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WELCOME + MEETING

TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 19th,

IN THE

Congregational Church.

The meeting opened at 8 o'clock with Rev. John Wood in the chair. The 146th psalm was read and singing and prayer followed.

The following Address of Welcome was given by Mrs. Tilton, of Ottawa :

MRS. PRESIDENT, AND DELEGATES OF THE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF ONTARIO :

It is my privilege, on behalf of the Local Unions of Ottawa, to extend to you a hearty welcome to the capital of the Dominion.

We recall with pleasure the decision of the Convention of 1882, resulting happily in your being with us to-day. Many reasons suggested themselves to your fellow workers here why Ottawa should be the choice for 1883.

Here the representative of the crown exercises the high functions of his office. Here, within sound of our voices, the Legislators of our country enact those laws which make Canada the freest and most law-abiding country on this North American Continent. Here commerce seeks annually, through its Board of Trade, to give effect to measures of progress and relief. Here, whilst Parliament is in session, may be found convened that representative body of practical temperance workers, consisting of statesmen, men of all professions and commercial interests, recognized in this young nation as the Dominion Alliance—the strong arm of the cause that we, as Canadian women, have espoused. Now it is our privilege to welcome in Ottawa you Christian fellow-workers, belonging to an organization having for its object the good of the people, the advancement of this Dominion; and may this Convention prove more forcibly than any previous one that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario is using every power and every influence by prayer and practical endeavor to carry on a work "for God, for home, for country."

We are honored in having with us Miss Willard, the President of the National Union of the United States, and founder of the Ottawa Union, from whom we shall, during the Convention, hear words of encouragement as well as interesting details of her extended tour to the Pacific.

We welcome with you our mother in the Canadian temperance work, Mrs. Youmans, who during the past summer has visited the other side of the Atlantic, where she received most cordial greetings from our sister associations in England, and of whose work Mrs. Youmans will undoubtedly tell us about before we separate.

Our fellow-workers in the Province of Quebec during the past year, through the instrumentality of Mrs. Youmans, have entered heartily into the work, and with marked success.

We are glad to welcome to this Convention delegates from Montreal, feeling that their presence in our midst expresses practically the deep interest in the work of our Royal Master, who leads against the foe.

May the considerations and means adopted by this—Ontario's—Convention of Christian Temperance Workers form a stimulating power to more active, decisive work throughout the Unions of this Dominion.

Mrs. Dr. Youmans, of St. Catharines, replied as follows :

MRS. TILTON AND LADIES OF THE W. C. T. U. OF OTTAWA :

On behalf of the assembled delegates of the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions of Ontario I rise to thank you for the very kind and cordial welcome to your beautiful city and pleasant homes which has been extended to us. Many of us have come from distant places, some from our sister country over the border, and some have even "braved the stormy deep" that we might meet together, to cheer and encourage, as well as to help each other.

We live in a wonderful age. From the shores of our peaceful and prosperous continent we look abroad and behold the other nations of the world ; nearly all of them in situations of greater or less gravity. Wars and rumors of wars ; plottings and counter-plottings ; oppressions, rebellions, revolutions, assassinations, horrors and misery, in some quarter of the most favored lands ; while here, beneath the flags of our two great American nations, we fear no foe. Surrounded by the protecting expanse of our broad oceans, our boundless resources offer no temptation to the greed of the invader. Encumbered by no traditions of a past age, and unhampered in our progress by laws and customs, which are the inevitable heritage of older nations, we stand to-day the favored people of God.

Menaced by no enemies from without, yet threatened even in our youth by internal danger, which can only be averted by prompt and kindly action on the part of those who love mankind.

Shall we, gifted and blessed above all people, be among the last to free ourselves from this curse of our race? Nay ; let us remember that "To whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required," and that while many other nations have to struggle and contend for a very existence, God only requires of America that she walk uprightly before Him, and cleanse herself from unrighteousness.

Knowing and feeling this, and thanking God for the privilege as women of working in His cause, we come together to-day to counsel, to encourage each other, and to unitedly pray that He may be in our midst, to whom a thousand years is but as a day, and in whose hands nations, as well as individuals, "are as clay in the hands of the potter."

May He direct and bless us in our efforts to destroy the gigantic monster, which threatens the happiness of our homes, and promises to jeopardise the very life of our young nation.

May God be with us, now and when we separate, and may the friendships formed here, as well as the good received, go with us and remain with us as precious mementos of this visit to the capital city of our country, and the sixth annual convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario.

Short speeches were made by Jas. Johnson, Esq., of the Custom Department ; Rev. W. Scott and Mr. Halket.

A Letter of Regret was read from Sir Leonard Tilley, who was prevented from attending owing to the death of Lady Tilley's father.

Meeting closed with singing of a hymn and benediction.

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ONTARIO
Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17.

The sixth annual meeting of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Congregational Church at 10 a.m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. L. Youmans.

The Recording Secretary then called the roll of officers, when the following responded: Mrs. Chisholm, President; Mrs. Tilton, Vice-president; Mrs. Fawcett, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. P. C. Brethour, Treasurer; Miss A. Orchard, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Keagey, Dundas, Miss Bowes, Milton, Mrs. Andrews, Kincardine, County Superintendents.

The Recording Secretary then read the minutes of a meeting of the Sub-Committee of Executive Board held in Hamilton, April 4th. Also of a meeting of the Executive Board held on the 16th. On a motion both were approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, April 4th, A.M.

A meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at Mrs. Chisholm's residence at 10 a.m.

Present: Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs. Chisholm and A. Orchard.

Mrs. Youmans opened the meeting with prayer.

The date of the Annual Meeting was fixed for Oct. 16th 17th and 18th.

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by A. Orchard, that the President and Corresponding Secretary prepare a circular to be sent to the Union, stating the claims of Provincial Union, and urging them to send delegates to the Annual Meeting. Carried.

On motion of Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by A. Orchard, Mrs. Dr. Youmans of St. Catharines to be requested to prepare a response to "Address of Welcome."

The first evening being devoted to the reception of delegates, left

entertainment to be provided for two evenings. In accordance with the wish of the Ottawa Union, and the unanimous consent of the Executive, Miss F. E. Willard, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was invited to deliver an address on one of the evenings. The other evening was left to the President to make suitable arrangements.

The necessity of having a lecturer and organizer constantly in the field was most forcibly brought before the Committee.

The President was authorized to correspond with ladies, with the view of securing some one, for organizing more especially, if the way should open up, and she thought it advisable.

As Miss Templeton-Armstrong had been engaged by us, and owing to ill health, could not keep engagements made for her, the President was authorized not to make any further arrangements for her under our auspices.

Approved Oct. 17th, 1883.

ANNIE ORCHARD, Rec. Sec.

OTTAWA, Oct. 16th, 1883. P.M.

The Executive Committee of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the residence of Mrs. Tilton at 3 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Chisholm, Tilton, Fawcett, P. C. Brethour, Keagey, Andrews, L. Youmans, Miss Bowes and A. Orchard.

At the request of the President Mrs. Tilton opened the meeting with prayer.

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. Andrews, and carried, that the Executive Committee nominate committees, subject to the approval of convention. Committees on "Credentials," "Courtesies," "Finance," "Resolutions," "Constitutions and By-Laws," were then nominated. Also Standing Committee.

Approved Oct. 17th, 1883.

ANNIE ORCHARD, Rec. Sec.

The President's address followed. (*See Appendix*).

An animated discussion followed the delivery of the address, resulting in a motion by Mrs. L. Youmans, seconded by Mrs. Keagy, That Mrs. Fawcett, Miss Bowes, Mrs. Pringle and the mover be a committee to consider the practical suggestions in President's Address. Carried.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was next called for and read. Adopted. (*See Appendix*).

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates present: Mrs. Bowes, Hamilton; Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton; Mrs.

Yarwood, Picton ; Mrs. Youmans, St. Catharines ; Mrs. H. W. Brethour, Brantford ; Miss H. Tutt, Brantford ; Mrs. Keagey, Dundas ; Mrs. Blair, Prescott ; Mrs. Kines, Morrisburg ; Mrs. Rutherford, Toronto ; Miss Bowes, Milton ; Mrs. Andrews, Kincardine ; Mrs. Pringle, Cornwall ; Miss Tilley, Ottawa ; Mrs. Parlow, Ottawa ; Mrs. H. S. Watson, Ottawa ; Mrs. Christie, Ottawa ; Miss Johnson, Ottawa. Accepted.

As there was still some time before adjournment, the President called for reports from Standing Committee. In the absence of Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Tilton presented the following from Prison and Jail Work Committee. (*See Appendix*).

On motion the report was adopted. Report of County Fair Committee was then given by Miss Orchard, which was adopted. (*See Appendix*.)

After singing the Doxology the Convention adjourned.

OCTOBER 17th, 2 P.M.

The Convention opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Miss Bowes, of Milton.

The Recording Secretary read the minutes of morning session, which were confirmed.

A telegram from Mrs. Middleton, President of the Quebec Woman's Christian Temperance Union was then read :

MONTREAL, October 17th, 1883.

MRS. CHISHOLM, PRESIDENT O. P. W. C. T. U., 251 Cooper St.

The Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union now in session send greetings to the Ontario Union Meeting at Ottawa. (Phillippians iv-8.)

MRS. MIDDLETON.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed in response, to send greetings to the Provincial Union of Quebec from Ontario.—Psalm lxxxiv-7. Mrs. Lucas, Miss Newnham and Miss Finley were then introduced to the Convention as delegates from Montreal Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Lucas gave a very interesting account of the work of the Montreal Union for the past year.

Moved by Mrs. L. Youmans, seconded by Miss Bowes, That this Convention send a vote of sympathy to Rev. Thos. Gales. Carried unanimously.

Mrs. P. C. Brethour then presented her report as Treasurer. (*See Appendix*).

On motion the report was adopted.

Reports from Standing Committee were then continued. Mrs. Strachan giving the report of Literature Committee, as prepared by Mrs. Hilton. (*See Appendix*).

The report was accepted

A deputation from the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Ontario was introduced by Mrs. Tilton, and received by the Convention standing. Mr. Halkett, on behalf of the order presented the following :

TORONTO, 15th October, 1883.

THE PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES,
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF ONTARIO.

LADIES,—Had business engagements permitted it would have been a privilege and pleasure for me to have waited on you personally, to assure you of the hearty sympathy of the Order of which I have the honour to be the Chief Executive Officer in this Province.

Finding I cannot be in Ottawa at this time I have directed certain of my deputies to express to you in my name, on behalf of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Ontario, the earnest desire of the members of the Order to give you all the aid in their power in your great work.

True, we have different methods of reaching the unfortunate, but our object is the same—to raise the fallen, rescue the perishing. We are but companies of one great army, whose captain is the Lord of Hosts, the Divine Master, whose assurance is that a cup of water given in His name shall not lose its reward.

The Grand Division greatly acknowledges your noble efforts in the past, and trusts you will have greater success in the future, and sincerely hopes renewed strength will be given every Union in your jurisdiction for increased labor in well-doing.

Wishing you a pleasant and profitable session in the Capital of the Dominion, and praying that "The Great Patriarch above will direct each one of us to that haven of rest, where sorrow is never known, and where love and harmony reign for ever."

I am ladies, yours faithfully,

JOHN MACMILLAN,

Grand Worthy Patriarch, Sons of Temperance of Ontario.

In reply Mrs. Chisholm said :

MR. HALKETT AND BRETHREN.—We are very glad to receive the greetings from the Grand Worthy Patriarch which you have just presented to us. Although our plan of operation as a woman's society may be somewhat different from that adopted by the secret organizations, still our aims are the same. We are all united in striving to obtain the entire prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and we have faith to believe the good time will come.

It often happens that in our work of circulating petitions from time to time we have sought the aid of the Sons of Temperance and other temperance organizations in those places where no Union exists, and we gratefully acknowledge their cheerful help at all such times.

We thank you again for your kind words and wishes. In return earnest prayers and loving thoughts will go from the Convention on behalf of the Society you represent, while we pledge you our best wishes and active co-operation in the grand good work of making earth a little more like Heaven.

Mrs. Tilton reported for Plan of Work Committee, on work east of Toronto, and Mrs. Keagey west of Toronto. (*See Appendix*).

On motion the reports were adopted.

The President then called on Mrs. Tilton, First Vice-President to

take the chair, while she reported for Committee on Legislation. Accepted. (See Appendix.)

Committee on Influencing the Press reported Report adopted. (See Appendix.)

Committee on Sunday School Temperance Work, report given by Mrs. Andrews. Adopted. (See Appendix.)

Committee on Juvenile Unions. In the absence of all the members of that Committee the Recording Secretary read the report as prepared by Miss Smith. Adopted. (See Appendix.)

Committee on Unfermented Wine. Report read by Miss Bowes in the absence of Miss Willmott. Adopted. (See Appendix.)

An interesting discussion followed. Brief addresses were delivered by Rev. John Wood and Rev. Mr. George on the sale of unfermented wine for sacramental purposes.

"Presenting the claims of temperance to religious and other bodies." Mrs. Fawcett. Report accepted. (See Appendix.)

Scientific instruction in temperance, Sub-Committee of Executive Board. Miss Orchard reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix.)

The President introduced Miss Anna Gordon to the Convention, who briefly expressed her pleasure at meeting with us.

Meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY, October 18th, 10 A.M.

The session was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Andrews, of Kincardine.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

Reports from Local Unions—Toronto, St. Catharines, Morrisburg, and Brantford were presented. (See Appendix.)

In order to bring the proceedings of Convention to a close within the specified time it was decided that all reports of Local Unions be accepted as read, and that extracts from the same be printed in Annual Report.

Miss Frances E. Willard, President of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union was then introduced to the Convention.

The election of officers being next on the programme the President called on Mrs. Youmans to take the chair. Miss Tutt and Miss Johnson were appointed scrutineers. The election resulted as follows: Mrs. Addie Chisholm, Hamilton, President; Mrs. Letitia Youmans, Picton, Ex-President; Mrs. Tilton, Ottawa, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Cowan, Toronto, 2nd Vice-President; Miss A. Orchard, Brantford, Recording

Secretary; Mrs. M. S. Fawcett, Scarboro, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. P. C. Brethour, Milton, Treasurer.

Moved by Mrs. Tilton, seconded by Mrs. L. Youmans, and carried unanimously, That Miss Willard, Miss Gordon, from the United States; Mrs. Lucas, Miss Newnham, Miss Finley, from Montreal; Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Cole, and Miss Prentiss, of Aylmer, be fraternal delegates to this Convention, with all the privileges except the vote.

The following communication was read by Recording Secretary from the Halton Branch of the Ontario Alliance:

HALTON BRANCH ALLIANCE CONVENTION AT MILTON, July, 1883.

Moved by Mr. Coutts, seconded by Mr. Colling: Whereas there are organizations of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in this county, and as they are in active sympathy with the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act, and in a position to very largely educate and influence public opinion;

Be it resolved that we respectfully ask the Woman's Christian Temperance Unions of Halton to memorialize the Provincial Convention, which is to be held in Ottawa City in October next, to issue an appeal, specially addressed to the women of this Province in behalf of the enactment and enforcement of local option and prohibitory liquor laws.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The above memorial was considered by the Milton Union, and heartily recommended the Provincial Union to grant the prayer of the petition.

P. L. BRETHOUR, Secretary of Milton Union.

On a motion it was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Moved and seconded, That the Committee on Resolutions and Committee on practical part of President's Address be combined. Carried.

The Convention then adjourned.

OCTOBER 18th, 2:30 P.M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Lucas, of Montreal.

Minutes of morning session, including nomination of Standing Committee by Executive Board, were read and confirmed.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was then given by Mrs. Fawcett. The report was taken up clause by clause and adopted. (See Appendix).

Report of Committee on Resolutions &c.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, That we are deeply impressed with the goodness and favor of our Heavenly Father, during the past year, in that He has enabled us to prosecute our work with such evident signs of His favor; also for the increased energy of our members, and the more effective work they have been enabled to accomplish through the guidance of His Divine Spirit.

