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With Reports and Constitution.

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 East Florenceville
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CONVENTIONS.

Fredericton, N. B.—President,	Mrs. Dunham,	1879.
St. John, N. B.	“ Mrs. March,	1880.
St. Stephen, N. B.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1881.
Moncton, N. B.	“ Mrs. Hogg,	1882.
Fredericton, N. B.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1883.
Portland, N. B.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1884.
Sackville, N. B.,	“ Mrs. Todd,	1885.
Windsor, N. S.	“ Mrs. Todd,	1886.
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MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION
OF THE
MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened in Windsor, N. S., at eleven o'clock, A. M., September 1st, 1886. Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Randolph, of Fredericton, after which the Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Todd, of St. Stephen.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Mrs. Snow, Moncton.	Mrs. T. G. Allen, St. John.
Mrs. Todd, St. Stephen.	Miss Lockhart, do.
Mrs. J. D. Chipman, do.	Mrs. Burwash, Sackville,
Miss Moore, Portland.	Mrs. Humphrey, do.
Miss Dole, do.	Mrs. W. W. Hay, Woodstock.
Mrs. Sampson, Fredericton.	Miss McCallum, St. George.
Mrs. Hatt, do.	Mrs. Morris, Windsor.
Mrs. Nicholson, do.	Mrs. T. B. Smith, do.
Mrs. Randolph, do.	Mrs. Greenough, do.
Mrs. Steadman, do.	Miss Wilkins, do.
Mrs. Tibbits, do.	Mrs. Carver, do.
Mrs. Turnbull, St. John.	Mrs. C. Knowles, do.

An address of welcome was read by Mrs. Hobart, President of Windsor Union, to which the President of the Convention made a verbal response.

Mrs. Turnbull moved that the President, Secretary and Treasurer be elected by acclamation.—Carried.
Vice-Presidents were appointed as follows:

Mrs. Vaughan, Portland.	Mrs. Black, Amherst.
Mrs. T. G. Vroom, St. Stephen.	Mrs. Randall, Annapolis.
Miss McCallum, St. George.	Mrs. Baker, Fairville.
Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton.	Mrs. Campbell, St. Andrews.
Mrs. Cogswell, Sackville.	Mrs. Colwell, Carleton.
Mrs. Morris, Windsor.	Mrs. B. Atkinson, Baie Verte.
Mrs. Duncan, Woodstock.	Miss Hills, Halifax.
Mrs. Turnbull, St. John.	Miss Mitchell, Newcastle.
Mrs. Randolph, Fredericton.	Miss Akerman, Summerside, P. E. Island.

Moved that Mrs. T. G. Allan, St. John, be Auditor.—Carried.
Mrs. J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen, was appointed Assistant Secretary, *pro tem*.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman, That dues to Dominion Union be withheld until it becomes manifest that such an organization exists.—Carried.

Meeting adjourned to ladies' parlor for luncheon, furnished by ladies of Windsor, before partaking of which grace was sung by assembled delegates and visitors.

2.30. P. M.

Session opened by Scripture reading, by Mrs. Turnbull, St. John, and prayer by Mrs. Burwash, Sackville. Minutes read and adopted. Unfinished business of last Convention taken up. Mrs. Turnbull's resolution, asking co-operation of medical society in our work, also the resolution that instruction in scientific temperance be made compulsory in our schools; also resolution petitioning legislative bodies to proceed to establish a reformatory for juvenile offenders in our provinces were discussed, and on motion of Mrs. Smith, of Windsor, seconded by Mrs. Steadman, laid on the table.

A telegram was read by the President from Independent Order Good Templars, of Nova Scotia, conveying greetings to Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, now in session.

Moved that the Secretary acknowledge the greetings with thanks.— Carried.

On motion it was decided to adopt the white ribbon, in addition to the blue,—wearing it on all public occasions.

The President, at this point, called for reports of heads of departments.

Miss Dole reported the work in Industrial Schools in Portland. Mrs. Steadman reported on Temperance Literature and spoke strongly of the benefit resulting from this department.

Moved that the Superintendent be retained in office.— Carried

Mrs. Steadman moved that the Maritime Union employ a lady lecturer and organizer to travel through the provinces instructing Unions, resuscitating any that may have disbanded, and working in whatever way and wherever it may seem best by the Committee of Arrangements, who shall be appointed by this Convention to take the matter in charge. Receipts and expenses to be borne by Maritime Union — the local Unions pledging themselves to work as heartily as though the burden rested on them.

Also resolved that the matter of raising funds be left in hands of the Committee.

Mrs. Steadman read a letter from Mrs. Chisholm, Ottawa, asking that the "Woman's Journal" be adopted as the official organ of Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

On motion resolved that that paper be adopted as our organ.

Ordered that bills for stationery be paid the Secretary.

Moved and carried that money advanced by Fredericton Union for Mrs. Foster's travelling expenses, viz.: \$8.83, be refunded by Maritime Union. World's petition discussed but no action taken. The sum of ten dollars voted for purchase of temperance literature during the year.

Meeting adjourned to partake of luncheon as on the previous day.

SEPTMBER 2ND, 2.30 P. M.
 Devotional exercises, conducted by the President and Mrs. Turnbull. Minutes of previous session read and adopted after correction. Treasurer's report submitted and adopted.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Burwash, of Sackville, be appointed Superintendent of the department of "Sailors and Railway Men."

Moved and carried that Mrs. Hobart, of Windsor, be appointed Superintendent of department of "Influencing Fairs."

Moved and carried that the sum of \$20.00 be appropriated for the Round-the-world Missionaries, — \$10.00 each to Mrs. Mary Leavit and Miss Gray. A collection was taken in the evening towards this object.

Meeting adjourned.

8 P. M.
 Devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Allan and Mrs. Sampson. Minutes read and adopted. President called for reports from local Unions, — Fredericton, St. John, St. Stephen, Moncton, Woodstock, Portland, St. George and Windsor, responded. Reports adopted.

Adjourned to meet at ten next morning.

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 10 A. M.
 Usual devotional exercises. Minutes read and adopted. Mrs. Randolph, Vice-President for Fredericton, reported an unsuccessful attempt made to organize a Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Marysville. The White Cross movement was introduced by Mrs. Turnbull, asking that this department of work be taken up by Maritime Union.

Moved and carried that this request be granted and that Mrs. Turnbull be appointed Superintendent of this department.

Letter read by Mrs. Steadman from Secretary of Ontario Union, conveying fraternal greeting, and requesting that a delegation from Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union be sent to their Provincial Convention, to be held at Owen Sound.

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On motion the Secretary was directed to acknowledge greetings, etc.

Mrs. Turnbull, on behalf of St. John Union, invited the Convention to meet in that place in September, 1887. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Turnbull's resolution, respecting the Medical Board, be presented in the form of questions.

Resolution adopted with regard to petitioning the Provincial and Dominion Governments to take steps towards establishing a reformatory for juvenile offenders.

The President, having left the chair, presented a resolution, respectfully requesting the press to withhold details in criminal cases. Resolution adopted.

Moved and carried that printed copies of this resolution be sent to every editor in the Maritime Provinces, that Mr. Anslow, of "Hants Journal," be requested to print them, and that Mrs. Burwash and Mrs. Morris assist in their distribution.

The question-box being opened the following were presented: How can temperance literature be most wisely distributed? How can we best reach students in college? Information sought regarding Band of Hope work? How to obtain an associate membership? How shall we make our regular meetings profitable and interesting? How can we best interest the young in aid of our work? Can we consistently solicit and receive contributions for our work from those engaged in the liquor traffic? All these questions were intelligently and profitably discussed. The last was left to the conscience of each lady to decide for herself.

Miss Smith, of Windsor, read a letter of fraternal greeting from Independent Order Good Templars, also one from Mrs. McFarland, of St. John, who had been appointed delegate but had been unable to attend. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Burwash were appointed to prepare papers to read at next Convention.

The following votes of thanks were passed: To Mrs. J. D. Chipman, Assistant Secretary, *pro tem.*; to the Windsor ladies for such very hospitable entertainment; to the editor of "Hants Journal"; to the railway companies for usual courtesies; and to the President, Secretary and Treasurer. Meeting adjourned.

2.30 P. M.

Mrs. Turnbull acknowledged the receipt of a kind note, containing \$10.00, from Windsor Union for Maritime treasury, for which the Convention returned very cordial thanks.

Moved and carried that Mrs. Turnbull's paper on "Woman's Work" be sent to "Union Signal," also "Woman's Journal" for publication.

The following were appointed Lecture Committee:

Mrs. Randolph, Fredericton.	do.	Mrs. Burwash, Sackville.
Mrs. Steadman,	do.	Mrs. Smith, Windsor.
Miss Thorne,	do.	

And now as the time for closing our Convention arrived all hearts were touched to sadness at the thought of parting. Joyful as our meeting had been, with tearful eyes and broken speech we bid each other, in the words of Holy Writ, "Be of good comfort, be perfect, be of one mind, live in peace." And after singing our parting hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," we separated, feeling that this, our first Convention in Nova Scotia, had been intensely enjoyed and truly profitable.

The following resolutions were passed at this Convention:

RESOLUTION TO EDITORS.

In view of the evil arising from the circulation of impure literature, and deploring the sentiment which would seem to demand it,

Resolved, That the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Maritime Provinces respectfully ask the editors of all daily and weekly newspapers, that reports in detail of criminal cases and confessions of depraved convicts may not be published in their columns. In the opinion of this Union the effect of such reading is demoralizing in its tendency. And not only as members of a Christian Temperance Union but as mothers, do we plead that such reports may be withheld for the sake of our young sons and daughters.

RESOLUTION ON REFORMATORY.

Whereas, There are laws for the punishment of crime in our Provinces, very little is being done for its prevention.

While jails and penitentiaries are supported at the public expense, yet there is no other place where the offender may be placed with an opportunity to reform, and the youthful criminal must be sentenced to the over-crowded jail or penitentiary to mingle with those who are hardened in sin and vice, to graduate from those places far more degraded than before — "the last state worse than the first."

Whereas, It is the generally acknowledged duty of the government to provide for the education and protection of its people; therefore

Resolved, That the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Maritime Provinces are in favor of a provincial reformatory where youthful offenders can be placed under proper restraint and taught some useful employment, thereby giving them an opportunity of becoming a help instead of a curse to society.

Further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Dominion Parliament and the Local Legislature, at the next sessions, asking the support of these bodies in forwarding the object sought by this Union.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

Soon after return from Convention your Secretary distributed to Unions not represented, and to all newly organized, copies of the "Hants Journal," containing our report, also to the clergy of all denominations and many heads of departments. In October, at the Sunday-school Convention of the Province of New Brunswick, held in Fredericton, the resolutions passed at our Convention were submitted for endorsement to that body. After a little discussion on the "White Cross," they were unanimously adopted. During the same month copies of school resolutions were sent to Secretaries of local Unions. Fifty copies of "Union Signal" were sent to clergymen, doctors, mayors, teachers and others.

In March, reformatory resolutions were sent to New Brunswick Legislature, through Dr. Stockton. Miss Selden, of Halifax Union, kindly forwarded a copy to the Nova Scotia Legislature, to whom my thanks are due. June 23rd, notices were sent to officers of meeting of Executive Committee in St John, to take place July 7th. There were present at that meeting the President, Vice-President for St. John, Treasurer,

Secretary and Assistant Secretary. The plan of work adopted at that meeting, together with notice of Convention, were sent to twenty Unions, also to "Woman's Journal." The President read a communication from committee of arrangement for Berwick Camp meeting, asking that a lady be selected to represent our cause, its work and its aims.

Mrs. T. B. Smith, of Windsor, was chosen by Convention. The report of that meeting we have not seen. Since last Convention, in connection with the work of Secretary, I have written 158 letters—postals, I judge by bill, to be between 60 and 70. So you see that although upon the surface there may not appear to be much work done, yet, if the duties of the office are faithfully discharged, the sum total of hours spent is not small.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

Industrial Schools—Superintendent, Miss Dole, Portland.

Temperance Literature—Superintendent, Mrs. Steadman, Fredericton.

Sailors and Railway Men—Superintendent, Mrs. Burwash, Sackville.

Influencing Pairs—Superintendent, Mrs. Hobart, Windsor.

White Cross—Superintendent, Mrs. Turnbull, St. John.

Juvenile Work—Superintendent, Mrs. Atkinson, Moncton.

Evangelistic—Superintendent, Mrs. Phillips, Fredericton.

Jail and Prison—Superintendent, Mrs. Retallic, St. John.

Parlor Meetings—Superintendent, Miss Trueman, Sackville.

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MINUTES
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FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION
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MARITIME PROVINCES.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in St. John, N. B., 7th, 8th and 9th September, 1887.

Convention opened on Wednesday, 10.30, A. M., with Mrs. Masters, President of St. John Union, in the chair. A half hour spent in devotional exercises. Business of Convention taken up at eleven. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Atkinson, Vice-President for Moncton, was called to the chair. By request of Secretary, Mrs. Brough, of Petitcodiac, was appointed Assistant Secretary, *pro tem*. Mrs. Masters, of St. John, gave the address of welcome, to which Mrs. Atkinson replied. Secretary read minutes of last session and her Annual Report. Treasurer reported balance on hand \$48 02. Constitution was amended to provide for a Corresponding Secretary.

Delegates enrolled as follows:

Mrs. Masters, St. John.	Mrs. Stewart, Portland.
Mrs. McFarland, do.	Mrs. Mersereau, do.
Mrs. Thorne, do.	Mrs. Vaughan, do.
Mrs. Turnbull, do.	Mrs. Burwash, Sackville.
Mrs. Allan, do.	Mrs. Cole, do.
Mrs. Powers, do.	Miss Ryan, Sussex.
Miss Lockhart, do.	Mrs. McDonald, Petitcodiac.

Mrs. Sampson, Fredericton.	Mrs. Brough, Petitcodiac.
Mrs. Wheeler, do.	Mrs. Emerson, do.
Mrs. Thompson, do.	Mrs. H. Reid, Baie Verte.
Mrs. Johnson, do.	Miss Hennigar, Moncton.
Mrs. Hatt, do.	Mrs. Atkinson, do.
Mrs. W.W. Hay, Woodstock.	Mrs. Snow, do.
Mrs. McLeod, do.	Mrs. Trenholm, Hantsport.
Mrs. Burpee, do.	Mrs. Davidson, do.
Mrs. Main, St. Stephen.	Mrs. Smith, Windsor.
Mrs. Robinson, do.	Miss Smith, do.
Mrs. Chipman, do.	Mrs. Clarke, Newcastle.
Mrs. Smith, do.	Mrs. Bentley, Salisbury.
Mrs. Grimmer, do.	Mrs. Chapman, do.

Mrs. Atkinson presented the claims of the Eastern New Brunswick Union, asking to be made auxiliary to the Maritime Union. After discussion it was resolved to wish the Eastern New Brunswick Union "God-speed." The Secretary of this Union was requested to send report to Convention of Maritime Union.

The following Vice-Presidents were reported: Mrs. Smith, of Windsor; Mrs. Mersereau, of Portland; Mrs. Turnbull, of St. John, and Mrs. Atkinson, of Moncton; the latter reporting seven Union organized in New Brunswick. Three were reported as formed during the year in Nova Scotia. Convention adjourned.

2.30 P. M.

After devotions a communication was read from Ontario Union, asking that a fraternal delegate be sent to their Convention, meeting in Napanee, in October. Mrs. Burwash was appointed said delegate.

In response to an invitation from Lubec Union, Mrs. Turnbull was appointed delegate to meet in their Convention, at Cowansville, Mrs. Atkinson to be her substitute. No action was taken regarding invitation to send delegates to Dominion Convention, to be held in Montreal.

Reports of Superintendents called for.

Mrs. Atkinson, Superintendent of Juvenile Work, reported six Bands of Hope organized during the year. There are

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sixteen Bands, with a membership of 1,008, all doing good work. She would recommend changing the name of Loyal Legion, also uniformity of name throughout the provinces. Mrs. Atkinson strongly favored temperance teaching in the Sunday-schools.

Mrs. Burwash, Superintendent of Jail and Prison work, reported that owing to the lack of literature she had not been able to do much.

Mrs. Steadman, Superintendent of Literature, reported slow progress, the sales only amounting to \$2.55.

Mrs. Phillips, Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, said although she felt that great good might be accomplished by means of this department, she had been unable to do anything, and would like someone else appointed to the work.

Mrs. Turnbull, Superintendent of White Cross, read a report of the work done in her department during the year. About 600 leaflets had been sent out and 200 pledges given.

These reports were all adopted.

Unfinished business was then taken up. Copies of resolution on Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Schools had been sent by Secretary as directed, but had not been acknowledged. After discussion it was decided to petition the Legislatures, and on motion Mrs. Atkinson was appointed to secure form of petition and forward to each Union — they securing signatures and presenting them through their representatives.

The resolutions adopted last year, concerning a reformatory, had been sent to the Legislatures of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The necessity of a reformatory had been admitted by our judges and public men generally.

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. March and Mrs. McLeod, were appointed a committee to further the interests of a reformatory in every possible way.

It being decided that the Constitution and rules of order needed revising, the following ladies were appointed a committee for that purpose: Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. March and Mrs. Allwood.

On motion meeting adjourned.

8 P. M.

Mrs. Turnbull in the chair. After devotional exercises the minutes were read and adopted.

Committee on resolutions was appointed as follows: Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Trenholm.

Reports of local Unions being called for the following responded: Moncton, Fredericton, St. John, Portland, St. Stephen, Woodstock, Shediac, Sackville, Petitcodiac, Salisbury, Windsor, Hantsport, Kentville, St. George, Baie Verte. Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH.

The morning session opened at 10. Mrs. Turnbull in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Burwash.

Mrs. McFarland reported on Evangelistic Work in St. John. Report submitted that Carleton Union was not in existence. Mrs. Turnbull reported that questions had been submitted to Medical Society but no response had been received.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to continue the work, also that the city papers be requested to publish the report.

Mrs. Atkinson replied to questions respecting Band of Hope work. The following ladies reported from that department: Mrs. Burwash, Mrs. Brough, Mrs. Burpee, Mrs. McFarland, Mrs. Wheeler.

Mrs. Smith moved the following telegram of sympathy to our president: The Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union in convention in St. John send loving greeting and condolence; Num. vi. 24-26.

Meeting adjourned.

2.30 P. M.

Afternoon session at 2.30, Mrs. Atkinson in the chair. On motion of Mrs. March the report of Committee on Constitution and Rules of Order was received and adopted for the coming year, subject to amendment at next Convention if deemed necessary.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay bills of Secretary and Superintendent of Literature. Moved and carried that directory in "Woman's Journal" be continued. Rev. W. J. Stewart, of Portland, having entered the hall, was introduced to Convention, and spoke a few words in hearty commendation of our work.

Mrs. Turnbull read a letter from Mrs. Todd, President, resigning her position because of ill health and sending warm greetings to Convention.

The next in order of business was the election of officers. Mrs. Atkinson requested that a few moments be spent in silent prayer for guidance. Officers were elected as follows:

President — Mrs. Turnbull.

Recording Secretary — Miss Trueman.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Steadman.

Treasurer — Miss Lockhart.

Auditor — Mrs. Allan.

Vice-President — Mrs. Atkinson, for Moncton.

Mrs. Phillips, for Fredericton.

Miss Smith, for Windsor.

Mrs. McFarland, for St. John.

Mrs. Stewart, for Portland.

Mrs. Chipman, for St. Stephen.

Mrs. Burwash, for Sackville.

Mrs. Harper, for Port Elgin.

Mrs. Hay, for Woodstock.

Mrs. Welton, for Sussex.

Mrs. Trenholm, for Hantsport.

Mrs. Mitchell, for Newcastle.

Mrs. Tait, for Shediac.

Mrs. Brough, for Petitcodiac.

Mrs. Johnson, for St. George.

Mrs. Holstead, for Salisbury.

Mrs. Baker, for Fairville.

In taking the chair, Mrs. Turnbull returned thanks for the honor bestowed upon her.

Mrs. McFarland moved that Convention recommend the holding of associate meetings, at such intervals as may be convenient; to plan for local work, and as a means of strength and encouragement. Meeting adjourned.

In the evening a jubilee meeting was held in Mechanics' Institute. A paper was read by Mrs. Burwash, and an address given by Mrs. J. H. Barney, of Providence, R. I., National Superintendent of Jail, Prison and Police Work.

SEPTEMBER 9TH, 10 A. M.

President in the chair. Mrs. Steadman read the World's petition. Moved and carried that each Union be furnished with a copy for circulation. Mrs. March called attention to the assertion that a large number of women are addicted to using snuff, and thought some effort ought to be made to check the growth of the habit. The matter was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Atkinson moved that a petition be sent to the legislatures, asking that scientific temperance teaching be made compulsory in our schools.—Carried.

Mrs. Atkinson was appointed a committee to send copy of petition to each Union.

Mrs. McLeod and Mrs. March were added to Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. March presented greetings of Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, and asked that delegates be appointed to attend the Annual Meeting, to be held in Wolfville in August next. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. March were appointed such delegates.

Superintendents of departments were appointed as follows:

Gospel Purity — Mrs. Turnbull.

Juvenile Work — Mrs. Atkinson.

Evangelistic Work — Mrs. Sampson.

Temperance Literature — Mrs. Steadman.

Sailors and Railway Work — Mrs. Trenholm.

Parlor Meetings — Mrs. Stewart.

Jail and Prison Work — Mrs. March.

Influencing Fairs — Mrs. Smith.

Meeting adjourned.

2 P. M.

Mrs. Atkinson in the chair. Miss Lockhart moved that the cost of Superintendents' outfit be met by Convention—amount not to exceed \$5.00 each.

Mrs. McFarland read the following resolution:

Whereas, The Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in Convention, have heard with great pleasure the address of our sister, Mrs. March, extending the greetings of Woman's Baptist Missionary Union; therefore

Resolved, That we express to that Society our heartfelt thanks for their kindly thought of us and our work, and to unite our prayers with theirs, that temperance work, which is truly Gospel work, may prevail over all lands, and among all peoples, until the sure and comforting promise be fulfilled: "As I live, saith the Lord, the whole earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord."

The President having arrived took the chair, and read a letter of apology from Secretary of Medical Society, in reply to letters sent by her to that body, stating that a committee of three had been appointed to look into the matter and report at next annual meeting.

Mrs. Steadman was appointed a delegate to Dominion Union.

Mrs. Barney being present, invited Convention to send delegates to National Convention. Mrs. Turnbull and Mrs. Steadman were accordingly appointed.

Business was suspended, and Mrs. Barney, upon invitation, gave a Bible reading.

Business being resumed, Mrs. Phillips moved the following resolution:

Whereas, The use of tobacco in any and every form is highly injurious, both to the physical and mental constitution; and

Whereas, Its use renders one more likely to acquire a liking for alcoholic liquors; and

Whereas, This habit is widespread and practised by both sexes.

Therefore resolved, That this Convention deeply deploras this condition of things, and enters its earnest protest against the same.

Resolution on compulsory attendance at school submitted.

