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Letters of Incorporation.

Province of Ontario, County of York, to-wit :

We, Addie Chisholm, of the City of Ottawa, in the County of Carleton, married woman ; Roberta E. Tilton, of Ottawa, aforesaid, married woman ; Annie O. Rutherford, of the Town of Brockville in the County of Leeds, married woman ; Mary Wiley, of the Village of Richmond Hill, in the County of York, married woman ; Phoebe C. Brethour, of the City of Brantford, in the County of Brant, married woman ; and Amelia M. Cowan, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, widow ; all being persons of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare as follows :

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

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

3. The purposes of the society are as follows : To unitedly array the Christian Women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage ; to educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue ; to impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind or in any form ; to gather statistics, facts and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of Temperance ; to labor individually for the inebriate, the liquor seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns, hitherto unreached and uncared for ; to give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influences with which they are surrounded ; to heartily co-operate with other Temperance Societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other Society or Association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure more advanced and stringent legislation on this subject ; to strive by every means in our power to secure the thorough enforcement of the Temperance laws we already possess.

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6. If the annual meeting be not held at the time and place appointed, the officers shall select a time and place for the same, and give due notice thereof.

7. The Constitutions of the said Society may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

8. The Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, hereunto annexed, shall be in force until altered or amended as hereinbefore or therein provided.

Dated the 13th day of January, A. D. 1887.

Signed and delivered in the presence of

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Witness my hand this 15th day of January, A. D. 1887, at my Chambers in the Court House, Toronto.

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Filed 15th of January, 1887, in the office of the Provincial Registrar.

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Lumbermen—Mrs. Dobson, Stratford.

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Narcotics—Mrs. G. Neilson, Arnprior.

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Evangelistic—Mrs. Osborne, Cobden.

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Lumbermen—Mrs. Alex. Scott, Barrie.

Press—Miss C. Campbell, Collingwood.

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Narcotics—Miss Evans, Orillia.

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Ayr.....	" Knill.....	Miss F. Donaldson.
Blair.....	Miss Sara McNally.....	Mrs. A. H. McNally.
Berlin.....	" R. Weaver.....	" Alex. Eby.
Central Dumfries	Mrs. Jas. Douglas, Galt....	" J. G. Dryden, Galt.
Oakwood.....	" H. G. Cant, Galt.....	Miss G. Lee, Box 323, Galt.
Preston.....	" M. A. Hunt.....	Mrs. C. H. Winter.
Pine Grove.....	" John Adair, Galt.....	Miss A. F. Shepherd, Galt.
Waterloo.....	Miss E. Williams.....	" M. H. Brough.
Ayr "Y".....	Mrs. Constable.....	" Jean Mitchell.
YORK—	Mrs. Ed. Cane, Newmarket	Miss Wiley, Richmond Hill
Sutton.....	" (Rev.) Brace.....	Mrs. J. M. Rae.
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Bradford.....	" (Rev.) Smith.....	Mrs. R. J. Thorpe.
Thornhill.....	" (Rev.) Keam.....	Miss Fanny Bowes.
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MINUTES

—OF—

The Sub-Executive Meeting.

The Provincial Sub-Executive met in Toronto, February 15th, 16th and 17th. Present, Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. Cavers, Mrs. Wiley and Mrs. Wright. The first meeting opened Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The opening exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. Thornley, each member present leading in earnest prayer for guidance and direction, and each feeling keenly the absence of her who had ever rendered such practical aid in the deliberations of the Sub-Executive.

The first question taken up was the vacant treasurership. Different names were suggested and discussed but no definite decision arrived at.

The financial condition of the late Treasurer's books was considered. They were found to be in a most satisfactory state.

Mrs. Cavers, acting Treasurer, laid before the Executive a number of bills which, upon examination, were ordered to be paid.

The Committee then adjourned to assemble again at 2:30 o'clock.

2:30 P. M.

By request of the President the different Superintendents residing in Toronto met with the Committee to discuss plans for their respective departments. Mrs. Urquhart, representing the department of Legislation and Petition, was the first introduced. After a general discussion, an outline of the work necessary to be taken up by the Superintendent was arranged.

Mrs. Mason, Superintendent of Hygiene and Heredity, succeeded Mrs. Urquhart, and various methods of work were projected to further the interests of this Department.

Mrs. Wrigley, representing the department of Temperance in Sabbath Schools, followed. It was decided that sample copies of a Sunday School Temperance leaflet be printed and in sufficient numbers to supply every delegate at the next Provincial Convention with a copy. It was also suggested that throughout the year Mrs. Wrigley communicate with those interested in Sunday School work, re the introduction of the White Ribbon Army

among the Sunday School children of our Province. The above plan is no untried venture, having met with unprecedented success among the Sunday Schools of Nova Scotia in enlisting the sympathies of the children along pronounced temperance lines.

