

The Provincial Presidents being *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents of the Dominion Union, it was decided in Executive Committee that they should in turn fill the vacant chair, Mrs. Brethour, of Ontario, taking the first day; Mrs. Foster, of Quebec, the second; Mrs. M. A. C., of British Columbia, the third, and Mrs. Turnbull, of the Maritime Provinces, the fourth. This arrangement was carried out for the first two days, but with the consent of the Convention the other two Presidents gave place to the President of the World's W.C.T.U., who kindly permitted herself to become an object lesson for the benefit of her less experienced sisters.

When the officers and Superintendents of Departments were elected for the new year, the honors and responsibilities were very equally divided among the Provinces.

The general officers are:

President, Mrs. Judge Foster, of Quebec; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Judge Steadman, of New Brunswick; Honorary President, Mrs. L. Youmans, of Ontario; Corresponding Secretary, Miss J. Tilley, Ontario; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, Ontario; Treasurer, Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, British Columbia. It was decided to hold the next convention in Montreal in May or June of 1890.

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THE WORLD'S W.C.T.U.

Becomes a more significant term to us since, by the affiliation of the Dominion W.C.T.U. with it, we have taken our place among the smaller circles of which it is the great circumference, and have become contributors to its treasury by means of our five cent per member auxiliary fee, two cents of which is again forwarded to the World's Union. Miss Willard says of it: "There is now no speech or language where its voice is not heard." Miss Jessie Ackerman is following the first World's Missionary, Mrs. Leavitt. Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and the islands of the sea have been visited, and the world's petition is still travelling on, increasing in length as it goes, and becoming each year more and more the voice of all nations. Of its value as a unifier Miss Willard writes: "The best experts and wisest methods will be means of it become known to all nations; the curse of the Congo will feel the grip of white ribbon influence; extradition treaties will be brought to bear against alcohol, and for home protection; good influences will be thrown around adventurous sons and daughters, far from home, by letters from one white ribbon group to another at the antipodes; and the miracle of our noontide prayer will belt the whole great earth with benedictions."

CANADA'S NEW PARTY.

When the Provincial Fair was held here this fall, the New Westminster W.C.T.U. distributed, with other literature, a number of copies of the *New Party Bulletin*, and it was amusing to watch the effect produced on some of the men into whose hands they came, and to listen to the sage counsel they gave us. "Attend to your temperance work, said they, "but, oh, for any sake, don't meddle with politics." Now, if politicians did not meddle with our temperance work, we might be willing to follow that advice, but as long as they depend upon and pander to the votes of liquor-loving men to put themselves in power, and as a reward for these votes combine to oppose every petition for prohibitory legislation we bring before them, we are bound in self-defence to throw our influence with another set of politicians, whose platform corresponds with our declaration of principles. For the information of those who may not have seen the platform of Canada's New Party, I will give it here, and it must be admitted it has the right ring:

PLATFORM.

1. Righteousness and Truth in public affairs, as well as in private business, and no compromise with wrong.
2. Equal Rights for all Creeds, Classes and Nationalities, but exclusive privileges for none.
3. A National Sentiment, a National Literature, and in all matters of public policy—Our Country First.
4. The Prompt and Absolute Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, and the honest and vigorous enforcement of all other laws for the repression of vice or intemperance.
5. Retrenchment and Economy in Public Expenditure, with a view of reducing our enormous National Debt.
6. Manhood Suffrage, with an educational qualification; that is, a vote to every freeman of legal age who can read and write.

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7. The Extension of the Franchise to Women.
8. An Elective Senate.
9. Civil Service Reform.

The defeat of the Scott Act has aroused the prohibitionists and united them in the determination to see this question settled at the polls.

The incorporation of the Jesuits and the Jesuits' Estate Act have been the occasion rather than the result of the agitation in the Eastern Provinces, and the organization of the Equal Rights Association still further tends to the breaking up of the old party affiliations. The prohibition party, though only a year old, has reached magnificent proportions, and is becoming stronger every day by the addition to its ranks of men whose lives are right with God, and who are prepared to vote as they pray. The Dominion W.C.T.U., in Convention at Toronto, adopted a resolution passed by the Toronto Conference of the Methodist Church, considering it complete and expressing the sentiments held by themselves on the question of legislation. Although the term "New Party" is not used, it virtually commits those who adopted it to the support of that party.

"We are unalterably opposed to the liquor traffic and believe it cannot be licensed without sin. We regret the defeat of the Scott Act in the counties of this Province, but trust that it will result in an immediate demand for a Dominion law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. That we have no hope of prohibition from any political party which refuses to put the immediate abolition of the liquor traffic as a plank in its platform. That we believe a revenue taken from the liquor traffic has a tendency to blind the eyes of the taxpayers to the evils of the trade and demoralize the conscience of the public in general. That we believe prohibition should be made an immediate issue. That we pledge ourselves to give our individual support to the party which will unequivocally put the plank of prohibition in its platform. That we strongly condemn the present political parties for their truckling silence in their campaign documents and public addresses on the question of the immediate prohibition of the liquor traffic. That we urge a constant agitation and education on all lines for the fuller awakening of the public conscience and sentiment."

And now, dear sisters, our work lies before us. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest.