Votes of thanks to editor of "Globe," "Sun" and "Telegraph" for their full report of proceedings. To Mrs. Brough for assistance rendered the Secretary; to ladies of St. John for kind hospitality; to railway companies for reduced rates of travel,

and to Rev. Mr. McFarland for kind mention made of work of Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Meeting adjourned.

7.30 P. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Phillips. Treasurer reported \$43.75, amount of collection at public meeting.

Mrs. Trenholm was appointed to prepare a summary of work done at Convention for "Woman's Journal." Not yet decided where Convention shall meet next year. Minutes submitted and approved. Convention adjourned.

The following resolutions were passed:

RESOLUTION ON COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL.

Whereas, It is the acknowledged right of the state to provide a common school education for every child; and

Whereas, Our governments have done this with their free school systems, and yet it remains true that with vacant seats and ample school accommodation all over the land, children for whom the free school system was especially designed are being deprived of the advantages secured to them, either in part by irregular attendance, their careless and ignorant parents allowing them to roam the streets and alleys of our cities, receiving an education fitting them to fill our jails and prisons; or altogether by their parents, under the plea of poverty, placing them at work, at a very tender age, in our mills or factories or helping them at home; and

Whereas, The child has rights of which parents and guardians should not deprive him, and no right is more paramount than that of a good education.

Therefore resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the state has a right to interfere and compel the parent or guardian to keep the child at school for a certain number of years; and

Further resolved, That a petition be sent to the local legislatures of each of the Maritime Provinces, asking them to provide for a compulsory law in connection with their present excellent free school systems.

RESOLUTION ON SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, It has been proved by scientific investigation that alcoholic intemperance is a prolific cause of disease and crime, and that one of its most powerful antidotes is education; and

Whereas, It is the generally acknowledged duty of the government to provide for such education of the people as is necessary to good citizenship.

Resolved, That we, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Maritime Provinces, do approve teaching the children and youth in the schools and educational institutions in these provinces, as facts of hygiene the physiological evils and dangers resulting from the use of alcoholic beverages, and that a petition from this Convention be presented to the chief superintendents of schools of these Maritime Provinces, and to the Board of School Trustees in cities, towns and populous districts, respectfully asking that Temperance teaching may be introduced and made compulsory in all schools under their control.

Further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union to the chief superintendents of schools, and to the Secretaries of all local Unions to be presented by them to the Chairman of the Board of School Trustees in the town or city where they may reside.

RESOLUTION ON DRESS.

Resolved, That we, members of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, do most sincerely regret that custom of society which sanctions the present style of evening dress for women, believing that such a fashion is neither conducive to health or morality.

Therefore resolved, That as a body of Christian women we do use our influence toward the adoption of a better mode of dress, and that we endeavor to awaken a deeper interest in the study of hygienic laws and in the teachings of Gospel purity.

SUMMARY OF REPORTS.

Fourteen local Unions represented by delegates and fifteen by reports.

Seven Unions organized in New Brunswick. Three Unions organized during the year in Nova Scotia. Mrs Atkinson, Superintendent of Juvenile work, reported six Bands of Hope organized.

Moncton Union reported Coffee Room paying expenses-

Industrial School and Band of Hope doing excellent work. Trying to raise money by teas, lecture course, sales, etc., to secure a home for the Union. Of four newspapers in Westmorland in only one are liquor advertisements found. Committee in charge of Alms House work are arranging for religious services to be held in the building. Moncton Union celebrated its eleventh anniversary by inviting the Unions of Baie Verte, Sackville, Dorchester, Shediac, Salisbury, Petitediac, Newcastle and Weldford. This gathering of the clans resulted in the formation of Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Eastern New Brunswick. Valiant efforts are being made to enforce the Scott Act. Already ten bars have been closed. A petition is being circulated for repeal of Scott Act. The prayers of Convention are craved that the Act may be sustained.

Kentville Union reports being organized in March, 1887, with thirty-four members. Has introduced pledges into two Sabbath-schools; is aiding in support of Band of Hope, formed by Sons of Temperance; holds public meetings monthly, when sometimes as many as one hundred sign the pledge; are imposing fines for violation of Scott Act, and working for Temperance Inspector.

Windsor Union reports twenty subscribers procured for "Woman's Journal," eighty dollars collected from ladies only to assist Young Men's Christian Association in financial difficulty, gave a course of lectures, erected a free drinking fountain to commemorate Queen's jubilee, and as a memorial of two dear departed sisters, Mrs. Caner and Mrs. Greenough. The fountain cost \$260.00 which is all paid. First Sabbath in June held a solemn and touching memorial service in honor of deceased.

St. George Union procured a set of beer readings with supplemental books which were read at sewing meetings, where they prepared for sale, which was held in November, in connection with social, where Band of Hope furnished the entertainment — \$38.00 was realized. An organ and hymn-books have been purchased, also blinds for hall.

Salisbury Union reports Band of Hope and Sewing School combined. Three members of Union on the committee for

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enforcing Scott Act. Vice-President for Windsor reports a Union organized in Hantsport with thirty members, also one formed in Kentville by members of Hantsport Union.

Fredericton Union reports holding five public lectures, two exhibitions of Broom Brigade, one public meeting, one tea meeting and several socials for the purpose of increasing the building fund. Home cookery has been another source of income. Temperance and religious literature has been distributed by means of brackets in hotels, railway stations, steamboats, drill shed of infantry school corps, etc. A copy of "Canada Citizen" was sent to each physician in city and county. Circus day and twelfth of July tents were erected for sale of refreshments and for distribution of ice-water and good literature. At Christmas one hundred printed letters were sent to members of infantry school corps. Fifty Convention numbers of "Union Signal" were sent to different addresses with the hope of arousing interest in the glorious work. The faculty and students of university, teachers and students of normal school, and public school teachers of city have been invited to two social entertainments. Addresses, music, readings and refreshments made up the programme, and at the close the temperance and white cross pledges were largely signed. We gave a New Year's dinner to the poor children—the turkeys for the occasion being furnished by one large-hearted gentleman. A committee visits the jail quite regularly. A Temperance Committee, embracing some members of Union, has done some good work in suppressing illegal liquor-selling. A pleasing episode in the year's work was a pic-nic held at "Beechmont," the home of our ex-President, Mrs. Phillips. The occasion being the fifteenth anniversary of that lady's marriage, the Union presented her with a crystal fruit set. Membership eighty-three.

Portland Union organized 1872, has affiliated with Maritime Union lines of work: evangelistic, juvenile, distribution of literature, work among sailors. Members thirty.

Hantsport Union organized November, 1886. Lines of work: public meetings, free reading room and work among sailors; distributed 3,000 pages temperance literature and has affiliated with Maritime Union; has forty members.

St. George Union was organized December, 1883, and has a Band of Hope; has affiliated with Maritime Union; has twenty members.

Sackville Union organized March, 1883, has a Band of Hope. Lines of work: distributing literature — 500 leaflets, holding socials and meetings. Has affiliated with Maritime Union and has twenty-seven members.

St. Stephen Union organized April, 1878, has a Band of Hope and has affiliated with Maritime Union. Lines of work: juvenile, coffee room, temperance hall built in 1886, temperance literature and white cross, forty members.

Dartmouth Union organized May, 1887, with fourteen members. These visited ladies of the town asking them to unite with them. By this means the membership was soon increased to over fifty. A business meeting and a devotional meeting were held each month. Immediately after organization the ladies set to work preparing for a coffee room and in November following it was opened. Early in 1888 the work of distributing temperance literature was taken up and faithfully carried on. The County Alms House has been regularly visited, also the sick in the town. As the result of agitation on the part of members of the Union on the subject, instruction in temperance has been given in the public schools. The Union has united with other temperance organizations in bringing temperance lecturers to the town; it has also united in petitioning ratepayers not to sign liquor licenses, and where liquor has been sold illegally the offender has been brought before the town council. Work among sailors has also been engaged in.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

- Gospel Purity* — Superintendent, Mrs. Turnbull.
Temperance Literature — Superintendent, Mrs. Steadman.
Evangelistic — Superintendent, Mrs. Sampson.
Juvenile Work — Superintendent, Mrs. Atkinson.
Sailors and Railway Work — Superintendent, Mrs. Trenholm.
Parlor Meetings — Superintendent, Mrs. Stewart.
Jail and Prison Work — Superintendent, Mrs. March.
Influencing Fairs — Superintendent, Mrs. Smith.
Industrial Schools — Superintendent, Mrs. Dole.

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OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION
OF THE
MARITIME PROVINCES.

HALIFAX, N. S., SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1888, 10 A. M.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened at Chalmers Hall at 10 A. M.

In the absence of the President, Mrs. Atkinson, of Moncton, took the chair, and called the Convention to order. After a half hour devotional meeting Mrs. Atkinson requested Mrs. McFarland, of St. John, to take the chair.

Secretary read roll of officers, and the following delegates were enrolled:

Mrs. Hill, Halifax.	Miss Lockhart, St. John,
Mrs. Allison, do.	(Treasurer).
Mrs. Strothard, do.	Mrs. Randolph, Fredericton.
Mrs. J. B. Smith, Windsor.	Mrs. Wheeler, do.
Mrs. Knowles, do.	Mrs. Tibbits, do.
Mrs. Davidson, Hantsport.	Mrs. Steadman, do.
Miss Mumford, do.	(Corresponding Secretary)
Mrs. Chittick, do.	Mrs. Wilbur, Moncton.
Mrs. Eaton, Kentville.	Mrs. Steeves, do.
Mrs. Cenol, do.	Mrs. Atkinson, do.
Miss Margeson, do.	Mrs. Todd, St. Stephen.
Mrs. Speer, Truro.	Mrs. Main, do.
Mrs. Chisholm, do.	Mrs. Hanselpecker, Portland.

Mrs. Clarke, Parrsboro.
 Mrs. McLeod, do.
 Mrs. Duncan, Amherst.
 Mrs. Dunlop, do.
 Mrs. Young, Dartmouth.
 Mrs. Woodbury, do.
 Miss Johnson, do.
 Mrs. H. J. Thorne, St. John.
 Mrs. Jas. E. Masters, do.

Miss Olive, Carleton.
 Mrs. Harrison, Sackville.
 Mrs. Wood, do.
 Miss Stewart, do.
 Miss Annie R. Trueman, do.
 (Recording Secretary).
 Mrs. Harper, Baie Verte.
 Mrs. Trites, Petitcodiac.
 Mrs. Lawrence, do.

On motion it was resolved that Convention shall not appoint Committee on Credentials for present year.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Todd, that all white-ribboned women present as visitors shall be invited to a seat in Convention with right to speak on all questions, without privilege of voting.

Resolution carried.

On motion of Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Youag, it was resolved that in future all delegates to Maritime Convention shall be provided with written credentials.

A motion to the effect that all voting should be by show of hands, instead of by *aye* and *nay*, was proposed, followed by an amendment that all voting be by *voice* and in important motions by *rising*.

Amendment carried.

The following Committee on Resolutions was appointed: Miss Johnson, Dartmouth; Mrs. Smith, Windsor; Mrs. Wood, Sackville.

The noontide prayer for World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union was then observed, at the close of which Mrs. Whiston, on behalf of Halifax and Dartmouth Unions, extended an invitation to members of Convention to take lunch up-stairs at one o'clock.

Meeting adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

2.30 P. M.

Mrs. Atkinson called Convention to order and the opening hymn was sung. Mrs. Masters and Mrs. Todd leading in prayer. Minutes of morning session read and adopted. At

this time Mrs. Turnbull, President of Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, entering the room, the Convention rose and sang the doxology. Mrs. Turnbull then requested Convention to sing "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," after which she read Eph. v., and Mrs. (Dr.) Burns led in prayer. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Steadman, then presented her Annual Report — which was on motion adopted. At the request of Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Atkinson took the chair while she read her annual address.

On motion, President's address was adopted and laid on the table for further discussion of its valuable suggestions.

Mrs. Turnbull read a telegram from Mrs. Stewart, of St. John, conveying greetings to Convention and regretting her enforced absence. On request of Recording Secretary, Miss Robnson, of Halifax, was appointed to act as Assistant Secretary.

Miss Lockhart, Treasurer, presented her report, which the Auditor reported correct, and, on motion, report was adopted.

At four o'clock fraternal delegates from Grand Lodge of Good Templars, of Nova Scotia, were introduced by President, Convention rising to receive them. Mr. Young and Mr. Wood, in a few kindly words, welcomed the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to Halifax.

At request of Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Atkinson responded on behalf of Maritime Union. On delegates retiring, Convention sang "There's a Work for You and a Work for Me." Grand Lodge greetings from Rev. R. A. Temple, Grand Scribe, were then read by Mrs. Steadman.

On motion, Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Steadman, was appointed to prepare suitable reply. A letter from Mr. Bulmer, of Prohibition Society, was then read, asking to present greetings to Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Convention decided to give him a hearing on Thursday morning at 10.30 o'clock.

President called for reports of Superintendents of Departments.

Mrs. Atkinson, Superintendent of Juvenile Work, read report, showing gratifying increase in membership. She

urged uniformity of name, badge, methods in Juvenile Societies, and urged preparation of a manual. On motion, Mrs. Atkinson's report was adopted. Mrs. Steadman moved an adjournment until 7.30 P. M.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Miss Stewart, that reports of local Unions being more interesting than Vice-Presidents' reports these should be read in the evening. Doxology was sung and meeting adjourned.

7.30 P. M.

The third session of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the President.

The President of Halifax Union was invited by Mrs. Turnbull to a seat with the delegates, and with privilege of voting by courtesy of Convention.

The report of Mrs. Sampson, Superintendent of Evangelistic work, was read by Mrs. Steadman, Mrs. Sampson being detained at home by illness of her sister.

Report from Mrs. Trenholm on work in connection with Sailors and Railway Men called for. Mrs. Trenholm, not present; no report at present.

Report from Mrs. Stewart on Parlor Meetings called for. Mrs. Stewart not present; no report.

Report from Mrs. March on Jail and Prison work, read by Mrs. Allan in absence of Mrs. March.

Report on Fairs from Mrs. T. B. Smith called for. Mrs. Smith not present; no report.

Mrs. Turnbull asked to be excused from giving her report on Gospel Purity until Thursday.

Mrs. Masters, as a delegate from Baptist Woman's Foreign Missionary Union, conveyed the greetings of that Society to the Convention.

Address of welcome to the Maritime Union was then given by Mrs. Whiston, President of Halifax Union, on behalf of Halifax and Dartmouth Unions, conveying warm greetings and expressing the hope that the local Unions would be

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animated to greater zeal and more aggressive work through the knowledge gained by meeting of Convention. Address was feelingly responded to by Mrs. Randolph and Mrs. Turnbull.

President asked for delegates from Newcastle; no response.

Report from Baie Verte called for and read by Mrs. Harper.

Report from Canso called for and read by Mrs. Steadman. After which she spoke of the good work that had been done by the busy housekeepers of Newcastle, some of whom walked four miles in order to distribute temperance literature to the soldiers in camp.

Report from Kentville called for and read by Miss Mergeson. A new Union having been formed in Berwick, Mrs. Steadman reported *thirteen* Unions now in existence in Nova Scotia, giving a membership of 1,500 to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the Maritime Provinces.

Report from Parrsboro called for and read by Mrs. Clarke.

Delegates from Cow Bay called for — no representative present.

Meeting adjourned after singing doxology.

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 10 30 A. M.

The fourth session of Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened with singing hymn, after which President of Halifax Union read portion of scripture, Miss Crane following in prayer.

President introduced Mr. Bulmer, representative of the Prohibition Party of Nova Scotia, who extended a hearty greeting to the Maritime Union. Mr. Parsons also presented the greetings of the Sons of Temperance, and addressed the Convention in an earnest and interesting speech. At request of the President, Mrs. McFarland, of St. John, responded to Mr. Bulmer. Mrs. Turnbull thanked Mr. Parsons for kind welcome accorded to the Maritime Union in a few appropriate words.

The President then called for minutes of last session which were read and approved.

Mrs. Whiston, by request of Mrs. Turnbull, took the chair, and called for report of Superintendent of Work at Fairs. Mrs. T. B. Smith responded in a brief verbal report. Mrs. McFarland asked that Dartmouth Union, which had done successful work at Fairs, should report to Union. Mrs. Woodbury promised report in the afternoon.

Report of Gospel Purity being called for, Mrs. Turnbull responded in a report full of suggestive thoughts, and closed by offering the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, do most sincerely regret that custom of society which sanctions the present style of evening dress for women, believing that such a fashion is neither conducive to health nor morality.

Therefore resolved, That as a body of Christian women we do use our influence toward the adoption of a better mode of dress, and that we endeavor to awaken a deeper interest in the study of hygienic laws and in the teaching of Gospel purity.

Mrs. Steeves, of Moncton, seconded the resolution which was unanimously carried.

On motion it was resolved that Mrs. Turnbull's address on Social Purity, together with her (President's) address, be published in full in the city papers.—Carried by standing vote.

On motion it was resolved that delegates from local Unions take the addresses home and have them printed in local papers.

Mrs. Whiston, by request called on Mrs. Parsons, Secretary for Woman's Home, at Halifax, to give report. Mrs. Parsons responded by giving an interesting and encouraging report of good work done in rescuing women and girls from lives of sin.

Mrs. Turnbull read a letter from New Brunswick Medical Society, in answer to questions presented to them for three consecutive years.

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CARLETON, ST. JOHN, N. B.

August 7th, 1888.

Mrs. W. W. Turnbull, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's
Christian Temperance Union, of St. John, N. B.

DEAR MAD

As Secretary of the New Brunswick Medical Society, I have much pleasure in forwarding to you, for your Society, an official copy of the action that the New Brunswick Medical Society took at its last meeting in July last past, regarding the communication from your Society which was received last year and laid over for a committee to report upon this year.

A press of work has prevented me from sending you this sooner.

Yours truly,

THOMAS W. MUSGROVE.

" Report of the committee appointed to consider and report upon a communication from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of St. John, dated 18th July, 1887, addressed to the Medical Society of New Brunswick and relating to the use and sale of alcoholic liquors.

" MR. PRESIDENT,

" Your committee appointed to consider and report upon the above named communication, beg leave to report as follows:

" In answer to Question No. 1, namely, 'Is the use of alcoholic liquors by persons in health beneficial?'

" We say that not possessing the properties of food in the ordinary acceptation of the term, they are not necessary or beneficial to persons in health.

" In answer to Question No. 2, namely, 'Is the indiscriminate use of alcoholic liquors by persons not in health beneficial?'

" We say that if the word 'indiscriminate' is intended to convey the meaning that alcoholic liquors may be taken by 'persons not in health,' regardless of the character of the ailment, we say emphatically no.

" In answer to Question No. 3, namely, 'Are alcoholic liquors necessary in medical prescriptions? If so in what particular cases?'

" We say that alcoholic liquors are beneficial in many diseases, and that in the present state of our knowledge we know of no substitute for them of equal efficacy; but when prescribed, judgment, care and discrimination should be exercised. The latter part of the question, 'In what cases should they be used,' cannot be answered without covering ground that would fill a volume, and which, we presume,

“ would not be understood by our questioners. All questions
 “ of prescriptions must be left to the learning and judgment
 “ of the attending physician.

“ In answer to Question No. 4, namely, ‘What is the attitude
 “ of the medical profession towards the sale of intoxicants?’

“ We say that your committee is of the opinion that the
 “ attitude of the profession in this matter can only be correctly
 “ ascertained by forwarding the question to each medical man
 “ and getting his personal opinion thereon.”

Respectfully submitted,

[Signed]

JAMES CHRISTIE, }
 J. E. MARCH, } Committee.
 P. R. INCHES. }

“ Moved by Dr. Bayard, and seconded by Dr. J. McFarlane,
 “ that the report just read be adopted, and a copy of it
 “ forwarded to the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union.—
 “ Carried unanimously.”

The above is a correct extract of the Minutes of the New
 Brunswick Medical Society, pertaining to the communication
 of the St. John Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, of
 July 18th, 1887, and passed July 17th, 1888.

THOMAS W. MUSGROVE, M.-D., *Secretary.*

On motion of Mrs. Chittick, seconded by Mrs. Eaton, a
 committee was appointed to prepare communication to be
 presented to Medical Society of Nova Scotia.— Carried.

On motion, the meeting was prolonged to one o’clock.

Reports continued:

Mrs. Randolph, of Fredericton, in absence of Mrs. Samp-
 son, read Secretary’s report, showing a new line of work—
 Union having endowed a bed in Victoria Hospital, at the
 expense of \$200 per annum. Patient to be treated without
 alcoholic stimulants.

On motion of Mrs. Allan, seconded by Mrs. Thorne, it was
 resolved that Mrs. Whiston be requested to have her address
 of welcome printed in city papers for benefit of delegates not
 present last evening.— Carried.

Mrs. McFarland read report of St John Union.

Mrs. Whiston repeated invitation to lunch, and extended
 an invitation to Convention to take a drive at close of after-
 noon session.

Meeting adjourned with temperance doxology.

The fifth session opened by singing banner hymn. President reading scripture, Mrs. McFarland leading in prayer. Minutes of last session read and approved.

It was moved by Mrs. Whiston, seconded by Mrs. McFarland, that Mrs. McCoy and Miss Cunningham, of Woman's Missionary Society, be invited to take seats on the platform at public meeting.—Carried.

Reports of local Unions continued:

Mrs. Main read the sixth report of St. Stephen Union.

Mrs. Atkinson read report of Moncton Union.

Mrs. Hanselpecker read report of Portland Union.

Secretary read invitation from Mr. Potter, of Seaman's Home, to members of Maritime Union to visit that institution.

On motion, Secretary was instructed to convey thanks of Convention to Mr. Potter, and appoint next day, at noon, as time for such visit.

Reports continued.

Mrs. Trites presented report from Petitcodiac.

Report from Woodstock read by Mrs. Steadman in absence of delegate.

Report from Sackville read by Miss Trueman.

Report from Carleton read by Miss Olive.

It was moved by Mrs. Todd, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, that matter of election of officers be deferred until Friday morning at 10.30 o'clock.—Carried.

Report of Halifax Union read by Miss Selden.

Mrs. McFarland congratulated Halifax Union on securing a police matron.

Miss Ellie Smith gave a verbal report of Windsor Union.

Mrs. Turnbull drew attention to the grand juvenile work in St. John. Kitchen Garden work had proved highly successful. She strongly advised city Unions to take up this line of work.

Report from Dartmouth Union read by Mrs. Woodbury.

Report from Shediac was read by Mrs. Atkinson in absence of delegates.

Sussex report called for — no delegates — no report.

Mrs. Masters read report of Fairville Union in absence of delegates.

Report from Newcastle read by Miss Lockhart in absence of delegates.

Report from Truro being called for, Mrs. Chisholm replied by verbal report, explaining that through an oversight the Secretary had failed to furnish a report.

Report from Amherst read by Mrs. Dunlop.

It was moved by Mrs. Steeves, seconded by Mrs. Masters, that our Corresponding Secretary write Mrs. Barney, National Superintendent of Jail and Prison work, United States, assuring her of the blessing which has rested upon her work among the Unions of the Maritime Provinces.—Carried.

On motion the meeting adjourned until 9.30 o'clock on Friday morning.

(Public meeting Thursday evening, September 6th, in Orphan's Hall).