2. That this Union reiterates the convictions of previous years as to the great importance of the introduction of the study of alcohol and its effects, in connection with hygiene, by the teachers and scholars of the Public and Normal Schools of Ontario.

3. That we urge more systematic work in temperance in our Sabbath Schools.
4. That we extend, as much as possible, throughout the Province, the lecture work.
5. That our members be impressed with the importance of bestowing their influence and patronage only upon those groceries where intoxicating drinks are not sold.
6. That we will not use our energies in any work which implies that the licensing of the drink traffic, in any form, is right. All past attempts of that kind having proved futile, let our motto be "No license."
7. That we ponder the great necessity of educating our boys to the importance of using the franchise as the power whereby the liquor traffic may be overthrown.
8. That our influence be exerted to banish intoxicating wine from the communion table.

ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

1. Recommended that the local unions continue to supply temperance items to the local papers, also supply, where possible by free distribution, temperance papers.
2. That the affiliation fee of the local unions be a sum to the amount of 25 cents per member, this amount to be raised in any way that suggests itself to members.
3. That we adopt and wear the white ribbon as the badge of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.
4. That a Superintendent of Young Woman's Christian Temperance Unions be appointed by this Convention.
5. That this Convention extend its hearty thanks to the officials of the different churches for their kindness in granting us the use of these buildings; also to the railway authorities, who have reduced the fare of delegates, and to the families who have extended their hospitalities, and also for the courtesies of the press.

Miss Willard asked the Convention to elect seven fraternal delegates to their Annual Meeting in Detroit Oct. 31st, 1883, to take some initiatory steps to form a Dominion Union, and to celebrate the 23rd December as the tenth anniversary of the birth of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the United States.

On motion resolved to send fraternal delegates to Detroit.

Moved and seconded, That Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. Youmans, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Brethour, Miss Orchard, Mrs. Crannell, Mrs. Andrews be fraternal delegates from this Convention to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention at Detroit. Alternate Mrs. Fawcett. Carried.

Mrs. Chisholm and Mrs. Strachan were appointed delegates to Montreal, to outline a Dominion Union.

Plan of work Committee reported as follows. Adopted. (See Appendix).

Moved by Mrs. Youmans, seconded by Miss Bowes, That we petition the Parliament for prohibition.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by Mrs. Andrews, That the matter be laid over till next year. The amendment was lost. Original motion carried.

Mrs. Keagey presented Finance Report as follows. Adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Finance Committee beg to report that they have audited the Treasurer's accounts and find the same correct.

As to receipts of monies and expenses paid at the Convention the following will show:

OCTOBER 17.		RECEIPTS.	
Received from Treasurer, balance on hand.....			\$ 73 23
Contributions from three Ottawa gentlemen.....			3 00
Dundas Union affiliation fee			3 25
Receipts from sale table.....			27 70
Donation of Milton Union to sale table			5 00
" Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Brantford.....			1 45
" Mrs. W. Bronson			1 00
" Mr. and Mrs. F. Bronson			2 00
" Mrs. Learse.....			2 00
" Mr. Brennan			2 00
" Mr. Wood			1 00
" Mrs. Boyd			1 00
" Mrs. Gordon			50 00
" Mrs. Addie Chisholm (refund of travelling expenses).....			19 05
Collection at Congregational Church.....			7 72
" Dominion Church.....			32 70
" Opera House Church.....			79 54
Sale of reports.....			41 31
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EXPENDITURES.		
Postage account of President.....		\$ 34 46
President's travelling expenses for the year		14 6c
President's travelling expenses to the Convention.....		13 30
Corresponding Secretary's postage bill.....		10 20
Corresponding Secretary's expenses to Convention.....		11 28
Recording Secretary's postage bill.....		5 20
Recording Secretary's expenses to Convention.....		18 60
Treasurer's postage bill.....		1 00
Treasurer's expenses to Convention.....		18 60
Publishing reports.....		42 50
Advertising Convention.....		19 05
Rent of Congregational Church.....		8 00
" Dominion Church.....		16 00
" Opera House.....		35 00
" Organ.....		3 00
Putting up posters.....		3 00
Expenses of Press Committee.....		15 00
Mrs. Keagey (expenses as County Superintendent).....		5 00
Mrs. Chrysler (expenses as County Superintendent).....		5 00
Miss Bowes (expenses as County Superintendent).....		3 28
Miss Wilmot (postage on correspondence on sacramental wine).....		1 20
Miss Willard for Lecture.....		25 09
Mrs. L. Youmans for Lecture.....		25 00
Post Office order to Detroit, 30 cents; postage, 5.....		35
Total.....		<u>\$328 68</u>
Balance on hand.....		54 27
Total.....		<u>\$352 95 \$352 95</u>

Signed,

Mrs. KEAGEY,
Mrs. BRETHOUR.

OTTAWA, October 18, 1883.

It was moved and seconded, That the Chairman of to-night make an appeal to the audience for funds for Provincial Union work.

Mrs. Andrews was appointed delegate to Provincial Sunday School Convention meeting this month.

Moved by Mrs. Fawcett, seconded by Miss Bowes, That unfinished business be left to Executive Committee.

500 Reports were ordered to be published.

On motion resolved that the thanks of this Convention be given to the friends in Ottawa, who have so kindly entertained us, and the press of the city for courtesies, to the trustees of churches where our meetings have been held, and to the railway companies for reduced rates of tickets; and that this resolution be read at the public meeting in the Opera House Thursday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Youmans addressed the Convention on "Star Lecture Course."

An invitation was given the Convention to meet in Hamilton next year.

Moved and seconded that the next Annual Meeting be held in Hamilton.

After singing the doxology the Convention adjourned.

ANNIE ORCHARD,

Recording Secretary.



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EVENING MEETINGS.

WEDNESDAY.

On Wednesday evening a public meeting was held in Dominion Church. A large audience assembled, and was addressed by Mrs. L. Youmans, Ex-President of Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Youmans was introduced to the audience by Rev. Dr. Longely. She said the question "Am I my brother's keeper?" had been echoing along for centuries. There seemed to be a universal desire to escape responsibility for the acts of our fellow creatures. It was a solemn thing to die, but it was a still more solemn thing to live. We find ourselves at the present time face to face with an evil which, to use the words of Mr. Gladstone, was producing more devastation than war, pestilence or famine combined. At first she thought this language was exaggerated, but upon reflection she became convinced that it was not. The other evils spoken of caused prayer and anxiety, and came to an end, but this great evil causes comparatively little anxiety and prayer, and goes on and on forever. The great burden on her heart ever since she had engaged in temperance work was how to arouse thought on this subject. Eight or nine years ago it was stated in Parliament that the liquor traffic was killing 4,000 Canadians every year, and the statement had never been challenged. Could we see the 4,000 funeral processions as they passed by, could we see the 4,000 immortal spirits ushered out of this world under the command that no drunkard shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, we might perhaps give more thought to this subject. The perpetuation of the traffic was founded on a fallacy. The destroying agency—alcohol—was, according to the pharmacopœia, "an instant, narcotic poison." It had an affinity for the brain, the point where the mortal and immortal are united. The leading men of the medical profession say that the smallest portion of alcohol taken into the human system, more or less destroyed the functions of the brain. The sale of arsenic or strichnine was only sold with caution, and under great restrictions, and yet such a dangerous poison as alcohol was allowed to be freely sold. All that temperance workers asked was that it should be sold on the same terms as other poisons. There was nothing about which there were so many fallacies as alcohol, but they were rapidly becoming exploded. It was formerly thought to be nutritious, to be necessary to sustain heat in the human body, and to give strength, but it had been proved that it possessed none of these qualities. It was urged by some that the liquor traffic was necessary in order to provide a market for coarse grains, but this was a fallacy, for there were many people in want because they could not obtain the grain that was used by the distillers and brewers. As she looked at a distiller's oats she wondered that God gave us sunshine or rain to grow any grain at all. Our national crime was a legalized liquor traffic, and not until we wiped out that iniquitous license law would God bless our country. She then proceeded to relate a number of incidents illustrating the evils of the liquor traffic. She said there was not a greater fallacy in the world than that the liquor traffic let anyone alone, for it injured directly or indirectly every man, woman and child in the Dominion. The liquor traffic could not be regulated any more than the toothache could, and it could not be made respectable any more than highway robbery could be made respectable. The only way to treat the traffic was to do away with it entirely. She then proceeded to make a strong and eloquent appeal in favor of protection, arguing that a license law was opposed to the law of the Bible and of Heaven, and was contrary to the genius of British law, which, according to Blackstone, was founded on natural law, which required that a man should injure nobody. She concluded by saying that nothing short of a prohibitory law would satisfy the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and they would not stop in their endeavors until they obtained it. The lecturer resumed her seat amidst great applause.

A collection was taken at these meetings in behalf of the fund of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

THURSDAY EVENING.

On Thursday evening the Opera House was crowded on the occasion of the lecture delivered by Miss Frances Willard, under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The proceedings were opened by singing the hymn "Rescue the Perishing." The effect produced by the immense audience singing together was very fine. Rev. Dr. Armstrong then read several appropriate verses of Scripture, after which Rev. W. Scott led in prayer.

Rev. Mr. Armstrong then introduced the lecturer to the audience with a few appropriate remarks. On coming forward she was greeted with loud applause.

She assured those present that it was a pleasure for her to stand once more on this platform, remembering the cordial greeting she received in the same auditorium two years ago. Since then she had traced with great delight the progress of the local union, and it gave her unfeigned pleasure to stand there again while the Union of Ontario was assembled in convention. The first voice she heard from Canada after the commencement of the women's crusade was that of Mrs. Youmans, who had proceeded to Cincinnati shortly after it commenced, and who has ever since been one of the warmest friends of the cause. Last year the liquor dealers banded themselves together as the Personal Liberty League of America. The name was well chosen, for "personal liberty" was a most attractive phrase. She then proceeded to argue that this term used in connection with the liquor traffic was a misnomer. Robinson Crusoe was "monarch of all he surveyed" until that day when he found a strange footprint on his island. But when he came back to civilization his personal liberty was greatly circumscribed. When he was on the island he could do what he liked, but such was not the case when he came back to his native land, for his doing so might have interfered with the liberty of others. Personal liberty had its limits; it could not infringe on the liberty of others. It was based upon the law of brotherhood—it was the law of universal development. She would not like to be understood as speaking harshly of the saloon keepers—she had nothing against the men, but against the sin, and if they would go into a business not injurious to society the women of the W. C. T. U. would be the first to patronize them. Robinson Crusoe must have been very lonely on his island, and must have been glad to get back to society. She would ask all the Robinson Crusoes of the world to come into that great society of those who were banded together for the common good. The law stated that a number of things were nuisances, because although they might be in the interests of some, they were against the good of the general public. If a man were to come to Ottawa and ask the City Council to license him to start an opium shop, they would reject the offer with scorn. But why, when a man asks for a license to keep an alcohol shop, do not they treat him in the same manner? It is because we breathe the poisoned air of vested interests, which vitiates the air breathed by the body politic. The evil is wrought more from want of thought than want of heart, and she firmly believed that this sturdy Anglo-Saxon race would yet rise up in their might and crush out the traffic of intoxicating liquors. She wanted to see the liquor traffic placed in such a position as the jackals. She wanted it to be made an Ishmael—a pariah, against which all civilized people would point the finger of scorn. She thoroughly believed that a prohibitory law would be a good tool to work with and a brake to stop the train of destruction. The poison habits of a nation could be controlled by an appeal to reason, but the traffic in that poison could only be controlled by law. It was argued that taverns existed because average public sentiment desired it. But would anybody say that it was the average public sentiment of the church or the school or

the home? It was the sentiment of those who drink; it was they who saddled taverns like leeches, on the school, the church and the home. It was this fact that induced some of the women of the west to band themselves together for the purpose of warring against the traffic. The war was still going on, and they would never give up until they conquered. They believed that the home vote would overbalance the votes of the drinkers. The only reason why we had not now a prohibitory law was because there were not enough women voters. In proof of this she gave instances of the manner in which the liquor traffic had been stamped out in those portions of the Western States where the women had the right to vote for or against licenses. She concluded by making an earnest and eloquent appeal to the women of Canada to use their utmost endeavor to obtain the same privilege, and by urging them to fight shoulder to shoulder to outlaw the dram shop in the name of God and home and native land.



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APPENDIX.

CONTAINING ADDRESSES AND REPORTS.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mrs. Addie Chisholm read the President's address as follows :

DEAR SISTERS.—Sitting quietly here to-day we review the efforts, the work of the past year, and as we look back, remembering all the perplexities and weariness, we also look upward recognizing the Divine guidance and help that brought light out of darkness and caused us to walk in a broad way. It may not be amiss for us to take first a brief glance over the great field of temperance endeavor, for we must not forget that we are but a small detachment of that great army of workers, that in all lands and among all peoples is now toiling for the freedom of the race from the debasing slavery of strong drink.

In Great Britain, the progress made during the year has been simply astonishing, and the solid victories that serve to mark that progress are not few in number. The Blue Ribbon movement has exceeded all former proportions, and has extended its labors equally among those who live in noble houses, and those who pass their days in lowly abodes. The Church of England Temperance Society was never so aggressive nor so strong, and its leaders have abated none of that eloquence allied to zeal, which has long been their characteristic. The United Kingdom Alliance has been as busy as ever, and, under the able leadership of Sir Willfrid Lawson, has scored its greatest victory in the third adoption of the local option resolution, by a majority of 87, in the House of Commons. It is now quite certain that legislation cannot be long delayed, in the face of a solemn declaration three times affirmed by the representative branch of the British Parliament. The British Woman's Temperance Association has maintained its reputation for earnest and wisely conducted effort, and is coming to be an acknowledged force in the discussion of this great question. The great instrumentalities relied upon by all these organizations are the pulpit, the platform and the press—the latter chiefly in the way of distinctive temperance papers and a rich and abundant temperance literature.

On the continent of Europe the most advanced nations are taking the alarm, and in France, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands public attention has been called to the increasing consumption of intoxicating liquors and the increased drunkenness and misery which inevitably result. Already in some of these countries more restrictive legislation has been enacted, while in all the commencement of a decidedly popular movement can be easily discerned.

In the United States the work done during the year has been incalculable, and it must be gratifying to us to note that the most prominent and successful of all the organizations engaged therein has been the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, marshalled by its energetic and able president, and supported by its noble army of 75,000 staunch and true Christian women. Temperance has in that country abated none of its machinery for the moral suasion of the people. Never before have the pulpit, the platform and the press been so active. But temperance has also gone into politics, and to all intents and purposes has gone there to stay. It is the vital question in almost every State in the Union, and in the forms of license—high license, local options

and constitutional prohibition—it is at once the bane of the party politician, and the serious, inevitable subject of discussion for the people.

In Canada our cause has not gone backward but forward. The Woman's Christian Temperance Unions have increased in numbers and efficient working, many unions having been organized in the Province of Quebec under the direction of our own Mrs. Youmans, and a local union and a Provincial union formed in Victoria, B. C., by Miss Willard, President of the Woman's National Christian Temperance Union. As Canadians, we owe a debt of gratitude to our dear sister, Miss Willard, for this act of international kindness. May she be long spared to lead hosts of other earnest workers in this blessed work. The various secret organizations have been fairly successful, and the Dominion Alliance has done good work. As a pleasing evidence of the progress in public opinion, we may mention the passage of the Dominion License Act of 1883, which, however different may be the opinions as to its constitutionality, cannot but be regarded as a great step in advance of the general license legislation of the provinces, and as placing restrictions upon the traffic greater than any before existing. Provisions have been made in this same Act for Government inspection and enforcement in the whole Dominion, thus extending to the other provinces what Ontario in this respect already enjoyed, and by which it so greatly profited. One great lack in this country is a strong and widely distributed temperance paper, a more abundant use of temperance literature, and the more systematic employment of public platform work.