In conclusion, let us each cultivate that spirit of love which will make all we attempt well pleasing in God's sight, and may His grace be given enabling us ever to say, with Longfellow:

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Corresponding Secretary's Report for the British Columbia
Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the
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It must ever be a serious matter to attempt to write a report of the work of any organization that has for its object the elevating of mankind and the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

First, let us enquire what is the meaning of the assembling yearly of our women from all parts of our Province in a Convention presided over by women, managed by women, and addressed by women? It means that we who are assembled here to-day have had our hearts touched by the realized love of Jesus Christ, and that being so, we are moved by the mighty power of that love to do what we believe no other organization can do so well, to uplift fallen humanity and to stem the current of intemperance that is ruining our brightest hopes and blasting our happiest homes, not only in our own cities and Province and Dominion, but in all the world.

The only special work undertaken by your Executive Committee during the past year has been the establishment of a Provincial Refuge Home at Victoria. Immediately after the close of our last Convention the need of such a home became so apparent that it was decided to do what was possible in the matter at once. A pleasant home was bought at a cost of \$3,000. Subscriptions were taken up in Victoria amounting to a little more than \$1,700, the other Unions doing what lay in their power towards the assistance of this object. Although a little more than \$2,000 was raised in this way, it was found necessary to raise by mortgage on the Home \$1,500 more, as the expense of furnishing and fitting it up amounted to a little more than \$500. Your Committee are not able as yet to hold this or any other property in their own name, although an effort has been made to have the Provincial Union incorporated, but owing to a defect in the amended law we cannot be incorporated until next year, but hope that when you next meet in Convention you will be an incorporated body, with all the advantages that this will add to our Union. In the meantime the Home is held in trust for us by Mr. D. Spencer, of Victoria. It has been a source of gratification to your Committee, your sustaining their action in Convention, and in re-electing the Board of Managers for the Home, as we believe much of the success of the effort is due to their earnest and united endeavor for this object.

On the whole our Superintendents of Departments have accomplished more this year than ever before, and we are gratified that so many of those not able to meet with us at this time have sent their reports to Convention, as well as those who are helping us both by their presence and reports.

The report of the Superintendent of White Cross and White Shield deals more particularly with the establishment of the Refuge Home, and although her report does not tell us of many who have been benefited by their efforts, yet it does tell us of some who have been helped to put off the old man, with his deeds, and to put on the "robes of righteousness."

EVANGELISTIC REPORT.

The report of the Superintendent of this department is most encouraging and helpful, giving another assurance that God's promises are all "yea and amen in Christ Jesus."

JUVENILE WORK.

The Superintendent of this department reports that, although taken up by all our Unions, the reports are not so encouraging as we could wish, or as it has been in the past. Yet good work has been done during the year just closed, and we trust that as you each leave this meeting and go to your respective homes, you will go determined to take a firmer stand and do more towards the education of the young in sound temperance principles, for, as has been so often said, as well as felt, in our efforts in the cause, in them lies the hope of the country. Let them grow up in our ranks, and then, and only then, can we expect to have thoroughly equipped and efficient workers for all departments of our work.

KINDERGARTEN.

The Superintendent reports schools in existence in the three principal cities of our Province, and that it had not been deemed advisable to open any in connection with the W.C.T.U. as yet.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Superintendent reports having secured the authorization and introduction of a text book on Temperance into the public schools, but its use is as yet optional with the teachers. It becomes our women to be up and doing now, so as to secure its introduction into all our schools, and thus help our Superintendent in her efforts to have this made one of the regular subjects taught.

LEGISLATION, PETITIONS AND FRANCHISE.

The report from this department is on the whole encouraging, having secured a better license law during the past year, with the promise of more done in this direction at the next session of the Legislature.

With regard to the extension of the franchise to women, they enjoy the privilege of voting at elections for school trustees, and on a property qualification for municipal officers. We find that the women of our Province have on the whole used every privilege accorded them.

UNFERMENTED WINE AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

This department has been more generally taken up by the local Unions than ever before, and with a measure of success, as some of the churches in our Province have during the past year discontinued the use of fermented wine at the Lord's Table.

INDIAN WORK.

The Superintendent of this department seems to be working almost alone, but finds the work encouraging, although difficult. We would add our earnest entreaties to those of the Superintendent, that the local Unions in each place where there are Indians try to reach them in some way, to prevent the state of things now existing whenever an Indian can obtain liquor.

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WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

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HEREDITY AND HYGIENE.

The Superintendent of this department could not report much actual work done, but gave a great deal of useful information to the Convention on the subject.

The Superintendents of Literature, Woman's Journal, Influencing Press, and Parlor Meetings sent no report either to the Convention or myself, so I am not able to give any account of work done in their departments.

The Mainland Organizer not being in the Province, the only report presented was from the Island Organizer, who, although not able to report the organization of any new Unions, could state that an effort was being made, with good prospects of success, in Nanaimo.

The following reports have been received from local Unions:

Victoria.—Organized July 4th, 1883. Original membership, 37; present membership, 60. Receipts from all sources, \$1,974. Meetings held weekly. Departments of work—Juvenile, Hospital, Literature, Petition and Social. Principal officers—President, Mrs. C. Spofford; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. Grant; Recording Secretary, Mrs. (Dr.) L. Hall; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Humber.