Mrs. Hilborn, Provincial Superintendent of Exhibitions and Fairs, brought the claims of her department before the Committee, and final arrangements were made for the printing of a satin banner containing interesting statistics of our work, to be forwarded to the World's W. C. T. U. headquarters at the Exposition in Paris. Plans were laid for the reaching of the various Farmers' Institutes throughout our Province, and the Recording Secretary was requested to write Miss Laura Rose, of Guelph, one of the lady lecturers sent out by the O. A. C. to the different Farmers' Institutes, relative to these.

Committee adjourned.

7:30 P. M.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Mrs. Cavers.

The question of the appointing of Provincial representatives to the World's W. C. T. U. was introduced, and after some discussion the Corresponding Secretary was requested to write Mrs. Goldie, of Toronto—who, it was understood, purposed attending—asking her to be one of Ontario's delegates. It was further decided to ascertain how many Ontario women intended going, and to fill up our delegation with three names.

The question of how best to raise the funds to help in defraying the expenses of the Dominion President to the World's W. C. T. U. was also discussed.

A number of minor matters were disposed of.

Committee adjourned at 10:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Opened with prayer in which all took part.

The circulars were taken up in order. Many suggestions were made for the remaining issues of this year and some that concern next year's publications. Two of the latter will need the consideration of Convention, and are as follows:

1ST.—That in November a note be sent the local Presidents asking what Unions wish to have the program circulars; and that these be sent only where desired.

2ND.—That some of the Departments not given prominence in this year's circulars be asked to arrange exercises for next

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Committee adjourned at 12:15.

1:30 P. M.

Session opened with prayer. Mesdames Brownell, Bascom and Stevens met with the Committee.

The printing of Narcotic leaflets for general distribution was considered and tenders received for the same. Mrs. Bascom was asked to obtain figures in Toronto and publish through the Dominion Depository.

The three ladies came from the District Union for the purpose of discussing a question that touched upon the conduct, by the Prisoners' Aid Association, of the religious services at the Mercer Reformatory and similar institutions.

The decision of Sub-Executive was advisory only, and therefore need not be recorded.

Complaints were received from several Unions of the receipt of unauthorized appeals for money, and the Committee decided, in view of the pressing claims of our own work and the necessity of centralizing upon them, to earnestly urge that these, no matter how meritorious, be not responded to. The President was requested to write the Unions to this effect.

A letter was received from Mrs. Rugg, Dominion Superintendent of Fair Work, asking for an additional donation for the W. C. T. U. Exhibit at the Paris Exposition. It was decided that we could not increase the grant.

Miscellaneous business followed, resulting in some important suggestions.

1ST.—RECOMMENDED that the expenses of each Superintendent for the year be placed under her own department, that the cost of each may readily be ascertained.

2ND.—RECOMMENDED that the Y. Superintendent be asked to include the young ladies' Colleges in her work, and when this is not possible that some suitable person in the locality be requested to lay the claims of the W. C. T. U. before the adjacent College. The suggestions were to be passed on to Miss Wiggins.

3RD.—RECOMMENDED that in view of the increasing size of the annual Report, and consequent added expense of its publication, while the price remains the same, the Unions next year be

asked to pay their own expressage and postage, thereby helping to decrease the annual deficit.

Committee adjourned.

9:30.

Opened with prayer, in which all joined.

A number of bills were examined and ordered paid.

The appointment of the Provincial Treasurer was the next topic. After most earnest prayer for guidance and direction the Committee unanimously decided upon Mrs. Waters, of Hamilton. The President was asked to communicate with her by telephone.

The request of some of the other provinces for the privilege of having our circulars sent them, elicited a discussion resulting in a decision to supply such as desired these publications.

Some of the departments were then taken up.

UNFERMENTED WINE.—Recommended that the printing of the circular in the interests of this department, and the leaflet ordered by Convention, be left until the end of the year.

WORK AMONG AFRICANS.—Recommended that the Superintendent be asked to visit the colored conferences within reasonable distance of her home, also that a letter be printed, under her department, to be sent to the different colored ministers throughout the Province. The expenses for this department of work not to exceed fifteen dollars.

LUMBERMEN.—The prosperity of the work under this department caused much thankfulness. It was felt that another helper in Muskoka would soon become a necessity. Miss Sproule's field is of such proportions it could most profitably consume her entire time, were she free to offer it.

The Treasurer reported that the funds for this most important department were coming in but slowly.

INDIAN WORK.—A letter was read from the Brantford Reserve, also a communication from the Superintendent of this department, asking if anything could be done to displace unprincipled Indian agents. The Committee decided no action could at present be taken.

The programme for the coming Convention at Smith's Falls was considered, and several names of workers suggested who were likely to take part.

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it was recommended that the usual open "Y." meeting held in the evening, take the form of a "Y." Conference, where plans and methods of work could be discussed.

