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

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

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

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In Memoriam

GENERAL NEAL DOW

BORN IN PORTLAND, MAINE, U. S., MARCH 20TH, 1804.
DIED IN THE SAME CITY OCTOBER 2ND, 1897.



GENERAL DOW is known as "The Father of Prohibition." Though not the author of this policy for the treatment of the legalized liquor traffic, he was its first successful advocate. His career as a radical temperance worker began in 1839, when he appeared before the Board of Aldermen in his own city and induced them to refer the question of license, or no license, to a vote of the people. Defeated by a small majority, he renewed the attack three years later, with better success. In 1843 he entered upon an eight years' struggle, that ended in State Prohibition. Petitions were printed and circulated, at his expense, calling upon the Legislature "to adjudge the traffic in intoxicating liquors an infamous crime." In 1851, while Mayor of Portland, the Act for which he had so persistently striven was enacted. This was repealed in 1856 and re-enacted in 1857, since when it has remained upon the statute books as an object lesson to the world.

Among General Dow's last words were these:
"This is the end, and it is all right."

"Self Denial is self love living for the future."

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MINUTES

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The Sub-Executive Meeting

LONDON, June, 1897.

The Sub-Committee of the Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the residence of Mrs. Thornley, 835 Dundas street; at 9 a.m.

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

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, each member taking part.

A close survey of the work in general was taken, and the following suggestions and recommendations were made:

Suggested, That County Presidents make it a point to have their Executive send greetings to any bodies meeting within their bounds.

In regard to Plan of Work No. 14, in which it was recommended that Municipal Councils be asked to petition the Government to permit married ladies who are property holders to vote on all municipal matters, it was decided to correspond with Mrs. Spence and inquire as to the wisdom of taking immediate action or wait until the new Councils are appointed.

As the time has arrived when the interests of the work demand a paper issued at least fortnightly, we approve of the formation of a joint stock company for the ownership of the *Journal* and recommend that the Provincial Union take shares in such if formed, and that an effort be made to induce Ontario women to take stock in it also.

A scheme for the establishment of a National Publication House having been laid before the President the matter was duly discussed, but not being in possession of sufficient information as to how it might affect W. C. T. U. interests it was recommended that further inquiries be made regarding the proposed location of the enterprise, as, should it be in Toronto, there would be much more probability of co-operation on the part of the W. C. T. U.

An interesting letter from Mrs. Ashcroft, of Purple Valley, was read; it contained plans for work in her locality. The matter was discussed but decided not to take action before Convention.

In accord with Plan of Work No. 18, Mrs. Wiley was requested to prepare a letter to be sent to the G. T. R. and C. P. R. authorities requesting them to carry parcels to shanty-men, miners, etc., free of charge. In conjunction with this letter, Miss Sproule was asked to prepare one explaining the nature of the work, the number of miles of road over which she distributed literature, or any other information which might lead the authorities to favor us.

Mrs. Wiley was requested to write up the claims of the Provincial Convention in the newspapers in June, Mrs. Cavers in July, and Miss Cosford in August.

The first draft of Convention programme was made, and various other matters arranged.

At 10 p.m. meeting adjourned after a day of steady work.

ELLA S. COSFORD, Rec. Secretary.

INTERIM MINUTES

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Decisions of the Sub-Executive

BY CORRESPONDENCE.

NOVEMBER 21, 1896.

By a unanimous vote the following appointments of Superintendents of Departments were made and accepted:

Juvenile (including Band of Hope, Demorest Medal Contests, and Kitchen Garden)—Mrs. Emma Pratt, 6 East Ave., N. Hamilton.

Temperance in Sabbath Schools—Mrs. Alice C. Saunby, 335 Wharncliffe Road, London West.

Systematic Giving—Mrs. Dent, Mitchell.

Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion—Mrs. J. R. Cavers, Galt. Later, Mrs. Cavers resigned this appointment in view of other work.

The Departments of Legislation and Petition, and Work Among Lumbermen being vacant, voting papers were sent out but no decision was reached at that date.

NOVEMBER, 23, 1896.

Miss M. J. Bates, of Prince Albert, was chosen to fill the position of Superintendent of Unfermented Wine Department, and accepted.

DECEMBER 14, 1896.

The following appointments of Superintendents of Departments were made and accepted:

Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission—Mrs. Frank Moore, Teeswater.

Work among Lumbermen—Miss Kate Fisher, Wingham.

Lecture Bureau—Mrs. J. R. Cavers, Galt.

By a unanimous vote Mrs. MacCallum, of Kingston, was appointed President of Frontenac County Union.

JANUARY 2, 1897.

For various reasons, it was decided not to engage a missionary among Lumbermen this year.

JANUARY 18, 1897.

A meeting of the Provincial Alliance Executive was called to meet on January 22 to consider the temperance amendments to be submitted to the Ontario House. Our Sub-Executive requested Mrs. Thornley to attend.

Mrs. McKee was requested to send out a circular re Curfew Bell to Municipal Councils.

Mrs. F. S. Spence was requested to prepare a circular re the Extension of Municipal Franchise to married women. It was approved and sent out.

FEBRUARY 3, 1897.

By consent of Sub-Executive, Mrs. J. Parsons Smith was appointed to act as a W. C. T. U. organizer.

MARCH 1, 1897.

In view of the late unsatisfactory action of the government, our President, Mrs. Thornley, was requested to send out a letter to the Unions, explaining the position of the prohibition cause and urging a large representation to attend the Convention to be held in Toronto on March 11th.

MARCH 4, 1897.

It being desirable that the Provincial Union be represented at the Convention, Miss Cosford was requested to accompany Mrs. Thornley. Other members of the Sub-Executive were unable to attend.

MARCH 22, 1897.

Miss MacArthur was appointed Ontario representative upon the Dominion Plan of Work Committee.

MARCH 22, 1897.

In view of arrangements to hold "World's and Dominion Conventions" in the month of October, a majority of the Sub-Executive chose October 12th as a suitable date for holding Provincial Convention in Brantford. However, it was unanimously decided to take a vote of the Executive to decide the matter.

APRIL 3, 1897.

A vote of the full Provincial Executive was taken to decide the date of Convention. October 12th was the date chosen by a large majority.

MAY 25, 1897.

Owing to illness and bereavement of members of Sub-Executive the spring meeting of the Sub-Executive was delayed from time to time. But, for special reasons May 29th was the date unanimously chosen.

JUNE 16, 1897.

Mesdames Wiley, Cavers, Brownell and Starr were appointed delegates to represent the W. C. T. U. and attend the Alliance Convention held in Toronto, July 15th.

JUNE 26, 1897.

Mrs. J. R. Cavers was appointed a member of the Dominion Resolution Committee.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1897.

By vote of Sub-Executive Miss Edith Murray, of Toronto, was chosen to be our speaker in response to the address of welcome from Brantford ladies. Also Mrs. (Rev.) T. S. Johnston, of London, was chosen to reply to the addresses of welcome to be given by clergymen and other societies.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1897.

The Sub-Executive received a communication from the Dominion Royal Templars containing suggestions for the formation of a National Temperance Committee. A vote was taken and the scheme approved.

A subsequent communication, asking for the appointment of a delegate to attend the organization meeting, was, by vote, laid over for consideration at Brantford.

ELLA S. COSFORD, Rec. Secretary.

MINUTES
OF THE
Meeting of the Executive Board

BRANTFORD, October 11, 1897.

The Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in Willard Hall at 8 p.m.

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

After opening devotional exercises, in which a number of the members took part, the interim minutes of decisions of Sub-Executive by correspondence were read, and, on motion, adopted. Also the minutes of Sub-Executive meeting, held June 1st, were read, and, after one addition, adopted.

The Convention programme was then discussed. Mrs. (Rev.) MacCallum, of Kingston, was appointed to conduct the opening devotional exercises.

Recommended, That Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, President of the Dominion Union, be requested to make the presentation of the Prize Banner.

The list of speakers at the midweek prayer service in the various city churches was read and approved. The appointment of four more speakers was delayed until the full delegation be present.

Recommended, That instead of a Bible reading we hold a Convention prayer meeting on Friday afternoon.

Recommended, That the new Executive meet on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock instead of 10, as mentioned on the programme.

On motion, the Convention programme, with these alterations and additions, was approved.

Committees were appointed as follows :

Credentials—Miss MacArthur and Mrs. Wiley.

Banner—Miss MacArthur and Mrs. Britton.

Plan of Work—Mrs. Maxwell, Amherstburg; Mrs. Wheeler, Paris; Miss MacArthur, Cornwall; Mrs. Pratt, Hamilton; Mrs. Livingstone, Tilsonburg; Mrs. Britton, Gananoque; Mrs. Forbes, Grimsby.

Resolutions—Mrs. McKee, Barrie.

Moved by Mrs. McKee, and seconded, that the President nominate the members of Resolutions Committee on Tuesday morning. Carried.

Appropriation—Mrs. Saunby, London; Miss Fisher, Paisley; Mrs. Paton, Peterboro'; Mrs. Spence, Toronto; Mrs. Gordon Wright, London; Miss MacArthur, Cornwall.

Local Finance — Miss MacArthur, Cornwall, and Mrs. Howell, Brantford.

Courtesies—Mrs. Brophy and Mrs. (Judge) Jones.

Owing to Mrs. Cavers' illness and consequent absence from Convention it was necessary to make fresh nomination for Dominion Resolutions Committee. Miss Phelps was selected.

A city photographer having requested a photo of Convention, it was recommended that the picture be taken immediately at the close of Tuesday morning session.

On motion, meeting adjourned with prayer, at 9.30 p.m.

E. S. COSFORD, Rec. Secretary.



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MINUTES
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TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION
OF ONTARIO.

CONVENTION,
BRANTFORD, October 12, 1897.

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened in the First Presbyterian Church at 9.30 a.m.

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

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. MacCallum, of Kingston.

The roll call of Officers, Superintendents and County Presidents was then made to which four Officers, eighteen Superintendents, and nineteen County Presidents responded.

On motion, the Corresponding Secretary was requested to convey by letter to Mrs. Cavers, of Galt, and Miss Scott, of Ottawa, the very sincere regret of convention for their enforced absence, on account of illness.

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

Reports of Superintendents were then read as follows :

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

WORK AMONG RAILROAD MEN—Mrs. A. P. Morrison, Superintendent, Owen Sound.

At this juncture, Mrs. (Dr.) Amelia Youmans, Dominion Vice-President, and our Convention speaker, was introduced and heartily welcomed ; also the little pages, Misses Wilma Jones and Florence Roberts, were introduced to Convention.

NARCOTICS—This report was read by Miss Cosford; the Superintendent, Mrs. Caldwell, of Lanark, not being present. An interesting discussion on this subject followed.

SCHOOLS OF METHOD—Mrs. May R. Thornley, London, Superintendent. A most helpful discussion also followed this report.

A kind invitation was received from the mayor of Brantford, Mr. Thomas Elliot, for Convention to view the city by way of a ride on the street cars. This was gratefully received with applause, and accepted for 5 p.m., Wednesday.

Also, the courtesies of the Brantford Blind Asylum were extended to Convention and with pleasure accepted.

UNFERMENTED WINE—Miss M. J. Bates, Superintendent. Was read by Mrs. E. E. Starr.

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES—This report was given by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiley.

The report of County Presidents was then read by Miss Cosford.

The President remarked the great improvement in the work as reported this year compared with the first one given.

These reports were each one, after discussion, on motion, adopted as read, with some slight additions.

At 11.30 a.m. Mrs. (Dr.) Youmans gave a most instructive Bible reading.

On motion of Miss Cosford, the courtesies of Convention were extended to Mrs. (Dr.) Youmans with all the privileges except the vote.

The Resolutions Committee was nominated by the President, as follows: Mrs. McKee, Barrie, Convener; Mrs. Reed, Teeswater; Mrs. Maddock, Guelph; Miss Phelps, St. Catharines; Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall.

After various announcements noontide prayer was offered, and, on motion, meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONVENTION, October 12, 1897.

The President in the chair.

After singing an hymn, Mrs. Smith, of St. Catharines, read a portion of Scripture and led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning meeting were then read, and, on motion, approved, after two slight alterations were made.

A communication was read from Mr. F. S. Spence, Secretary of Dominion Alliance, containing greetings, and also the request that, as usual, four delegates be appointed to take part in the annual meeting of the Alliance to be held in 1898.

On motion, this communication was received with directions that a suitable reply should be made and the matter acted upon in due time.

A communication from Mr. Geo. H. Lees, Grand Councillor of the Royal Templars of Temperance, containing kindly greetings, was read and received.

Reports were again read, as follows:

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS—Mrs. E. E. Starr. This exhaustive report was listened to with much interest, and, on motion, adopted.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was introduced and briefly expressed words of welcome and good wishes from his congregation. Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, of the Baptist Church, was also introduced and spoke briefly.

A report was made by the Committee on Credentials, and received as a partial report.

Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, was then requested to take the chair, while the President delivered her annual address.

On motion, of Mrs. Paton, of Peterboro, a rising vote of thanks was proffered Mrs. Thornley for her most eloquent and instructive address.

Miss Horning, of Brantford, kindly sang a most inspiring song, entitled, "A Song of Trust."

FRANCHISE—Mrs. F. S. Spence, Superintendent, Toronto. Was read, and, after discussion, adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was then called for, and at Mrs. Wiley's suggestion, on motion, only the list of counties reported and summary was read.

This most encouraging report, showing a gain in almost every respect, was, on motion, adopted, Convention rising and singing the doxology.

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

CURFEW BELL—Mrs. S. G. E. McKee, Superintendent. Was read and adopted.

After announcements, on motion, the meeting adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

At 8 p.m. the chair was taken, in the Wellington Street Methodist Church, by the President, Mrs. Thornley.

The church choir was present in full force and ably added to the interest of the programme.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. (Dr.) Amelia Youmans, Vice-President Dominion Union.

On behalf of the Brantford Union, Mrs. Brophy, the President, offered a hearty welcome to Convention, to which Miss Murray, of Toronto, gracefully responded.

Greetings were also extended by—

Mrs. Chrysler, on behalf of the Methodist W. M. S.

Mrs. (Rev.) Hutchinson, on behalf of the Baptist W. M. S.

Mr. W. J. Turnbull, for Grand Lodge of Independent Order of Good Templars.

Mayor Elliot, on behalf of the City of Brantford.

Mr. Griffiths, on behalf of Brantford R. T. of T.

W. W. Buchanan, for the Dominion Council R. T. of T.

Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, for the Ministerial Alliance.

To all these kind and gracious expressions of welcome Mrs. (Rev.) T. S. Johnston, of London, replied in a most suitable manner.

A recitation by Miss Edith Murray, of Toronto, delighted the audience.

"Our 'Y's,'" was the subject of a talk given by the Superintendents of the department, Mrs. Alice B. Reed and Miss May Gordon.

Mrs. Asa Gordon gave a brief address, and Mrs. Armstrong, of Lucknow, gave an interesting recitation.

SECOND DAY.

CONVENTION, October 13, 9.30 A.M.

Mrs. Rutherford, President of the Dominion Union, occupied the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Watson, of Hamilton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Reports of Superintendents were again taken up:

TEMPERANCE IN SABBATH SCHOOLS—Mrs. Saunby, Superintendent, London. Was read and adopted.

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PRISONS AND POLICE—Mrs. M. M. Brownell, Superintendent, Toronto. Was read by Miss Cosford, and, on motion, adopted.

JUVENILE—Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Superintendent, Hamilton. On motion, adopted.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE—Mrs. Bigelow, Superintendent, Cornwall. On motion, adopted.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—Mrs. MacCallum, Superintendent, Kingston. After this report was read, and adopted, Rev. Dr. Ross, of Brantford, was requested to explain the position and condition of the Ontario Lord's Day Act from a standpoint of law.

Moved by Mrs. MacCallum, and carried, that we ask the Lord's Day Alliance to write a leaflet putting the legal situation of this question in such a shape that it may be sent out to Unions and be of assistance to the workers.

WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE—Miss Phelps, Superintendent, St. Catharines. This report was read, and, on motion, adopted.

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS—Mrs. Hilborne, Superintendent, Toronto. This report was read by Mrs. Wrigley, of Toronto, and, on motion, adopted.

HYGIENE AND HEREDITY—Miss Murray, Superintendent, Toronto.

A most interesting and educative discussion took place in relation to this subject, after which the report was, on motion, adopted.

On motion, the name of Mrs. Gordon Wright was added to the Appropriation Committee.

Announcements were made, and, at 11.30 o'clock, Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, was called upon to give one of her inspiring and helpful Bible readings; and at 12 o'clock noontide prayer was offered.

On motion, meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONVENTION, 3 P.M.

The President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Coghill, of Wyoming.

Mrs. Reed, of Teeswater, led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved.

Greetings by telegram were received from Mr. John A. Nichols, Montreal.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK—Mrs. Reed, Superintendent of Western Division, Teeswater. Was read and discussed.

Miss Gordon, Superintendent of Eastern Division, Ottawa, then gave her report.

The discussion of this department was of so much interest that the time was extended for five minutes.

Each of these reports were, on motion, adopted.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING—Mrs. Dent, Superintendent; Mitchell. Read and, on motion, adopted.

The proceedings were then varied with a solo, rendered by Miss Grace Foster.

EVANGELISTIC WORK—Mrs. A. Gordon, Superintendent, Ottawa. Was given, and, on motion, adopted.

LUMBERMEN—Miss Fisher, Superintendent, Wingham. Read, and, after discussion, coupled with various directions in reference to preparation of parcels and comfort bags to be sent out, the report was, on motion, adopted.

SOCIAL PURITY, AND PURITY IN LITERATURE AND ART—Mrs. Lucas, Superintendent, Grimsby. Read, and, on motion, adopted.

Announcements were made, and the list of speakers appointed to give addresses at the midweek prayer services in the various city churches was read as follows :

St. Jude—Mrs. Asa Gordon, Ottawa ; Mrs. E. E. Starr, Toronto.

First Presbyterian—Mrs. Reed, Teeswater ; Miss Lawrence, Campbellford ; Miss Gordon, Ottawa.

First Baptist—Mrs. Wheeler, Paris ; Miss Phelps, St. Catharines.

Calvary Baptist—Mrs. Livingstone, Tilsonburg ; Mrs. Lucas, Grimsby.

Congregational—Mrs. (Rev.) MacCallum, Kingston ; Mrs. (Rev.) Watson, Hamilton.

Brant Avenue Methodist—Mrs. McKee, Barrie ; Mrs. (Rev.) McAllister, Watford.

Wellington Street Methodist—Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Morrow.

Colborne Street Methodist — Mrs. Gordon Wright, London ; Mrs. Armstrong, Lucknow.

Oxford Street Methodist—Mrs. Kenner, Prince Albert ; Miss Fisher, Wingham.

Huron St. Methodist—Mrs. W.W. Smith, St. Catharines.

Sydenham Street Methodist—Mrs. Maddock, Guelph.

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THIRD DAY.

CONVENTION, October 14, 9.30 A.M.

The President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Waters, of Hamilton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Corresponding Secretary read greetings from Rev. W. A. Mackay, of Woodstock, which were gladly received.

Miss Leo. Park, a little page, was here introduced.

Judge Jones was then invited to the platform, introduced to Convention, and spoke encouraging words to the workers.

MISSIONARY WORK.—Miss Sproule, Superintendent, Algoma. Was read by Miss Cosford. Much interest was shown in the discussion, which required an extension of time. On motion, the report was adopted.

The President then requested the Dominion President, Mrs. Rutherford, to take the chair.

Preparatory to the election of officers the following tellers were appointed :

First Set—Miss Fisher, Paisley; Mrs. Wrigley, Toronto; Mrs. Gordon Wright, London; Miss Rogers, Richmond Hill.

Second Set—Mrs. Britton, Gananoque; Mrs. Morrison, Owen Sound; Miss Fish, Otterville; Miss Gordon, Ottawa.

Prayer, for guidance in the selection of officers, was offered by Mrs. Leeds, of Philadelphia.

The ballot for President resulted in the unanimous re-election of Mrs. May R. Thornley, who was called to the chair and received with enthusiasm.

Mrs. Cavers, of Galt, was re-elected Vice-President, and, on motion, it was requested that a telegram, informing Mrs. Cavers of her re-appointment, should be immediately sent.

The ballot for Corresponding Secretary was then taken and resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Wiley for the thirteenth time. Mrs. Wiley was received with a Chautauqua salute.

While the tellers were counting the ballots during the different elections the following business was transacted :

In accordance with notice of motion given last year, moved by Mrs. Thornley, and seconded by Mrs. Starr, that Article II. of the Local Constitution be amended by striking out the words

"the regular fee" and substituting the words "a fee, the amount of which shall be settled by each Union." Carried.

In accordance with notice of motion made by Mrs. Brownell last year, moved by Mrs. Reed, and seconded by Miss Phelps, that any person may become a life member of County or District Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$10.00, and that any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and paying the sum of \$1.00 annually. Carried.

The noon hour having arrived, on motion, Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONVENTION, 2.30 o'clock.

The President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Gordon Wright, of London.

The minutes of the morning meeting were then read and approved.

The elections were again resumed.

Miss Cosford requested that no ballots should be cast in her favor as she would not stand for re-election.

In the nominating ballot for Recording Secretary the following names received, according to order, the highest number of votes: Mrs. Saunby, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Livingstone, and Mrs. Pratt. Mrs. Saunby was elected.

The ballot for Treasurer resulted in the unanimous re-election of Miss MacArthur for the eighth year.

The following resolution was then moved by Mrs. Bigelow, of Cornwall, seconded by Mrs. Gordon Wright, of London, and carried:

RESOLVED, That the heartfelt gratitude of this Convention, and the White Ribboners throughout Ontario, is due Miss Cosford, who for five years has so acceptably filled the position of Provincial Recording Secretary, she having devoted herself to the onerous duties devolving upon her with zeal, ability and wisdom, untiring and intense, and very reluctantly, indeed, we are compelled to accept her resignation of the office she has so successfully filled.

To these expressions of loving appreciation Miss Cosford briefly responded.

The School of Methods was then organized, and immediately Mrs. Reed, of Teeswater, was requested to read a paper on "The Trials and Triumphs of a County President."

Mrs. Fissette, of Brantford, then delighted the audience with a most suitable solo.

At 4 p.m. Mrs. MacCallum, of Kingston, gave an account of her year's experience, her address being entitled "This Year's Lessons."

Following this an address for women only, on "Social Purity," was given by Mrs. (Dr.) Youmans, of Winnipeg.

At 5.30 the President answered the questions that had been sent in, after which, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

A large audience assembled in the Baptist Church, the principal feature of the evening being the address of Dr. Amelia Youmans, on the subject of enfranchisement of women, entitled "When Mother Comes Home."

The opening exercises and Scripture reading were led by Mrs. Gordon Wright.

The church choir, and also Miss Grace Foster, of Brantford, rendered some fine selections, contributing largely to the evening's entertainment.

Miss Hyndman, of Hamilton, delighted the audience with a recitation, entitled "The Town Without a Bar-room," by W. A. Vrooman.

Greetings from the Dominion Alliance were extended to the Ontario Convention by Rev. Dr. J. S. Ross, of Brantford.

The presentation of the Prize Banner to the county having the largest percentage of increase was made by the Treasurer, Miss MacArthur, to Miss Martin, of North Bay, who represented the fortunate District of Nipissing.

A collection was taken, and the meeting closed with the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

EXECUTIVE, October 15, 8.45 A.M.

The President in the chair. Twenty Officers and County Presidents present.

Recommended, That we have a supply of the "list of prohibited papers and periodicals" printed for distribution among Unions, ministers, teachers, etc.

The following appointments of Superintendents of Departments were recommended :

EVANGELISTIC—Mrs. A. Gordon, Ottawa.
 LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE—Mrs. Watson, Hamilton.
 HYGIENE AND HEREDITY—Miss Murray, Toronto.
 SOCIAL PURITY ; PURITY IN LITERATURE, ART AND FASHION—Mrs. D. V. Lucas, Grimsby.
 PRISON AND POLICE—Mrs. M. Brownell, Toronto.
 EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS—Mrs. Hilborne, Toronto.
 SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall.
 UNFERMENTED WINE—Miss Bates, Prince Albert.
 NARCOTICS—Mrs. Waters, Hamilton.
 PRESS—Mrs. Livingstone, Tilsonburg.
 SCHOOLS OF METHOD and PARLIAMENTARY USAGES—
 Recommended that these Departments be combined,
 and that Mrs. Thornley be the Superintendent.
 FRANCHISE—Mrs. F. S. Spence, Toronto.
 LEGISLATION AND PETITIONS—Mrs. A. Gordon, Ottawa.
 PARLOR MEETINGS—Mrs. Wheeler, Paris.
 SYSTEMATIC GIVING—Mrs. Dent, Mitchell.
 FLOWER, FRUIT AND DELICACY—Mrs. Frank Moore,
 Teeswater.
 WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN—Miss Fisher, Paisley.
 WORK AMONG RAILROAD MEN—Mrs. Morrison, Owen
 Sound.
 WORK AMONG SAILORS—Recommended that Mrs. Maxwell communicate with a lady in Windsor in view of the work of this Department.
 WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE — Miss Phelps, St. Catharines.
 JUVENILE (including BAND OF HOPE, DEMOREST MEDAL CONTESTS AND KITCHEN GARDEN)—Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Hamilton.
 CURFEW BELL—Mrs. McKee, Barrie.
 YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK—Mrs. Reed, Teeswater, and Miss Mae Gordon, Ottawa.

CONVENTION, 9.30 A.M.

The President in the chair.

Opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Maddock, of Guelph.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and approved. Also the recommendations of the Executive, held at 8.45 o'clock, were read and adopted.

The following resolution was moved by Miss K. Fisher, seconded, and carried unanimously :

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the retiring Superintendent of Work Among Lumbermen, Mrs. Hunter, for her faithful services during the five years that she was entrusted with this department.

Miss Fisher then gave notice of motion that she, or some one in her place, would move at the next annual meeting that in the event of any local Union disbanding or ceasing to meet, the Secretary's and Treasurer's books, with cash on hand, be sent to the County Corresponding Secretary, and that a notice of the same be sent to the County President.

RESOLUTIONS.—A report was made by Mrs. Reed, of Teeswater, and after active discussion and a few slight amendments the report was adopted as a whole as amended.

PLAN OF WORK.—A report was made by Mrs. Maxwell, which was received as a partial report.

After announcements, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONVENTION, 2.30 o'clock.

The President in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Ross, of Brantford.

At 2.30 o'clock the Plebiscite Conference was conducted, according to programme, by Dr. Ross.

A Convention Prayer Meeting was then held, led by Dr. Amelia Youmans.

In connection with this service, the list of workers who had been called to their reward during the year was read and suitable reference made.

In respectful deference to the Honorable Neal Dow and his indefatigable labors, being the father of prohibition, it was moved by Miss Phelps, and seconded, that suitable mention be made of the same in our annual report. Carried.

The minutes of the morning meeting were then read and confirmed.

PLAN OF WORK.—The report was given as amended, and, on motion, was accepted as a whole as read.

Rev. Mr. Kirby was then introduced to Convention and spoke brief words of encouragement to the workers.

APPROPRIATION.—The report was given by Mrs. Gordon Wright, of London.

Regarding the appropriation for Miss Sproule's missionary work, it was moved by Miss Phelps, and seconded by Mrs. Goldie, that an equal division be made for East and West Algoma.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. Paton, that this matter be left to the Executive to be held on Saturday morning.

Miss Phelps' motion carried.

The report of the Appropriation Committee was adopted as amended.

LOCAL FINANCE.—The report was read, and, on motion, adopted.

The ballot for Delegate at Large to Dominion Convention resulted in the election of Miss Cosford.

Moved by Miss Phelps, seconded by Mrs. Wright, that one delegate to the World's Convention be appointed by the Ontario Convention and that the remaining two be elected at the Dominion Convention. Carried.

Mrs. Thornley was appointed World's Delegate by acclamation.

The Corresponding Secretary read a communication from the Ottawa Union containing a cordial invitation for Convention to meet in Ottawa next year. This was, on motion, enthusiastically accepted.

LECTURE BUREAU.—The report as prepared by Mrs. Cavers, was read by Mrs. Saunby, and, on motion, adopted.

PARLOR MEETINGS.—Mrs. Wheeler, Superintendent. The report was read and adopted.

A number of engagements were made for Mrs. (Dr.) Youmans' lecture tour.

The Question Box was then answered by the President.

The business of Convention being now completed, the usual closing exercises were participated in by all present. The hymn, "God be with You till we Meet Again," was sung, and after earnest prayer for guidance and protection Convention adjourned *sine die*.

ELLA S. COSFORD,

Recording Secretary.

FIFTH DAY.

EXECUTIVE, October 16, 9.30 a.m.

The President in the chair. Nearly all the members of the Executive were present.

A communication regarding Municipal Franchise to married women, also Parliamentary Franchise to widows and spinsters, was received from the Dominion Superintendent of this Department. After discussion, it was decided to endorse and support any action the Dominion Union may take in the matter.

A summary of the official report of the License Holders' Protective Association was recently published in the "Montreal Daily Witness." Believing that a knowledge of the tactics of the liquor party and the energy with which they endeavor to manipulate every interest that may further their cause would inspire our workers to the necessity of greater assiduity and watchfulness, it was suggested that the report be put in suitable form and sent to the Unions. Details of the work to be left with the Sub-Executive.

It was recommended that Provincial Superintendents when reading their reports should give list of counties who are reported.

Recommended, That Mrs. Thornley should represent Ontario at the National Prohibition Committee.

Recommended, That Mesdames Thornley, Brownell, Wiley, and Miss Phelps, be Ontario representatives to Dominion Alliance.

Recommended, That the Corresponding Secretary convey the thanks of Convention to the railroad authorities for concessions made in favor of tickets for delegates.

The following were appointed to compose the Plan of Work Committee: Mrs. Wheeler, Convener, Paris; Mrs. Maxwell, Amherstburg; Mrs. Livingstone, Tilsonburg; Mrs. Alexander, Ottawa; Mrs. Cavers, Galt; Mrs. D. C. McDougall, St. Elmo; Mrs. Pratt, Hamilton; Miss MacArthur, Cornwall.

On motion, Mrs. Bigelow was appointed Convener of the Resolutions Committee.

Auditor, Mrs. Maggie Crewson, Cornwall.

After an earnest closing prayer, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

ELLA S. COSFORD,
Rec. Secretary.

President's Annual Address.

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, London).

Not far from the town in which we summered this season lies another that has just furnished an incident unparalleled in my limited experience. The pivot about which the story revolves was an old man, long past not only the allotted span, but the marginal ten years—sure to be a sequel to the 70, because at 70 character and destiny, with trifling exceptions, are synonymous terms.

Age had bereft him of all that makes life a pleasure. He had grown to be, even in his miniature world, the veriest cipher. Yet one gruesome memory invested him, for the few who knew it, with a sorrowful interest. Years before, this decrepid invalid, then full of bounding life and vigor, had stood by the death bed of an only brother. The pages of the past, which those death-palsied hands were turning, held a record that boded ill for the future; still, the terror that beset him was not a dread of punishment, rather a shrinking from the awful loneliness of a loveless eternity, a world without God or hope. How it came about I know not, but the strong man, who scorned God and goodness, by a covenant of which it makes one shudder to think, eased the way for that human toboggan, with its trembling spirit freight, down over the last awful lunge into the abyss of eternal night. How many thousands have promised a mother or father, a wife or child, to meet them in Heaven, and have found all the future mortgaged to a new owner, by that sacred pledge? But this man promised his dying brother that he would meet him in hell! If ever after there was any relenting, any hesitation, it was never known, and though Christian workers and godly friends exhausted entreaties and arguments, he had one answer for all, and three months ago he passed away to keep his tryst the other side of that "great fixed gulf."

I heard this story from the lips of the dead man's friend and it fell on my spirits like a chilly rain. All day imagination pictured the meeting in the abodes of darkness.

A DARKER PICTURE.

Does the thought fill you with horror? Jesus is your friend, you would not think life worth living without His sweet friendship, and to you this reckless act is repellant, awful. Yet there is a species of courage and fidelity in such a career. If you contrast it with that of the man who cherishes a hope of final salvation, while

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he makes a business of wringing the "image divine" out of the souls of his fellowmen by means of the drink traffic, it shines by way of comparison. The first dooms his own soul, the second makes a cash profit out of the doom of others. The more one searches into the true inwardness of this traffic, and learns the depths of misery to which it consigns its victims, and the circle of despairing friends too often attached to them, the more does one's heart and conscience revolt against the specious and heartless pleas advanced on its behalf. Years ago, when the light was dim, there were good men in the liquor business and upholding it. There are still kind hearted, generous people drifting with this deadly tide, but with the noonday knowledge of 1897 we cannot believe Ontario holds one drink seller, or one drink apologist, ignorant of the disastrous results of the trade or quite blind to the shadow of its coming annihilation. The light is breaking in on every side.

THE WORKERS.

Neal Dow is gone, but Neal Dow's life was a beacon at which ten thousand lesser flames were kindled. Prohibition is the keen blade that will cut the gordian knot with which habit and avarice would strangle social life; and prohibition and Neal Dow are names for ever linked. Benjamin Ward Richardson is gone, yet his life work is to-day being wrought into the moral and mental fibre of millions of school children. What a glorious thing it is to be a co-worker with God!

And we, in our little niches? When we drop out the tide of reform will surge on without us; the world will forget we ever existed; yet if our work has been done through and by the Spirit its little rill of influence will be just as undying as that of these temperance giants. I had rather be eternally blotted out of existence than be other than on God's side.

POLITICAL ACTION.

The trustees of Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, have given American educators a serious problem to consider. The president of the university was a free silver man, and frankly and publicly so stated. Certain wealthy citizens, from whom gifts might be expected, had other views, and would be offended if the official head of the university took issue with these. Unless President Andrews was suppressed the funds of the university might suffer. So said the trustees in the baldest of terms. The president was therefore requested to cease the advocacy of his theories on the currency question, and given the reasons therefor.

We are not concerned about the correctness of President Andrews' beliefs. Whether we are in favor of a single or double standard of coinage, or, possibly, have only a very nebulous

notion of what either term implies, we instinctively feel the injustice of smothering an honest expression of opinion to prevent giving offence to wealthy and powerful patrons.

The occasion called forth a rousing protest. Some even of the gold standard political papers and many gold advocates rallied to President Andrews' defence, or rather to the defence of the principle compromised by the action of the trustees. In a New York paper, Washington Gladden, himself a sound money man, makes an appeal against the tendency, both in college and church circles, to hide the truth that influential friends may not be alienated.

He says in part—"I think that the liberty of telling this truth is worth far more to the country, and to the colleges, than all the possible endowments of the multi-millionaires. It is not the colleges alone that are affected by this question. The churches are touched by it not less nearly. * * * A little concession and compliance, a simple willingness to pass by on the other side when troublesome responsibilities thrust themselves upon us; is not this the wiser course? And by just keeping ourselves in proper relations with the men of money, and putting ourselves under slight obligations to them, how many facilities they may afford us of extending our work and enlarging our influence.

"The time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God. Let us think a little now and then, dearly beloved brethren, of the good we can do by being true witnesses for God, by keeping our souls free from all complicity with injustice and extortion.

"Churches and colleges are standing together to-day in the valley of decision. The question is a simple one—whether those who wish to see the Kingdom of God prevail should put their main-reliance on the weapons that are carnal, or on truth and freedom."

OUR MISTAKE.

Dear sisters, I sadly fear we have been making the same mistake in essence that these trustees did. They wanted to keep in with the moneyed influence of their city and State even though that might have to be done by doubtful methods.

Has not this spirit been among us when we have treated the temperance problem from its most potent side,—the political? To keep in with one or other government has often necessitated silence where there should have been forcible protest; wrong has been covered or ignored from motives of policy when a wise and frank rebuke would have saved us the contempt of our enemies and gained us the good will of God.

This is not a mistake of this year or last, but a decade, and the outcome has been what we might have expected, a pitiful failure

When the Holy Ghost came upon Peter and the other disciples, after the day of Pentecost, they no longer stood silent while Truth was crucified ; but upon the people and the religious and civil authorities they charged home the crime.

We have bought our experience dearly, thenceforth let us remember that the one over-mastering power with whom we *must* "keep in," if we would ever see Prohibition, is the God of Nations, in whose sight the petty rulers of earth are as dust.

THE ONTARIO BILL.

To take up, in detail, the occurrences of the past winter would be unnecessary because of the wide publicity already given them, and would be impossible owing to the limits of this paper ; yet, as the President's annual address is supposed to be a chronicle of the year's happenings, viewed through temperance glasses, we must take a hurried glimpse backward.

When we met last year, in Pembroke, we were in possession of that enigmatical Privy Council decision. We had been graciously received by Premier Hardy and cabinet, and our two arguments (repeated over and over again) in favor of trenchant legislation—Sir Oliver Mowat's Promise and the Plebiscite majority—had been allowed without a note of dissent. We had outlined our twenty-three amendments to the present License Law, and were awaiting results with deep concern and a trembling hope.

Would the garment be cut according to the pattern? Sir Oliver Mowat's large, if somewhat indefinite, measurements had given hope of an ample robe, and Premier Hardy's assumption of his predecessor's liabilities had confirmed that hope.

The House met. Government organs were full of dampening rumors ; but when the poor little misfit of last March, proposing to again attire the stalwart Prohibition sentiment of this province in a baby robe, was turned out of the legislative workshop we found our eyes riveted, not on the article in question, but on the promises and professions that lay back of it, and we were bitterly disappointed.