Vancouver.—Re-organized October 1st, 1887. Became auxiliary to Provincial Union October, 1887. Membership, 72. Receipts from all sources, \$416. Lectures, 12. Departments of work—Literature, Jail, Hospital, Juvenile, Evangelistic and Social. Three Loyal Legions, with a membership of about 200. Principal officers—President, Miss Boves; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Young; Recording Secretary, Miss Campbell; Treasurer, Mrs. Evans.

New Westminster.—Organized September, 1883. Became auxiliary to Provincial Union July 1st, 1884. Original membership, 19; present membership, 60. Receipts from all sources, \$315.30. Affiliation fees to Provincial treasury, \$15. Departments of work—Jail, Hospital, Juvenile, Evangelistic, Literature, Flower Mission and Petition. Principal officers—President, Mrs. J. Cunningham; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. G. Major; Recording Secretary, Miss Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. D. S. Milligan.

North Arm.—Organized October 17th, 1887. Membership, 16. Receipts from all sources, \$114.10. Affiliation fees to Provincial treasury, \$3.50. Meetings held fortnightly. Loyal Legion, with a membership of about 20. Departments of work—Literature and Juvenile. Principal officers—President, Mrs. A. M. Sexsmith; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. H. Robinson; Recording Secretary, Miss A. Empey; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Garrett.

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Chilliwhack.—Organized June, 1884. Original membership, 27; present membership, 18. Affiliation fees to Provincial treasury, \$4.50. Meetings held fortnightly. Four Loyal Legions, with a membership of about 80. Departments of work—Juvenile, Petition and Social. Principal officers—President, Mrs. J. C. Henderson; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. McCutcheon; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. Chadsey; Treasurer, Mrs. Ashwell.

Kamloops, not heard from.

We find in every district where there are organized Unions, excepting North Arm, they have "license"—places licensed to destroy all that is good and pure about the manhood of our cities—and, though our efforts are weak indeed, we feel that if made in accord with our Heavenly Father's commands we shall yet see the day when this monstrous evil will be removed from our midst, and no more will the permission be given by the law of the land, which should only be second to the law of God, for one man to destroy not only the bodies of his fellow creatures, but also their souls.

With regard to the work given me to do at last Convention, I can only say it has been most imperfectly done, and the best I can wish for your next Corresponding Secretary is that you will extend to her the same charity and consideration you have ever exercised towards myself; but I would ask the delegates present, on their return to their own Unions, to be sure that their Corresponding Secretary shall know the name and address of the Provincial Corresponding Secretary, and that the Provincial Corresponding Secretary know who is the local Corresponding Secretary, and I would also ask, on behalf of our President, that as far as practicable all correspondence should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, as the President in attending to her own duties has all any one person can possibly do. I do not say this to create work for your next Corresponding Secretary, as she will in attending to her duties have quite enough to do without seeking work, but because so far too much has been expected of our President, and at least half the Corresponding Secretary's work has fallen on her, by the local Unions either not knowing or not caring who the Corresponding Secretary was.

In conclusion I would only say, let us remember that self-denial and energy will overcome with God's blessing, and face the coming year with fresh energy and renewed enthusiasm, in the name of our Master.

BARBARA S. McDUGALL,
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Scientific Instruction in Public Schools.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCIAL W.C.T.U.:

Dear Sisters.—The Department of Scientific Instruction has during the past year done a little towards furthering its objects.

A committee waited upon the Minister of Education and succeeded in having B. W. Richardson's text book on Temperance introduced into the Public Schools. It is taught in some of the highest divisions, although the teachers are not compelled to use it.

It will be the duty of the Superintendents of the local Unions in the appointments of teachers during the year to use their influence in favor of those who approve of having the temperance text book used in the schools.

We have written to the various local Unions requesting them to appoint local superintendents of this department. The New Westminster and Vancouver Unions have complied; so that, with Victoria, we have now three local superintendents of this department.

MARY G. HALL,
Superintendent.

Work Among Sailors and Lumbermen.

Religious and temperance literature was distributed to ships four times and to logging camps three times from Vancouver.

From Moodyville, by Mr. McPhaiden, a large package of Christian and temperance literature was sent to a camp, whose manager promised to forward to another camp after reading; also a large package to "Pacific Slope," now reported lost with all on board.

The want of material has been a barrier to our work on the Inlet, which is the only work I can reach myself.

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Report of Island Organizer.

MADAM, PRESIDENT AND SISTERS:

Another year has come and gone, and still so far as organization is concerned we can report no advance on former years. Every effort has been made to reorganize at Nanaimo, but so far without success, as no lady with the spirit of a leader seemed to be in a position to take it in hand. We therefore concluded that we could only wait for some energetic and consecrated woman to take up the work. We can, however, report that something has been done in this growing city.

During the visit of Col. Geo. Woodford to our Province your superintendent felt that much might be done towards the elevating of Temperance sentiment by that worthy and gifted worker, if he could visit Nanaimo.

We communicated with Rev. Mr. Hall, who expressed himself willing to take charge of and work up the meetings, if the Provincial W. C. T. U. would take the financial responsibility. This they declined doing. Still feeling that good work could be done, and that it was an opportunity not to be neglected, and being sustained by others I took upon myself the responsibility of arranging for Mr. Woodford to conduct a week's meetings in that place. Finding in Mr. Millar an earnest helper, a week of very successful meetings was held, the attendance being large and many taking our pledge of Total Abstinence.