The President was requested to deliver her annual address at an evening meeting, instead of in the afternoon as formerly, it being hoped through this method that the public generally would gain a more intelligent knowledge of our work, its aims and methods.

The 100,000 voters plan was discussed and a few methods suggested whereby White Ribboners would aid, but each member of the Committee felt that in this work the resources of those unenfranchised, were necessarily most meagre.

The President was asked to appeal to the Unions on behalf of this undertaking of the Dominion Alliance.

Committee adjourned with prayer.

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INTERIM MINUTES

—OF—

The Decisions of the Sub-Executive

BY CORRESPONDENCE.

DECEMBER 12, 1899.

It was decided to procure for Mr. Leckie and Miss Sproule \$15 or \$20 worth of French Gospels and Testaments, for use in the French lumber camps and settlements.

DECEMBER 21ST, 1899.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Mason, of Toronto, to fill the position of Superintendent of the Department of Hygiene and Heredity. Convention had left this appointment with Sub-Executive.

DECEMBER 21ST, 1899.

After taking two votes the following were elected representatives to the Dominion Alliance Council: Mrs. Thornley, Mrs. Goldie, Mrs. Urquhart, Mrs. Courtice. Names were sent to Mr. Spence.

DECEMBER 21ST, 1899.

A vote on the filling of the vacancy made in Sub-Executive ranks by the sudden death of our Treasurer, resulted in a decision to ask Mrs. Cavers to keep the books for the present. The feeling was that haste would be unwise.

FEBRUARY 20TH, 1900.

At Miss Sproule's request it was decided to authorize her to purchase 50 copies of Italian New Testaments, the price of which would be not more than six or eight cents each.

MARCH 10TH, 1900.

At the request of Mrs. Detlor, of North Bay, she was authorized to have the banner telescope case reduced to reasonable size.

MARCH 29TH, 1900.

It was discovered that the lady who had been asked to relieve Mrs. Waters, of Narcotics—Mrs. Courtice, of Toronto—could not act, so a Sub-Executive vote was taken which resulted in author-

izing Mrs. Waters to call to her aid Mrs. Moore, of Hamilton, Treasurer for the Central Union, should circumstances make this necessary.

MARCH 29TH, 1900.

Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, Mrs. Miller, of Orillia and Mrs. Silcox, of Paris, were elected delegates to World's W. C. T. U. Convention at Edinburgh.

APRIL, 1900.

In order to insure the sum needed for Mrs. Rutherford's travelling fund to Edinburgh, it was decided that, as Ontario's share would be \$75.00—that being half of the whole amount required—we stand ready to use provincial funds up to the sum of \$50.00 to, if necessary, augment local contributions.

As local and individual contributions realized the sum of \$120.95, provincial funds were not required.

AUGUST 24TH, 1900.

The Perth County President having been suddenly summoned to Manitoba, leaving the County work and Annual Meeting unprovided for, it was decided to ask Miss Wiggins to attend the Convention, taking her travelling expenses from the collections.

AUGUST 27TH, 1900.

Mrs. Rounds, of Chicago, chosen as Convention speaker. Subsequent enquiries raised the objection of expense, and it was decided to look for some one else.

AUGUST 28TH, 1900.

The dates for Convention were voted upon and placed at the usual time—October 29th to November 3rd.

AUGUST 31ST, 1900.

It was unanimously voted to invite our Dominion President, Mrs. Rutherford, to meet with us at Provincial Convention and be one of the speakers at the Tuesday night meeting.

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 1900.

Mrs. Brownell, as late Superintendent Prison Work, was asked to be present at the Charities and Correction Conference (to be held September 27th) and to take with her two other Toronto ladies, the three to represent the Ontario W. C. T. U.

Later.—Believing that the Convention would be of profit to our Provincial Superintendent of Prison Reform and Police, Mrs. Pugsley, of Port Dover, she was asked to make the fourth delegate. Mrs. Pugsley was unable to attend.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1900.

An order of issue for the circulars of 1900 and 1901 was approved for presentation to the full Executive Board

AUGUST 27TH, 1900.

At the request of Mrs. Mason, Provincial Superintendent Hygiene, a vote was taken upon co-operation with the C. H. E. A., the result of which was the suggestion that Mrs. Mason call the attention of our women through the Journal to the Domestic Science lecture and reading course of this Society.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1900.

Carried.—To ask Mrs. Asa Gordon, one of the Ontario delegates to Edinburgh, to give the Convention on Tuesday evening a ten-minute address on her trip.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1900.

It had been suggested that Miss Gordon be asked to give a brief physical culture drill to liven up some session of Convention.

Carried.—That Miss Gordon be invited to favor the Convention to a ten-minute exercise on Friday afternoon, when the living process is generally most needed.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1900.

Mrs. Stevenson, of Boston, State President, and Mrs. Thurman, of Michigan, National Superintendent of Colored Work, were voted upon for Convention speaker, the former being chosen.