One hundred and thirty less licenses—we need not mention the thirty odd saloons ; these, as expected, are being rapidly metamorphosed into hotels. Sundry druggists' restrictions that were not amongst *our* requests, but were included in the liquor dealers' list, as reported by the press.

Provisions for reducing the number of licenses hampered by such vexatious conditions as to make them apples of Sodom. Ten and eleven, instead of seven, o'clock closing.

In this latter gulf lies buried the most sanguine expectations of a host of White Ribboners, and over it rang the death knell of

hope for hundreds of heart-broken wives, mothers and sisters, and those over whom they yearned. It is the night drinking that sears the soul and destroys physical and moral restraints. Had there been any real desire to deal the traffic a crippling blow we should have seen it at this point.

We are glad that our law disapproves of drinking under 21 years of age—but why should the word “apparently,” the permissible “written order,” and the paltry penalty for infraction, leave open a side door for escape? If a saloon keeper steals my horse he goes to the penitentiary; if he steals my heart's blood, my boy, he is fined \$10!

THE SECRET.

What has been the matter? Certainly the noose fell over the head of the Ontario license system; the people lassoed it through the ballot box. How comes it that this commercial desperado is still at large? Here is the secret. The political trickster managed the slip knot by the means of local committees.

“What would you have?” asked the local committee. “The Government is pledged to *you* and the candidate is pledged to the Government. Where is the use of asking embarrassing questions, or insisting on fresh pledges?” And though the candidate's past record, or well known character, may have been destructive of confidence in his sincerity the Christian voters of this province supported him. A little later, we were told by the Premier that the “skeleton temperance measure” (as some at first hopefully called it), introduced in March, was all that his followers would sustain him in passing. This evidently was true, because an attempt to put a little flesh on its bones was a signal failure and served only to show us that the issue was a Government one in name alone.

Who is primarily responsible for this iniquitous outcome of a great moral movement? The deluded Christian elector, whose political standard of ethics is—“of two evils choose the least.” Christ never taught it—the principles of the Book are dead against it; and until Christ's citizens declare “we will be represented by true men, or none,” and then back up their professions at the ward committees, the nominating conventions and the ballot box, the reign of righteousness so long delayed, so bitterly needed, will never be ushered in.

A Connecticut White Ribboner told me, this summer, that in one of their towns a moral question was to the fore. The people were in favor of it, but its success depended on the candidate elected. With cunning craft the politicians placed the nominating convention on the town prayer meeting night. A prominent minister went to his church and, after explaining matters, addressed his congregation thus—“Brethren, I am going over to that convention; I invite every man here having a vote to go with

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me. We will, to-night, leave the sisters to do the praying." And with one accord the male section of that meeting adjourned, frustrated the scheme of the enemy and answered the sisters' prayers.

Says Dr. Carlos Martyn, in the Homiletic Review, "A proper ethical teaching ought to persuade the voter that, as baptism and the Lord's Supper are twin sacraments of the Church so the primary and the ballot box are twin sacraments of the state, and that each election day is a Sabbath of patriotism which God commands him to remember and keep holy."

THE PLEBISCITE.

We are closing what at last Annual we expected would be the Plebiscite year, and still that great event is ahead of us. I do not remember to have attended a County Convention, for six months back, without being publicly asked this question, "Do you believe there will be a Plebiscite?" Why any such doubt should be abroad, unless a product of Ontario's sad experiences, I cannot conceive. The Dominion Government secured the people's support in lieu of three pledges—to settle the Manitoba School emroglio, and the tariff, and to allow the people to settle the Prohibition problem. We have not yet reached that stage of development when our rulers recognize the superiority of spiritual over mental and material concerns, consequently, the school difficulty took precedence, the financial issue absorbed the second session, and there is nothing now left but Prohibition. Surely it must have right of way at this winter's parliament. We have no doubt but that we shall have the Plebiscite.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has shown himself a man of courage; in younger days he was a temperance advocate and, therefore, is conversant with the merits of the subjects. These facts augur well for the national future of the reform. We do not believe the Premier will yield to the machinations of the liquor trade or the cowardly suggestions of any time-serving followers, and, despite his promises and pledges, throw us a meatless bone. We ask no undue advantage. We will be gladly willing "to fight it out to the finish" without any especial favors, but we must have a fair field.

Probably direct taxation and compensation have been buried under the indignant protests that, from British Columbia to Nova Scotia and from the Northwest Territories to Ontario, have thundered down upon them. The other spectre—a majority, not of the votes, but the voters—would be such an outrage on every sentiment of justice and such an extreme departure from all past methods it could scarcely be seriously considered outside the camp of the enemy.

OUR DUTY.

Settle this in your heart, my sister, *we will have the Plebiscite in the near future.* And along side of that conviction write this solemn pledge, "By the help of God, in this, the supreme hour of my country's need, I will do all within my power, by faith-filled prayer, whole-souled courageous work, and generous giving, to carry the day for God and the right."

Every line of educational effort should at once spring into activity. As temperance women we must win others to our ranks. We must labor with the indifferent and convince the prejudiced, and as the purpose that is never focused is too diffusive to accomplish much, I would earnestly commend to your attention the Plan of Work recommendation *re* a November membership crusade.

Each department will present at least one plan by which the workers under its banner may advance Plebiscite interests.

If our Local Presidents set themselves to make the year's work bend to this crowning purpose each Union will be a Plebiscite Committee.

NARCOTICS.

When Dr. Leslie Keeley tells us "it is more difficult to cure a confirmed cigarette smoker than a confirmed drunkard" we tremble for the legions of boys who are acquiring the tobacco habit by this cheap and easy process. We wonder, too, how it is men are willing to make and sell what reduces the consumer to a worse slavery than even that of alcohol. Can we do other than lift a note of warning when we find Christian people proposing to sanction such a business in consideration of a money return? "Oh! but we care nothing for the revenue," says one, "we are only anxious to limit and control the traffic." We recognize the purity of motive, but never were truer words spoken than these—

"They enslave their children's children
Who make compromise with sin."

The past has swung its red lantern danger signal across this delusive side path to reform; the Temperance cause offers irrefutable arguments against it; and those who persist in travelling it can surely not hope to go in company with Him whose life and gospel are one continual protest against anything but clear cut, absolute severance from wrong.

Our Department Superintendent will make report of work done, but allow me a suggestion for the future. Upon this cigarette question we have the hearty support of most of the Young People's Christian Societies. Whatever method be adopted, as this year's plan of work, let it include an effort to secure their co-operation.

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Nothing less than the prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes—a measure now being earnestly pressed in several of the States—will provide the real remedy.

THE KINETOSCOPE.

In this era of new inventions we must expect many of them to be seized upon and prostituted to evil purposes. The living pictures, produced by improved methods of photography, are marvels of skill and a very triumph of art over nature. But the degrading uses to which these clever new devices have been put reached a climax when the Kinetoscope was employed to reproduce the Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight.

A prize fight is a survival of the brutalities of the past that finds an asylum in dark corners of the earth like Nevada. (As an aside, be it remembered that Nevada sanctioned the prize fight and denied woman suffrage at the same session of the legislature. As the New York Tribune put it, "They were too busy degrading men to think of elevating women!")

There is not a foot of soil in Canadian territory upon which such a debasing spectacle could be legally held. When, therefore, it became known that American companies purposed to inundate this land with the pictured representations of what our courts would denounce as criminal, moral and Christian sentiment was much moved. The pulpit and press fulminated against it, and when it transpired that a number of the neighboring states were attempting to protect themselves against themselves by enacting statutes prohibiting kinetic reproductions of prize fights the Unions of our seven provinces united to ask similar legislation of the Parliament of Canada. Of the numerous efforts put forth by our women to focus upon the excellent Bill drawn by Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice, the abundant sentiment in favor of its passage Mrs. Lucas, our Provincial Superintendent of Purity, will inform you. Suffice it to say that the replies received from the members of the House of Commons were, on the whole, very favorable.

Unfortunately the measure was first presented to the Senate, a body whose unresponsiveness to the best moral sentiment of the nation received striking demonstration last year when the Senate Bar was under discussion. Some of the Senators looked upon prize fighting as an athletic sport!

The W. C. T. U., whose aims were admittedly unselfish, at least, and whose efforts had the sanction of not less than 50,000 women of other societies and, through their representatives in Ministerial and Temperance conventions and conferences, of hundreds of thousands of men, was referred to in the most contemptuous of terms

After being loaded down by its enemies with objectionable amendments the Bill dropped into oblivion.

We have a fellow feeling with that unfortunate American sister who made a mistake similar to our own.

A well known American gentleman vouches for the story. In rambling through the grounds of Mt. Vernon, where Washington is buried, he noted a middle aged lady kneeling before a building at some distance from the monument. She was bathed in tears. From motives of curiosity or sympathy the gentleman asked if she were in trouble.

"No, sir," she said, "thank you very much. I am not in trouble, but my patriotic feelings overcome me when I gaze upon the tomb of the father of his country."

It was then the gentleman's duty to break a bit of painful news as gently as possible. "My dear madam," he said, "you have made a mistake. This is not the tomb of Washington. It is over yonder. This—is the ice house."

We shed our tears and made our prayers before the wrong door, and any illusions we may have cherished about the purity and nobility of our highest legislative body received a rude shock.

We must not, however, forget to mention that the session at which prize fights were upheld and the W. C. T. U. caricatured the attendance of members was slim, and the "salt" that forms an undoubted element in Canada's Upper House was ill represented. Yet we are still left to wonder *why* the salt was *not* there.

FRANCHISE.

Nothing creates franchise sentiment so rapidly as an object lesson on the worthlessness of that "political influence" which we are popularly supposed to possess now, and with which the politicians beg us to be content. In this respect, perhaps, the contemptuous treatment of the kinetoscope and age of protection bills may be said to be educational. To my certain knowledge this disregard of the *moral* education and protection of the young has proved an unexpected disenchanter. Those still deluded with the notion that women can accomplish more by circulating petitions, writing pleading letters to M. P.'s and M. P. P.'s, and begging obdurate voters to do their duty, than by voting themselves, have had their faith tested beyond its limits and are indulging in a little serious thinking.

Our Franchise Superintendent, Mrs. Spence, will detail the year's doings in the Department report; yet as this is so very important a part of our work we must not pass it unnoticed. In the past twelve months we have attempted little outside the usual educational lines. The Bill, providing Municipal Franchise for

the married women of Toronto, had a hearing. We are hopeful that next session the reform will do something more than mark time.

The ever growing conviction of woman's right to self-government must, however, be noted as our main advance. This righteous thought is creeping into prominence everywhere.

SISTER PROVINCES.

Our British Columbia sisters already enjoy a wider freedom than do we, as marriage does not impair the right to municipal citizenship. Wife, widow and spinster enjoy alike electoral privileges. The required property qualification being trifling there are many women electors, but the large foreign element and the great preponderance, in numbers, of men over women minimizes their power. A W. C. T. U. bill, calling for complete enfranchisement, was lost by only four votes. In Nova Scotia a similar bill was also defeated, but the Provincial President writes that interest throughout the province is increasing. Let these things encourage and stimulate us.

THE MOTHER LAND.

As a part of the British Empire we have some interesting facts to chronicle. Our British sisters have for twenty-eight years enjoyed a much fuller franchise than we of Ontario, for, although limited to the municipal ballot, both married and single women are voters. At this year's session of the English House of Commons a Bill was introduced embodying the full franchise. While defeated, it yet marks a very significant stage in the progress of the reform and may be accounted as a victory.

The Bill was carried, on a motion for its second reading, by 228 to 157. Later it was shelved, for the session, by the obstructive tactics of a minority, who spent hours in forcing a discussion on a Bill concerning persons *infested with vermin*. This ignominious treatment of a measure supported by a petition bearing the signatures of 257,000 British women and advocated by some of the most distinguished members of the House has created a deep and wide-spread resentment and has intensified, in a remarkable degree, the determination of the petitioners and their friends to win the goal of their hopes.

The very large vote on the second reading, and the astonishing sympathy and interest aroused by the cowardly evasion of the final reading make the defeat a distinct victory.

NEW ZEALAND.

The success of the ballot in New Zealand has been anxiously watched. Probably we have not had a franchise debate in Ontario during the year in which the pros and cons of this new departure, made by our sister colony in 1893, have not figured. I have been appealed to again and again concerning some of the canards that,

in the earlier months of the year, were widely circulated. When run to earth they proved to be merely journalistic larking. With few exceptions the Ontario papers that had printed the false statements failed to make the amende honorable by inserting the corrections. For instance, we heard all about that woman's political meeting in Dunedin, New Zealand, at which rotten eggs and epithets figured in a debate. The moral, the unfitness of women for the ballot, was well rubbed in. But when it transpired that these same eggs and epithets were in evidence not at the woman's meeting but at a man's meeting, held in the same town and at the same hour, the unsavory method of enforcing opinions was not looked upon as an argument against male suffrage.

Hon. S. L. Sedden, Premier of New Zealand, and an erstwhile opponent of the measure, demolishes the many misleading statements afloat and gives his unqualified approval to the change. As he is supported in this position by other prominent New Zealanders of undoubted veracity and good judgment, let us take further adverse reports with many grains of salt.

It is just about one hundred years since D'Orsay, in the French Parliament, made the first public appeal for woman's enfranchisement. There are now thirty-two different commonwealths that have given their women citizens some measure of political power, ranging all the way from a School Trustee vote to complete enfranchisement. 1897 finds, in the British dominions, New Zealand and Australia; and, in the United States, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho and Washington with full political equality. A glance behind us is quite exhilarating.

OUR MOTIVE.

Why do we want the ballot? Because it is our *right* as intelligent citizens of adult age, whose stake in the country is equally as great as that of our husbands, brothers and sons? Yes, that is a part of the reason. But the deeper, intenser motive lies back of the moral issues that stir our souls more mightily than any mere question of personal rights. Think of it! Legalized spiritual death, in hideous form, creeps into our homes and blights and destroys their choicest treasures. The only politically recognized guardians of those homes consent to the deadly havoc for party's sake. Is not this a sight to move womanhood to cry out for a free hand with which to deal the death blow? We have not prayed for this withheld power as we should. The liquor dealer perceives the advantage it would be to us—do we?

Let us hope that a vigorous national and provincial policy will this year be adopted at the October conventions; otherwise we are liable to fall sadly behind, not only our New Zealand and Australian sisters but the womanhood of the mother land.

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My suggestion for this Department would be that our energies be directed, in the main, to work amongst women. There is little opposition but much indifference.

LUMBERMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

We confidently believe that for this Department an era of prosperity is dawning. Our Superintendent, Miss Fisher, of Paisley, is districting both the workers and the camps and expects to reduce the question of demand and supply to an easily solved equation. You have attended the Department conference. You know the plans now maturing by which we hope to have again a missionary in the field. With the \$67 now in hand, and the pre-eminent need for work in the Plebiscite year, we may surely assume the added financial responsibility.

OUR LECTURE BUREAU.

We had fondly hoped this latest born Department would be at least out of long clothes before the Convention, but it is still an infant. It was some time after our Annual before any one could be found to accept its superintendence. In the meantime, Mr. Taylor arrived in the province, and in despair of securing other help I shouldered his tour myself. It cost Mr. Taylor some 700 letters, and I sent out between four and five hundred in addition, besides the printed circulars. I do not grudge the work, believing it has amply repaid us. No speaker, to my knowledge, has ever accomplished as much in producing genuine and lasting conviction. Mr. Taylor delivered 196 lectures and 5 addresses. My dealings with him throughout were eminently satisfactory.

When this tour was well under way Mrs. Cavers consented to assume control of the Bureau. A change of correspondents, so far as Mr. Taylor and the Unions were concerned, would have been awkward. With the help of Mrs. Livingstone, of Tilsonburg, I retained this part of the work, and Mrs. Cavers prepared to manage all that should subsequently arise. You will hear her report. The continued ill health, that culminated in the alarming illness now happily passing away, played havoc with our plans. Mrs. Cavers will not be strong enough to retain the position the coming year and another must be looked for to fill it.

PERSONAL.

It has been a busy year and figures give a poor estimate of its hours of pressure and care. Besides circulars and notifications from Superintendents and Officers that were typewritten and posted from London, and the many duplicate letters, hundreds of which were written for the Taylor tour alone, there were 1,426 letters, 735 post cards, 1,050 circulars, and 155 parcels of literature

sent out from my office, making 3,366 individual communications. The above does not include some 38 manuscripts furnished the printer.

Twelve conventions were attended, and a few public meetings, in connection with local societies, addressed.

PRAYER.

My closing words must be an appeal for continuous, persistent, united prayer. Labor and struggle as we may, if we leave God out of our calculations we fail. The forces against us are mighty; God is Almighty

The foe we contend with is artful and cunning,
And many indeed are the snares he has laid;
We are not unmindful the traffic's devices,
Though of its temptations we are not afraid;
For is it not written, and everywhere shown,
"The Lord knoweth how to deliver His own?"



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Corresponding Secretary's Report.

(Mrs. MARY WILEY, Richmond Hill).

ALGOMA—Reports three Unions—Fort William, Sault Ste. Marie and Thessalon; 47 paying and eight honorary members; 49 union and 10 public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 40 members; total amount of money raised, \$68.19; 24 copies of annual report taken; 8,800 pages of literature distributed; 13 departments of work taken up. Fort William circulated one petition and, as special work, held medal contests. Sault Ste. Marie circulated one petition, and special work was assisting the poor. Thessalon reports, as special work, closing the doors of the pool room.

BRUCE—Reports 14 Unions—Paisley, Mildmay, Purple Valley, Chesley, Cape Coker, Wiarton, Lucknow, Kincardine, Walkerton, Cargill, Hepworth, Lucknow "Y," Teeswater and Teeswater "Y"; 227 paying and 42 honorary members; 306 union and 58 public meetings held; eight Bands of Hope, with 510 members; total amount of money raised during the year, \$668.58; 22 copies of annual report taken; 11,078 pages of literature distributed; 22 departments of work taken up. Purple Valley reports, as special work, the holding of a gospel temperance meeting and organizing those who took the pledge into a total abstinence society. Chesley helped to organize a reading room. Lucknow held medal contests. Walkerton circulated one petition and reports good work done among the poor and sick. Teeswater circulated two petitions and, as special work, gave prizes in the school and presented the Shoppers' pledge to the members.

BRANT—Reports five Unions—Brantford, Burford, St. George, Paris, Scotland; 179 paying and 30 honorary members; 100 union and 10 public meetings held; seven Bands of Hope, with 743 members; \$400.00 raised; 10 copies of annual report taken; 4,000 pages of literature distributed; 14 departments of work taken up. Special work: mass meeting quarterly at St. George, Paris gave 52 dinners to a needy family besides money in many other ways. Scotland's library doing an excellent work. Brantford's and Burford's gospel meetings well attended; petitions circulated against lotteries and race-gambling and kinetoscope and sent to our member for the Senate and House of Commons, Ottawa; have held services at the jail with great success and distributed literature.

CARLETON—Reports 10 affiliated Unions—Ottawa, Richmond, Metcalfe, Kinburn, Carp, New Edinboro', Ottawa Central "Y," Emmanuel "Y," Thornley "Y," Rutherford "Y"; 494 active and 73 honorary members; 60 union and 13 public meetings held; five Bands of Hope, with 548 members; 32 copies of annual report taken; 1,300 pages of literature distributed; 16 departments of work taken up. Special work: Ottawa "Y" relieving families of drunkards and employing a Bible reader.

DURHAM—Reports three Unions—Port Hope, Orono, Bowmanville; 59 paying and 19 honorary members; 78 union and six public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 70 members; total amount of money raised, \$123.75; 18 copies of the annual report taken; 11,816 pages of literature distributed. Port Hope sent \$1.50 to Kingston W. C. T. U. to assist in furnishing literature for military camps; passed these resolutions, age of protection, lotteries, race-gambling, kinetoscope exhibition, and sent them to Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. J. Charlton and member at Ottawa. Bowmanville sent three petitions to Parliament.

DUNDAS—Reports one Union—Iroquois; 18 active and two honorary members; seven meetings held. This Union petitioned the council to enforce a by-law calling for the removal of billiard tables from hotels. The result of this petition was that the tables were removed and the billiard license fixed so high that none was taken out. Before the election of their village council, in January, a committee from the Union waited on the nominees and secured pledges to support temperance measures. An effort was made, by petition, in January, to obtain a third license, also a notice of motion was before the council, asking the repeal of the by-law, fixing high license for billiard tables. The Union petitioned the council and the by-law was sustained. Also the number of liquor licenses limited to two. Protests against the proposed license legislation were sent in March to their member and to the government.

ELGIN—Reports two Unions—St. Thomas and Vienna; 78 paying and five honorary members; 38 union and seven public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$343.71; nine copies of annual report taken; 336 pages of literature distributed; 16 departments of work taken up. Two petitions have been circulated. St. Thomas has done good work in endeavoring to rescue a young girl. The secretary of this Union writes: I wish I could tell you all about it.

ESSEX—Reports six Unions—Amherstburg, Gesto, Essex, Windsor, Kingsville and Leamington; 125 active and seven honorary members; 144 union and eight public meetings held; three Bands of Hope, with 100 members; total amount of money raised, \$244.48; 29 copies of annual report taken; 11 depart-

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ments of work taken up; 6,095 pages of literature distributed; seven petitions have been circulated. Special work: Windsor reports a Gold Cure shelter for young women. Amherstburg have two patients taking the Dyke Cure and sent one to the home for incurables.

FRONTENAC—Reports one Union—Kingston; 44 active and three honorary members; six union and four public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$178.26; 7,444 pages of literature distributed; seven departments of work taken up. Two petitions have been circulated, and a resolution of protest sent to Provincial Parliament. Special work done by this Union was having a refreshment tent for almost a month during the time of military camp at Barriefield.

GLENGARRY—Reports five Unions—Maxville, Martintown, St. Elmo, Vankleek Hill, Lancaster; 76 active and 26 honorary members; 24 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with a membership of 120; total amount of money raised, \$300.00; 13 annual reports taken; 16 departments of work taken up; 9,400 pages of literature distributed. Four petitions were circulated.

GRENVILLE—There are six Unions in this county—five heard from—Prescott, Spencerville, Kemptville, Bethel and Merrickville; 125 active and seven honorary members; 14 public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$194.15; 19 copies of annual report taken; 18 departments of work taken up. Spencerville sent four scrap books to lumber camp and had one temperance lecture. Merrickville wrote four letters to House of Commons concerning a petition on Social Purity. Kemptville held seven gospel temperance meetings, secured services of Rev. E. O. Taylor, and had the Emeralds for four evening meetings; gave an "At Home" and had a booth at Township fair.

GREY—There are four Unions in this county, (names not given); 88 active and five honorary members; 84 regular and 16 public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$701.93; 15 copies of annual report taken; 18 departments of work taken up. Meaford subscribes for five copies of *Northern Messenger* and five copies of *Montreal Witness* for poor families. They have also raised \$35.00 for a drinking fountain fund, and sent \$10.00 to the Armenians. Durham has made 14 comfort bags. Markdale has abolished a shop license. Owen Sound compiled and published the White Ribbon Cook Book for the purpose of making money to carry on the work. They also petitioned the town council to have a high license imposed on cigarette selling but were unsuccessful.

HASTINGS—Reports one Union—Belleville; 73 active and one honorary member; 26 regular and four public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$90.49; four copies of annual report

taken; seven departments of work taken up; 3,000 pages of literature distributed. Circulated two petitions and influenced the city council to supply cups to public drinking fountains; also distributed copies of the Tobacco Act among tobacco sellers.

HALTON—Reports two Unions—Oakville and Milton; 49 active and three honorary members; 24 regular and three public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$57.50; two copies of annual report taken; six departments of work taken up.

HURON—Reports five Unions—Blyth, Goderich, Seaforth, Clinton, Wingham; 80 active and 20 honorary members; 21 public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 36 members; total amount of money raised, \$85.62; five copies of annual report taken; 17 departments of work taken up; 5,000 pages of literature distributed; two petitions circulated.

HALDIMAND—There are seven unions in this county but only five have reported—Caledonia, Cayuga, Selkirk, Hagersville, Oshweken; 58 active and nine honorary members; 88 regular and eight public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 100 members; total amount of money raised \$126.76; eight copies of annual report taken; eight departments of work taken up; 2,440 pages of literature distributed; two petitions circulated. Selkirk reports, as special work, notifying license inspector to see that bars were closed at the proper hour.

KENT—Reports seven Unions—Blenheim, Ridgetown, Chatham, Thamesville, Dresden, Wallaceburg, Chatham "Y"; 139 active and 18 honorary members; three Bands of Hope; total amount of money raised, \$425.36; 23 copies of annual report taken. Blenheim has done some special work in connection with the Plebiscite; held public meetings, addressed by ministers of the town and others. Wallaceburg petitioned for a public library. Chatham held three public meetings.

LANARK—Reports five Unions—Carleton Place, Playfair, Smith's Falls, Lanark, Perth; 126 active and 25 honorary members; 62 regular and 21 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 40 members; total amount of money raised, \$311.02; 29 copies of annual report taken; 8,197 pages of literature distributed; four petitions circulated; 12 departments of work taken up. Carleton Place reports special work among the poor. Smith's Falls did special work in the relief department and gave two charts to the public schools.

LEEDS—Reports seven Unions—Brockville, Lake Elzoida and Hard Island, Athens, Gananoque, Lyn, Delta, Lansdowne; 121 active and five honorary members; 140 regular and 16 public meetings held; five Bands of Hope, with 158 members; total amount of money raised, \$356.75; eight copies of annual report

taken; 2,100 pages of literature distributed; 13 departments of work taken up; five petitions circulated. Athens reports, as special work, enforcing License Law and Tobacco Act. Delta wrote a letter to the secretary of their fair asking to have fakirs and games prohibited from the grounds. Lansdowne succeeded in preventing another license being granted in the village.

LAMBTON--Reports eight Unions—Copleston, Watford, Petrolia, Alvinston, Sarnia, Sombra, Forest, Wyoming; 148 active and 15 honorary members; 180 regular and 33 public meetings held; three Bands of Hope, with 126 members; total amount of money raised, \$375.30; 36 copies of annual report taken; 37,979 pages of literature distributed; 21 departments of work taken up; four petitions circulated. Sarnia sent \$10.00 to the Armenian Fund and held services in the house of refuge. Sombra wrote a letter to the president of the Trotting Association asking that gambling be prohibited at the races on Dominion Day.

LINCOLN--Reports seven Unions—St. Catharines, St. Catharines "Y," Rockway, Grimsby, Homer, Beamsville, Campden; 108 active and nine honorary members; 68 union and 10 public meetings held; three Bands of Hope, with 105 members; total amount of money raised, \$130.95; 13 copies of annual report taken; 3,676 pages of literature distributed; 15 departments of work taken up. Beamsville sent \$5.00 to the Indian Famine Fund. St. Catharines "Y" provided a library for the county jail with 125 books and a large number of magazines.

MIDDLESEX--Reports 10 Unions—Glencoe, Parkhill, Ilderton, Napier, Thorndale, Newbury, Woodgreen, Strathroy, Mt. Brydges, London; 373 active and 58 honorary members; 199 union and 31 public meetings held; seven Bands of Hope, with 534 members; total amount of money raised, \$2,557.92; 69 copies of the annual report taken; 3,450 pages of literature distributed; 21 departments of work taken up; circulated three petitions. Ilderton, as special work, sent memorials to London Conference, Epworth League and township Sunday School Convention, asking all to work and vote for the extinction of the liquor traffic, and also to pass a resolution condemning the use and sale of tobacco by church members. Mt. Brydges re-furnished their room, which had been destroyed by fire.

MUSKOKA--Reports two Unions—Bracebridge and Huntsville; 26 active and three honorary members; 38 union and 18 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 193 members; total amount of money raised, \$35.09; five copies of annual report taken; 4,000 pages of literature distributed; seven departments of work taken up; two petitions circulated.

NIPISSING--Reports three Unions—North Bay, North Bay "Y," Powassan; 64 active and one honorary member; 21 union

and five public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 70 members; total amount of money raised, \$124.94; six copies of annual report taken; three departments of work taken up.

NORFOLK—Reports one Union—Port Dover; the members met monthly, nothing further. Port Rowan disbanded. Some of the workers would be glad to keep up relationship with the W. C. T. U.. Perhaps here is an opening for a Youman's Band membership.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Reports three Unions—Campbellford, Cobourg, Campbellford "Y"; 61 active and eight honorary members; 38 union and nine public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$80.80; 13 copies of annual report taken; 5,648 pages of literature distributed; 10 departments of work taken up.

ONTARIO—Reports four Unions—Port Perry, Prince Albert, Oshawa, Whitby; 87 active and 10 honorary members; 72 union and 23 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 80 members; total amount of money raised, \$267.98; 10 copies of annual report taken; 16 departments of work taken up; literature distributed but number of pages not given. Special work: Port Perry lighted Mechanics' Institute and supplied books and papers; also looked after early closing.

OXFORD—Reports 11 Unions—Woodstock, Verschoyle, Tilsonburg, Brownsville, Otterville, Embro, Ingersoll, Salford, Norwich, Otterville "Y," Springfield; 187 active and 29 honorary members; 212 union and 52 public meetings held; five Bands of Hope, with 204 members; total amount of money raised, \$344.69; 41 copies of annual report taken; 13,219 pages of literature distributed; 19 departments of work taken up. Special work: Verschoyle helped the Girl's Shelter. Brownsville contributed to the Journal Fund, and also to the Victorian Order of Nurses. Otterville had two hotel-keepers fined for violation of the License Law. Ingersoll sent a girl the Orillia asylum and a young man to the hospital in Woodstock. Norwich contributed to the Girl's Shelter. Otterville succeeded in procuring a public library.

PERTH—Reports five Unions—Stratford, St. Mary's, Listowel, Attwood, Mitchell; 185 active and one honorary member; 102 union and 34 public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$199.29; nine copies of annual report taken; 9,350 pages of literature distributed; seven departments of work taken up. Good work has been done in each of these but none that can be classed as special.

PETERBORO—Reports three Unions—Peterboro', Lakefield, Havelock; 32 active and six honorary members; 60 union and seven public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 30 members; total amount of money raised, \$60.45; 22 copies of annual report taken; 142 pages of literature distributed, and also a number of

books and papers; six departments of work taken up. Special work: Peterboro' reports doing a great deal but does not specify. Lakefield gave four prizes for temperance essays. Havelock raised an anti-gambling agitation.

PEEL—Reports three Unions—Brampton, Caledon East, Port Credit; 76 active and 17 honorary members; 64 union and eight public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$170.98; 10 copies of annual report taken; 2,050 pages of literature distributed; 12 departments of work taken up. Brampton reports special work among the poor. Port Credit had an hotel-keeper fined for illegal selling.

RENFREW—Reports seven Unions—Pembroke, Renfrew, Arnprior, Westmeath, Cobden, Greenwood, Pembroke "Y"; 109 active and 32 honorary members; 126 union and 43 public meetings held; five Bands of Hope, with 342 members; total amount of money raised, \$307.63; 25 copies of annual report taken; 850 pages of literature distributed; 17 departments of work taken up. Special work: Renfrew supplied firemen with tea, coffee and sandwiches at two fires. Westmeath sent \$10.00 to Indian Relief Fund.

STORMONT—Reports six Unions—Aultsville, Newington, Avonmore, Moulinette, Cornwall, Wales; 104 active and seven honorary members; 72 union and 12 public meetings held; four Bands of Hope, with 518 members; total amount of money raised, \$319.94; 51 copies of annual report taken; 2,650 pages of literature distributed; nine departments of work taken up. Special work: Aultsville reports work done among the young. Avonmore closed an hotel.

SIMCOE—Reports six Unions—Barrie, Collingwood, Gravenhurst, Alliston, Orillia, Minesing; 127 active and six honorary members; 74 union and six public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 80 members; total amount of money raised, \$227.00; 20 copies of annual report taken; 7,188 pages of literature distributed; 13 departments of work taken up. Special work: Collingwood, early closing of shops and have men's pay day early in the week; also finished paying for fountain.

TORONTO—Reports 15 Unions—Central, Western, Parkdale, Willard, Bathurst, Gordon, Dovercourt, Northern, Deer Park, Youmans, Creighton, Eastern, Central "Y," Dovercourt "Y," Western "Y"; 510 active and 55 honorary members; 85 public meetings held; seven Bands of Hope, with 511 members; total amount of money raised, \$1,107.65; 83 copies of annual report taken; 44,333 pages of literature distributed. Special work: Sunday cars, physical culture, Boy's Brigade, Girl's Shelter, relief work. Nearly all Unions report good work in the Sunday car campaign.

VICTORIA—Reports one Union—Lindsay; 16 active members; 12 regular and two public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$18.00; one copy of annual report taken; seven departments of work taken up. This Union presented a memorial to the warden *re* prison reform and county home, and agitated for a drinking fountain.

WATERLOO—Reports 10 Unions—Ayr, Berlin, Blair, Central Dumfries, Galt, Oakwood, Preston, Pine Grove, Roseville, Waterloo; 201 active and 13 honorary members; 69 union and 24 public meetings held; seven Bands of Hope, with 358 members; total amount of money raised, \$278.40; 29 copies of annual report taken; 5,500 pages of literature, and 100 copies of the *Northern Messenger*, distributed; 18 departments of work taken up. Special work: Ayr reports Band of Hope sent 115 lbs. of groceries to the Salvation Army Children's Shelter, in Toronto; sent eight barrels of apples to Miss McIntyre's Woman's Night Shelter, in Toronto; teach sewing in the school every Friday from three to four o'clock; three beautiful silver medals were distributed by the president to the pupils who wrote the best essays on temperance; the school children have been supplied with *Northern Messenger* during the year. Blair made garments for the orphanage, and other sewing was done; also comfort bags for the sailors. Berlin made five quilts, three were given to Berlin orphanage. Galt erected a drinking fountain in public library; also have a sewing class on Saturday afternoon. Oakwood gave \$5.00 to the Girl's Shelter, \$10.00 to Indian Famine Fund, and made five bags for Miss Sproule's work in Algoma.

WELLINGTON—Reports nine Unions—Drayton, Mt. Forest, Harriston, Rockwood, Arthur, Guelph, Fergus, Palmerston, Bellwood; 153 active and 20 honorary members; 11 public meetings held; three Bands of Hope, with 300 members; total amount of money raised, \$178.91; 14 copies of annual report taken; eight departments of work taken up. Special work: Bellwood, visiting schools and trying to interest teachers in the work of teaching scientific temperance more thoroughly; offering prizes for best papers prepared on text book. Drayton, caring for the poor. Mt. Forest wrote four letters to members of Parliament on different questions; held successful gospel temperance meetings, and did other special work in flower and delicacy mission. Guelph did good work in getting the temperance question put before the different churches as church work, and having prayer offered regularly for the temperance cause. Harriston reports visiting the sick and supplying clothing.

WENTWORTH—Reports five Unions—Hamilton, Hamilton "Y," Hamilton Central, Dundas, Youmans; 325 active and 17 honorary members; 158 union and 22 public meetings held; Bands of Hope, with 660 members; total amount of money raised,

\$1,460.95; 40 copies of annual report taken; 19,000 pages of literature distributed; 17 departments of work taken up. This county reports special work done in the evangelistic department and News Boys' Club.

WELLAND—Reports two Unions—Welland and Fonthill; 21 active members; 36 union and one public meeting held; one Band of Hope, with 15 members; total amount of money raised, \$53.75; two copies of annual report taken; six departments of work taken up. Had two men treated with the Dyke Cure for drunkenness.

YORK—Reports five Unions—Newmarket, Stouffville, Toronto Junction, Weston, Richmond Hill; 115 active and 18 honorary members; 112 union and 72 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 294 members; total amount of money raised, \$58.62; 22 copies of annual report taken; 23,812 pages of literature distributed; 18 departments of work taken up. Special work: Stouffville sent help to the Girl's Shelter and contributed to the Armenian Fund. Toronto Junction, as special work, made an effort to have a liquor store abolished, and employed a temperance quartette for a week's meetings.

SUMMARY.

From the foregoing we glean the following aggregates:

Unions reported,	-	-	-	7	-	220
Active members,	-	-	-	-	-	5,124
Honorary members,	-	-	-	-	-	633
Union meetings,	-	-	-	-	-	2,925
Public meetings,	-	-	-	-	-	751
Bands of Hope,	-	-	-	-	-	95
Number of children,	-	-	-	-	-	6,285
Amount of money received,	-	-	-	-	-	\$13,035.19
Copies of annual report taken,	-	-	-	-	-	791
Pages of literature distributed,	-	-	-	-	-	254,513

This summary shows an increase in every line, in

Unions reported,	-	-	-	-	15
Active membership,	-	-	-	-	539
Honorary membership,	-	-	-	-	142
Union meetings,	-	-	-	-	206
Public meetings,	-	-	-	-	266
Bands of Hope,	-	-	-	-	11
Number of children,	-	-	-	-	280
Money received,	-	-	-	-	\$319.71
Annual reports taken,	-	-	-	-	170
Pages of literature distributed,	-	-	-	-	61,406

The following Unions were organized (in a few cases re-organized) during the year: Thessalon, Powassan, Cayuga, Oshwekan, Corinth, Gesto, E. Toronto, Newbury, Thorndale, Merrickville, Oneida, Kingston, Oshawa, Bellwood, Fergus,

Havelock, Westport, Newboro', Caledon East, Attwood, Pembroke "Y," Campbellford "Y," Minesing, Hastings "Y," Cape Croker, Port Lambton, Cargill, Blythe, Goderich, Dominionville, and Port Burwell; also a W. C. T. U. committee, at Hawkesbury, and a "Y" committee, at Bowmanville. This makes 31 Unions and two committees, being, I think, the largest number reported in any year hitherto.