SEPTEMBER 7TH, 9.30 A. M.

Session opened with singing hymn "Nearer my God to Thee." President reading Psalm xlvi., Mrs. Atkinson leading in prayer. Minutes of last session read and approved.

Mrs. Chittick read report from Mrs. Trenholm, Superintendent of work among Sailors and Railway Men—a most touching and encouraging account of successful work among sailors. Mrs. T. B. Smith also added her testimony to the good work done in this department by Mrs. Trenholm.

The matter of election of officers for ensuing year was then taken up. On first balloting for President a slight majority was counted for Miss Johnson, of Halifax. On Miss Johnson declining, Mrs. Turnbull was chosen by rising vote of Convention.

After due balloting the officers for the year are as follows:

President — Mrs. Turnbull.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Steadman.

Recording Secretary — Miss Sarah Robinson.

Treasurer — Miss Jane Lockhart.

Miss Lockhart was re-elected by rising vote of Convention on the motion of Mrs. T. B. Smith.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Todd, that Convention express its thanks to retiring Recording Secretary for faithful services.— Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. McFarland, that the matter of election of Vice-Presidents be left until revision of Constitution.— Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mrs. Chittick, that four departments of work be added to our list, and that we proceed to the election of Superintendents.— Carried.

On motion, six new departments were added, viz. : Suppression of Impure Literature, Press, Narcotics, Dress and Hygiene for women, work among Railway Men, Industrial Schools and Coffee Rooms — making fourteen departments now represented.

Superintendents of departments were then appointed as follows:

Gospel Purity— Mrs. Turnbull.

Juvenile Work— Mrs. Atkinson.

Evangelistic Work— Mrs. Sampson.

Temperance Literature— Mrs. Steadman.

Sailors— Mrs. Trenholm.

Parlor Meetings— Mrs. Strothard.

Jail and Prison Work-- Mrs. March.

Influencing Fairs— Mrs. Wood.

Railway Men— Mrs. Wilbur.

Industrial Schools and Coffee Rooms— Mrs. Steeves.

Suppression of Impure Literature— Mrs. Todd.

Narcotics— Mrs. O. Allison.

Press Department— Miss Selden.

Dress and Hygiene— Lady Tilley.

Mrs. Todd, of St. Stephen, Mrs. Dunlop, of Amherst, and Mrs. Chittick, of Hantsport, each extended a cordial invitation to Maritime Union to meet in Convention next year.

On motion, the invitation to St. Stephen was accepted.

Mrs. Steadman announced that time for return tickets on I. C. Railway had been extended to the following Tuesday.

Mrs. Turnbull expressed her pleasure at the opportunity afforded delegates of remaining longer, and spoke in warmest manner of the kindness received in this city, which she had been told was extremely *conservative*.

Mrs. Steadman read greetings from Ontario Union, accompanied with request that the Maritime Union should send fraternal delegates to Convention at Sarnia, Ontario, October 9th to 12th.

On motion, Mrs. Steadman was appointed delegate.

On motion, an invitation was extended to Ontario Union to send fraternal delegates to next Maritime Convention.

On motion of Mrs. Todd, seconded by Mrs. Atkinson, it was resolved to communicate with officers of Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union to appoint Convention for some more favorable season of the year — January being unpleasant for delegates to travel.

Mrs. Todd moved adjournment until 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Whiston suggested that Convention hold its afternoon session in Seaman's Home.

Mrs. Whiston regretted being unable to prepare her address of welcome for papers—at the same time she presented request that Mrs. Randolph and Mrs. Steadman repeat song given by them on previous evening.

Mrs. Chittick laid on the table samples of pledge cards, etc., from Sailor's Home, furnished by Manager.

Meeting adjourned with temperance doxology.

2.30 P. M.

The eighth session of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened with usual devotional exercises. Minutes of last session read and approved.

The matter of electing Auditor having been overlooked in morning elections, Mrs. Allan was unanimously re-elected. Reports of Vice-Presidents called for.

Mrs. Atkinson, first Vice-President, gave verbal report.

Mrs. Smith, of Windsor, report received.

Mrs. Phillips, Vice-President for Fredericton, not present — report read.

Mrs. McFarland, St. John, report received.

Mrs. J. N. Stewart, Portland, no report sent.

Mrs. J. Burwash, Sackville, not present — no report.

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Mrs. Chipman, St. Stephen, not present — report read by Mrs. Todd.

Mrs. Harper, Baie Verte, no report.

Mrs. Hay, Woodstock, not present — report read by Mrs. Randolph.

Vice-Presidents reports from Sussex, Hantsport, Newcastle, Shediac, Petitediac, Salisbury, Fairville called for; no reports.

Mrs. Turnbull drew attention to the fact that Vice-Presidents did not mention visiting Unions under their charge, the rule being to visit these semi-annually.

Mrs. Randolph proposed that Vice-Presidents be appointed for each county in Provinces.

Mrs. Atkinson asked if it would be in order to discuss Mrs. Randolph's suggestion. She thought the ten district plan of work laid out last year should not be revoked in order to divide counties.

Mrs. Randolph withdrew her motion.

Mrs. Turnbull mentioned that in the early part of the season an invitation was received to meet with Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention at Fort Fairfield, Maine. If it met with wishes of Convention she would like to send greetings by telegram.

On motion of Mrs. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Chisholm, it was resolved that a telegram be sent to Convention now in session at Fort Fairfield, and that the corresponding Secretary and Mrs. McFarland were appointed to prepare telegram.

Reports from Committee on Resolutions being called for, Mrs. T. B. Smith read the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union find that all previous temperance legislation has proved ineffectual through ponderous machinery and technicalities of the law, and believe that the time has come to ask, at the hands of our law-makers, prohibition pure and simple.

Further resolved, That this Society is heartily in sympathy with all sister societies, and is ready to co-operate with and aid them in any wise and proper way that will most speedily bring about the emancipation of our beloved dominion.

After considerable discussion resolution was carried by rising vote of Convention.

Miss Johnson asked for information regarding Constitution. Constitution explained by Mrs. Steadman.

On motion, Mrs. Atkinson was appointed Vice-President for Eastern New Brunswick.

Mrs. Turnbull brought the matter of contributions to Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union before Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that the Maritime Union contribute its proportion to Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union for expenses of Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that this Union is not in position to contribute to World's Alliance this year.

Miss Lockhart presented bills of Union.

On motion of Mrs. Young, seconded by Mrs. Wilbur, it was resolved that they be paid.

On motion of Mrs. Atkinson, it was resolved that all further election of officers for divisional districts be left with Executive Committee.

Committee on Resolutions again reported by Mrs. Smith:

Resolved, That the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of the Intercolonial, New Brunswick and Windsor and Annapolis Railway authorities in the reduced fares and extension of time granted to delegates attending the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention at Halifax on September 5th to 8th.

Seconded by Mrs. Steadman — unanimously carried.

Further reports.

Resolved, That the members of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union desire most cordially to express their thanks to the members of the Halifax and Dartmouth Unions for the warm welcome with which they were greeted, the princely manner in which they were entertained, and the very great profit and enjoyment experienced in visiting this beautiful city with its far-famed attractions of nature and art and its noble humane institutions which are justly the glory of its people.

Mrs. Steadman seconded the last resolution with much pleasure, and several joined with her in expression of appreciation.— Unanimously carried.

On motion of Mrs. Todd, it was resolved that a Maritime

Vice-President be appointed for each divisional district, who shall form one of the Maritime Executive Committee and be empowered to appoint County Vice-Presidents and receive from them their reports.— Carried.

The following resolution, moved by Mrs. Atkinson, was unanimously carried:

Whereas, We learn with sorrow that a bar-room is kept in the House of Commons at Ottawa, for the use of, and by the suffrage of, our members.

Therefore resolved, That we, as members of this Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, protest against this, and petition the Parliament at Ottawa to abolish it.

On motion of Mrs. Trites meeting adjourned until 7 o'clock.

7 P. M.

The ninth session opened with devotional exercises.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

On motion, the following ladies were severally appointed as delegates to Dominion Convention of Woman's Christian Temperance Union: Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Steadman and Mrs. Woodbury.

Mrs. Steadman called attention to the fact that a copy of a paper called "Progress" had been mailed to each delegate. It was resolved that the thanks of Maritime Union be forwarded the young editors, and best wishes for success in their enterprise, and Recording Secretary was instructed to prepare communication.

Mrs. Steadman moved a vote of thanks to the workers who had prepared luncheon for us up-stairs. These she warmly thanked for the manner in which our wants had been provided for each day.

Mrs. McLeod seconded resolution, which was passed by standing vote of Convention.

Mrs. Atkinson presented grouping of Counties.

NEW BRUNSWICK:

NOVA SCOTIA:

1 { Kent.
Westmorland.
Albert.
Northumberland.

1 { Digby.
Yarmouth.
Annapolis.
Shelburne.

NEW BRUNSWICK :

- 2 { Madawaska.
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Gloucester.
Victoria.
- 3 { Carleton.
York.
Charlotte.
- 4 { Sunbury.
Queens.
Kings.
St. John.

P. E. ISLAND :

- 1 { Kings.
Queens.
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NOVA SCOTIA :

- 2 { Queens.
Lunenburg.
Halifax.
Guysborough.
- 3 { Kings.
Hants.
Cumberland.
- 4 { Colchester.
Pictou.
Antigonish.

Cape Breton.

- 1 { Inverness.
Victoria.
Cape Breton.
Richmond.

On motion, it was resolved that these divisions be denominated — North, South, East, West.

On motion of Miss Trueman, seconded by Mrs. Trites, it was resolved to appoint ladies as superintendents, leaving allotment of district to each in hands of Executive Committee. Superintendents were appointed as follows :

Mrs. McLeod,	New Brunswick.	Mrs. Chittick,	Nova Scotia.
Mrs. Atkinson,	do.	Mrs. Young,	do.
Mrs. Randolph,	do.	Mrs. Dunlop,	do.
Mrs. McFarland,	do.	Mrs. Trenholm,	do.

On motion, it was resolved that all unfinished business be left with Executive Committee.

Mrs. Thorne called attention to the wearing of white ribbon. Mrs. McLeod asked all members not familiar with its import to procure a leaflet of Mrs. Barney in reference to it. Mrs. Turnbull and others urged members to wear it on all occasions. Mrs. Steeves urged Convention to take action on reformatory. Several spoke strongly on the subject.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman, seconded by Miss Trueman, that we re-affirm the resolution passed two years ago.—Carried.

After reading and approval of minutes the Convention engaged in a delightful service of testimony and prayer, and the session was brought to a close by all members and visitors clasping hands and singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

My Sisters of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union:

We have reached an important epoch in our existence—our first decade. We are beginning to have a history, and I have thought it would be well to take a retrospective glance over the past ten years before commencing anew the work which has grown so dear to us. The inspiration to form this Union came to a sister of Fredericton, Mrs. Phillips, whose absence we regret to-day. It was at Fredericton that the little band, so weak in numbers, but strong in faith, first met to organize what was then called the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Brunswick. There were present delegates and members from five Unions, numbering twenty in all. Mrs. Dunham, of Portland, N. B., was elected President, and a Vice-President was elected from each Union there represented. A Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor were also elected, and thus the work began.

Born of prayer, nourished by untiring zeal and faith in Him who has said, "Go forward, My strength is sufficient for thee," the work has gone on and prospered, until to-day we number thirty-six Unions in the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In 1880 the Convention was held in St. John, when the delegates and visitors numbered fifty. The name was changed to the Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. John March, of St. John, was elected President in place of Mrs. Dunham, who was about leaving the Province. In 1881 the Convention met at St. Stephen, when Mrs. Dr. Todd, of that place, was elected in place of Mrs. March, who resigned. At the meetings in St. Stephen, Mrs. Mary Hunt, of Boston, the National Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Teaching in the Schools, was present; among other helpful words she said: "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union must never learn the word 'defeat'."

Moncton was the next place of meeting, 1882, and Mrs. Hogg of that town was elected President. In 1883 Convention again met at Fredericton, where Mrs. Todd was re-elected to the chair, a position which she filled most acceptably until

last year, when, through ill health, she was obliged to resign. In 1884, Portland, N. B. was the meeting place; in 1885, Sackville; in 1886 we met for the first time in Nova Scotia—in the classic town of Windsor; and in 1887 St. John was again honored by one of the largest Conventions yet held. It was, indeed, in striking contrast to the Convention held there when the Union was only one year old. Then it was difficult for the sisters to speak loud enough to be heard or to express their views on any subject. Our meetings were not then as now—open to the public. No reporters were admitted, so timid and fearful were we. It is one of the wonders of this work—the intellectual development of our women. We may truthfully say with our sisters across the border, “Our whole constituency has been lifted to a higher plane of thought than it occupied ten years ago.” It has learned to investigate more carefully, to reason more logically, to express itself more clearly than it was possible for it to do then. Our meetings are now all open to the public, we have learned to forget self while we say, “Take all the vessels, O glorious Finer, purge all the dross, that each chalice may be pure in Thy pattern, completer, diviner, filled with Thy glory and shining for Thee.” We have also learned that much of woman’s temperance work must be done *on the knees*. It is the devotional meetings upon which we depend for the renewal of strength needed for each day. Prayer-meetings are to our organization what they are to the church—the very life and pulse of it. We realize most fully the truth of those words: “Without Me ye can do nothing.” While we have not seemed to accomplish so much as we have desired the past ten years, we must remember that all reforms work slowly. For six years we have been agitating the subject of scientific temperance teaching in the schools. Petitioning and pleading from the platform and through the press; offering prizes to the pupils for papers on the effect of alcohol on the human system and other subjects bearing upon the question; distributing literature and doing all that women can do to persuade men, until at last we have been rewarded. We feel now that our prayers have been answered.

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When, in July, after that grand "Interconference of Teachers" was held in our city, a letter was received from the General Secretary, Mr. John March, saying: "It will be gratifying for you to know that the Board of Education, of New Brunswick, has prescribed as one of the subjects of instruction, in all public schools of the province, 'Alcohol and its effects on the human system.'" It is also six years since the Maritime Union appealed to the Medical Society, asking that something might be done to prevent the too frequent use of alcohol as medicine—believing this to be one great cause of drunkenness, especially among women. The last appeal was sent in the form of questions, which were kindly answered at the last meeting of the Medical Society, held in July. The answers to the questions, in the letter sent by the Secretary, will be read to the Convention at the proper time. To those who have been connected with this organization since its formation, those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, I need not say that we have had our trials and triumphs, our dark days and bright days, but faith has ever been triumphant, we have fully trusted in our motto. "If God be for us who can be against us?" We have now come to a fresh beginning, the past ten years of mingled sorrow and gladness are now "a part of forever," bound up in a sheaf which God holds tight, with glad days and sad days and bad days, which never shall visit us more with their bloom and their blight. Only the new days are our own. "To-day is ours, and *to-day* alone." For these "new days" that are opening before us I have some suggestions for your consideration. The name of our organization has been changed more than once; it is now the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Maritime Provinces. I would suggest that we adopt the more convenient title of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, by which it is more generally called. At the last Convention, Unions were furnished with copies of the petition of the "Women of the world to the men of the world."

It is desired that when all signatures are obtained the documents should be sent to Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge, Revenna, Ohio. I would also be glad if this Convention could

send a contribution to the World's fund, the Treasurer is Miss Esther Pugh, Chicago. Our badge—at one time we wore the blue ribbon, the badge of all temperance workers; later, the white ribbon was adopted as the distinctive badge of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union the world over. The little knot of white ribbon is a wonderful talisman; let us wear it at all times until we are called to wear the white robes and to walk with Him, whom we desire to serve, when all service here is ended. As we have our motto and our badge, I would suggest for our watch-word, "Be vigilant, be sober."

At present there are only eight departments of work in the Maritime Union, viz.: Evangelistic, Juvenile work, Temperance Literature, Gospel Purity, Sailors and Railway Men, Jail and Prison, Influencing Fairs and Parlor Meetings; compare with the twenty-two departments of the Ontario Union and forty-two of the National, this seems but a small number. With our increase of membership I think we might venture to add four more. I would suggest a department for the suppression of Impure Literature, Department of Narcotics, Press Department and a Department of Dress and Hygiene for women. It has been said, and perhaps justly so, that "Departments of work are created by this Union and Superintendents appointed who have not the slightest knowledge of what is required of them." In order to obviate this difficulty I will state as briefly as possible the duties of these departments that I have named. Impure Literature: This department should aim to call the attention of mothers and teachers to the injurious effect on the youthful mind by reading impure and sensational literature. This can be done by means of leaflets, statistics and appeals, either on the platform or through the press, also by endeavoring to secure the enactment and enforcement of laws against the sale of impure literature. Narcotics: The aim of this department is to educate the people as to the effects of tobacco, opium and other narcotics upon the body and the brain. This can also be done by leaflets prepared for the purpose, lectures and whatever way may suggest itself to the Superintendents. Press: This department should aim to keep the press thoroughly informed of the work

of our Society. To set forth wisely and steadily the history, aims and methods of our work; securing editorials and items helpful to the education of public sentiment in favor of each department, and to secure, if possible, a temperance column in secular and religious newspapers. Dress and Hygiene for Women: The aim of this department should be to encourage a more careful study of the laws of health, including their relation to food, cooking, dress, exercise, cleanliness, ventilation and the whole physical conduct of life. To discourage extravagance in dress and to discountenance the present fashionable style of evening dress. To impress upon the minds of men and women, youth and maidens, the absolute demand of religion and physiology for purity in dress, in word, in thought and in deed. A resolution will be presented to you bearing on this subject which can then be discussed. While on the subject of Departmental work, there is one very important matter to which I would call your attention: The necessity of a local Superintendent of each department, adopted by the Maritime Union, one who would report the work in her locality to the Maritime Superintendent in time for her report to be prepared for Convention. It is quite impossible for the work to be done satisfactorily in any other way. The reasons are obvious and need no further explanation. I hope that each Union will see the desirability of this more systematic way of working. Seeing that now we are becoming a more important body, and, we hope, a power for good, I would make one other suggestion — that we adopt a flower emblem of our own. It is difficult to find one that has not already been adopted by some other Union. The one I have thought of is the white chrysanthemum—signifying *truth*. It blooms when all other flowers fade, and it retains its freshness the longest of any. It will bloom in the lowliest cottage as well as in the rich man's home. It is the flower of the poor.

"Born of the clouds and darkness,
Of the frosts and early snow;
When the summer blooms have faded,
The beautiful Christ-flowers blow.

"All through the budding springtime,
All through the summer's heat,
All through the autumn's glory—
They hide their blossoms sweet.

"But when the earth is lonely,
And the bitter north winds blow,
With a smile of cheer for the dear old year
The Christmas blossoms blow.

"Sweetest of all consolers;
Fairest of flowers that grow;
When hopes and flowers have faded,
The beautiful Christ-flowers blow.

"Bright in the cottage window,
Sweet in the darkened room;
Fair in the shortened sunlight—
Cheering the dusky gloom.

"Oh! when our hearts are lonely,
And clouds of care hang low,
What blessed cheer for our dying year
The Christmas blossoms blow."

And now, dear sisters, while I have given my best thought to every subject submitted for your consideration, I feel how far short they are and how weak is every effort of ours in this Christian temperance work unless supported from above. Christianity is our basis, and it is only through Christ that we can do what we all most earnestly desire to do: "To lift up the fallen, to comfort and help the weak-hearted, to strengthen such as do stand, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet." According to the rules laid down last year, I should have kept an oversight of each Union throughout the year. This could hardly be possible with new Unions springing up and all so widely apart. The seeds of temperance are being sown broadcast o'er the land, barbed with faith and prayer they take deep root, and yet, "the laborers are so few, the fields are whitening and the grain will fall, the weeds are

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ripening, ill seeds blow o'er all." There is no time for folded hands. Are any present who have not yet felt the importance of organized effort for the protection of the home? In the name of the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union let me make one request of you,—when you go to your room to-night, spend at least one hour in prayerful and careful consideration of the Christian temperance work and of woman's responsibility. Think of the snares and pitfalls prepared for your sons and your daughters, and for your neighbor's child. Let your motherly heart go out in tender *sympathy* for the motherless — those who are deprived of a mother's counsel, a mother's warning and a mother's love. Bring to your remembrance the homes made desolate, the young lives blighted and the fond hopes crushed by the great destroyer—strong drink; and then, upon your knees, ask of Him who seeth in secret, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

As Vice-President of Carleton County, N. B., I have much pleasure in submitting the following report:

Soon after my return from our annual Convention last fall, at which you conferred upon me the above office, I corresponded with several of the women of the various towns and villages of our county, with a view of organizing a Woman's Christian Temperance Union among them; but owing to many reasons, prominent among which were ignorance of our work, much snow and consequent bad roads, we were unable to organize one until June, which was at Florenceville, twenty-five miles above Woodstock, on the beautiful St. John river. Prior to the public temperance meeting, which was held in the evening, at which the origin, aims and methods of our work were presented to the people, and appeals made to every right thinking man and woman to consecrate their powers to this great and good work, was held a never-to-be-forgotten prayer-meeting, at which a large delegation from Woodstock Union was present. At the close of the public meeting a Union was organized, consisting of thirteen, and two honorary

members. Mrs. Johnston was unanimously elected President, and, with such an efficient staff of officers as she has to aid her, was it any marvel that I subsequently received from their Corresponding Secretary the following:

"The Union which you were instrumental in forming is increasing in strength and membership."

Our next work was at Hartland, twelve miles above Woodstock, on the same river, where, amid torrents of rain and many discouragements, was formed a Union of fifteen, and a few honorary members, with Mrs. J. T. G. Carr as its President—the right woman in the right place. We look for grand results from *them*.

Bristol was the next place visited, where seventeen, and three honorary members give evidence of their strong attachment to our cause by forming into a Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. George Davis, a woman forward in every good word and work, being President.

They have in Dr. Atkinson, M. P. P., a power, whose sterling worth must be acknowledged by all who know him.

Leaving Bristol in the 7 A. M. train, arriving at Florenceville, we hired a team and drove to Centreville, a distance of over four miles—accompanied by Mrs. Johnston, President of Florenceville Union, Mrs. J. T. G. Carr, of Hartland and Mrs. G. H. Corkens, of Ohio, U. S.—all rendering excellent aid—where we organized a Union with about twenty members, with Mrs. Getchell as President and an excellent staff of officers; *this* Union bids fair to be second to none in our county.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Memorandum of receipts and expenditures of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention, 1888:

<i>Receipts:</i>	
Jan. To cash from local Unions,	\$185 15
" proceeds from Sales Table,	
per Mrs. Allan,	70
" proceeds, per Mrs. Steadman,	50
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per Mrs. Stoddard,	29 80
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	Receipt book,...	25	
	Treasurer, postal cards, 36 cents;		
	postage, etc., 50 cents,	86	
Sept. 10.	Secretary, stationary, etc.	13 05	
	Advertising, "Woman's Journal,"	8 00	
	Printing, "Herald" office, ...	1 60	
	Telegram,	85	
	Expenses of officers of St. John		
	and Sackville Convention to		
	Halifax,	10 00	
	Postage,	08	
			43 40
	Balance on hand,.. . . .		<u>\$122 75</u>

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND SUPERINTENDENT OF LITERATURE.