Turning now from this brief survey of the general work, let me come directly to our special work as a Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Ontario. Several new unions have been formed by Mrs. Boise, of Michigan; Mrs. Andrews, of Kincardine, and Miss Armstrong, of England; also a Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union organization in the city of Brantford. Mrs. Boise writes me that from what she has seen during her short stay amongst us, one hundred unions might be formed in Ontario without difficulty.

This is the first year of existence for our literary department, but it has proved to be so successful and self-supporting that we may look upon it now as one of our permanent institutions. Nearly all our unions have availed themselves of its help. May I suggest that in those counties especially where a contest is expected on the submission of the Canada Temperance Act, temperance literature bearing on that particular subject be purchased and distributed at once.

Efforts have been made during the year to secure the introduction of temperance text books into the schools of Ontario and with some success. Three methods were apparent to us, by the use of which we hoped to accomplish the good at which we aimed. 1st, petitioning school boards. 2nd, influencing teachers. 3rd, as the subject of temperance and hygiene is already on the school curriculum as an optional study, petitioning the Minister of Education to place it on the list for examination and to authorize a text book on the subject. The report of the committee will show their efforts have not been in vain. In some of our cities teachers' receptions have been held, and good results have followed. Our teachers are, almost without exception, awake to the importance of teaching the children the truth about strong drink, and we are grateful to those teachers who have, from the beginning, taught the children to avoid this great evil. Prizes for essays have been offered by many of our unions, and a greater interest has thus been awakened among the children of our public schools. Dr. Willard Parker, of New York, writes:

"We shall never control alcohol until we have taught the people, first, what alcohol is; second, what it will do to us if we drink it, and, third, what it will make us do. I can see no way that this can be done but through the common schools."

We must not be discouraged by any seeming failure in any one place, but simply redouble our efforts during the coming year to have scientific instructions in temperance introduced in all our public and high schools.

The Plan of Work Committee has not been idle, and has arranged in connection with County Superintendents for lectures and for all meetings for organization of unions.

The Prison and Jail Committees have been gathering statistics relative to the subject committed to their hands.

The County Fair Committee has been co-operating with the different unions in doing something for temperance on our fair grounds. Copies of Dr. Richardson's "Results of Researches in School" and "An Enemy of the Race" by Dr. Andrew Clarke, have been sent to very many of our medical men, and the report of this committee will show that the act was well received. Many of our best physicians are true temperance men, and have expressed their sympathy with us in this good work.

Circulars respecting the use of unfermented wine have been sent to assemblies, synods and conferences, and in nearly all cases the reports on the temperance question show the desire to refrain from doing anything which may cause a weaker brother to offend. Samples of Frank Wright's celebrated unfermented wine for sacramental purposes were kindly sent by him to the executive, at their request, and smaller samples of it forwarded to many of our principal unions. The approval of very many of our ministerial associations has been given to the use of this wine, and it is hoped that when the old stock is used up, as one good brother remarked, it may be replaced by the "fruit of the vine."

Our Press Committee has been actively at work, and has secured a space in many of our newspapers. I would ask our unions to see to it that their space is always filled and well filled. Having gained ground we must not allow retreat.

Something has been done in the juvenile department. Bands of Hope, Juvenile Unions, Boys' Night Schools and Girls' Sewing Schools have been organized, these last being successfully carried on by our Young Ladies' Unions.

Petitions were sent to the Dominion Parliament during the year asking for still greater restriction in the license law. These were signed by 17,900 men and women, and had the effect of strengthening the hands of the temperance men engaged in framing the License Act of 1883.

Reference has been made to the statement that many more unions might be formed, consequently more good done, if we could employ an organizer during the year. Heretofore it has taken all the money paid into the Provincial Union as fees to meet necessary expenses of the executive, postage, stationery, etc. In 1880 a lecture fund was formed, but the burden was borne by a few unions. Last year our fee to the Provincial Union was increased from ten cents per member of local unions to twenty-five cents per member of each local union, a request to which most of our unions have loyally responded. In order that our work may be more fully developed we suggest that local unions fix their membership fee at twenty-five cents per quarter, or one dollar annually per member. Half of this, 12½ cents per member, to be sent quarterly with a quarterly report of work done, to the secretary of the Provincial Union. This report would be an additional bond to bind us together as workers, and the increased revenue would enable the Provincial Union to employ an organizer for several months during the year, at least. In the *Rescue* we read as follows: "If the Woman's Christian Temperance Union expects to fill the grand mission to which it aspires and which all good people hope and pray it may, we must remember that the 'own shoulder to the wheel' applies to all upward human effort. Neither faith, hope nor prayer will ever fill a treasury, if we neglect to use the simplest and most rational means within our reach. Let us, even at some sacrifice, do what is in our power to aid in this work."

As our two Young Woman's Unions have been so successful, I would recommend a superintendent of this department, in order that a Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union may be planted in each of our towns and cities.

We must still continue our work in the distribution of temperance literature, even on a larger scale than during the past year. New books have been received from England and from New York, so that an attractive catalogue will soon be in your hands. Let me urge your early selection and orders, so that all may be in readiness for the work of the coming winter.

I would call your attention to the course of lectures arranged for by our esteemed friend, Dr. Youmans, of St. Catharines. Let us avail ourselves of the services of these brilliant speakers, and give to each one of our towns and cities the privilege of hearing this temperance question ably and eloquently discussed. In no way can the funds of local unions be used to better purpose than by engaging first class temperance lecturers and by widely distributing temperance literature.

I would suggest greater effort being put forth in work among intemperate women. Last year only two unions reported mothers' meetings conducted by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. We look for better things this year, but can we not do more than has yet been done? So many need on'y a little sympathy and help to keep them from becoming slaves to the appetite for alcohol, while there are many, so many, that will tax all our patience and sympathy, our faith and prayers.

I would like to know the voice of the convention in relation to a petition to be submitted to our Dominion Government asking for prohibition, pure and simple. Would it be possible for all temperance societies to unite on this question and bring an influence to bear upon our legislatures to which they will readily respond? I would press upon your minds the necessity of using our influence in every wise way to bring this about. Let the educating, reforming and petitioning go on together, until the people shall require righteous laws and just government.

We need to turn our attention more earnestly to evangelistic work for the reformation of the intemperate. While many may sign the pledge, no one but the Divine can save and keep; and as we fail in presenting this great truth we fail in our efforts to reclaim the erring one. For the use of our unions I would recommend Mrs. H. W. Smith's Bible readings. With these leaflets and the loan library recommended last year for the use of our unions and with *some work* to do there is no reason why any meeting should be dull or unprofitable.

We have thought of a Dominion Union in connection with our gathering here, but as only two Provinces are represented it will not be possible to organize this year. In 1881 as a Provincial Union we were granted the use of several columns in the *Crusader* for our Union work and correspondence. When that paper was merged in the *Citizen* we took no steps to have that relation continued, and since then have been without a paper. I would recommend that we consider the question of obtaining a space in some good temperance paper, as our means will not allow us to sustain one of our own at present. Some of our unions have written me in reference to adopting a badge. Three years ago we decided upon adopting the white ribbon, but the decision has not generally been acted upon, latterly the blue ribbon has been suggested; also a silver pin. It would be wise to decide this question finally during this convocation, and then let us be true to our colors.

We are only beginning to see the great work to be done. As we advance new possibilities open up before us, and while we may not compass all in one year or in many years, still the work is going on. The leaves are falling from this giant tree of evil. Sometimes whole showers come down, then again they drop one by one, but the time will surely come when we shall look up and say, "Not a leaf remains." Influence, respectability, wealth, all these leaves that make it attractive now will soon fall from it, and then, standing there in all its ugliness, let it die. To it there shall come no succeeding spring, no promise of a resurrection. Let us, my dear sisters, go forward to the work of another year in all womanliness and earnestness with the spirit of love and gentleness and true charity. As children we were told that the shell murmured to us of its home in the sea. Let us so live that the name of Woman's Christian Temperance Union shall in a truer, deeper sense breathe to all of the inspiration whence it came and of its home in the love of God.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

At the close of another year of our labor of love, we look back with a feeling of thankfulness for the way in which the Lord has guided us in this His work.

The report of work done is virtually a continuation of that done in former years; and upon looking for results there is no reason for discouragement, but rather much to encourage us to persevere and be more in earnest.

The Executive Board, under the direction of the zealous President, have undertaken more work than in any former year.

Immediately after the last annual meeting the Secretary had some correspondence with the Minister of Education in reference to the introduction of temperance text books into the Public Schools. Copies of books were sent to him and a very favorable reply received. Copies were also sent to several school inspectors and school boards of different places, and all with one exception sent favorable replies. The result is not yet fully known, but it is hoped that the next list of books of reference ordered for the schools will contain temperance text books, and that at no distant day temperance lessons will be taught in the schools of the Province as thoroughly as grammar or arithmetic is taught.

An effort has also been made to influence the medical profession. At the suggestion of the Board pamphlets were selected and sent to the physicians of Ontario asking their thoughtful consideration of the danger that may arise from the too general prescription of alcoholic liquors. Many leading medical men have replied testifying to the necessity of this subject receiving more careful attention at the hands of the profession.

In January, a petition, circulated by the members of the local unions and having 17,000 signatures, was sent to the Dominion Parliament. It was received and presented by Professor Foster, and he says, "was the largest and strongest petition presented, and very materially strengthened the hands of the temperance men in Parliament, and contributed not a little to the stringency of the License Act of 1883."

The attention of ministers of the different denominations has again been drawn to our work by memorials being sent to the Conferences and Assemblies urging them respectfully to use only unfermented wine on the Lord's table. The Committee on Temperance of the late General Conference held in Belleville "commend the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Official Church Boards are urged to secure the pure unfermented juice of the grape for sacramental purposes."

The Literary Department is encouraging, and literature of the very best sort is being circulated; between 15,000 and 20,000 tracts having been circulated. The local unions with the assistance of the Press Committee, supply *forty-five* newspapers with temperance items weekly.

Several new Unions have been organized, and others reorganized. But what is most needed to-day in this work is individual workers. "Truly the harvest is great," and women with earnest souls and loving hearts and who will not easily be discouraged, are wanted in the field. Thus the work will go steadily forward, and there will be no reorganizing to do.

Notwithstanding this addition we are only able to report a small increase over last year in the number of Unions, and this in consequence of some becoming disbanded. Last year we had returns from twenty, giving nearly 600 members. This year we have returns from twenty-five with a membership of over seven hundred—an increase of more than 100. Some of the newly organized Unions have not sent the number of members so that it is not possible to give a correct statement of numbers. Two thousand one hundred and seventy-four meetings have been held with an average attendance of ten. More than half of these have been for prayer alone. And is there not a power in prayer? And must we not believe that He who styles Himself the hearer of prayer will answer.

Gospel Temperance Meetings have been held in connection with all the Unions. The pledge circulated and 1,864 persons have given their names to it.

There are two Young Woman's Christian Temperance Unions—Hamilton and Brantford—which deserve honorable mention. Both of these organized and kept up a night school with good success during the winter. Hamilton Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union has a girls' school, for teaching sewing, of sixty members, who have all signed the pledge.

Another important department of our work must not be overlooked—the work among the children. The returns give us 29 Bands of Hope and Juvenile Unions besides pledge cards in the Sabbath Schools.

M. S. FAWCETT,
COR. SECRETARY.

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FROM OCTOBER, 1882 TO OCTOBER, 1883.

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Oct. 17.—Receipts at Convention :

To balance on hand.....	\$ 40 35
“ collection at the Presbyterian Church.....	6 40
“ collection at Canada Methodist Church.....	13 30
From Hamilton Young Ladies' Union.....	1 50
To collection from Presbyterian Church.....	8 78
From sale table.....	19 98
To donation from Mrs. Johnston, Ottawa, to Bazaar.....	6 00
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July —.—To affiliation fee, Brantford.....	4 00
“ —.—To “ “ Hamilton.....	15 00
“ —.—From Young Ladies' Union, Hamilton.....	5 70
“ 18.— “ “ “ Ottawa.....	15 00
Aug.— “ “ “ Amherstburg.....	3 00
“ — “ “ “ Brantford.....	1 25
Sep.— “ “ “ Burlington.....	5 00
“ — “ “ “ Sarnia.....	4 25
“ 6.— “ “ “ St. Catharines.....	4 25
“ 6.— “ “ “ Morrisburg.....	4 25
“ 11.— “ “ “ Toronto.....	5 00
“ 13.— “ “ “ Milton.....	5 00
“ 25.— “ “ “ Exeter.....	8 25
“ 25.— “ “ “ London.....	2 00
“ 27.— “ “ “ St. George.....	4 00
Oct. 10.— “ “ “ Prescott.....	4 50
—Contribution from Mrs. F. H. Orme, of Kelvin.....	1 00
—Per sale of Constitutions.....	6 00
“ 16.—Affiliation fee, Burford.....	1 00
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PLAN OF WORK.

SECTION I.—EAST OF TORONTO.

On behalf of your Committee on Plan of Work acting East of Toronto, I beg to state that the first work was an effort made to revive old Unions, before making the attempt to establish new organizations. Letters were written to Napanee, Port Hope, Whitby, Belleville, Coburg, Peterborough. Five replies were received, two speaking discouragingly and two asking for Mrs. Youmans, who it was thought would re-establish the work. Mrs. Youmans commenced her tour in the East the 1st of January, forming Unions in Prescott and Morrisburg on her way to Ottawa, giving 7 public addresses in Ottawa, 1 address to Union, two addresses in Province of Quebec, Hull and Aylmer, also one before Church of England Society in New Edinburgh. One address was also given in Merrivale. There was no demand for the cards or envelopes. Letters were written to the following places: Cornwall, Lancaster, Napanee, Peterborough, Belleville, Coburg, Port Hope, Whitby, Brockville, Kemptville, Oxford Mills, Perth, Arnprior, Almonte, Smith's Falls, Pakenham, Pembroke, Aylmer, Hull, Chaudiere Auxiliary, Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Coaticooke, Richmond, Stanstead, Brockville, Prescott, Cornwall, Coburg, Belleville, Napanee, Port Hope, Whitby, Peterborough, Toronto, Colborne, Brighton, Trenton, Kingston, Merrittton, Huntington, Three Rivers, Danville, Aylmer, Lachute.

Mrs. Youmans delivered sixteen public addresses in the East of Ontario, held three childrens' meetings, and formed two Unions. Seventeen Unions were formed in the Province of Quebec during this tour of Mrs. Youmans.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY PRESIDENT.

Unions visited, - - - - -	7	Petitions sent out, - - - - -	5,000
Unions organized, - - - - -	1	Circular letters, - - - - -	250
Letters written, - - - - -	617	Letters received, - - - - -	547
Postals do., - - - - -	643	Postals, " - - - - -	589

SECTION 2.—WEST OF TORONTO.