In reviewing the work reported, I am convinced that it is in every way the most satisfactory year's work presented since it has been my privilege to compile the Corresponding Secretary's report.

Although this may seem a lengthy report we assure you that it was with regret we left out many items which showed that our Union workers are thoroughly alive to the needs of the hour and are "ready, aye, ready," for the coming conflict, trusting in our Great Captain, who will surely lead His soldiers to victory if they are faithful to the trust committed to their care.

PERSONAL WORK.

During the year the Corresponding Secretary has written 563 letters, 640 post cards, and sent out 1,400 circulars.



Treasurer's Annual Report.

(Miss JENNIE MACARTHUR, Cornwall).

RECEIPTS.

AFFILIATION FEES.

ALGOMA E.—

Sault Ste. Marie.....	\$ 3 00	
Thessalon.....	3 13	
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ALGOMA W.—

Fort William.....	5 00	
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BRANT—

Brantford.....	25 00	
Paris.....	4 25	
St. George.....	3 50	
Cainsville.....	75	
Scotland.....	2 75	
Burford.....	2 50	
	<u> </u>	38 75

BRUCE—

Teeswater.....	10 75	
Teeswater "Y".....	5 50	
Chesley.....	6 00	
Walkerton.....	5 25	
Hepworth.....	3 75	
Lucknow.....	4 75	
Paisley.....	4 00	
Kincardine.....	2 85	
Mildmay.....	2 00	
Cargill.....	2 50	
Cape Croker.....	2 50	
Warton.....	2 25	
Purple Valley.....	1 50	
Mrs. Burchert.....	25	
	<u> </u>	53 85

CARLETON—

Richmond.....	3 00	
Ottawa.....	25 00	
Metcalf.....	5 00	
Kinburn.....	10 00	
Carp.....	5 50	
Ottawa Central "Y".....	50 00	
Ottawa Emmanuel "Y".....	10 00	
Ottawa Thornley "Y".....	4 50	
Ottawa Rutherford "Y".....	4 50	
New Edinburg "Y".....	6 00	
	<u> </u>	123 50

Amount carried forward.....\$227 23

Amount brought forward.\$227 23

DURHAM—

Bowmanville.....	\$ 5 00
Port Hope.....	4 00
Orono.....	5 76

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DUNDAS—

Iroquois.....	4 50
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ELGIN—

Port Burwell.....	2 25
Vienna.....	4 00
Aylmer.....	2 75
St. Thomas.....	15 50

24 50

ESSEX—

Windsor.....	8 50
Gesto.....	3 00
Kingsville.....	6 75
Amherstburg.....	6 00

24 25

FRONTENAC—

Kingston.....	6 45
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GLENGARRY—

Lancaster.....	3 25
Maxville.....	5 75
St. Elmo.....	4 25
Vankleek Hill.....	3 50

16 75

GREY—

Owen Sound.....	10 50
Durham.....	9 25
Markdale.....	3 00
Meaford.....	1 75
Thornbury.....	2 25

26 75

GRENVILLE—

Merrickville.....	6 50
Kemptville.....	10 75
North Augusta.....	2 00
Spencerville.....	5 00
Prescott.....	8 00

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HASTINGS—

Belleville.....	18 25
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HALTON—

Oakville.....	6 75
Milton.....	5 00

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Amount carried forward.\$407 44

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<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$407 44
HALDIMAND—		
Caledonia	\$ 6 75	
Hagersville	2 50	
Selkirk	1 40	
Cayuga	3 25	
Oneida	1 50	
Oshwekan	1 25	16 65
HURON—		
Clinton	5 00	
Seaforth	5 00	
Goderich	4 50	
Wingham	3 75	
Blyth	1 75	20 00
KENT—		
Blenheim	5 25	
Chatham	8 00	
Dresden	6 00	
Wallaceburg	1 25	
Thamesville	4 75	
Ridgetown	4 00	
Chatham "Y"	2 50	31 75
LANARK—		
Carleton Place	5 50	
Lanark	3 00	
Playfair	2 00	
Smith's Falls	12 50	23 00
LINCOLN—		
Homer	6 00	
St. Catharines	3 50	
St. Catharines "Y"	4 50	
Beamsville	2 50	
Grimsby	5 00	
Campden	3 50	25 00
LAMBTON—		
Sarnia	6 25	
Petrolia	5 00	
Sombra	5 65	
Alvinston	5 00	
Wyoming	7 25	
Copleston	1 50	
Watford	2 50	
Forest	6 25	39 40
LEEDS—		
Athens	5 25	
Brockville	11 00	
Delta	2 50	
Gananoque	4 00	
Glen Buell	1 25	
Lyn	3 50	
Lansdowne	2 25	
Lake Elroida	1 38	31 13
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MIDDLESEX—		
London	\$62 50	
Napier	5 00	
Strathroy	4 25	
Ilderton	4 25	
Mt. Brydges	3 50	
Glencoe	5 50	
Thorndale	2 75	
Parkhill	2 75	
London "Y"	2 50	
Woodgreen	1 75	
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MUSKOKA—		
Bracebridge	2 10	
Huntsville	5 00	
		7 10
NORTHUMBERLAND—		
Campbellford	6 25	
Campbellford "Y"	5 00	
Cobourg	4 00	
		15 25
NIPISSING—		
North Bay	11 00	
North Bay "Y"	2 00	
Powassan	3 50	
		16 50
ONTARIO—		
Oshawa	2 13	
Port Perry	5 75	
Prince Albert	3 25	
Whitby	6 50	
		17 63
OXFORD—		
Embro	2 25	
Springford	5 25	
Norwich	2 75	
Woodstock	7 25	
Ingersoll	9 25	
Otterville "Y"	3 00	
Tilsonburg	5 00	
Salford	2 25	
Otterville	2 75	
Verschoyle	3 00	
Brownsville	2 00	
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PETERBORO'—		
Havelock	3 00	
Peterboro'	3 75	
		6 75
PERTH—		
Listowel	3 50	
St. Mary's	5 86	
Stratford	5 10	
Mitchell	3 45	
Attwood	3 60	
		21 51
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$818 61

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Amount brought forward\$818 61

PEEL—

Brampton	\$10 50	
Caledon E	4 25	
Port Credit	4 25	19 00

RENFREW—

Arnprior	4 50	
Cobden	3 00	
Greenwood	3 00	
Pembroke	7 25	
Renfrew	7 75	
Westmeath	4 00	29 50

SIMCOE—

Barrie	2 50	
Collingwood	4 25	
Gravenhurst	4 75	
Minesing	2 00	
Orillia	11 50	25 00

STORMONT—

Aultsville	2 00	
Avonmore	2 75	
Cornwall	14 25	
Moulinette	2 00	
Newington	2 50	
Wales	2 25	25 75

TORONTO DISTRICT—

Bathurst	4 75	
Central	33 00	
Western	10 75	
Willard	7 00	
Parkdale	13 75	
Gordon	13 00	
Northern	17 50	
Central "Y"	7 50	
Creighton	11 75	
Youmans	5 00	
Dovercourt	2 25	
Deer Park	3 50	
Dovercourt "Y"	1 50	
Eastern	1 75	133 00

VICTORIA—

Lindsay	4 00	4 00
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WENTWORTH—

Dundas	4 75	
Hamilton	15 25	
Hamilton Central	37 00	
Hamilton Central "Y"	14 75	
Hamilton Youmans	10 00	81 75

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Amount brought forward.....\$1,136 61

WELLINGTON—

Fergus.....	\$ 2 75
Guelph.....	9 75
Mount Forest.....	7 50
Harriston.....	2 25
Rockwood.....	2 00
Bellwood.....	5 25
Palmerston.....	1 50
Arthur.....	3 00
Drayton.....	2 00
	36 00

WATERLOO—

Ayr.....	4 00
Berlin.....	6 00
Blair.....	1 40
Central Dumfries.....	2 25
Galt.....	5 00
Oakwood.....	2 75
Pine Grove.....	6 00
Waterloo.....	2 25
Preston.....	8 25
	37 90

YORK—

Richmond Hill.....	8 50
Newmarket.....	7 00
Stouffville.....	3 50
Toronto Junction.....	5 75
Weston.....	4 00
	28 75

Fees received after books closed last year.....39 50

Total affiliation fees.....\$1,278 76

LUMBERMEN'S WORK—

Richmond.....	2 00
Caledonia.....	2 00
Maxville.....	3 00
Weston.....	1 00
Carp.....	2 00
Parkdale.....	3 00
Toronto, Central.....	2 00
“ Willard.....	2 00
“ Deer Park.....	3 00
Brockville.....	5 00
Lake Elvida.....	5 00
	30 00

ARMENIAN FUND—

Strathroy.....	2 00
Oakville.....	5 00
Fort William.....	6 00
Hamilton.....	10 00
	23 00

Amount carried forward.....\$1,331 76

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DOMINION AND WORLD'S MISSIONS—

Napier.....	2 00
Ottawa.....	1 59
Toronto District.....	3 17
Cornwall.....	2 00
	<hr/> 8 76

WORLD'S CONVENTION EXPENSES—

St. Catharines, Huntsville, Guelph, Collingwood, Thorn- bury, Mitchell, Belleville, Cornwall, each \$1.00.....	8 00
Maxville.....	2 00
	<hr/> 10 00

"JOURNAL" DEBT—

Kingsville, Parkdale, Newington, Kinburn, each 10c..	40
St. George, Mount Forest, each 30c.....	60
Sombra, Avonmore, Burford, Forest, Athens, each 50c	2 50
Ridgetown	60
Port Hope, Prince Albert, each 70c.....	1 40
Galt	75
St. Mary's, Brownsville, each 90c.....	1 80
Oakville, Lucknow, Brampton, Mitchell, Listowel, Toronto Central, Deer Park, Iroquois, Vienna, Clinton, Arnprior, Campbellford, Cobourg, Port Perry, Durham, Lanark, Gananoque, each \$1.00..	17 03
Petrolia.....	1 10
Collingwood.....	1 30
Spencerville.....	1 60
Seaforth.....	1 40
Hamilton.....	1 35
Chesley	1 90
St. Catharines, Carp, Wyoming, Richmond, Belleville, each \$2.00.....	10 00
Guelph.....	2 10
Pembroke.....	2 40
Toronto District.....	3 20
Smith's Falls.....	4 00
London.....	5 00
Ottawa.....	10 00
Ottawa "Y,"	20 00
	<hr/> 90 40

SUNDRIES—

Balance from last year.....	1166 95
Convention receipts.....	57 21
Donation Juvenile Templars, Unionville	6 00
Donation Strathroy Union	5 00
Sale of annual reports.....	97 05
Advertisements in report.....	38 50
Dominion Union, payment on literature.....	100 00
Interest on bank deposit.....	19 35
	<hr/> 1,490 06
Total receipts.....	<hr/> \$2,930 98

EXPENDITURES.

PRESIDENT—

Stenographer's Salary.....	\$1 25 00	
Postage	66 36	
Travelling	20 50	
Office supplies, telegrams, etc.....	20 10	
		\$231 96

VICE-PRESIDENT—

Travelling.....	1 75	
Allowance	10 00	
		11 75

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—

Salary.....	100 00	
Postage	25 74	
		125 74

RECORDING SECRETARY—

Postage, etc.	9 77	
Travelling.....	4 75	
Telephone.....	15 00	
Allowance.....	20 00	
		49 52

TREASURER—

Travelling.....	17 95	
Postage.....	14 61	
P. O. orders, draft charges, etc	4 30	
Allowance	20 00	
		56 66

COUNTY PRESIDENTS—

Mrs. Hutcheson, Muskoka	4 87	
Mrs. Detlor, Nipissing.....	2 00	
Miss McKinnon, Haldimand.....	6 35	
Miss Stone, Leeds.....	2 15	
Mrs. McMaster, Northumberland.....	9 00	
Mrs. Coghill, Lambton.....	4 00	
Mrs. Kenner, Ontario.....	1 00	
Mrs. Read, re Shallow Lake.....	1 50	
Miss Fisher, Huron.....	11 77	
Mrs. Bennet, Grenville.....	2 00	
Mrs. Livingstone, Oxford.....	1 50	
Mrs. Maxwell, Essex.....	1 25	
Mrs. Hunter, Renfrew.....	2 00	
Miss Phelps, Welland	75	
		50 14

DEPARTMENTS—

Curfew Bell, Mrs. McKee.....	5 00	
Purity, Mrs. Lucas.....	5 50	
"Y," Miss Gordon, \$15.00; Mrs. Reade, \$5.40.....	20 40	
Narcotics, Mrs. Caldwell.....	10 00	
Unfermented Wine, Miss Bates.....	3 31	
Hygiene and Heredity, Miss Murray.....	3 50	

Amount carried forward \$47 71 \$525 77

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Systematic Giving, Mrs. Dent.....	4 90
Soldiers, Mrs. Starr.....	6 43
Flower Mission, Mrs. Moore.....	3 81
Railroad, Mrs. Morrison.....	1 44
Sabbath Schools, Mrs. Saunby.....	8 89
Press, Mrs. Livingstone.....	4 68
Evangelistic, Mrs. Gordon.....	4 63
Colored, Miss Phelps.....	5 00
Scientific Temperance, Mrs. Bigelow.....	10 00
Sailors, Mrs. Davis.....	83
Sabbath Observance, Mrs. McCallum.....	5 00
Lumbermen's.....	9 16

112 48

SUNDRIES—

Accounts paid after books closed last year.....	23 33
Convention expenses.....	100 55
Preparing annual report (Miss Cosford).....	20 00
Express on banner.....	40
Advertising in <i>Woman's Journal</i>	10 00
Armenian relief.....	23 00
World's and Dominion missions.....	8 76
<i>Journal</i> debt.....	90 40
Dominion Literature Depository (supplies).....	35 94
Lecture Bureau.....	25 00
Algoma Missionary (Miss Sproule).....	82 88
Loss on drafts and cheques.....	45
Printing (including annual report).....	274 31
Affiliation fee, Dominion Union.....	255 50

950 52

Total expenditure.....\$1,588 77

STATEMENT.

Total assets.....	\$2,930 98
Total disbursements.....	1,588 77
Balance.....	\$1,342 21
Divided into—Emergency fund.....	\$462 77
Yomans' fund.....	303 48
Lumbermen's fund.....	56 57
	822 82
Net balance.....	\$519 39

Audited and found correct. JENNIE MACARTHUR,
Treasurer.
M. BINNIE CREWSON, Auditor.

CORNWALL, ONT., October 8th, 1897.

FEES RECEIVED AFTER BOOKS CLOSED.

Wallaceburg, Kent County	\$1 50
Weston, York County	1 00
Essex, Essex County	4 00
Gesto, "	75
Paisley, Bruce County	75
Port Colborne, Welland County	1 20
Welland, "	3 25
Cardinal, Grenville County	1 00
Alliston, Simcoe County	2 50
Prince Albert, Ontario County	25
Pembroke, Renfrew County	1 50
Pembroke "Y"	1 50
Beachburg, "	1 25
Greenwood, "	1 00
Renfrew, "	75
Pictou "Y," Prince Albert County	7 00
	29 20

OTHER RECEIPTS.

London Union for World's Convention expenses	5 00
Sale of reports (additional)	8 65

CONVENTION RECEIPTS.

Collection, Methodist church	21 15
" Baptist church	22 35
	43 50

ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE BOOKS CLOSED.

T. F. McMahon, printing	10 50
Mrs. Cavers, Vice-President, expenses	3 48
Mrs. Lynd, County President, Peel	2 00
Mrs. Hutcheson, County President, Muskoka	2 71
Mrs. Hilborne, Fairs and Exhibitions	2 35
Mrs. Wheeler, Parlor Meetings	4 24
Mrs. Lucas, Social Purity	3 50
Mrs. Spence, Franchise	5 00
Mrs. Baker, County President, Perth	1 50
Miss Huff, Parliamentary Usages	40
Mrs. Forbes, County President, Lincoln	2 00
Heal & Fleming, Programmes, etc	12 07
W. L. Carrie, stamps, etc	2 00
Mrs. M. M. Brownell, Prison and Police	1 58
World's Convention expense account	15 00
	68 33

CONVENTION EXPENSES.

General Officers and Dominion President	36 60
Advertising	13 26
Express, telegrams and sundries	2 78
Dr. Amelia Youmans	20 00
	72 64

JENNIE MACARTHUR,
Treasurer.

Reports of Departments.

EVANGELISTIC.

(MRS. GORDON, Superintendent).

In reviewing the work of the past year in this department one is impressed with the thought of how much has been attempted and accomplished for the King. The branches of work are so varied, and the thoughts of the workers so progressive, that little, if anything, more can be suggested. Truly the workers have been inspired and empowered by the Spirit of the Lord.

ALGOMA WEST—Reports special prayer and consecration services with great blessing, all the members taking part. Art medal contests, gospel addresses and religious recitations, at which gatherings tracts were distributed at the doors. Held half-hour prayer services before the business meetings. The good done cannot be tabulated.

BRUCE—Has two Superintendents. They believe Mothers' Meetings to be a necessity in every Union. The Superintendent writes: "Every community has its mothers; mothers with anxious, burdened hearts. What could be more helpful than to plan meetings where the best thoughts and highest ideals are imparted, and where we learn to make home a miniature heaven on earth?" Subjects for Mothers' Meetings used were, "Child Culture," "Motherhood and Its Responsibilities," "Motherhood and Its Opportunities," and "Mothers of Great Men." Advance is noted, resulting from persistent, aggressive effort. Gospel meetings well attended. Prayer meeting held on Mrs. Youmans' birthday, all the churches being represented. Held Bible readings; visited the sick; helped the poor.

BRANT—Gospel meetings every Sunday morning, with the exception of the month of August; mass meetings; temperance sermons; gospel addresses at parlor meetings; all Sabbath School pupils pledged. Gave to the Armenian and Indian Famine Fund; to Rambla, for her work in India; and to the Girls' Shelter in Toronto. Distributed much gospel and temperance literature in barbers' shops and other places, besides supplying the Indian settlement. Assisted in maintaining a public library.

CARLETON—Assisted in evangelistic meetings held by Dr. Newhall. Held services at the Central Fair in a gospel tent; observed the day of prayer, and, during the fair, had many helpful Bible readings. The Ottawa Union and "Y's" support a Bible

reader, who has made about 800 house to house visits, coming in contact with almost all kinds of sin and sorrow, caused directly or indirectly by drink. The police court and hospital have been attended; the sick and dying cheered with the promises of God; some souls have been reclaimed, and others led to Him who is able to save to the uttermost.

DURHAM—Visited the sick, bereaved, poor and aged, supplying them with fruit, delicacies and money; gave away copies of the scriptures to the aged. Held gospel meetings in the houses of those unable to attend church services, and rejoice to see some coming to Christ.

ESSEX—At the beginning of the year the Superintendent wrote to each Local Union asking them to appoint a Superintendent, resulting in encouraging reports being received from all but one Union. Held cottage prayer meetings, and Union prayer meetings with the different denominations; all day prayer meetings before the passage of the Local Option By-law, determining, by God's help, to keep the town a temperance one. Through the influence of the Union the Young People's Society hold a monthly temperance meeting. Literature is distributed, and two copies of the paper, "*Ram's Horn*," sent to two hotels. Visited and prayed with an hotel keeper. Had medical treatment given to inebriate women, and would recommend Dr. Gordon's Golden Pills for this purpose. Got the children of drunkards to Sunday School. Wrote Christian letters to girls and women going astray. Visited the sick, relieved the poor, and helped to reform the drunkard.

FRONTENAC—Unorganized, and only one Union; has done a good work. The Superintendent reports: "10 gospel meetings held in Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational and English churches. The Union assisted the Sons of Temperance and the Royal Templars in Sunday afternoon gospel temperance meetings." The Superintendent has taken part in 225 evangelistic services and made 293 visits to those sick in soul and body. Started a self-sustaining "Mothers' Leaflet Fund," mothers contributing to this fund in order to replenish the stock; 400 leaflets, "Helps in Mothers' Work," by Mrs. C. T. Gole, were distributed. The Superintendent has spent much time in seeking to reclaim mothers and young girls from the path of sin, the mothers having fallen so low through drink that they eagerly accept the ill-gotten gains of their dissolute daughters.

GLENGARRY—Reports monthly gospel meetings in which the children took part, and fortnightly prayer meetings in the different churches. Temperance sermons preached. Devotional meetings in all the Unions; very interesting and profitable. Noontide prayer, and day of prayer observed; also much personal evangelistic work done, especially among the Roman Catholics.

HASTINGS—Unorganized, but doing good work. Visiting non-churchgoers and getting them to attend services.

HALDIMAND—Holds monthly Union prayer meetings in the different churches. A new work, viz., caring for the poor of the town, has been undertaken; they solicit from the public provisions and second-hand clothing.

KENT—The Superintendent has been prevented from doing her usual work by sickness and death in her family, but wrote her Local Superintendents, five of whom have reported as follows: "Visited sick and poor, providing food, clothing and money for rents. Paid Gold Cure treatment for a man, Local Superintendent taking his wife into her own house and cared for her as a sister.

LANARK—Temperance sermons; three evangelistic meetings, assisted by the Emerald Singers; gospel, temperance and prayer meetings. Sunday School papers sent to children in the country where there is no Sunday School. Helped the suffering Armenians.

LAMBTON—Held services in the House of Refuge; the members of the Union and some outsiders attended; the inmates seemed interested.

MIDDLESEX—Visited the hospital weekly, with the exception of June and July. Distributed nearly 2,000 temperance and religious papers and tracts in different languages; also scripture texts. The poor have been fed, clothed and visited. Apart from this much personal work has been done; money raised and given to the Armenians and others in need, \$72.00; comfort bags sent to a mission in Algoma; special prayer meetings held, and sermons preached.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Monthly temperance prayer meetings; observed the day of prayer, and a service at Easter; three public meetings; temperance sermons; and supplied the Mechanics' Institute with reading matter.

PETERBORO'—A good report comes from the town of Peterboro'. One praise service was held; 461 papers and 31 magazines were sent out; also clothes and goods to the value of \$110.00. A good many visits have been made by the Union ladies, which have resulted in much good.

PEEL—Sick and aged visited by honorary members; poor helped and their children encouraged to attend Sunday School. Distributed papers and tracts.

OXFORD—Held 26 gospel meetings, monthly consecration meetings and cottage prayer meetings; addresses given by ministers and others, also by the Superintendent.

PERTH—The Superintendent reports: "Visiting the sick, aged and infirm; also the hospital and poor house; distributing literature at the above places. A Sunday School class for colored people; a mission for poor children; a Saturday afternoon sewing class for girls, and the oversight of a Chinese school."

TORONTO—The Superintendent has addressed 15 meetings. In the W. C. T. U. Mission Hall weekly gospel temperance meetings; also evangelistic meetings in the open air. Weekly mothers' meetings during the winter, at which are given spiritual, social and educational help. The sick and poor have been visited. Have a Shelter for girls; 113 admitted during the year.

WENTWORTH—Have held 125 gospel meetings; 30 prayer meetings at the Shelter; 102 prayer meetings at the Bethel Mission, and 52 Sunday School meetings for tramps. The hospital is visited and weekly services held; also the Reform Club. Hamilton employs two Bible women to visit and help the poor, having 150 families under their special care; 1,000 visits have been made. Three weekly mothers' meetings; in connection therewith are dry goods and coal clubs; gave annual mothers' tea to poor families, at which 200 were present. Have a lending library of 200 bound books; distributed literature; sent 150 Christmas cards and letters. A creche to shelter little children when their mothers are at work or too poor to feed them; in creche are also admitted homeless young girls until they get employment, and females discharged from the hospital too weak to work.

WATERLOO—Supplied barbers' shops and livery stables with 18 copies of the paper, *Sabbath Reading*; tracts and much literature. Held monthly mothers' meetings; prayer meetings during the summer. Cared for the sick; sent letters of sympathy to the suffering and bereaved, and visited the homes of intemperate persons.

YORK—The Superintendent writes: "All the Unions have done evangelistic work—17,250 pages of religious literature and 200 magazines have been distributed; 21 temperance sermons preached; 76 gospel meetings held, these well attended by young men, and over 100 persons signing the pledge; services at the Industrial Home; 41 Bible readings."

PERSONAL WORK.

As Provincial Superintendent, I have corresponded with every County Superintendent in organized counties and with the County Presidents in unorganized counties, besides sending booklets and leaflets according to the needs of the case. Written 30 letters and 50 postal cards. Sent annual circular to each Union; also programmes for day of prayer. Addressed 10 public meetings.

SUMMARY.

Counties heard from, 24; gospel meetings held, 686; prayer meetings, 484; besides mothers' meeting, Bible readings, temperance sermons, services in hospitals, houses of refuge, etc.

A Chinese school; Sunday School for tramps; Sunday School class for colored people; and children, where there was no Sunday School, given reading matter.

General work has been—visiting the aged, infirm, bereaved and sick; the poor clothed and fed, and the gospel preached unto them; Christian, Christmas letters and cards sent; the Sabbath School children pledged, and the children of drunkards brought to Sunday School.

Assisted the Armenians, the people of India, and the Girls' Shelter in Toronto.

Of literature there has been 19,650 leaflets and tracts in different languages distributed; some of these were put in barbers' shops, livery stables and in Indian settlements. Public libraries sustained; Bible women employed; comfort bags made for missions. Mothers and daughters have been reclaimed from the paths of sin; drunkards reformed; and, best of all, souls have been saved—washed in the blood of the Lamb.

SUGGESTIONS.

Appoint Evangelistic Superintendent in each county, and a Local Superintendent in each Union; let them be those who will do the work for Jesus' sake.

That the members of Unions conduct all public meetings themselves when at all practicable.

Hold at least one series of evangelistic meetings during the year. And, above all, pray for the success of the coming Plebiscite.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

(MRS. MACCALLUM, Superintendent).

The command, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," rings out as clearly to-day as it did thousands of years ago, when, from the burning mount, Israel's leader appeared with the tables of stone on which the law was written. Yet we Christian people in Canada seem to act, in some ways, as if this divine law were a dead letter.

In Toronto and in Hamilton the street cars run as on other days, and not a few of our cities seem waiting a fit time to follow suit. We note the closing of the canals for traffic on the Sabbath.

The teaching of Dr. Cra'ts in the different cities which he visited, on the physical need of the sabbath as a day of rest, has been helpful, and the activity of the Lord's Day Alliance of our cities is an omen of good.

The following is the work reported :

BRANT—Held meetings and passed resolutions, also had an address on the subject at County Convention ; Lord's Day Alliance formed ; 100 pages of literature distributed on bicycle riding and liquor selling.

DURHAM—About 100 pages of literature have been distributed ; no sermons have been preached on this subject as yet ; there are no Sunday milk carts.

GREY—In two towns sermons on Sabbath Observance were preached on the Sunday appointed, a meeting being previously held for prayer ; 200 pages of literature have been distributed ; papers on the subject have been prepared and have been published in the local newspaper ; the topic has been brought before some of the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies.

OXFORD—Sermons have been preached as requested, and literature distributed. One town was successful in keeping out the billiard saloon.

PEEL—One out of four ministers responded to the request to preach on Sabbath Observance ; a constable was appointed to prevent infringement of the law.

STORMONT—A due observance of the Lord's Day is urged on every available opportunity. A joint meeting of the Alliance and the Union was held to prepare for better work in this line ; several of the ministers consented to preach on this important topic. A special season of prayer was observed that the Sabbath might be a day of rest. In one place an appeal to a magistrate to put a stop to horse-racing on Sunday was successful. Literature has been distributed. The women of the Unions discourage Sunday visiting and endeavor to put a stop to it.

TORONTO DISTRICT—The principal work done was in the anti-car contest which resulted so disastrously. The W. C. T. U. women worked under the citizen's anti-car committee ; the different wards being canvassed for the women's votes, each Union working in its own locality.

WELLINGTON—Has appointed a Superintendent of Sabbath Observance.

SUMMARY.

One County Superintendent has been appointed ; 400 pages of literature distributed ; one constable appointed to prevent infringement of the law ; sermons preached ; prayer meetings

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held; papers read and published, and Union meetings of Lord's Day Alliance and W. C. T. U. workers held, but no statistics given; eight counties reported.

PERSONAL WORK.

No circular letter on this department was sent out this year, but those that remained over from the previous year were utilized as far as possible.

One hundred pages of literature were circulated.

Requests were sent to all County Superintendents or Corresponding Secretary where there was no Superintendent for reports.

SUGGESTIONS.

That as there is a growing neglect of study of the Commandments, a copy in large type be placed in our public and Sabbath schools.

As many inquiries come to your Superintendent, regarding shoppers' pledge books, that one be provided or recommended.

That a copy of the Sunday law of the province be printed in form for circulation—when it is certain that such law exists.

HYGIENE AND HEREDITY.

(EDITH H. MURRAY, Superintendent).

In Mrs. Lucas' report at Pembroke, in 1896, it was suggested that Hygiene and Heredity be made a distinct Department. This was done, and in December a Superintendent was appointed who was new to the work. Not that your Superintendent's thought had not run in that direction; indeed, the beauties of health and the mysteries of heredity had long been of great interest to her, but it was with a very humble estimate of her knowledge and power that the responsibility of so vitally important a Department was assumed.

The question of health—physical health—in its relation to a pure, to a temperate life, is one that is commanding more and more attention. The well man or woman stands a better chance. That is the whole matter. It is the broken-down, nervous system that craves stimulants. So often it is the physically unfit who become the morally and mentally unfit. The relation of disease to sin is worth considering. The child of physically sound parents has an advantage to begin with. It is a good thing to be well both for ourselves and others.

Because I felt this to be true, because the thought of interdependence of mind and body had been writ large in my heart,

the work in our Department took the form of a physical culture impetus. It is only begun. Women are slow to believe all that the prophets of health have spoken. We cling to our swaddling clothes; we persist in wrong methods of breathing and standing, and then we wonder why we are sick and why our children are broken-down, nervous wrecks long before their time.

A circular dealing with this question was sent out in May, and several articles were written for the *Woman's Journal*. There has been no revolution; seed-sowing is slow. Reports are meagre, but we believe women are being awakened.

County reports are as follows:

BRANT—Mrs. G. A. Chrysler, Superintendent—Two papers have been written on the subject of Hygiene and Heredity, one being for the County Convention; hygiene has been taught in the Band of Hope; 25 pages of literature have been given away; obscene pictures have been forbidden as placards or in shop windows. Superintendent suggests *White Lillies* as a very appropriate paper to be read at W. C. T. U. parlor and mothers' meetings.

ELGIN—Mrs. Clara Brasher, Superintendent—Vienna reports contributing \$1.00 to the Girls' Shelter, Toronto; also having done some local charitable work. Two other Unions report no work for this year but have good resolves for the future.

GLENGARRY—Mrs. (Dr.) Munroe, Superintendent—Owing to the youth of the County Union the Departments of Hygiene and Heredity, and Social Purity, are under one Superintendent. The Superintendent visited many of the public schools and secured the co-operation of the teachers, some of whom became members of the Union; and through them literature was distributed. Mrs. Munroe read a paper on the subject at a parlor meeting, and also gave a talk to the schools. One whole meeting was devoted to this department.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. E. J. Williams, Superintendent—Work of sanitary inspection was done through the Medical Health Officer. No boys under twelve are working in factories.

GREY—Mrs. Jennie Frost, Superintendent—Regrets that there is no report. Here, too, the Departments of Hygiene and Heredity, and Social Purity, are under one Superintendent, and Mrs. Frost devoted all her time to the Social Purity phase of the work.

OXFORD—Miss Poldon, Superintendent—Ingersoll has discussed Hygiene and Heredity at parlor meetings, and distributed literature. Tilsonburg discussed and had papers on the work in Union meetings. Verschoyle has had talks on Hygiene and

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Heredity. Otterville has had papers read and subject discussed. Norwich has had papers read in meetings and discussion. Other Unions did not report.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Dr. Ellen Burt-Sherratt, Superintendent—A talk on "Health Foods" was given at a parlor meeting in Parkdale Union by the Superintendent. Dr. Mary Wood-Allen's book, "Marvels of our Bodily Indwelling," was circulated amongst the teachers in the Parkdale public schools.

WATERLOO—Miss L. Gibson, Superintendent—There are 11 Unions in the County; seven of them report. Only Pine Grove reports having done anything; it had several readings bearing on the subject, but has no Superintendent. At the School of Methods held in Berlin, the County Superintendent read a paper on "Health of Our Women."

WENTWORTH—Mrs. Smith, Superintendent—Attention of police headquarters has been drawn to impure pictures and other things tending to corrupt morals, with success. Book stores have been canvassed. A leaflet was written by the Superintendent, on "The Foes of the Household," and distributed in the surrounding districts. The Superintendent wrote to the different Unions urging them to organize committees to assist in this much needed work, and good success has been the result.

RENFREW—No Superintendent—Pembroke reports appointing a Superintendent as a result of Provincial leaflet.

PERSONAL WORK.

This has not been extensive. Two Local Unions were addressed. My time is not at my own disposal and my personal contact with the different Unions is limited. As opportunity offers I am not forgetful to impress individuals with the *duty* of health.

SUMMARY.

There are 42 organized counties in Ontario, and 13 have Superintendents of this Department. A special call for reports was sent out through the *Woman's Journal*, and, by post card, 10 responses have come. There is no report, with much blare of trumpets, that bad health has been swept out of the lives of our women, but, from many indications, we believe the motherhood is awakening to see the need of a strong body for their own sakes and for their children's. In more than one Union the public school teachers and the doctors have been pressed into service. Interest has been shown in the work of sanitary inspection. Papers have been read, meetings addressed, and literature distributed. It is but little, yet we feel that much has been done which does not appear in the report.

"Not on the vulgar mass
Called 'work,' must sentence pass."

This is our hope.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

That the County Superintendent makes use of the Provincial officer and keep in constant touch with the local workers.

That knowledge be made always the basis of enthusiasm, and that we cease not to be about the educational phase of our work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SOCIAL PURITY, PURITY IN LITERATURE, ART AND FASHION.

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

If we compare our work with its various Departments to an extended mountain range, among its many lofty hill tops the central white-robed peak of Purity stands prominently out. In an atmosphere heavy with sensuality and sin "its radiant form pierces the sky of faith", and gives promise of a day when virtue shall be the only tolerated state of the whole human race.

Christ said of his mission, "He hath sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives." He, who knew no sin, had compassion on the sinner. He went about doing good. If we would be His disciples, His followers, we must do something in this never-finished work of helping and healing. We live worthily only when we live victoriously ourselves, and when we inspire and help others so to live.

"Ask God to give thee skill
In comfort's art;
That thou may'st consecrated be
And set apart
Unto a life of sympathy;
For heavy is the weight of ill
In every heart;
And comforters are needed much
Of Christ-like touch."

Impurity is increasing apace, was the verdict of a recent convention of physicians; and the divorce courts, and divorce lawyers, tell the same story. Mrs. Maud Booth, of the Salvation Army, some years ago, on the basis of abundant and carefully collected information, estimated there were then 250,000 professional prostitutes in the United States. They live to follow this awful trade but five years on the average; that means 50,000 deaths a year, and 50,000 seductions to fill their places, a thousand a week. No other vice so swiftly and so surely ruins body and soul, and none has been so fatal to national life. Licentiousness

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has been the sin of the ages; the waters of the flood did not drown it; the rain of fire on Sodom did not quench it; Babylon, Greece and Rome have all been destroyed by it; France, we fear, is doomed, and our own beloved country has not escaped the plague; Canada's figures are not so startling as those of Great Britain or the United States but they are sufficient to alarm us and to arouse us to more determined efforts for reform. *Prevention, reformation, legislation* are our watchwords, and our demand should be nothing less than the total prohibition of all things that would tend to pollute our homes and demoralize the State.

PURITY AND THE PLEBISCITE.

Our Government has said that a vote of the people shall be taken on the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic. Those of us who work in the Department of Purity are intensely interested in the issue of this Plebiscite. Liquor is the chief promotor of impurity; the saloon and the house of shame are never far apart. Said a poor woman, "When I think of the past, I drink; when I think of the future, I drink; and when I think of the shameful present, I drink; I could not lead this awful life if it were not for the drink." Let those who would do something for the Department of Purity work for the success of the Plebiscite. Destroy the liquor traffic and you remove the chiefest pillar in the temple of the Goddess of Impurity.

LEGISLATION.

The work of the department for the year has been considerable, though the apparent results seem insignificant. It has been chiefly in the line of legislation. Hon. John Charlton, who, for many years, has championed our cause at Ottawa, again introduced his bill for the amendment of the criminal law. Its provisions were: First, to raise the age of consent from sixteen to eighteen years; second, to raise the limit of abduction to twenty-one years; third, to make the male liable for seduction under the promise of marriage from the age of eighteen years.

For two successive years our women have addressed strongly worded letters to their respective representatives at Ottawa, urging them to give their support to Mr. Charlton's bill. This year the bill reached its second reading without opposition, and Mr. Laurier consented to the adoption of the principle of advancing the age of consent, but opposed the other provisions of the bill. That portion of it, however, which received the assent of the House, failed to reach its final stages and so no real advance was made. In March, we learned that three other important reforms were under consideration at Ottawa, viz.: Lotteries, race gambling, and kinetoscope. Within a week a circular headed "An Emergency" was prepared and between 300 and 400 sent out to the Local Unions of Ontario, to the W.C.T.U.

Presidents of the other Provinces, to officers of Women's Missionary Societies and others. Each Union was asked to call at least a meeting of its executive, to write letters and pass resolutions respecting these great questions and forward them to Sir Oliver Mowat, Minister of Justice, Hon. John Charlton and to the M. P., representing the riding where the Union was located. I am glad to say the response of our women to this appeal was general and hearty. About 200 such letters were sent to our M. P.'s besides a petition from the Provincial Executive and several largely signed petitions, (the one from London containing over a hundred names) from some of our most important Unions.