Seating myself to make up this brief report, my thought sped quickly to the first work of the year after Convention, during the session of which you elected me your Corresponding Secretary as well as Superintendent of Literature. So closely are the two connected in my work that my report will embrace both. My pen worked rapidly in connection with others to arrange a lecture tour for our American sister, Mrs. J. K. Barney. To her visit among us, I attribute much of our success during the year—in the increase of new organizations, which is always an additional strength in every cause, but better than all strength which comes from numbers is an increase of desire to live a little nearer to the great Teacher. To take into our lives personally more of His will concerning us; to feel a greater willingness to say in answer, "The Master calleth for thee;" "Yea, Lord! What wilt Thou have me to do?" And so whatever may have been the result financially of this, our first enterprise in bringing to our aid an organizer, its influence is far reaching—even to eternity. Mrs. Barney gave me names of places where she had organized,

also the names of other places about which she felt very hopeful, with the assurance that a letter from me would receive a response. I introduced myself to them all, and from all received a cordial answer. Amherst reported in the field and ready for work; Parrsboro gave much the same report; Truro helping the Young Men's Christian Association; Wolfville heartily in accord with our work, but not in a position to organize; Springhill, the only Union to send to me World's petition, showing that they found a work to do; Carleton and Fairville, re-organized at the same time, are earnest and inquiring "What shall we do?" During the winter I sent to Halifax some literature, and received in reply word to this effect: That the reading of it had been greatly enjoyed and forwarded to Cape Breton. I immediately wrote for the address of any lady interested, and when I had received it, sent further supply. At a still later period, just when I needed refreshing and encouragement, there came a letter with the pleasing intelligence that they had organized at that place. Four days later there came to me the largest order for literature received at any one time from any Union. I knew then that they had gone to work in the right way, because they had the weapons of warfare.

I will not trespass on their report only to say that their work among the children must be successful, it is the best work that can be done—unfailing in supply, because the children are everywhere. They are in the field to be harvested for good or evil. April 27th—report of Union organized at Canso. Later, the Vice-President of Woodstock reported Unions formed at Hartland, Florenceville, Bristol and Centreville, N. B. The last I have to report is one organized at Gibson by the Vice-President of Fredericton. These are all that have been reported to me—placed on my list and communicated with. The greatest difficulty I find is the want of introductory helps. We sadly need a literature of our own.

I trust e'er long some of our good Canadian women will turn their attention to this work.

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it and left us to faith and perseverance. Faith in the righteousness of woman's work in this cause, and faith in the great Teacher who has called us into the work. The sale of literature has been far in excess of last year, my book showing sales amounting to \$81.93; paid up stock \$15.36. Number of letters written during the year, 190—postals, 170; number of Unions organized, 11; aggregate membership, so far as reported, a little over 1,200. Six Unions failed to report.

WORK AMONG SAILORS — MRS. TRENHOLM, SUPERINTENDENT.

This having been my first year as Superintendent of this department and no work having been done hitherto excepting in one or two Unions, the time has been mostly occupied in laying plans for the future and in testing them in our own Union before generally recommending them to others. My plans are these: An open room in each seaport Union, bright and cheery, personal invitation to it when possible, otherwise by printed or written slips. Pledge cards designed especially for seamen, and all to be followed up with written letters, of which printed ones cannot by any means take the place.

We have had our room open for two summers, Sunday afternoons and week evenings. It is quite a large room, bright and clean, and as pretty as our means will allow. Sailors do appreciate pretty things. We have some books and a quantity of magazines and illustrated papers, an organ and music books to pass around. Sailors love to sing.

Early in the spring I got the names of the motherly ladies of our Union who were willing to give an occasional night to the sailor's room; also of the young girls who would go to play or sing, and appointed them certain nights. I had slips printed inviting sailors to the room (samples of which I will send), so that when a vessel lies in the stream or for any other reason I cannot board her, I send these — but a personal invitation is better when possible. I had seamen's pledge cards printed, of which I send some and which I most heartily recommend. The boys like the thoughtfulness of a pretty card "made on purpose" for them, and I've seen more than one rough sailor wipe his eyes while reading the texts around

the border. Only a few nights ago a man sat so long with his head in his hands after signing that I wondered if he had gone asleep and peeped to see. He was not asleep, but great tears like peas were dropping on the card he had signed.

We make the evenings as pleasant as possible, give them plenty of music and occasionally a treat, a pitcher of milk or berries and cream. I always lead up to the pledge signing with a little pleasant talk on temperance, encouraging the boys to talk and so finding out a little about their past. Over fifty have signed in our room this summer, some of them what even sailors call "hard cases." And then come the written letters which seem to do the most good of all. I know those who would not have kept their pledge but for the letter that followed it up. When the vessel leaves, if the case is one about which I am anxious, I write a letter to be read after he sails, and in any case one to meet him on his arrival in port and so try to follow him up. These letters need not be long and *must not* be sentimental or learned like Mrs. McCless, only kind and motherly.

A sailor left here last November without signing, and I wrote a letter to meet him in New York. He returned this spring and signed, but a few weeks ago he told me that he gave up drinking when he read my first letter. He said: "I didn't know before that anybody cared." He has since given up swearing and smoking. Another writes me: "I have given up my bad habits as you wish me to;" and again: "I don't know that I will ever be in Hantsport again, but with God's help I mean to meet you in heaven." And yet another says: "I believe that He who has helped me to give up drinking can enable me to give up my other sins and I am going to trust Him for that too." From an old man whom his shipmates, when he first came to our room, told me was a "bad lot," I lately got this message: "I've got on the first good suit of clothes I've owned for twenty years, and it's all along of that letter;" and many more such answers and messages.

Of the fifty odd who have signed the pledge in our room I have tried to keep trace, and know of but three having broken it, and one of those is trying again.

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We give tracts when the vessel is about leaving. Sailors do not read in port.

Outside of our own Union I have, as I said, done but little. Old Unions I thought I would leave alone until this Convention when I expected to meet the delegates and talk over the work, but have been disappointed. But I wish the names of seaport Unions sent me — that is if I am re-elected. I have been trying to organize some Unions in port towns, but my only real success has been Canso, and of that success I am very proud. When I tell about Canso Union I always feel just as I used to when showing my first baby to company. They are collecting funds for a Sailors' Bethel down there, and next summer we will see what we will see. Those Canso women are in earnest.

Parrsboro also opened a room for sailors this summer. I have written to Pictou and Yarmouth but without effecting anything.

And now if my paper is not too long already, I would ask the delegates present from seaport Unions to see to it that this work to which we have been so clearly "called of God" is not left undone for want of a leader. Have the right woman appointed as Local Superintendent and then *give* her your hearty and substantial support. Do not shrink from the work out of fear of rebuffs or insults. Sailors appreciate sympathy and reverence womanhood far too much for that. I don't believe that an appreciable estimate can be made of the extent of the influences we may set in motion by faithfulness in this department, and through this faithfulness we will come, as never before, to value all the other lines of work in our glorious W. C. T. U. and each will assume a new importance. And let us remember that whether in need of help or strength or wisdom, we have but to ask of Him "who giveth liberally;" keeping still in mind, as I love to do, that when here He chose out of all the world as His nearest and dearest some Galilean sailors.

And now I would make my humble confession of work *undone* among railway men, and ask the pardon of the sisterhood for having accepted an appointment to which, if I had con-

sidered, I must have known myself to be wholly unfitted.

Dear Mrs. President and sisters, I have done nothing and can do nothing in this line. There are many others who can and would. "To every one her work" is one of our mottos, is it not? Then why not make this a department by itself? I cannot see why those two classes of men should ever have been combined. They are altogether dissimilar. Please give this matter your best thought, and I know your decision will be just right. And may He whom we serve endue you with all needed grace and wisdom, and may this Convention be of untold value both in direct results and in influences set in motion.

JAIL AND PRISON WORK—MRS. MARCH, SUPERINTENDENT.

I exceedingly regret my inability to be present at your meeting in person, I certainly shall be in spirit and shall pray that the presence of the Most High may indeed be in your midst and take charge of all your work, and that you may feel that it has been good that you have been permitted to come together to do business for the Lord.

In reporting the work to which I was appointed by you last year, I have to say that it has been impossible for me to accomplish very much on that line; one would need both *money and time* at their disposal. To do much in this direction, I mean in the way of establishing jail prayer-meetings, one would need to go from place to place—this I could not do. I have corresponded with a good many, I sometimes think to little effect. Yet, perhaps the way is being opened up and good seed being scattered on ground we little think of. St. Andrews and Amherst committees are doing well, one conversion is reported in Amherst jail. St. John jail is regularly visited and has been for a long time. Eternity alone can tell the good that will follow the earnest prayers offered there.

You will please appoint someone in my place this year who can and will do the work better.

EVANGELISTIC WORK—MRS. J. J. SAMPSON, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Evangelistic Work of our Union received a new impetus from the interchange of thoughts and feelings of fellow laborers met with at last Convention. The measures already in operation were carried out with greater vigor and new plans and purposes proposed. Our visiting committee, which had confined its labors to collecting subscriptions and assisting the needy, added the more important duties of ministering to the spiritual necessities of the sick and poor.

The work among the prisoners has been most encouraging, some good seed has sprung up and given promise of fruit; time or eternity will tell whether the ground was stony or been choked with weeds. A service is held every Sunday morning, the number present at any one time seldom exceeds four, and often only two, some refuse to attend, but the voice of song and prayer must reach their ears.

Whatever may be said of the partial enforcement of the Scott Act, the fact remains, that under license it was difficult to accommodate the victims of the drink habit who were nightly forced within those prison walls. While now, at most, some youth from strong temptation committing a petty larceny, a young girl to be rescued from the ways of evil, a hoary-headed inebriate to be shielded from the means of gratifying his appetite—once and again the victim of a drunken brawl; these form the sum total of the dwellers in our county jail.

Our special and ordinary prayer services have been seasons of spiritual refreshing, so that in this respect, if in no other, we have reason to thank God and take courage.

Your Superintendent has written to seventeen Unions, asking for the appointment of a local Superintendent and a report of the work attempted or accomplished.

Answers have been received from eleven. In nearly every case it was found difficult to obtain members for the office, an impression of its importance seemed to deter the majority from accepting it. There is a general desire to understand the nature of the work which, from its very simplicity and constant exercise, is overlooked. Explanations have been sent to

enquiring Unions, but there is a great necessity for plain, simple literature, tracts or leaflets free from abstruse reasoning or learned arguments and filled with the spirit of earnest piety.

The local Superintendent of Portland Union laments the fewness of workers, but reports a list of efforts put forth for the benefit of the souls and bodies of the inhabitants of the city worthy of imitation. The call for prayer and the request to ministers to preach on the subject of temperance were attended to. They held frequent Gospel temperance meetings, and while ministering to the wants of the poor and sick ones they sought to save the erring from the consequences of the broken law by pointing them to the sinner's friend.

The Portland Union has set the noble example of women conducting their own public meetings, a measure forcing itself from very necessity on the W. C. T. U. of every community.

A good work is being done among the children of their Loyal Legion, by instilling into their minds spiritual truth and obedience to God's law.

The report from Newcastle is very touching. A large amount of work is attempted and carried on by a very few—and those the most delicate and oppressed with household cares. Their visiting committee is actively attending to the wants of the sick and poor. Prayer is a prominent part in all their meetings. Jail and Alms House are visited, although the latter is five miles distant. A Band of Hope is in successful working order. Special prayer-meetings were held for a week and always first of every month. A day of prayer for success of election in Westmorland was observed. Over five hundred tracts were distributed during the year, monthly lectures were given, a coffee room is in successful operation, and are now engaged in building a Sunday-school Hall, and the faithful local Superintendent closes with "I love the Union and the work it opens for us to do."

The report from Fairville Union shows that evangelistic work is not neglected. Its Loyal Legion numbers 140; have held Gospel temperance meetings on Sunday afternoons, hold mother's meetings, attend to visiting, etc.

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These are all the reports which have been furnished so far; your Superintendent is aware that she has but broken the way for more successful operations.

The nature of the work required was not well understood. If of no other benefit it has drawn the hearts of the correspondents closer together, while comparing notes of mutual trials and successes, and secured easier access to the different Unions than had the pioneer Superintendent.

REPORTS FROM LOCAL UNIONS.

Portland.—Our Union numbers twenty-six members and our average attendance for the year eight. Illness, absence, change of residence and other causes have lessened our attendance and made the year a busy one to our little band of workers. In September an entertainment was held in Union Hall on behalf of the Scott Act committee, to enable them to carry a test case before the Supreme Court at Fredericton. This case was argued but judgment was deferred for months. Meanwhile, the liquor traffic was in full blast, carried on openly for seven days in each week, while our law-abiding citizens folded their hands and gave a tacit consent. Seeing with pain the open desecration of the Sabbath and the many evils resulting from this traffic, the W. C. T. U. resolved to protest against such iniquity, and a series of Gospel temperance meetings were held in Union Hall, at which our sisters from St. John and Fairville very kindly assisted us. Several fines were imposed for selling on Sunday which have somewhat lessened that evil. In March we had a lecture by Mrs. Baxter, but as she came to us on Saturday evening the audience was not large.

On account of the frequent calls for aid by those in need and the effort required to help sustain the public library and the Industrial school, our slender resources have been heavily taxed and we have been able to do but little in the line of temperance literature—200 leaflets were procured from the Superintendent of that department and distributed by our Union; about 250 papers were given to our Secretary for dis-

tribution among seamen. These were thankfully received; but what are they among so many? Our lecture course of the past winter was fairly successful. The untiring efforts of the lecture committee were rewarded by a course of excellent lectures, and the thanks of our Union are due to the gentlemen who so kindly assisted by their lectures, and the ladies who helped to make the entertainments successful, thus enabling us to help in sustaining an institution whose aim is to place pure and healthy literature before the public.

The Industrial school is still under the efficient management of Mrs. Stevenson. The work exhibited by the pupils at their annual sale reflected great credit on teacher and pupils. At this exhibition, which was held at Easter, with the assistance and supervision of the W. C. T. U., about \$200 were realized towards the funds of the school.

In the matter of scientific temperance instruction in the schools, we have taken no steps further than to place in the hands of some of our teachers Miss Willard's leaflet on that subject. It was our privilege to listen to the earnest and eloquent appeal read by Mrs. McFarland, of St. John Union, before the Interprovincial Convention of teachers assembled at St. John. We hope this Convention may deem it advisable to have that appeal printed in leaflet form and sent to every teacher in these provinces whose name can be ascertained.

We would gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends who have given us donations and otherwise assisted in benevolent work. The thanks of our Union are also due to the daily press, who have kindly given us space in their columns from time to time. The quarterly meetings of our county Unions have been to us a source of helpfulness.

Fairville.— In looking over the record of the past year I regret to have so little to report of real temperance work done by Fairville Union when the field is so large, but we are hedged in. At present there seems to be nothing to do but strive, wait and pray.

We have been encouraged by the addition of thirteen new members and not one place has been made vacant by death.

We were all blessed and strengthened by Mrs. Barney's visit, and many of us were led to see our responsibility as we had never done before.

We have had two public temperance meetings during the year, addressed by ladies from sister Unions.

Feeling that our hope was in the youth of the land, a loyal temperance legion was organized on November 12th. In this we are very much interested. It has a membership of 142, and during the winter and spring had an average attendance of 80.

Financially our Union has been a success. A strawberry festival was held on July 24th, the proceeds of which, amounting to \$24.40, were devoted to the organ fund.

An effort has been made to have scientific temperance instruction introduced into our public schools. A committee from the Union visited the trustees and teachers and laid the matter before them, but as yet we have nothing definite to report. By permission a hook has been placed in the railway depot and supplied with temperance leaflets. Gospel temperance meetings are held every Sunday afternoon, and we trust good seed is being sown in this way.

In these various ways we are trying to do something for the Master. Though we have accomplished so little still we are not discouraged for we know "He is faithful who has promised: In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not,"

Woodstock.-- Desirous of seeing our rising generation educated in the line of total abstinence, we have always been on the outlook for the best means of accomplishing such a purpose. The teaching of our public schools can largely aid us in that work. At the annual meeting of the Teachers' Institute held here in September last, a committee from our Union waited upon the gathering, requesting that the teachers should emphasize the evils of the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco. The Convention, through motion, pledged themselves to do so. We afterwards mailed fifty catechisms on the subject to different teachers.

We offered in the previous year prizes for competition in the schools, the subject for the essays being on temperance. Finding that the larger boys and girls did not have full scope for their abilities, they were organized into a Juvenile Lodge, under the care of a Lodge of the I. O. G. T. which is maintained in this town. The younger children were organized into a Band of Hope, which, at first, numbered forty-six, but has increased to seventy. The Band is in a flourishing condition and is under our immediate oversight. The little ones gave a concert during the winter which reflected much credit upon them.

At Christmas time we remembered the poor in the distribution of well filled baskets. We also remembered the lumbermen by forwarding them several packages of literature, for which we learned they were very grateful. We have provided several lectures for our people, which, at least, won acknowledgement for our liberality. In October we had a fine address from Mrs. Barney. She was followed by Mrs. Baxter who likewise drew applause.

We have had three copies of the World's petition signed which accompany this report. Our coffee room is still maintained under its former management and proves a great accommodation to the public.

One of the most important steps taken by us during the year was to have our Union incorporated.

I am pleased to inform you that during the year we have had application from the ladies of four villages in the county to aid them in organizing W. C. T. Unions. We responded with promptness to their call and through well attended delegations did the work with much satisfaction. Unions were organized at Florenceville, Hartland, Bristol and Centreville.

Shediac.— Since last year the Union has not added to its membership or advanced in any particular. We were beginning to feel somewhat encouraged about ourselves and our work, when last November the fire burned down the room we had rented with all its contents. Since then we have been unable to get a room for our own anywhere.

We miss this sadly, as it forced us to abandon the work with Band of Hope for the present at least. This was the most encouraging part of our work. The children have not yet ceased asking when the Band is to meet again.

Of other kinds of work we have done little if anything. We sent out a quantity of literature during the recent repeal election. We feel the great need there is of some strong prohibitory power in our little town, for liquor is in some places sold almost openly. One man meets all who comes to his door with a loaded revolver, calling to his assistance his wife who brings another. But one gain there is already in making the business disreputable, thus putting a safeguard around our young men.

The work lies before us, but we have not yet come forth to the help of the Lord against this mighty evil. I fear we need more of the spirit of the One who is not willing that any should perish. We need a baptism from more than an earthly source to help us into work again.

St. George.—Organized October, 1884, has a Band of Hope, has affiliated with M. U. and has fifteen members.

Windsor.—Organized December, 1877. Lines of work: Evangelistic and Scientific Temperance; has affiliated with M. U.; has thirty members.

St. Stephen.—Lines of work: Juvenile, Literature, Coffee Room, White Cross; erecting a hall.

Halifax.—Re-organized old Union 1887, has Band of Hope and mother's meetings, distributed some literature and has fifty-five members.

Salisbury.—Organized January, 1887, has a Band of Hope, holds monthly prayer-meetings and public temperance meetings, has affiliated with M. U. and has a membership of nineteen.

Parrsboro.—In September, 1887, Mrs. Barney spoke to a large audience in the Methodist Church on the subject of Temperance. She awoke in our hearts much enthusiasm for that cause, and a few pledged themselves the same evening, at the close of her lecture, to take a decided stand for temperance. On the 27th of September Parrsboro W. C. T. U. was organized.

There were about twenty-five members then, but at present we have forty members. The first work of the year was to appoint a committee to seek out poor and destitute families who were suffering from the effects of intemperance and other causes. Relief in the form of clothing and food were sent them, and we have reason to believe that much good was accomplished in that direction. During the winter months quite an amount of good literature was sent to the men who were working in the different lumbering camps near our town. We have a pleasant room on the main street that has been furnished by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. Our meetings have been held regularly from week to week with a very good attendance. The prayer-meetings are held once a month. We are very desirous of buying an organ, and with that in view we have endeavored to get a little help outside in the way of lectures, etc., etc. On the 7th of March Mrs. Baxter lectured under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.—proceeds, \$51.00. Later, Prof. C. N. Shaw gave a recital—proceeds, \$24.70, and on election day, July 13th, we opened a coffee room, from which \$28.00 was realized. The following June a Loyal Legion was organized under the auspices of our Union. This juvenile work, commencing with a membership of twenty-eight, now numbers eighty-two. The Superintendents, Misses Cameron and Watson, seem specially fitted for this position, and we are looking forward to great results from this work in the future.

At our last meeting we appointed a committee on literature, with instructions to put up a box in the railroad station and keep it well filled with good temperance literature.

Dartmouth.—Membership forty-one. Our Union, which has been in existence a little more than a year, has gained both in interest and numbers. The coffee and reading room which was started the first year was discontinued for a time—principal cause was financial failure. Several public meetings and lectures have been given to promote the interests of prohibition. We have been trying to push the matter of scientific temperance instruction in the schools. We lost, by removal from the town, our warmly esteemed President, but in her place have secured one of whom our Union can feel justly proud by the efficient manner in which she conducts our meetings. Our officers are mostly always present, and although there is not the full attendance of other members as we would desire, still we can thank God and take courage, knowing that with Him for our Captain we must go forward conquering and to conquer.

We have held fortnightly meetings without any interruptions. Occasionally a special meeting was appointed for the transaction of very important business.

We are proud of having *no licensed saloons* in our town and yet there is need for earnest labor and prayer by every interested temperance man and woman. The demon is not entirely crushed. He still lurks in lanes and alleys but defies recognition.

Kentville.—The Kentville branch of the W. C. T. U. was organized on the 30th of March, 1887. It has thirty names on its roll of membership, with an average attendance of from seven to twelve. Its meetings are held fortnightly. In looking over the record since our last and first report, we do not find the progress in our work that we should like to find on record. We have tried to keep up the interest of the public with monthly entertainments or lectures, namely, Mrs. Barney, John R. Clarke, Hon. Governor J. P. St. John, Mrs. Marion Baxter and some others. These we feel and hope to be a lasting benefit. Pledge-signing has been introduced into three Sabbath-schools, besides a large number who have taken the pledge at our public meetings. Through the influence of our Union one saloon-keeper has given up the sale and use of

intoxicating liquors; we feel that it is one step towards victory. A reading room was organized for the winter months, but the room that we had was poorly located so that it was not as successful as it might have been. A number of the ladies from our Union organized a W. C. T. U. at Berwick, the prospects being good—there being nineteen to enrol their names. A temperance sermon was delivered in the churches during the year, also the appointment made by the Union of the Maritime Provinces to devote a day of prayer for the advancement of temperance and the promotion of greater work was observed. "It is the prayer of our hearts to put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand, having our loins girt about with truth and our feet shod with the preparation of righteousness."

At the laying of the water pipes a tea was provided for the men, amusements were given besides reading matter, pledge signing was introduced and a number of them took the pledge. At the time of the soldier's review, at Aldershot, on their return hot coffee was provided for refreshment in order to prevent intoxicants from being used so freely. It was the remark of one lady that it was the first time her son had come home from drill sober.