Your Committee on Plan of Work for that part of Ontario West of Toronto, beg leave to report that in the month of November we sent Plan of Work as adopted by your Convention, also Finance Cards and Envelopes to each Union requesting them to let us know what branch of the work they were prepared to take up. We received but few responses, and those were to the effect that they would consider it, but we have not yet heard the result. In compliance with wish of our last Convention, we arranged work for Mrs. A. Andrews, and at her request sent Letters, Plan of Work and Constitutions, to a number of ladies that were desirous of having Unions organized in their localities. Mrs. Andrews began her work at

Essex Centre, Nov. 26th and 27th, 2 addresses, collection.....	\$4 57
Leamington, " 27th " 28th, 2 " "	3 34
Kingsville, " 28th " 29th, 2 " "	3 00
Ruthven, " 29th, 1 " "	3 25
Amherstburg, " 30th, 1 " "	2 56

Travelling expenses and postage..... \$16 72
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\$16 69

leaving Mrs. Andrews for reward for her work 69 cents. She re-organized Essex Centre, and organized new Unions at Leamington, Kingsville and Ruthven. Mrs. Brisbin arranged the work in that county. Other duties detaining Mrs. Andrews at home, in the beginning of February, in compliance with wish of Executive, we arranged for Miss Armstrong to visit Font Hill and St. Catharines, but of this visit we have no report. She went to Brant County, March 5th. Our efficient county

Superintendent, Mrs. Chrysler, wrote to Paris, Brantford, St. George and Burford, to make arrangements for public meetings. Miss Armstrong lectured at Paris on March 5th, collection \$5.00, church well filled, some good done; St. George, the 6th, collection \$9.30, splendid meeting; Baptist church crowded, Miss Armstrong also addressed the ladies on the 7th; Brantford, 8th, collection \$8.00, not a very successful meeting either in numbers or financially; In Burford, lectured the 9th, collection \$3.00, the Congregational church well filled and a great interest manifested. Mrs. Chrysler organized a Union of 23 members there, also a Band of Hope 2 weeks later. Miss Armstrong received for her weeks work in Brant County, \$25.30. The success in Brant was largely due to the willing, prompt and efficient Mrs. Chrysler. In August, we were requested to arrange work for Mrs. Boise, of Michigan, and with this idea we corresponded with Mrs. Leech, Huron County; Mrs. Walker, Kent County; Mrs. Russ, Norfolk County; Mrs. Lawrence, Lambton County; and Mrs. Brisbin, Essex County. Mrs. Leach kindly went to work at once, and wrote to ask Mrs. Boise to be at Goderich, September 3rd. She was to make arrangements, but was taken down with fever. No other lady there was able to attend to the work, and we did not hear of it until too late to write or even telegraph to some one to do it, and so the whole county was passed over. Mrs. Boise and Mrs. Walker, Chatham, made all plans for Kent County; Mrs. Boise spoke in five places, but we can only give Bothwell, Highgate and Chatham; she received \$28.46, and her expenses were \$20.50.

Owing to distances, and the *great lack* of promptness in answering, it makes it exceedingly difficult to arrange work unless the ladies in each place will feel bound to reply at once, and to do the work set for them or see their places filled, as it causes expenses and confusion and waste of time. Sent to Miss E. F. Smith, in January, 100 Finance Cards, for which we received 50 cents, also to Hamilton Union, cards and envelopes, not paid as yet.

J. G. KEAGEY.

SECTION 3.—WORK FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

We recommend the following as Plan of Work for the coming year :

1st.—That the province be divided into three parts. Mrs. Chrysler making arrangements for further extension of the work of the Union in the West; Mrs. Tilton, in the East; Mrs. Dr. Youmans, in the centre of the province.

2nd.—That such division of the work shall be made as the committee decide upon.

3rd.—That the work of forming new Unions, or reviving old Unions, shall, as far as possible, be done through County Superintendents.

4th.—That Presidents of Local Unions be asked to assist in the extension of the work, and such other assistance employed as can be procured from efficient organizers.

5th.—That such lecturers and speakers as your committee think best be employed in aiding the work.

6th.—That the Local Unions be urged to use the Finance Cards and Envelopes as the best means of increasing their funds.

7th.—That Reports of the work shall be sent to the committee every three months

For local work we recommend the following :

1st.—Work among the children, including introduction of pledge and temperance lessons in Sabbath Schools. Formation of Bands of Hope for regular weekly instruction in the elementary principles of temperance. The organization of Mission Schools in larger towns and cities for those who, as a rule, attend no Sabbath School.

We recommend for the juvenile work the use of Dr. Richardson's Text Book, Miss Coleman's Manual, Alcohol and Hygiene and Temperance Catechism, G. D. Platt's Temperance Primer, D. C. Cooke's cheap Manuals and Library Books, which may be purchased from the Literature Committee of our Provincial Union. Address, Mrs. T. H. Pratt, 6 East Avenue North, Hamilton, for Circulars and Price Lists, Samples and Books.

Occasional entertainments, to which parents and friends are invited, do very much to encourage the children and cheer the teachers in their work.

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2nd.—YOUNG LADIES' UNIONS.—In these unions the principal object will be to uproot the social custom of drinking. Young ladies have this greatly in their power. Work among the children might be largely given into their hands. Social entertainments given from time to time, to which young people are invited who are not avowedly on the side of temperance, and at which papers prepared by the members of the Union may be read, would prove of great interest. Y. W. C. T. Unions would be entitled to all the privileges of the W. C. T. Unions in sending delegates to the Annual Meeting of the O. W. C. T. U.

3rd.—Work of the Woman's Unions. (a) Prayer meetings at least once a month. It would be well at these meetings to have a Scripture Reading by one of the members, or by one of the resident ministers, bearing on Christian work. (b) General Temperance meetings at stated times. (c) Mothers' meetings. (d) Meetings in prisons and jails. (e) Personal visitation and pledge canvas. (f) Introducing Temperance text books in the schools. (g) Establishing Reading Rooms and coffee houses where practicable. (h) Inducing Church authorities to use non-intoxicating wine at the communion table. (i) Formation of Loan Libraries. (j) Reading papers on topics assigned, and discussion thereupon at certain meetings. (k) Inducing resident physicians to use greater care in the prescription of alcoholic liquors. (l) Distribution of temperance literature. A full supply of suitable literature is kept on hand by the Literature Committee.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

4th.—The accompanying Finance Card explains itself. They can be used by your Union in raising funds for your work and for the Lecture Fund. Let your Committee take these cards, enclose one in an envelope and send to each person, or take them personally. Then, in a few days, gather them up, and supply the persons pledging with twelve envelopes and directions where to deposit them each month. In some places a box might be taken in the Post Office for this purpose, or you may call for them through your Committee of Canvass. Cards can be furnished at 50 cents per hundred, and envelopes at \$1.50 per thousand.

Any further information on any of the above subjects may be had on application to any member of the committee.

[Signed,]

MRS. TILTON,

Convener of Com., Ottawa.

MRS. DR. YOUMANS, St. Catharines.

MRS. G. A. CHRYSLER, St. George.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JAIL AND PRISON WORK.

The Prison and Jail Committee beg to submit the following report :

Circular letters were sent out early in July to the different Unions and County Superintendents asking for information relating to work done in the different prisons and for statistics referring to the proportion of intemperate persons committed to jail as compared with total abstainers.

To these letters only seven replies have been received.

The convener of the committee regrets exceedingly being unable to present a fuller report, and hopes that the efforts of the committee appointed may be more successful another year.

The following answers were received from Unions :

CHATHAM has carried on jail work for three years ; results good. Many men have been influenced for sobriety and a better life—165 persons charged with drunkenness and "drunk and disorderly," being four-fifths of the whole number imprisoned during the year.

HAMILTON.—Have visited the women's ward for several months and done good work. Three hundred and sixteen men and 60 women have been convicted for drunkenness in the past year.

MILTON.—The number of prisoners committed to the Halton County Jail from May 1, 1882, until September, 1, 1883, is 105: the number marked intemperate, 90. Seventy-four of the 105 were tramps, and all of them were intemperate except two.

BRANTEORD.—Does no drunk prison work. Ninety-five of the convictions were for drunkenness during the year.

TORONTO.—The commitments to jail for the year for "drunk and disorderly" were 1,902 males and 734 women, being an increase over the year 1881 of 121 males and 108 females. The commitments for all offences for the city were 3,497. In the Central Prison the intemperate are 672; the temperate, 95. In the Andrew Mercer Reformatory, for women only, the intemperate are 136 and the temperate 76.

DUFFERIN COUNTY.—Eighty-five persons have been committed in two years to the County Jail; 42 of them were intemperate, and 43 were marked temperate. Christian ladies occasionally visit the prison and with good results.

ST. CATHARINES.—The Union does jail work. During the year 131 persons have been committed; 71 were sentenced for drunkenness. Of the 131 115 were of intemperate habits.

Signed,

MRS. ALEXANDER,
Chairman.

Mrs. RUTHERFORD,
Mrs. CHISHOLM.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE LITERATURE.

The Committee appointed were Mrs. Cavers, Brantford, as Superintendent, Miss Smith, Hamilton, and Mrs. Hilton, Hamilton. Owing to ill health, Mrs. Cavers resigned her position in December, Mrs. Hilton taking charge. The first work of the committee was to make a suitable selection of literature and to prepare a list of publications for Union work. Two thousand lists were printed and sent to the different Unions and temperance workers throughout Ontario. In February many of the Unions ordered the English scientific works, viz., Hamilton, Dundas, Claremont, Morrisburg, Brantford, Presscott, London, Milton, for Halton County, St. George, Sarnia, Ottawa, Thorold, Goderich, Exeter, Fonthill and Richmond, P. Q. As the Union work increased our orders became larger and more frequent, and it is a promising sign of the times that temperance work cannot be well or effectively done without the aid of temperance literature.

This has been a year of beginnings and of ventures in this department. We have published 10,000 W. C. T. U. Leaflets on "How to Work among the Children," and "Why should Children sign the pledge," both of which we commend to those more specially interested in juvenile work.

For arresting the attention of our physicians we have very many standard temperance works by Dr. B. W. Richardson, Dr. Lees, Dr. Andrew Clarke and other eminent medical men. The three cent series in this line are eminently useful.

"Temperance in the Schools," and "Teaching Temperance," will be helpful to teachers.

"Readings on Beer," at \$1.00 per thousand are specially arranged for general circulation. These, and many others named in the catalogue on the cover of the Report are almost indispensable in the successful working of a Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

It is to be hoped that the sales of next year will be more than double that of last, and the good achieved be correspondingly great.

In addition to sales made to Unions the following amounts were realized;

Minutes of Ont. W. C. T. Union.

SALES OF LITERATURE.

Ontario Alliance Meeting at Toronto.	\$ 3 00
Dominion " " Ottawa.	8 00
Congregational Church Conference, Picton.	5 70
Primitive Methodist Conference, Toronto.	4 00
London Conference Methodist Church of Canada, St. Catharines	4 25
Toronto " " " " Peterboro.	1 00
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CONTRIBUTIONS.

W. H. Howland, Esq., Toronto.	\$ 5 00
S. H. Blake, Q.C., Toronto.	5 00
Rev. M. Fawcett, Scarboro.	1 00
Mrs. M. Fawcett, "	2 00
L. D. Classon, M.D.	1 00
Dundas Union.	4 00
Mrs. Addie Chisholm.	5 00
Mrs. H. Hilton.	50
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Total cash receipts to the end of July.	\$197 72
Expenses.	191 35
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Balance.	\$ 6 37

Total value of stock up to August 1st \$103 37

Liabilities as follows :

Canadian Temperance Leaflets.	\$42 60
Rowell & Hutchison, Toronto.	4 41
J. N. Stearns, N. Y.	29 30
D. C. Cooke, Chicago.	4 00
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	\$80 31

HARRIET HILTON,
Supt. of Committee.

In August, 1883, Mrs. Hilton removed to Chicago, and Mrs. E. S. Strachan, of Hamilton, was appointed to take charge till the annual meeting.

ASSETS.

Aug. 3.—On hand.	\$ 6 37
Sales.	27 51
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Expenses.	\$ 33 88
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Balance.	\$ 25 07
Oct 1.—Value of stock on hand.	170 00
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	\$195 07

LIABILITIES.

Aug.	1.—National Temperance Society, N. Y.	\$ 20 98
"	25.—William Briggs, Methodist Book Room	12 68
Sept.	13.—Canadian Temperance Leaflets.....	42 60
"	13.—Methodist Book Room.....	65 15
June	26.—Rowell & Hutchison.....	4 41
		\$155 82

E. S. STRACHAN,
Supt. of Committee, *pro tem.*

REPORT OF COUNTY FAIRS COMMITTEE.

DEAR SISTERS—At the annual meeting of the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union among the topics discussed was that of the apparent increase of drunkenness at the County Fairs and Agricultural Exhibitions, and what means could be adopted to counteract the same.

The undersigned committee was appointed to communicate with the Unions and suggest what might be done to mitigate the evil to some extent at least.

In some counties the ladies have secured control of the refreshment booths at the fairs, and, by providing good food and plenty of non-intoxicating drinks, have succeeded in keeping liquor off the grounds, and in this way many a man has returned home sober who otherwise would not or could not have resisted the temptation to drink which met him on every hand. Sometimes this effort has been remunerative, sometimes not, but even then we would not say the work was in vain or that anything was lost. In keeping temptation out of the way for one day something is gained.

Your committee would urge your Union to make some effort at the coming fair.

1st. To apply for permission to have charge of the refreshment booths and obtain control of the grounds for the time being, so that no drinks of any kind be allowed but what is provided by your Union, etc.

2nd. To have a stall of good temperance literature for sale and, if possible, distributed freely; for little can be accomplished till the great mass of the people are thoroughly educated in the principles of temperance. A fine assortment of the best temperance literature is kept by the Provincial Union, and may be had by addressing the Superintendent of that department—Mrs. E. Hilton, 69 George Street, Hamilton.

ANNIE ORCHARD.

Your committee beg to report as follows :

Early in August the preceding letter was addressed to all the Unions in Ontario, with the request for an answer to let us know if they took any action in the matter, and if they did, what the result was.

Ten Unions did not answer.

Four Unions report no action.

Four reported that they would like to comply with the suggestions of the committee, but the work involved was so heavy they could not undertake it.

From three Unions no definite answer was received.

Three reported no fair held in their town.

Chatham was preparing to have booths at the Fair, but did not report results.

Sarnia succeeded in leasing the grounds for refreshments. We quote from their report: "Our temperance friends were delighted with the way everything was done. It would have been much more remunerative had the weather been finer. We feel we did a grand temperance work."

Exeter replied, saying; "Having received information from the officials of our County Fair that no liquor *has been* nor *will be* allowed on the grounds. we deem it unnecessary to take further action."

Brampton reported as above, with the exception that refreshments were provided by a church organization.

Burlington has the Scott Act in force.

Milton also has the Scott Act in force. They distributed temperance literature.

Toronto sent a supply of temperance literature to the Young Men's Christian Association tent in connection with the Industrial Exhibition.

Fonthill says: "We did well—better than we anticipated. Not a drop of liquor was sold on the grounds, nor a drunken person seen during the day. Everybody was delighted with the order which prevailed. We realized about \$30 net."

St. Catharines reports: "We applied, and after much work, we got the full control of the grounds. We gave hot dinners, lunch, etc. The weather was very unfavorable, but, taking in all, we cleared about \$25—not nearly so well as we did last year; but the money part is not the object. We kept all liquors off. We did not have a literature stall; this is to be regretted, but we did not have quite a week to make all our arrangements in; so this was neglected."

A. ORCHARD, Convener of Committee.
MRS. VANALLEN,
MRS. LAWRENCE,
MRS. HOUSTEN.

REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The work which has been put under the charge of your committee will be conceded by all to be one of the most important branches of our work. It is to the children and young people of to-day that we look with hope and trust for the most earnest and energetic of the future workers in the temperance cause as well as all branches of church work. As early impressions have been proved by experience, often repeated, to be the most lasting and to influence the conduct both directly and indirectly throughout life. we cannot but feel how necessary it is that those impressions be of the best character. Again, if we aim at the prevention of crime, where can we labor with as much prospect of success as among the young. If we succeed in training them to be thorough temperance men and women, we shall be the instruments in God's hand of preventing all the crime that would have been the result of the excessive use of liquor. That such a use of liquor does lead to the commission of many crimes no one will deny. I lately asked a reporter, whose duty led him to attend the magistrate's courts in our town, what proportion of the convictions was the result of the use of liquor. He answered it is very difficult to make a correct estimate, because when a person is taken up in a drunken brawl, the charge is very often assault and battery, with nothing to show that the man was drunk when he committed the crime; but he said there were 23 out of 170, or a little over one-seventh committed for drunkenness alone, and fully forty per cent. of the whole, if we include cases of assault where the parties were drunk at the time,

Then we should also take into account the influence that children exert upon their parents, in very many cases leading them and others to become total abstainers also.