JULY.

Decided to request the Smith's Falls Convention Committee to limit the addresses of welcome in as far as this could be wisely managed.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1900.

In view of the lessened number of greetings arranged for by the Smith's Falls Committee, it was concluded that one reply, and that by Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, would be sufficient.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1900.

At Mrs. Asa Gordon's suggestion, a vote was taken upon the question, "Shall the time before the morning sessions be devoted solely to the consecration services, Executive meetings coming after five o'clock?" The decision arrived at was that members of Executive would be too wearied at the close of the afternoon session to give important business a careful hearing, but that as far as possible, Executive meetings would be avoided.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1900

A proposal to eliminate entirely from Provincial Convention, all reports, substituting therefor brief addresses on the Departments by the head of each (with a view to improving the platform ability of our women) was sent the Sub-Executive. While realizing that no such change could be made for this Convention, a vote was taken resulting in a unanimous decision against such a step, it being considered that the present five minute allowance per Superintendent was as little as should be devoted to the year's work and suggestions for future effort; that if anyone chose to give orally, her suggestions there could be no objection, but that the summary, at least, of the year's accomplishments ought to be a very interesting part of Convention exercises.

SEPTEMBER 29TH, 1900.

As Mrs. Wheeler cannot act as Convenor of the Plan of Work Committee, on account of her removal from the Province, it was arranged by vote that Mrs. Acheson take her place.

OCTOBER 2ND, 1900.

Having been notified that Rev. D. M. Ramsay, B.D., of Ottawa, had been appointed to bear to the Provincial Union the greetings of the Provincial Lord's Day Alliance, it was arranged by vote that he be given fifteen minutes on the Tuesday afternoon programme.

OCTOBER 9TH, 1900.

Mrs. Bigelow wishing to be relieved of the convenership of the Resolution Committee, Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, was nominated by vote to take her place.

A partial report of the Credential Committee was given by Miss Wiley. The report was received.

The annual report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiley, was read by her daughter, Miss Wiley. This report was not complete on account of the tardiness of some of the Unions in reporting. On motion it was received.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Waters, gave her annual report, which showed the financial condition of the Union to be most satisfactory.

The report, upon motion, and after some discussion, was adopted.

Mrs. Wright, the Recording Secretary, gave a report concerning the preparation and sale of the printed Annual Reports. 1,000, the total number published, were sold.

The report was adopted.

A hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung.

This was followed by the introduction to the Convention, of Rev. Mr. Pitcher, pastor of the church. His remarks were those of kindly greeting.

The President then read that portion of her annual address which was more especially of a personal character, leaving by request, the greater portion of the address to be given at the public meeting to be held in the evening.

Reports of departments were read :

Work among Railroad Men; Franchise, and Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools.

These were in turn duly discussed and on motion adopted.

Rev. D. M. Ramsay, of Ottawa, was then introduced to Convention, which he addressed in the interest of the Lord's Day Alliance, being Vice-President of the said organization.

The question drawer was opened by the President, Mrs. Thornley, and elicited a great fund of practical information.

The outcome of one on Scientific Temperance was the kind offer of Mrs. F. M. Warren, of Wheeling, West Virginia, to give a prize of \$2 to the child under 15 years of age, for a drawing of an original picture illustrating intemperance.

A motion to adjourn was followed by the repetition of the Lord's Prayer in concert, led by Mrs. Asa Gordon.

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EVENING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock the chair was taken by the President, Mrs. Thornley.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. (Dr.) Sparks, of Kingston, Rev. Mr. Pitcher leading in prayer.

Cordial expressions of welcome to the Convention were given by Mrs. F. T. Frost, and His Worship the Mayor, Mr. A. G. Farrel, and aptly responded to by Mrs. McKee, of Barrie.

The President, Mrs. May R. Thornley, delivered her annual address, which, as usual, was clear, comprehensive and masterly, and was frequently punctuated by applause.

On request of the President the Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, assumed the chair, retaining it throughout the remainder of the meeting.

Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, in a bright, interesting ten minute speech, spoke of her attendance at the World's W. C. T. U., giving us glimpses of the many good things which had there been provided.

After collection, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, President of Dominion W. C. T. U., was introduced, and delighted the audience with a further recital of the proceedings of the World's W. C. T. U. Convention held in Edinburgh, and the Temperance Congress, held in London, England, to which Mrs. Rutherford was also a delegate. Although the hour was advanced, the audience listened to the recital with every expression of intent interest.

A telegram was received from the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiley, (who through illness was unable to attend Convention), which read as follows: "Greetings from your absent comrade; see Ephesians 31: 4th and 21st.

The choir gave valuable aid by their choice selections ably rendered.

This delightful meeting was closed by Rev. Mr. Nixon, Presbyterian minister, pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

OCTOBER 31ST, 9:30 A. M.

Convention opened promptly on time, Mrs. Thornley conducting the opening devotional exercises.