The amount of money raised was \$60.00, which after paying expenses left a balance of \$25.00 still due Mr. Woodford. This was met by a lecture given in Victoria which netted \$13.00, and a very generous donation of \$12.50 from Mrs. Gordon Grant.

In submitting this report it is with strong faith that your organizer of next year will find no difficulty in reorganizing the work in that place, as new helpers are coming into the town who will be in a position to assist.

Yours for the Cause,

C. SPOFFORD,
Island Organizer.

Legislation, Petition and Franchise.

MRS. PRESIDENT AND SISTERS:

As the work of another year draws to a close, we bring reports of victory from all along the line, gladdening and encouraging one another for work during the coming year. In the department of Legislation, Petition and Franchise we can report some success. During the last session of Parliament those legislators who are favorable to us used their influence in trying to get legislation in the department of Petition work. Mr. Beaven brought an excellent licensing measure before the House, which, if it had passed without the amendments it afterwards underwent, would have been a great victory and saved many a weary walk our ladies have had in getting signatures to petitions against the increase of places to sell intoxicants. As it stands it is an improvement on the old law, and we have the promise that more will be done

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A bill was also framed and passed which would have also enabled our Provincial Union to become incorporated, but owing to some technicality the incorporation will have to be postponed until after the new Parliament has met and the bill amended. Then we will be a recognized society, capable of holding property. In regard to franchise the ladies in the different places have used all the powers they enjoyed, both in election of school trustees and in municipal elections, always endeavoring to uphold men whose lives were upright and whose principles were pure. In our Legislature it is useless to bring a measure before the House asking that the franchise be extended to women unless we act as a unit. Let all the ladies in each locality where we have Unions go in a body, not in a committee of two, but in a body, each with something to say, and ask the men who represent their respective districts to support such a measure, and then we may hope for success, and success means we can protect our homes and our boys from sin and vice, for when, and only when, we can vote, and by voting put a man in and out of office, will our wish in regard to Sabbath closing, in regard to licensing saloons, in regard to stamping out the sins that stalk through our Province, be respected and acted upon. Let us, if we can, establish the Kingdom of Christ by uprooting the evil which is growing all around us—be willing to do anything to accomplish it, Miss Willard says.

MARIA GRANT,
Superintendent.

Report of Department of Heredity and Hygiene.

MADAM, PRESIDENT AND SISTERS:

I am more than sorry to report but little real work done in my department during the year. I wrote to all the Unions asking that local superintendents be appointed, and that I be notified for further instructions. From Vancouver only I received a reply, telling me that the matter would be brought before their Union. If this was done, or with what result, I have never heard. Very grave neglect on the part of our local Corresponding Secretaries is openly apparent, rendering it almost impossible for Provincial Superintendents to accomplish any work. The complaint is general that communications receive no replies. It is to be hoped and prayed for that 1890 will see a change for the better in this important feature of our work.

You have honored me with the request that I would tell you something about Heredity and Hygiene, and it is with great pleasure that I reply to the best of my ability upon such short notice, hoping that you will charitably pardon all errors.

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Heredity is taken from the Latin work *heritas*, meaning "to inherit," or "descending by inheritance."

Hygiene means health, pure and simple.

That the curse of appetite for strong drink can be, and is, transmitted from one generation to another, I think few will question. We have some of the best medical authorities on this subject to refer to, such as Dr. Dodge, of the New York State Asylum for Inebriates, at Binghamton, and Dr. Parrish, of Philadelphia, both of whom have made the subject of hereditary intemperance their special study in all all its bearings. Dr. Parrish writes: "In view of all the dreadful calamities which befall a man, or woman, sooner or later, who become enslaved by strong drink, let every parent begin early to inspire the minds of children, girls as well as boys, with a terror of the despotism of alcohol, and let it be woven in the framework of their minds from day to day that there is only *one* way of safety, and that is, never, under any conceivable circumstance, whether of sickness or of pain, to swallow a drop of the accursed thing. Alcohol for the sick is never a necessity, and in no case whatever is it more than an inferior substitute for something better, and just as surely as scrofula, consumption, etc., can be and are inherited, just so surely the liquor traffic is handed down from parents to children." I would therefore myself pray of every mother or teacher here to-day to so instil into the minds of the young under their care the terrible fear of transmitting through their blood to their children the curse of drunkenness, that we may yet live to see in British Columbia a complete generation of total abstainers. Prevention costs less than punishment and remedy.

The philosophy, the theory and the practice of this whole subject of the banishment of intemperance as an inherited vice is contained in half a dozen words of holy writ: "Touch not, taste not, handle not."

Hygiene is health, and in order to obtain a good state of Hygiene certain rules must be carried out, which, if faithfully followed, good health is insured, providing of course that there be no inherited organic disease.

These rules are diet, dress, exercise and rest, both physical and mental. Man will live most healthily upon simple solids and fluids, of which a temperate quantity should be taken. Strong drinks, tobacco, snuff, opium, or any such indulgence should be avoided as poisonous to the entire system, besides incurring the risk of conveying to posterity the deadly taint of appetite.