The first work of your committee during the year was the presentation of an address through the President, together with a few words of appeal from the convener of

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Yours

the committee to the Provincial Sunday School teachers assembled in convention at Brampton last October. Your delegates were courteously received, and a hearing given them in one of the most crowded sessions of the convention.

The President next proposed that we circulate an address of Canon Farrar's to the Sunday School teachers, and with this in view the names of about 550 superintendents of Sunday Schools were procured from the Rev. Dr Withrow, the obliging secretary of the Sunday School Board of the Methodist Church of Canada, and a list copied from his, and then it was found that the expense of getting Canon Farrar's address printed would be more than we dare undertake. We then decided at the President's suggestion to write to the Unions asking them to find out how many Bands of Hope there were in connection with the Sunday Schools of the different churches in their localities and how many members in each; also to urge the Unions to distribute leaflets to Sunday School teachers. Miss Spicer, of Exeter, wrote to ten Unions, receiving replies from four:

1. Burlington, one Band of Hope; had another, but dead.
2. Chatham; have distributed leaflets all over town; are still sending out tracts and D. C. Cooke's "Class Papers," which are meeting with good success. Have supplied all the Sunday Schools who would accept them with Honor Rolls; some did not use after accepting; only one Sunday School has.
3. Brantford; in connection with Union, two, and two Sunday Schools.
4. Milton; leaflets distributed in Methodist Sunday School. Pledge roll introduced and a large number signed it. Union has one.

Miss Gordon, of Goderich, agreed to write to ten Unions, but her report has failed to reach us. This gives us a total of seven Bands of Hope.

MRS. ANDREWS, Convener.
MISS GORDON.
MISS SPICER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE UNIONS.

HAMILTON, October 12, 1883.

At a meeting of the Juvenile Union Committee, held February 20, 1883, it was decided to ask County Superintendents to aid this committee by corresponding with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union under their charge and with temperance workers throughout their counties, asking them to distribute Union leaflets on juvenile work and, wherever practicable, organize juvenile unions.

In pursuance of this resolution your committee wrote letters to nineteen County Superintendents and temperance workers in this Province and three in the Province of Quebec. With each letter we sent 6 circular letters, 7 literature lists and 25 samples of literature, to be sent by them to any one interested in temperance work—in all 22 letters to Superintendents, 132 circular letters, 145 literature lists, and 550 samples of literature.

To all of these we received but four replies—from Milton, Sarnia, Smithville and Chatham. The last mentioned wrote hopefully of juvenile work in the county.

Ten County Superintendents were not written to, in consequence of one member of the committee failing to do her portion of the work.

Yours faithfully,

MISS C. A. SMITH, Convener of Committee.
MRS. CROSBY.
MRS. MIDDLETON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFERMENTED WINE.

The committee, Miss Wilmott, Miss Bowes, and Mrs. Jas. Harrison, who, in accord with the spirit of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting of the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held in Milton, October, 1882, endeavored, as far as possible, to bring the subject of the use of unfermented wines in administration of the "Lord's Supper" before the Christian Church of Ontario.

In order to do this they decided that the most effectual method would be to memorialize the several church synods, unions and conferences at their approaching sessions, earnestly urging them to take into their prayerful consideration the imperative duty of putting away from so divine an ordinance that which might create or revive a taste for alcoholic beverages, and thereby imperil the moral and spiritual nature of many who haply might be struggling against the appetite.

They being deeply impressed by the many lamentable facts that come to them from every quarter of the insidious and fatal consequences of tampering in any wise, with strong drink, the more earnestly and prayerfully urge the churches in their representative assemblies to make it obligatory, as far as possible, to institute the "Pure unfermented juice of the grape" in the administration of the "Lord's Supper" in all the congregations under their supervision, thereby removing forever that which has proved fatal in the extreme to the spiritual life and well-being of the communicant.

It may be more satisfactory to give in detail the several church courts thus memorialized :

The Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Niagara, Ontario and Bay of Quinte.

The united Synods of Toronto and Kingston Presbyterian Church, held in Guelph.

The Baptist Union, which met in Toronto.

The Conferences of the Methodist Church of Canada, Montreal, London and Toronto.

The Anglican Church Congress, held in Hrmilton.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church.

The Congregational Church of Canada, held in London.

The Conference of the Bible Christian Church.

The Conference of the Christian Church of Ontario.

Five replies relative to the action taken were received. The clerk of the united synods of Toronto and Kingston Presbyterian said the memorial would be handed to the Chairman of the Temperance Committee, which committee would dispose of it as they thought best. Personally he was in full sympathy with the question.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyteriou Church of Canada replied that he would present the memorial to the Temperance Committee for consideration. Personally it was his opinion that very few, if any, of the congregations of his Presbyterian Church had anything else but "grape wine," and that as pure as they could get it. Answers came that the memorial was laid before the London and Toronto conferances. The letter very kindly stated that the Conference very strongly recommended the use of unfermented wine in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in all its congregations, and such should be used at the conference serviee. A reply from the Union of the Congregational Church, held in London, said shat the memorial was laid before the proper committee, who would take such action as they deemed best.

MILTON, September 1, 1883.

SARAH WILLMOTT.

Leaflets of the manufacture of "Frank Wright's" wine and testimonials to the same were inclosed with several of the memorials. I also send the following recipe, which has been used in Milton for several years.

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RECIPE FOR GRAPE WINE.

Twenty pounds of grape ; bruise them and add as little water as possible ; simmer slowly in a porcelaine kettle for an hour ; then press and strain, boil slowly for a short time, and skim well. Add sugar or none, according to the sweetness of the grape. The sugar should be put in when nearly done to prevent burning. Put hot into self-sealing bottles or jars like fruit. When using dilute with water.

MISS WILLMOTT, Convener.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION, 1883.

The annexed petition was prepared by your committee, and 4,000 copies sent out for signatures. To this Petition 17,000 signatures were secured. The committee requested Mrs. John Macdonald, of Toronto ; Mrs. Fawcett, Corresponding Secretary, and the President, to present the Petition to the Ontario Legislature. In the meantime letters were received from several members of the Local Government discouraging the presentation of the Petition at that time, as, on the eve of a general election, nothing would be done. The Petition was accordingly held over. Shortly afterwards the Dominion Government proceeded to legislate on this subject, and the Petition was sent to Ottawa. We give the following from *The Casket* in reference to its presentation :

Mr. Foster must have felt much pride as he on Monday afternoon last presented the petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario to the House of Commons. The petition contained the names of 10,233 women and 6,754 men, in all 17,007 names who ask that no licenses be granted to persons to sell intoxicating liquors in connection with other merchandise ; that the sale of liquors to minors shall be prohibited ; that licenses shall not be issued to those having insufficient accommodation for travellers ; that the number of licenses shall be limited further than by the existing provincial law ; and that high penalties for the violation of the laws be enacted. It seems not a little singular that the petition work in Ontario should be practically left to the Woman's Union, for outside of what it has done there does not seem to have been any organized effort in the province to exert a healthy influence upon the Parliament of the Dominion in connection with whatever legislation it may undertake concerning the liquor traffic. The petition reflects much credit upon the whole-souled ladies who were instrumental in procuring the very large number of signatures to it, as well as for the excellence of the suggestions it offers.

The committee desire to thank those ministers and other eminent temperance workers who assisted in circulating petitions in those places where there were no Unions. At the same time many petitions were sent out from which your committee have never heard.

While we thankfully accept the good gained in the new License Act which will come into force in May, 1884, we are by no means content with this as an ultimate good. Our whole thought and prayer is directed towards prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors.

MRR. CHISHOLM.
MRS. L. YOUMANS.
MRR. J. HARRISON.
MRS. JOHN MACDONALD.
MRS. M. FAWCETT.

PETITION.

To the Honorable, the Members of the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled :

The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Province of Ontario,
HUMBLY SHEWETH :

That in the opinion of your Petitioners the present License Law for the regulation of the sale of intoxicating liquors in Ontario should be amended as follows :

1. To provide by Statutory Law against the sale of intoxicating liquors to minors.
2. To separate the sale of intoxicating liquors in shops from the sale of all other articles of merchandise.
3. To refuse the issue of licenses to keepers of so called Hotels, which have not the full legal requirements for the accommodation of travellers.
4. To further limit the number of licenses granted, and to provide for higher penalties for violations of the law, especially for imprisonment for third and subsequent convictions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

Your Committee on Press Work has met with some success in their efforts the last year.

After much consideration it was decided the best plan to adopt was first to see if the several Unions would take up this work. All the Unions were addressed on the subject and seventeen favorably heard from.

The next step was to ask the County Superintendents if they would become responsible for the newspapers in those places in their county where no unions were formed. Out of twenty-one written to, nine consented to undertake the work.

Two hundred editors were then addressed by your committee with circular letters, and the result was favorable replies from twenty. These papers have been supplied with items of temperance interest during the past year. Altogether we have had temperance matter published in forty-three newspapers by Union or committee.

We have no correct record of how many papers the County Superintendents have supplied. Your committee would suggest that those editors of newspapers who did not reply be approached again, and it is to be hoped the effort will be more fruitful.

It is certainly one of the most important branches of the temperance work, as through the columns of the local newspaper interest is created, public sentiment awakened, is the surest medium of moulding public opinion, and in no other way can temperance be so prominently brought before the people. So a most strenuous effort in this direction must be productive of much good.

The following is a statement of expenditures for the year :

Postage to Unions and superintendents.....	\$ 3 00
Ottawa papers.....	1 00
Editors (stamps).....	2 00
Extra stamps and postal cards.....	2 00
Literature for the press.....	3 00
Stamps for weekly literature to press.....	4 00
	<u>\$15 00</u>

EMMA F. PRATT, Chairman.
MRS. VAN ALLEN.
MRS. HUTCHINSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS OF
TEMPERANCE TO RELIGIOUS AND OTHER BODIES.

In the beginning of the year letters were sent from this committee to the local Unions asking them to distribute among the physicians in each place two small pamphlets, "Result of Researches in Alcohol," by Dr. B. W. Richardson, F. R. S., and "An Enemy of the Race," by Dr. Andrew Clarke. Most of the Unions responded to this request, and replies were received from many of the doctors condemning the too

prevalent use of alcohol as a medicine. Very shortly after this action, we sent the following list of questions to the "Huron Medical Association" meeting in Brussels, Ontario:—

To the Huron Medical Association,

GENTLEMEN,—The Executive Committee of the Ontario W. C. T. U. desire most respectfully to invite your attention to the consideration of the following questions:—

- 1.—Is the beverage use of Alcoholic Liquors by persons in health beneficial?
- 2.—Is the indiscriminate use of Alcoholic Liquors by persons not in health, on his own prescription, beneficial?
- 3.—Is Alcoholic Liquor, as obtained in common sale, necessary in medical prescription, if so, in what cases particularly?
- 4.—What ought to be the attitude of the Medical Profession towards the sale of Intoxicants?

[Signed,] M. FAWCETT,
Cor. Sec. Ont. W. C. T. U.

REPLY.

BRUSSELS, April 11th, 1883.

MRS. FAWCETT,

DEAR MADAM,—At the meeting of the Huron Medical Association I submitted your questions with the following replies as the result, trusting they will meet with your approval:—

- 1st.—No.
- 2nd.—No.
- 3rd.—First part of the question, no. 2nd part, that it may be given with advantage in asthenic cases.
- 4th.—The character and habits of the medical profession should be such as to discountenance the indiscriminate use and sale of intoxicants.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM GRAHAM.

A similar communication was sent to the Dominion Medical Association, but no official reply was received by this committee. Copies of Petition of "Introduction of Temperance Text Book in Schools" were sent to Dominion Medical Association, asking for their approval of the scheme. These were also sent to the different conferences as they assembled from time to time.

The following are the Resolutions adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Congregational Union in London, June 11th, 1883:—

- 1.—That the Union re-affirm its former position in regard to the practical question of total abstinence from intoxicants, and hopes that all the churches of our order will throw their strongest influence on the side of those who are laboring for the suppression of the liquor traffic. It likewise most earnestly recommends that the youth in our public schools be instructed in the nature of alcoholic drinks, and their effect on the human system. Carried.
2. That the Union also commends to the churches the very important work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and recommends cordial co-operation therein.

REPORT FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE HELD AT BELLEVILLE.

TEMPERANCE TEXT-BOOKS IN SCHOOLS.

- 1.—With reference to the introduction of temperance text-books into the Common Schools of our Dominion, we recognize its importance, and recommend that the necessary steps be taken in conjunction with others to secure the accomplishment of this desirable end.

2.—The pen is mightier than the sword; use it then to the utmost to advance the cause of temperance and prohibition by circulating papers and information.

WOMAN'S WORK IN THE CAUSE.

3.—We commend the work of the ladies of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to the prayerful sympathy and help of the church. They are co-workers in the great cause of temperance and prohibition. Be generous towards them in recognition of all their claims. Be assured that woman's work in this reform is an essential and mighty force in the success that awaits it. Woman's place in the home is supreme; her place in the school as an educator is equal to that of man; her place in the learned professions is now freely accorded, not out of compliment, but of merit, and it only remains for the Government to grant her the right of the franchise, which right is fast being recognized by those who lead in the van of progress.

SACRAMENTAL WINE.

4.—We earnestly recommend and entreat the official boards of our Church to secure for sacramental purposes the pure unfermented juice of the grape, and use that only.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC INSTRUCTION.

The first step taken by your committee was to submit a memorial to be addressed to the High and Public School Boards and Rural Trustees, to Hon. Adam Crooks for his approval. The following reply was received:

TORONTO, December 8th, 1882.

MADAM—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant with copy of memorial of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, addressed to the High and Public School Boards, and Rural Trustees, and cordially approve of its object. It will be my duty also to bring before the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for their consideration the lesson books proposed by the Union for authorization as text books in the Public and High Schools. Truly yours,

Mrs. Addie Chisholm, President,
Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ADAM CROOKS,
Minister of Education.

Then we endeavored to find out when the County Teachers' Institutes through the Province would meet. We regret to say that the majority had met before we received word, but hope another year to reach them all.

The following memorial was submitted to thirteen Teachers' Institutes:

To Teachers' Associations:

BRANTFORD, Sept. 10th, 1883.

GENTLEMEN,—1. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, memorializes this Association for the purpose of urging the introduction of scientific temperance instruction into the Public and High Schools of this Province.

2. We only reiterate the sentiments and act in harmony with the wish of all the Unions of Ontario when we respectfully call your attention to the terrible effects of alcoholic liquors upon health, mind and morals, and the desirability of some sure and effectual remedy therefrom.

3. That no more efficient medium can be found than the Public and High Schools for imparting this much needed elementary knowledge to the rising generation, furnishing at the very threshold of life the best means of avoiding what the late Dr. Adam Clarke has so justly termed, "the enemy of the human race."

4. That in many of the leading cities of Great Britain, as well as in those of the United States, temperance text books have been introduced as a regular part of school work and with the best possible results, meeting with the approval of the most noted philanthropists and educators.

5. While the School Boards have the power and prerogative to a large extent of adopting this important branch of education, still we consider that it rests chiefly with the inspectors and teachers not only to co-operate with, but where necessary use active and persuasive influence with speedy and effective measures to adopt this morally progressive branch of elementary education.

6. The following approved Scientific Text Books may be used for reference or introduced into the Schools: Dr. Richardson's "Text Book;" "Alcohol and Hygiene," and "Temperance Catechism," by Miss Julia Coleman. These may be obtained from J. M. Stearns, publisher, New York City, or from Mrs. E. Hilton, 69 George street, Hamilton.

Signed on behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union,

ANNIE ORCHARD,
Rec. Secretary.

Six of the Teachers' Institutes sent us no report, namely, Oxford, Lambton, Durham, Lennox and Addington, Ottawa City, Wellington County. The Teachers' Institute for Hastings County, after a very animated discussion, passed resolutions favorable to our memorial. The only objection raised was that the curriculum was already too full. The following replies were received :

Mrs. Brisbin writes from Essex Centre to Mrs. Chisholm, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that a teachers' convention held at Kingsville, Essex, on Thursday and Friday last, resolved that the teachers of that county should use the temperance text book in their schools, and the inspector has made it one of the subjects the pupils will have to pass for promotion.