The Bill embodying these reforms was introduced by Sir Oliver Mowat, and, we regret to say, did not get beyond the committee stage. Section 179, of this Bill, deals with impure literature, pictures, etc., and makes the *manufacturer* as well as the seller or distributor liable. The punishment is two years' imprisonment. Section 180 deals with the transmission of such books, papers, pictures, etc. through the mails. Section 97 deals with the reproduction of prize fights by means of biograph, vitascope, kinetoscope, kinemetograph, or any other kindred device or machine. The penalty ranges from \$500 to \$5000. Section 264 deals with race gambling. It does not prohibit but merely restricts race meetings to twelve consecutive days, twice a year. Such meetings have been held for sixty consecutive days during the past two or three years at Windsor, and the gambling spirit has been greatly encouraged and incited thereby. It seems strange that Canada, first of commonwealths in temperance and sabbath observance, should continue to legalize and license such evils as art union lotteries and race gambling.

Is it not incumbent on a Government to introduce just and humane laws, which will make for righteousness? If these things are right, why attempt to restrict them; if wrong, why not prohibit them? In the case of both Bills the whole ground will have to be fought over again.

THE LAW INADEQUATE.

In the meantime all these evils continue to menace the people and those who attempt to oppose them find the laws wholly inadequate to cope with them.

On August 4th the following advertisement appeared in the Toronto dailies: Mr. Dan Stuart's veriscope; the only genuine pictures of the Corbett and Fitzsimmons contest; every round; every detail; Toronto Opera House, opening Monday, August 9th; evening 25c., 35c., 50c.; bargain matinee (daily) 15c., 25c.

Your Superintendent at once addressed a respectful letter of enquiry and remonstrance to His Worship the Mayor. To this he replied that he had absolutely no sympathy whatever with the

exhibition and had taken steps to prevent it from disgracing the city. Nevertheless the exhibition did take place, the Mayor failing to receive the support of the Council, and the bargain matinees were attended by large and enthusiastic audiences of ladies only. (The papers did not state whether they wore the white ribbon or not.)

These pictures were also shown in London, to the disgust of many of the citizens, who urged their Mayor to interfere, but who, though not in sympathy with the exhibition, feared the law would not warrant him in opposing it.

The Mayor of Kingston, however, supported by both Council and citizens, served an injunction on the company, forbidding the exhibition in their city.

IMPURE LITERATURE.

There are about fifty periodicals so pernicious in their character, owing either to the illustrations, reading matter or advertisements, that they have been prohibited from Canada by our Government; but we regret to say there is something wanting, either in the law or in its enforcement, for many of these objectionable papers do find their way into the schools and homes of Canada. Your Superintendent communicated with the Postmaster General with regard to this matter and received a reply, from which I take the following: "The postmasters of all the Canadian exchange post offices, and also the mail clerks in the railway post offices, exchanging mails with the United States, are furnished with lists of prohibited publications, and, if these officers carry out the instructions given them, such publications coming to Canada by post are stopped on their entrance into the country." I suppose we must conclude that these officers do not always carry out "the instructions given them." One of them tells us he sometimes sends three bushels of these vile papers (cancer planters Mr. Crafts calls them) to the dead letter office in one week; but many others must allow the poison to pass through their hands, alike regardless of the law or their own guilt. Frequently the printed lists of the pass pupils of the public schools are obtained and the papers are sent to them and premiums offered for new subscribers or for lists of probable ones. This impure literature is also found in the public libraries, not only papers and magazines but larger books known as medical and scientific works, which are altogether unfit for such places.

The work demands unwearying vigilance. "We must not cease our ethical teaching or our moral street cleaning, but guard the children against the impure by teaching them the pure, scatter our literature among the people, while we continue to press for better laws and their enforcement.

OUR ATTITUDE.

We would if we could banish at once and forever every injustice and wrong under which poor humanity groans, since he cannot—let us continue to utter our protests, not in anger—but in sorrow, against the liquor traffic, the house of shame, the gambling den, and everything in society, in literature, art or fashion that tempts our youth or pollutes our homes.

Mr. Charlton says: “Despite the apparent failure we are not warranted in looking upon the outcome as such. Valuable progress has been made as the sentiment of the House of Commons has undergone a change in the right direction.” It may require 500 more letters or perhaps five times 500, to create enough moral sentiment to carry these reform measures to a successful issue, but I am sure we will not grudge them; 500 ballots would doubtless do speedier and more effective work; but until such time as we can wield them we must not cease to ply our voices and our pens.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Superintendent addressed a letter to the Secretary of the “Canadian Press Association,” asking that influential society to use its influence to rid the country of the prohibited publications. She also expressed regret that the Press generally had of late, given such prominence to prize fights, police court proceedings, etc., and the wish that it might be, such a potential factor in the elevation of the moral standard of the country, that there might be ere long no such brutalities or atrocities to record.

Letters, in the various interests of the Department, have also been sent to the following prominent persons: Senator Lamonte, of Illinois; Sir Oliver Mowat; Hon. John Charlton; the Post-Master General; Secretary of Women's and Children's Protective Society; Superintendent of Department of Purity for R. T's. of T.; Rev. Wilbur Crafts, of the Reform Bureau, Washington; several editors, and secretaries of Y. M. C. A's., etc.

REPORTS OF COUNTIES.

ALGOMA—Two letters and resolutions sent to Ottawa; 25 pages of literature distributed.

BRUCE—Three letters and resolutions sent to Ottawa; prevented the sale of a prohibited paper and requested removal of some objectionable books from public library; 25 pages of literature distributed; Purity was the subject of discussion at six Union meetings; had one lecture.

BRANT—One Union sent letter and resolution to Ottawa; subject discussed at mothers' meetings.

CARLTON—One letter and resolution sent to Ottawa; 25 pages of literature distributed.

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DUNDAS—One Union sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa.

DURHAM—Three Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa; stopped sale of prohibited paper; distributed 25 leaflets.

ESSEX—Three Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa; distributed 20 copies of *Warning Words*.

ELGIN—Two Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa; subject discussed at two Union meetings; efforts made to reform a young girl who had gone astray.

FRONTENAC—No report.

GLENGARRY—Two Unions sent letters and resolutions; one meeting held; paper given at School of Method; circulated petition *re* kinetoscope; consulted with teachers *re* immorality of the school children; one sermon preached.

GRENVILLE—Five Unions sent letters, etc., to Ottawa; three papers prepared for County Convention and Union meetings; 400 pages literature distributed; one lecture and two sermons.

GREY—Three Unions sent letters, etc., to Ottawa; one lecture.

HALTON—No work done.

HALDIMAND—Two Unions sent letters, etc., to Ottawa.

HASTINGS—No report.

HURON—No report.

KENT—Three Unions sent letters, etc., to Ottawa, and asked other societies to do so; 75 copies of "Responsibility of Parents" distributed.

LEEDS—One Union sent letters, etc., to Ottawa; asked postmaster not to distribute the prohibited papers.

LINCOLN—Three Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa; discussions at four Union meetings; papers at one parlor meeting; lists of prohibited papers given to postmasters and news dealers; two petitions circulated; 75 pages of literature distributed.

LAMBTON—Four Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa; discussions at four Union meetings; 50 pages of literature distributed; efforts made to prevent the prohibited papers from passing through the mails; prevented sweat boards (gaming tables) from being used on a race track.

LANARK—One Union sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa; arranged a public meeting for men only.

MUSKOKA—One Union sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa; a large quantity of literature distributed.

MIDDLESEX—Two Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa ; induced another society to send them ; 300 leaflets distributed ; three discussions at Union meetings ; two lectures.

NIPISING—No report.

NORFOLK—No report.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Two Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa ; 25 leaflets distributed ; one address given.

OXFORD—One Union sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa ; discussions at two Union meetings ; one At Home and one School of Methods ; 260 pages of literature distributed.

PERTH—One Union sent letter and resolution to Ottawa ; 500 leaflets distributed.

PEEL—One Union sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa ; 25 leaflets distributed.

PETERBORO—One Union sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa, and asked I. O. G. T. and R. T's. of T. to send them ; 100 pages of literature distributed.

PRESCOTT—No report.

PRINCE EDWARD—No report.

RENFREW—Two Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa ; and a petition *re* kinetoscope, gambling, etc.

RUSSELL—No report.

STORMONT—Five Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa ; two addresses to school children ; two sermons ; one lecture ; inserted articles in newspapers ; 400 pages of literature distributed.

SIMCOE—No report.

TORONTO—Six Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa ; discussions at two Union meetings and eight mothers' meetings ; efforts made to prevent sale of prohibited papers ; 755 pages of literature distributed.

VICTORIA—One Union sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa, and asked Y. M. C. A. to do the same.

WELLAND—Distributed 100 pages of literature.

WENTWORTH—Two Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa ; subject discussed at several Union meetings ; papers prepared for several parlor meetings ; made request to police headquarters for the removal of indecent pictures and posters, and for the closing of certain haunts of vice ; one Local Superintendent wrote, and scattered, a leaflet entitled, "The Foes of the Household."

WATERLOO—No report.

YORK—Two Unions sent letters and resolutions to Ottawa, 25 leaflets distributed. The Superintendent read a paper, on the "Responsibility of Parents," at the County Convention.

SUMMARY.

Total number of letters written,	168
" " cards	55
Number of Emergency circulars sent out,	360
" Report	210
" Letters sent by Unions to M. P's,	198
" Petitions	6
" County Superintendents for Social Purity,	5
" " " Purity in Literature,	6
" Art and Fashion,	4590
" Pages of Literature distributed,	5
" Sermons preached,	3
" Addresses given,	

N. B.—We have over 200 Unions; less than 100 have done the work as reported above.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

SOCIAL PURITY.

1. Scatter more vigorously than ever our Purity literature.
2. Hold meetings for mothers, and improve the opportunity to impress upon them the sacred duty of parents to see that childhood's purity is not wrecked by ignorance; that the little ones should hear first from mother's lips the story of the origin of life, and that the older ones should be taught to look upon marriage as a sacred relation and neither a joke nor a crime.
3. Circulate our "Purity Pledge," which emphasizes the New Testament conception of the body as the Temple of God, and the command, "Glorify God in your body."
4. Co-operate, as far as possible, with other societies engaged in Purity work. United effort in favor of advanced legislation is greatly needed; and not merely simultaneous, but uniform action is required.
5. Appoint a representative in Ottawa who will watch the progress of all Purity reform measures and be able to judge of the proposed amendments and advise as of points to which exception might be taken. Legislators have a habit of giving with one hand and taking away with the other, and their so-called amendments sometimes seem to us like sad mutilations.
6. That we continue our efforts to secure legislation on the better protection of women and girls and to protest against any law that would punish the woman and exonerate the man; and further, believing that no Government has the right to legalize

vice, we desire to express our abhorrence of the C. D. Act and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to prevent its introduction into Canada.

7. In harmony with the apostolic injunction, "Ye that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak," and in the interests of humanity, we heartily endorse the method of dealing with the degenerate and vicious classes of society advocated by President Johnson, of the late International Conference of Charities, viz.: that they be cared for by the State, and, while every effort be made to reform and uplift them, they shall be denied the right of burdening the State and blighting the race by perpetuating their species.

8. That we commend the "child saving work" of the Ontario Children's Aid Society to the kindly consideration of the Christian people of Ontario. These friendless and orphaned children of Canadian parentage should take precedence to those brought from other shores.

PURITY IN LITERATURE, ART AND FASHION.

9. (a) When any objectionable papers, magazines or books are found in public libraries request their removal.

(b) If necessary, remind postmasters and news vendors of the law regarding the circulation of impure literature.

(c) As far as possible overcome the evil with good by supplying wholesome reading matter to barber shops, railway stations, fire halls, etc.

(d) Make systematic and persistent effort to cleanse the advertising columns of the public press from questionable, demoralizing advertisements, the news columns from details of crime, and the public bill boards and shop windows from indecent pictures.

10. That, instead of letters and resolutions to our M. P's., we hereafter send all our requests in the form of petitions, securing, in addition to the names of the officers of the Union, the signatures of at least six prominent citizens. The correct form of petition is subjoined.

PETITION OF THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

o The Honorable, The Parliament of Canada in Council assembled:

May it please your Honorable body.

The petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the undersigned residents of B——, sheweth, that whereas, etc., etc., etc.

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

Such petition to be duplicated, one being sent to the minister or member who has charge of the Bill and the other to the M. P. at Ottawa representing the riding where the Union is located.

LITERATURE.

Leaflets suitable for parents, young men and women, teachers and school children, may be obtained through Mrs. Bascom, 56 Elm street, Toronto :

The Christian Life (journal, 50c.), 70 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill., and *The New Crusade* (journal, 50c.), Wood-Allen Publishing Co., Ann Arbor, Mich., are suitable for distribution among members of the Unions and contain programmes for mothers' meetings.

Respectfully submitted.

PRISONS AND POLICE.

(MRS. M. M. BROWNELL, Superintendent).

It is said "all great reforms move slowly," and so it seems with prison reform. The difficulty is in procuring the necessary legislation to make effectual what seems to be almost universally admitted as proper reforms.

The Prisoners' Aid Association have little to report this year. In January last, at their suggestion, a memorial was sent to the Warden of each county calling the attention of county councils to the following questions, namely :

1. The desirability of having a House of Industry, or Industrial Home or Refuge established in every county or group of adjoining counties in the province.

2. The county jail so constructed and so managed that first offenders and persons awaiting trial shall be kept altogether apart from old offenders and, if at all possible, separate from each other as well.

3. The jail supplied with suitable books and other reading matter for the use of prisoners.

4. The prisoners supplied with proper industrial employment every working day so that there may be no idleness either in the jail or jail yard.

5. A small sum of money placed at the disposal of the jailer, or some society, for giving a helping hand to discharged prisoners.

6. That members of the Jail Committee and the Industrial Home Committee should be appointed for not less than two years.

7. That an annual grant be made to the Prisoners' Aid Association to promote prison reform and to aid prisoners discharged from the Central Prison and the Reformatory for Women.

So far as ascertained Toronto City Council is the only one that has taken action with regard to jail reforms. The upper flat of the jail has been remodelled and set apart for young first offenders, many of whom are quite innocent of any criminality. They are confined in individual cells, and have no intercourse with each other. This is the English system and is highly recommended.

It has been thought by the Prisoners' Aid Association that local or branch associations would be very helpful to prison reform, and to this end a circular has just been sent to the county councils urging the formation of branch associations.

To secure the appointment of a Police Matron, wherever women and girls are detained, or where there is a police court, is a very important matter, and we would ask a full report of this line of work next year. Toronto has one, and should have two.

One new House of Refuge has been opened in Lambton County, making 13 in all. There is still great lack of provision in many of the counties for the proper care of the destitute poor. It is in the interests of the counties, as also of the province, that there should be a properly organized House of Refuge or Industrial Home in every county. They are necessary as hospitals and we hope soon there will be one in each county.

There are 16 Superintendents in this Department, and 13 counties have sent reports. Evangelistic services have been held regularly and are much appreciated; many of the prisoners expressed a desire to lead a new life, and, in one instance, there were a few conversions; 14 signed the pledge; 20,000 pages of literature and 750 weekly papers have been distributed; three libraries, containing in all 250 volumes, have been provided for the prisoners, and, in two cases, an annual grant of \$10.00 is given by county councils for libraries.

BRUCE—Mrs. Keeling—Reports evangelistic services held regularly, which were much appreciated; a number of aged and infirm were forced to remain in the jail for want of a House of Refuge.

BRANT—Mrs. Gillespie, Superintendent—Reports evangelistic services held every Sunday; meetings were very encouraging and the prisoners seemed eager for the gospel; literature and flowers have been distributed; literature and flowers have also been distributed at the House of Industry; sermons have been preached each Sabbath by the different ministers of the town; the old people enjoy the services very much.

CARLETON—Mrs. Sanders, Superintendent—During the past year there have been a large number of female prisoners, and also 14 insane women, confined in the jail; as the insane women only get prison fare the W. C. T. U., assisted by friends, supplied

them with suitable food. The prisoners are visited and evangelistic services held twice a week; discharged prisoners are carefully looked after and assistance given whenever required. Many friends have assisted the Superintendent with money and provisions.

DURHAM—Mrs. Hoar, Superintendent—No report.

ESSEX—Mrs. Hardcastle, of Windsor, visits the prisoners regularly; literature distributed and thankfully received.

FRONTENAC—Mrs. Tukster, Superintendent—Evangelistic services have been held regularly during the past year with the male as well as female prisoners in the jail and penitentiary, which have been much appreciated; many have been led to see the error of their ways, and some have been truly converted; discharged prisoners have been assisted with food and clothing and situations found for some. An entertainment for the women in the penitentiary was given during Christmas week, which was very much enjoyed by them.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. Lawson, Superintendent—No report.

GREY—Mrs. Rodgers—Reports the services regularly held and greatly appreciated; large percentage were men out of employment during winter and glad of shelter even in the jail; several times a number rose to express their desire for a better life, and many of them professed a change of heart. As there is no House of Refuge in this county a number of aged and helpless people have been sheltered in the jail.

HURON—Mrs. Stoddart, Goderich, Superintendent—Just organized; no report.

HASTINGS—Mrs. Lake, Belleville—Reports regular visitation to the prisoners; services much appreciated; literature supplied each week, and work found for some of the prisoners when leaving the jail.

KENT—The committee report holding evangelistic services every week; have distributed 1,993 pages of literature, 26 leaflets, and a number of books, some of which were procured from Mr. Moody's Bible Institute.

LAMBTON—Mrs. Wheatley reports services held regularly; 15,018 pages of literature and about 300 weeklies distributed; 14 signed the pledge; two or three W. C. T. U. ladies present at each service; ministers very kindly assisted; House of Refuge opened December 13th, 1896; services held weekly; total number of inmates at present, 100.

LEEDS—Mrs. White, Brockville, Superintendent—No report.

LINCOLN—Superintendent reports very little work done. A library has been placed in the jail for the prisoners; the county council giving an annual grant of \$10.00.

MIDDLESEX—Superintendent reports 35 visits during the past year, and distributed 335 papers and leaflets.

NORTHUMBERLAND — Mrs. McMaster, Superintendent — No report.

OXFORD—The Superintendent reports having visited the prisoners, distributing literature and clothing. The House of Refuge has also been visited; the Superintendent was given free access to all departments; the house is well and comfortably furnished and the inmates seem happy and contented.

PETERBORO'—Mrs. Paton, Superintendent—Reports good work still being done, having established a library of forty books.

TORONTO—The Superintendent reports the prisoners being visited every week, and the work satisfactory in many ways; visits have also been made to the police station.

WELLAND—No report sent, owing to the death of Superintendent, but we know good work has been done among the prisoners; two or three have received the gold cure treatment.

Dr. Rosebrugh, Secretary of Prisoners' Aid Association, writes:

In February last I attended the annual meeting of the Prisoners' Aid Association. The Hon. E. J. Davis, the Provincial Secretary, was present. He expressed his hearty sympathy with the work of the Association, and stated that the Ontario Government was desirous of co-operating in the great cause of prison reform.

In July last the National Council of Charities and Correction of the United States was held in Toronto, and at the close of the meeting a similar organization was formed for Canada, to be called the Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction. In some respects this new organization will work on lines parallel with those of the W. C. T. U., and we cannot do otherwise than evoke the Divine blessing upon the work proposed to be accomplished through its agency.

At the present time the Executive Committee of the Prisoners' Aid Association is urging the Ontario Government to act at once in the oft repeated recommendation with regard to the removal of the Refuge for Girls from the contaminating influence of the Reformatory for Women, and to inaugurate an efficient system of classification of the inmates of the latter institution. The Government is also asked to make permanent provision, in some form of asylum, for all weak-minded women and girls between the ages of 14 and 40 who are incapable of taking care of themselves. This is urged in the interests of morality, in the interests of coming generations, and in the interests of these unfortunate females themselves.

In pressing for these important reforms, the Prisoners' Aid Association is very desirous of the hearty co-operation of the W. C. T. U.

SUGGESTIONS.

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

That Local Unions donate a collection each year to help the County Superintendent in obtaining literature.

Believing that local or branch Prisoners' Aid Associations will be of service in the work of reformation, we would ask our Superintendents and members to join in the movement.

Would recommend the books published by Mr. Moody's Bible Institute Colportage Association, in Chicago, as being most helpful to prisoners. They can be procured free of cost, simply by paying duty, and that is very light.

EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.

(MRS. E. H. HILBORNE, Superintendent).

In consequence of our Provincial Convention meeting so much earlier this year than usual many of the Fairs have not yet been held, and from them we have no report; many others have been so recently held that their reports have not yet reached me, so that my report must necessarily be very imperfect. I have no doubt but yet I will receive more reports than have so far come to hand.

I urged all our Unions, by circular, which have not yet taken up Fair work, to make a beginning this year, and some have acted on the advice and made a start, while others, who have been doing good work in previous years, have written me that their Fairs were being held so late that to report in time for the meeting of Convention would be impossible, while a large number have not been heard from at all.

I have carefully gleaned from the reports received all matters I thought to be of interest to the Convention and give below a brief synopsis of it, arranged by counties:

BRANT—Reports the distribution of 800 pages of leaflets, neatly parcelled with white ribbon, at Brantford Fair, and 200 pages sent to the smaller Fairs in the county. At Burford the ladies met and presented an address to Lady Aberdeen; they also report no liquor sold on the Fair grounds.

BRUCE—Lucknow reports the distribution of 600 pages of literature. Paisley 2,200 pages of literature and 200 lbs. of the *Templar*. Warton reports a refreshment booth but no particulars.

ESSEX—Reports the distribution of literature at the Amherstburg Fair but gives no amount; they also stopped the giving of cigars and cigarettes to boys as prizes for throwing balls. This action was certainly commendable and should be followed up by other Unions.

GREY—At Owen Sound the Union joined with the Good Templars and put up tents, in which they served hot meals and lunches and distributed literature for the three days of the Fair, clearing some \$15.00.

GLENGARRY--Reports three Local Unions which now have Fair Superintendents. Maxville served both meals and lunches as well as fruit—cleared \$76.20; they also waged a war against faking and games of chance, a step we hope to see taken by our Unions all over the country in future.

HALDIMAND—Caledonia distributed leaflets by placing them in envelopes and passing them around among the people. A plan well worth considering.

KENT—Reports three Unions, viz., Chatham, Dresden and Ridgetown, each having all arrangements made for a good service at those Fairs in both meals and lunches; but the days being intensely wet the service was prevented in each case, though a fairly good distribution of literature was made notwithstanding the weather.

LEEDS—Reports a new departure in their work, viz., a declaration of war against faking, fortune-telling and gambling, and also the giving of cigars and cigarettes to minors as prizes for ball-throwing, etc., and succeeded in stopping these demoralizing practices at several of their Fairs. They also report the distribution of some 500 pages of literature.

LAMBTON—Sarnia had an attractive lunch counter, also served hot meals, both of which were well patronized and apparently well appreciated—cleared \$21.00; they also succeeded in preventing the sale of liquor on the Fair grounds. Forest also had a lunch tent, but very bad weather prevented them from anything more than barely clearing expenses. Petrolia and Alvinston each made a good distribution of literature.

MIDDLESEX—Reports a good distribution of literature at Parkhill, Glencoe and Thorndale, this latter Union adopting a new mode, viz., that of putting it in the daily papers and church pews. London reports a big stride forward by securing a much larger dining hall at an increased expenditure of about \$700.00, enabling them to give a much more effective service, and one day of the Fair they served 1,000 dinners and distributed 2,500 leaflets; their entire receipts from the Fair \$1,182, and expenditure \$777, leaving them a net balance of \$405 with which to prosecute their work. The ladies of London deserve much credit for the prompt and noble response they made to the call of duty, being there in large numbers from start to finish and prosecuting the work with that zeal and devotion characteristic of the W. C. T. U.

NIPISSING—The North Bay Union, which had been in the habit of serving meals and lunches for several years, were refused a license this year by the owners of the ground claiming a monopoly of the service.

OXFORD—The only report received was from the Otterville "Y's," who gave out some 70 bouquets with scripture texts attached.

PEEL—The only report was from Caledon East, who opened a tent at the July celebration and served lunches, fruit, ice cream and candies, distributed some 300 or 400 pages of literature, and cleared a nice sum with which to carry on their work.

RENFREW—Only sent one report, viz., that from Renfrew Local, who own a dining hall, worth about \$200, on the Fair grounds in which they served meals which were highly appreciated by the public, clearing about \$20.00 for the work.

SIMCOE—Collingwood is the only report received. They report a refreshment stand which supplied sandwiches, pies, cake, tea and coffee, also milk, fruit and candies, clearing some \$20.00. They also had a rest corner where they distributed literature and checked wraps, babies and baby carriages.

TORONTO—Reports the most extensive service this year they have ever given at the Industrial Exhibition, and the patronage the greatest. The Exhibition extended from the 30th of August to September 10th and, with the exception of two or three days, the large dining hall, seating over 300 people at a time, with a lunch counter around three sides of it, was densely packed from 11 a.m. till 2.30 p.m., and again from 4.30 till 7 p.m., each day; no count was made but many estimate the service at from 1,500 to 2,000 each meal. They give no amount of receipts or expenditure, but their beautiful W. C. T. U. palace, together with its entire outfit, costing some \$2,000 has now a debt of but \$800 against it, besides contributing a very considerable amount, both last year and this, towards the debt on the headquarters building. They report the service still quite inadequate to answer requirements, and even say they believe they could fill a building twice as large; hundreds were unable to gain admission at each meal and had to go elsewhere. The service consisted of ham, cheese and salmon sandwich, pressed tongue and beef, bread, rolls, biscuits, buns and butter, pie and cake of all kinds, tea, coffee, milk, lemonade and ice cream, all of best quality. The only help hired being dish-washers, sandwich-makers and one woman to assist in making tea and coffee, the rest being all voluntary labor—the gate fees alone costing over \$80.00. They report a very kindly feeling on the part of the Directorate of the great Exhibition toward the W. C. T. U. The Superintendent of literature devoted her whole time to the work of distribution, receiving strangers and keeping

the register for visitors; some 16,000 pages of literature were distributed, together with 30 District reports, 30 Shelter reports and 20 *Journals*. Devotional exercises were held every forenoon. The ladies of Toronto, as well as London, are deserving of the warmest thanks of their Unions for the zeal and devotion with which they applied themselves to the work, and there is no doubt but their numerous acts of kindness will go far to find a warm place in many hearts toward our work.

SUMMARY.

Sixteen counties have been heard from—Brant, Bruce, Essex, Grey, Glengarry, Haldimand, Kent, Leeds, Lambton, Middlesex, Nipissing, Oxford, Peel, Renfrew, Simcoe, Toronto District. Good work done in all of these; refreshments served in either buildings or tents. Some 32,600 pages of literature and 200 lbs. of the *Templar* were distributed. London reports a big stride forward by securing a much larger dining hall at an increased expenditure of about \$700. Toronto had a new building last year costing, with equipments, over \$2,000; now the debt is only \$800. Your Superintendent would commend to the Unions the work done in Essex and Leeds counties, where they waged a war against faking, fortune telling and gambling, also the giving of cigars and cigarettes to minors as prizes for ball throwing, etc., and succeeded in stopping these demoralizing practices at several of these Fairs. In Oxford county the "Y's" gave out 70 bouquets with scripture texts attached.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

(MRS. BIGELOW, Superintendent.)

The year's report, though hastily gathered, has been satisfactory, exceedingly so, far beyond any preceding year. It proves conclusively that W. C. T. U. theories of Scientific Temperance Instruction are not only gaining in public acceptance, but that their practical application is demanding and receiving recognition, as never before from educational authorities throughout the Province. Our principals are surely in the ascendancy, and the time is approaching when the Temperance Education for which we have contended strenuously, "God's law of total abstinence from poisons," and a knowledge of other hygienic conditions, shall become the saving heritage of every child who passes through the public schools of our land.

Years have gone by since the regulations of the Educational Department of Ontario, were made to declare "Scientific Temperance shall be taught to all the pupils in our Schools." But law does not enforce itself, and it remained, and still remains in a measure, for our workers to see that this one that had its origin in

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and was evolved from the protective instincts of W. C. T. U. mother love, is duly respected, for like every other good law the beneficial results of this one can only materialize when it is enforced. Knowing these conditions we can easily see that a wide-awake, tactful, intelligent, energetic Local Superintendent of this Department, is an absolute necessity in every community, if we are to attain the goal of our hopes. Then as another very essential part of this plan for the future prevention of the present prevailing alcoholic enslavement, comes in the work of the County Superintendent, who is to lead and encourage, inspire and keep in touch with her corps of field workers throughout the County, and through and by whom communication is maintained with the Provincial organization, for whose benefit she must summarize and report her counties' work.

Your Provincial Superintendent is expected to plan for and keep in hand the work throughout the Province, but she can only report what has been reported to her, and so it often happens that some device that would supply just the help another needs, some success that would furnish just the encouragement some other heart requires is never heard of here.

During the past two years, the principal object in view in planning and carrying out the plans of this Department, has been to reach and interest the teachers, to induce the profession to seize its opportunities to make known the real truth concerning the nature of alcohol and other narcotics, and the physical effects of their use, and there never were so many of the profession endeavoring to measure up to their responsibilities in this direction as at present. But while we have the "interested teachers" in increasing numbers, we have not yet the graded lessons, so necessary for their use, neither have we the examination tests used in other subjects, and which would make the time spent upon this count to the advantage of both teacher and pupil at the promotion examination. This is a great hindrance, which we hope to see removed.

ALGOMA EAST—Generally taught and leaflets distributed.

ALGOMA WEST—Same work done.

BRUCE—Subject faithfully taught either from text book, chart, story, or song. Literature distributed, schools visited, *Messenger* circulated. Lectures from Rev. E. O. Taylor, helped materially.

BRANT—The teachers teach Scientific Temperance, and enjoy it. Children like it as the teachers make it pleasant for them. It is made a test for promotion from eight years old, and pupils pass good examinations on it.

CARLETON—Distributed literature. From Ottawa comes the echoes of Rev. E. O. Taylor's campaign, the Unions doing their utmost to secure far reaching results.

DURHAM—Circulated a large quantity of literature according to the plan of circular, and with good results.

ESSEX—The work in this County is comparatively easy, as the Inspector has prepared for the use of his teachers a regular systematic course of study in Scientific Temperance, adapted to the different grades of pupils, and upon which they are examined as a test of promotion from class to class.

FRONTENAC—Has just begun work with encouraging prospects.

GREY—Perhaps the best report as to work done among teachers in training, comes from Grey. Reception, addresses, correspondence, lectures, literature, prizes, *School Physiology Journal*, and *Northern Messenger*, all have been pressed into service with proportionate good results.

GRENVILLE—Distributed literature and worked up Mr. Taylor's lectures, with a view to bringing out the teachers.

GLENGARRY—School visitation found the subject well taught, teachers and pupils enjoying it together. Found E. O. Taylor's lecture a great help.

HALDIMAND—Reports only the circulation of the *Northern Messenger*, but that may mean much.

HASTINGS—Has not reported directly, but we believe they are fulfilling last year's promise of activity.

HURON—Says but little of what has been accomplished, other than that they have pushed the work of circulating the *Northern Messenger*.

KENT—Has done the usual work according to plan of circular, and put forth some extra effort to interest young people in the subject, by bringing it up in their meetings.

LINCOLN—Instruction given in all the schools in uniformity with the regulations of the Educational Department. Scientific Temperance Lessons are carefully and intelligently taught, and much interest is taken in them. Charts are coming into general use.

LANARK—Reports very successful attempts to interest and help the teachers. One Superintendent writes, "Our Union presented to our two largest public schools, complete Anatomical Charts," and adds, "The results have been most satisfactory in the schools, and very gratifying to our Union."

LEEDS—Literature circulated according to plan, and much appreciated by teachers. Schools were also visited. Work progressing pleasantly.

MUSKOKA—Distributed leaflets, and tried to introduce *Northern Messenger* into Sabbath Schools and Bands of Hope.

MIDDLESEX—Presents a model report. It would appear as if nothing that could be done, had been neglected here. Literature distributed, schools visited, associations visited, and model lesson taught by Provincial President, in presence of the teachers, etc. London Union sent out 1,000 leaflets, wrote 72 letters, 40 notices, and 112 other communications. Lectures were delivered by Rev. E. O. Taylor, in seven different places.

LAMBTON—Literature sent out according to plan. *Northern Messenger* widely circulated. School Physiology furnished teachers. Prizes given for best examinations in Scientific Temperance, and thorough work all along the line.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Interviewed teachers, distributed literature, visited schools, supplied *School Physiology Journal*, and teachers are doing their work faithfully.

OXFORD—Literature distributed, subject discussed at conventions, parlor meetings held with addresses by M. D.'s and others. General interest taken in the Department.

PETERBORO—Did usual work, and held its annual public meeting for distribution of prizes to successful competitors, said prizes consisting this year of temperance books. The Inspector expressed his appreciation of, and the teachers their gratitude for the assistance the W. C. T. U. was giving them along educational lines.

PRESCOTT—Reports school visitation, and circulation of *School Physiology Journal*.

PEEL—Subject well taught. Charts are a great help. Teachers testify to the beneficial effects of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

RENFREW—Distributed literature according to plan. Find the subject carefully taught according to the regulations.

SIMCOE—Gave thirty prizes and established a temperance library, besides the usual lines of effort in which they have been both progressive and successful.

STORMONT—Distributed 1,000 Scientific Temperance leaflets. Efforts have been made to interest teachers, ministers and school boards. *Northern Messenger* and *School Physiology Journal* have a fair circulation.

TORONTO DISTRICT—It would require too much space to enter into details of the thorough work done here. Schools have been visited, and "At Homes" held for teachers. Addresses given and arrangements for future effective work made with the normal school. *Physiology Journals* circulated, and *Teachers' Manuals* presented, besides 6,000 pages of literature distributed.

WENTWORTH—Mrs. Ballard sends a report that would gladden the heart of any worker, comprehensive, concise and complete in detail. "Gold and silver medals" were presented. These were advertised in the local press, and placed in the windows of the most prominent stores for some time before the examinations, and presented to the winners in the Town Hall, at the commencement exercises of the High School, before a full house. At the request of the Superintendent, the President of the Teachers' Association gave a most instructive address, on the teaching of Scientific Temperance, at the meeting of the association, for a copy of which the Provincial Superintendent is very grateful. Hamilton has 4,000 children in the lower grades who are regularly taught physiology and temperance, and 1,400 more in the senior classes. We would like to quote further from this report did space permit.

WELLINGTON—Schools visited, prizes offered, literature distributed.

WATERLOO—Did some school visiting, and circulated *Northern Messenger*.

YORK—Teachers supplied with literature. *Northern Messenger* circulated.

SUMMARY.

Thirty-four counties have reported, four more than last year. Nearly all of these followed the plan of the circular in the distribution of literature. It has been impossible to get the exact number of leaflets, but we know that many thousands of these, each one an epitome of temperance truth, have been placed in the hands of our teachers from one end of the Province to the other. Every county in which Rev. E. O. Taylor's lectures were delivered, bears testimony to their beneficial effect.

Five counties speak of circulating the *School Physiology Journal*. In some places clubs have been formed, and the teachers take it for themselves. This is to be commended. The *Northern Messenger* seems to have some place in every county, but is not so extensively read as we could wish, on account of its merits, and the fact that it is Canada's Band of Hope paper.

There have been visits to schools, receptions for teachers, gatherings of various kinds where addresses have been delivered by ministers, medical men, and W. C. T. U. women, with a view to educate public opinion along those lines. Model schools and teachers' conventions have come in for a fair share of attention. And now we commend the year's effort to our Master, praying that He will vouchsafe His blessing, while we pass on to every worker His own word of command and promise, "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

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GLEANINGS FROM REPORTS, AND SUGGESTIONS GROWING
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One worker says, the opposition we encounter comes from some of the teachers who indulge in an occasional glass. What can be done to prevent the teacher tipping, or failing that to prevent the tippler teaching? Ought not mothers to rise in their might and declare that no such example shall be placed before their children by any one aspiring to be their teacher?

We are told of a teacher who stated that he had to give up his tobacco before he could bring himself to teach his class the truth, concerning the effects produced by the use of it. That was well. It would have been better if he had never had to give it up. No person, expecting to teach the youth, should contract such a debasing habit.

Another tells us of the good influence Mr. Taylor's lectures had upon the boys, as regards cigarette smoking—and the question arises, would not similar teaching by any one have a similarly good effect, or was it because Mr. Taylor was a man that his words had more weight with the boys. If so, are there not some good men in our own country who could be stirred up to put forth some efforts to annihilate "the baneful cigarette."

Another says we should have temperance teaching in collegiate institutes and high schools. We quite agree with this, and if we could do it, it would speedily be done. "A crowded curriculum," is we believe the excuse offered, but we would crowd out some of the less important matters, and give this the right of way its importance demands.

Another says, distributing literature where we have no Unions would help disseminate our principles everywhere. We have been trying to do this all along, and have expected our Co-Superintendents to partition their counties among the Unions, that no corner might be neglected, but perhaps a better way would be to secure some interested person in each school section to take the matter in hand, but better still it would be if we could have Unions in every community.

One writes, "Have teachers from Bands of Hope in their schools." Good idea, and one that has worked well in some places where the teacher was alive to her privileges, and the school board agreeable, and W. C. T. U. women ready to help. We commend this plan wherever conditions will permit.