The fluid part of our bodies wastes constantly. There is but one fluid in animals—that is water; therefore, water only is necessary, and no artifice can produce a better drink. The fluid of our bodies is to the solid in proportion as nine to one, therefore a like proportion should prevail in the total amount of food taken. Light also is a most important helper to a good state of Hygiene. Let the sunshine come freely into your dwellings, for as plants wilt and die, or run to stalk, if kept in the dark, so will the human system wither and grow old before its time if not allowed a generous share of God's precious sunlight.

Yours faithfully, for "God, Home and Country."

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Report of Work Among Indians.

DEAR MADAM, SISTERS AND FELLOW WORKERS OF THE W.C.T.U.:

In presenting my annual report, I would first say that I regret not being able to be with you in Convention this year.

Although Temperance is constantly taught among the Indians, and enforced both by precept and example, yet organization is very difficult, owing largely to the scarcity of workers and the scattered condition of the Indians. Most of the seed is sown broadcast, the harvesting of which will only be known in eternity.

The Coqualeetze Band of Hope numbers about thirty, twenty-six of whom are residents at our recently established "Home and School." This band is the only one among whom it is practicable to hold regular meetings, and this has been done to the extent of our ability. Not possessing any regular Temperance literature, our work has been confined to reading or telling Temperance stories from the *Outlook*, *Pleasant Hours*, etc., and singing.

Every year at camp meeting all the children from a distance are enrolled as a band, and instructed as well as circumstances will permit.

I have communicated either personally or by letter with all the Unions. Victoria appointed a local Superintendent, but whether anything further has been done I cannot say, as I have not received any report.

Westminster, like Victoria, has the work laid at her very doors, but so far as I can learn nothing has been done.

Hoping and praying that success may attend your efforts in this Convention for the furtherance of the Temperance cause,

I remain, yours respectfully,

CARRIE S. TATE.

Chilliwhack, November 10th, 1889.

 Social Purity.

In preparing my report on this most important, although newly taken up, branch of our Temperance work, I am glad to be able to say that our efforts during the year have resulted in some successful work. While this is an entirely new department to me, I have felt it to be a blessed privilege to study the subject in all its bearings, and I have tried not only to bring the work of helping one erring sister before our Unions, but (as opportunity offered) also the need of mothers caring for the habits of their children, emphasizing that "ignorance is not innocence," and in nearly all our Unions some part of this work has been taken up.

Almost as soon as we became interested in this department, we found the necessity of having a Refuge Home to take those girls who were anxious to reform, and after consulting with the different local Unions and the Provincial Executive, it was decided that a Provincial

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Home, to be located in Victoria, would be the best for the present time; that it should be managed by a committee of twelve ladies to be appointed by Convention, and who should report from year to year at this annual meeting.

In New Westminster the local Superintendent of Social Purity helped three women under great difficulties. The New Westminster Union, for their board, etc., paid the sum of \$153.25. Two went back to their former life, but one, we believe, is living an industrious, pure life in England, she having taken the Saviour at his word, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more." Vancouver and New Westminster joined in paying her expenses to England, and while soliciting donations for that purpose the ladies found friends very liberal in helping them.

In Vancouver work has been done, but I have found it impossible to get a report from them.

In Victoria nine girls have been cared for by the Social Purity Committee, and three babies have found homes in good families through their efforts. The first girl went away leaving her baby with us, which was afterwards adopted by a fine W.C.T.U. lady from Tacoma. Five of the girls have gone to their mothers and three are at present in the Home.

The work of the Social Purity Department is full of discouragement, but with this, as with all other efforts, we feel that "The work is ours; the results are God's."

EMMA SPENCER,
Superintendent Social Purity.

Report of Juvenile Work.

This department cannot be fully reported, as only two Unions have responded to the letters of the Superintendent.

Vancouver reports three Loyal Legions, with 170 on the roll, and doing good work.

Chilliwack has five Bands of Hope, with about 100 names on the roll. An entertainment was given at the beginning of the year, in which four bands joined in making it very interesting. The Union provided them with four beautiful and costly banners. The Westminster Brass Band was also in attendance. Receipts of the evening, \$13. On account of sickness and want of time the work has not had so much attention during the latter part of the year.

The 5th Band of Hope is among the Indians and is carried on regularly by Mrs. Tate. We believe a good work is being done.

Report of Kindergarten Work.

MADAM, PRESIDENT AND DEAR SISTERS:

My report will be short, for I have done but little in my department; at the same time I have not been altogether idle, for the work being new to me, necessitated some study in reading up its various

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methods. Having made inquiries, I discover there is a school already in operation in Vancouver and also one in this city. There was formerly one in Victoria, which for want of funds had to be closed. I am of opinion, and I think the Convention will agree with me, that during the past year we have not been in a position to successfully carry on in any of our localities a kindergarten school.

Yours for God, Home and Country,

MARIA KING.

First Annual Report of the Refuge Home.

At the Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held in September, 1888, it was decided that, if practicable, during the year a Home of Refuge should be opened to reclaim the fallen and shelter the friendless of our own sex, who have been less fortunate and oftentimes less favored than we have been; those whose places some of us might have occupied were it not for the grace of God; were it not for the goodness of God in placing us with different surroundings, in giving us different education, and perhaps inheriting different natures. Immediately following the Convention the need of such a home became so apparent that we appealed to our President, in whose charge the work had been left, for help. She at once suggested that we ask Colonel Woodford, who was visiting our Province at the time, to give the last evening in each place he lectured on raising money for this work.