STRATHROY, May 26th, 1883.

Miss Emma Christie, Recording Secretary of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, London :

MADAM,—I had the honor this day of presenting for consideration before the West Middlesex Teachers' Association, the communication from and request of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union to them, relative to the use of temperance literature in the Public and High Schools of the County of Middlesex, and am pleased to inform the Union through you its Recording Secretary, that the communication presented before them was most courteously received and considered, both by the inspector and teachers, when the following resolution was unanimously carried ;

"The thanks of the West Middlesex Teachers' Association were requested to be conveyed to the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the interest they manifest in the education of the rising generation, and their promise to carry out the wishes of the said Temperance Union as expressed in the communication now laid before them." I would here state for the information of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that the West Middlesex teachers have had the principle of temperance taught in their schools for the past nine months, and are resolved to continue doing so. Our worthy inspector forcibly recommended the use of Dr. Richardson's pamphlet to the teachers.

I remain, Madam, yours, etc.,

THOMAS GORDON.
RIPLEY, June 18th, 1883.

Miss Annie Orchard :

DEAR MADAM,—At the last meeting of the West Bruce Teachers' Association, the following recommendation of a committee appointed to consider your circulars was adopted :

Moved by F. C. Powell, seconded by W. G. Alexander, that this association be recommended to favor the introduction of a suitable text book on scientific temperance into our schools."

I am also sending the petition sent to the Rev. A. Andrews, to the teachers asking them to hand them to prominent temperance men in the various sections to obtain signatures and present to the trustees.

Hoping that what we have done will meet with your approval, I remain, yours respectfully,

ROBERT JOHNSTON,
Sec. W. B. T. A.

At the meeting of the Norfolk Teachers' Association, held in Simcoe, on Friday, June 1st, 1883, it was moved by Judge McMahon, seconded by Rev. Geo. Grant,

"That in view of the many evils arising from the use of alcoholic stimulants, the members of the association heartily concur with and would co-operate with the designs of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario in their endeavors to stop and eradicate the use of intoxicating drinks by the introduction of suitable text books on temperance into our public schools."

To the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Miss A. Orchard, Brantford :

The following resolution was passed unanimously at our Teachers' Convention, May 26th, and ordered to be forwarded to the above mentioned society : Resolved that,

1. We, the teachers of Prince Edward County, express our sympathy with anything which tends to promote the cause of temperance.
2. We are of opinion that teachers cannot well do too much to further the cause.
3. That as the hope of our nation is in the rising generation, and to the teacher is committed this great responsibility, the school house is the proper place to instil into the minds of the rising generation a love for temperance and a hatred of alcoholic liquors.
4. That we would welcome into our schools a scientific text book dealing with the effect of alcoholic stimulants on the human system.

W. R. BROWN, }
S. B. NETHERY, } Committee.
MISS N. HICKS. }

Minutes of Ont. W. C. T. Union.

BRANTFORD, November 3rd, 1883.

Miss Annie Orchard, Recording Secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the memorial addressed to Brant County Teachers' Institute, and to state that it was read before the Association this morning. An interesting discussion followed, in which Messrs. Wilkinson, Morrison, Palmer, Standing, Birchaw, Oliver and Dr. Kelly took part. The general tendency of the remarks was in the direction indicated by the memorial; and it was moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Forfar and resolved: "That this Convention heartily agrees with the sentiments expressed in the memorial of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and that we as teachers pledge ourselves to do all in our power to inculcate temperance principles in our respective schools." Carried unanimously. Yours truly,

ANGUS MCINTOSH,
Secretary.

(Extract from Minutes.)

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WATERLOO COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

GALT, Oct. 5th and 6th, 1883.

FIRST DAY.

A communication from the Secretary of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union was read, urging the introduction of scientific temperance instruction into the Public and High Schools of this country.

Moved by Mr. R. Alexander, and seconded by Mr. Herner, that the communication be referred to the executive committee to report at next meeting. Carried.

SECOND DAY.

The Executive Committee appointed to report on the communication of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union brought in the following report;

Your committee to whom was referred the communication from the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union, beg leave to submit the following resolutions for endorsement by the Association:

1. That in the opinion of this Association temperance principles ought to be taught by every teacher both directly and incidentally, as in the judgment of the teacher may seem best.
2. That every teacher ought to be in principle and practice an upholder of temperance.
3. That the imparting of a scientific knowledge of the injurious effects of alcohol and tobacco ought to be made a part of the professional training of teachers in the Model and Normal Schools.
4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Minister of Education.

Moved by Mr. Alexander, and seconded by Mr. William Linton, that the report be received and discussed clause by clause. Carried.

The first clause was read, and after remarks by Messrs. Pearce, Knowles, Coutts, Alexander, W. Linton, Herner and Ballantyne, it was moved by Mr. Knowles, and seconded by Mr. Suddaby, that the first clause be adopted.

The second, third and fourth clauses were then adopted, and the report as a whole declared adopted.

J. E. BRYANT,
President.

THOMAS BALLANTYNE,
Secretary.

There are all the replies that have been received. It is hoped that next year even more successful work may be done in this department.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

ANNIE ORCHARD,
Convener of Com.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS.

COUNTY OF BRANT.

In December, 1882, I wrote and sent the petitions for the suppression of shop licenses to 12 places, five of which responded, Cainsville, St. George and Brantford, did very well. In January I corresponded with Paris, Mount Pleasant, Cainsville and Burford, to learn, if possible, what was being done or what we might undertake.

MOUNT PLEASANT replied that during winter no room was to be had. Band of Hope could not be kept up as the children lived too far from the village.

PARIS Union only had 2 and 3 average attendance. Band of Hope under auspices of the Sons of Temperance. The Baptists have a Blue Ribbon Society of 60 members.

CAINSVILLE has a number of temperance organizations but no W. C. T. U.

BRANTFORD will speak for itself.

ST. GEORGE Union has a membership of 36, average attendance 13. Band of Hope, average attendance 75 and 80. We have 120 and 140 when a pic-nic or tea is on hand.

BURFORD has a good Union, and also a Band of Hope.

GLENMORRIS has no Union.

HARLEY needs help.

In March I arranged for Miss Armstrong to lecture in four places. Combined collections for county, \$25.30.

Mrs. Youmans, Chaplin Searles, Prof. Foster and others have given very successful lectures.

Sent an order to Mrs. Hilton for leaflets, books on Alcohol, &c., for distribution.

Petitions were sent to Brant County Convention of Teachers for the introduction of Text-Books into the public school, also books were sent to Physicians asking for their opinion as regards alcohol on the human system.

A splendid paper was read at the County Convention of Sabbath School Teachers in St. George on temperance, also at the Burford Convention held at Harley.

It is to be hoped that in Brant County the coming year a County Convention can be held, and each Union take an active part.

MRS. CHRYSLER,
Brant County Superintendent.

COUNTY OF LAMBTON.

As County Superintendent, I have tried to do the best I could in sending petitions every where, those in particular sent by the President, and in circulating Temperance Literature among the Physicians and to other temperance workers. I have labored under disadvantages, there being no Union now in the County but the one at Sarnia.

MRS. J. LAWRENCE,
County Superintendent.

COUNTY OF KENT, 1882 AND 1883.

In November of 1882, the Secretaries of the different Unions were written to and asked to secure a column for Temperance Literature in their Local Papers. With the exception of one, none of these Unions responded to the appeal. In Chatham, temperance matter is sent regularly to two of the weekly papers.

In December, 1882, Petitions for the Separation of Groceries and Liquors were circulated. Several places were well canvassed.

In June, 1883, Petitions, requesting temperance to be taught in Public Schools, were sent to thirty (30) school districts. Only three (3) of the thirty have yet reported,

but the subject is being agitated in a few of these districts. One of the three thought it of no use to try, the second tried but failed to carry the point with the School Trustees. In Chatham the Petition was signed by the majority of rate payers. An influential deputation composed of Clergy, leading Physicians and others, presented the Petition to the School Board. After meeting many objections, our plea was granted, so far as to have the subject taught as recommended by the Minister of Education.

Chatham, Ont., Sep. 10th, 1883.

MRS. W. WALKER,
County Superintendent.

COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

In reviewing the past years labors in connection with temperance work in the County of Lincoln, it is gratifying to know that the temperance cause is steadily advancing, various means have been used for the accomplishment of this desirable end. Public meetings have been held, Temperance Literature distributed, various petitions circulated, Church Boards interviewed in regard to communion wine, Committees of Agricultural Fairs visited, the securing of booths in two large fair grounds to the exclusion of liquor, &c., &c., some new societies organized, others that were asleep awakened and revived, and a growing public sentiment that the drinking usages of society are disreputable, is being engendered.

If the services of a suitable person could be secured who would devote her time exclusively to the work of organizing Unions through the counties, no doubt much could be accomplished. It was impossible for me to do this. I have written many letters, but without the desired effect, yet if success has not crowned our efforts in the past, there is greater reason to buckle on the armor afresh and push the battle to the gates.

MRS. H. F. BRIDGMAN,
County Superintendent.

COUNTY OF WENTWORTH.

I beg leave to report that there are no Unions in Wentworth, except Hamilton and Dundas. The circumstances of our people make it difficult to form them, the ladies being largely interested in other temperance organizations, and in small villages and country it is found difficult to sustain so many societies. In compliance with the wish of the Committee on Legislation, I sent Petitions to every minister, or at least to one minister in each place in the county, with letter requesting them to ask their members to sign them, and with the following result: 645 signatures of men, and 494 of women. Had we had more time the numbers would have been much larger. I sent the Circular to the Press in Dundas asking for room in their columns. The *Banner* was not willing to grant a column, but would publish any thing we sent. We have no other papers, outside of Hamilton, in our county.

J. G. KEAGEY,
County Superintendent.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS.

LONDON.

Our Union consists of 20 members, with an average attendance of 8 to 10 at the meetings, which are held fortnightly,

Our work for the past year consisted in visiting and relieving the poor and distressed, visiting and giving instruction to the inmates of the jail, who we find in the majority of instances are confined there through being slaves of the "intoxicating cup."

The Night School under our auspices has been reorganized, over 40 boys attending.

Through the kindness of the City Board of Education a teacher has been furnished, and the free use of a class room in one of the public schools granted us.

A systematic distribution of temperance literature is a new feature in our work, and we earnestly hope in this way to reach the people and revive the temperance sentiment in our midst.

E. CHRISTIE, Secretary.

EXETER.

During the past year we have not had as great an interest in our membership as we would like, but feel very hopeful for a good attendance at our meetings during the winter, as some have expressed their intention to join us. We have on roll 44 members; average attendance, from 8 to 10. We have committees formed to visit the poor, and those in need are helped. Temperance literature of various forms are regularly distributed. We have had also several enjoyable local entertainments and a lecture by Mrs. Youmans, who was greeted with a good audience. We have 3 Bands of Hope in connection with the different churches, which are in a prosperous condition.

Mrs. W. J. CLARKE, Secretary.

BOTHWELL.

In presenting to you our first report I take great pleasure in stating that the Bothwell Woman's Christian Temperance Union was organized on the 10th of September, 1883. At that meeting 13 became members. Since then we have obtained 12 new members, and expect as many more in a short time. At our second meeting it was resolved that a committee be formed to canvass our town to procure signatures of parents and ratepayers to petition for the introduction of temperance text books into our public schools, and we are taking measures to organize a Band of Hope, and expect soon to have it in good working order.

ELIZA MCGREGOR, Secretary.

RIDGETOWN.

We have our regular meetings on Monday afternoon every two weeks and our monthly prayer meeting. We have circulated a petition for the early closing of billiard saloons, have submitted it to the Council, and they have promised to attend to it. We have requested the ministers of the different churches in town to preach a temperance sermon on the 23rd of December, and they have consented to do so. The Union is young, and we hope to accomplish more in the future.

MIS^s A. TWEEDALE, Secretary.

CHATHAM.

Our Union numbers 40 members; average attendance of 7 at our business meetings, held once a week in our Woman's Christian Temperance Union Room. We have a Sabbath morning prayer meeting in our room, with very good seasons of refreshing; but the attendance is small to what we would like to have. A gospel temperance meeting is held on Sabbath afternoons and addressed by ministers of the different denominations of our town, according to plan. Every two weeks two ladies are appointed to visit the prisoners in the jail. During the past year we have distributed a large number of tracts; we also have space in two of our weekly papers for temperance matter. We have had only one lady lecturer—Mrs. Boise. We also circulated two petitions, first, asking that no licenses be granted to grocers; second, that temperance text books be used in our public schools. A monthly temperance mass meeting is held in one of the churches, always addressed by two of the ministers.

M. REDDICK, Secretary.

INGERSOLL.

The W. C. T. U. of Ingersoll was formed March 28th, 1883, membership, 52; members since added, 10; present membership, 62.

One Sunday School engaged in temperance teaching.

An effort was made through the Society's Delegate to the Teachers' Convention for the County of Oxford, to secure the introduction of Temperance Text-Books into the County Schools. Report not yet received. The Town of Ingersoll has been canvassed for rate-payers signatures to a Petition for the same. Result not yet ascertained. A Committee for District Visitation, and the distribution of Temperance Tracts, Leaflets, &c., has been at work since June. Money expended for this object, \$8.00; membership fees, \$18.00 received up to the present time; collections, \$1.90.

M. C. CHAPMAN,

Recording-Secretary pro tem.

GALT.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this town was organized nearly a year ago. At the present time the members number 18. We hold fortnightly meetings, which are opened and closed with prayer, and before the general business commences a portion of the Scriptures is read.

Hitherto our work has been principally among the children. There is a Band of Hope in many of the churches, and lately the blue ribbon badge has been adopted as an emblem. Several months since we decided that the distribution of temperance literature would be of incalculable benefit in the promotion of the cause. Accordingly a supply was procured. We have held one Union meeting of the different Sunday School Boards, and intend holding similar meetings in the several schools consecutively, believing that our united efforts must yield more permanent results than our divided ones could possibly do.

In February, in connection with the other temperance societies in town, we drew up a petition requesting to have spirituous liquors excluded from grocery stores and confined exclusively to shops set apart for that purpose, but, though we obtained over one thousand signatures we regret to say the Council refused to grant our appeal.

S. T. BROWN,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ST. THOMAS.

Five meetings were held during the year; four being the average number present at each meeting. We circulated the Petitions prepared by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union signed by nearly 600 of our citizens. A memorial was read before our Teachers' Association in May, asking them to use their united influence in trying to introduce into schools scientific temperance instruction, after which the Rev. D. G. Sutherland made some very favorable and forcible remarks. We also sent a copy of the memorial to the Trustee Board of our City, urging them to take some action in regard to it.

MRS. A. B. YOUMANS,

SECRETARY.

PARIS.

We have distributed temperance literature in cards and leaflets; also circulated the Scott Act petition. By making quite an effort we circulated a petition to abate the licensing of so many hotels and liquor saloons. To this we obtained 640 signatures (all women) which was forwarded to the Legislative Committee of the Ontario Union. We also have the temperance library, which we have circulated,

S. K. BAKER.

ST. GEORGE.

The W. C. T. U. of St. George was organized May 3rd, 1882, by Mrs. Youmans. Two public meetings and a children's meeting were held. A Band of Hope was formed, with a membership of 150. A number of entertainments, two pic-nics, and occasionally a tea has been the custom. So far D. Cook's entire outfit has been used for Band of Hope.

The Union numbers 36. We now have a Loan Library.

13 Prizes were given for best Essays on Temperance and Tobacco written by pupils in the public school. \$34.25 was collected for this purpose, \$5.00 of which was kindly given by Brantford Union. These Essays were read at a very successful entertainment. 2 Delegates were sent to the Dominion Alliance, held in Toronto. Average attendance of 13 at our meetings.