The following item was clipped from a newspaper report of the meeting of a school board in one of our towns this year, and it proves the important fact that the world moves. "Fifteen dollars was voted to the W. C. T. U., towards supplying prizes for proficiency in the subject of temperance, at the Easter examinations."

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UNFERMENTED WINE.

(MISS M. J. BATES, Superintendent.)

The more we think and study about the use of alcoholic wine for the sacrament, the clearer will be our realization of its tendency to put vigorous life into that traffic whose destruction is our avowed object, and the chief reason for the existence of the W. C. T. U.

One of the most specious pleas for the sale of fermented wine is, that it cannot be a bad business since it is so largely patronized by the church, to enable her to hold that most solemn, yet delightful service, the celebration of Holy Communion.

Let us pray that ere long the whole church shall refuse to lend her influence, even indirectly, to anything that hinders giving "Glory to God in the highest," and so often prevents "Peace on earth and good will to men." To hasten that glad day, this Department was organized, and to that end let us all try to do better work in the future than we have done hitherto.

Last spring your Superintendent sent out 321 copies of a circular letter, to which our Provincial President kindly called special attention, adding some excellent advice, and a list of leaflets, etc., suitable for distribution. In response to those 321 letters, came 16 reports, which I copy below, and of which I shall give a partial summary:

ALGOMA EAST—Reports one Union as spending \$4 for grapes and sugar, to make wine for sacramental and medicinal purposes, a committee doing the work.

BRANT—Mentions having gratuitously distributed many leaflets, and reports to churches, 16 using unfermented and 14 fermented wine. Three gave up the use of the latter for the former last year.

DURHAM—Gives 16 churches, 10 using unfermented, and six fermented wine.

ESSEX—Finds difficulty in getting women to lead in this work, but the County President offers to distribute circulars to Local Unions, if she is sent a supply.

FRONTENAC—Kingston, but lately re-organized, considers the work important, and hopes to take it up in the autumn.

GREY—Sent a very full report last year, and thinks there has been but little done since. However, a later message speaks of three churches in Durham, and one in Brooke, having begun to use unfermented wine during the year.

HURON—Announced the appointment of a County Superintendent, and asked for instructions, but the card came too late for a reply, to be of much use before convention.

LAMBTON—In this county only Sombra Union reported that its members voted to do all they could to prevent the use of Alcoholic Wine. Three churches are given to using unfermented, and one fermented wine.

LEEDS—One Union has for two years supplied a church with non-alcoholic wine; 27 churches are reported, 16 using unfermented, and 11 fermented wine. Literature was distributed.

MIDDLESEX—The Superintendent reports having written 10 postals and two letters, and distributed 50 pages of literature. Two English church ministers, whose churches use the fermented wine, were written to asking them to consider the matter prayerfully, and also to bring the matter before their congregations. Some leaflets bearing upon the subject were also sent them. In all 41 churches are reported as using unfermented wine, and 10 as using fermented wine.

ONTARIO—There are six churches within two miles of the Superintendent's house, four using unfermented, and two fermented wine.

OXFORD—One Union reports that the results of its work are very encouraging; 33 churches are mentioned; 28 use unfermented, and five fermented wine.

PETERBORO'—Mrs. Paton reports her county as being pretty well up on the wine question for more than two years. She made many inquiries, and found but few churches using fermented wine. Had heard of one lately, and was going to find out about it.

WENTWORTH—Six meetings were addressed on this subject; nine churches in Hamilton (exclusive of the Roman Catholic) and one in Dundas use fermented wine.

WELLINGTON—Rockwood Union reports two churches using unfermented wine.

WATERLOO—Acknowledged receiving circular. There was no Superintendent, but they expected to have one before long.

YORK—Reported all the Unions as having taken up the work in their respective towns and intending to do what they can in the outlying districts next year.

SUMMARY.

County.	No. of Churches.	Using Unfermented Wine.	Using Fermented Wine.	Gave up Fermented for Unfermented during past year.
Brant,	30	16	14	3
Durham,	16	10	6	.
Grey,	4	4	..	4
Lambton,	3	2	1	.
Leeds,	27	16	11	.
Ontario,	6	4	2	.
Oxford,	33	28	5	2
Wentworth,	10	..	10	.
Wellington,	2	2	..	.
Total,	131	82	49	9

In closing this report the following suggestions are offered:

That it might not be amiss if, in the School of Methods or some other good place, our women were shown how much labor could be saved by tabulating local and county reports involving statistics.

Good results would probably follow the sending of such books as "Wines, Scriptural and Ecclesiastical" to leading clergymen, whether they are called moderators, general superintendents or bishops.

That, since the present Superintendent has sharply felt her limitations in several of the necessary qualifications, it would be well to place at the head of this Department a strong, healthy, capable woman, one who, provided she is liberal, is in a good position financially, for this work cannot be successfully carried on without money.

Let the Superintendent not only have the prayers but also the account of work done by those who accept office in connection with the Department of Unfermented Wine.

Thanking our Heavenly Father that He has enabled me to do even a little of what was expected.

NARCOTICS.

(MRS. KATE S. CALDWELL, Superintendent).

BRANT—Anti-Tobacco League; 1,120 pledged; Narcotic lessons at Band of Hope meetings; circulated 800 leaflets of Anti-Narcotic literature; gave two lessons from maps; know of seven people who use opium; special sermons on the abuse of tobacco; distributed copies *Anti-Tobacco Gem*; contribute for ten copies. Superintendent's ill health prevents the sending of a better report.

BRUCE—Regrets only two Unions report out of 14. Kincardine visited schools, distributed Anti-Narcotic literature. Hepworth

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ESSEX—Reports having distributed tracts and papers on tobacco question; also copies of Tobacco Act have been sent to merchants, and to Band of Hope teachers.

FRONTENAC—Lately re-organized; no Superintendent; distributed literature to soldiers in camp; also to Y. M. C. A.

GREY—Meaford placed copies of Tobacco Act in stores, and had papers copy the Act; distributed literature at a personal cost of 67 cents; gave a special paper on Narcotics at meeting of Epworth League.

HURON—Clinton visited all stores where tobacco and cigarettes are sold, and left copies of Tobacco Act; but lately organized; regret brevity of report.

KENT—Report six Local Unions; five have Superintendents, only two reported. Ridgetown distributed Anti-Narcotic literature. Dresden asked council to increase the license fee on cigarette selling; prepared a special Anti-Narcotic paper, which with Provincial circular was read and fully discussed at two meetings; also a motion carried that we do not favor license; literature distributed; the school board was asked to co-operate with Unions towards forming Anti-Cigarette Leagues.

LEEDS—Reports very little work done; literature has been distributed in Bands of Hope; copies of the Tobacco Act have been placed where tobacco is sold; a copy of the Act was also placed on the grounds of Frankville fair.

LANARK—County Superintendent wrote or interviewed all public and high school teachers re Anti-Cigarette League; received most satisfactory replies. Some thought it most necessary to do something to counteract the evils from the use of tobacco yet thought it wrong to pledge young children; others decided they would need permission of school board; others wished the Unions would not alone pledge school children but undertake to reach boys employed in factories. Superintendent also had the opinion of editors re cigarette advertisements; could not be more courteous; all decided to drop advertisements; explained they were yearly contracts, at first entered as tobacco but changed as advertiser pleased; some decline hundreds of dollars worth of advertising every year because of its being called immoral; promised to bring the subject before the meeting of Ottawa Valley Press Association; expressed the opinion that all cigarette advertisements would be classed as unclean. Also distributed literature and copies of Tobacco Act. County Superintendent regrets exceedingly not being able to talk on this subject at Provincial Convention, at least to have the pleasure of reading the report.

MIDDLESEX—The Superintendent reports six Unions; work done as not being all that could be desired but still hopes and trusts that much good may result from the seed so faithfully sown. Sermons were preached against the use of tobacco in any form; these aroused interest and stimulated thought. Lectures were also delivered which illustrated strongly the harmfulness of indulging in this habit; literature has been freely distributed at the Western Fair, township fairs and elsewhere; Tobacco Act placed where tobacco was sold; the evil effects of tobacco using are being taught to the children in the Bands of Hope. The public school teachers are reported as being much in earnest on this question, as observation has shown them how injurious is the use of the cigarette upon the growing boy. At the Jubilee Demonstration, held in June, several hundred pages of Anti-Narcotic literature were distributed among the soldiers and civilians. A public meeting was held by one Union, in the interests of this Department, where papers were read on the subject which were followed by profitable discussion. A memorial was sent to the Epworth League Convention asking them to pass a resolution condemnatory of the sale and use of cigarettes and tobacco; the Convention passed said resolution.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Campbellford placed copies of Tobacco Act, pasted on stiff cardboard in stores; no Anti-Tobacco League but got some boys to sign pledge; would like a pledge for children of Mission Band.

OXFORD—Reports special papers on Narcotics; also study to inform themselves scientifically against the use of tobacco. Woodstock Union distributed 100 pledge cards to school children. Brownsville and Selford have not taken up this Department; better prospect for another year. Springford, a paper on Narcotics; 100 leaflets distributed, also copies *Anti-Tobacco Gem*. Ingersoll, addresses to the children. Otterville uses Rev. E. O. Taylor's short studies, also special Narcotic Lessons.

ONTARIO—Reports four Local Unions; only one took up Department work; gave special lessons to children; ministers were asked for special sermons; feel they could do more if they had use of Press.

PEEL—The town of Brampton reports good work done; the town council, at the request of the W. C. T. U., informed the constable of his duty in seeing that the law regarding narcotics was not broken; a copy of the Tobacco Act has been placed in every store where tobacco is sold, including hotels; suitable literature, such as "Dr. Richardson's Tobacco Views," has been placed in the schools and teachers have been urged to read them to the children. Caledon East Union distributed literature, tied with white ribbon; seizes every opportunity for personal talks.

PETERBORO'—Distributed 800 pages of literature ; fined two parties for selling to minors, regrets the law is not respected ; advises us to go on and do the best we can, remarking it is a pity to make laws and not have them enforced.

SIMCOE—Report not received ; Superintendent from home ; know work was faithfully attended to.

STORMONT—Local Superintendents distributed copies of *Anti-Tobacco Gem* ; teach in Band of Hope. Avonmore also distributed copies *Anti-Tobacco Gem* ; placed copies of Tobacco Act in business places. Aultsville held meetings with Epworth League, boys and girls taking part. Newington has a prosperous Band of Hope.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Much greater interest manifested ; more Superintendents ; more literature distributed. At annual meeting recommended that Dominion Union be asked to have an Anti-Cigarette Button distributed, and placed in Literature Department for sale ; also recommend that Provincial Union and Dominion Union continue to petition government to abolish the manufacture of cigarettes. Four Superintendents of Narcotics ; nearly 4,000 pages literature distributed. Steps are being taken to secure the use of schools for new leagues ; have no active leagues ; in every way the work is most promising.

WELLINGTON—Guelph takes *Anti-Tobacco Gem*, and placed copies of same in free library ; distributed literature. Fergus placed copies of Tobacco Act in stores. Mount Forest gave Anti-Cigarette lessons at Band of Hope meetings.

WATERLOO—Reports no Superintendent of Narcotics ; Band of Hope took up work *re* Anti-Cigarette ; number of members 40 ; takes the object lesson from the *Banner*.

WENTWORTH—County Superintendent reports 187 members of Band of Hope signed Triple Pledge ; five papers read at parlor meetings ; four Bands of Hope addressed ; one junior Y. M. C. A. addressed ; two Boys' Brigades ; one talk at the beach to residents ; two papers at medal competition ; silver medal competition commenced in Sunday School ; three silver medals awarded to individual schools for the best essay on Narcotics ; school teachers, editors, and all classes were asked for information ; intend continuing the course through the city ; expect silver medalists will try for gold.

YORK—The Superintendent knows the need of work in this Department is great, but the opportunities few ; reports Tobacco Act being printed on large cards, and posted in business places ; no violation of the Act since reported ; had a paper on the subject read and discussed at Union meeting ; expect special sermons on subject.

SUGGESTIONS.

To know the evil effects of tobacco we could not do better than study the little book, by Rev. A. Sims, of Kingston, "The Use and Abuse of Tobacco." Most assuredly the use of tobacco is the first step towards the use of something more stimulating, and the cigarette is only the fine edge of the wedge which we want to remove and place the sale of same in very limited quarters. Would recommend the Provincial having the Tobacco Act printed in large letters on stiff cardboard and placed in literature department. Bring the Anti-Cigarette League before your school teachers; ask editors to drop all cigarette advertisements, being careful not to offend. Would advise other Unions following in Wentworth's good example.

PRESS.

(MRS. ALMEDA LIVINGSTON, Superintendent).

It is with grateful heart that I present this report to Convention. There has been a marked increase of activity among the Superintendents. Many are acquiring the habit of keeping a record of work, hence we have not been so depressed by hearing the oft-repeated cry, "work done but no record kept." The newspaper men have freely and graciously given ample space to our Department, where we have abided by the Golden Rule, with the exception of a few instances.

The following is a condensed statement of Press Work, as reported to me:

ALGOMA—Has two Superintendents; two papers accept temperance items; 53 items and four columns have been supplied.

BRANT—Reports two Superintendents; recommended helps were secured; five newspapers were furnished; 332 items and 58 columns were filled.

BRUCE—Has supplied three papers, 125 items, and 50 columns of Press matter; several quarterly reports and reports of lecturers were given.

CARLETON—Has three Superintendents; have supplied four papers with about 40 columns of temperance facts, but no record was kept of items and notices.

DUNDAS—Has one Superintendent; one paper supplied with 51 items, and 40 columns were filled.

DURHAM—Has one Superintendent; one paper supplied with items; no record kept.

ELGIN—Has two wide awake Superintendents ; eight newspapers are utilized ; 372 items, notices and articles have been given, and 42 columns have been filled.

ESSEX—Has one Superintendent ; about 115 items. No record kept of columns filled during the year.

GREY—Has three Superintendents ; two newspapers were supplied ; 45 items and four reports ; one Union kept no record.

GLENGARRY—Has one Superintendent ; Neal Dow's birthday written up ; six papers were given 120 items, and 50 columns have been filled. A correct record was kept of work done.

GRENVILLE—Has three Superintendents ; three papers were given 90 items ; no record kept of columns.

HALTON—No Superintendent ; many items and notices were sent to papers, but no record kept.

HASTINGS—Items and articles have been sent at intervals to four papers ; 14 columns filled.

KENT—Reports 135 items and articles were supplied the papers, and 132 columns were occupied. Neal Dow's birthday was written up. The County Superintendent secured one meeting for this Department, and gave a ten minute talk.

HURON—Has one Superintendent just recently appointed ; 40 items have been supplied ; 17 columns.

LANARK—Has three Superintendents ; two papers supplied ; 197 items and 106 columns. One Union kept no record of work.

LEEDS—Reports two Superintendents ; three papers supplied ; 104 columns ; no record kept of items.

LINCOLN—Reports no records kept of work.

MIDDLESEX—Reports seven Superintendents who have furnished 381 articles, and 131 columns have been filled ; one Superintendent kept a correct record ; two Superintendents secured a meeting for their Departments.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Supplied 26 reports ; no record kept of items.

NIPISSING—Reports one Superintendent ; 26 columns were supplied two papers ; no record kept of items and notices.

ONTARIO—Has a Superintendent ; she wrote up Neal Dow's birthday ; 36 items and 19 columns have been furnished the papers ; a record has been kept of the work.

OXFORD—Superintendents have supplied eight papers with 560 items, notices and articles, and 320 columns to the friendly papers ; three Superintendents wrote up Neal Dow's birthday ;

five red letter days were written up and a correct record of work was kept.

PEEL—Reports no Superintendent; about 36 reports, items and notices were supplied the papers.

PERTH—Has no Superintendent; one paper supplied with 65 items, and about 50 columns were filled; several Unions in this county have done Press work but no record kept.

PETERBORO'—Has supplied three newspapers with 24 notices, and many articles have been written on the Plebiscite and other topics. The Press has shown a very friendly spirit.

RENFREW—Has one Superintendent; one paper has been given a great number of notices, but only one Union kept a record of work done; in all there were about 100 items and eight columns supplied during past year.

SIMCOE—Reports 235 items sent to five newspapers; 14 columns were also supplied.

STORMONT—Reports 10 items supplied; no record kept of columns. Some of the Local Superintendents were absent from home, therefore items were supplied only occasionally, but no record kept.

TORONTO—Reports several Superintendents, with one District Superintendent; six dailies have been supplied with 215 items and 5,000 lines, about 10 columns. The press has shown a friendly attitude and has freely and graciously given considerable space in the interests of the W. C. T. U.

VICTORIA—Has one Superintendent; one local paper is supplied weekly, two others occasionally; 205 items have been used and 50 columns filled; Helps are used as suggested; Neal Dow's birthday was written up.

WENTWORTH—Reports five papers were supplied with 171 items and notices, and many letters and articles were written but no record was kept of them.

WELLINGTON—Has accomplished considerable in this Department. Three Press Helps recommended were secured; Neal Dow's birthday was noted; 81 items were supplied to the papers; no record was kept of the columns but of the other work a record was kept.

WATERLOO—Has several Superintendents; two papers were supplied regularly and others occasionally; Neal Dow's birthday was written up and the Plebiscite was given prominence during the winter; 290 items were supplied to the papers and about 50 columns were filled during the year. The Superintendents think this Department of the utmost importance.

YORK—Reports five papers were furnished W. C. T. U. news; 192 items and notices were given and seven columns were filled. The Superintendent says this Department is the mouthpiece of the W. C. T. U.

SUMMARY.

84 papers have received contributions.
4,365 items were inserted.
1,350 columns have been filled by the various Superintendents.

SUGGESTIONS.

I would suggest that 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the suggestions of the past year's Plan of Work for this Department be retained, also the following :

6. That Superintendents re-write clippings whenever possible, condensing and clothing with new language, for quite frequently editors will say, "Oh, it is good, but 'stale.'"
7. That reports of Department work be obtained for local papers.
8. That Superintendents supply themselves with *Press Points*, *Woman's Journal*, *U. S.*, and other helps.
9. That a systematic plan be adopted for obtaining facts and figures concerning the advance in prohibition.
10. That one meeting be secured, if possible, for this Department.
11. That the Plebiscite be brought before the public first, last and always until we gain the victory.
12. That we appeal to the Associated Press to refrain from publishing the details of obscene trials, etc.
13. That the Plebiscite be kept permanently before the public.

SCHOOLS OF METHOD.

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, Superintendent).

Said one, "Life is an endless endeavor to get ready to live. When we are about equipped for the struggle death cuts it short." But the sting is drawn when it is remembered that we are not getting ready to live *here*, but in that city of the gate to which death holds the key. Every lesson mastered, every task faithfully and skillfully performed, is a preparation for the duties that lie the hither side of Jordan. So let us never stop learning till school is out, and real service begins.

Our work is so complex it is little wonder that schools for the workers are becoming a necessity. Let us be thankful that the idea, which took root in Ontario only five years ago, has attained such a thrifty growth.

REPORT.

The following does not include the papers or addresses given at the evening sessions of the schools :

BRANT—Superintendent, Mrs. G. A. Chrysler, Brantford—Held one partial county school ; one local school ; eight subjects ; question box.

BRUCE—Superintendent, Mrs. Alice Reede, Teeswater—Four county schools ; 29 subjects ; four drills ; four question boxes.

CARLETON—Superintendent, Mrs. Donaldson, Ottawa—One partial school ; four subjects.

DURHAM—Superintendent, Mrs. Lucy Cryderman, Bowmanville—One partial county school ; seven subjects ; question box.

ELGIN—Superintendent, Mrs. Hartley, St. Thomas—No School this year ; hopes for a better report in the near future.

ESSEX—Superintendent, Mrs. Maxwell, Amherstburg—One partial county school ; model Union meeting.

GREY—Superintendent, Miss Doyle, Owen Sound—No school held.

GLENGARRY—Superintendent, Mrs. Dr. Munro, Maxville—One full county school and six locals ; subjects 14, with seven question boxes.

GRENVILLE—Superintendent, Mrs. Bennett, Spencerville—One partial county school ; five subjects ; question box.

HALDIMAND—Superintendent, Miss McKinnon, Caledonia—No school this year.

HURON—Superintendent, Miss Fisher, Wingham—One partial county school ; subjects six ; with a drill and question box.

KENT—Superintendent, Miss Reddick, Chatham—One partial county and five local schools ; papers 57 ; drills five, and six question boxes.

LINCOLN AND WELLAND—Superintendents, Mrs. Forbes, Grimsby, and Miss Phelps, St. Catharines—One partial school ; one subject and two question boxes.

LANARK—Superintendent, Mrs. A. Taylor, Carleton Place—Did not take up the Department.

LAMBTON—Superintendent, Mrs. Coghill, Wyoming—One partial school ; five subjects and a question box.

LEEDS—Superintendent, Miss Stone, Athens—One partial county school ; two subjects ; question box.

MIDDLESEX—Superintendent, Mrs. C. Calvert, Napier—One partial school ; two subjects.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Superintendent, Mrs. McMasters, Camp-

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bellford—One partial county school ; one local ; subjects five ; with drill and question box.

OXFORD—Superintendent, Mrs. B. D. Livingston, Tilsonburg—One full and one partial county school, two locals ; 16 subjects ; two drills and two question boxes.

ONTARIO—Superintendent, Mrs. Kenner, Prince Albert—Did not take up the Department.

PEEL—Superintendent, Mrs. Lynd, Port Credit—One partial county school ; three subjects ; one drill and question box.

PERTH—Superintendent, Mrs. Baker, Mitchell—One partial county school ; four subjects.

RENFREW—Superintendent, Mrs. Agnes Hunter, Pembroke—No school held.

STORMONT—Superintendent, Miss MacArthur, Cornwall—No school this year.

SIMCOE—Superintendent, Mrs. McKee, Barrie—One partial school ; four subjects and a question box.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Superintendent, Mrs. Rutherford, Toronto—Held no district school, but at four monthly district meetings, took a department and discussed its aims and methods ; four subjects.

WENTWORTH—Superintendent, Mrs. Pratt, Hamilton—One full county school ; three subjects ; a drill and question box.

WATERLOO—Superintendent, Mrs. Cavers, Galt—One full school ; five subjects ; one drill and two question boxes.

WELLINGTON—Superintendent, Mrs. Maddock, Guelph—Has not yet held a School of Method.

YORK—Superintendent, Mrs. Cane, Newmarket—One partial county school ; five subjects and two question boxes.

SUMMARY.

The advance in this Department has been marked.

Last year we had 28 organized counties. We can now report 31. In these there have been held 25 full or partial county schools, and 18 local schools, making a total gain over last year of 16 schools. At these were given 121 papers or addresses on department work—covering 24 different departments—10 on the Plebiscite, and 41 on such topics as Finance, How to Maintain Interest, Report Day, Christian Citizenship, Medal Contests, etc. The total of papers last year was 95, for this 172, making an increase of 77. The Departments receiving the most attention were Franchise, Scientific Temperance and Sabbath Observance, treated of in 11 papers each, Juvenile 10, Lumbermen and Flower Mission, seven each, etc. Two model meetings were held, a model temperance lesson taught, 35 question boxes opened, and 16 drills given.

PROVINCIAL.

Throughout the year a correspondence with the Superintendents of this Department—the County Presidents—has been maintained.)

One leaflet entitled Programs, issued for the Department by the Dominion Literature Department, was sent to every Local Union in the Province. Its aim was to bring some kind of system into local meetings.

At the Pembroke Convention the half day Provincial School was held. Three topics were presented and discussed, and a question box opened.

AN EXPLANATION.

Some confusion of thought exists in regard to what are partial and what are local schools. From some of the reports sent, the Superintendents have evidently confounded the Local Union educational hour, with a local school.

A full school is one to which delegates from the various Unions of the county are invited, and which occupies not less than one half day. It may be in connection with the county annual meeting, or in the spring. A partial school is one held in connection with a county convention, and occupying less than a half day. A local school is held in connection with a Local Union, but the program is supplied by county workers, who come as teachers in their several departments.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. As a genuine stimulant to local work, the local school must be heartily recommended. Two many Unions are running on old, worn out plans. Their meetings are uninteresting, and their work lifeless. Contact with live workers from within their own county borders—women who have pretty much the same sort of difficulties with which to contend—brings a courage to attempt what was previously thought impossible.

2. The counties that utilize in school programs, their County Superintendents kill two birds with one stone. The County Superintendent is forced to study up her Department, and the local workers get the benefit of her researches.

3. The topic that should yield to none other at this year schools, is the Plebiscite. Along side of it should go Systematic Giving. In some counties I find a good proportion of the workers are managing their personal finances according to this Bible method; in others the subject has never been touched, and as a consequence the giving is spasmodic and feeble. We must have money this year; surely the Master is calling for it, let us study His methods of giving, that He may never have to say to us, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?"

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Let me again commend to your notice, that which heads this year's list of department subjects—Franchise. No full school should close without a paper or address on Woman's ballot, a reform that is fairly treading on the heels of temperance cause. Help it along. Hoping for a year of spirit-baptized effort.

FRANCHISE.

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

In presenting the claims of this Department our workers are frequently met with this inquiry, "What good will result from the enfranchisement of women?" In reply we may say that women enfranchised will have power to protect themselves, their children, their property; that their minds and hearts will be enlarged, making them more agreeable companions and better wives and mothers; that they will make government more fully representative, put an end to bribery in elections; cause a purer political atmosphere and a higher standard of public morals. This is some of the *good*; it would take too long to mention all the good to be accomplished by Woman Suffrage.

BRANT—Wrote to their representative in the local Legislature asking him to support legislation to extend the municipal Franchise to married women; worked at municipal elections; circulated 50 leaflets and some copies of the Franchise By-law; had a paper upon the Department read.

BRUCE—County Superintendent tried to stir up the Unions in the work of this Department.

DURHAM—Sent a letter to their representative in the local Legislature asking his support of the amendment to the Toronto Municipal Act, to extend the Franchise to married women, and urging him to do what he could to make it general.

ELGIN—Asked their council to petition the Legislature to extend the municipal Franchise to married women. This they promised to do.

GREY—Canvassed the women voters on behalf of temperance candidates for county and municipal councils; distributed literature, and published articles in the press.

GRENVILLE—Distributed literature; devoted one regular meeting to the Department.

GLENGARRY—Had four papers read and discussed at School of Method; one debate at a parlor meeting; one regular meeting devoted to the Franchise Department; two articles published in

the press ; distributed 300 leaflets ; wrote letters to their M. P. P. urging his support of the amendment to the Toronto Municipal Act.

HALTON—Worked at municipal elections for temperance candidates.

HURON—Has lately been organized and has appointed a Superintendent of Franchise.

LINCOLN—Brought the Department to the front as often as possible, and distributed literature.

LAMBTON—Sent a delegation to their council asking them to petition the Legislature to give married women the municipal Franchise.

MIDDLESEX—Had two good lectures in the interest of the Department, one by Dr. Amelia Youmans and one by John G. Woolley ; made an attempt to elect women trustees ; had a most interesting debate on "Resolved that the Franchise be Extended to Women," 12 members of the Union thoroughly discussing the pros and cons, decision was given in favor of the affirmative ; Wrote letters to their M. P. P., and canvassed the women voters at the municipal elections.

MUSKOKA—Distributed literature, placed it regularly in the W. C. T. U. boxes in the post office, station and steamers ; urged members of the Union to subscribe for a Franchise paper.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Distributed literature ; tried to bring the subject before the public ; worked at municipal elections.

OXFORD—Had two excellent addresses at School of Method ; six papers and some addresses in the Unions ; distributed 500 leaflets.

PEEL—Has had the subject discussed in the Unions and twice in public ; has kept the Department to the front.

PETERBORO—Interviewed their council regarding the amendment to the Toronto Municipal Act ; wrote letters to their M. P. P.

STORMONT—Has kept the Department to the front ; discussed Franchise at a parlor meeting ; distributed literature ; worked at municipal elections.

SIMCOE—Worked at municipal elections.

TORONTO—Canvassed the women voters (about 5,000) at the municipal elections and at the time of the street car vote, three Unions placing women at the polling booths ; asked prominent citizens to write to the M. P. P.'s, asking their support of the amendment to the Municipal Act for the extension of the Franchise to married women.

VICTORIA—Had members of the Union work at the municipal elections.

WELLINGTON—Wrote a letter to their M. P. P., asking him to vote for the extension of the Franchise to married women.

WENTWORTH—Held a mock parliament; distributed 500 pages of literature; worked during the municipal elections.

YORK—Interviewed their reeve and councillors, asking them to write their members in the local Legislature urging them to support the proposal to extend the municipal Franchise to married women. Mr. Richardson's reply was most favorable.

PERSONAL WORK.

Early in the year your Superintendent sent a printed letter to every Union in the province, to County Presidents and Secretaries and to Provincial Superintendents, stating that the Toronto City Council had agreed to ask the Provincial Legislature for an amendment to the Municipal Act, providing "That all ratepayers, subjects of Her Majesty, over twenty-one years of age, duly rated on the assessment roll for the necessary amount, should be placed on the voters' list for the city." The Unions were urged to interview influential friends and ask them to write their representatives in the Local Legislature requesting them to support this legislation and to urge that it be made general.

In September printed cards were sent to every County Superintendent of Franchise, or County or Local Secretary, asking for a report of work done during the year, and showing special reasons why a good report should be returned.

Later, 28 cards were sent, with an urgent appeal, to counties which had not reported or had reported nothing done.

During the year I replied, I think, to every letter received asking for literature or information of any kind.

SUMMARY.

Twenty-four counties report work done.

Ten worked at the municipal elections.

Four waited upon councils.

Seven wrote to members of Parliament.

One had lecturers.

Seven had the subject discussed at regular or other meetings.

Eleven distributed literature.

Three published articles in the Press.

One held a mock parliament.

SUGGESTIONS.

That work be continued still more vigorously along the judicious lines already approved.

That the work begun last year be continued, namely, the interviewing of municipal councils, asking them to petition the Legislature for the extension of the Franchise to married women.

That a form of petition be prepared by the Provincial Executive or Plan of Work Committee, so that our local workers may be able to supply the same when necessary or desirable.

That the Unions send letters (signed by prominent voters) to their respective representatives in the Local Legislature asking them to support this proposed legislation.

LEGISLATION AND PETITIONS.

(Compiled by MRS. WILEY, Corresponding Secretary).

ALGOMA—Fort William circulated petition to reduce the number of licenses. Sault Ste. Marie, Curfew Bell. Thessalon, granting Franchise to married women.

BRUCE—Legislation—The Superintendent writes: Your County Superintendent wrote the Unions before the January elections, urging them to use their influence to have men placed in the field for municipal office who were well-known prohibitionists, so that they might, in the beginning of the year, urge with better effect the newly elected municipal councils, to ask the license commissioners to grant fewer licenses. As no report of work under this heading came to me, I do not know whether my suggestions were acted upon or not. Also under this heading we brought in a motion at our county annual this summer, to have our County Union issue a convention call, to prohibitionists from all societies, churches, etc., for the purpose of considering the advisability of placing prohibition candidates in the field. This was done because of the deplorable fact that the Legislature, after all the promises they made, had not sufficient temperance support in the House to enable them to keep those promises, without facing the almost certainty of Governmental defeat. We felt that a movement should be made throughout the Province, to place independent prohibition candidates in the field, before the party conventions have been held and their men selected. After that time there is always a large number of our supporters pledged to party candidates, and consequently not free to support our cause. Petitions—Walkerton circulated petitions for county House of Refuge. Teeswater circulated one in reference to Sir Oliver Mowat's Bill.

CARLETON—Ottawa circulated petitions against kinetoscope exhibitions, and for Curfew Bell. Kimburn, one to prevent license in the village.

DURHAM—Legislation—Bowmanville sent delegates to Toronto in March to protest against the new temperance legislation. Petitions—circulated three; petitions to Parliament *re*

Charlton Bill, against direct taxation as result of prohibition, also against kinelescope.

ELGIN—St. Thomas, petitions for reducing number of licenses in the city. Vienna, Franchise for married women.

ESSEX—Amherstburg sent two petitions to both Houses of Parliament. Gesto circulated petitions in connection with new liquor law. Kingsville petitioned council to vote on local option. Leamington circulated petitions regarding hotel license.

GREY—Owen Sound circulated petitions among the business men of their town endorsing Sir Oliver Mowat's Bill *re* kinelescope, and Mr. Charlton's Bill. Durham petitioned their town council to have the Curfew Bell; they also asked to have the hour for closing the hotel changed from half-past eleven to ten o'clock, and to have all screens removed from the windows on the ground floor of hotel during prohibited hours.

GLENGARRY—Has circulated four petitions, as follows: a temperance license inspector (succeeded); criminal code; Toronto Municipal Act; to prevent an hotel being licensed (succeeded).

HASTINGS—Belleville circulated one petition against cinematograph and one for raising age of consent.

HURON—Wingham petitioned to have Curfew Bell. Clinton petitioned to reduce number of licenses (unsuccessful).

HALDIMAND—Caledonia circulated petition *re* license law. Cayuga petitioned to withhold a license.

KENT—Wallaceburg circulated petition for a public library.

LINCOLN—Legislation—St. Catharines wrote Sir Oliver Mowat *re* kinelescope and Charlton Bill. Grimsby circulated petitions against kinelescope and against licensing Club House. St. Catharines circulated petitions for Curfew Bell and for closing bar rooms at ten o'clock.

LEEDS—Lansdowne petitioned against licensing another hotel. Delta petitioned against licensing another hotel. Athens circulated petitions *re* four reforms, (race-gambling, lotteries, kinelescope, age of consent).

LAMBERTON—Wyoming petitioned for closing of one hotel. Alvinston, one petition to municipal council, one to Local House and one to the Dominion.

MIDDLESEX—Glencoe circulated petition *re* Charlton Bill. Napier petitioned against a license. London, two petitions, one *re* Charlton Bill, and one *re* Sabbath Observance.

MUSKOKA—Huntsville petitioned against billiard room and against reduction of license fees, and were successful in both. Also circulated one in favor of Charlton Bill.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Campbellford petitioned for Curfew Bell.

ONTARIO—Whitby circulated petitions for Curfew and pure literature. Port Perry and Prince Albert had a petition for early closing of shops.

OXFORD—Brownsville circulated two petitions, one *re* extending of Franchise to married women, and one *re* Charlton Bill. Embro, Norwich, Tilsonburg and Verschoyle, circulated petitions in favor of Charlton Bill. Woodstock petitioned against granting license to a hotel, and against the exhibition of immoral pictures. A petition in favor of Mr. Charlton's Bill was also circulated. Ingersoll petitioned against the exhibition of immoral pictures. Otterville's "Y.'s," one petition to extend Franchise to married women holding property.

PERTH—St. Mary's petitioned for early closing of shops. Mitchell had two petitions to Parliament; one to Hon. Hardy and one to local members.

PETERBORO'—Havelock circulated a petition for Curfew Bell.

PEEL—Caledon East sent a petition to Parliament against gambling. Brampton circulated a petition in favor of Mowat's and Charlton's Bills; also one for the early closing of stores Saturday nights.

RENFREW—Cobden petitioned against having a license granted to a saloon.

STORMONT—Cornwall had petitions *re* amendments to criminal code. Avonmore circulated petition against another hotel license, and was successful.

SIMCOE—Orillia petitioned against a summer resort in the suburbs; met commissioner *re* reduction of licenses; wrote Parliament *re* Charlton Bill. Gravenhurst, one against licensing a saloon. Barrie against kinesiscope and for Charlton Bill.

TORONTO—Circulated three petitions; one to prohibit kinesi-scope, one against Sunday cars, and one *re* criminal code.

VICTORIA—Lindsay supported amendments to criminal code.

WELLINGTON—Drayton petitioned for Curfew Bell. Bellwood circulated four petitions under Purity Department.

WENTWORTH—County petitioned against kinesiscope views; in favor of Charlton Bill, and for Curfew Bell.

YORK—Richmond Hill, legislation *re* Charlton Bill, and question of direct taxation being attached to Plebiscite, also extending Franchise to women. They also petitioned the village council to enforce the By-law relating to charivaris.

PARLIAMENTARY USAGES.

(JULETTA B. HUFF, Superintendent).

Owing to the condition of my eyes personal work or personal letters have been impossible for me this year, consequently I requested, through the July-August *Woman's Journal*, all Local and County Superintendents of this Department to report to me not later than September 1st, receiving one reply only, which I give in full, as it stands alone as a monument of faithfulness.

OTTERVILLE, September 14th, 1897.

Our "Y" Union, under the Department of Parliamentary Usages, have held three parliamentary drills furnished for parlor meetings.

CARRIE E. SMITH,

Corresponding Secretary "Y."

SUGGESTIONS.

That every Union appoint a Superintendent for this work, and then notify the Provincial Superintendent of the appointment. Three counties, Glengarry, Grenville and Kent, are registered in 1896 annual report. A "Y" Union the only one heard from in 1897. Where is the fault?

Or that this Department and Schools of Method be amalgamated.

That a leaflet be prepared bearing on the duties of each separate Department, instructing the Superintendent what her duties are, and how to perform them to the best advantage of both time and strength, that these be printed and distributed by County Secretaries, to the various Superintendents of the several Departments of both County and Local Unions.

PARLOR MEETINGS.

(MRS. EMMA A. WHEELER, Superintendent).

Encouraging reports have come from Unions throughout the Province of work in this Department during the past year, and all without exception say that these social meetings are a great help to the Unions. By these means our objects and aims are brought before those who would not learn in any other way. Interest is awakened, and in many cases, I may say nearly all, new members are secured, and a closer bond of fellowship among all the members is the result.