Mrs. Spencer, the Superintendent of Social Purity, threw her whole energy into the suggestion, and it was largely through her efforts that it was arranged to carry out this idea in Victoria so successfully.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The sum of \$1,200 was subscribed at the meeting, which was afterwards increased to \$1,774. Vancouver also followed this plan and forwarded \$200 to the treasury of the Refuge as a result of the evening's subscriptions. In New Westminster it was not thought advisable at that time to ask for subscriptions, and since that time the opportunity has not presented itself to raise funds for this work. A very nice bedroom set was sent from there, however, which helped in furnishing the home. In North Arm the ladies canvassed and raised \$84.25, which effort the ladies fully appreciated. From Kamloops we received \$6.00, a donation from the treasury of the local Union. At a meeting of the Provincial Executive of this society it was decided that Victoria was the most desirable place for the Refuge, and a pleasant central home was bought. It was opened in May, Mrs. Luker kindly taking charge for three weeks until a matron was found in Miss Cogswell, from Nova Scotia, but at the end of two months she sent in her resignation and married. We were, however, most fortunate in securing an elderly matron, who is a real mother to the girls, and just suited for the position. She has the many qualifications which you rarely find in one person—education, energy, tact, patience, and a thoroughly consecrated heart. The home is managed by a committee of twelve ladies, selected from the different churches, appointed annually by the Convention of the

Women's Christian Temperance Union, these to be assisted by an Advisory Board composed of the clergymen of all evangelical churches, and six laymen selected by the Managing Committee. Three of these ladies are appointed every month to manage the internal arrangements of the home.

THE YEAR'S WORK.

During the year the Committee have tried to help twelve girls, ten of whom have been sheltered by the home; four of these have gone to their parents, two are in situations, and one married. The other three are still in the Refuge; one is from Vancouver and two from Victoria, one of whom was found sick and in distress, without friends and without money. The girls are happy and contented, striving to learn both housekeeping and sewing. They are beginning to pray and earnestly striving to overcome their evil natures. Much to the regret of the ladies, one, who has since gone to her parents, had to be dismissed from the home for repeated insubordination, which was the cause of incorrect reports, detrimental to the home, appearing in the daily press. Before leaving the city the young woman called on the matron and some of the ladies to say good-bye, promising to try and do right; we trust she will. All we can do is to leave her to God and her Christian mother.

A sewing room has been established, and although the work accomplished has not been much, we are hopeful that it may be made a means of income after a time. The Committee desire to express their gratitude to the friends who have sent donations, to the managers of the *Colonist* and the *Times* for sending the daily papers, and other courtesies extended to the work, and to Drs. Duncan, Helmcken, Davie and Garrow for medical attendance which has been so kindly and generously given.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The inmates attend the different churches with either the matron or one of the ladies belonging to the Committee. On Friday evening a Bible reading and prayer meeting is held in the home, and is greatly enjoyed, being a means of grace to all who attend.

This work has its discouragements as well as its encouragements; but knowing it is God's work, and that He has promised sustaining grace to those who put their trust in Him, we can only look up during the time faith and grace are tried and cry "Lord, verify Thy promise to us."

The Treasurer, in presenting her report, states that, while the accounts balance, there are bills amounting to over three hundred dollars which will be due at the end of December, and to meet which there are only \$14.00 in the treasury. Any subscriptions, therefore, will be thankfully received by any member of the Managing Committee.

We trust that during the coming year many may not only be sheltered by this Refuge, but may be led to lives of purity and usefulness by coming to the Saviour and hearing his words, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

MARIA GRANT,
Corresponding Secretary Refuge Home.

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" Rental of Home two months	40 00	Conveyance	70 00
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MRS. JAMES MCGREGOR,
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Report of Chilliwack Union.

MADAM, PRESIDENT AND SISTERS:

I am sorry to say that the meetings of this Union for the past year have not been very regular, owing to unavoidable causes. However, we have lost no ground. If our membership has not increased our influence has, and I may truthfully say Chilliwack is to-day a hot-bed for temperance reform. We have strong and faithful allies in the Good Templars, who are a powerful body here, and many who do not belong to either organization are staunch supporters of our cause. This was shown recently when a liquor license was sought for, the opposition being so overwhelming that the application was not presented. Our three resident ministers are strong advocates of Temperance, and the stand they have taken is highly encouraging.

The four Bands of Hope are in working order, with a good membership. A public entertainment given recently was very successful.

Our prospects for the coming year are bright and hopeful, and our Union still enjoys that tranquility and harmony so essential to our progress and ultimate success.

CAROLINE McCUTCHEON,
Corresponding Sec. Chilliwack W.C.T.U.

Report of North Arm Union.

MADAM, PRESIDENT AND SISTERS:

During the past year our Union has met once a month, and though the attendance is never large, our meetings are interesting. We held one public meeting, and that was addressed by both resident ministers; also by Rev. Mr. Wood, of Clinton. The audience showed their appreciation by a liberal collection, amounting to \$14.85. Of this \$10.00 was sent to the Provincial Union. As we are so scattered, we feel unable to accomplish very much, except as we can assist by contributions, and strengthen the hands of those engaged in more active temperance work. We can still report no license in our municipality, and earnestly hope and pray that none may ever be issued.