The minutes of the previous business session were read and approved.

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
OF ONTARIO.

CONVENTION,
SMITH'S FALLS, OCTOBER 30TH, 1900.

The Twenty-Third Annual Convention of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened in the Methodist church at 9:30 a. m. The President, Mrs. Thornley, in the chair.

The Vice-President, Mrs. Caver\$, conducted the opening devotional exercises, which consisted of singing, Scripture reading and prayer.

At the roll call, 26 members of the Executive Board answered to their names.

This was followed by the singing of the hymn, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," led by Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiley, being absent from Convention on account of physical disability, it was moved by Mrs. Acheson, seconded and carried, that a telegram, expressing regret and sympathy, be sent to Mrs. Wiley.

Moved by Mrs. Wright, and carried, that Miss Helena Wiley be appointed Corresponding Secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the Executive meeting of the previous evening were read, and after discussion upon the various recommendations they were adopted as amended.

Two little pages, the Misses Clarke and Lavell, were introduced and received by the convention.

Miss Wiggins was appointed reporter for the focal press, with power to appoint her own assistants.

Departmental work was then taken, the following reports being read :

Work among Sailors; Work among Indians; Work among Soldiers; Curfew Bell; Juvenile Work, and the report of the Organizer, Miss Wiggins.

Mrs. Warren, fraternal delegate from Wheeling, Virginia, was introduced and received by Convention. Mrs. Warren spoke a few kindly words of greeting, in which she took occasion to refer to her unalterable hatred to the liquor traffic.

The hour now having arrived for the Memorial Service for our greatly beloved promoted Treasurer, Miss Jennie MacArthur, Mrs. Bigelow, of Cornwall was asked to be in charge of the same.

The hymn "Forever With the Lord" was sung. Mrs. Bigelow read a portion of Revelations VII, and followed by a touching, tender tribute to the worth and excellence of her "who being dead yet speaketh."

Mrs. Bigelow also spoke of the Memorial Fountain erected in Cornwall to the memory of Miss MacArthur, by the local societies of the W. C. T. U. and King's Daughters, and which was formally presented to the town on August 15th, 1900.

Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, followed with a solo, "In the Homeland," accompanied by her autoharp. Likewise paying a tribute to Miss MacArthur.

Mrs. Gordon was succeeded by Miss Wiggins, Mesdames Smith, Warren, Chamberlin, McKee, Livingstone and a Cornwall "Y," Miss Ethel Alguire. Through the service it almost seemed as if the gates had swung wide, the spirit of our dear comrade hovering near, and more than one present, through it, caught a "foretaste of the heavenly."

The pronouncing of the benediction closed the morning session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock a conference on Narcotics was led by the Superintendent, Mrs. Jennie Waters.

The Convention proper assembled at 2.30. The President in the chair. Mrs. Livingston, of Tilsonburg, conducted devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Mrs. Wright, Miss Sadie Bowes, of Hamilton, was requested to assist Miss Wiggins in reporting for the Press.

MINUTES
-OF THE-
Meeting of Executive Board.

SMITH'S FALLS, OCT. 28TH, 1900.

The Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in the parlors of the Methodist Church, Russell street, at 8 p.m., 24 members being present, the President, Mrs. Thornley, in the chair. Mrs. Waters, Provincial Treasurer, conducted devotional exercises, which consisted of the singing of a hymn, the reading of the Scripture, followed by earnest prayer for guidance and the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the convention.

Recommended, that Mrs. Darch, of Middlesex, and Mrs. Irwin, of York, represent their respective Counties in the absence of the County Presidents.

The interim minutes were read and received, followed by the reading of the minutes of the Sub-Executive, which met in Toronto, Feb. 15, 16 and 17. After their adoption was moved and seconded, a prolonged and interesting discussion ensued on the various recommendations.

The use or misuse of the departmental circulars was the first item taken. A copy of a letter re the circulars, and drafted by the President to be sent the respective Unions, was read, and after some discussion the following was the outcome:

Recommended, that in November a letter be sent the Unions, containing a list of last year's programme exercises, asking the Unions to state which of these they need; and had they not availed themselves of any of these helps, they be asked to pledge themselves to try at least one or two of them. This communication to be regarded as an official Executive one and to be so designated.

Further recommended, that Mrs. McAllister's three minute paper on the use of the circulars be enclosed.

Recommended, that the reports of the absent Superintendents be examined by the Sub-Executive, and where of no direct bearing on convention plans, in order to save time, they be taken as read, and the amending of such, where necessary, be left to the discretion of the Sub-Executive.

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minion Depository, regarding the postage and expressage on Reports sent out from the Depository.

Recommended, that any expense incurred by Mrs. Bascom for mailing Reports, and not met by the Unions receiving them, be assumed by the Provincial Union, the Reports also to be sent prepaid to the Depository.