The report by counties is as follows:

ALGOMA EAST—No Superintendent—Mrs. Morrison, County President, writes : That two Unions held six Parlor Meetings.

BRANT—Mrs. Judge Jones, Brantford, Superintendent—Two Unions held four Parlor Meetings ; subject discussed were Hygiene and Heredity, Sabbath Observance, Systematic Giving, and Band of Hope work.

BRUCE—Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, Lucknow, Superintendent—Five Unions held 32 Parlor Meetings. No particulars given.

CARLETON—Mrs. Myer, Richmond, was and perhaps is the Superintendent—Miss Annie Rowan reports, one Union gave an At Home to 100 students of the Normal School.

ELGIN—Mrs. J. Garnett, Vienna, Superintendent—One Union held one Parlor Meeting. Province to hold one every three months in the future.

GLENGARRY—Mrs. N. Morrison, Dominionville, Superintendent—Three Unions held eleven Parlor Meetings ; 20 honorary members were secured ; \$34.21 was contributed ; subjects discussed, and objects of the meetings were "County Work," "Work for Lumbermen," "Public Relief Work," "Scientific Temperance Instruction," "Flower and Delicacy Mission."

GRENVILLE—Mrs. Brenan, Kemptville, Superintendent—One Union held one Parlor Meeting.

GREY—No Superintendent—Mrs. A. Read, Owen Sound, County Corresponding Secretary, writes : Two Unions held two Parlor Meetings ; \$13.50 was contributed, and much enthusiasm created among the members.

HALDIMAND—Mrs. D. McGregor, Caledonia, Superintendent—Four Unions held five Parlor Meetings ; \$22.00 was contributed ; two members secured ; one meeting was for charity work.

HURON—Mrs. Gillespie, Corresponding Secretary, writes : one Parlor Meeting held ; expect to boom this work another year.

KENT—Mrs. W. D. Samson, Dresden, Superintendent—One Union held one Parlor Meeting ; \$19.00 was contributed. She adds, "This meeting did more socially to aid the society than anything previously given."

LAMBTON—Mrs. Mitchell, Watford, Superintendent—No report.

LEEDS—Mrs. D. C. Cowan, Gananoque, Superintendent—Four Unions held 10 Parlor Meetings ; nine active members, and two honoraries were secured ; \$10 was raised. She adds : It is satisfactory to know that our efforts in this Department have been appreciated to some extent, by those outside our ranks. The work has been pronounced emphatically a "good work," and

enemies have forgotten to ask the scornful question, "what is your Union doing, or what does it amount to?"

LINCOLN—No Superintendent—Miss Huff, Corresponding Secretary, writes: Two Unions held three Parlor Meetings; subjects discussed, "Work Among Lumbermen," "A Trip to India," by a "Y" just returned; \$5 was raised and sent to famine district, where two St. Catharines "Y's" now live.

MIDDLESEX—Mrs. H. Larche, London, Superintendent—One Union held two Parlor Meetings; \$26 was contributed.

OXFORD—Mrs. Alice M. Van Valkenburg, Norwich, Superintendent—Six Unions held 24 Parlor Meetings; \$41.53 was contributed.

PEEL—Mrs. Dr. C. Robinson, Brampton, Superintendent—Two Unions held three Parlor Meetings; five active and three honorary members were secured; \$5.85 was contributed.

PETERBORO—No Superintendent—One Union held one Parlor Meeting; three active members were secured.

PERTH—Corresponding Secretary reports two or three socials held; \$7 was contributed.

RENFREW—Report no work done.

STORMONT—Corresponding Secretary reports one Union held five Parlor Meetings.

SIMCOE—Miss Maggie E. Millar, Orillia, Superintendent—Three Unions held 11 Parlor Meetings; \$16.00 was contributed. Superintendent writes: "At our County Convention were asked not to call a meeting where money was made a Parlor Meeting, so we have held none since."

(I see no objection to receiving voluntary contributions at Parlor Meetings.)—Provincial Superintendent.

TORONTO—Mrs. W. H. Orr and Mrs. (Dr.) Rose, Superintendents—Has done excellent work in Parlor Meetings during the past year, but in reporting no statistics were given. In reading the general report, which gives encouraging testimony of the help and benefit to the Unions resulting from these meetings, we learn that eight Unions held 26 Parlor Meetings.

WELLINGTON—Mrs. (Dr.) Savage, Guelph, Superintendent—No report received.

WATERLOO—Miss Jennie Adair, Galt, Superintendent—Four Unions held seven Parlor Meetings; 13 active and four honorary members were secured; \$8.74 was contributed.

WENTWORTH—Mrs. Hardy, Hamilton, Superintendent—Two Unions held 13 Parlor Meetings; 15 active members were secured, and \$67.40 was contributed.

YORK—Mrs. W. R. Proctor, Richmond Hill, Superintendent—Four Unions held five Parlor Meetings; six active members were secured, and \$18.30 was contributed.

SUMMARY.

Twenty-four counties heard from.

Twenty County Superintendents, an increase of five.

Sixty-two Unions held 168 Parlor Meetings. This is 42 meetings more than were held last year.

Fifty-one active and 29 honorary members were secured. Probably there were many more, as several counties do not answer this question.

\$294.53 was contributed, an increase of \$166.33.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

(MRS. MARY Z. DENT, Superintendent).

As another year's record of work done in this Department comes in, we are very much encouraged and can truly say—

"The entrance of Thy words giveth light."

The light has come, and many have been, *and are being* led, through this Department of Systematic Giving, to see their duty more clearly towards God, *as well as privilege*, in the *matter* and *manner* of giving. This is God's work, and, as we sow the seed, we "know not which shall prosper, either this or that, or whether *both* shall be alike good;" but we have His promise, "That in due season we shall reap *if we faint not*." We are partners with God. We sow the seed by the wayside, among *thorns* sometimes, but we are glad to say *many* times on *good* ground. He waters it with the dew of His blessing and we earnestly pray that the coming year may find many more adopting this scriptural method of giving, upon the first day of the week, as God prospers. This is God's way, a very old way, and one which is full of promised blessing in temporal as well as in spiritual things.

In answer to cards of inquiry the following information has been gathered:

ALGOMA WEST—Has no Superintendent—Discussed the subject in one Union, and distributed leaflets through the district.

BRANT—Has a County Superintendent—Had a very excellent paper on Systematic Giving at County Convention, followed by

discussion, in which quite a number took part and which proved very profitable. This method of giving was also taken up at Band of Hope meeting, trying in this way to interest and induce the children to give a "tenth"—for every ten cents to put one aside for the Lord.

BRUCE—Has a County Superintendent—Two Local Superintendents have been appointed, and each Union has devoted one meeting to the subject and sent funds in response to a request from the County Superintendent for county funds; 2,600 pages of literature distributed. Are looking forward to doing better work next year.

DURHAM—Has appointed a County Superintendent for the coming year; most of one afternoon taken up with Bible reading and programme bearing on the subject; one sister has given away literature to try and interest some, and induce them to give systematically and proportionately.

ELGIN—Has a County Superintendent and one Local Superintendent—Had one meeting with Bible reading, which was very helpful, showing clearly that "this is God's way." Sermons and Bible readings arranged for in two weeks from the present time.

ESSEX—Reports nothing done in this Department.

GRENVILLE—Reported one meeting during the year and distributed 175 leaflets on Systematic Giving.

GREY—Has no County Superintendent, but three Unions have brought the subject up for discussion, and over 1,500 pages of literature have been distributed, by means of which several have been induced to adopt this method of giving; hopes to have a fuller report next year.

KENT—Has a County Superintendent—A paper read at School of Method; literature distributed, and talks as opportunity offered.

LAMBTON—Has no County Superintendent but hopes to have one appointed at County Convention, and that the county will have a good report for next year.

LANARK—Has not taken up this Department, so has nothing to report.

LINCOLN—Has no County Superintendent—One Union reports two papers read, one sermon preached and a Bible reading on Systematic Giving.

MIDDLESEX—Has a County Superintendent and four Local Superintendents; has held six meetings on Systematic Giving; no sermons preached yet, but are going to ask this autumn; four Unions distributed literature.

NIPISSING—Has a County Superintendent—Held one meeting; Three sermons preached on Systematic Giving; subject brought before the Ladies' Aid Societies of the churches; a goodly number give systematically and proportionately.

OXFORD—Has a County Superintendent—No special work reported, but in the Unions heard from most of the members give systematically; one Union intends to take the subject up at next meeting.

PERTH—Has a County Superintendent and two Local Superintendents—One Local Superintendent reported one meeting on Systematic Giving; very helpful. Three sermons preached on this subject; paper read at County Convention, followed by discussion; several testified to blessing received by giving systematically; about 500 pages of literature distributed.

PEEL—Reports no Superintendent of Systematic Giving, but good work done along other lines.

STORMONT—Has a County Superintendent, but owing to poor health has not been able to do anything so far.

WELLINGTON—Has no Superintendent, and reports nothing done in this Department.

WENTWORTH—Has a County Superintendent and four Local Superintendents; one sermon preached on Systematic Giving, and 7,200 pages of literature distributed; the Unions very much interested in the subject.

WATERLOO—Has a County Superintendent and two Local Superintendents; two very profitable Systematic Giving meetings held; paper read at Parlor Meeting, and much interest taken in the subject; this method of giving was presented at a young peoples' meeting, and also in Sabbath School class, and 200 pages of literature distributed; hopes for greater things in the coming year.

YORK—No Superintendents—The work not taken up to any extent. Mrs. Wilmott, of Toronto, gave a very excellent address at semi-annual Convention. Hope to have a County Superintendent appointed for next year.

PERSONAL WORK.

Early in the summer sent Department circulars and literature to each Local Union in the Province. Corresponded with Superintendents of this Department, urging them to faithfulness in this most important branch of our work, and distributed literature—about 600 pages—as opportunity offered. Wrote 21 letters and 81 post cards; also sent two Department letters to *Journal*.

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SUMMARY.

County Superintendents Systematic Giving,	8
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Bible readings, - - -	4
Systematic Giving meetings, - - -	14
Unions distributing literature, - - -	13
Sermons preached, - - -	8
Sermons promised, - - -	2
Papers on Systematic Giving, - - -	8
Discussions, - - -	5
Addresses, - - -	1

SUGGESTIONS.

I would suggest the following :

That Superintendents try and *interest* Sabbath School teachers in this Department, that they in teaching the children show them the advantage of giving *something*, systematically and proportionately, to the Lord.

That Superintendents ask their pastors to preach at least *twice* a year on Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

That in organized counties the County President urge the Unions to appoint a County Superintendent where this has not already been done, as this is a most important, if not *the* most important, branch of our work ; so much promised blessing comes from obedience to God's commands—" Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse ;" " I will pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

That question drawers be a feature of Union meetings on this subject.

A generous distribution of Systematic Giving literature. "The Deacon's tenth," "Bible plan of giving," and "Rob's Tithe," all being excellent. "What we owe and how to pay it," is more comprehensive and a favorite always ; but one can hardly go astray, there are so many good leaflets on this subject.

The Psalmist says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path ;" "through thy precepts I get understanding." Yet so many say they do not understand this method of giving. Have they searched the "Word" to see what God says about giving ? "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." We pray Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done. How much are we prepared to *sacrifice* that that our prayers may be answered ?

RECOMMENDED LITERATURE.

Deacon's Tenth, 1c. each; per 100 - - -	\$ 60
Bible Plan of Giving, 1c. each; per 100 - - -	50
Rob's Tithe, per 100 - - -	1 00
What We Owe and How to Pay It, 1c. each; per 100 - - -	1 00

FLOWER, FRUIT AND DELICACY.

(MRS. FRANK MOORE, Superintendent).

Your Superintendent would respectfully report the following :
To each County Superintendent in the Union I forwarded a copy of the Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Register, which is for use in Local Unions, and through the County Superintendent to be recommended to them. There were 26 in all, but 10 of these have not reported.

The Register has been a decided success, the Superintendents, in nearly every case, speaking of it in the highest terms. So many speaking of introducing it more fully next year.

This is a Department in which so much may be contributed which, to the individual donor, seems scarcely worth taking note of, and, in this way, very much more actual work is done than is ever reported—9,094 bouquets, 1,738 text cards, 4,600 pages of literature, 692 quarts canned fruits, \$110.80 cash expended, 123 packages raw fruit, 24 dozen eggs, 74 dozen oranges, 927 pledges, 938 visits made to private homes and public institutions ; then the number and variety of articles contributed under the miscellaneous column is very large indeed, including not only the fruit and delicacies usually contributed by this Department but clothing of different kinds—wearing apparel, bedding, etc. ; also wood, potatoes, milk, fowl, cornmeal, bread tickets, groceries, flower seeds distributed among Band of Hope children for culture, books, games, toys to sick children, etc.

Some of the counties have done exceedingly well, and one is led to wonder how there can be such a difference in this branch which is worked so generally ; but no doubt, in very many cases, the secret lies in not reporting what has actually been accomplished. I can only reiterate the plea that has so often been made, that more faithful account be kept and more promptitude in forwarding. And, although this is sometimes termed the silent mission, it is a very practical one, and when taken up in its enlarged capacity touches people in a way and draws forth their appreciation more quickly than many or the other lines.

WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

(MISS K. M. FISHER, Superintendent).

In submitting this, my first provincial report, I fear it may have many defects. Many items of interest to the workers, relative to the work must be omitted, being obliged to confine ourselves to facts and figures. In many instances Unions report as having sent a quantity of literature and some comfort bags. In this mode of

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reporting, Unions deprive themselves of the credit due them. If only one comfort bag is sent, that *one* should be reported as such.

ALGOMA—Sault Ste. Marie sent some comfort bags and literature to lumbermen, in the vicinity of the Soo. Amounts not given.

BRUCE—Chesley, 12 comfort bags. Lucknow "Y's," six comfort bags. Hepworth, one comfort bag. Teeswater sent a quantity of clothing to the destitute settlers on the peninsula. Teeswater "Y," 12 bags. Walkerton, a quantity of literature. Wiarton contributed 400 lbs. of literature.

BRANT—Paris, two comfort bags, two scrap books, one year's magazines, a quantity of papers and other reading matter. Burford, four comfort bags and one scrap book; where shipped not stated.

CARLETON—40 comfort bags and 500 pages literature, shipped to Pembroke. Cash for missionary, \$8.

ESSEX—No work done in this Department. Work among sailors and fishermen would likely claim all they could do in this line.

DURHAM—Not heard from.

ELGIN—County not organized till recently; hard to gather reports of work done; comfort bags ready to send 1st October; interest increasing; better report next year. Barrie and Gravenhurst nearest district.

FRONTENAC—A voice of enquiry about the work came to us from this "lone county." After replying, we notified the County President, at Kingston.

GREY—Not heard from.

GLENGARRY—Vankleek Hill, nine comfort bags, five scrap books, 22 lbs. literature. St. Elmo, eight comfort bags ready to send. Maxville, \$3 for missionary. Pembroke and camps on the Ottawa nearest the access.

GRENVILLE—Spencerville, four scrap books and a quantity of literature. They hope more will be done for this Department in the future. Supplies sent to Barrie, nearest district.

HALTON AND HALDIMAND—Not heard from.

HASTINGS—Belleville, four comfort bags, papers, magazines, etc., sent Rathburn county. Cambellford, three comfort bags, papers, magazines, etc., sent to Gilmour county. Canoe Lake, six letters sent agents; three of these returned letters of thanks and appreciation.

HURON—No work done. County newly organized, and appointed Mrs. Biddlecombe, of Clinton, County Superintendent of Lumber Work; expects to render a good account in the future.

KENT—No work done.

LANARK AND LAMBTON—Not heard from.

LINCOLN—St. Catharines sent a box containing three comfort bags filled with the usual supplies, and 100 lbs. of literature; sent to Mrs. Detlor, Nipissing District. St. Catharines "Y's" furnished one of the old style bags.

LEEDS—Brockville, literature one box, and \$5 for the missionary. Gananoque, eight comfort bags to Bell Lake and Hard Island, cash \$5; total, eight comfort bags, one box literature, cash \$10.

MIDDLESEX—Newbury, seven comfort bags. Glencoe, 12 comfort bags, a lot of good literature, such as *Christian Guardian*, magazines, etc., to Miss Sproul, Algoma District, with \$1.50 cash; two new Unions organized will take up the work.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Campbellford distributed 7,000 pages of literature among men on the drives, also scrap books, number not stated. Cash for missionary \$1.

OXFORD—Otterville, 871 papers, journals and some Bibles. Springfield, three comfort bags, and a large parcel of literature, and five comfort bags ready to send Miss Sproul, for miners. Woodstock sent 13 comfort bags. Vershoyle sent five comfort bags.

ONTARIO—Port Perry two boxes well selected literature to Blind River, Algoma District.

PETERBORO—Five comfort bags to Mrs. Scott, Barrie; four comfort bags to Mrs. Chapman, Wiarton District; one comfort bag to Mrs. Detlor, North Bay; and 12 scrap books. Nipissing nearest district.

PERTH—No work done. Mrs. Dobson, of Stratford, has been appointed County Superintendent of this Department. Some of the Unions are making comfort bags, and are much interested.

PRESCOTT, PEEL AND PRINCE EDWARD—Not heard from.

SIMCOE—Collingwood sent from September 9th, 1896, to February, 1897: 1,118 tracts and papers, 12 lbs. in weight, and supplied the following camps—Spraggs' Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Collins' Inlet, White Fish, Sault Ste. Marie—with 195½ lbs. good literature, 1,884 papers, 540 gospel tracts, which were greatly prized. Letters of gratitude were received. A table has been given the W. C. T. U., at Collingwood, in the free library by the managers, which they supply fortnightly with fresh literature.

STORMONT AND VICTORIA—Not heard from.

WENTWORTH—Not much done. Superintendent newly appointed; more to be accomplished when better acquainted with duties. Grimsby sent one comfort bag, containing all the usual supplies and other useful articles. Hamilton Central shipped to

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Brennan's camp, Muskoka, 31 lbs. literature ; to Johnston's camp 10 lbs. literature ; to Miss Fisher, General Superintendent, a box containing 14 lovely comfort bags (reshipped to Mrs. Mickle, Gravenhurst, by K. M. F.).

TORONTO—Mrs. J. Robinson, District Superintendent, Toronto, reports having written to all the Unions in her district ; also wrote to as many lumber counties as she knew of for information where to send supplies ; was informed in reply that there was little or no work being done in the lumbering districts owing to the depression in the trade, which accounts for the scant reports from Toronto. If a missionary is sent this year the Superintendent believes the Toronto Unions will give their loyal support. Willard, two parcels to the lumber camps, containing one scrap book and 2,238 pages of literature. Northern, six comfort bags, 1,200 pages of literature to Mrs. Chapman, Wiarton District. Central, seven comfort bags, 918 pages of literature.

WATERLOO—220 lbs. literature and three large parcels (not weighed) ; 20 comfort bags, and 23 large bags to hold literature, made by request of Miss Sproule ; 13 comfort bags to Mrs. Chapman, Wiarton District. (Gravenhurst and Muskoka nearest districts.)

WELLINGTON—Only one Union taking up this Department. Mt. Forest sent six comfort bags and 50 pages gospel temperance tracts, furnished by the Bible and Tract Society, to Wiarton District.

YORK—Newmarket, two parcels of 7,000 pages literature and 4,750 pages besides ; one comfort bag to Powassan, Algoma District. Weston remitted \$2.00 to Provincial Treasurer for missionary.

PERSONAL WORK.

The personal work done by your Superintendent, consisted of a considerable amount of correspondence, in an endeavor to arrange a satisfactory plan for the receiving and dispatching of supplies to the various lumbering districts. We have not aimed at awakening a deeper interest in this Department, as much as to find out the lay of the land, the work being entirely new to your Superintendent. In this we had in a great measure to work in the dark, but with the aid of the District Superintendents, and our Provincial President, we have received light and information to the extent, that we now realize *this* Department to be one of the *most important* of W. C. T. U. work. When we try to reach 30,000 or more Canadian voters, who spend the greatest part of the year, isolated and deprived of the privileges we so abundantly enjoy, should we not ask the Lord to give us strength and courage to rise to the occasion, and do our duty by sending a messenger bearing the lamp of knowledge on this important question. Notwithstanding the depression of the lumber trade, the interest of our

workers if anything is on the increase, as the reports of this year will show. The seed has been faithfully sown, in what is called the Pembroke District. The entire time and labor of a missionary is what now seems to be the need for that and other Districts.

Mrs. Hunter, Superintendent of Pembroke, reports that lumbering on the Ottawa was almost at a standstill, owing to the Dingley Bill and corresponding legislation, many of the men hurried their rafts over to Michigan, sawing their logs there. The Thunder Bay, Algoma and Parry Sound Districts, are anxiously looking for our supplies, which never seem to reach them early enough in the season.

SUGGESTIONS.

That County Superintendents be appointed.

That County Superintendents collect comfort bags, etc., from the Local Unions before the 30th of June in each year, and report supplies received to the Provincial Superintendent, before the 5th of July.

That County Superintendents open and examine all such bags and parcels, and if not found to be according to the specified regulations, hold over until completed by the Union, sending such supplies.

That all literature sent from this time forward, be *Plebiscite* and *Gospel Temperance* literature, remembering that each parcel represents the W. C. T. U. of Ontario. Serious complaints have reached us of old, and soiled literature having been sent. Kindly guard against this mistake in future.

List of supplies recommended by Mrs. Hunter, at the close of this report.

SUMMARY.

Since my appointment last January I have written 88 letters, dispatched 65 circulars and 27 postal cards.

Counties heard from,	- - -	29
No. of comfort bags sent,	- - -	275
" lbs. of literature sent,	- - -	904½
" pages " "	- - -	24,456
" parcels " "	- - -	21
" scrap books sent,	- - -	31
Cash sent for missionary,	- - -	\$27.50

LIST OF SUPPLIES FOR COMFORT BAGS.

Bible or testament. Gospel Hymn Book. A letter from the Union. (Printed letters from the Christian Letter Mission preferred. Address Mrs. Capel, 205 Mansfield street, Montreal.) Coarse needles and darners, in needle book. Cake soap, in oil-skin bag. Coarse linen thread, cut ready for use. Rolls of

bandages, some of strong cotton. Good healing salve, not court plaster. Coarse yarn, for darning socks and mitts. Pins, pencil, paper and envelopes. Small, bright tracts. Scrap books very acceptable.

WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

(MRS. ALICE P. MORRISON, Superintendent.)

In presenting the report of this Department for the year now ending your Superintendent is glad to be able to say that considerable advance has been made and increased interest shown. That well-meaning, though very frank, friend, who wrote to the *Journal* complainingly of empty racks, etc., has, I believe, been the means of waking us up to our responsibility in this direction though his criticisms did cause us to blush for part neglect.

To the circulars sent out early in spring quite a number of replies were received, and in several counties Superintendents have been appointed for this Department for the first time. In August, circulars containing definite questions, answers to which were to be given in this report, were also sent out and the result of these latter has been *twenty* counties have reported work done as compared with only *five* last year, while some others state their intention to take up this Department.

ALGOMA DISTRICT—Boxes at Fort William; Ignace and Schneider Stations have been kept supplied with good temperance literature, some 2,000 tracts, English and foreign, having been distributed; also 50 temperance papers at Fort William. Personal work has also been done at the smaller places along the line.

BRANT—Work done at Brantford and Paris; 11 boxes filled daily with literature, and 4,000 pages distributed; Bibles placed in the racks also; one special sermon to railway men preached.

BRUCE—Work carried on by nearly all the Unions of county; 10 Unions kept as many boxes at station supplied; 8,372 pages of literature distributed.

CARLETON—All stations where there are Unions are supplied with racks, which are kept filled.

DURHAM—Boxes at station supplied, also livery stables and barber shops; no record kept.

ESSEX—Three Unions have racks at stations kept filled.

GREY—Owen Sound and Meaford keep racks at station filled, a great many temperance and religious papers being thus distributed, but no record; one sermon to railroad men preached.

HALDIMAND—Four stations in county kept supplied with such papers as *Union Signal*, *Camp Fire*, *Christian Guardian*, *Templar*, etc., 1,300 in all.

KENT—Two Unions, viz., Wallaceburg and Dresden, take up this work and report some 800 papers distributed during the year at these two places, many of the same ones as in Haldimand, all good temperance and religious papers.

LEEDS—Two stations, one conductors' van and one lock-up regularly supplied; 600 pages thus distributed. Some personal work done at Gananoque. At Landsdowne, Brockville, Delta and Athens, also work has been done, but except in Athens and Landsdowne, no record kept; 1,700 pages distributed at these two places.

LAMTON—Work carried on at Sarnia and Forest; 8,390 pages and three magazines at Sarnia Tunnel.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Box at Cambellford Station supplied regularly; 217 leaflets distributed. No other systematic work done along this line.

ONTARIO—Prince Albert, Port Perry and Whitby, keep racks at station supplied. Prince Albert Unions subscribes for some good papers for this purpose.

PETERBORO'—Racks kept in baggage master's office for use of employees. Christmas cakes supplied each year; 1,205 papers distributed, and 192 magazines.

PEEL—Brampton Station kept supplied.

RENFREW—No report from Local Unions.

STORMONT—Cornwall, Aultsville and Wales, kept boxes at station supplied. The latter place has also provided Bibles for the use of the men.

WELLAND—The Y. W. C. T. U. reports having placed 932 pages literature in rack at station. Boxes have also been supplied by town of Grimsby.

WELLINGTON—Harriston, Palmerston and Mount Forest, kept racks at station supplied with a Bible and good literature; about 2,300 pages thus distributed.

YORK—No report, but an interesting account of some thoughtful kindness shown the employees of the Electric R. R., in supplying the 50 men employed thereon, with hot coffee and shelter while taking their cold lunch.

SUMMARY.

30,800 pages literature distributed in this Department.

4,450 papers (religious and temperance).

11 Bibles placed in racks.

46 stations or vans kept supplied with good literature.

This report leaves out all not given in actual figures, so of course is much short of the real amount. As before stated, 20 counties have been heard from, representing some 40 Local Unions.

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PERSONAL WORK.

Only one Superintendent reports definite personal work, and that one is Miss Sproule, of Fort William, who is the accredited missionary of the W. C. T. U., in that place, and is thus enabled to become acquainted with those whom she would reach with the Gospel Message, by visiting the works and the homes of the employees.

Your Superintendent believes that much more effectual work could be done if each county could have such an evangelist at work.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS AND PLANS.

Let each County President give this Department earnest thought, remembering the object is to reach with the Gospel the many hundreds of our brothers who are hindered by the conditions of their contract, from attending divine worship, if their employer demands their service.

Instead of racks at stations, endeavor to obtain permission to furnish at least one *way car* or *caboose*, with the following outfit: (a) A rack for literature to be replenished weekly; (b) A rack for Gospel Hymns, and Bible with helpful and comforting passages marked therein; (c) A pledge book and scrap book. The Bible Society is usually willing to donate Bibles for this purpose.

Invite the pastors of the town, to hold alternately, special services for railway men, and issue for these services cards of invitation to each man employed. The first Sabbath in March is observed in the U. S. for this purpose.

At least once a year in your Local Union, and also at your Annual County Conventions, let the work of this Department, its aims and plans, the sacrifices, exposures and risks of Railroad men, and their responsible duties, be given a prominent place. This might also be the subject of a parlor meeting, with appropriate accompaniments of music.

Where possible establish Railroad reading room, with lodging house and restaurant attached, and *do not allow* a saloon or hotel to receive a license within a safe distance of the station, if vigorous action on your part can prevent it. Listen to this—Hon. L. S. Coffin, of Fort. Dodge, Iowa, speaking to an assembly of railroad men, remarked that such was his confidence in the railway men of his country, he believed if it were left to them to decide whether there should be a saloon within two miles of any railway station or not, there would be such a unanimous “no” as would well nigh make the whole earth tremble, and there arose such a tumultuous and long continued applause, he had to wait quite a while before he could proceed—as a result of this enthusiastic reception of his statement, he secured first some 10,000, and finally supplied 140,000

temperance buttons to railway men, and he says this pledge is kept more sacredly than any temperance pledge he knows of.

In conclusion, let me say that every one of the above plans have been carried into effect by other workers, *somewhere*, and at *some time*. What others have done we can do. It may not be easy, but as Christ's followers, we seek not ease, but are willing to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Thanking my fellow-workers for the increased interest, and looking forward to still greater advance in the future.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

(MRS. E. E. STARR, Superintendent).

In reporting this Department of our Union work we feel that we have had the armour on and return from the year's conflict rejoicing that many have awakened to the call of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." This has been a year of encouragement.

CARLETON—Mrs. W. L. Scott reports the following: As this is comparatively a new Department of our work we may not yet have found the surest way to success; but in all our labor we must look to Him who has said, "I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with my eye." It was my privilege this year again, in company with our beloved President, Mrs. Asa Gordon, to visit the Dominion Rifle Association Encampment, in Ottawa, for the purpose of distributing some of our Woman's Christian Temperance Union literature in the various camps. We tried to secure tracts that would help the men to decide in favor of prohibition, should opportunity be given to record their votes on that subject, and 500 of these were distributed. We were thankful to find, in our conversation with the soldiers, that many were in sympathy with us in our work and were total abstainers.

"Listen, the Master beseecheth,
Calling each one by his name;
His voice to each loving heart reacheth,
Its cheerfullest service to claim.
Work, though the world may defeat you,
Heed not its slander and scorn;
Nor weary till angels shall greet you
With smiles through the gates of the morn."

TITLES OF TRACTS DISTRIBUTED.

Gospel Lights; The Price of Blood; A Late Repentance;
Power of Prayer; Alcohol and Strength; Ten Reasons for Signing
the Pledge; Beware of the Social Glass; The Saloon Must Go;

The Influence of the Moderate Drinker ; Life Assurance and Total Abstinence ; Have You any Boys ? Wanted ! 2,000,000 Boys ; Does the Drink Make You Strong ? Canada's Drink Bill ; A Word with a Voter ; Liquor Leaks ; Direct Cost of the Liquor Traffic ; Indirect Cost of the Liquor Traffic ; Facts About Alcohol ; Why I Became an Abstainer.

DURHAM—Port Hope sent \$1.50 to Kingston for literature.

FRONTENAC—Kingston, great credit is due this Union so lately reorganized ; 25 ladies volunteered to assist in the management of a tent, for the sale of lemonade, ice cream and cakes, during an encampment of one month, when ten or more companies were encamped, among others the 56th Grenville Battalion Rifles, Lieutenant-Colonel R. O. Campbell, Commanding Officer, 332 men ; 59th Stormont and Glengarry Infantry, 323 men, headquarters Cornwall, Lieutenant-Colonel H. J. Buddin, Commanding Officer ; 42nd Battalion of Infantry, 277 men, Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Matheson, Commanding Officer ; 40th Battalion Northumberland Infantry, 368 men, Lieutenant-Colonel Rogers, of Cobourg, Commandant Officer ; 41st Battalion of Rifles, Regimental headquarters Brockville, Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Cole, Commandant Officer, 278 men ; Prince of Wales Canadian 3rd Dragoons, Lieutenant-Colonel Rodgins, Commandant Officer ; 45th Battalion of West Durham, 278 men, Lieutenant-Colonel John Hughes, Commandant Officer ; 46th East Durham Infantry, 232 men, headquarters Port Hope, Lieutenant-Colonel F. A. Brinsen, Commanding Officer ; 47th Frontenac Infantry, headquarters Kingston, Lieutenant-Colonel G. H. Hunter, Commanding Officer, 413 men. Our workers were on the ground the entire month. The Literature Committee gave out over 1,800 leaflets ; though they had not a reading room of their own they helped to provide writing material with W. C. T. U. heading at the Y. M. C. A. tent. There were some patients in the hospital tents every day ; our ladies visited them, taking reading matter and delicacies when permitted ; the refreshment served were greatly appreciated. Many of the young men expressed themselves as being very much pleased with the efforts of the ladies, on their behalf, showing this by their patronage. During the services held at the Y. M. C. A. tent a number of men asked for prayer and some were able to return to their homes rejoicing in Christ as their Saviour. We are specially grateful to the D. A. G., Lieutenant-Colonel Cotton, district No. 3, headquarters Kingston, who was exceedingly kind in granting us the privilege asked for and advising us as to our work.

MIDDLESEX—Visited camp hospital, taking flowers, text cards and delicacies. Held one minor meeting ; addresses by two White Ribboners ; it was thought that there were some conversions ; one soldier spoke most earnestly ; a number of our members were

present at this meeting. Distributed over 1,000 leaflets at the Queen's Jubilee celebration to militia men. A lunch was served by us at the request of the Jubilee Festivity Committee. We felt this an opportunity to prove to the militia and general public that we, who have fought so long and hard for the abolition of that debauching liquid which they have used so freely in camp, could supply a satisfactory repast notable for the absence of that which has so long been a curse in our volunteer camp. Among the battalions encamped in district No. 1, headquarters London, were 28th Battalion Perth Infantry, 278 men; 29th Battalion Waterloo, headquarters Berlin, Lieutenant-Colonel Collins, 277 men; 33rd Battalion Huron, headquarters Goderich, Lieutenant-Colonel Willson, 413 men.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Thinks this a home work of great importance, an open door for our work, and will keep the work in mind.

ONTARIO—The 34th Battalion of Infantry, Lieutenant-Colonel Patterson, Commanding Officer, 232 men in company, returning from encampment at Niagara, were met on the arrival of their boats at Whitby, and 400 leaflets distributed.

PEEL—Port Credit sent a small quantity of literature to volunteers' camp, also two letters to volunteers of temperance principles, urging them to protect their boys while in camp.

TORONTO—Many Local Unions have shared the work. We have made an effort to become acquainted with our officers and have so far succeeded that your Superintendent has had kindly communications from the Commandant Officer of the Governor-General's Bodyguard, 10th Battalion Royal Grenadiers, 48th Highlanders, Queen's Own Rifles, of Canada, which, if time permitted, she would be pleased to read to you. Three mess rooms have been visited with literature; a paper has been subscribed for the barracks; the encampment of the Governor-General's Bodyguard was visited; Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Officer kindly pitched a tent, which we supplied with reading and writing material. We also sent flowers to decorate their tables, which were highly appreciated. The Grenadiers were pleased to acknowledge the flowers sent to their mess rooms for Christmas At Home, to which were attached text cards, "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate." Sergeant-Major Harding has been exceedingly kind whenever we visited the drill hall. Colonel Otter made no objections this year to our distributing literature in Massey Hall for parade Sunday. The special train running to Brantford with 48th Highlanders for May 24th outing was visited and leaflets distributed by our committee; the special train running to Windsor with Queen's Own Rifles received like attention. Greetings were sent to the 10th Battalion Royal

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Grenadiers upon the event of their receiving their new colors. A pretty leaflet received has been sent to the 48th Highlanders' mess room; greetings and flowers were also sent upon the event of honors won at Islington, England. Number of leaflets distributed in district, 2,000; amount of money contributed in the district for this work, \$7.90, which has been expended for flowers and literature and general expense of the Department. Some of our officers have been given the opportunity to become members of our Union; we hope, ere another year rolls by, they will enlist in our ranks. Your Superintendent would here like to express her thanks to D. A. G. Colonel Otter, district No. 2; Lieutenant-Colonel John I. Davidson; Lieutenant-Colonel Mason; Lieutenant-Colonel Delemere; Lieutenant-Colonel Dunn, and Sergeant-Major Hardy, for their courtesy and kindness during the year.

WENTWORTH—Dundas reports on the return of 77th Wentworth Battalion of Infantry, 276 men, regimental headquarters, Dundas; Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. Gwyn, Commanding Officer, from camp. The W. C. T. U. served them with a lunch, consisting of coffee, lemonade, sandwiches, cake and strawberries. They seemed to appreciate the attention shown them, and the officers spoke in the highest terms of the reception given them. Let us look at the contrast, formerly upon their return they were treated to a barrel of beer, biscuits and cheese. Ladies outside of the Union kindly assisted us. We feel well repaid, knowing our efforts have done good work.

SUMMARY.

The work has been done chiefly through Local Unions, as we have but few County Superintendents. The number of Battalions in camp this year, has been unusually large. Reading tents furnished in two encampments; two hospitals visited; refreshments served at four outings; flowers and greetings sent upon several occasions; early in the year a letter of congratulations sent to Lieutenant-Colonel Kitson, of the Royal Military College, Kingston, that a temperance measure has been started at the college. I will be pleased to read his reply if time permits.

SUGGESTIONS.

That each Battalion going to camp, be asked to pitch a tent for reading, to be supplied by the Union in the county; that Commandant Officers be made acquainted with our work, and an opportunity be given to become honorary members.

That your Superintendent visit officially at least one encampment field each year.

WORK AMONG SAILORS.

(MRS. J. H. DAVIS, Superintendent).

I followed my usual plan of sending out letters to the County Superintendents, urging them to take up the Work Among Sailors, where they had not done so before.

ALGOMA EAST—Thessalon reports having given a number of bags and literature to sailors.

ESSEX—Contrary to our expectations, we can again write the cheering word, progress. Our distribution showed an increase over last year; we believe there is a deepening interest, and a better knowledge of the needs of our work. Essex sent eight comfort bags, with an abundant supply of useful articles, to Windsor Union, to assist in the work here. Windsor has furnished 18 boats with comfort bags, giving out altogether 25, mostly to young men without homes, and those that seldom go home, they received them gladly and promised to read what they contained. We also distributed 2,515 pages of literature. We look forward to the coming year as one of increased effort and faithful work.

GREY—Reports Owen Sound as the only Union which has taken up this work; they have placed wall pockets on the boats, which they fill regularly with religious and temperance reading, also a roll of papers are handed to dock men who may be sitting around, these are eagerly received.