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CONSTITUTION

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W. C. T. U. PROVINCIAL REFUGE HOME.

I. This Institution shall be known as the W.C.T.U. Refuge Home.

II. The object of the W.C.T.U. Refuge Home shall be to afford shelter for friendless women, or women desiring to forsake a life of shame, to provide for them while inmates of the Home suitable employment, as well as the ministration of the Gospel, and on leaving the Home to put them in the way of securing an honest livelihood.

III. The management of the Home shall be vested in a committee of twelve ladies, nominated by the Provincial Superintendent of Social Purity, and elected at the annual meeting of the Provincial W.C.T.U. [notice of whose election shall be forthwith forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Managers]. The same to be known as the Board of Managers of the W.C.T.U. Provincial Refuge Home. The Provincial Superintendent of Social Purity to be a member ex-officio of the Board of Managers.

IV. The Board of Managers of the W.C.T.U. Provincial Refuge Home shall have power to appoint an advisory committee consisting of the resident pastors of all the evangelical churches in the city, and six laymen elected by the Board of Managers, [these last to be total abstainers.]

V. The Board of Management shall hold stated meetings at least once a month.

VI. The annual meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held during the third week in the month of August in each year, at which time full and accurate reports shall be presented of the work and proceedings of the previous twelve months, and the same forwarded by

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VII. At the regular meeting next following the annual meeting of the Provincial Executive, and up to which time all officers and committees shall hold office and be responsible for the discharge of their duties, the Board of Managers shall elect the officers for the ensuing year, the same to consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. At the same meeting, and thereafter at every monthly meeting of the Board, the Managers shall also elect from their own number a committee of three ladies, to be known as the "Committee of Management." Such committee, subject to the rules and by-laws enacted by the Board, shall have charge of the internal management of the Home, determine, according to the spirit of this constitution, the persons to be admitted, and at each monthly meeting present a report of the needs, the work, and the condition of the Home.

VIII. The Board of Management shall have power from time to time to make, vary, and alter, by-laws and rules for the government of the home, and for all matters and things relating to the management and conduct of affairs, provided always that the same be consistent with this constitution, and that one month's notice of any proposed alteration be given at a regular meeting of the Board.

IX. The Board of Management shall have power to fill vacancies in its own body that occur during the year, by the resignation, removal, or death of any of its members.

X. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, excepting by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the Provincial W.C.T.U.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Women of the Province of British Columbia, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by intemperance, believe that it has become our duty, under the Providence of God, to unite our efforts for its extinction.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, this 16th day of October, 1883, adopt the following as the objects of our Provincial Union, also the following Constitution and By-laws:—

OBJECTS OF THE PROVINCIAL UNION.

To unitedly array the Christian Women of the Province of British Columbia against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

To educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue.

To impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind or in any form.

To gather statistics, facts, and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of temperance.

To labor individually for the inebriate, the liquor seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns hitherto unreached and uncared for.

To give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influences with which they are surrounded.

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To heartily co-operate with Temperance Societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other Society or Association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure more advanced and stringent legislation on this subject.

To strive by every means in our power to secure the thorough enforcement of the temperance laws we already possess.

For the accomplishment of these objects we shall faithfully and conscientiously employ all the means God has placed within our reach, and we shall continually seek His direction and blessing upon our work.



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Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order
OF THE
WOMAN'S * CHRISTIAN * TEMPERANCE * UNION
(PROVINCIAL.)

- ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia.

ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be a President, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and Superintendent for each department of work. These general officers shall be elected by the members of the Convention at each annual meeting. The Presidents of all Local Unions shall, by virtue of their office, be Vice-Presidents of this Executive and shall be entitled to a vote.

These general officers shall constitute an Executive Board to control and provide for the general interests of the work, with power to fill vacancies in its own body. The Superintendents of Departments shall not be expected to sit with the Executive at the meeting where such superintendents are nominated.

ARTICLE III.

The President, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer may form a sub-committee of the Executive Board for the transaction of business, three of whom shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

The annual meeting of the Executive Board shall consist of one delegate for each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every ten paying members of each Union.

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ARTICLE V.

Each Local Union contributing to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of 6¼ cents per member quarterly shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Union and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

Each auxiliary Union shall make to the Corresponding Secretary yearly a report as per blank form provided.

ARTICLE VII.

The annual meeting, at which time the officers shall be elected, shall be held in September, and in such place as shall be appointed at the preceding annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Sub-Committee of the Executive Board shall meet annually, or if necessary oftener, at such time and in such place as the President shall decide.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW NUMBER I.

The President may call special meetings through the Recording Secretary when she may deem it necessary, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to that office.

BY-LAW NUMBER II.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and send to each Auxiliary Union, not later than June 30th, a blank form for the report of that Auxiliary for the current year. From the information thus received she shall prepare her annual report.

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BY-LAW NO. III.

The Recording Secretary shall also be Secretary of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, and shall attend all the meetings of the Union and the Executive Committee, and shall keep a correct record of their proceedings. She shall call the roll of delegates at the annual meeting and read all papers which may be ordered to be read. At the first session of each she shall read a synopsis of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting, and shall perform all other duties usually belonging to the office.

BY-LAW NO. IV.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all the receipts and disbursements of money, and to present a detailed report thereof at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and shall close the books a fortnight before the annual meeting.