The Superintendent of Soldiers' Work, Mrs. Acheson, brought word that a contingent from South Africa would, in all probability, pass through the town during convention. A committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Acheson, Miss Wiley, and Mesdames Gordon and Fisher, who were empowered to notice the coming of the soldiers in any way they deemed wise and helpful.

The following committees were then appointed:—

Plan of Work—Mrs. Acheson, Convenor; Miss Wiggins, Mesdames Stevens, Cavers, Irwin, Livingstone and Britton.

Resolutions—Mrs. McKee, Convenor; Mesdames Gordon, Bigelow, Wrigley, Fisher, Munroe, Reede.

Courtesy—Mesdames Clark and Frost.

Local Finance—Mesdames Waters and Baird.

Crédentials—The Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer and Miss Wiggins.

Banner Committee—Mesdames Britton and Waters.

Appropriations—Mesdames Waters, Darch, Bryan, Bascom.

Recommended, that Mrs. Baird, who will be in charge of the Registration book, receive the 50c. fee for the billeting fund.

Recommended, in view of the increasing size of the Annual Report, and consequent added expense of its publication—while the price remains the same—the Unions this year be asked to pay their own expressage and postage, thereby helping to decrease the annual deficit.

Further Recommended, that the change be noted in the circular letter sent out from the Provincial Union, also a letter be sent the Journal, notifying the local Unions of this change.

Consideration of Convention programme followed. The programme was accepted as printed.

A motion to adjourn was carried, Mrs. Gordon dismissing the meeting with prayer. The committee rose.

Also the minutes of the public meeting held Tuesday, which were likewise adopted.

Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, editor of the *Womans' Journal*, gave a report and financial statement of the paper.

Ontario this year had 1,072 subscribers, 820 of which were paid subscribers, 252 being still in arrears.

The report was received.

The Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, was requested to take the chair while the President gave the report of her department, viz., Schools of Method.

On motion and after discussion the report was adopted.

Consent was given to receive a partial report from the Resolution Committee.

Two resolutions, re Franchise and Saturday Shopping, were read and discussed.

Mrs. Wrigley, Superintendent of Temperance in Sabbath Schools, reported for her department.

A year ago Mrs. Wrigley offered a special prize in the interests of her department. Feeling that sufficient advance had not been made by any of the local departments, Mrs. Wrigley transferred the gift—a beautiful bound book of Canon Farrar's "Life of Christ"—to Mrs. Thornley, to whose tireless interest in her department Mrs. Wrigley attributed much of the success she had achieved.

Convention arose and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," which closed this pleasant interruption.

The report was adopted without further discussion.

At 11 o'clock Mrs. Goldie, of Ayr, took charge of the devotional half hour.

After prayer and the hymn "More Love to Thee," Mrs. Goldie read a portion of the 6th of Luke, and gave a tender, helpful talk, her theme being "Loving the Unlovely." Her words were heart-searching and soul-uplifting.

The session closed with prayer offered by several delegates.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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After singing "Nearer My God to Thee," earnest prayer ascended from many members for direct guidance in the election of officers.

The hymn "Take Time to be Holy" closed this helpful season of waiting upon God.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and, on motion, adopted.

Reports of Departments were then read as follows:

Evangelistic; Work Among Africans; Young Womans' Work; Narcotics; Work Among Lumbermen; Miss Sproul's Work as Missionary in Algoma; Press; Purity and Mothers' Meetings.

These reports were duly discussed, after which each one was on motion adopted.

Mrs. Bascom gave an interesting report of the Dominion Literature Depository.

The report was full of practical suggestions for the dissemination of literature and was, on motion, received.

Mrs. Fisher, of Parkdale, read a communication from Mrs. Detlor, of North Bay, re the distribution of literature and clothing in outlying districts in that vicinity.

Miss Gordon, of Ottawa, very kindly gave a most interesting 10-minute physical culture exercise, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Upon motion a partial report of the Plan of Work Committee was given by the Secretary of said Committee, Miss Wiggins.

The report was received.

The President opened the question drawer, answering a number of questions relative to the work.

On motion, the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Rutherford, Dominion President.

THIRD DAY.

EXECUTIVE, 9 A. M.

The President in the chair, who opened the meeting with prayer.

Recommended, in view of the billeting fund not being required this year, that the sum of 25c. only be accepted from the "W's," the "Y's" not paying anything this year. The proceeds to be applied to payment of all necessary local expenses, the balance, if any, to be applied to Miss Sproule's work.

Recommended, that in future the sum of 25c. only be required from each "W" and "Y" for the billeting fund.

Further Recommended, that if at any time there be a surplus, it may be applied in any way the Convention would deem wise.

Recommended, in view of the unusually heavy programme we will be obliged to decline Miss Chown's kind offer to lay before Convention the question of Household Economics.

Recommended that as various petitions are already afloat and championed by our workers, that we do not, as a Union, circulate the petition praying for the prohibition of liquor and opium to native races.