Canso.— On April 18th, 1888, a number of the ladies of Canso met to discuss the advisability of organizing a W. C. T. U. The meeting was called to order and a Union was organized with Mrs. C. H. Whitman, President.

Since its organization the Union has been as successful as could be expected, the members in all numbering thirty.

During the autumn we contemplate building a Sailors' Rest or reading room, for which purpose about \$220.00 have been raised, \$64.50 of this sum being the proceeds of two "Mother Goose" concerts, which were given by the children under the supervision of Mrs. Whitman and Miss Elderkin. Another great help was the donation of \$100 by a well known merchant of Halifax. Other donations have been received from friends, for which we are very grateful.

Measures are being taken to introduce scientific temperance instruction into the public schools.

A Band of Hope is about to be organized under the direction of the W. C. T. U.

We propose holding some public temperance meetings during the autumn and hope to do a great deal of good, for at that time, as a rule, numbers of sailors are about.

Amherst.—Just one year ago, Mrs. Barney, of Rhode Island, came to us, sent, we believe, by your own Convention, and by her powerful eloquence, sweet persuasiveness and earnest statement of facts, roused us from our deep lethargy and assisted us in re-organizing our W. C. T. U., which had long been a thing of the past. Since then we have held our way, making, we trust, some progress in the lines of work marked out. Our meetings have been fairly well attended, averaging about twenty of a membership of forty-seven. Last autumn an industrial school was inaugurated and continued through the winter until May. About forty boys and girls were here taught to work, and much valuable temperance instruction was also imparted to them.

Ours being a shiretown, prison work has been attempted; and twice every week during the winter and spring services were held with the prisoners by Mrs. Quigley, our indefatigable Superintendent of this department, and by our President, Mrs. Dunlap, alternately. That their efforts were blessed by the Divine Master was proven by the professed change of hearts by some of the prisoners and by the improved conduct of others.

We have not attempted great things for the Master but have taken up work near at hand as it has been brought to our notice, trusting that we do all "in His name," looking to Him for help and having for our motto, "In the name of our God we will set up our banners." So we are waiting and praying for the desired consummation of all our efforts—national prohibition.

Base Verte and Port Elgin.—We are happy to report a visit from the much esteemed Mrs. J. K. Barney, whose vivid por-

traying of individual responsibility not only aroused our members to a renewed sense of duty, but gave us several additions to our number.

Early in the autumn talk of the approaching Scott Act election gave forth the note of warning. We began at once to circulate literature bearing on the subject and to petition the Throne of Grace that our noble county might not be so disgraced nor His people put to confusion by a repeal of the Act, and most graciously was prayer answered. In anticipation of said contest a public temperance meeting was held in Baie Verte (under our auspices, October 25th). Later on two were held in Port Elgin, in conjunction with the Sons of Temperance, addressed by Rev. Mr. Hogg, of Moncton, and Rev. Mr. Hall, of Sackville.

We have held five special prayer-meetings during the year, as recommended by evangelistic Superintendent, also a Sunday evening prayer-meeting has been established in Baie Verte which is constantly growing in interest. In compliance with request of W. C. T. U., three temperance sermons have been preached in this locality by resident clergymen. Our Band of Hope work is progressing steadily. Baie Verte Band, Superintendent, Mrs. Wm. Prescott, numbers about fifty, has met regularly, has given two concerts—rising prohibition programme for one.

Port Elgin Band, Superintendent, Miss Munroe, also meets regularly; has introduced marching songs and held one concert.

The White Cross work has been prayerfully considered by our Union, but as yet not much advance has been made.

In January, five of our number, three delegates and two others, met with Eastern, N. B. Convention, at Sackville, to consider plans of work for approaching Scott Act election campaign. Immediately after our return meetings for prayer and consultation were called at both Baie Verte and Port Elgin.

We have expended during the year for all purposes about \$35.00—realized from dues, admission of new members, one parlor concert and one collection. Four copies of "Woman's Journal" are taken.

Knowing that "They who trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved," we are looking forward to the time when the white ribbon shall not only *encircle* the globe but be its emblem from shore to shore and sea to sea.

Fredericton.—During the year just closed there was a marked increase of zeal and energy in all the departments of our work. The impetus given by the meetings of Convention was further increased by the visit of Mrs. Barney, whose earnest zeal and devoted life were made a blessing to many. After her departure the work of jail visitation was resumed with greater energy and system, greater prominence was given to spiritual exercises in the weekly meetings.

In October our Union entered into a contract with the Sons of Temperance to furnish a dinner for a hundred guests, the visiting brethren of Grand Division then in session, and realized the sum of fifty dollars—a timely addition to the funds. A tenant in one of the stores in Temperance Hall was reported as selling an intoxicating beer; a committee was appointed to investigate; he was remonstrated with and finally served with notice to leave which in due time he did.

The school committee took up their work with renewed vigor, and in November and the following months visited the public schools in the interests of scientific temperance instruction; a marked change was manifest in the manner of their reception; while a few had always given encouragement, many had treated the subject and visitors lightly. Now, that the matter is taken up seriously by the Board of Education the work is more than half done, but vigilance is still necessary. The usual entertainment for normal students was given on the evening of November 22nd, and was made an opportunity for inculcating the subjects of social purity and total abstinence. A life-size portrait of Sir Leonard Tilley was obtained by subscription and placed in Temperance Hall. In December a letter of remonstrance was sent to Colonel Maunsell on the subject of allowing liquor to be sold to the military under his command, through the canteen. A favorable answer was returned, but the deadly liquor is still dispensed to them. One hundred printed letters, containing texts of scripture and

seasonable reading matter, were sent to the military barracks on Christmas morning, the Alms House and to various aged and infirm poor.

On New Year's Day a bountiful dinner was prepared and served to a hundred poor children with provisions donated by friends. A protracted prayer service was held on the day of election for repeal of Scott Act in Westmorland County. Mrs. Baxter's visit in March was successful in drawing large audiences and increasing the interest in temperance work. Our coffee room which had been in course of preparation for a long time was opened on the 25th of April, and promises to repay the labor and money spent on its planning and furnishing. By request of Lady Tilley a large number of officers and members of our Union was present at the opening of Victoria Hospital. She had taken great interest in our proposal to endow a bed, in which patients were to be treated on strictly temperance principles and had promised subscription of \$20.00 per annum for four years, which was a great inducement to take the risk of raising the annual sum of \$200. The venture taken with fear and trembling promises to result in advancing the cause of total abstinence in the sick ward as at the festal board. A sale in aid of its funds was held on Dominion Day, which, supplemented by private subscription, secured the first payment of fifty dollars. There have been many things to encourage the promoters of this step. A white ribbon woman is matron of the hospital, and the first case of typhoid fever was treated entirely without alcoholic stimulants, although not in the W. C. T. U. bed—the patient himself and the physician being agreed on that point. The trial was a success. A Union was formed at Gibson, on the opposite side of the river, on Monday, August 6th, by Maritime Vice-President, Mrs. R. H. Phillips, assisted by Mrs. Steadman and two other officers. The new society starts with a fair prospect for usefulness; it has a live President whose private, personal labors has already resulted in the reformation, for a time, at least, of a hardened drinker, whose wife testified her gratitude with tears.

We hope soon to reach the outposts and enlist new recruits

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Sackville.—The pathway by which we have reached another milestone has been by no means a smooth, unmarked highway. There have been times when we could scarce choose our way, when our hearts stood still for fear. At the time when we knew that the liquor traffic, the enemy of our homes, was once more to seek legal protection in our fair village, we longed and feared to pierce the uncertain future.

Thank God there are the sun-crowned mountain heights as well as sunless valleys. "Life had its hopes fulfilled. Its glad fruitions, its blessed answered prayers." Very soon after meeting of last Maritime Convention, Mrs. Barney visited us, and her addresses were greatly beneficial, not only to members of Union but also as doing much to cultivate a proper public sentiment on the temperance question. We have also observed days of prayer and obtained Sabbath services devoted to the cause—especially one, as called by the World's W. C. T. U. in November. Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist ministers very readily and faithfully acceded to request of Union and preached temperance sermons. The temperance pledge has also been taken into one Sunday-school at least and many children have signed. We have two Bands of Hope—the one at Fairfield is still working and members interested. Sackville Band of Hope, under the name Loyal Legion, is increasing in numbers. At the present time the members are preparing for a public entertainment. Our column or half column in "Chignecto Post" has been continued up to the present. We have been obliged to close the reading room. After the coming of the Salvation Army, those who had frequented it resorted to the Army every evening—so its mission seemed accomplished for the present. Last autumn we obtained a number of tracts and leaflets and distributed these at the agricultural fair.

But the grand focus of all lines of work is to be found in the fight against repeal of Scott Act. Time would fail me to tell of the tract distributing, the personal canvassing of

voters, the quiet house of prayer when, in our weakness, we sought the strength and wisdom divine.

A common peril, a common cause and a common joy brought us very near each other—a spirit of consecration rested upon our women—when actual and difficult trying work was to be done we did not lack the workers. The difficulty in obtaining honest and efficient constabulary seems to present an insurmountable obstacle to all active and aggressive temperance work. The temperance league in our village has endeavored to obtain trustworthy men but has failed up to date. But the battle against the giant evil of this day is not ours alone but God's.

In January the Eastern Convention of W. C. T. U. met in Sackville and the chief business was to organize for effective campaign work. Plans formed at that time were afterward faithfully carried out.

In the winter a Union was formed at Midgic—which meets monthly, members of Sackville Union visiting them from time to time.

Petitecodiac.—During the year that has passed since our last report was submitted, we have endeavored to do what we could for the advancement of the cause for which we are banded together.

There has been a slight decrease in our number, owing to the fact that several of our members have removed from the village, but though they are lost to us and we miss them very much, still we know they are white ribbon women in their new homes even as they were here. Last fall we were so fortunate as to have Mrs. Barney to spend a day with us, and it is still pleasantly and profitably recalled by many.

Our most active work of the whole year was that of the Scott Act election in February last.

We circulated an abundance of literature—scattered it broadcast, we made a house to house canvass, we even held a public meeting which was conducted and addressed wholly by our women, and we were pleased to know that it was favorably spoken of. An entertainment was given by our Band of Hope

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on the eve of the election which was most pleasant and effective. It was Miss Gordon's prohibition programme arranged to suit the exigences of the situation, and no one could listen unmoved to the little ones earnestly and touchingly doing their share of the work of the campaign, and we felt amply rewarded for all our efforts when the magnificent majority for the Act was announced.

Our Band of Hope has always been, and still is, very promising, and we feel that *there* is where our most effectual work for the future is to be done. We all pray that these little blue-ribboned boys may be taught temperance ideas so convincingly now that they as men will never forget them.

We keep our box of temperance literature free for all in the waiting room of the railway station.

During the winter we supplied several lumber camps with good reading which was gratefully received. We had some charitable work to attend to and which we are still carrying along. We have had several temperance sermons and days of special prayer for Union work, and some entertainments for the benefit of our Society. Liquor selling is made contemptible and no one can get openly a drink in our village. That alone is a gain. We are not discouraged though we have done so little. We know we are in the right and must just go on, and by precept and example, and what is very important — complete consistency, show that our hearts are in our work, and do whatever our hand findeth to do and leave results to Him who sitteth in the heavens.

Newcastle.—If we look at the work being done in this town we see enough to give encouragement and joy to the workers, but if we look at what is still to be done we have a dark picture. Superintendent of evangelistic work reports that leaflets and tracts have been distributed to the number of 500. A bracket, with the invitation "take one" on it, has been placed in the waiting room of the railway station and is kept well supplied with temperance leaflets.

The Superintendent of juvenile work has reported steady progress in that department. Throughout the year we had

the pleasure of attending regular monthly Gospel temperance lectures, which were given by ministers and others, under the auspices of the Union. Also, in November, 1887, Mrs. Barney, Superintendent of Jail and Prison work, U. S., gave a Bible reading in the afternoon and a lecture in the evening. We were very much refreshed and encouraged by her Christian tenderness.

Members of the Union have visited the sick and inmates of the jail. We have every reason to be thankful with the progress of our coffee room; for one year we had it free of rent from a member of the Union, but during the last few months it has paid rent and cleared expenses.

The Scott Act has been in force in this county for some time, and although not so much has been accomplished as we would wish, yet we believe good has been done. There have been a great many evasions of the Act but many of the offenders have been brought to justice; the result, we hope, will increase temperance sentiment.

The World's petition was widely circulated and well signed. Two delegates from our Union attended the Sackville Convention in February, and brought back much information concerning the work done in other places.

Our latest work is the construction of a hall for Sabbath-school and other purposes in a part of the town where it will be beneficial; much credit is due to our President for the active part she is taking in this work.

Moncton.—The members of Moncton Union have great cause for thankfulness in the success which has attended their efforts during the past year. What had long been a dream of the future has now become a reality, for we have erected and now occupy a building for our own work. The corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies on November 19th, when our Crusade hymn was used for the first time by our Union. The sentiments expressed in that hymn are always beautiful and helpful as well, but they never seemed more appropriate and inspiring than on that occasion, when we indeed felt that it was in obedience to Divine command we were gathered

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"to work and watch and pray." The different branches of our work have been carried on with varied success. Each of our seven departments of work has at its head one of our members, who is responsible for the work done. We have found that by this method the labor is more evenly divided and more apt to be done. In two departments — the white cross and parlor meetings, nothing has been done, but in the others good beginnings have been made.

Mrs. Knight, Superintendent of evangelistic work, assisted by two others, holds weekly meetings in the lowest and most degraded part of the town. Temperance meetings were also held there each month during the winter. These meetings are sometimes very encouraging, at other times just the reverse, but still we believe there is a work to be done for the Master among those people and with His help we intend to do our best.

Our Superintendent of police and alms house work visit the latter quite frequently, but as there are only two or three inmates nothing in particular has been done. We try and have every woman who is arrested and put in the lock-up visited by our Superintendent of this department.

Our faithful Superintendent of the literature department, Mrs. Cowie, felt compelled to resign, and in her place we have appointed Mrs. S. F. Gross who does excellently. Through the kindness of the editor of the "Transcript," a regular weekly column is published in that paper.

In the Scott Act campaign we depended largely upon the distribution of literature, and about five thousand leaflets and instructions how to vote were used by our Union. The Eastern N. B. Union had several thousands of French leaflets printed, and thus we were enabled to reach the people of that nationality in a way in which we never could before.

Our industrial school and Loyal Temperance Legion are still carried on — indeed, in these, as in all other branches of our work, we have come to stay.

Two dinners have been given to the industrial school, which is composed entirely of poor children, and on New Year's Day, assisted by some friends, we gave a dinner to the poor of the town which was partaken of by about 150.

Looked at from a financial standpoint, our coffee room has not been an unqualified success, but still would not give it up. We believe in coffee rooms—our's has done well in other years.

The total amount raised by subscriptions, entertainments, members' dues, etc., \$2,436.39. Our discouragements and difficulties have been not a few, but our pleasures and triumphs have been no less. Among the greatest of all the latter has been our wonderful victory in the Scott Act campaign. The work was hard and unceasing for the three weeks before the election, but to some of us those three weeks will always have a hallowed memory. The women of the county were drawn nearer to each other in the struggle for the home against the saloon, and the result of the election was the voice of the motherhood as well as of the fatherhood of Westmorland. Women's meetings were held afternoons in the various voting districts of our parish, and the intense interest and anxiety shown was enough to convince the most skeptical that entire prohibition of the liquor traffic would quickly follow once we had woman suffrage. The campaign was an educator, for to meet argument with argument and to answer inquiries and objections we had to fit ourselves to intelligently discuss our side of the question. One step opened the way for another until at last we found ourselves on the public platform and still later at the polls on election day. So that what one year ago we would have been terrified to even think of we have now actually done. The world moves on—the W. C. T. U. with it, and to each white ribbon woman who is heart and hand in the work comes the experience, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."

We have distributed about forty of Mrs. Barney's Bible readings to women whom we were desirous of interesting in the work, and although we have not as yet seen any direct results we feel that no one could read them and not be benefitted.

In pursuance of a resolution passed by the Eastern N. B. Union, we, in common with the other Unions in our county, carried around a petition for signers, asking that suffrage be given to women, whether married or single, and on all ques-

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tions; said petition being presented to the New Brunswick Legislature and we have the gratifying intelligence that it was accepted.

St. John.—As we look back over the work of the past year, preparatory to presenting our annual report, we are gratified to be able to record that in most respects the work of the Union has been encouraging and satisfactory.

Quarterly meetings of the Unions of St John County have been held in St. John, Portland, Carleton and Fairville.

Temperance Sunday, November 8th, was observed by holding a prayer-meeting on the Saturday previous and a public meeting Sunday afternoon in the ladies' parlor. It was requested that ministers of all denominations should preach a temperance sermon on that day and many pastors consented to do so.

A meeting was held the 8th of December in the Y.M.C.A. rooms to which all the women of the city were invited. The object of the meeting was to call attention to the urgent need of a reformatory or industrial school for boys and girls. A paper was read and discussed and a petition was drawn up and signed, asking the municipality to make provision for such an institution. The city and county authorities have the matter in hand at present, and are negotiating with the provincial and federal government, with the view of obtaining some unused public lands and buildings for the purpose.

The Treasurer's account shows that the gross receipts from the coffee rooms during the last year were \$3,864.05. A part of this amount was expended in establishing another coffee room. A committee from the Union visits the Haven weekly.

The selection and distribution of literature has been carefully attended to. Cards have been received from the Young Woman's Christian Association of Boston and placed at steam-boat landings, railway stations and other places. It is hoped that these may fall into the hands of young girls travelling from the provinces to Boston, and enable them to secure from this and similar societies any help they may need in finding their friends or in procuring situations. The firemen have expressed gratitude for literature provided them every week.

Cards and leaflets are also distributed in the hospital and jail. About a year ago our Superintendent of the juvenile department had correspondence with Miss McCleese, of New Jersey. As the result, that lady came to St. John and established a kitchen garden school, under the auspices of the Union. Miss McCleese gave a course of lectures to twenty-four ladies, the majority of whom throughout the winter months were instructing a class of little girls in all branches of housework except cooking, which belong to a more advanced course. There were two classes of twenty-four children. A tuition fee was asked of those whose parents were able and willing to pay. The other class was composed of girls who will have to earn their living. The work was continued through the summer by one of the teachers conducting a sewing class for the girls.

The St. John Union identified itself with the World's Christian Temperance Union this year.

At the recent Interprovincial Convention of teachers which met in July, in St. John, our Union requested permission to present an appeal to the assembled teachers of the provinces on behalf of the importance of instructing the children in scientific temperance and gospel purity. Through the influence of our ever staunch friend, Mr. John March, General Secretary of the Teachers' Convention, this request was granted. The committee, after much prayer and earnest thought that this important part of our work might be well and wisely done, prepared and read before a large assemblage of teachers and friends the following memorial and received the very courteous reply also enclosed. We must all feel that one chief end and aim of our preventive work is with the young, and if only all teachers can be enlisted with us we may hope for great results in the near future. In view of the resolution of the teachers promising aid to the cause, it will now be more than ever the duty of every Union and every member to see that in their own locality, and wherever they can influence a teacher, this subject and its importance is kept steadily in view.

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Mr. President, Members of this Convention and Friends :

The members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Maritime Provinces desire to convey to the assemblage of teachers, which we are so glad to welcome to this city by the sea, the kindest greetings of the white ribbon women of these provinces; to assure them of our deep interest in them and their work; and to enlist if we may their sympathy and aid as gospel temperance workers. The W. C. T. Union and its work in varied and numerous departments as now organized in all lands and fast growing in power needs no introduction to this band of intelligent men and women who read and think of the advance of this organization, as it stands pledged by all that is dear to the Christian and the patriot to work always and everywhere for "God and home and every land." It has long been the desire of the Maritime W. C. T. U. to bring the aims and objects of its work before the teachers of these provinces, especially the subjects of scientific temperance instruction and that of gospel purity. We note with great satisfaction that numbers of our teachers are most faithful to duty in both these departments; but we have been deeply pained to know that in other instances such instruction has been omitted. It has long been acknowledged that the influence of the mother over childhood and youth is beyond reckoning, and next to the mother's influence comes that of the teacher. As mothers, therefore, workers in this Union, we are most deeply interested in the educational work of these lands and look to the men and women who devote their lives to the noble calling of teachers, to have a very large share in this gospel temperance work and a corresponding measure of reward in its ultimate success. Our work and purpose as a Union is not merely reformatory; but also as far as possible preventive, in that we desire to throw a shield around all children and youth, and to so impress them with the effects of alcoholic liquors, narcotics and the evils of impurity upon these wonderful bodies and minds given us by our Great Creator, that they shall not fall unwarned into the fearful destruction that has overtaken so many in the past and in the present. Believing, as we do, that your position as teachers gives you a grand opportunity to be most helpful in this work of prevention, we plead affectionately and most earnestly, as with those who must by and by give strict account, that you will not fail to bring this work before your pupils, both in special lessons and in your general teaching, and we would respectfully entreat this Convention to take such action upon our petition for the help of every teacher in the Maritime Provinces, as in the united judgment of these teachers, directed and controlled always by Him who teaches teachers, shall be

most effective. Men and women of this grand assemblage of teachers our petition is before you. In the name of more than thirty Unions represented here we thank you for so kindly hearing us. We pray you never forget that you are assuredly called to do this work. When we try to compute all that is in your hands of the destiny of so many precious souls and bodies, and the influence of your training upon all the localities you represent, we are overwhelmed with the thoughts of the danger of failure to be and to do all that for which your grand opportunity makes you responsible.

On behalf of committee,

COMMITTEE—

MARY C. MCFARLAND.

Mrs. Turnbull, President Maritime W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Currey, President St. John W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Distin, Superintendent of Department of Literature.

Mrs. March, Superintendent of Jail and Prison Work.

Mrs. Lawson, St. John W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Clark, St. John W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Owen, St. John W. C. T. U.

Mrs. McFarland, Vice-President of Maritime W. C. T. U.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF ST. JOHN, }
85 Germain street, }
St. John, N. B., July 23rd, 1888. }

Mrs. Mary C. McFarland, Vice-President of W. C. T. U. of the Maritime Provinces and others, forming Committee to wait on Interprovincial Teachers Convention at St. John.

MY DEAR MADAM AND LADIES,—

I am instructed by the Interprovincial Teachers Convention to convey to you the thanks of that body for the deep interest you expressed by your delegation, in the assembled teachers and their work, and to assure you that they will do all that lies in their power to inculcate the principles of temperance and virtue, and by example and precept to lend their aid in raising up a generation of sober and pure hearted people in our land.

The members of Convention most heartily reciprocate your kindly greetings, and pledge themselves by unanimous resolution to sympathize with and aid you in the work you brought to their consideration in your thoughtful appeal.

It will be gratifying to you to know that the Board of Education of New Brunswick has prescribed as one of the subjects of instruction in all public schools of the province, "Alcohol and its Effects on the Human System."

I have the honor to be, yours very sincerely,

J. MARCH, *General Secretary*
Interprovincial Teachers Convention.

The Union has lost one member by death since the last meeting.