200 Pledge Cards have been given out. Reports of all meetings published in Brantford *Expositor*. \$4.00 sent to Treasurer of Provincial Union.

MISS ETTA ARMSTRONG,
SECRETARY.

BRANTFORD.

Our Union was organized March, 1883. We have 13 members on the roll and an average attendance of 7. Our principal work has been amongst the children. A Band of Hope was formed. There are 50 on the roll; average attendance, 20.

E. HAYHURST,
PRESIDENT.

BRANTFORD.

During the past year the Union here has made some progress in the matter of work. There have been lectures by Miss Armstrong and Chaplain Searles. Prizes were offered at Easter amounting to \$100, to pupils of the different schools who would prepare Essays on the Evils of Intemperance and Tobacco. It was thought that in this way the parents would be reached through the children. The scheme proved very successful, and the Essayists were highly commended for the able way in which they handled the subjects.

The ladies circulated a petition to which they got about 1,000 signatures, for the separating of groceries from liquors in the shops. This was presented and passed by the City Council.

Steps are now being taken to have a course of lectures during the winter. The Union has re-organized for the coming year.

H. V. YOUNG, Secretary.

BRANTFORD Y. W. C. T. U.

The Brantford W. C. T. U., experiencing considerable difficulty in getting young ladies interested in the temperance work, thought their co-operation might be secured if a separate society were formed which would place the entire responsibility of certain departments of the work upon its members. Accordingly, a meeting for this purpose was called on the 23rd of November last, to which 20 young ladies responded. A Y. W. C. T. U. was then organized by Mrs. Chisholm, President of the Provincial Union; 8 ladies have since joined. Signing the Constitution, including the pledge, and paying the small fee of 25c., constitute membership. Our meetings are held every two weeks. The work undertaken by the Society is comprised principally in the Band of Hope and the Boys' Night School. A Sewing School for girls was also suggested, but it was thought advisable to leave that over until this fall. In May, a Branch Band of Hope was organized in West Brantford, which has proved very successful. 200 Names are enrolled in our Bands of Hope, with an average attendance of 130. In connection with them we have a circulating Temperance Library, and a Temperance paper. Our Annual Band of Hope Entertainment was of a very interesting character, and well supported by the people. By means of this Entertainment, our temperance work among the children is brought before the public notice and our funds are materially increased. The Boys' Night School was held two evenings in the week from 7.30 till 9 o'clock. The meetings were opened with reading of Scripture and prayer, and the boys instructed in reading, writing, arithmetic, spelling and geography. The teachers endeavored to instil temperance principles, and succeeded in inducing some of the boys to sign the pledge. In a number of instances the teachers were encouraged by seeing a marked improvement in conduct and appearance, as well as in knowledge. Young gentlemen become Honorary members of our Society by signing the Pledge and paying the fee. We hope in this way to exert an influence in a direction where permanent good may be accomplished.

H. E. TUTT, Secretary.

DUNDAS.

Our Union numbers but 13 members, with an average attendance of 5. Much has occurred to prevent our holding meetings regularly, yet the spirit of earnest endeavor has not flagged among the individual members, and as soon as opportunity offers all are ready to do battle for the great cause in which we are enlisted.

Of the work that has been done, we may mention the circulating of your Petitions to Ontario Government, to which in our town over 300 signatures were obtained. The Pamphlets recommended by your last Convention were forwarded to all the medical men in our vicinity. A Band of Hope was started, but it was found impossible to continue it. We also held a very successful Social and Concert in the Methodist Church in November.

During the year over \$60.00 was raised, of which \$20.00 was expended in literature for distribution, \$3.25 in affiliation fees to P. W. C. T. U., \$4.00 to contribution to Literature Fund of P. W. C. T. U., and \$6.00 paid for canvassing the town with the Petitions.

GUSSIE BURROWS, Secretary.

HAMILTON.

We have had an increased number of workers during the past year. In February last we engaged Miss Templeton Armstrong to give us a series of meetings for the week. Noon day prayer meetings and public evening meetings were held, and on Sundays an afternoon meeting. We had also a lecture from Mr. Whitehead, from England. Our local work for the year has comprised some new branches, and we have endeavored faithfully to discharge the old obligations resting upon us.

Every branch work of the Union is in a prosperous condition: nor can we complain financially.

We have raised money by finance cards, by a parlor concert, a pound social, and, by a Floral Festival and Bazaar, including the new feature of a New England kitchen, in which meals were served. We also had a paper in connection with this entertainment, which was styled, "Ye Dinner Horne." From this entertainment we realized \$400.

To meet our affiliation fee we decided that each member should pay a penny per week, and we found it worked admirably. This year we have adopted the plan of increasing the regular fee from 50 cents to \$1, thus meeting our capitation tax without touching the funds of the Union.

The mothers' meeting has been successfully carried on, and the jail has been visited by the committee appointed.

We started in the Boys' Home (a charitable institution for destitute boys) a Band of Hope. These boys, almost without exception, know the taste of liquor, and have had its baneful influence set before them in their homes, and many, no doubt, inherit the taste of alcohol.

Julia Coleman's Catechism is used; also suitable diagrams. Eighty-eight of the boys have signed the pledge.

The Juvenile Temperance Union has been well attended. Cards are given for verses learned. Badges are presented to signers of the pledge, also Certificates of Membership. Literature is also supplied. Two young ladies have charge of this work, one preparing the Scripture and the other the Temperance Lesson.

The number of children under temperance instruction by us is upwards of 300.

This ends the resume of last year's work. The new work was,

- 1st.—The sending of Temperance Literature to our local news-papers weekly.
- 2nd.—The providing a Loan Library for use of members of Union.
- 3rd.—The circulating of the Petition through the city accompanied by the distribution of 2,840 Tracts.
- 4th.—The Doctors were approached as to their opinion on the two Pamphlets,

"An Enemy of the Race," by Dr. Andrew Clarke, and "The Researches of Alcohol," by Dr. Richardson.

5th.—The important necessity for the use of unfermented wine at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, was brought before the Evangelical Alliance by sending samples of the wine procured from England, and they returned the following resolution: "That we express our thanks to the ladies of the W. C. T. U. for their interest in this matter, and that each minister be requested to consider the propriety, or otherwise, of introducing in their respective churches the wine recommended.

6th.—The teaching of temperance in schools was also taken under consideration, and a petition circulated to that effect.

The Evangelical Alliance sent us a favorable resolution in reference to having Temperance Text-Books introduced into the Public and High Schools.

This Petition was also sent to the Board of Education, with sample copies of Temperance Text-Books, but we have no favorable answer to report.

The following is a short summary of the work :

Number of Mothers Meetings held for six months,	40
" " Childrens' Meetings held for six months,	112
" " Business " " " "	30
" present at meetings (mothers and children),	3,000
" Tracts distributed,	6,000

EMMA J. PRATT, Secretary.

HAMILTON Y. L. C. T. U.

Our number has increased during the year to 67, with 40 Honorary members. In February we started a Sewing School, with an attendance of 34 little girls and 5 teachers. We have now on roll 110, with an average attendance of 45. Many of the children could not thread a needle, and had no idea of the use of a thimble. Their ages range from 5 to 15. We commenced teaching them patch-work, making aprons, underclothing, and dressing dolls. We opened a Savings Bank in connection with this school, February 25th, with a deposit of 79 cents. Deposits ranging from 1 cent to 25 cents. Full amount of deposits to date, \$53.45. We have also a Night School for boys numbering 80 on roll. These boys are taught in the simple rudiments of learning. They have a Temperance Library, and are taught a temperance lesson. Although it seems incredible, many of our boys between the ages of 12 and 15 have come to school intoxicated. This, in itself, presents to us a wide field of labor. Our Flower Mission to the Hospital has been a means of pleasure to many sick and suffering ones.

CARRIE MOORE, Secretary.

GODERICH.

We have not undertaken any new work during the year. Our prayer meetings have been held on the 1st of every month: average attendance, 6 to 8. Temperance literature has been distributed. A petition for the introduction of temperance text books in our public schools has been circulated; also a petition asking for more stringent regulations in the License Law of our Province.

ANNIE GORDON, Secretary.

WATFORD.

This Union was organized December 19, 1881, by Mrs. Youmans. As there are several temperance societies in the village temperance work has been done unitedly, and we have very little to report solely from the Union. Our first work was to agitate against the keeping of a billiard saloon in our village. We were only partially successful in our efforts, but gained a point in having it removed from the hotel, and it is now conducted by a thorough temperance man. We donated \$10 to the County Temperance Alliance to assist in paying the expenses of the Scott Act campaign in this county, and have distributed some temperance literature. We have paid to the Provincial Union \$1.50 affiliation fee. A "Blue Ribbon" army has been organized, with the names of 60 children on the roll.

C. A. ECCLES, Secretary.

Minutes of Ont. W. C. T. Union.

SARNIA.

During the year our Union has held meetings regularly twice a month. We had one or two good lectures during the winter; served refreshments at the County Fair, at which time we distributed a good number of tracts, and also sent two tracts each to several doctors. We obtained 856 names to the petitions circulated by the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union. We also petitioned the Commissioners against granting saloon and shop licenses to new applicants, which was not very favorably received. The ladies met on two afternoons to prepare articles for the sale held at the time of the meeting of the Provincial Union, which were forwarded.

MARIA ABRAHAM, Secretary.

ST. CATHARINES.

During the year just ended we have had five lectures—two by Colonel George W. Bain, of Louisville, Ky.; two by Miss Armstrong, and one by Rev. Mr. Parsons, of Toronto. I wish to state just here that Colonel Bain and Hon. John B. Finch (who came to St. Catharines under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance) have done more to educate temperance sentiment in our city than all else combined. Then, again, during the Xmas Holidays we sent out 200 New Year's cards to all classes of people. We also wrote letters to various clergymen asking them to request their parishioners not to offer wine to callers on New Years. We had also an At Home, which was very successful. We think this plan of work good, because it gives us a social interest among the people. We have a Jail and Hospital Committee, who visit these places once a week. We are glad to say that through the influence of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union our public schools are now being instructed in scientific temperance. We are offering two prizes in gold—one of \$10 and the other of \$5—for the best essays written on the subject by the pupils of our public schools. During the London Canada Methodist Conference we had a literature stand. These are the principal things accomplished by the Union.

MINNIE PHELPS, Secretary.

FONTHILL.

Our Union is progressing favorably both in numbers and interest in the work.

BURLINGTON.

We have 21 members on our roll; average attendance from 6 to 8. Our meetings are held monthly in the different churches in our village for business and prayer. We have endeavored to keep the temperance sentiment before the people by lectures and Sabbath afternoon temperance meetings, at which the attendance and attention is good. When a stranger cannot be obtained we depend on local talent. The Scott Act has been in force for about a year and a half, and it has worked to the entire satisfaction of all friends of temperance. We have kept a temperance house open since the passing of the Act. For the first year the Scott Act Committee had the responsibility. Since then the Union has undertaken the work. It would have been closed if they had not taken it in hand. There have been a number of fines under the Act. A Band of Hope has been organized. Unfermented wine has been used for sacramental purposes in the Methodist Church in this village for the past two or three years. This Auxiliary has paid \$5 to the affiliation fund this year.

Yours respectfully,

Mrs. CROSBY, Secretary-Treasurer.

MILTON.

Early in the year we memorialized the County Convention of Public School Teachers asking for action with regard to the introduction of temperance text books in the Public Schools of the county. They received our memorial and forwarded it to the Minister of Education.

We held during the year a public temperance meeting in the town which was well attended, and a juvenile temperance concert which was a great success.

We have also organized a Band of Hope, or temperance school, with a member-

ship of about 70, and which promises to do much good. Our Union sent delegates to the annual meeting of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance last January.

We have circulated a considerable number of tracts during the year, putting several thousand in the hands of the people at our county show held in Milton, and which were received pleasantly.

Tracts have also been circulated in some of the Sunday Schools. In the Methodist Sunday School a Sabbath School Temperance Roll has been signed by about 150 of the scholars.

We also circulated a petition to the Dominion Legislature and got in the town 320 signatures of women praying for necessary amendments to the Crooks Act.

The number of our membership is 40. We hold weekly meetings for prayer and business with an average attendance of 7 or 8.

P. L. BRETHOUR, Secretary.

TORONTO.

The Band of Hope is well attended, having over 100 children on the roll.

Papers and Cards were distributed to the children. A social was given them at Christmas, and a pic-nic before closing for the summer vacation. The Band began its first meeting this fall again with 60 children. In the beginning of January we observed the "all day Prayer Meetings," in conjunction with our American sisters. It was well attended, crowded at times.

In March, we invited the Teachers' Association to a Social at the time of their yearly meeting. As it was not convenient for them to give us an evening at that time, they offered to let us put a temperance speaker on the programme at their Conversation. The Rev. Hugh Johnston of the Metropolitan Church, ably represented us. The Social was held soon after in the house of one of our members, (Mrs. G. M. Rose).

Speeches, interspersed with music, were given by prominent temperance workers and the principals of two or three schools.

We have now the Petition on hand to the School Trustees to put Temperance Text-Books on the list of books for our City Schools.

We also did something towards getting signatures to the Petition circulated by our Provincial Executive, asking the Government to separate the sale of groceries and liquors.

A request was sent to the Ontario Medical Association, which met in Toronto in June, asking them to discountenance the frequent use of alcohol as a medicine. A courteous answer was received from Dr. Macdonald, the President of the Association.

We have spent a large amount of money on Temperance Literature. Some was distributed from door to door. Special Tracts and Leaflets were posted to ministers, docters and teachers, also a parcel to the Jail.

As we could not do anything in restraining the sale of liquor at our Industrial Fair in September, we got leave from the Young Men's Christian Association (who had a tent on the grounds), to place \$5.00 worth of Tracts on their tables, so that many read them or took them away. Samples of unfermented wine sent to us by Mrs. Chisholm were given to some of our leading Physicians.

A. M. COWAN, Secretary.

KINGSTON.

In March we started a Sewing Class for girls who were not taught at home the needful art of making their own clothes. 25 girls attended. They made and then bought articles of wearing apparel, paying for them half in pennies, brought from time to time as they were able and deposited with the Treasurer to their credit, and half in good marks obtained for punctuality, cleanliness, neat sewing and good conduct, each of these marks counting for 1 cent. 1½ webs of factory cotton were in this way made up and bought by these little girls, to their own personal comfort, and it is to be hoped that of their homes in the future.

AN APPEAL TO THE TEACHERS.—A letter was addressed to the teachers of all

our city schools asking their co-operation in our work by frequently bringing the matter of temperance before their pupils, pointing out to them the evils of intemperance and the benefits which accompany and flow from a life of total abstinence; also requesting them to ask their scholars to sign the pledge. Only two teachers responded to this appeal, one sending for 12 and the other for 72 Pledge Cards and Ribbons. One of our local papers has published every week temperance items furnished by us, for which we take this opportunity of thanking them. Temperance literature has been freely distributed.

Portsmouth Band of Hope, started a year ago by one of our members, and an auxiliary of this Union, has now a membership of 125. They each wear the blue ribbon.

37 children in the Orphans' Home have signed the pledge, 28 at the sewing school and 15 at the evening meetings, 289 in all, besides the adults.

MORRISBURG.

The Morrisburg W. C. T. U. was organized on the 8th of January, 1883, under the direction of Mrs. Youmans. We started with a membership of twelve, and have since increased to eighteen.

At our fifth meeting it was resolved that a petition be presented to the ratepayers to the effect that the liquor be separated from the grocery stores, and the number of hotels be reduced. We met with some opposition, yet we persevered, and the result was the council of our municipality granted our request, and during this year no licenses have been granted to shops where groceries are sold. By an appeal from us to the License Commissioners one hotel license was also withheld.

We meet semi-monthly and talk over matters, thus encouraging each other in the good work, while we stand ready for whatever may come to hand to do.