HURON—Lately organized; reports distributing tracts, but say that up to this time, little has been done; the Superintendent says that she will do all in her power to help on this line of work.

LEEDS—Gananoque is at work; have visited all the boats and distributed 3,000 pages of literature, also scrap books and magazines sent by Lyn W. C. T. U. Athens sent six scrap books, which have also been put to good use.

LANARK—Carleton Place sent six bags, which have been placed on boats.

LAMTON—Sarnia reports 1,521 pages literature have been distributed among sailors here. Watford reports having made eight comfort bags, filled them with necessities, a Bible, some tracts, and a friendly letter in each, and sent them to Rev. Thos. Bone, a missionary, working among sailors on the Welland Canal, they received in return one letter from a sailor, which was worth all their trouble.

PETERBORO—Sent 25 pounds of papers and comfort bags to Richie Bell, Seamen's Home, Montreal.

RENFREW—Pembroke reports no sailor work, but they send bags to lumbermen.

I am sorry there are so many counties not heard from. How can I get them to report?

WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

(MISS LILLIAN M. PHELPS, Superintendent).

The Superintendent of work among Colored People, reports as follows :

ESSEX—Though this county has no Superintendent of Work Among Colored People, an effort has been made to do something in this Department. In January, Miss Lillian Phelps, Provincial Superintendent, was lecturing for one week in Amherstburg and vicinity. One evening's meeting was in the A. M. E. Church. Quite a large audience gathered, and was evidently interested in the subject as presented. The County President asked for signatures to the pledge. More than a dozen consented, and since that time a book has been procured in which the names are written, the roll now numbering 22. It is intended to solicit additions at least twice each year. Miss Phelps donated the collection of that evening, and \$2 additional, to further this work. This amount has been expended by the Local Union, for pledge cards, to be given each one signing the book, for a copy of the Provincial Report for 1896, given each pastor, and for literature. In the two churches—Methodist and Baptist—the pastors agreed to preach on temperance occasionally. They were spoken to regarding the use of unfermented wine for the sacrament of "The Lord's Supper." The quarterly temperance lesson is observed in their Sunday Schools.

There is a field for labor in Sandwich and in Windsor, also where a Superintendent has lately been appointed, and some of the colored people interviewed.

KENT—Reports that the only work done in that county was in Chatham, Miss Reddick succeeded in organizing a Band of Hope, and she hopes that a W. C. T. U. may be organized during the coming year.

LINCOLN—St. Catharines reports very little done, the principal friends interested in this work being out of town. At every point where colored people are located, an effort has been made to establish an interest in the W. C. T. U. work, but the response has been exceedingly limited. Whether the women know it or not, the African vote is no small factor in our political affairs, and in the

coming Plebiscite campaign, the color of the elector will not be considered.

MIDDLESEX—London has not a very favorable report, owing to the death of one of the most active members of the "Youmans Band." It seems almost impossible to get the women together for a meeting.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Considerable work has been accomplished, one Union in Toronto visited among the colored people, procured speakers to address their meetings upon the work of the W. C. T. U., and distributed literature.

WELLAND—The Colored Mission is still conducted in Welland, and a good work is carried on there every Sabbath.

JUVENILE.

(MRS. PRATT, Superintendent).

I felt last year would be the crucial test whether Band of Hope work lived or died. It has revived and flourished. The reports have come in fragrant with zeal and courage, abounding with good work accomplished. To my joy many Unions report work going to begin. Your letter enthused us. One new Superintendent said she had been paid in full for her labor, and was made a stronger enemy of strong drink by her research for food matters to give the children. No cause for discouragement, as the following results show: 5,562 children, under the direct teaching and influence, not only pledged but growing up in a training school ready to fill the empty niche left vacant by age or promotion.

ALGOMA WEST—Fort William, one Band, 44 children; a medal contest.

BRANT—Seven Bands, 143 children; Bands of Mercy; one sewing school connected.

BRUCE—Four Bands, 237 children; membership contest, prize, a silver cup; one medal contest.

CARLETON—Ten Bands, 708 children; prizes given, also gold and silver medals.

DURHAM—One Band, 70 children;

GREY—Two Boys' Brigades, 56 boys; of course "Total Abstinence" must be the watchword.

HALDIMAND—One Band, 100 children.

LAMBTON—Four Bands, 178 children; two \$2.00 prizes; one sewing school.

LANARK—One Band ; no record of members.

LEEDS—Five Bands, 173 children.

LINCOLN—Five Bands, 185 children ; 100 books in library ; prizes offered for Scientific Instruction.

MIDDLESEX—Six Bands, 344 children ; \$4.00 sent to Armenians ; one sewing school ; homes visited ; relief prize texts memorized and prizes given.

MUSKOKA—Huntsville, one Band, 80 children ; one medal contest.

NIPISSING—Powassan, one Band, 70 children ; one sewing school.

ONTARIO—Prince Albert, one Band, 50 children ; Band of Mercy.

OXFORD—Three Bands, 140 children ; 30 scrap books sent to miners. Otterville, one Band, 50 children.

PERTH—Two Bands, 96 children ; two sewing schools, and Band of Mercy.

STORMONT—Three Bands, 488 children.

TORONTO—Two Kitchen Gardens, 40 girls.

WELLINGTON—Two Bands, 107 children ; essays given by members on temperance topics ; 49 new members ; Crusade Day brought in 20.

WATERLOO—Seven Bands, 358 children ; two sewing schools ; three medal contests.

WENTWORTH—Eight Bands, 1,000 children ; three sewing schools, 300 girls ; Newsboys' club, 350 boys ; 20 prizes given.

YORK—Two Bands, 195 children, 14 new ; pledges ; a Band of Mercy ; one Kitchen Garden ; flowers sent to the sick.

SUMMARY.

Number of counties reporting Bands,	21
“ Bands, - - -	78
“ children, - - -	5,562
“ Sewing Schools, - -	10
“ Kitchen Gardens, - -	2
“ Boys' Brigades, - -	2
“ News Boys' Clubs, - -	1
“ Medal Contests, - -	6

We find an increase of six Bands over last year.

This Department has sent out 220 circulars and letters, received 50 replies ; has written to all the County Superintendents a

personal letter, 30 in number; sent out also 75 cards asking for report of work, received 30 responses. Total number of communications sent out 325, and 80 received.

I have urged so persistently for years the positive necessity of this work being taken up by every Union, without regard to other temperance work amongst the children, that this year I make no appeal but leave it to your good judgment, thinking that all will desire to reach the highest that there is for us.

TEMPERANCE IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.

(MRS. ALICE T. SAUNBY, Superintendent).

No where can we serve the interest of the Temperance Cause, better than among the children.

It is largely a work of faith, but if in His name and strength these Temperance principals are faithfully disseminated throughout our Sabbath Schools, they must germinate and bring forth results that will tell largely, not only in the individual life, but in the law and government of the country.

Looking upon this Department from another standpoint, we have found that where we obtain the interest of the child on a given subject, we immediately secure through the child the ear of the parent—and in this year when the burning question of the day, Prohibition versus the Liquor Traffic, is to be settled by the vote of the people, where could we find better soil to work upon than the youth of our country.

When I think of what might be accomplished, were the Christian workers more fully alive to the importance of this work among the young, I can but ask God to open their minds to a proper knowledge of their duty, and with His guidance encourage the workers in this Department to greater zeal. This being the first year in which the work organized as a separate department has been conducted, we feel that the outlook is most encouraging, and with pleasure offer the following report:

ALGOMA—Have appointed one Superintendent; distributed pledge cards in three Sabbath Schools; 60 scholars have signed and several older persons; Temperance lessons are taught in four schools, and addresses and readings given; intend adding some temperance books to libraries at the New Year.

BRANT—Have County Superintendent; have visited 21 Sabbath Schools; in 20 schools Temperance lesson is taught every quarter; 10 schools have Temperance speakers twice a year;

Superintendent addressed six with blackboard lessons and experiments ; some country schools have Temperance programmes once a month ; eight of the recommended Temperance books have been added to libraries ; 2,600 names pledged in country schools since 1896, 600 of these since 1897 began.

BRUCE—The Sabbath Schools of five towns and three country schools, take up Temperance lessons, and a large number of scholars have signed the pledge ; literature of Sabbath Observance and kindred subjects has been distributed.

CARLETON—No report.

DURHAM—No report.

DUNDAS—No report.

ELGIN—No report.

ESSEX—Have appointed County Superintendent and two Local Superintendents ; give no report of amount of work done.

FRONTENAC—No report.

GREY—No report.

GLENGARRY—No report.

GRENVILLE—No Superintendent ; nothing has been done except the distribution of some literature.

HALTON—No Superintendents, but work is done by one Union ; pledges have been provided, and Temperance books added to libraries ; Temperance lessons are taken up once a quarter by several schools, and literature has been distributed.

HASTINGS—No report.

HALDIMAND—No County Superintendent ; one Local Superintendent appointed at Osheweken ; Temperance Lesson is taken up in one school, also pledge provided ; no library in school, consequently have no Temperance books. This is a small Union with but five members.

HURON—No report.

KENT—No report.

LINCOLN—Did not appoint County Superintendent, as already have too many other Departments without Superintendents. Considerable work has been done throughout the County, through sending out pledge cards and having Temperance books placed in libraries ; report 248 pledged children ; 14 schools which take up the Temperance lesson.

LANARK—Have neither County or Local Superintendents ; Temperance lesson taught quarterly in some places, in others twice a year ; five Sabbath Schools have pledge cards, with 298 signa-

tures; 11 schools have the recommended Temperance books in libraries.

LAMBTON—Have a County Superintendent, but very little work is reported as accomplished in the Sabbath Schools.

LEEDS—Work has been done under the head of Juvenile work.

MIDDLESEX—Have a County Superintendent and five Local Superintendents. Marked increase in interest and enthusiasm of officers and teachers of the Sabbath Schools, is noticed. A large proportion of the Sabbath Schools have the Temperance lessons once a quarter. Pledge cards are regularly circulated, and Temperance speakers provided on Temperance Sunday. Literature has been distributed in some schools, and books recommended. Last March a circular letter was sent to the Sabbath School Superintendents in London, requesting them to ask their senior classes to prepare short programmes, composed of recitations, short papers, songs, etc., bearing on the subject of Temperance, for each Temperance Sunday. Many of the Superintendents speak very sanguinely of its success. In one school all the teachers and officers are non-users of tobacco with one exception.

MUSKOKA—No Superintendents reported; one school has over 100 pledged children; have several good Temperance books in the library, and are doing all they can to interest the young people in the Temperance cause.

NIPISSING—No report.

NORFOLK—No report.

NORTHUMBERLAND—No Superintendents reported. Pledges have been introduced into the Sabbath Schools.

ONTARIO—Report from town of Whitby. Have a Superintendent; all the Sabbath Schools in the town teach Temperance lessons; pledges are circulated, and are agitating the purchase of Temperance books for libraries.

OXFORD—Report one Superintendent in the county. A large number have signed the pledge; in a number of the schools the lesson is taught once a quarter, and pledge circulated; some schools have Temperance books, and some do not have libraries.

PERTH—No report.

PETERBORO—Some work has been done, book catalogues were distributed through the schools by the energetic President.

PRESCOTT—No report.

PEEL—Two Superintendents appointed. Temperance lessons are taught and addresses given; a number have signed the pledge; book catalogues have been distributed, and several Superintend-

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ents have promised to procure Temperance books when purchasing again ; a number of children subscribe to a small Temperance paper, *Water Lily*.

PRINCE EDWARD—No report.

RENFREW—One Superintendent appointed. Short talks are given on Temperance, in Pembroke Sabbath Schools, and the majority of the scholars have signed the pledge ; no Temperance books have been added.

RUSSELL—No report.

SIMCOE—No Superintendents. A number of schools through the county take up the prescribed Temperance lesson ; pledges have been sent to schools, two of which report 103 signatures ; no additions to libraries.

STORMONT—No Superintendents. Temperance lesson taught in a number of schools ; children are pledged in the Band of Hope.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Have a District Superintendent. Youmans, Creighton and Dovercourt Unions, report having accomplished good work. One Union, the Central, reports 21 visits paid by Superintendent to schools in her district, and 12 addresses given by W. C. T. U. women. The Northern reports eight addresses given by the women, in addition to the regular Temperance lesson ; also held a Sabbath School for four months in an old brewery, by which great good among young men has been accomplished. Parkdale Union reports lesson taught and addresses given in nine schools. Western reports that the Sabbath School work is very efficiently carried on, and have 1,335 pledged scholars. In all seven Unions heard from.

VICTORIA—No report.

WENTWORTH—One town, Dundas, reports the Temperance lesson taken up once a month in the schools ; the children are pledged in the Band of Hope ; Temperance books are in the Sabbath School libraries. Hamilton reports the Temperance lesson taught in the Sabbath Schools. A large number of signatures to the pledge have been obtained. Through the influence of the W. C. T. U., Temperance is to be a prominent feature of the programme in the coming Sabbath School convention.

WELLAND—No report.

WELLINGTON—No report.

WATERLOO—No report, owing to illness of Mrs. Cavers. She had sent word there was work done and that she would gather up report and send in.

YORK—One Superintendent ; two towns report Temperance lesson taken up once a quarter ; 11 addresses have been delivered

in five schools; 233 scholars have signed the pledge; in other schools are very particular about the pledge but cannot give number of signatures.

PERSONAL WORK.

Number of circulars sent out,	-	325
letters	-	115
post cards	-	6

SUMMARY.

No. of Superintendents reported in this Department,	-	19
" schools reported as taking up quarterly lesson,	-	57
" " having pledge cards distributed,	-	18
" pledged scholars,	-	4,977
" schools addressed by Temperance speakers,	-	43
" visited by Superintendents,	-	42
" recommended Temperance books added to libraries,	-	8
" schools which procured Temperance books,	-	11
" counties reported,	-	25

SUGGESTIONS.

That Superintendents of the Department of Temperance in Sabbath Schools should give definite facts and figures in their reports instead of so much generalization, as, by so doing, we would be enabled to obtain a correct summary of work done throughout the province during the year.

That Superintendents of Sabbath Schools be asked to devote one Sabbath to the Plebiscite question that the interest of the children may be fully aroused to that which so vitally affects them.

That Superintendents of this Department not only request permission to provide Temperance speakers for Sabbath Schools but also for teachers' meetings, as it is most important that the teachers become thoroughly alive to the necessity of efficiently training the children in this direction.

That the appointment of a Temperance Secretary in each Sabbath School be asked for, in order that a correct record of Temperance lessons taught, addresses given, pledges signed, and Temperance books procured for libraries, during the year be kept.

That we endeavor to impress upon Sabbath School authorities the importance of having the Temperance Secretary regularly present the pledge for signature.

That Local Superintendents procure catalogues of good Temperance books and distribute one to each school in their town. Said catalogue can be procured from the National Temperance Publishing House, 58 Reade street, New York. Such books could be ordered through the different church publishing houses.

Respectfully submitted.

CURFEW BELL.

(MRS. S. G. E. MCKEE, Superintendent).

The history of the Department of Curfew Bell has been one of steady improvement during the past year in Ontario, and is not confined to our fair province but is being talked of and considered favorably by philanthropists all over this continent. Friends in British Columbia, the Territories, Manitoba, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in this Dominion, and some of the states of the neighboring republic, are "taking knowledge of us" that we have something for the protection of children that meets with the approval of all wise people.

Your Superintendent took a new departure this year, and, ignoring the tardy sisters of the W. C. T. U. who neglect circulars, we sent circulars to all the incorporated cities, towns and villages in Ontario where the Curfew ordinance was not in operation, urging them to consider the matter and give the by-law a trial. To this appeal sixty replies were received. With one exception, all were courteous and very encouraging, many bidding us God speed in this preventive work for the young.

As I have before stated in this Provincial Union, the friends of this measure are sometimes its enemies and by careless indifference as to its enforcement allow it to fall into disgrace and destroy the chance for good it was intended to do. There is no need of extra police force, as asserted by some, nor any extra expense in carrying out the enactment. There is, perhaps, no simpler measure on the Statute Book, or one more easily enforced. But it is in direct contradiction to the ethics of the Brewers' League, which calls for scattering nickels for treats among the boys so that they may bring in dollars in the future. It supports Home Government, and is opposed to the "mud slinging" of the street. For this reason it is not approved of by the newspapers in the pay of the liquor men, and is spoken of as "medieval legislation" by people who can see no difference between the thumb screws for sheep stealing in the fifteenth century and a law to protect our children from evil companionships in the nineteenth. We believe there is no better preventive legislation in the world to aid parents and guardians to train their children to become useful citizens, always excepting the ten prohibition clauses delivered on Sinai, or the revealed will as found in God's word. But where moral influences are lacking, and home restrictions fail to curb evil, there is the help the strong arm of the law affords, and which we hope the Ontario Legislature will put on a better basis by making it compulsory on municipalities to pass and enforce the Curfew ordinance.

In the meantime let us do our utmost to use the appliances we have and help to carry out the good intentions of the Government in protecting, from the baneful influence of the street, the children of Ontario.

Have written 63 communications and sent literature to different parts of the continent on this subject.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

EASTERN DIVISION.

(MISS MAE GORDON, Superintendent).

In reviewing the events of this year in Temperance work, we have only a quiet peaceful record of commencement and growth. Your Superintendent regrets that owing to several disappointments, this report is far from what might be desired, and fails to give the breadth of the good things that should be reported of the "Y's" of our Province.

As suggested, the territory extends from Georgian Bay south along the eastern boundary of Simcoe County, and the western boundary of York County, the remaining district belonging to your Western Superintendent, Mrs. Reed.

In this district there were four Unions already organized, Toronto Central, Dovercourt, Ottawa Central and New Edinburgh, and now the following others may be added, Ottawa Emmanuel, Thornley, Rutherford, Hintonburg, Pembroke, Campbellford, Hastings, North Bay, Toronto Western, and a "Y" Committee in Cobourg and Bowmanville.

CARLETON—Ottawa Central Y. W. C. T. U., number 200, and has the following branches: Flower Mission, Night Schools, Poor Relief, Evangelistic (including support of Bible reader) and Press Departments. They have distributed during the year enormous quantities of provisions and clothing, also provided a large easy chair, springs and mattress, for the sick, Held two large entertainments, and an "At Home." Several young ladies assisted at the Fair, and received a grant of twenty-five dollars (\$25) from the W. C. T. U. for their work. Meetings have been held regularly and attendance good.

Emmanuel "Y" numbers 40; they have met regularly and are taking up the following Departments: Flower Mission, Work Among Lumbermen, and Bands of Hope. During the year a large "At Home" was given, also a most successful medal contest.

New Edinburgh "Y" have had a year of good work, and have grown to number 24 members. Their meetings are held regularly, and are bright and interesting. Flower Mission, Work Among Lumbermen, and Band of Hope are the Departments.

Rutherford "Y" has only been in existence about three months, they are 18 in number, and hope to have a good report next year.

Thornley "Y" was organized a few months ago, and under the leadership of our energetic and faithful President, it will soon lead among our Unions, already numbering 18 members.

Hintonburg "Y" just organized with a membership of five, but will rapidly increase.

NIPISSING DISTRICT—North Bay "Y" at present has a membership of eight, and is working in unity with the W. C. T. U. They have been active in work among Lumber and Flower Mission and Literature Departments.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Campbellford "Y," this child of the W. C. T. U., was organized in May, and has been very active. The following branches: Relief, Flower Mission, Missionary, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Bands of Hope, are being successfully worked by a membership of 25. A musical promenade was also given, from which they realized forty-two dollars (\$42).

Hastings "Y" owing to much illness among the members, has merely existed, but after a respite of two months, on re-organizing, a good report may be expected next year.

Cobourg "Y" committee number five, and meet regularly with the "N's." They have supplied the literature box at station, assisted the Corresponding Secretary, and have done what they could to be of help.

Bowmanville "Y" committee, no report.

RENFREW—The Pembroke "Y" prospects for this year are very hopeful, under the leadership of Mrs. Hunter. One open meeting has been held. Railroad, Work Among Lumbermen, and Band of Hope Departments, are all under faithful Superintendents. The society consists of twelve members.

YORK—Toronto Central "Y" has the following branches: Evangelistic, Parlor Meetings, Journal, Flower Mission, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Band of Hope, Anti-Tobacco League, Kitchen Garden and Press Departments; 17 meetings have been held, 12 regular and five specials, one lecture and one social. This Union truly seems to be going forward "to do with our might what our hands find to do."

Dovercourt "Y" has not reported, but your Superintendent knows in summing up the work for this past year, the causes for encouragement have been greater than heretofore. They help keep open a bright room where boys may be entertained. A good Band of Hope is also under the guidance of the faithful few.

Toronto Western "Y," no report. They organized last May, and everything then seemed to favor a successful year.

SUMMARY.

Number County Superintendents, two. There are now 13 Unions and two "Y" Committees, an increase of 10 more than reported last year; in these the following Departments have been taken up: Work Among Lumbermen, four; Band of Hope, seven; Flower Mission, six; Missionary, one; Relief, one; Scientific Temperance Instruction, two; Railway, two; Press, two; Journal, one; Kitchen Garden, one; Evangelistic, two; Anti-Tobacco League, one; Parlor Meetings, one; Night School, one; Literature, two.

PERSONAL.

As Eastern Provincial Superintendent it has been my duty to correspond through the year with all Presidents in organized counties—entreaty to work, arranging work, giving suggestions; caused 157 letters and 203 post cards to be written.

Your Superintendent personally organized three new Unions, and addressed nine different evening meetings on Young Woman's work and four afternoon meetings. Has visited four towns and tried to arouse sufficient interest to organize a society.

Very special effort has been made in towns large enough to maintain two good Unions.

SUGGESTIONS.

That the County Presidents please give a few minutes to Young Woman's Work in the Conventions, and then, if the county think it well, to appoint a Superintendent.

That Local Presidents of the W. C. T. U. lay aside all personal objections to "Y" work and be willing to allow and assist the Superintendent to organize in her territory.

That a meeting for young people be held in each town or large village, and that a committee from the W. C. T. U. canvass the same inviting the young people to attend, and that they also provide an energetic person to address such meeting and organize if they consider it best.

That the women of our province remember, though our efforts are feeble in themselves yet they shall be strengthened by Christ the Lord, and may their prayer be for each of us, that He may say as of old, "she hath done what she could."

WESTERN DIVISION.

(MRS. ALICE B. REEDE, Superintendent).

The Provincial Executive early in the year transferred me from the Flower Mission Department to the Department which deals with the flowers of humanity—the "Y's," and associated me with Miss Mae Gordon, of Ottawa. We made a territorial division of this Department among ourselves, and to me fell the supervision of all counties west of a line drawn from Lake Simcoe to Toronto. With these counties my report has to deal.

BRANT—In this county there is no Superintendent. The President writes: The young people are so busily engaged in Christian Endeavor that they have neither time nor money for "Y" work.

BRUCE—In this county are two "Y" Unions, Lucknow and Teeswater; the former reports as follows: We have been organized one year; have eight members; have held 10 regular and one public meeting; the Departments worked are Parlor Meetings, Flower Mission, Lumbermen, and Literature. Teeswater has 22 lady and 15 honorary members; three public and nine business meetings have been held; alternating with these are the monthly Parlor Meetings; Departments taken up are Medal Contest, Flower Mission, Lumbermen, Railroad, Press, and Parlor Meetings.

ELGIN—No Superintendent, and not heard from during the year.

ESSEX—No Superintendent, and not heard from during the year.

GREY—No Superintendent, but there is a good prospect of a "Y" in the near future at Owen Sound.

KENT—Has a Superintendent, and a "Y" at Chatham, but have received no report.

LAMBTON—No Superintendent, and no report.

LINCOLN—In April received quite a discouraging letter from the County Superintendent, stating that the Rockaway "Y" had gone out of existence, and also the Grimsby "Y," leaving but one in the county, at St. Catharines, and that its organization was nearly lost on account of lack of interest. Shortly after, we received the St. Catharines paper containing quite a cheering report of a successful meeting held under the auspices of the "Y," and we began to hope that better days were before them. The following report was received: 18 active and four honorary members; Departments—Christmas Letter Mission, Jail, Railroad, Lumbermen, Relief, Narcotics, and Parlor Meetings; 125 books

and a large quantity of magazines were collected for the library at the Jail. A "Y," just returned from India, addressed one parlor meeting, at which we raised \$5.00 for the famine stricken district. Discussed the etiquette of the marriage relation to create interest in our meetings and had a large attendance.

MIDDLESEX—No Superintendent, but the President writes very favorably toward the Department and will bring the matter before the County Convention. Her letter has the true ring.

OXFORD—One "Y" Union, at Otterville, reports 12 active and eight honorary members; special work, started a public library. One "Y" Committee at Verschoyle but have received no report.

PERTH—No Superintendent, and not heard from.

SIMCOE—No Superintendent, and not heard from.

WELLAND—No Superintendent, and not heard from.

WELLINGTON—No Superintendent, and not heard from.

WATERLOO—No Superintendent. The President writes that it is impossible to interest the women in "Y" work.

WENTWORTH—"Y" work only taken up in Hamilton. They report as follows: 59 active members, and 30 honoraries; control six Bands of Hope, and three sewing schools, meeting weekly, 500 children attending; also newsboys clubs, with 350 boys enrolled. Night school is held three nights a week, and a Bible Temperance meeting one night. A junior "Y" has been organized, with 20 members. Over \$600 has been expended. The total number of meetings held was 825.

PERSONAL WORK.

I wish I could bring to you a more cheering report of work done, and of more earnestness shown in this "Y" work. In fact we are very nearly discouraged altogether with the slow progress of this Department. Early in the year your Superintendent sent letters with "Y" leaflets enclosed, to all County Superintendents, "Y" Presidents, and County Presidents, where there were no Superintendents. 164 letters and nine postals have been sent out during the year, and hundreds of pages of excellent literature, bearing upon this work. We received answers to five of these communications.

SUMMARY.

Of the 21 counties under our supervision, there are only five that have "Y" Superintendents. There are seven "Y" Unions, and one "Y" committee, with a membership of 139 active, and 57 honorary members; 14 Departments of work are carried on by the "Y's."

SUGGESTIONS.

That in every county there be appointed without delay a "Y" Superintendent.

That earnest efforts be made to organize a "Y" in every town where there is a Local Union.

That all "W's" zealously co-operate with their daughters and sons in organizing and carrying out the "Y."

That a Provincial organizer be appointed, whose special duty shall be to visit all County Conventions, and enthuse the workers with the needs and importance of this Department.

MISSIONARY WORK IN ALGOMA.

(MISS SPROULE, Missionary).

It would have afforded me great pleasure to have met with you, and to have spoken with you face to face, about the need of Mission Work, in the vast district of Algoma; but that pleasure has been denied me. But though absent in body I will be present in Spirit, and will pray that God's blessing may rest upon the Convention, that through it His work may be advanced, and that the day may soon come when the great evil that curses our land may be done away with.

If you take the map of the Province of Ontario, and draw a line from James Bay in the north, to Georgian Bay, all to the east of the line will be the district of Algoma, and it is surprising how very little of Ontario is left. This vast district which comprises at least three quarters of the land area of the Province, is in most of its parts but sparsely settled with people. Across the 1,000 miles of its length there stretches the line of the C. P. R., on either side of which there is a wilderness of trees and rocks—rocks piled one upon another till they reach the height of mountains, and showing unmistakable evidence of mineral wealth—with here and there a glimpse of beautiful Superior.

The people who live in the villages and hamlets along this line, are, in most of them, either connected with the railway or engaged in lumbering. With the exception of the towns of Port Arthur and Fort William, none of the villages have more than 400 inhabitants, and in most of them there are only a very few families, sometimes only one family and the section men. Travelling over this line from Sudbury to Fort William, four years and a half ago, I did not see a single place of worship—I cannot say that I did not see a single saloon. That journey impressed me with the loneli-

ness and need of the people, and I longed to do something to help them. Of course these places are visited by the missionaries of the different Protestant churches, but these men have such large fields, that some of the places are only visited three or four times in a year.

The majority of the men working in the sections are foreigners, Italians, French, Hungarians, Swedes, Finlanders, Norwegians, Danes, etc. The Italians, French and Hungarians, are nearly all Roman Catholics, and are visited by the priests of their churches. The Swedes, Finlanders, etc., are Protestant, and are never visited by any clergyman speaking their own language.

To the foreigners, I am trying to send tracts in their own language, and to the English speaking people, whenever I can, papers and tracts in English. A box is kept supplied with papers at the station at Ignace, and a bag has been hung up and kept supplied with literature for the men at Schreiber, two important points.

In Manitoulin Island and that part of the field, the occupation of the people is principally farming and lumbering. A great part of my work has been done in that neighborhood. While the people there are better supplied with the gospel, the poverty in a great many places is very great, and reading matter, both for the grown up people and for the children is eagerly welcomed. At some of the camps, bags for literature have been hung up and kept supplied, and I am told that the men appreciate the literature very much. Then in the part of the district known as Rainy River, farming and mining are the chief occupations of the people. There, too, the need is very great, and there I have several good workers. One lady there who formerly belonged to the London Union, writes me that the papers I sent to her for the young men in her Sunday School class had been read, then gathered in again and sent out to the camps. In another part of this district, the Temperance committee of one of the Young People's Societies, distribute the literature I send them, and in another place I distribute through the Sunday School.

Encouragements and discouragements of the work. First the *Encouragements*:—From many places I have heard that the literature I have sent has been eagerly received and carefully read by both the grown up people and the children. I have heard from others that they were greatly benefitted by the letters I had sent them. One young lady organized and carried on a Band of Hope. She had to leave this part of the country this summer, and go to her home in the east. She wrote to me from there that she intended joining the Union. One man who had at one time been an active Christian worker, had fallen under the temptation of strong drink. He was thrown out of his cutter last winter, and had both

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feet so badly frozen that they had to be amputated. I wrote to him and sent him two pledge cards—one to sign and keep, and one to return to me when he signed it. I received a letter from him enclosing the signed pledge, and saying that he had come back to the Lord from whom he had wandered so far away.

Another encouragement is the number of open doors; so many people are willing to receive and distribute religious and temperance literature.

Literature in their own language is eagerly received by our foreign population, wherever I have been able to reach them.

The work has been largely a work of faith. God has promised that nothing done for Him can fail of its reward, and God's promises are sure.

Another encouragement is the interest that some of the Unions in other parts of the country take in the work. From the Union at Sault Ste. Marie, I received \$1 to help in the work, and from the Mount Brydges Union, I received \$1.50. I have expended this money in foreign literature. From Qu Appelle, N. W. T., I received \$2, which I have not yet expended. I have never made any appeal for financial help, and I think these Unions all understood that I received \$100 a year from the Unions of Ontario to carry on this work, but they sent because they were interested and wished to help. From other Unions, I received quite a number of bags for literature. Some of these have been already hung up, and kept supplied with literature for the men at camps, etc. Some of them I have still on hand, but will send out as I have opportunity. I thank all who have in any way helped.

Discouragements:—I do not know that I should say that the size of the country is a discouragement, but its large size certainly makes it very hard to reach all or nearly all the places that ought to be reached. Then in a great many places I have been trying to work through the Missionary Pastor, or the School Teacher, and these seem to be continually changing. If they are very much interested, they appoint some one else to take their place. Sometimes it is almost impossible to find anyone else to do the work they have been doing. Lately I have been trying to work more through the people than through the pastors or teachers. Another discouragement is the lack of literature. Though I send out large quantities, I could send still more if I had it. There are open doors on every hand into which I would like to enter.

During the year I have written 240 letters or cards, sent out 4,636 temperance and religious tracts, and 3,955 temperance and religious papers of the very best quality. Besides this I have sent out quite a large quantity of Band of Hope supplies—pledge cards, teachers' manuals, etc. I have sent in all 342 parcels, and though

I have not seen perhaps all of the success I would like to have seen attend this work, I believe that nothing done for God can fail of its reward. The promises of God are sure. The harvest will surely come ; it may be after many days.

LECTURE BUREAU.

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

The report of this Department is not very encouraging, judging by results, although a good deal of work has been done, which can only be understood by those who have had experience in arranging for and placing speakers. This Department needs a Superintendent who would be able to devote her whole time to it, one well acquainted with the geography of the province, railroad connections, etc.

Early in the year arrangements were made for a course of lectures by Mrs. Ella A. Boole, of Staten Island, N. Y. Mrs. Reede, Teeswater, arranged 21 meetings for her in Bruce County, and your Superintendent a number of others, which, unfortunately, through a misunderstanding, had to be cancelled.

We wrote a number of speakers with respect to obtaining their assistance at County Conventions, etc., and while they were willing to give their services the replies received from the Unions were by no means encouraging, so many having held public meetings which only left them in debt ; they were too disheartened to try again.

We believe that much of our educative work must be done by the living voice, and that much good would result were every Union, in the large places at least, to have a course of lectures at some convenient season of the year, winter being preferable. We regret to see an increasing objection to speakers from the United States. We have not enough home talent at present to meet all the calls the work demands, and surely we stand in our own light when we refuse to engage those who have had so much more experience in the W. C. T. U. than ourselves.

We regret very much that illness prevented our making arrangements for lectures for the month which Dr. Amelia Youmans has so kindly consented to give to Ontario and that the work devolved on our beloved President. We hope that every Union that can do so will secure Dr. Youmans' valuable services. It is time that more attention was given to the question of Social Purity, for the monster "Impurity" is constantly cropping up where least expected.

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Your Superintendent has addressed two County Conventions and a number of public meetings for Local Unions during the year; also written 190 letters, sent out 105 circulars and 83 post cards. This, with printing, telephoning, etc., brings the expenses to \$8.90.

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

(MRS. MARY WILEY, Corresponding Secretary).

Greetings were sent the different Conferences in June. We made special request to have the last Sabbath in November set apart for Temperance Sunday. In this we were successful, and now we think it rests with our Local Unions to see that the decision be carried out. Also greeted the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, and made the same request. Greetings were personally presented to the Baptist Association by Mrs. Cavers. Greetings were sent to the various temperance societies—Good Templars, Royal Templars, and Sons of Temperance. Our message was, as usual, very cordially received.

We ask permission to read to Convention two letters, one from the Hamilton Conference and one from our old and valued friends, the Sons of Temperance.

ST. GEORGE, ONT., June 10th, 1897.

Mrs. M. Wiley, Cor. Sec'y Ontario W. C. T. U., Richmond Hill:

DEAR MADAM.—Your communication to the Hamilton Conference of the Methodist Church was duly presented at the recent session of that body in Brantford.

It is my pleasing duty to convey to you the action of the Conference as embodied in the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

"Moved by the Rev. Dr. Brethour, seconded by the Rev. T. Albert Moore, That we have listened with pleasure to the letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Ontario W. C. T. U. and are glad to be associated with these Christian women as co-workers in the great endeavor to cast out and destroy the great enemy, strong drink, from our land.

"We congratulate the W. C. T. U. on the splendid success which they have achieved in many directions and the commanding influence which they have reached.

"To their request to set apart the last Sabbath of November as Temperance Sunday throughout our Conference, in which pastors and people shall make special efforts to promote the work of temperance and prohibition, we cordially accede and recommend all our pastors and people to join in this special endeavor as far as possible." Carried unanimously.

Wishing your organization all success in its work, I have the honor to be, madam,

Yours, in Christ's work,

JNO. W. COOLEY,

Secretary Hamilton Conference.

WHITBY, ONT., December 9th, 1896.

Mrs. Mary Wiley, Cor. Sec'y Ontario W. C. T. U., Richmond Hill:

DEAR FRIEND AND SISTER.—Your kind favor, conveying the greetings of the Ontario W. C. T. U. to the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance, was duly received and I am instructed to reply thereto, assuring you that Sons of Temperance heartily co-operate with the W. C. T. U. and all others in pressing forward to victory in the grand conflict. Our cause is right and will surely win.

The Grand Division fully appreciates and heartily reciprocates the greetings of our sister organization, the W. C. T. U., whose worth and zeal and influence in "the cause of all mankind" is well-known and generally recognized.

Our Grand Division session was one of the best for many years. There was inspiration and a determination to "push the battle to the gates" that will be felt in the future of our work in driving the drink traffic from our land. Under our common Master we press on to final victory.

Wishing you and the W. C. T. U. of Ontario continued prosperity and every welfare,

I am, yours in the work,

W. H. BEWELL,

On behalf of G. D. S. of T. of Ontario.

Grand Scribe.

WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

(MARY MCKAY SCOTT, Editor).

Ontario Subscription List.

Algoma	45	Hastings	3	Perth	13
Addington	2	Haldimand	1	Peterboro'	1
Bothwell	14	Huron	20	Peel	12
Brant	11	Kent	10	Renfrew	21
Bruce	31	Lincoln	20	Simcoe	39
Carleton	92	Lanark	11	Stormont	11
Durham	9	Lambton	34	Toronto District	2
Dundas	32	Leeds	41	Victoria	54
Elgin	11	Middlesex	69	Wentworth	5
Essex	38	Muskoka	22	Welland	44
Frontenac	14	Nipissing	2	Wellington	21
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Reports of County Presidents.

(Compiled for MRS. CAVERS).

It becomes the duty and privilege of every faithful, earnest County President to lend a helping hand at all times and under most circumstances, and for this reason no report can do justice or fairly represent all the efforts that have been made and the help given during the year.

But your Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, formulated a set of questions and the following information was received in reply—36 Presidents having responded:

ALGOMA MISSIONARY—Miss Agnes Sproule—3,954 papers, temperance and religious, and 4,636 tracts have been distributed; these tracts have been in six different languages. Bags for literature have been put up at several different camps and other places where men resort. I have received letters telling of instances where much good has been done through the instrumentality of this literature. In one place the papers are distributed in a Sabbath School, gathered in again and sent on to the camps. Have written 240 letters and cards in the interests of this work.