Recommended, that we place on record our heartfelt sympathy with our Quebec sisters in the above effort, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to further its interests when it reaches us through the churches.

Recommended, that we heartily endorse the memorial from Minnesing, praying that each member of local Unions pay not less than 10c. into the fund for Mission Work among Lumbermen.

THIRD DAY.

Convention opened at 9:30 a. m. The President in the chair.

Mrs. Bryan, of Lucknow, conducted devotional exercises, reading the 37th Psalm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, on motion, adopted.

The minutes of the Executive Board were read and, upon motion and after discussion, were adopted.

Miss Wiley, Corresponding Secretary pro tem, called the roll, 106 delegates responding, also 23 officers, superintendents and county presidents.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Tellers were appointed by the President as follows:

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After silent prayer, Mrs. Thornley led audibly in an earnest petition for guidance throughout the elections.

During the counting of the ballots, Mrs. Thornley opened the question drawer and answered a number of important and practical questions.

The result of the balloting was as follows :

President—Mrs. S. G. E. McKee, Barrie.

Vice-President—Mrs. M. R. Thornley, London.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. R. Wright, London

The nominating ballot was taken for Recording Secretary, Mrs. Acheson and Miss Wiggins having the highest number of votes, but the hour of noon having arrived, it was decided the elections should be postponed until afternoon.

A motion to adjourn was carried and the meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock there was a conference of county presidents, led by Mrs. McKee, of Barrie.

At the same hour a conference on "Y" work was held, led by Miss Wiggins, "Y" Superintendent.

Both conferences proved especially helpful.

At 2:30 the Convention opened. Mrs. Cavers in charge of devotional exercises.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes, balloting for the office of Recording Secretary was proceeded with, and resulted in the election of Mrs. Acheson.

A pleasing interruption was afforded in the introduction of Miss Scott—former Editor of the Woman's Journal—and Miss Belton, returned missionary from Japan.

During the counting of the ballots, the question drawer was again opened, and a number of questions answered.

Mrs. Warren was called to the platform and presented with a bunch of chrysanthemums by the pages, to whom she had previously given little buttons embellished with Miss Willard's likeness.

A resolution was moved by Mrs. Gordon, seconded by Mrs. Wright, and supported by Mrs. Bigelow, that evidently expressed the thought of every member present. It was as follows :—

Resolved, that we place on record our warm appreciation of the faithful services of our Corresponding Secretary, who for seventeen years has held that position.

Further Resolved, that we give expression to our appreciation in a practical manner by sending to Mrs. Wiley a cheque for \$50.00.

This resolution was carried amid a round of applause.

The tellers brought in the report for the office of Treasurer-ship, Mrs. Britton, of Gananoque, being elected to the position.

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. (Dr.) Sparks, of Kingston, and carried :—

Whereas, we deplore the system of treating, especially in celebrating the return of our soldiers.

And Whereas, it is the expressed wish of Lord Wollesley, in the public press, that this should not be done.

Resolved, that this Convention place on record our wish that Canadians would refrain from treating our returned soldiers, showing their kindness in some other form.

The hour having arrived for the School of Methods, Convention resolved itself into such. All visitors were allowed the freedom of engaging in the discussions that might ensue. Mrs. Thornley presiding.

The first paper was given by Mrs. S. R. Wright, the subject being "An Unused Tool."—The Annual Report.

This was immediately followed by a paper on another "Unused Tool"—The Woman's Journal—given by Miss Millicent Giissing, of Toronto.

Miss Wiggins gave an excellent paper on "The Educational Half-Hour," and also read one prepared by Mrs. Lottie McAllister on "Provincial Circulars."

A resolution was unanimously carried expressive of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Leckie, our missionary and his wife, in their recent bereavement of their only child.

A letter signed by Mrs. (Dr.) Bascom, in behalf of Toronto District, was read. It contained a most cordial and hearty invi-

tation to the Provincial Union to hold its next annual convention in Toronto.

Moved and seconded that this kind invitation be accepted.

Attention of Convention was drawn to the fact that Stratford had last year sent an invitation for 1901.

Therefore, it was moved in amendment, that in view of the fact that Toronto had many times been overburdened with conventions, and the Stratford ladies still express a desire to entertain us, that the matter be left for the Executive to consider.

Moved in amendment to the amendment, and seconded, that the invitation to Stratford be now accepted. This amendment prevailed.

Mrs. Rutherford, Dominion President, made a plea for membership in the Smith's Falls Union. Later, and after a thorough canvass, it was reported that eleven local ladies had signified their desire for membership in the Union.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Smith a reception service was held by Mrs. Thornley, the thought being that it would prove an object lesson to those who had not yet adopted this service in their local Union.

A number of convention members were nominated, and to them Mrs. Gordon extended words of welcome.