A Band of Hope, with a membership of 130, is in a flourishing condition; they have been provided lately with temperance papers and a library.

JENNIE KINES, Secretary.

OTTAWA.

Our membership is 69: average attendance at our semi-monthly meetings during the year, 22; tracts and papers distributed, 5,000; meetings held, 63. Sunday afternoon temperance meetings were held from November to the end of April, at which 282 signed the pledge and adopted the blue ribbon. At the hospital 16 signed the pledge. Weekly visits were made to the jail, and some cases of special interest reported.

A half column in one of our daily papers has been filled. Weekly lectures and socials were held monthly through the winter; also a luncheon was given to the Dominion Alliance in February last.

In December the annual supper was given to the newsboys. Bands of Hope were formed and carried on with praiseworthy energy.

Efforts have been made for opening coffee houses. One has been started, and we hope that another will be opened soon. In July we engaged the services of a lady as Bible reader; 20 Bible readings have been given; visits made, 116; also temperance and religious literature were distributed. Pamphlets on the physiological effects of alcohol on the human system were sent to all the medical men in the city, with requests for opinions of the same. A number responded, giving varied replies of an interesting nature. We have to deplore the too common practice by physicians of prescribing intoxicants. During last winter our cause received a great impetus through the highly valuable labors of Mrs. Youmans amongst us for two or three weeks, the beneficial effects of which are yet visible.

Mrs. H. S. WATSON, Secretary.

NEWINGTON.

We formed ourselves into a Union on the 28th of May, 1883; we were only 6 in number. We resolved to hold public meetings, distribute tracts, and get as many as

we could to sign the pledge ; in this we succeeded ; had our Union Meeting every two weeks—opened with reading a portion of Scripture and prayer, and public meetings once a month. We introduced the pledge into our Sunday and day-schools. We have now nearly 200 who have signed the pledge.

MAGGIE DUVALL, Secretary.

PICTON.

We are all busy just now circulating petitions asking that the hotel licenses be limited to 4, and the billiards removed from places where liquors are sold.

The only work mentioned in our report, sent to the Provincial Convention, was that done in connection with the establishment of a Coffee House, \$2,000 being raised as a bonus. I think I ought to mention that Mrs. Garwood deserves most of the credit for the accomplishment of that work, she having canvassed the county almost entirely herself.

MRS. PLATT, Secretary.

PRESCOTT.

We organized our Union, January 9th, since then we have held business meetings every two weeks. We have had several public meetings in which the ministers of the different churches assisted us, they were well attended and a great number signed the pledge. We also distributed Temperance Literature to each person as they came in. We are now circulating a Petition to be presented to the Trustee Board here urging upon them the introduction of Scientific Temperance instruction into the Public and High Schools. The Pledge is being introduced into the Sabbath Schools with success, many of the children giving in their names and receiving Cards.

MRS. J. E. COATES, Secretary.

CORNWALL.

We have the names of 80 members on our books and meet every fortnight for prayer and conference. During the year a great deal of visiting from house to house has been done and temperance literature freely distributed. A very encouraging Band of Hope was organized last summer, and the boys and girls of our town are conspicuous by their blue ribbons.

JENNIE MACARTHUR, Corresponding Secretary.



LONDON.

Mrs. Simpson,	Mrs. Dr. Lancaster,	Mrs. Pringle,
" Kidner,	" Wm. Moore,	" S. M. Williams,
Miss Bessie Ast,	" Sage,	" James,
" Emma Christie,	" Henderson,	" Evans,
Mrs. Wright,	" Chisholm,	Miss Evans,
" Jones,	" Carfrae,	" Fry,
" Murray Anderson,	Miss Deprove,	" Tytler.
" Flock,	Mrs. Darch,	

GALT.

Mrs. Graham,	Mrs. Robinson,	Mrs. Kinsman,
" Sharpe,	" Robinson,	" Scrimeger,
" VonKaenel,	Miss Connor,	" Edwards,
" McKenzie,	" Dixon,	Miss Morgan,
" Kay,	" Brown,	" Miller,
" Goldie,	Mrs. Allan,	" F. E. Brown.
" Cant,		

ST. GEORGE.

Mrs. G. S. Wait,	Mrs. Hickox,	Miss Elliott,
" Edwards,	" Summers,	" Kendell,
" McCarthy,	" Hass,	" Armington,
" Armstrong,	" Lorimer,	" Middlemiss,
" W. B. Wood,	" Galloway,	" Turnbull,
" Fleming,	" G. Thompson,	" A. Turnbull,
" Bingham,	" W. W. Howell,	Mrs. Gward,
" Elliott,	" Congo,	" Oliver,
" C. Bell,	" Richardson,	Miss Nixon,
" Cyrus Bell,	" S. Snowball,	" N. Nixon,
" Howard,	Miss Bell,	" G. A. Chrysler.
" John Wait,	" Armstrong,	

BRANTFORD W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Brethour,	Mrs. Phillips,	Mrs. Lowry,
" Watt,	" Maxwell,	" Messmore,
" Powley,	" Orchard,	" Park,
" Young,	" Hall,	" Shenstone,
" White,	" Jones,	" Snider,
" Jex,	" Dempster,	" Biggar,
" Winckel,	" Elliott,	Miss Biggar.
" Stimpson,	" Foster,	

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Miss A. Orchard,	Miss S. Duncan,	Miss A. Lewis,
" A. Hall,	" L. Brethour,	" I. Snider,
" J. Tutt,	" A. Morgan,	" J. Woodyatt,
" E. Cuthbert,	" E. Wickens,	" M. Woodyatt,
" L. White,	" Elliott,	" L. Ogilvie,
" M. Shearman,	" C. Tuttle,	" K. Hoover,
" M. Weyms,	" N. Shannon,	" H. Griffin,
" H. E. Tutt,	" L. McGeary,	" M. Mathews.
" B. Phair,	" F. Knight,	

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Mrs. Hayhurst,	Mrs. Messiar,	Mrs. Clink,
Miss Cox,	" Ira Wooden,	Miss Clink,
" Hayhurst,	" Horton,	" Tisdale,
Mrs. Cox,	" C. DeCoverley,	Mrs. J. Charles.
" Robertson,		

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" John B. Keagey,	" Dean,	" Burrrows,
Miss Gussie Burrows,	" Lawry,	" Truan,
Mrs. Sterrick,	" Holden,	" Fisher,

HAMILTON W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Chisholm,	Mrs. Dexter,	Mrs. J. Jones,
" Hutchinson,	" Taylor,	" Chessledean,
" Hilton,	" A. Burns,	" McLellan,
" VanAllan,	" Lanton,	" Smellie,
" Middleton,	" Powel,	" Watkins,
" Pratt,	" Morris,	" Johnson,
" Abell,	" G. Moore,	" Sexsmith,
" McKerlie,	" Brethour,	" Shepherd,
" D. Moore,	" Kneeshaw,	" Wagner,
" Burkholder,	" Cummins,	" McKeand,
" Mattice,	" G. Black,	" Orton,
" Strachan,	" Kelly,	" Bowes,
" Lister,	" Dunn,	" Sanford,
" Lazier,	" J. White,	" Alexander,
" Hyads,	" Bell,	" Edgar,
" Crear,	" Deane,	" Zimmerman,
" J. White,	" Snow,	Miss Crawford,
" P. Gage,	" Gurney,	" Cartmel,
" Vail,	" Davis,	" Henry,
" Byrens,	" MacArthur,	" Bisby,
" McKeand,	" Burns,	" Howard.
" Whipple,	" Burrows,	

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Miss Lizzie Moore,	Miss Overlin,	Miss M. McKean,
" Carrie "	" Hilton,	Mrs. Mills,
" Briggs,	" Walsh,	Miss McIntyre,
" Park,	" Slocombe,	" Crawford,
" "	" Evans,	" L. Lister,
" Susie Burns,	" Smith,	" MacKay,
" Annie "	" Ross,	" Grew,
" McKerlie,	" Bates,	" Becket,
" Scales,	" George,	" Burrows,
" Sexsmith,	" Henry,	" B. Burrows,
" McKean,	" Secord,	" Rosebrugh,
" K. VanNorman,	" R. Evans,	" Duffield,
" Mair,	" Kennedy,	" Abraham,
" Griffin,	" Hobens,	" "
" Gemble,	" VanNorman,	" Lyons,
" Grover,	" Peat,	" Zimmerman,
" Elliot,	" Dartnel,	" "
" Waddell,	" I. Dartnel,	" Pointer,
" McMenemy,	" Coulson,	" Brennan,
" M. Moore,	" Livingstone,	" Hudson.

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Miss Ellen Atkins,	Mrs. J. B. Crow,	Mrs. S. Beckett,
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" J. O. Emmett,	Miss H. Hutt,	" S. Swayze,
" A. B. Rice,	" Carrie Beckett,	" D. J. Stone,
Miss A. Ward,	" Grace Comfort,	" S. W. Hill.
" Mary Lister,	Mrs. J. Greenwood,	" Wm. Diffin,

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" Lonsbury,	" Heaslip,	" J. J. Savigny.
" John Brown,	Miss S. Wilson,	" Pattison,
Miss Amanda Church,	" A. L. Root,	Miss Cora Garner,
" Ettie Chappel,	Miss Mary Giles,	" Sarah Atkins,

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Mrs. H. Youmans,	Mrs. J. B. Grey,	Miss H. Foster,
Miss Minnie Phelps,	" McNeil,	" McKenna,
Mrs. H. Smith,	" Burley,	" Ward,
" J. G. Currie,	" McFaul,	" Ball,
" Canfield,	" McGibbon,	Mrs. McKelvie,
Miss Gross,	" E. Higgins,	" Leonards,
Mrs. Bentley,	" Bone,	" Porter,
" Hutton.	" Lindsay,	" Dr. Williams.

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" Abraham,	" Coates,	" G. C. Bastedo,
" Lancelly,	" Weaver,	" R. Allen,
" Crosby,	" Waldie,	Miss Matheson,
" Hatton,	" Kerns,	" Nannie Crosby,
" Freebourne,	" Gray,	Mrs. Hurd.
" Peter Fisher,	" McLeod,	
" Jacob Fisher,	" W. Smith,	

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" Johnston Harrison,	" Hollinrake.	" Butchard,
" Bowes,	" Wilson,	" S. Murry,
Mrs. Henderson,	Widow Anderson,	" Harras,
Miss McKay,	Mrs. H. Campbell,	" Tunley,
Mrs. S. Wilson,	" Rolls,	Miss Smiley,
Miss Coates,	" R. White,	Mrs. Tock,
Mrs. Willmott,	" Sanderson,	" Haleron,
Miss Willmott,	" D. Campbell,	" Dickson,
" Wm. Clements,	" G. Hempstreet,	Miss Jarvis,
Miss Minnie Orton,	" Cochran,	" J. Bastedo,
Mrs. Barbaree,	" Clements,	" D. Barnes,
" Jorden,	Miss M. Clements,	Mrs. Bradley,
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" C. Jones,	" Dandy,	" E. Trimble,
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Widow Armstrong,	" Hume,	" Peacock,
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Miss Harrison,	Mrs. Grey.	" Humphrey,
Mrs. J. White,	" Dowdigan,	" Jones,
Miss White,	" Robertson,	Miss Andrews,
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" Foster,	" Bews.	" Hunter,
Miss Lavery,	" Brethour,	" Booth,
" Johnson,	" I. Bastedo.	" Denver,
" Little,	" Hatten,	" Young,
" McBrien,	" J. Bowes,	" Colling,
" Blakie,	" Robinson,	" Hocking,
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" C. Evenden,	" A. Burns,	" A. B. Youmans.
" S. Lindop,	" H. Thompson,	

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" Grundy,	Mrs. Nelles,	" Harrison,
" Piasser,	" Latimore,	" Symington,
" Sinclair,	Miss Somerville,	" Anderson.
" McRabbie,		

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TORONTO.

Mrs. D. Cowan,	Mrs. H. Thom,	" Baker,
" J. Macdonald,	" E. C. Rutherford,	" W. W. Ogden,
" G. M. Rose,	" Rochfort,	" H. D. Powis,
" J. Wright,	" Greig,	" Bansley,
" John Harvie,	" J. Heillock,	" McMurchy,
" Thos. Squire,	" Wm. Willmott,	Miss Tinniswood,
" J. K. Trout, M.D.	" Perkiss,	Mrs. Smellie,
" A. Farley,	" Patterson,	Miss Alexander,
" J. McMillan,	Miss Watson,	Mrs. Blight,
" Jarman,	Mrs. Duncan,	Miss D. Foster,
" Jos. Chivzell,	" W. J. Hunter,	" E. M. Rutherford.
" Jack,	" Sandham,	
Miss Rose,	" Baxter,	

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" Willmott,	" Lloyd,	" V. Graham,
" Millard,	" Clendenning,	" L. Percy,
" D. Stouffer,	" L. Dougherty,	" M. Saunders,
" C. D. Mertens,	Miss Revis,	" M. Kribbs,

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" S. Wilson,	" Curry,	" Clark,
" Anning,	" Roblin,	Miss McMullen,
" Branscomb,	" Anderson,	Mrs. McMullen,
" Loudon,	" Williams,	" Rawson,
" Yarwood,	" Harris,	" Gillespie.
" Platt,		

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

PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Province of Ontario, deeply sensible of the increasing evils alarmed at the tendencies and dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by Intemperance, believe that it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extinction.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, 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 :

OBJECTS OF THIS PROVINCIAL UNION.

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 any other Society or Association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately and guided by Christian principles, to procure more advanced and stringent legislation on this subject.

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

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

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario,"

ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a County Superintendent, for each county in the Province, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. These officers shall constitute an Executive Board, to control and provide for the general interests of the work, with power to fill vacancies in its own body.

ARTICLE III.

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

ARTICLE IV.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board, all conveners of standing committees, two delegates for each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every ten paying members of each Union.

ARTICLE V.

Each Local Union contributing to the funds of the Provincial Union, at the rate of TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per member, shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Union, and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

Each Auxiliary Union shall make to the Corresponding Secretary, quarterly, a report, also forward copies of the same to the Superintendent of that County.

ARTICLE VII.

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

ARTICLE VIII.

One or more sessions of the annual meeting—evening if possible—shall be a mass meeting in which all men and women who deplore the evils of intemperance shall be invited to join.

ARTICLE IX.

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

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be amended, or altered, by vote of two-thirds of those present at any annual meeting.

BY-LAW NUMBER I.

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

BY-LAW NUMBER II.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and send to each Auxiliary quarterly, a blank for the report of that Auxiliary for the current year. From the information thus received she shall prepare her annual report.

BY-LAW NUMBER III.

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

BY-LAW NUMBER IV.

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

BY-LAW NUMBER V.

Each County Superintendent shall hold supervision of the Unions in her County, and shall secure the organization of local Auxiliary Unions, where practicable form County Conventions, and shall make Annual Reports of her work to the Corresponding Secretary, on the first day of September.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

OF THE

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

1883.

ARTICLE 1.

NAME.

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

ARTICLE 2.

OBJECTS.

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

ARTICLE 3.

MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Union shall consist of women who sign the pledge and pay a sum equivalent to 50 cents per annum to the funds of the Union.

ARTICLE 4.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President—one from each church when practicable—a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall constitute the Executive, three of whom shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE 5.

ANNUAL MEETING.

An annual meeting shall be held in the month of September of each year, at which time the officers shall be elected.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Association, and she may, with any three members of the Union, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents in turn to preside in the absence of the President, and to enlist the women of her own church in the work.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial Union quarterly (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 conditions of the Union.

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

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the membership dues, and to devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Association. She shall hold all money collected for the use of the Union, paying bills on order of President and Secretary, keeping an exact book account, and making a quarterly report of the same.

SEC. 6. The regular meeting of the Union shall be held on _____, commencing at _____ o'clock.

Each meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer, the members present forming a quorum.

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening.
2. Reading of Minutes.
3. Reception of communications.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.
6. Closing.



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