ALGOMA WEST—On account of illness of the President little work has been done.

BRUCE—11 Unions at the beginning of the year; organized two Unions and one "Y" Union; three juvenile societies; lecture tour of three weeks; four Schools of Method held; one County Convention. Have written 87 letters and 78 postals; visited all Unions once and most of them twice. Renewed zeal has been awakened in many places.

BRANT—Mrs. G. A. Chrysler—Had six Unions at beginning of the year; have organized one new Union. Wrote 25 letters and 61 cards; have visited three Unions; held one Convention; organized two Bands of Hope; have spoken at three Christian Endeavor meetings, and urged the temperance pledge; address the Junior League quarterly; teach blackboard lessons and experiments in the Sabbath School.

CARLETON—Mrs. Donaldson—Had six Unions at beginning of the year; organized four Unions; wrote 50 letters and 80 post cards; visited four Unions three times; held one Convention; organized three Bands of Hope; sent greetings on three different occasions.

DURHAM—Mrs. L. Cryderman—Had five Unions at beginning of the year; have written 14 letters and 12 cards; have visited two

Unions; held one Convention; organized one Band of Hope; sent greetings to the Methodist Conference, the Branch meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, and intend to greet the Teachers' Convention which convenes soon.

ESSEX—Mrs. Maxwell—Had five Unions at beginning of the year; organized one; wrote 46 letters and 62 post cards; have visited all the Unions, most of them twice; held two Conventions; formed two Youmans' Bands.

ELGIN—Mrs. Hartley—Had four Unions at beginning of the year; organized one Union; wrote 14 letters and 23 postals; visited two Unions; held one Convention; the county was organized last May; have addressed three platform meetings through the county.

FRONTENAC—Mrs. MacCallum—There were no Unions in this county at beginning of the year; have reorganized Kingston Union, and good work has been done.

GLENGARRY—Mrs. (Dr.) Munro—Had four Unions at beginning of the year; organized one; have written 20 letters and post cards; visited five Unions; held two Conventions; organized two Bands of Hope; established a Youmans' Band in several places; sent greetings to one Convention.

GREY—Miss Doyle—Had five Unions at beginning of the year; wrote 22 letters and 15 post cards; visited one Union.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. M. A. Bennet—Had five Unions at beginning of the year; organized one new one; written 100 letters and post cards; held one Convention.

HURON—Miss Kate Fisher—Had two Unions at the beginning of the year; organized three Unions; wrote 97 letters and 26 cards; visited two old Unions; county was organized on September 9th.

HASTINGS—Mrs. A. C. Maybee—Had four Unions at beginning of the year; wrote nine letters and three cards; have visited one Union and think there is very little prospect for organization in our county.

HALDIMAND—Miss McKinnon—Had three Unions at beginning of the year; have organized four Unions; wrote 55 letters and 24 post cards; visited three old Unions, also the four new ones some time after organization; held two Conventions and a meeting for Christian workers to prepare for the Plebiscite; organized one Band of Hope; sent greetings to two Conventions; sent one round robin letter and wrote each individual Union, besides bombarding them with post cards.

HALTON—Miss B. Clement, President Milton Union—Had two Unions at beginning of the year; have no County President, therefore little county work has been done.

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KENT—Miss Reddick—Had seven Unions at beginning of the year ; wrote 19 letters and 49 post cards ; visited one Union ; held one Convention ; two County Executive meetings ; five local Schools of Method, conducted by county officers ; organized one Band of Hope among the colored people ; have not had opportunity yet to greet any societies but have arranged to extend greetings to District League Convention, Western Branch Missionary Society, and Methodist Conference ; wrote a letter to each Union containing practical suggestions for work, drawing attention to provincial recommendations.

LINCOLN—Mrs. M. K. Forbes—Had seven Unions at beginning of the year ; have not yet organized a new Union but working in that direction ; wrote 19 letters and 27 post cards ; visited five Unions ; held two Conventions, one at Grimsby Park ; have extended greetings on various occasions.

LANBTON—Mrs. Coghill—Had nine Unions at beginning of the year ; organized one ; wrote 50 letters and 70 post cards ; visited six Unions ; held one Convention ; have the county well organized for Plebiscite work ; held four public meetings and two lectures.

LEEDS—Miss Stone—Had eight Unions at beginning of the year ; organized two Unions ; wrote 43 letters and 44 post cards ; visited four Unions ; held one Convention ; organized one Band of Hope ; sent greetings to one organization.

LANARK—Mrs. A. T. Taylor—Had four Unions at beginning of the year ; have written a large number of letters but kept no account ; held one county Convention ; organized one Band of Hope ; have a few Youmans' Band members ; the County Recording Secretary visited two towns where we once had Unions, made house-to-house visits trying to arrange for re-organization.

MUSKOKA—Mrs. G. Hutcheson—Had three Unions at beginning of the year ; wrote 22 letters and 28 post cards ; visited three Unions ; the prospect for county organization is not good ; organized three Bands of Hope ; established three Youmans' Bands ; extended greetings on two occasions to other societies.

MIDDLESEX—Mrs. Calvert—Had eight Unions at beginning of the year ; organized two Unions ; wrote 85 letters and 80 cards, besides sending out an open letter ; have visited four Unions ; held one convention.

NIPissing—Mrs. Detlor—Had one Union at beginning of the year ; organized one Union ; wrote three letters ; the towns in this district are so distant that the prospect for co-organization is not good at present ; organized one Band of Hope.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Mrs. E. McMaster—Had three Unions at beginning of the year; organized a "Y" Union and a "Y" committee; wrote 54 letters and post cards; visited three Unions; held three Conventions; extended greetings on two occasions.

ONTARIO—Mrs. Kenner—Had three Unions at beginning of the year; organized one Union; visited two Unions several times, and the new one once; held one Convention; organized three Bands of Hope.

OXFORD—Mrs. B. D. Livingstone—Had 11 Unions at beginning of the year; wrote 151 letters and 203 post cards; visited eight Unions, and some of them twice; have given eight addresses on county work; arranged one meeting aside from county work, proceeds for county treasury; held one School of Method; organized one Band of Hope; sent greetings to two county Conventions of Epworth League of Christian Endeavor.

PETERBORO—Mrs. Paton—Had two Unions at beginning of the year; have re-organized one Union; wrote 25 letters and 27 cards, at present the prospect for organization is not very bright; In all I have written 39 letters and 40 post cards, in the interests of county work.

PRINCE EDWARD—Mrs. Branscombe—Had one Union at beginning of the year; expect to organize two/very soon; no prospect for county organization.

PERTH—Mrs. S. Baker—Had four Unions at beginning of the year; organized one new Union; wrote 24 letters and 40 cards; visited all the Unions once, and Stratford Union twice; held one Convention; thankful to say that there has been better work done in this county than ever before; we are learning how to work, and to know how means everything, if your heart is in it.

PEEL—Mrs. B. B. Lynd—Had two Unions at beginning of the year; organized one Union; wrote 15 letters and 12 post cards; visited two Unions; held one Convention; sent greetings to Sons of Temperance, when they organized in Port Credit.

RENFREW—Mrs. Agnes Hunter—Had six Unions at beginning of the year; organized one Union and Pembroke "Y"; expect to organize another Union soon; have doubled our membership this year.

STORMONT—Miss MacArthur—Had seven Unions at beginning of the year; did not keep account of correspondence; visited two Unions; held one Convention; organized one Band of Hope; extended greetings to other societies on five different occasions.

SIMCOE—Mrs. S. G. E. McKee—Had five Unions at beginning of the year; have organized one Union; wrote 50 letters and post cards; held one Convention; sent greetings to one Teachers' Convention.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Mrs. A. O. Rutherford—Had 13 Unions at beginning of the year ; two Unions have been organized, one by Miss Gordon ; held one Convention ; organized one Band of Hope ; extended greetings on several different occasions.

WATERLOO—Mrs. J. R. Cavers—Had 10 Unions at beginning of the year ; have written 59 letters and 20 cards ; have visited three Unions, and held one Convention ; sent greetings to one Convention.

WELLINGTON—Mrs. Maddock—Had six Unions at beginning of the year ; organized two Unions ; visited four Unions ; held one Convention ; sent greetings to one Convention.

WENTWORTH—Mrs. T. H. Pratt—Had five Unions at beginning of the year ; organized two Unions ; visited three Unions ; held one Convention.

YORK—Mrs. Ed. Cane—Had five Unions at beginning of the year ; have arranged to organize two Unions very soon ; wrote 53 letters and 27 post cards ; visited four Unions, one twice ; held two Conventions ; organized two Bands of Hope ; sent greetings to one Convention.



Reports of Committees.

APPROPRIATION.

Your Committee recommends :

1st. That the President be allowed the sum of \$200 for a stenographer.

2nd. That the Vice-President be allowed \$10.

3rd. That the Corresponding Secretary be granted \$100.

4th. That an allowance of \$20 each be made the Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

5th. That the Recording Secretary receive \$20 for preparing the Annual Report.

6th. That the Recording Secretary be provided with a telephone.

7th. That \$100 be allowed for Missionary Work, to be equally divided between east and west Algoma.

8th. That County Presidents in organized counties be allowed the actual expenses incurred in endeavoring to organize Unions, and a sum not exceeding \$2 for incidental expenses specified to Provincial Treasurer.

9th. That \$25 be allowed to one who may be appointed to conduct a "Speakers' Bureau."

10th. That Miss Phelps be allowed a sum not to exceed \$25, to help further the work among colored people.

MRS. SAUNBY,	} Committee.
MISS FISHER,	
MRS. SPENCE,	
MRS. G. WRIGHT,	
MISS MACARTHUR,	

RESOLUTIONS.

PREAMBLE.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, in Convention assembled, believing the liquor traffic to be dangerous in policy, sinful in action, contrary to the word of God, and destructive to the home; reiterate our policy as that of increasing hostility to its legal sanction, and prayerful and incessant effort for the total destruction of this sin against the best interests of society; therefore,]

1st. RESOLVED, That as a Society we will stand in united opposition to this evil, and that we call upon the electorate of this Province, to do its duty in the coming Plebiscite campaign.

POLITICAL ACTION.

2nd. Whereas, A number of the women of our land have considerable influence in municipal elections, and are privileged with some of the rights of citizenship, as shown in the use of the ballot, while others have a social and moral influence; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we individually pledge ourselves to support, by all lawful endeavor, for Municipal and Parliamentary positions, only those men who pledge for prohibition, independent of party.

PLEBISCITE.

3rd. Whereas, The W. C. T. U. was organized for the ultimate overthrow of the liquor traffic, and,

Whereas, The present Dominion Government promises to permit the voters to record their opinion of the licensed bar, and to govern its legislation by that opinion; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we urge upon our Local Unions immediate and continuous activity in educational and campaign work, that by the distribution of literature, and the use of the platform and the press, the electorate may be prepared for the vote,

Further RESOLVED, That we hold it but just that the Government should redeem its pledge to the people by giving them a Prohibition Plebiscite pure and simple; we therefore regret exceedingly, and protest vigorously, against the proposition, to couple with it the question of direct taxation, believing that to get a true consensus of opinion, the vote should be upon the promised issue, and that alone.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION.

4th. RESOLVED, that while the license enactments of last winter's Ontario House gives a slight advance upon previous legislation, we cannot but express our utter dissatisfaction with them when viewed in the light of an attempt to redeem government pledges, to honor the verdict of the plebiscite, or to keep pace with temperance sentiment.

5th. Whereas, By decision of Judge Hardy, of the County Court of Brant, delivered October 9th, 1897, whereby a conviction for keeping an open bar after seven o'clock, on Saturday night, was quashed on the ground that the Statute Law on this point did not apply to villages and townships. And whereas, with the exception of those License Districts, where local regulations may have been enacted by the commissioners, about 750 municipalities are affected by this judicial decision; therefore,

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Convention, the Statute Law should be so amended that the closing of bars on Saturday nights after seven o'clock, should apply to all municipalities in the Province.

MILITARY COLLEGES.

6th. Whereas, It has come to our knowledge that, in the regulations governing our military colleges, the students (many of whom are mere boys) are permitted an allowance of beer or ale;

RESOLVED, That we desire to give expression to our regret, that so baneful an influence should be allowed to interfere with the training of the defenders of our country.

TOBACCO.

7th. Whereas, The growing habit of cigarette smoking, is becoming an alarming evil among our Canadian Youth; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we call on our women to act promptly, in forming anti-cigarette leagues in the public schools, and to encourage the Boy's Brigades, according to Mr. Nisbit's plan, and in every way endeavor to stem the evil.

Further RESOLVED, That we utter our most serious protest against the employment, as a teacher of youth, of any person addicted in the slightest degree to the use of either alcohol or tobacco.

OPIUM.

8th. Whereas, The opium habit is increasing, and among the women of our country is becoming alarmingly prevalent, and nothing short of the prohibition of its importation, except for medicinal purposes, will meet the needs of the case;

RESOLVED, That we, as a Provincial Union, urge the Government to give us such a law.

SOCIAL PURITY (C. D. ACTS)..

9th. Whereas, The laws of God are immutable and cannot be set aside without disaster to both the individual and society, and as the sin of impurity is an infraction of both the spiritual and physical laws of God; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, as British citizens, utter our indignant protest against the re-introduction into the Indian Empire of the C. D. Acts under the guise of cantonment regulations.

Further RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the editor of the *Woman's Journal*, London, England, to the World's Convention, and to the Special Committee of the House of Commons, Great Britain.

10th. Whereas, In the opinion of the W. C. T. U. the attitude of the members of the Dominion House of Commons, in passing class legislation in the interests of the male population of this Dominion, is a serious injustice to both sexes; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we protest against the discrimination against the young women as a great moral and legal wrong, and emphasize our declaration that both should stand equal before the law of the land as they do before the law of God.

THE SABBATH.

11th. Whereas, We view with alarm the inroads being made upon the rest and quiet of our Canadian Sabbath; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we call upon all the individual members of our Unions to inform themselves concerning the actual danger that threatens our land and hold themselves in readiness to respond to any calls for effort that may come in the near future from the Lord's Day Alliance.

KINETOSCOPE.

12th. Whereas, We, as Christian women, believe a prize fight to be a debasing and demoralizing exhibition of brute strength and a reproach to the character of good men, and that the flippant manner in which the Dominion Senate received our petition against a pictorial reproduction is unworthy the dignity of that honorable body; therefore,

RESOLVED, That this Convention record this expression of their indignation at such conduct on the part of the fathers of our country.

MR. KELSO.

13th. RESOLVED, That this Convention continue to endorse the work of Mr. Kelso for the neglected and dependent children of Ontario.

14th. Whereas, Young women wage-earners in our cities and towns sometimes become discouraged and are decoyed from the paths of virtue; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, as Christian women, suggest to our Local Unions the instituting, wherever practicable, of homes where safety may be insured and protection given to the homeless girls who are transients in our large centres.

HABITUAL DRUNKARDS.

15th. Whereas, The Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada has called our attention to a fact that is already too well known to the members of this Convention, namely, that the present system of sending habitual drunkards to the common goal on short sentences is neither deterrent nor reformatory:

And whereas, Representations have been made to the Ontario Government with regard to the necessity of one or more reformatories for inebriates being established in the province by the Government :

And Whereas, The Ontario Government has, up to the present time, shown no intention of making special provision for the care and treatment of the class referred to.

And Whereas, Medical experts tell us that for the successful treatment of inebriety, whether the result of heredity or of acquired habit, prolonged removal from temptations absolutely necessary :

And Whereas, it having been intimated, to our great satisfaction, that the Ontario Government contemplate, at an early date, making provision for the girls of the refuge department of the reformatory elsewhere, and providing for the effective classification of the inmates of the latter institution ; therefore,

RESOLVED, that in the opinion of this Convention, in the case of women and girls who are chronic inebriates or who have been convicted two or more times of drunkenness, instead of being sent to the common goal, they should (as soon as the aforementioned much needed improvement in the Woman's Reformatory be effected), be sent direct to the Reformatory, and the sentences should be for long periods either on the Cumulative or on the Indeterminate Sentence System.

RESOLVED further, That the attention of both the Attorney General and the Police Magistrates of the Province, be called to this important question.

SISTER SOCIETIES.

16th. RESOLVED, that we desire to express hearty sympathy and union of sentiment with the various sister organizations of the Woman's Missionary Society. While we are striving to uplift the fallen and teaching to "cease to do evil and learn to do well," we share with them in the honor of fellow bearers of the banner whose motto is, "Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

THE TEMPLAR.

17th. Whereas, We recognized the necessity for a prohibition paper that is impartial, outspoken and fearless in its dealings with the legalized liquor traffic ; therefore,

RESOLVED, that we hereby desire to endorse the ground taken by the *Hamilton Templar*, and regard the manner in which that paper has been hampered, if not hindered, in its circulation, through action taken by Post Office officials, as a very high-handed and unwarranted proceeding, and claim that the principle of British fair play be applied to this as well as other publications.

NORTHERN MESSENGER.

18th. RESOLVED, that we again commend the *Northern Messenger*, as a Band of Hope and Juvenile paper, and urge upon all our Unions to extend its circulation as widely as possible.

19th. RESOLVED, That we endorse the suggestion of so many of the women that the meeting annually of the Dominion W. C. T. U. is a needless expense and that we support the notice of motion to amend the constitution to meet every third year instead of annually.

WOMEN TRUSTEES.

20th. RESOLVED, That, as there are girls as well as boys in our public schools, and we believe the interests of both would be better served if there were women as well as men on School Boards, we urge our Local Unions to be on the alert and avail themselves of every opening in this direction.

COURTESIES.

21st. RESOLVED, that we acknowledge the gracious continuous courtesies of the Press, especially that of Brantford, with gratitude, as they have throughout reported and published the proceedings of Convention, so fully and acceptably.

That we feel ourselves deeply indebted to all the pastors and officers who have allowed us the use of their churches, particularly the minister of the First Presbyterian Church, to the Mayor for his thoughtfulness for our pleasure, to the choir and soloists for their inspiring music, to our friends in Brantford for their indefatigable efforts to make our stay among them pleasant and profitable, to the pages for their untiring services, and to all who have in any way contributed to the success of this, the Twentieth Annual Provincial Convention.

PLAN OF WORK.

1st. Recommended, (a) That in view of the approaching plebiscite, each County President urges upon the Unions in her county the necessity of using every possible means for arousing public sentiment in favor of Prohibition.

The following methods are suggested: The distribution of literature, public meetings, personal canvass of voters, co-operation with other temperance societies and church organizations, and a campaign for money raising, which shall include a request to all systematic givers to donate one-tenth of their tenth to temperance work.

(b) That to aid county finances in this crucial year, Local Unions be asked to donate the proceeds of one well-worked-up public meeting to the county treasury.

LECTURE TOUR.

2nd. Recommended, (a) That the Ontario Union secure, during the month of November and earlier part of December, the services, as a lecturer, of Dr. Amelia Youmans, of Winnipeg. Dr. Youmans' terms for an afternoon address on Social Purity, and an evening lecture on Franchise or the Plebiscite, are the very modest sum of ten dollars and expenses from the last place.

(b) That our County Presidents arrange for Mrs. Youmans a continuous trip within their districts, and that in case of a deficiency in receipts, when the Union is weak and poor, an amount, not to exceed twenty-five per cent. of the expenses, be contributed by the Provincial Union.

NEW MEMBERS.

3rd. As association with those already pledged to never-ending warfare against the licensed bar brings an interest and enthusiasm not otherwise to be obtained,

Recommended, That our Ontario Unions make a crusade for new members, adopting the plan suggested by the Dominion Union, which is as follows :

Each Local Union shall choose two leaders, under whom the membership of the Society shall be equally divided. The two sections shall meet separately, devise their own plans and work them out during the month, at the close of which a Union reception shall be tendered the new recruits.

REPORTING.

4th. RECOMMENDED, That County Superintendents of Departments urge Local Superintendents to keep careful account of work done, thus making possible more complete county and provincial reports ; and that they suggest the use of a small note book, in which a minute record of Department doing shall be entered as the work progresses.

AFFILIATION FEES.

5th. Recommended, That Local Treasurers be impressed with the duty of promptly forwarding the affiliation fees to the County Treasurer in organized counties, and to the Provincial Treasurer in unorganized counties, and that, accompanying the money order, shall be a statement of the number of new members secured since the last payment.

THE DEPARTMENTS.

FRANCHISE.

6th. Recommended (a), That a form of petition be prepared for the use of councils in petitioning the Legislature for the extension of the Municipal Franchise to married women.

(b) That members of the W. C. T. U. exert their influence to secure the election to the Legislature of candidates favoring the

Municipal enfranchisement of married women as well as widows and spinsters.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

7th. Recommended, That ministers be asked to preach and give addresses on the subject of Systematic Giving, and that a Question Box be a feature of Union meetings devoted to this topic.

LEGISLATION.

8th. Recommended, That in seeking any form of Legislation we co-operate, where at all possible, with other societies of similar aim, in this way procuring action that will be not only simultaneous but uniform.

"Y" WORK.

9th. Recommended, That County Presidents bring the "Y" department prominently before County Conventions.

THE PRESS.

10th. Recommended, That the Provincial Superintendent of Press Work appeal to the *Associated Press* to suppress the publication of the details of trials of an obscene nature, and of improper advertisements or other matters of a similar character.

PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE.

11th. Recommended, That this department be amalgamated with that of Schools of Method.

LUMBERMEN'S WORK.

12th. Recommended, (a) That where at all practicable, a County Superintendent be appointed.

(b) That Local Unions send their supplies for the camps to their County Superintendents before the 30th of June.

(c) That each County Superintendent report to the Provincial Superintendent what stock she has on hand before July 5th.

(d) That each District Superintendent ascertain the approximate amount of literature and comfort bags she will require for the season's work, and notify the Provincial Superintendent at as early a date as possible.

(e) That a Missionary be engaged by the Provincial Union to visit lumber camps.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

13th. Recommended, (a) That where at all feasible, Local Unions endeavor to place on the school boards women trustees, and where such an effort would be impracticable, that they try to secure men in favor of temperance teaching in the schools.

(b) That the Minister of Education be requested to include temperance and physiology in the printed programme on the school registers for all forms up to the sixth.

(c) That the public school inspectors be asked to provide examinations for promotion from class to class in this as in other subjects.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

14th. Recommended, (a) That the W. C. T. U. furnish a reading and refreshment tent for each battalion going to camp, the supply of leaflets, literature and writing material to be provided by all Local Unions in the county from which the battalion goes to camp.

(b) That the W. C. T. U. also work with Y. M. C. A. in conducting devotional services.

(c) That if at all possible, your Provincial Superintendent visit at least one district encampment each year, to become known to the commandant officer.

JUVENILE WORK.

15th. Recommended, That this Convention request the Dominion Union to print some manual on children's work, similar to Tete a Tete, bearing a name suggestive of its purpose.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

16th. RESOLVED, That our thanks are due Dr. Ross for his clear presentation of the legal situation re Sabbath Observance, and

Recommended, That we ask him to allow us to print his statements in a leaflet, to be sent out with our Sabbath Observance circular, that our Unions may realize the serious danger threatening the Canadian Sabbath and the means that may be used to avert that danger.

EXTRACTS FROM DOMINION PLAN OF WORK FOR 1897-8.

THE PLEBISCITE.

1st. Recommended, That we pledge ourselves, when the Plebiscite bill is before the country, to raise money, distribute literature, and co-operate with other temperance societies in all wise methods for awakening a favorable interest in prohibition.

2nd. That, until the bill is enacted, we turn our attention to the temperance education of Canadian women, *relying especially upon women's meetings*, the distribution of literature and, where possible, personal appeals.

3rd. That continuous prayer be made for the triumph of righteousness.

4th. As our prayers for the Plebiscite vote are likely to be answered in proportion to the genuine self sacrifice and hearty God-directed work we put into campaign preparations,

Recommended, That White Ribboners begin the raising of money for necessary expenses by the consecration, to this work, of as large a proportion of their personal income as can be spared, remembering that petitions for God's help must come from those who have done their own best.

5th. Recommended, That Unions contiguous to rural communities make it their business to visit the homes in the surrounding district that the wives of the farmers of this country may be supplied with Plebiscite literature and facts, and may be interested in the coming campaign, the outcome of which will be for them, pregnant of results.

6th. Recommended and earnestly urged, That Plebiscite school section meetings be at once commenced and that they be continued throughout the campaign. The distribution of literature at these gatherings is heartily commended.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Because Young People's Christian organizations (having provision in their constitutional machinery for temperance work) are sure to be interested and active in the Plebiscite,

1st. Recommended, That Local Unions confer with the leaders in local societies and seek their aid in the general educational efforts that must precede the vote.

2nd. That Union Superintendents of Work Amongst Young People be drawn from the membership of local Young People's Societies, and be supplied with literature for distribution amongst the temperance committees.

3rd. That the Union Superintendent of Work Amongst Young People be provided by the Union with Miss Belle M. Brain's book, entitled "Weapons for Temperance Warfare," price 40 cents, to be obtained at 56 Elm street, Toronto.

4th. That when the time arrives for a general dissemination of temperance literature the Young People's Societies, as in previous campaigns, be asked to lend their greater leisure and physical strength to this arduous and gravely important task.

5th. That we promote the holding of Young People's Mass Meetings, conducted and addressed by young people.

Suggested, That ribbon badges, bearing the inscription "Vote for Prohibition for my sake" be provided, where funds will permit, for junior societies of Christian workers, as this plan has proved successful in similar campaigns and has been the means of influencing many fathers to give Prohibition their support.

In Memoriam

MRS. LAWRIE

LISTOWEL

MRS. J. NELSON

NEWMARKET

MRS. HAWN

WYOMING

MRS. JNO. WILKINSON

OWEN SOUND

MRS. McQUAIG

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WELLAND

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PARKDALE

MRS. J. B. SCOTT

LEAMINGTON

MRS. KENNEY

RIDGETOWN

MRS. ARNOTT. MRS. PARKINSON

TORONTO

MRS. WILSON

(Youmans)

HAMILTON

MRS. ROBT. MURRAY

GRIMSBY

MRS. HENRY McELROY

RICHMOND

MISS LILLIAN PROCUNIOR

CORINTH

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
OF THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

CONSTITUTION.

PLEDGE.

I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors (including beer, wine and cider) as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Women of the Province of Ontario, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and danger of, and commiserating the misery caused by the liquor traffic, believe it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extermination.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, on this the 24th day of October, 1877, band ourselves together for the following special objects, and to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws :

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Ontario.

OBJECTS.

To unitedly array the Christian women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

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

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

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

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

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

To heartily co-operate with other temperance societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other society or association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

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

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

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), together with the County or District Presidents (who shall also be Vice-Presidents of Provincial Union), and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Board, with full power to control and provide for the general interests of the work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. These officers, with the exception of County or District Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected on the third day of the annual meeting, and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the greatest number of votes cast; except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 3. Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the officers, including Presidents of organized counties, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

INEFFICIENCY.

SEC. 4. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable to perform effectually the duties of her office or department, the office or Superintendency shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the Sub-Executive.

ARTICLE III.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, for the speedy transaction of business, with power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year; three of whom shall form a quorum. This committee shall meet at such time and place as the President may direct.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board, one delegate from each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of such Union. This meeting shall be held the last week in October, in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive.

ARTICLE V.

AFFILIATION.

Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of twenty-five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE VI.

LIFE MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Any person may become a life-member of the Provincial Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$25.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. Any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge, and paying the sum of \$1 annually.

BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at annual meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee, and perform all duties pertaining to her office.

VICE PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President, in case of illness or death of the President, shall perform all duties pertaining to her office.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and, in organized counties, shall send to the County or District Corresponding Secretary, not later than September 1st, yearly blank forms for reports of Local Unions, and from information thus received shall summarize her Annual Report. Where no County or District Union exists she shall send blank forms to the Local Unions. She shall provide a directory of Unions for Provincial Report.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Union. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive and Sub-Committee, and shall send to each member of these said committees proper notice of such meeting, and designate in said notice the topics which are to be specially considered at the meeting. At the first session of each annual meeting she shall call the roll of delegates; she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting, and all papers ordered to be read. She shall apprise committees of their appointment at the first session of each annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof, properly audited, at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on orders signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate two weeks previous to the annual meeting.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS.

SEC. 6. Each County or District President in organized counties shall visit the Unions of the county or district in which she presides, and shall secure the organization of new Local Unions. The annual county or district meeting to be held, where practicable, not later than September 30th. In unorganized counties, she shall, in addition to visiting Unions, seek to secure the organization of new Local Unions, and, if possible, a County or District Union. In unorganized counties, a sum not exceeding \$5 annually be allowed her for expenses by the Provincial Union. Any city having an affiliated membership of 300, may, by adopting the County Union Constitution, become a District Union with all the privileges and responsibilities of a County Union.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 7. Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their departments, and shall make known the same to the County or District Superintendent of their departments, through whom they shall receive reports of local Superintendents. In unorganized counties they shall send direct to Corresponding Secretaries of Local Unions; they shall annually, when the interests of their departments require it, send circulars, plan of work, blank forms, petitions, etc., which have been previously submitted to the Sub-Executive of Provincial Union, to County and District Superintendents. They shall have power to name a Committee from the Local Union, or Provincial Executive resident in their own district, to call upon influential bodies when the interests of their department demand it. All necessary expenses shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8. Necessary expenses of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board in travelling to and from the annual meeting and special meetings, also for postage, stationery and printing, shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 9. The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall govern the Union in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Union.

CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT CONSTITUTION.

PLEDGE.

I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors (including wine, beer and cider) as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of ——— County or District.

OBJECT.

The object shall be to strengthen the Local Unions, and assist them in carrying out the plans of the Provincial Union, and to arouse the women of the county or district to an organized effort for the banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (except the Auditor), together with the Presidents of the Local Unions (who shall also be *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents) and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Committee, with full power to provide for the interests of the work. In District Unions, Secretaries of the Local Unions shall be members of the Executive. The officers, with the exception of Local Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected at the annual meeting and

in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 2. Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the County Sub-Executive and the Presidents of the Local Unions, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered.

INEFFICIENCY.

SEC. 3. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable to perform energetically the duties of her office or department, the office or superintendency shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the Sub-Executive.

ARTICLE III.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, for the speedy transaction of business, with power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year, three of whom shall form a quorum. This Committee shall meet at such a time and place as the President shall direct.

ARTICLE IV.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board and one delegate for every five paying members of each affiliated Local Union. This meeting shall be held not later than the 30th September, if possible, in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The President and the Corresponding Secretary of a County or District Union, with the President of the Union where the meeting is to be held, shall be a Committee of Arrangement, selecting topics for discussion and devising means to make the meetings interesting and profitable.

ARTICLE VI.

AFFILIATION.

Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the County or District Union at the rate of five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the County or District Union.

ARTICLE VII.

LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a life member of County or District Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$10.00; also any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and paying the sum of \$1.00 annually.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

(a) The President shall preside at the annual meeting and meeting of Executive Committee, and may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of that Committee when such are required; visit the Unions in County or District, and organize new Local Unions. She shall also perform all other duties usual to such office.

(b) The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. She shall also, when required, assist the President in organization and general management of the work.

(c) The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Union. One month before the annual meeting she shall send blank forms to the Local Corresponding Secretary of each Union for their report, from which she shall prepare her report for County or District Unions and Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

At the close of the annual meeting she shall provide a printed or written directory of each County or District and Local Union officer and Superintendent.

A copy of this directory shall be sent to each Provincial, County or District and Local President and Corresponding Secretary and Superintendent. She shall notify County or District Superintendents and Committees of their appointment.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of proceedings of County or District Unions. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee, and shall send to each member of the Committee notice of its meetings.

At the first session of each annual meeting, she shall read the minutes of each session of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

(e) The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed account thereof at each annual meeting.

She shall not pay any bills except on receipt of written order from the President and Recording Secretary.

She shall collect all unpaid county or district affiliation fees before annual meeting, and endeavor to secure contributions for County or District Union work. She shall also forward to the Provincial Treasurer the yearly Provincial affiliation fees received from Local Unions.

(f) Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their Departments, and shall make known the same to Local Union Superintendents, from whom they should secure, as far as possible, returns for County or District Union reports, all necessary expense to be borne by the County Union. These in turn shall be given to Provincial Superintendents, from which they may make up complete reports for Provincial Union. The County or District and Local Superintendents of any Department shall form a Committee to carry on its work when united action is essential.

(g) The Executive Committee shall appoint Superintendents of Departments and special committees.

(h) The expenses of the five general officers in travelling to and from meetings of the Union, also for postage, stationery and President's expenses in visiting Local Unions, shall be paid from the funds of County or District Union.

(i) This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Provincial Union, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting of the Provincial Union.

LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SEC. 1. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of—Auxiliary to the Ontario Provincial W. C. T. U.

OBJECT.

SEC. 2. The object of this Union shall be to meet together for prayer and conference, to educate public sentiment to the standard of total abstinence, to train the young, save the inebriate, to secure the complete extinction of the liquor traffic, and to enter into any Christian work to which the Lord may call.

PLEDGE.

SEC. 3. I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors (including wine, beer and cider) as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the pledge, and by the payment of sixty cents per year. Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by the payment of a fee, the amount of which shall be settled by each Union. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of members except the vote and holding office.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents (one for each church when practicable), a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), with the Superintendents of different Departments, shall constitute the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members shall then proceed to vote for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot. The Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the Sub-Executive (including the Vice-Presidents), and elected by the Union. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 2. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable properly to perform the duties of her office or department, the office or superintendency shall be considered vacant. Should the retiring member be an officer the Union shall elect her successor; if a Superintendent the Sub-Executive shall nominate and the Union elect.

ARTICLE IV.

AUXILIARYSHIP.

Each Union shall pay to the funds of Provincial Union through the County or District Treasurer (in organized counties) the sum of twenty-five cents per paying member, and to the County or District Union the sum of five cents per paying member, yearly. This amount to be taken from the membership fee. In unorganized counties this sum shall be sent direct to the Provincial Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of Local Unions shall be held early in September for the election of officers and Superintendents, also for delegates to County or District Union and Provincial annual meetings. At this meeting reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer and Superintendents of Departments shall be read and confirmed before being sent to the County or District Corresponding Secretary and Superintendents.

BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the organization, and to supervise its general interests, and she may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to preside in her turn, in the absence of the President, and to enlist women of her own church in the work.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and to report to the Corresponding Secretary of the County or District Union yearly on receipt of blank form (having first submitted her report to the Local Union), giving such items of general interest as will enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union. She, with the Recording Secretary, shall also prepare the report for the annual meeting of the Local Union. They shall also, in unorganized counties, prepare a condensed report for the Provincial Convention, sending to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary two weeks before the date of the Provincial meeting. In small Unions, the work of the Secretaries may be done by the Recording Secretary, if desirable.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

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

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all membership dues, and to devise means to increase the funds of the organization. She shall receive and hold all money collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and making a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and the Recording Secretary. She shall forward regularly, in organized counties, to the County or District Treasurer, the yearly fees for the Provincial and County or District Unions.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

SEC. 6. If the demands of the work justify it, there shall be Departments of Work to correspond with the Provincial Departments, and such others as the needs of the locality seem to call for.

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 7. Each Superintendent of a Department shall avail herself of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in her Department, and report to Superintendent of same Department in County or District Union, on or before the 17th day of September.

Where no County or District organization exists, the report should be sent to the Provincial Superintendent of that Department.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 8. The regular meeting of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting of the month shall be largely a devotional meeting. If possible, mass-meetings shall be held quarterly. The Executive and other committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

QUORUM.

SEC. 9. A quorum shall consist of such members as shall be present at a regular or special meeting, due notice of such meeting being given to the members.

DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

SEC. 10. Delegates to the Provincial Union are received on the following basis:—One of each Union and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of each Union. The expenses of general officers and Superintendents of Departments, for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling expenses of delegates to annual Convention shall, where at all practicable, be borne by the Union sending those delegates.

CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any Annual Meeting of the Provincial Union, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous Annual Meeting of the Provincial Union.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Devotional Exercises.
Reading Minutes of Last Meeting.
Treasurer's Report.
Unfinished Business.
Reception of Communications.
Reception of New Members and Reading of Constitution.
Reports of Committees.
Reading of Paper on Temperance Question.
Discussion.
Regular Course of Reading.
Discussion.
Miscellaneous Business.
Adjournment.

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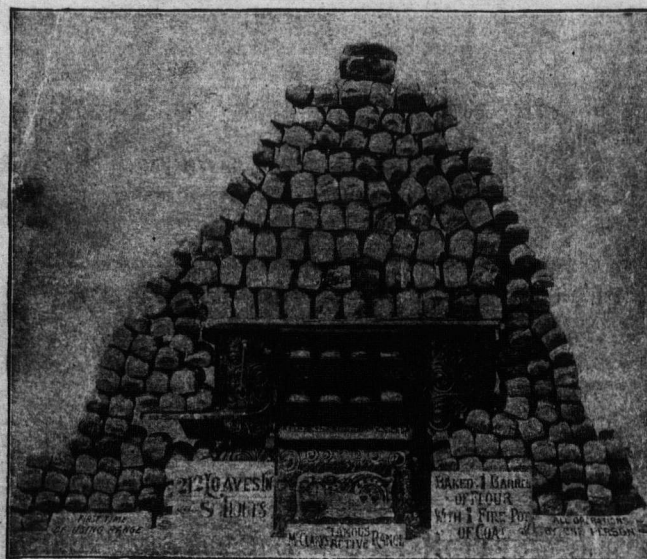
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