REVISED RULES OF ORDER.

I. Every session for business shall open and close with prayer.

II. The order for business shall be as follows :

1. Roll call of officers.
2. Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Courtesy.
3. Roll call of Delegates.
4. Call for new Unions.
5. Address of Welcome to Delegates.
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7. President's Annual Address.
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14. Report of Committee on Resolutions and special business.
15. Election of officers.
16. New business.
17. Appointment of standing committees.

III. No member of this Convention shall absent herself from any session, without leave from the President.

IV. No subject shall be discussed except upon motion, and no debatable motion shall be entertained until a written copy of it shall be placed upon the table.

V. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave from the Convention.

VI. Any person about to speak shall rise, address the President, confine her remarks to the question, and use courteous and Christian language.

VII. If any resolution or motion shall contain two or more parts, it shall be divided, upon the request of any member, and the vote taken upon each part separately.

VIII. The minutes of each day's proceedings shall be read the session following, except those of the last day, which shall be read immediately before adjournment.

IX. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep on file all the annual reports of local Unions, and the business correspondence of the Convention; and the Recording Secretary shall keep six complete files of the Conven-

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X. All reports offered to the Convention shall be written on legal cap paper, on one side of the leaves only.

XI. The names of the President and Corresponding Secretary of each local Union residing within the limits of this Convention, with the post office address of each, shall be published annually in our minutes.

XII. All new Unions seeking admission to the Convention shall send to its annual session with their delegates the records of their organization.

XIII. All committees, except as the Convention require, shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Convention.

XIV. In all cases not provided for by these rules, the Convention shall be governed by the Parliamentary practices laid down in Roberts' Rules of Order.

XV. These Rules of Order may be amended at any annual meeting of this body by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at the annual session.



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WOMAN'S * CHRISTIAN * TEMPERANCE * UNION

—(LOCAL.)—

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be known as the WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF _____ AUXILIARY TO THE W. C. T. U. OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Union shall be, to meet together for prayer and conference, to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate, and secure the legal prohibition and complete banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of the Association by signing the pledge and constitution, and by the payment of _____ per year into the treasury.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by the payment of the regular fee. Honorary members are entitled to all the privileges of members, except the vote and holding office.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, 1st Vice-President, and a Vice-President from each church, when practicable, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor.

The officers (excepting the Auditor), with the Superintendent of departments, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—AUXILIARYSHIP.

Each local Union shall pay to the funds of Provincial Union a sum equal to six and a quarter cents per member quarterly, this amount to be taken from the membership fee.

ARTICLE VI.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of July each year, at which reports of all officers and superintendents shall be presented. The report of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be published afterwards, if possible, in the daily newspapers.

At this meeting, officers, committees and superintendents shall be elected for the ensuing year, and such services held as shall tend to promote the objects of the association. ■

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.—President.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the organization, and supervise its general interests, and she may, with any three members, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

Sec. 2.—Vice-Presidents.—It shall be the duty of the 1st Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President, while the Vice-President of each church shall endeavor to enlist women of their own church in the work.

Sec. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial Union yearly on receipt of blank form (having first submitted her report to the local Union), giving such items of general interest as will enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union. She shall prepare the report for the annual meeting of the local Union.

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Sec. 4.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Union, and to notify members and the public of its meetings.

Sec. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all membership dues, and devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Association. She shall receive and hold all money collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and, if practicable, make a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. She shall forward the yearly fee to the Treasurer of the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE II.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers shall be elected by nomination and ballot. Nomination shall be made either by a committee appointed for that purpose, or on motion of any member. If there be more than one person nominated for any office, a ballot shall be taken, tellers having been appointed for that purpose. The one having a full majority of all the ballots cast shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE III.—DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

If the demands of the work justify it there shall be the following departments of work: Juvenile Work, Temperance Literature, Influencing the Press, Evangelistic Work, Parlor Meetings, Heredity and Hygiene, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Kitchen Garden, Flower Mission, Unfermented Wine, Inducing Physicians not to Prescribe Alcoholic Stimulants, Relation of Intemperance to Capital and Labor, Prison and Gaol Work, Young Woman's Work, Work among Railroad Employes, Work among Soldiers, Work among Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners, Legislation Petitions and Franchise, Hospital, Fairs, and such other as the needs of the locality seem to call for and the Provincial Union recommends.

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

The regular meeting of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly, as the Union may de-

cide. The first meeting in the month shall be largely a devotional meeting. Mass meetings shall be held as frequently as possible. The Executive and other committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE V.—QUORUM.

A quorum shall consist of such members as shall be present at a regular or special meeting, due notice of such meeting being given to the members.

ARTICLE VI.—DELEGATES TO THE PROVINCIAL UNION.

Delegates to the Provincial Union are received on the following basis: One for each Union, and one additional delegate for every ten paying members for each Union. The expenses of general officers for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Traveling expenses of delegates to annual Convention shall, when at all practicable, be borne by the Union sending those delegates.

ARTICLE VII.

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, providing due notice has been given at the meeting previous. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Devotional exercises.
 Reading minutes of last meeting.
 Treasurer's report.
 Unfinished business.
 Reception of communications.
 Report of committees.
 Reading of paper on temperance question.
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 Regular course of reading.
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