In January we celebrated the tenth birthday of the Union by a pleasant gathering in the parlors on Canterbury street. Mrs. W. W. Turnbull gave a short review of the ten years work. Mayor Thorne and other gentlemen addressed the meeting. Refreshments were brought up from the coffee room and the evening passed very pleasantly.

On the 28th of June the fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation was celebrated by the St. John Union by a temperance soiree. The celebration was as nearly like as possible to that held in this city fifty years ago. Sir Leonard Tilley and Mr. Joseph Lawrence were speakers on both occasions. It was also fifty years ago that the women of New Brunswick first became identified with temperance work.

The St. John Union engaged two lecturers during the year. Mrs. Baxter spoke twice and Mrs. Bessie Starr Keefer three times.

At the Christmas vacation prizes of \$10, \$5 and \$2.50 were awarded to the boys in the Grammar school and the pupils in the Girls' High school for papers prepared by them on the subject of Temperance.

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION
OF THE
MARITIME PROVINCES.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., SEPT. 3RD, 1889.

The Executive Committee of the Seventh M. W. C. T. U. Convention met at Mrs. (Dr.) Todd's on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There were present the

President — Mrs. Turnbull, St. John.

Vice-President — Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Judge Steadman, Fredericton.

Recording Secretary — Miss Robinson, Halifax.

Treasurer — Miss Lockhart, St. John.

Auditor — Mrs. Allen, St. John.

Purity in Literature and Art — Mrs. (Dr.) Todd, St. Stephen.

Evangelistic Work — Mrs. Sampson, Fredericton.

Scientific Temperance in Schools — Mrs. Phillips, Fredericton.

On account of the absence of Miss Trueman, late Recording Secretary, the minutes of last Executive meeting were not read.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Maritime W. C. T. U. were discussed and Articles 3, 4 and 5 amended; also By-laws 5, 6 and 7.

The following addition was also made to the Rules of Order: "All resolutions and amendments moved during sessions of Convention shall be submitted in writing."

Resolved, That the President's address be given at the public meeting instead of before Convention only. Executive then rose,

On Tuesday evening a reception was held in the Temperance Hall and an address of welcome made on behalf of the St. Stephen Union. The regular work of the Convention began on Wednesday morning.

The hall was bright with flowers and banners. Sprays of club mosses and baskets of flowers hung from walls and chandeliers, and the windows held banks of beautiful mosses and ferns. The bright colors and sweet perfumes made the gathering very different from a convention of men, while the orderly discussions and the quiet dignity of the officers might be well imitated by the lords of creation.

WEDNESDAY, 10 A. M.

The first session of Seventh Convention of M. W. C. T. U. opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Sampson, of Fredericton.

The President made a short opening address and presented the Convention with a gavel.

The Convention returned thanks to Mrs. Turnbull for her appropriate gift.

The minutes of the Executive meeting of Tuesday afternoon were read and approved.

The roll of officers was then called for.

President — Mrs. Turnbull, St. John.

Vice-President for Nova Scotia — Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor.

Vice-President for New Brunswick — Miss Trueman, Sackville.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Judge Steadman, Fredericton.

Recording Secretary — Miss Robinson, Halifax.

Treasurer — Miss Lockhart, St. John.

Auditor — Mrs. Allan.

(All present).

Upon the call for credentials of delegates the following were found to be present.

Mrs. Chipman, St. Stephen.

Mrs. Robinson, do.

Mrs. Lawson, St. John.

Mrs. Morrow, do.

Mrs. Currie, do.

Mrs. Thorne, do.

Mrs. Sheriff, Chatham.

Mrs. Sutherland, Newcastle.

Mrs. Connocker, Campbellton.

Mrs. Long, Fairville.

Miss McNaught, do.

Mrs. (Dr.) Saunders, Halifax.

Miss Trueman, Sackville.	Mrs. Dr. Woodbury, Dartmouth.
Mrs. Cogswell, do.	Mrs. Walker, do.
Mrs. Porter, Fredericton.	Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor.
Mrs. Hoben, Gibson.	Mrs. Trenholm, Hantsport.
Mrs. Yerxa, do.	Miss Walker, New Glasgow.
Mrs. Wilbur, Moncton.	Miss McGregor, do.
Mrs. Snow, do.	Mrs. F. Raymond, Yarmouth.
Mrs. Wilson, Portland.	Mrs. J. E. Clements, do.
Mrs. Rigby, do.	Mrs. Haley, do.
Miss Olive, Carleton.	Miss King, Truro.
Mrs. Carr, Harland.	Miss J. B. Archibald, Truro.
Mrs. Jordan, Woodstock.	Mrs. Cummings, do.
Mrs. Kerr, do.	Mrs. Dunlap, Amherst.
Mrs. Burpee, do.	Mrs. Christie, do.
Mrs. Hay, "T." Representative.	Mrs. Spencer, Parrsboro.
Miss Brown, Chatham.	Mrs. A. E. McLeod, do.

Department of Scientific Temperance in Schools—Mrs. Phillips, Fredericton.

Department of Purity in Literature and Art—Mrs. (Dr.) Todd, St. Stephen.

Evangelistic Work—Mrs. Sampson, Fredericton.

Resolved, That the President of each local Union, and not a delegate to Convention, be invited to sit with delegates with power to vote.—Carried.

Resolved, That Miss Tilley, of Toronto, be made a member of Convention and invited to a seat on the platform.—Carried.

A cordial welcome was given to visitors to Convention by the President, and they were invited to take part in discussions; voting on all questions being restricted to delegates.

The following ladies were appointed a committee on plan of work: Mrs. Phillips, Fredericton; Miss J. B. Archibald, Truro; Mrs. Clements, Yarmouth; Mrs. Trenholm, Hantsport.

Committee on Resolutions.—Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor; Mrs. McFarlane, St. John; Miss Trueman, Sackville; Mrs. Dunlap, Amherst.

Moved that Miss Tilley be asked to meet with Committee on Resolutions.—Carried.

Moved that Mrs. (Dr.) Todd, of St. Stephen, and Mrs. (Dr.) Woodbury, of Dartmouth, be the committee on "Courtesies." Carried.

The following ladies were appointed the Committee on Finance: Miss Lockhart, St. John, Mrs. Wilbur, Moncton; Mrs. Raymond, Yarmouth.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman that we take up the Constitution of M. W. C. T. U. and proceed to discuss it.

Mrs. McFarlane moved the following amendment: "That revised constitution be read this morning, discussion thereon to be postponed until the afternoon." — Carried.

Miss Tilley then spoke of the necessity of having reports of proceedings of Convention printed in order to effectually carry on the work.

The President invited the Superintendents of the various departments to use the present time in asking any questions on the routine of their department they might feel the need of.

Miss Tilley explained that the Superintendents could get all needed information from the Dominion Superintendents.

Miss Archibald gave notice that the Truro Union are petitioning the Council of Public Instruction for Nova Scotia to make temperance teaching compulsory in the schools, and also that they had invited and were receiving help from all the Unions in Nova Scotia.

The noontide hour of prayer was then observed.
On motion to adjourn, the Convention rose.

2.30 P. M.

The devotional exercises of the second session of Convention were conducted by Mrs. Mayne, of St. Stephen.

Minutes of last session were read and after correction approved.

The President expressed her pleasure at seeing Lady Tilley present and invited her ladyship to a seat on the platform.

Mrs. Smith, of Windsor, Chairman of Committee on Resolutions, gave notice that she would like all who had resolutions on work to present to Convention to hand them to her as soon as possible.

The President gave notice that it would be in order to ask any questions before taking up the work of the session.

Miss King, of Truro, gave notice that she had a resolution to bring before Convention, and wished to know whether she was to present it before the Convention or hand it to Committee on Resolutions.

Moved that all resolutions be handed to Committee on Resolutions.—Carried.

Mrs. Long, of Fairville, gave notice that greetings were on their way to the Convention from the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, by order of the President of said society.

The Constitution of the Maritime W. C. T. U. was then taken up for discussion.

Resolved that the Maritime W. C. T. U. Constitution be adopted as a whole.—Carried.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

The second Executive meeting of Convention was opened with prayer by Mrs. Smith, of Windsor.

The local Constitution was then taken up, article by article, and amended, to be submitted to Convention for approval.

Mrs. Phillips asked for privilege of reading her report on Scientific Temperance Teaching in Schools during morning, and also for an hour's time for discussion of the subject.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman, that if possible Mrs. Phillips give her report during morning.—Carried.

Also that Mrs. Phillips have an hour given to her to-morrow for the furtherance of the work of her department.—Carried.

Moved that all resolutions and plans of work be brought before the Executive before being submitted to Convention.—Carried.

After appointing a meeting of Executive Committee at 7 P. M. the Convention adjourned.

NOTE.—The evening of the first day of Convention was devoted to the public meeting, the change being made to Wednesday evening instead of Thursday; the latter evening having been engaged previously by the Knights of Pythias for a public celebration.

The ministers of St. Stephen very kindly gave up their week-night services.

The large Methodist church was beautifully decorated and at the time announced for opening a large congregation was in attendance.

Wednesday evening. Public meeting at 8 o'clock. Organ voluntary; prayer, Scripture reading; hymn. Address by Mrs. Trenholm, Hantsport, N. S., solo, presentation of banner, Quartette, "For God and Home and Native Land." Solo Paper by Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor, N. S. Solo. Collection. Presentation of pledge. Benediction.

It was impossible to carry out to the letter the printed programme.

Mrs. Archibald was absent. Her place was supplied by the President, who read her yearly paper, which was well worthy such a large audience.

Mrs. Trenholm, of Hantsport, made a pathetic appeal on behalf of the sailors.

The presentation of the banner was enhanced by a beautiful little speech from Mrs. (Dr.) Todd, of St. Stephen.

A collection amounting to \$30.00 was taken.

THURSDAY, 10.15 A. M.

The third session of Convention opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. (Dr.) Saunders, of Halifax.

The minutes of last session and of morning Executive meeting were read and approved.

Upon call for delegates not yet enrolled it was found that all names had been handed in at previous sessions.

The Constitution for a Local Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the Maritime Provinces was then placed before the Convention for discussion.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman that the Constitution as it stands be adopted.— Carried.

Moved that this Constitution be adopted by all new Unions, and recommended for adoption to all existing Unions.— Carried.

Noon-tide hour of prayer observed. Session adjourned.

2 P. M.

The fourth session of Convention came to order at 2 P. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Tilley, of Toronto. Miss Tilley addressed the meeting on young women's work in connection with the "Y" organization, and called upon the ladies present who were engaged in temperance work among the youth to state their plan of work and experience.

Mrs. Todd, St. Stephen; Mrs. Pember, Campobello; Mrs. Cummings, Truro, responded.

Miss Ganong, of St. Stephen, read a paper on Kitchen Garden Work.

Mrs. Steadman moved a vote of thanks to St. Stephen Union for the beautiful banner presented to Maritime Union and apologized that it had not been done before. A standing vote was taken. Mrs. Mayne responded in behalf of St. Stephen.

A letter was received by Mrs. Steadman requesting a Superintendent of Flower Missions to be appointed.—Referred to Committee on Plan of Work.

Also a letter on Petitions referred to same committee.

Mrs. Turnbull received a request for delegates to be appointed to Dominion Prohibitory Alliance. Mrs. Steadman moved that a resolution be framed by committee and sent to that body as it was impossible to send delegates.

Mrs. Steadman, Corresponding Secretary, then read the following report.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Our Unions are possibly not aware of the decision of Convention last year, viz.: That reports must be given in a concise manner—merely giving facts, leaving details of the work to be gathered at County Conventions and reported to you through the Divisional Superintendents. I can give no other explanation of the fact that many Unions have failed to send answers to my questions, than that they are expecting to report in the usual manner.

The Nova Scotia Unions report as follows:

Halifax reports a Band of Hope. Special lines of work:

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Visiting Hospital, Mothers' Meetings, Coffee Room, Servants Home and Employment Office for the same, and Distribution of Literature—amount not given. Have affiliated; membership fifty-six; organized in January, 1887.

Windsor reports no Band of Hope. Special lines of work: Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Schools, Evangelistic, Distribution of Literature—about 400 leaflets. Forty members—three honorary members; organized December, 1877.

Canso reports Band of Hope. Special lines of work: Among Sailors and Distribution of Literature—1,000 tracts and revised periodicals distributed. Membership twenty; organized April, 1887.

Parrsboro reports a Loyal Legion of 103 members. Special lines of work: Evangelistic, including Work among Sailors and Prison Work, Industrial School and Distribution of Literature—over 2,000 tracts and papers. Membership forty-eight; organized October, 1887.

Hantsport reports no Juvenile Work. Special lines of work: Among Sailors, Public Meetings and Lectures, have distributed over 2,000 leaflets beside magazines and papers. Membership thirty-one; organized November, 1886.

Truro reports a Loyal Legion. Special lines of work: Distribution of Literature, and are moving in the matter of petitioning for Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Schools. Membership forty-five; organized September, 1887.

Dartmouth reports no Juvenile Work in connection with the Union. Special lines of work: Among Sailors and a Coffee Room, Distribution of Literature, but do not give the amount. Membership fifty-two; organized 1887.

Lockeport reports Band of Hope with a membership of seventy-four. Special lines of work: Juvenile, Evangelistic and Distribution of Literature—over 500 leaflets. Membership fourteen; organized 1888.

Bridgetown is considering the matter of affiliation.

Annapolis reports very little work done. Membership fifty; organized 1888, not auxiliary.

Cow Bay reports a Band of Hope. Special lines of work:

Among Miners and Sailors, Distribution of Literature—have distributed over 1,000 leaflets. Membership eighty—honorary members one hundred; organized February, 1888.

Yarmouth reports no Juvenile Work. Special lines of work: Coffee and Reading Room, Distribution of Literature—have distributed between 2,000 and 3,000 pages. Membership one hundred and eighty; organized February, 1889.

Sydney reports Band of Hope. Special lines of work: Among Sailors, Juvenile, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Woman's Suffrage and Distribution of Literature—have distributed 600 or 700 tracts and papers. Membership thirty-two—honorary members six; organized September, 1888; not auxiliary.

Amherst has no Band of Hope. Special lines of work: Industrial Schools and Jail Work, \$4.00 worth of literature distributed; have affiliated; fifty-two members; organized 1887.

New Glasgow reports the petition to the Board of Education, spoken of by the Truro delegates, is now being circulated for signers, and at next meeting the moving towards introducing Scientific Temperance Instruction in our local schools is to be discussed and the effort made. We have tried to introduce pledges in the Sunday-schools and have only been partially successful in that. Now we are bending all our energies in one direction. There are a great many workmen in our town having steel-works, forge, glass factory, founderies, tanneries, etc., etc., and we have interviewed all the managers about the men. Numbers are signing the pledge. We would so like to be able to have good social meetings for them. Membership thirty; organized April, 1889.

Canning reports no special line of work. Membership twenty-six; organized January, 1889.

Seven Unions not reported. Membership for N. S., 715.

In New Brunswick the Unions report as follows:

Moncton, the first organized in the province, has a Band of Hope. Special lines of work: Evangelistic and Industrial School, no record of literature distributed, Membership fifty; organized 1876.

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St. John reports Juvenile Work consists principally in teaching little girls how to make home happy. This is done by the Kitchen-garden Work Industrial School, Sewing, Plain Cooking, etc. The Evangelistic Work is done by a committee visiting the Public Hospital; the Jail and the Haven, weekly. A Mothers' Prayer Meeting is held in our parlor monthly, and occasionally, a public temperance meeting is held on the Sabbath. We class our Coffee Rooms as preventive work, also the distribution of literature. Beside general distribution, temperance literature is well supplied at the railway station, country market, engine houses, hospitals, jail, haven, barber-shops and coffee rooms — 1,900 leaflets distributed. Membership 105; organized 1877.

Fredericton, no Loyal Legion. Special lines of work: Evangelistic, Educational, Distribution of Literature and Coffee Room — 3,000 leaflets and 500 papers distributed; five periodicals taken in the Union and two for the hospital. Membership eighty; organized December, 1877.

St. Stephen reports a Band of Hope. Special lines of work: Scientific Temperance Instruction, Coffee Room, Influencing the Press, Distribution of Literature — no amount given and Evangelistic Work. Membership thirty eight; organized April, 1878.

Woodstock reports Band of Hope. Special lines of work: Scientific Temperance Instruction in Schools, Evangelistic, including jail work, public temperance meetings. Membership thirty-nine; organized 1885.

St. George reports a Band of Hope. No special work beside this. Membership twelve; organized 1888.

Hopewell reports Band of Hope. No special work but this, but attention given to whatever comes within their reach. 600 leaflets distributed; membership twenty-one; organized 1887.

Port Elgin reports two Bands of Hope. Special lines of work: Juvenile, Evangelistic and Political, Distribution of Literature — 3,000 leaflets. Membership twenty-five; organized 1885.

Sackville reports three Bands of Hope. Special lines of work: Distribution of Literature and Juvenile Work—800 leaflets distributed. Membership twenty-seven; organized 1883.

Hartland reports Band of Hope—forty members. Scientific Temperance Instruction and Juvenile Work, 300 leaflets distributed. Membership seventeen—honorary, eleven; organized 1888.

Newcastle reports Loyal Legion. Special lines of work: Scientific Temperance Teaching in the Schools, Evangelistic, and support a Sunday-school, Literature Distribution not given. Membership twenty-six; organized 1884.

Weldford reports work among the Cadets of Temperance. Special work: Evangelistic, have distributed papers. Membership six; organized 1885.

Gibson reports a Boys Invitation Society. Special lines of work: Visiting the sick and supplying the needs of the poor, have distributed literature to some extent. Membership twenty-seven; organized 1888.

Campbellton reports no Juvenile Work. Special lines of work: Literature, Benevolence and securing unfermented wine in the churches. 1,200 leaflets distributed. Membership twenty-six; organized 1888.

Chatham reports no Band of Hope. Special lines of work: Public Meetings, Distribution of Literature—amount, 5,000 pages. Membership forty—honorary, twenty-seven; organized 1889.

Upper Sackville reports circulation of literature, supply a box in post office and are praying for prohibition, visiting and helping the sick and poor, have a Band of Hope with seventy members; have not affiliated. Membership eighteen; organized 1887.

Salisbury reports no meeting since May.

Portland or St. John (north end): Juvenile Work, Work for Seamen, Distribution of Literature—1,400 pages and 160 papers—600 papers been distributed by Loyal Legion; have affiliated. Membership forty; organized 1872.

Total membership as reported for New Brunswick 587.

Eight Unions not reported in New Brunswick, seven in Nova Scotia.

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Total number of Unions as reported to me, fifty-two.

Since last September two have been organized in New Brunswick, and ten in Nova Scotia.

Miss T. A. Martell, the teacher at Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton, has organized a Loyal Legion in connection with her school. There is no Union in the place, but Miss Martell is a white-ribboner. The Legion has thirty-eight regular members and thirty honorary members,—those who do not attend the meetings but have signed the triple pledge. How many other teachers will do as Miss Martell has done?

I have reported to you by circular the Department of Temperance Literature in debt. It is because I attempted to do too much. Whithin a few months I have added to your bills the additional charge of postage, and trust in that way to reduce the amount. Three years ago the rates reported were \$255; in the second \$56; and the year just passed \$120.

Amount distributed by the Unions as reported—23,600 leaflets, besides periodicals.

The work as given to you in this summary has meant the writing of 179 letters and a little less than 200 postals. The number of leaflets distributed 23,600.

Moved by Mrs. W. W. Hay, that a vote of thanks be given to Mrs. Steadman for her indefatigable labors throughout the year as Corresponding Secretary. Seconded and carried by a rising vote.

Miss Tilley asked for a report from the "Y's" of Woodstock which was given by Mrs. Hay. The Union was formed in June, by Miss Yates, State Organizer of Maine. They were doing good work—gave a Japanese tea to raise funds for their work.

The Rev. Mr. Winslow was introduced to the Convention by the President and gave a short address.

Mrs. Steadman moved a vote of thanks to Miss Tilley for her interesting and instructive address.—Carried.

Dr. Jonab, of Eastport, was introduced to the Convention and gave a short address.

The report from Press Superintendent read.

Moved that the report of Press Superintendent be referred to her for explanation before it be adopted.—Carried.

Moved and seconded that a "Y" be organized in St. Stephen.—Carried.

Miss Tilley met a number of the young ladies before the evening session and formed a "Y" organization.

The third Executive meeting met at Mrs. (Dr.) Todd's at 7 P. M. on Thursday.

After a general talk on reports of Superintendents the Committee on Plan of Work were requested to report through Mrs. Phillips, Chairman.

Moved by Mrs. Steadman, that Mrs. Phillips' report, referring to work among boys, be left to the Juvenile department of M. W. C. T. U.—Carried.

Moved that the Executive Committee adopt the first two and last subjects of Mrs. Phillips' report for recommendation to Committee.—Carried.

The Executive then rose.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The fifth session of Convention opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Lawson, of St. John. Minutes of the two previous sessions read and after correction adopted.

Miss Tilley announced that Mrs. Foster, President of the Dominion Union, requested that delegates be nominated at this Convention to attend the National Union to be held in Chicago this fall. Also, that the President of the Province of Quebec would like delegates appointed to attend Provincial Union, to be held at Montreal from 3rd to 6th of October.

Moved by Mrs. McFarlane, that Mrs. Allan, Auditor of M. W. C. T. U., be appointed delegate to National Union, and upon Mrs. Allan declining, it was moved that this matter be left in the hands of the Executive Committee, and that any lady who felt able to go should be requested to send in her name to the Executive Committee.

Miss Tilley explained that delegates from this Convention to National would be regarded as Dominion delegates.

The report of Mrs. Phillips, Superintendent of Department of Scientific Temperance Teaching in the Schools, was then called for.

Moved by Recording Secretary, that Mrs. Phillips' excellent paper be adopted.—Carried.

At this stage in the proceedings Mrs. Sutherland, of Newcastle, entertained the Convention with a beautifully rendered solo.

The report of Superintendent of Work among Sailors was then called for.

Moved by Miss Lockhart that this excellent and interesting report be adopted.—Carried.

Also that Mrs. Trenholm be requested to prepare her paper for printing.—Carried,

At close of report Mrs. Trenholm begged to ask a few favors in behalf of the sailor in the name of her Master:

1st. That this Convention help financially the Canso Sailors' Home.

2nd. That each local Union, on returning home, try to do the same.

3rd. That a monthly meeting on behalf of sailors be held.

Moved by Mrs. T. B. Smith that a collection be taken up for Canso.—Carried.

Amount raised for Canso by end of Convention amounted to something over \$40.00.

After singing the temperance doxology, Rev. Mr. Waddell pronounced the benediction and the Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY, 9.15 A. M.

Executive meeting. Mrs. Steadman suggested that reports be limited to ten minutes and discussions on papers read to four minutes and time called.—Moved and carried.

Moved that report of Treasurer and Auditor come in before other business.—Carried.

Mrs. Steadman recommended that local Unions send nomination for County Superintendents to Executive Committee, and where there is more than one Union in a county that they confer together and send their nominee also.

On motion, resolved that the names of nominees be sent to Mrs. Steadman.

General talk on Union organizer, and Mrs. Trenholm recommended to the Executive.

Moved that the matter of Maritime organizer be left for further consideration.— Carried.

Moved that the reports of proceedings of Maritime Union for four years be printed.— Carried.

Moved that the delegates at Convention be requested to send brief reports of the work of their Unions for the three years preceding this year, in order to assist in publication of reports.— Carried.

Moved that Mrs. Steadman be added to Finance Committee.— Carried.

Moved that the publication of reports be left over for consideration at next meeting of Executive.

Committee adjourned.

FRIDAY, 10 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by the President.

Minutes of previous session and of Executive meeting read and approved. Treasurer's report called for.

Memorandum of receipts and expenditures of M. W. C. T. U. Convention, 1888.

Receipts :

Jan. 1	To balance on hand,	\$122 75
	Cash from local Union,	175 35
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Expenses :

Jan. 15	By "Sun" printing programmes,	\$ 5 25
Apr. 6	Mrs. Cowie, printing,	5 81
July	Expenses Dominion Union, per Mrs. Turnbull,	25 08
	White Cross literature, per Mrs. Turnbull,	5 00
	Treasurer's postal cards and stamps,	55
Aug.	Mrs. Cowie, printing circulars,	2 83
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	Balance on hand,	<hr/>
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Moved by Mrs. Archibald that the Treasurer's report be adopted.—Carried.

Mention was made of Miss Lockhart's indefatigable services as Treasurer for Union, and a rising vote of thanks extended to her.

Mrs. McLeod, who had been entrusted with greetings from the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, consisting of 132 societies, was requested to come to platform.

Mrs. McLeod in a few words presented the greetings of the above Society.

Mrs. McFarlane moved that a committee be appointed to return a suitable reply to Woman's Baptist Missionary Union.

Miss Archibald was appointed a committee of one to return a suitable reply.

The election of officers for ensuing year was then proceeded with.

Moved that the committee now in session be asked to take their seats in Convention in order to take part in election.—Carried.

Miss Tilley, by request, gave Miss Willard's method of electing officers.

Miss Willard's plan adopted, which is as follows: The tellers distribute slips, then collect; one reading off names, the other marking 1 to each name and checking each five off.

Ballots for nomination—afterwards for election. Highest three accepted for nomination; then a two-thirds vote gives office.

Tellers: Mrs. Chipman, Mrs. McLeod, Miss Archibald, Miss McNaught.

The informal ballot for President counted as follows: Mrs. Turnbull, 25; Mrs. Steadman, 7; Mrs. T. B. Smith, 4; Mrs. Todd, 4; Mrs. Saunders, 3; Mrs. McFarlane, 1.

Before beginning the work of nomination of officers, at request of President, earnest prayer was offered for guidance.

Mrs. Turnbull having received such a large majority of votes, it was moved that the beloved President of the Convention be re-elected by a unanimous vote.—Carried by a rising vote.

The result of ballot for Vice-President for Nova Scotia at large was as follows: Mrs. Smith, 80; Mrs. Saunders, 6; Miss Archibald, 4; Mrs. Cummings, 3; Mrs. McLeod, 2; Mrs. Woodbury, 2.

Moved that Mrs. Smith's vote be made unanimous.—Carried.

The informal ballot was now made for Vice-President for New Brunswick, with the following results: Miss Trueman, 20; Mrs. (Dr.) Todd, 17; Mrs. Carr, 4; Mrs. Mayne, 3; Mrs. McFarlane, 2; Mrs. Burpee, Chipman, Steadman, Hay, Long, 1 each.

The formal ballot was now cast for three highest with the following results: Miss Trueman, 24; Mrs. Todd, 16; Mrs. Carr, 8.

Miss Trueman was declared elected.

Moved and seconded that the Corresponding Secretary be elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Todd objected, on the ground of its being unconstitutional.

The informal ballot was accordingly made for Corresponding Secretary, which resulted in Mrs. Steadman receiving every vote of the Convention.

Mrs. Steadman was accordingly re-elected unanimously by Convention.

The tellers announced the informal ballot for Recording Secretary as follows: Miss Robinson, 46; Miss Archibald, 2.

This ballot was made formal and Miss Robinson was re-elected.

Moved that the office of Treasurer be made an open nomination.—Carried.

Moved that Miss Lockhart be Treasurer for ensuing year.—Carried by unanimous vote.

Moved that Mrs. Allan be Auditor.—Carried unanimously.

Amherst, Hantsport and Woodstock having each invited the Convention for the next year, Hantsport and Woodstock withdrew in favor of Amherst.

Moved by Mrs. Dunlap, in behalf of Amherst Union, that Miss Tilley be invited to be present at the Convention in Amherst.—Carried.

Miss Tilley, in response, expressed her willingness to be present, if possible: The noon-tide hour of prayer was now observed.

Report from Mrs. Todd, Superintendent of Purity in Literature and Art, was then read.

Resolved, That Mrs. Smith have three minutes for discussing this subject, also that Mrs. Morrow be allowed the same privilege.

Mrs. Sampson, on motion, gave report of Evangelistic work.

The Convention then rose.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Miss Lockhart moved that greetings be sent from M. W. C. T. U. to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia branches of Woman's Missionary Aid Society, of the Methodist Church of Canada.—Carried.

Moved that Committee on Resolutions now report through the Chairman, Mrs. Smith.

After hearing the report the Convention rose.

2.30 P. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Knight, of Moncton.

Minutes of last session and of Executive read and approved.

Report of Finance Committee called for.

Moved, that the bills brought before Convention be paid.—Carried.

Finance Committee also recommend adoption of sales-table of useful and fancy articles to increase the funds of the Convention.

Moved, that that recommendation be adopted.—Carried.

Moved, that the Presidents of local Unions be asked to bring the matter of sales-table of Convention before their Unions at the first meeting of the New Year, and urge necessity of contributing and purchasing from this table.—Carried.

Superintendents and all having accounts against Convention were requested to come to the table for settlement at close of Convention; also all who had not as yet received certificates for return by rail or boat.

The hearing of reports from the Superintendents of departments of work was then continued.

Mrs. Turnbull, President of Convention and Superintendent of White Cross department, then read her report.

Report from Divisional Superintendent for Cape Breton called for. Read by Mrs. Carr in absence of Mrs. Archibald, Superintendent for Cape Breton.

President asked if there was any reports from local Unions.

On motion, resolved to dispense with reading of local reports.

The names of Superintendents of departments were read over and the following marked reported.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Phillips.

Gospel Purity—Mrs. Turnbull.

Impure in Literature and Art—Mrs. Todd.

Industrial Work—Mrs. Steeves.

Evangelistic Work—Mrs. Sampson.

Railway Men—Mrs. Wilbur.

Press Department—Miss Selden.

Sailors—Mrs. Trenholm.

Temperance Literature—Mrs. Steadman.

On motion, resolved that the above reports be adopted.—Carried.

Mrs. Smith, Vice-President for Nova Scotia, moved that those wishing printed reports of Convention pay five cents for them.—Carried.

Mrs. Steadman spoke on behalf of the World's W. C. T. U. Petition, urging the need of active work for signatures. A letter was also read by Corresponding Secretary from Miss Willard, urging that efforts be made to secure 200,000 signatures in Canada to the women's petition to the governments of the world.

The only Unions which have reported as circulating the World's Petition are Springhill, Nova Scotia; Campbellton, Woodstock, Sackville and Fredericton; Springhill leading with 721 names.

Resolved, That we, the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, do heartily sympathize with the aims and objects of the Dominion Prohibitory Alliance, and we pray that every effort for the suppression of the liquor traffic and for the protection of our Canadian homes, may be crowned with success by Him who has taught us to "Overcome evil with good."

Also a recommendation to Maritime Union for the establishment of a reformatory through the government.

Moved that this resolution be left with the Executive Committee to take action upon.—Carried.

Resolution on North American Act and also on Municipal Councils and officers be referred to local Unions.

Also that greetings to Methodist Women's Missionary Societies of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia be conveyed to New Brunswick by Mrs. Chipman and to Nova Scotia by Miss Archibald.

The following resolution of thanks to St. Stephen Union was moved and carried.

Resolved, That the Maritime W. C. T. U. Convention express its warmest appreciation of the delightful welcome and whole-hearted hospitality extended to them by the citizens and white-ribboned sisterhood of St. Stephen. In after days the memory of the bright and happy hours spent in this beautiful town will often come to refresh and strengthen our hearts; and also the kindly thoughts so touchingly embodied in the presentation of our silken banner, so suggestive, chaste and beautiful, surrounded by the golden cord of love, will bind us as this whole round earth is bound, in golden chains about the feet of God.

As the beautiful cedars that girdle your lovely homes remain green and fragrant during the cold and barrenness of the winter, so the memory of St. Stephen Convention will remain forever in our hearts.

Moved and carried, vote of thanks to railway managers and steamboat companies.

Resolved, That the Maritime W. C. T. U. Convention heartily thank the superintendents of railroads and managers of steamboats for the courtesy of reduced rates to delegates attending Convention at St. Stephen.

Thanks were also expressed for kindness received from the press and Methodist Church, for use of the latter during public meeting.

Moved also that expression of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, who has been suffering from illness.

Resolved, That the Convention send a message of tender sympathy to our sister, Mrs. Atkinson, absent from us on account of ill health.— Carried.

Mrs. Phillips, Chairman of Committee on Work, recommended that the Superintendent of Juvenile work be requested to give attention to the matter of looking after boys and providing wholesome recreation for them.

Moved that the Recording Secretary call attention of Juvenile Superintendents to the matter of work among boys.— Carried.

Mrs. Smith presented to the President the collection of \$40.00 for the Canso sailor work, and informed her that Mrs. Trenholm wished it to go as a gift from the Convention.

Resolved, That the Superintendent of Work among Sailors receive money and forward it to Canso.—Carried.

Mrs. Trenholm informed Convention that she would send money as a gift from the Maritime Union and friends of Union.

After singing of hymn "More Love to Thee," Mrs. McLeod engaged in prayer.

The President now announced that the meeting was open for closing testimonies and prayers.

During the delightful hour passed in praise and prayer, a vote of thanks was given to the beloved President of the Union for her unvarying kindness during Convention.— Carried by a rising vote and the Chautauqua salute.

The Convention was brought to a close by the sisters uniting hands and singing "God be with you till we meet again." The temperance doxology was then sung, after which the benediction was pronounced simultaneously, the sisters still standing with clasped hands.

Moved that the minutes of this session be read to Executive for approval at close of meeting.— Carried.

Executive meeting. Minutes of last session of Convention read and approved.

Moved that Corresponding Secretary send letter of condolence to Mrs. Atkinson.— Carried.

Executive meeting Saturday. Place—railway station, St. Stephen.

The following resolution to the Dominion Convention was moved and carried:

Resolved, That we confer with the Dominion W. C. T. U. as to the desirability of having the second Sunday of October appointed as our annual day of prayer for the work of the W. C. T. U.

The following delegates were also appointed to represent the Maritime Provinces at the National Convention to be held in Chicago—

Mrs. (Dr.) Todd, St. Stephen.	Miss J. B. Archibald, Truro.
Mrs. Chipman, do.	Mrs. Trenholm, Hantsport.
Mrs. Carr, Hartland.	Mrs. F. Woodbury, Dartmouth.
Mrs. W. W. Hay, Woodstock.	Mrs. C. H. Whitman, Canso.
Mrs. Henry Chestnut, F'ton.	Mrs. A. E. Wood, Parrsboro.
Mrs. T. B. Smith, Windsor.	

The following is a revised copy of the resolution on reformatories, left over for the Executive to take action upon; passed at Executive.

Whereas, The matter of a Reformatory or Industrial School for youthful offenders has been repeatedly agitated, yet without seeming result; and

Whereas, The Province of Nova Scotia has provided such an one, we, the Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union, believing that such an institution is much needed in the Province of New Brunswick; and

Whereas, It is the acknowledged duty of the government to provide for the instruction and protection of its people,

Resolved, That we, the Maritime W. C. T. U., are in favor of a Reformatory and Industrial School, where youthful offenders may be taught some useful occupation and instruction in the duties of good citizenship.

Further resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Local Legislature at its next session, asking its support in forwarding the object sought by this Union.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

So swiftly come the years. It seems almost impossible, dear sisters, that another one has passed since we recorded our first decade as a maritime or provincial Union and gave a brief review of the ten years' work. Each year has the work steadily increased, but never in our history has there been such an increase of new Unions as in the year that is passed, and I think we may take for our key-note this year, "Thanksgiving—praise to God from whom all blessings flow." With such an increase of membership comes an increase of power, an increase of responsibility—personal responsibility as well as united. "For as we have many members in our body, and all members have not the same office, so we being many, are one body in Christ and all are members one of another." Seeing this, how loyal we ought to be to one another. In an organization so large as the Maritime W. C. T. U., I think it is a great cause for gratitude that all have been spared and so many permitted to meet again. We have not to mourn one place made vacant by death, no break in our ranks that cannot be restored. None the less, we regret the absence of some who would be with us to-day only for illness, and especially we shall miss Mrs. Atkinson, one of our foremost workers at Convention. May the prayers for this dear sister, and for all who are afflicted, be speedily answered, and may they realize that 'tis a loving hand that bears the "chastening rod." While there are absent ones, yet we are glad to see among our number many who have never met with us before. White ribbon women never meet as strangers but as kindred, and we welcome you to our midst, dear sisters, and offer you the right hand of fellowship while we pray that all may "be fellow helpers to the truth." In the words of Paul let me say to you who have recently come into fellowship with us: "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper." There is a beautiful motto of "The Ministering Children's League," that, I think, we might borrow for the coming year, "no day without a deed to crown it." What a different world this would be if every Christian would live up to that motto. If some days we fail, let us not be discouraged but

remember that "every day is a fresh beginning, every morn-
 is the world made new." If yesterday was not crowned with
 some good deed there is no reason why to-day may not find us
 at its close, feeling the sweet peace that comes with duties
 faithfully performed and the remembrance of "some deed of
 kindness done." Strength for each day is promised to those
 who "wait upon the Lord always." In our Christian temper-
 ance work we need much faith, more patient waiting for the
 times of fulfilment. The W.C.T.U. must be positive women
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 their friends and their enemies, we want no ambiguous mem-
 bers, like some Christians of whom it is hard to tell on which
 side they are. It is a great matter, dear sisters, to have the
 "courage of our convictions." We may say, "God judges us
 by our intentions." True, He does, but He also searcheth the
 heart and sounds the bottom of all our intentions. We have
 heard of some who object to wearing a badge. "I do not
 want to label myself by wearing a white ribbon," said one, "like
 a Salvation Army woman." We fear there are other motives
 lying deeper, that she does not care to mention; but He who
 knoweth may see that there is an unwillingness to bear even
 the slight testimony for Him—"the little knot of ribbon white."
 That it does bear testimony we have abundant proof; and
 what could be more simple, more unassuming or unostentatious?
 This year has been one of more than ordinary import to the
 W. C. T. U. of the Dominion. Until the recent Convention at
 Toronto, a Dominion W. C. T. U. was looked upon by many
 as only a myth, but it has now become an established fact
 and we may confidently look for large results from this—our
mother Union. It will bring us into closer fellowship with our
 sisters of this broad dominion. Through it the Maritime
 becomes affiliated with the World's W. C. T. U., and in close
 relationship to every white ribbon woman on the globe. Of
 the five cents per member paid into the Dominion Treasury,
 three cents are for the Dominion and two cents are for the
 World's W.C.T.U. While we lose none of our individuality
 and are no way restricted by the Dominion Union, we may be
 greatly strengthened and helped by it. It is a concentration
 of forces.

We sometimes hear the objection, that "Organizations are not necessary," and some have said "not in accordance with the Bible." We are commanded in the Bible to "serve God and to love our neighbor as ourselves;" and we know that we can best serve God by serving humanity; we know that terrible evils exist and that reform is needed; we believe that reform can best be effected by concentration of the influence for good. It has been truly said: "In our separate individuality we are a rope of sand; united, we are a cable to the pulling down of strongholds." We have learned that in union there is strength, and the Bible says: "Associate yourselves and take counsel together." This is the Bible warrant for the W.C.T.U. For general directions read Colossians iii. 13-16. The church is an organization, and all efficient Christian work must be organized work. There was a time when women were content to work within the home, thinking only "If mine are safe and undefiled, it matters not what woe betide my neighbor's child." But when the home was threatened, when no walls were found high enough, no gates secure against the home destroyer; then came the earnest thought, and earnest women found that "new occasions teach new duties." In a listening attitude, they harkened unto solemn warning; "Tremble, ye women that are at ease; Be troubled, ye careless ones. Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers, yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city." Surely we have seen the fulfilment of the prophesy; for into how many houses of joy do we find the stinging thorn of intemperance—the coarse brier of impurity? DeLogneville said: "Life is neither a pleasure nor a pain, it is a serious business to be entered on with courage and in a spirit of self-sacrifice." Truly, this is so in our temperance work. It is neither a pleasure nor a pain, but a very serious business. One that demands great self-sacrifice, and from which our hearts often shrink, we have felt "assailed with doubts alway." We shrink from duty and its thorny path, and cry: "Let work be given to him that hath, and from us kept away." But thank God there has been a "fountain stirred" in the breast of many thoughtful women—"whose waters never more shall rest." We have listened

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to that undertone of suffering, that comes welling up from the lives of other women, until we could no longer endure the strain. We have heard the Master say:

"Nay, no more folded hands!
For I have need of thee, to teach, to pray--
To warn, instruct and labor day by day.
Thy needs God understands."

Beloved sisters, if at times the work seems too hard, the tempest too strong for you, if you look up in faith you will hear above the storm the still small voice—

"Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day,
In every path of thine I lead the way."
"What if the Master came to-night and called your name,
Asking how many sheaves your hands had made?
If at the Lord's commands
You showed but empty hands,
Condemned your dreaming soul would stand dismayed."

Ought we not rather to rejoice that we are counted worthy to do this work for Him? Since last we met in Convention it was my privilege to attend the National Convention held in New York as one of your delegates. The other delegates are present, who, with myself, were treated with every courtesy by our sisters over the line. It was a great delight to listen to so many gifted women and to their wonderful leader, Francis E. Willard, the most notable woman of the nineteenth century. If at first we felt a little awed by the magnitude of their work in comparison with ours, and the number of their workers, we soon learned that they, too, had many difficulties to contend with. The white ribbon woman's path is not one of roses in any country, and while we may strive to emulate those sisters in all good works, we may also profit a little by their experience. The lesson for me at that Convention was to *keep out of politics*. Let there never be any grounds for the charge that "the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is a political body"—not in our organization. Many of our American sisters believe, as I do, in this respect, and would be glad if the political plank had never entered their platform. Let us strictly adhere to our title "*The Woman's Christian Temper-*

ance Union," remembering always that "the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men." Some, perhaps many, will differ with me in opinion, but I feel it my duty to let you know where I stand on this question, and to tenderly warn you of the difficulties that might be ours unless carefully and prayerfully guarded against. Let our "zeal be according to knowledge," and let us endeavor to show the fruits of the spirit. I would be glad if something could be done at this Convention in regard to a reformatory or industrial school for youthful offenders. The subject has been agitated again and again by our women, but a great apathy is evidenced on the part of those who should move in the matter. About all that we can do is to agitate. "Agitation is the engine that has drawn many trains." We cannot let this matter rest while there is no other place for boys of tender years than the common jail or the penitentiary, where they are brought in close companionship with hardened criminals, and fitted for deeper depths of crime when released from prison. We need an "open door" for the children where they may be tenderly gathered in. May every mother's heart go out in sympathy for those little waifs that have never learned the meaning of the words mother, home and heaven. The Maritime W. C. T. U. has cause for gratitude to God for the great advance in public sentiment in regard to teaching scientific temperance principles in the public schools. The superintendent of that department will have an encouraging report to give of our work in that direction. It is eight years since we began to *agitate* that subject, and I carried a resolution to Convention, year after year, until my sisters dubbed it "the Sir Wilfred Lawson Bill." After many days our prayers have been answered, though we sometimes feared "the Father had forgot." The subject of hygienic living is one that should receive more careful attention. It is astonishing how careless the majority of people are and how ignorant in regard to the laws of health. The W. C. T. U. believes in the "do everything policy," and we believe that it is just as important to have a knowledge of what we should eat as of what we should drink. Mothers and housekeepers should understand more

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thoroughly the "laws of life," and there would not be the pampered appetites that now exist and that pave the way for strong drink. There is a "sin of gluttony" as well as sin of intemperance, and I sincerely trust that the department of "dress and hygiene" will have your most careful attention.

One of the duties of our President, laid down in our By-laws, reads: "She shall also superintend the work during the year." This can only be done by correspondence. Where a new Union has been reported by the Secretary, I have written and given what assistance I could by letter. This correspondence has been a great pleasure to me — giving me an insight into the *innermost* of so many earnest workers. Over eighty letters have been written to the different Unions during the year, more would have been added had it not been for a painful accident in the winter that deprived me of the use of my right hand for many weeks. All plans of work for the coming year will be prepared by the Executive Committee and submitted for your approval. May each one have the work assigned her for which she is best fitted.

"We each have a work no other can do!
Why tarry? The harvest is white;
Go forth while 'tis day
And gather bright sheaves—
To carry the Master at night."

In conclusion let me tell you how your letters, with their tender words of sympathy, have strengthened me for the work. How the assurance of an interest in your prayers has lightened many burdens and how the reports of your good work have cheered and encouraged me — stimulating me to renewed activity and fresh devotion to our beloved cause. I can truly say: "I thank my God, through Jesus Christ, for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."

WHITE CROSS WORK — MRS. TURNBULL.

Dwellers by the Nile cast their seed into the waters, waiting in patient trust; knowing that when the waters shall subside, their bread will be returned to them after many days.

Workers in the White Cross movement must go forth bearing precious seed, waiting with like trust until the time of harvest for the result of their labors, knowing that when the seeds of gospel purity take root they will grow and spread until the whole social atmosphere will be sweetened and purified. Many are the discouragements in this branch of our work, yet we know that the "White Cross Army, with its equal standard of purity for men and women, is moving to its rightful place." And in that army there is no retreat. While its progress in our provinces seem slow, we know it is steadily marching on. "The subject," says one, "in all its relations, is a broad one." And we may press onward and upward, never resting in what has already been attained, but ever striving for greater heights. In glancing back over the work accomplished in this department during the year, there seems but little to report: so much of it is hidden from mortal eye, so much that is only known by Him who seeth in secret and counts our efforts by what they cost. The first work after Convention last year was on the occasion of a public meeting held by the W. C. T. U. of St. John, on Temperance Sunday, at the Mechanics' Institute, at the request of your Superintendent, a clergyman kindly consented to speak on the subject of social purity. A deep interest was apparently awakened. He has since given the same address in other places at the request of the W. C. T. Unions. The subject was again presented at two other public meetings, when a paper was read by the Superintendent, and the pledge cards and literature were circulated. Early in April a White Cross meeting for men only was held on Sunday afternoon at the Institute. This meeting was addressed by ministers of different denominations, and everything was done to awaken a deeper interest with the view of organizing. Literature was distributed, and thirty-one names were handed in of those present who were in sympathy with the work. Some of the ministers and a physician present pledged themselves to carry on the work and to organize a White Cross Society in our city. That part is now entrusted to them. Letters have been received from different places asking for literature and infor-

mation. About 800 leaflets and 300 pledge cards have been distributed during the year. These must be followed with prayer if we are to look for fruit. But, oh! the laborers are so few. "The seeds are ripening and the grain will fall; the fields are whitening, an ill wind blows o'er all." Sometimes it seems "there is no rain nor dew," and we are led to exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Anna Garlin Spencer says; "I am moved to say to all women who speak upon social purity or any related theme, to remember that for this service only their best, their highest, the sweetest, must be consecrated, not only the armor of virtue must breathe from the platform but that most delicate perfume of exquisite womanhood which we more than all else mean when we speak that word feminine. Only a flower of womanhood can reveal the heart of motherhood." While it is most desirable that a local superintendent of White Cross work should be appointed in each Union, the greatest care should be exercised in the appointment of a superintendent. It will usually be found that the woman who shrinks most from the work is the one best adapted for it. She must, as Miss Willard says, be able to "say what she wants to say without saying it." Her nature must feel it a cross, which "only the dignity of love can give her courage to assume." Some one has said that "no woman is fit to talk on social purity who does not respect and understand men." We think it is equally important that she should understand women. It needs the heart to be filled with love and with Christ-like compassion.

"Thou must to thyself be true
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
Thy soul must overflow if thou
Another's soul wouldst reach;
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech."

It requires something more than moral courage for a woman to reach forth her hand to a fallen sister. To see her "dwarfed and wronged and stained with ill," and yet to recognize that she is "a woman still." It is hard to overcome all scornful loathing for one who has degraded her woman-

hood, but if she is trying to rise again and be clean should we not give her both hands to help her stand on her feet again? "The blame is on many," not on *one*, and it is the duty of every woman to protest against that which has been rightly called "the curse of the world." One standard for men and another for women. There are some who think 'tis no matter what is done so long as it isn't spoken of, and so the dark cesspools of impurity are covered up from sight; we fain would shut our eyes and believe that they do not exist, but these things that are done must be spoken of, if evil is to be swept away, "Overcome evil with good" the Bible says. And the wise physician knows that to heal disease he must first ascertain the disturbing cause. He must probe deep to reach the cancerous spot before he attempts its healing. Wherever malaria broods disinfectants must be applied, and the light of Gospel purity must shine into dark places before society will be purified. Mrs. Josephine Butler, of Winchester, England, is one whom all women should honor. Experience in work among degraded women made her feel most keenly the deeper degradation to which society doomed them and to realize the awful wrong of that society that never forgives in woman what it condones in man. She has devoted her life, which has been frequently threatened, in seeking redress for the wrongs of women. She became a "voice for the voiceless," and proclaims an equal code of morals for both sexes. It costs much for refined and sensitive women to enter this work and to meet the criticisms invoked against them; but dare we keep silent when we know that there are girls in our midst depraved, helpless, and unsound, that once were as clean and as pure as the daughters in our own homes. Does not common humanity plead with us to do what we can to rescue and save them? to redress their bitter wrongs and break down that infamous system that has robbed them of virtue and liberty and is "fast hurrying them into loathsome and hopeless graves. An exceedingly great and bitter cry, the agonizing wail of wronged, despoiled, ruined and helpless womanhood is in our ears. These voices are the voices of our sisters. God grant they fire our hearts and nerve our hands

with grip of steel. "Surely," says Mrs. Butler, "if any time in the world's history ever called for courageous and independent speech and for typical and Christ-like acts, on the part of women towards their fallen sisters and brothers, this age of ours calls for such." Do you say "the work is too hard for me;" then ask God to give thee skill.

In comforts art that thou may'st consecrated be,
And set apart unto a life of sympathy;
For heavy is the weight of ill in every heart,
And comforters are needed much—
Of Christ-like touch.

PURITY IN LITERATURE AND ART—MRS. TODD.

Great oaks from little acorns grow and giants were only babes at first. So when the department which I stand here to represent to-day was born into our work, it was like all babies, very weak and feeble. It has shown signs of life, in that it has stretched out its hands and sent up a piteous cry, but as yet it has not taken a step—give it time, friends, and you may see a great head stalking through the land, crushing the giant evil. You may ask: What kind of a cry was given?

Every editor in these two provinces, save one, was addressed personally, asking that their columns be shut to all demoralizing matter, and only good and uplifting material used. Each Union was written to and requested to take up this branch of work. Nineteen responded, promising to do what they could—three felt there was no need of such work among them, and others were never heard from.

Now to what extent have the hands been stretched out? Of the nineteen who promised to take up the work, twelve responded to my call for reports. Five to say they had done nothing, and seven to grieve over the little accomplished. But is it little? Mothers have been spoken to who were indifferent on the subject before. A general looking into the matter shows that the postal authorities do not knowingly open the mails to the transportation of vile papers, but so wily is the foe we fight that even the strictest vigilance is evaded.

Two instances will prove this. One, where a young girl desiring to earn her living, answered an advertisement for work, and had sent to her a bundle of vile pictures to copy. I could not learn the name of the paper that contained the advertisement, or I should have written directly to the editor. The other was where a young lad had sent him through the mail a package of impure pictures.

I hold in my hand a lead pencil, apparently like all common pencils, but a close examination under the rubber shows a microscopic picture inserted near the end, grossly obscene in its nature. I do not see how any one can say there is no danger when their children's pure minds have such evils thrust into them.

I earnestly beg parents and teachers alike to be on the watch tower.

St. John reports active work. Every barber-shop was visited, thirty in number. Ten of the barbers admitted that they kept the "Police Gazette" and "Police News." All but one agreed to give them up if the others did. Post-office and custom officials promised to keep a strict watch and seize all prohibited papers. Parents have been talked with and their attention called to the true condition of things.

Windsor, N. S., reports parents spoken to, Band of Hope addressed. The teachers are assisting by furnishing the pupils with good papers and magazines, and thereby cultivating a taste for the pure and true.

Campobello, Woodstock, Fredericton and Annapolis, all report work done among the parents and teachers.

In conversation with a lady, whose husband is on the editorial staff of one of the large New York papers, I asked: "How can the papers be reached?" "Only by educating the people, so that they will not subscribe for papers that publish such things as are objectionable. The minute you make them feel they are losing money they will stop." This, then, is part of our work, and I appeal to every true-hearted mother and woman before me, to watch carefully the general tone of the papers coming into your houses, and if you find they are open to items that tend to lower and pollute the minds of young

people, stop them; and here I take occasion to enter my protest against a paper of comparatively recent publication. It is a disgrace to our womanhood that its circulation is as large as it is—for its chief object seems to be the prying into private affairs and bringing them before the public. Gossip should always be discountenanced, and a paper that makes gossip its leading attraction should have set upon it the seal of disapproval by letting it severely alone. The very fact of its being so sought for, shows to what an alarming extent a morbid appetite is being fed. My sisters, this thing ought not so to be. Let us individually do *our* part toward a better state of things and influence others to keep in the work. Hereafter I desire that this department shall be called Purity in Literature and Art, instead of Suppression of Impure Literature.

To my fellow laborers I can only say: "Go on and God be with you."

"In faith we sowed,
We needs must reap."

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION—MRS. R. H. PHILLIPS.

Although considerable effort had been made previously to bring Scientific Temperance into our schools, it was not taken up as a distinct department by the M. W. C. T. U. until April last. Being appointed at that time Superintendent by your Executive, I accepted the office, fully realizing, however, that I possessed but one necessary qualification, viz: great interest in the work and a strong desire to see it taken up and carried on. I immediately opened correspondence with all the Unions, asking that each appoint a local Superintendent to enter upon the work in her own locality.

The first response was from the Union whose guest we are to-day, "How may this thing be practically worked?" asked the Secretary with very commendable promptness. I have been encouraged by numbers of similar common sense, right-to-the-point questions. In reply I have given all the information in my power as promptly as possible. Mrs. Chipman, whom this Union has elected Superintendent, has entered

upon the work enthusiastically, and has already placed No. 1 and No. 2 of the Pathfinder Series of temperance text-books in the hands of all the primary teachers in town; they have heartily welcomed these helps and promised their cordial support in the work.

The St. John Union elected to the office of local Superintendent, Mrs. McFarlane. This subject is very dear to her and she has for some time been working in this direction. Immediately upon appointment to this office she procured one hundred leaflets—"The School-house to Decide the Temperance Question," for distribution among the teachers of her city. Mrs. McFarlane is planning to present the subject of Scientific Temperance Instruction at the meeting of the Teachers' Institute of the City and County of St. John, which is to be held shortly.

Woodstock Union has been working in this line for some time. A committee has visited the schools and has offered prizes to the higher grades for best essays on the effects of alcohol on the human system. Woodstock was the first Union to present this subject to the Teachers' Institute.

Canso has appointed no Superintendent, but had already a committee who are urging the principal of their school to use Dr. Richardson's text-books, which has been in use by the lady teacher, Miss Cox, for some time.

Amherst Union has written for information regarding the work.

Dartmouth Union has appointed Miss E. Hume, Superintendent, but considers temperance a compulsory study in their schools.

Truro has appointed no Superintendent, but asked for and procured the privilege of presenting this subject at Provincial Teachers' Institute, which met there in July. However, owing to some delay in arrangements, they were unable to meet the appointment. This Union is leading all the white-ribboners of Nova Scotia in petitioning the legislature that Scientific Temperance be made a compulsory study in all their schools. Truro has it in its power to do more work in this department than any other Union in Nova Scotia, owing to

that town being the seat of the Provincial Normal School, and we hope, during the coming year, to see them rise to the full measure of their privilege and responsibility in this direction.

Mrs. J. Henderson has been appointed local Superintendent by Campbellton Union. They have been trying to urge the principal of their school into this work for some time, and are anxious for information as to methods of working this department.

Hartland Union appointed a committee last winter to bring this matter before their teacher; as a result he gives one afternoon each week to this subject, and his pupils have made substantial progress in the subject of Scientific Temperance. Dr. Palmer's book is used and Mrs. H. N. Boyer is local Superintendent.

St. John (north end) has elected a local Superintendent; however, I have not heard from her.

Sackville Union has had a Superintendent of this department of work for two years, Mrs. Thompson Trueman, and they are hoping to do more efficient work now that we have a prescribed text-book.

Windsor Union has appointed Mrs. T. B. Smith, local Superintendent. They are preparing their petition for Council of Public Instruction. If all the Unions in Nova Scotia would promptly and heartily unite in this matter, it would undoubtedly have its effect.

Halifax Union has appointed Dr. Angwin, local Superintendent, and I am expecting good results from her efforts.

New Glasgow Union — the youngest born, has deferred action on this subject until its delegates return from Convention, hoping they will receive more definite information concerning it.

Fredericton has a longer history in this line of work than, perhaps, any other Union. However, if we have been moving in this direction for a longer time than our sister Unions, it is not because of any special gift, or love, that we have for manufacturing opportunities, but simply because the opportunities were placed directly in our pathway. One stormy

day in January, 1884, the thought came, or as she now thinks was sent to the then President with almost as much distinctness and force as if an audible voice had spoken. "The M.W.C.T.U. has been trying to influence the Boards of Education to bring temperance teaching into the schools of these provinces with little success. You have the normal students here right among you, they are to be the future teachers of New Brunswick; invite them to spend an evening with the Union, ask them to sign the pledge, and try to influence them to inculcate in the minds of their pupils, when they become teachers, a hatred for alcohol." But we are slow in giving heed to the still, small voice. We ask the Master to direct us in work for Him, yet, when He speaks to our souls in answer we hesitate and fear, lest it is other than His voice we hear. It was some time before the President could gather courage to propose to the Union a sociable for the Normal students. However, on February 21st, 1884, the first entertainment was given. Since that time the teachers and students of Normal School have spent one evening of each term with the Union, and during the last three years the university faculty and students have also been our guests on the same evenings. Upon all these occasions we have offered the total abstinence pledge for signatures and urged to the best of our ability those expecting to teach to give prominence to the subject of temperance. At these entertainments 932 young men and women have pledged themselves to total abstinence, and carried with them the pledge card as a reminder of their solemn promise. It is not ours to compute results, but it is ours to do the Master's bidding. He will care for the issues.

In November last the Executive of York County Teachers' Institute requested our Union to furnish them with a paper on Scientific Temperance Instruction for their meeting to be held in Fredericton in December. This was the first intimation we had that the subject was finding a lodgment in the minds of the teachers of York County, and was joyfully received.

Being appointed by our Union to this work, my soul was burdened with a desire to improve to the utmost such a grand

opportunity, so much so that I think with every sentence of that paper a prayer was breathed for direction and help. By request, the same paper was read a few weeks later at a reception given by the Union to all the educationists at Fredericton. Upon both occasions it was favorably received.

In May I most respectfully suggested to the Executive of the Educational Institute of New Brunswick, that they devote a session during their meeting, to be held in June, in Fredericton, to the consideration of the subject of Scientific Temperance Instruction. On the 26th of June I received a reply, stating that their programme was prepared previous to the receipt of my letter in May, but that they had assigned one hour of the next evening for the consideration of the subject in any form that I might desire. Although the time for preparation was very brief, I did what I could to interest the teachers in the subject at time specified, and leaflets bearing on Scientific Temperance were distributed among the teachers by the local Superintendent and other members of the Union.

During last winter Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction for M. W. C. T. U., also for World's W. C. T. U., called my attention to the Pathfinder Series of temperance text-books, published by A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. Being myself much pleased with them, I sought the opinion of Sir Leonard Tilley, Chairman of the New Brunswick Board of Education, also of Mr. Crocket, Chief Superintendent, concerning these books. Both gentlemen recommended them highly, and thought them admirably adapted to prepare the way for the use of Dr. Palmer's book. In June Fredericton Union presented them to all the schools in town. Now I keep these books on hand and will be happy to send them to any Unions or teachers desiring them. The price is the same here as in New York, viz.: No 1, 30 cents; No. 2, 50 cents; No. 3, \$1.00; the purchaser paying postage from Fredericton. The following will explain itself:

FREDERICTON, August 26th, 1889.

To the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces:

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,—

The members of the M. W. C. T. U. believing that the surest way to victory over intemperance lies in educating our children and youth in the harmful effects of alcohol and all narcotics on the human system, added to their work in April last, the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction. Knowing that the temperance reform lies very near the hearts of many members of your Convention, that all ministers of Jesus Christ are interested in the well-being of the human family, and that some of your members are engaged in teaching, I am therefore emboldened to most earnestly solicit for this department of temperance work the sympathy and hearty co-operation of the individual and united membership of your Convention, and do most sincerely hope that you will use your influence to make the study of Scientific Temperance compulsory in all the schools of these Maritime Provinces where it is not so already; and to have such text-books on this subject introduced as shall render the study intelligible and interesting to the pupils. The Pathfinder series, published by A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, probably meets these requirements better than any other text-books on this continent.

In behalf of M. W. C. T. U.,

Most respectfully yours,

R. A. B. PHILLIPS;

Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

In response to this I received the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of Convention be tendered to Mrs. R. H. Phillips, Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction of M. W. C. T. U., for the paper submitted by her, and that Convention urge upon ministers and members of our churches; as they come in contact with teachers, trustees and school authorities to do all in their power to have the principles of Scientific Temperance made a compulsory study in the public schools of these provinces.

E. M. KIERSTEAD,

Secretary.

Sixty-five letters and fifteen postals have been written in the interest of this work, also about three hundred and fifty leaflets distributed.

As you will perceive I have but little actual progress to report as the result of the four months' effort, nevertheless a

beginning has been made, and I believe we have only to move forward in order to possess the land. It has been a source of gratitude and encouragement that a number of Unions have been moving in this direction for some time, and I trust all will speedily come up to the work. This training of the young to abhor alcohol upon thoroughly scientific principles is a looking after the foundation of things—the foundation of character, of government, of society. If the foundation is deep and broad and solid it argues well for the superstructure.

Let us prove to School Boards, Superintendents of Education and all school authorities, by our conscientious, consistent persistency, that we are tremendously in earnest in this matter, and they will consider it first, out of respect to us, and afterwards because of the importance of the subject itself. There is much to be done in all the educational centres,—wherever young men and women are gathered for purposes of study, ask them to sign the pledge, talk to them of temperance text books (there is always a percentage of such looking to the teaching profession), of the years not far distant, we trust, when prohibition will be the natural outcome of the condition of things—when it will be as reasonable to expect men and women to support a prohibitory law as to expect an oak to grow acorns; ask them to contribute their quota to hasten this time. It is a fact that occasionally a teacher is found who imbibes intoxicating drinks, indeed, will even go into the school-room under the influence of liquor. Let all white-ribboners set their faces like a flint against this outrage.

I hope our Nova Scotia sisters will not rest till temperance teaching is made compulsory in all their schools.

I think we should all exert ourselves to have the Pathfinder Series of temperance text-book introduced. If they are once brought into the school I believe they will stay. A Fredericton teacher said to me the other day that No. 1 of the series was a charming book, she found it just what she needed.

Don't let any local Superintendent or any Union think that nothing can be done; rather let us enter every open door, and every door ajar, and do this work for the Master's sake.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

Maritime Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLES.

1. This organization shall be known as the **MARITIME WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.**
2. The object of this Union shall be to furnish the opportunity for mutual conference and co-operation on the part of the local Unions, in the effort to promote the cause of temperance, and the adoption of every practicable means calculated to develop throughout the Maritime Provinces, a deep moral and religious sentiment in favor of total abstinence.
3. The membership of the Maritime Union shall be composed of the Executive Board and delegates of local Unions in the Maritime Provinces, each Union being entitled to send two delegates.
4. The officers of the Maritime Union shall consist of a President, a Vice-President for each province, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor, all of whom shall be elected by ballot annually. These general officers, together with the Superintendents of departments, shall constitute an Executive Board, with full power to control and provide for the general interest of the work. The general officers shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board for the transaction of business, three of whom shall form a quorum.
5. The Maritime Union shall meet annually on the third Wednesday of September, at such place as may be agreed upon by the Convention, due notice to be given to the local Unions by the Corresponding Secretary.
6. There shall be a contribution from each paying member of local Unions amounting to twenty-five cents annually.
7. The local Unions desirous of becoming members of the Maritime Union may do so by letter and by payment of dues.

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8. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the body; to see that the business is conducted in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws; to preserve order and give the casting vote in case of a tie. She shall also superintend the work during the year, and call special meetings of the Executive, through the Corresponding Secretary, when she shall deem it necessary.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents, in order, to preside in the absence of the President.

3. It shall be the duty of a County Superintendent to visit each local Union under her supervision, at least annually, for the purpose of promoting its interests, to organize Unions and to hold County Conventions wherever practicable. She shall also report to the Maritime Union the work of the Unions within her district. All County Superintendents shall hold office until others are appointed in their stead.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings, and submit the same at the next session; to read all papers, etc., which may be required; to notify Committees of their appointments and of business referred to them.

5. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence and carry into effect, as far as possible, all measures adopted by the Union, and to give notice of Conventions held by the Maritime Union.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and to present a detailed report thereof to each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President. The year shall terminate on the first day of September after which the books will be closed.

7. It shall be the duty of the Superintendents of the several departments to take up actively the work assigned to them, in order that the purposes of the Union may be carried into effect, and to report the results of their efforts at the annual meeting.

8. It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine the books and accounts; to compare entries with vouchers and to report the condition of the accounts at the annual meeting.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every session shall be opened by singing, reading the scriptures and prayer.
2. Persons invited to seats may speak on all questions, but vote on none.
3. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any subject, except by permission of the chair.
4. All resolutions and amendments shall be presented to Convention in writing.
5. These rules shall be read from the chair at the opening of every session.

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—FOR A—

Local Woman's Christian Temperance Union IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

ARTICLE I.

This Organization shall be known as the WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION of auxiliary to the M. W. C. T. U.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate and secure the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the Constitution, pledging herself to do all in her power for the advancement of the temperance cause, and by the payment of a minimum fee of fifty cents per year into the Treasury, twenty-five cents of which shall be paid to the Maritime Union. She will also sign the following

P L E D G E :

I do solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including wine, beer and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by the payment of one dollar a year, all of which shall be retained for home work.

ARTICLE IV.—THE OFFICERS

Shall be a President, a Vice-President (from each church when practicable); a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers shall

constitute an Executive Committee, any three of whom shall form a quorum. The departments of work taken up with their Superintendents shall be recommended by these general officers.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. PRESIDENT.—To call to order and open the meetings; to announce the business before the meeting in the order in which it is to be acted upon; to put to vote all questions which have been regularly moved and seconded and to announce the result; to preserve order and to decide, when referred to, all points of order or practice which may arise; to append her signature when necessary to all orders and proceedings of the Union; to have a general oversight of the Union, and in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to plan for its best interests and the good of the cause; to call special meetings when deemed advisable by herself and any three members of the Union, due notice being given to the members

Section 2. VICE-PRESIDENTS —To preside in their order, at meetings in the absence of the President, and to perform all duties of the President in case of absence on any account from her office; to interest the women of their respective churches in the work of the Union; to assist the President in arranging and carrying out plans for the benefit of the Union.

Section 3. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.—To conduct the correspondence of the Union; to report annually to the County Superintendent of the district (having first submitted her report to the Union) giving such facts and items of general interest as will enable the County Superintendent to judge correctly of the condition of the Union and the progress of the work.

Section 4. RECORDING SECRETARY —To keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Union; to notify the public of its meetings; to call the roll of members; to read all papers, etc., which may be required; to notify committees of their appointment, and of business referred to them; to take charge of all papers and documents of the Union; to make reports annually or quarterly as may be required

Section 5. TREASURER. — To collect the membership dues, and to devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Union; to forward to the Maritime Treasurer, on or

before the first day of September, annually, the sum of twenty-five cents for each member; to hold all moneys collected, for the use of the Union, paying bills on order of the President, and keeping an exact book account, making a quarterly report of the same.

Section 6 AUDITOR. — It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine the books and accounts; to compare entries with vouchers, and to report the condition of the accounts at the annual meeting

Section 7. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS — It shall be the duty of each County Superintendent to visit each Union under her supervision, at least annually, for the purpose of promoting its interests, to organize Unions, and establish County Conventions wherever and whenever practicable.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The regular meeting of the Union shall be held on of each week, at which times report of Committees will be received. Public prayer and conference meetings shall be held as often as the interest of the work demands, and, if possible, mass meetings quarterly. The executive and other committees shall meet as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE VII.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held on the day of, at which time the officers shall be elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Union, by a two-thirds vote of the members, notice having been given at the previous meeting.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

If the demands of the work justify it there shall be the following departments of work (see Minutes) and such others as the needs of the locality seem to call for, and which are recommended by the Maritime Union.

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Each Superintendent of a department shall avail herself of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in her department, and report to Superintendent of same department in Maritime Union on or before the first day of September.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- Devotional exercises.
- Roll call of officers.
- Reading of minutes of last meeting.
- Unfinished business.
- Reception of communications.
- Reports of committees.
- Reading of prepared papers.
- Discussion.
- Miscellaneous business.
- Adjournment.

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