This impromptu service was evidently enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Katherine Lente Stephenson, State President of Massachusetts, was introduced, and gave a brief, bright and helpful address.

The question drawer was re-opened.

A motion to adjourn was carried, and the meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Bigelow leading in prayer.

EVENING MEETING.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Stevens, President of Toronto District, Rev. Mr. Sproule leading in prayer.

Mrs. McKee, the new President, occupied the chair.

A choice anthem was rendered by the choir.

The Dominion President, Mrs. Rutherford, introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Katherine Lente Stephenson, of

Boston. Mrs. Stevenson's subject being "The Balaams of the Temperance Reform," she based her remarks on the Balaam of the Bible and his life story.

Throughout the hour which Mrs. Stevenson occupied, the audience listened with marked interest and attention.

A duet was given by Mrs. Everetts and Mr. H. Lavell, which was much enjoyed.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of the prize banner, Mrs. Waters, retiring treasurer, doing so in a few appropriate words.

Oxford county was the recipient, and the President, Mrs. Livingstone, received the banner on behalf of the county, and in an apt and able little speech, thanked Convention for the honor conveyed.

After the collection was taken, the audience rose, and with much spirit and enthusiasm, sang "God Save the Queen" and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," in honor of our American speaker and sister.

The President closed this interesting and instructive meeting by pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

EXECUTIVE. 9:00 A. M.

The new Sub-Executive and the County Presidents only were in attendance at this meeting.

After prayer, led by Mrs. Maybee, of Belleville, the Superintendents nominated for the various departments were the same as the previous year with the following exceptions:

Unfermented Wine—Mrs. Merrick, Carleton Place.

Press—Mrs. Minnie Lavell, Smith's Falls.

Parlor Meetings—Miss May Gordon, Ottawa.

Flower, Fruit and Delicacy—Mrs. Keeling, Cargill.

Work Among Lumber Camps—Mrs. Detlor, North Bay.

Work Among R. R. Employees—Mrs. Taylor, Carlton Place.

Work Among Soldiers—Mrs. (Dr.) Sparks, Kingston.

Young Woman's Work—Miss Sadie Bowes, Hamilton.

Assistant Young Woman's Work—Miss Helen Forman, Stratford.

Recommended, that the department of Curfew Bell be left to the consideration of the Sub-Executive. It was, however, suggested that this department, with its attendant work, be passed over to the care of the Children's Aid Society, where it is considered it properly belongs.

Recommended, that Mr. Walter Bale, of Hamilton, be requested to audit the Treasurer's books for this present year, and that the appointment of an auditor for 1901 be left open.

The Executive, having learned of the very successful work done by Mr. Arthur Beale among boys along the line of our White Shield Department, and of his willingness to engage under the auspices of our organization,

Recommended, that the Sub-Executive fully consider this question and make the best possible arrangement.

CONVENTION, 9:30 A. M.

Mrs. Smith conducted devotional exercises, reading the 103rd Psalm.

The President occupied the chair.

The minutes of Thursday afternoon's meeting were read and adopted.

Also the minutes of Executive meeting were read, discussed, and adopted as amended.

On motion it was decided not to withdraw the department of Lecture Bureau, which action, through a misunderstanding, had been suggested.

Carried, that the White Shield Work be placed under the Department of Purity and Mother's Meetings.

Carried, that the recommendation re Curfew Bell be amended by eliminating all but the one recommendation, viz.: That the department of Curfew Bell be left to the consideration of the Sub-Executive.

A letter from Edmond's Rapids Lock was read by Mrs. H. C. Lavell re the distribution of Comfort Bags and Literature to the sailors on barges and tug-boats, and of the good work wrought through them. The letter was received.

Moved by Mrs. Rutherford and carried, that an expression of sympathy be sent Mrs. Hunter, of Pembroke, who has recently lost her sister.

Mrs. Gordon moved, and it was carried, that a similar expression of sympathy, accompanied by flowers, be sent Mrs. Johnston, a member of the entertaining Union, whose husband was seriously injured yesterday.

A partial report of the Plan of Work Committee was given by Miss Wiggins. After some discussion on the different plans the report was received.

The report of Resolutions Committee was given by Mrs. Bigelow. After considerable discussion the report was adopted.

After a motion to adjourn, the President, Mrs. McKee, led the Convention in the Lord's Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 P.M.

A conference on Scientific Temperance was led by the Superintendent, Mrs. C. B. Bigelow.

At 2:30 a most impressive Prayer Service was led by Mrs. Gordon Wright.

Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, assisted in song, and all present could not but feel the service to be one of spiritual uplifting. The Vice President, Mrs. Thornley, presided.

The minutes of the morning meeting were read and approved.

A report of the Appropriation Committee was given by the Secretary, Mrs. Bryan, and was, on motion, adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Sharpe, and seconded by Mrs. Maybee, that a vote of thanks be sent to Mrs. Christie, of Toronto, for having collected the handsome sum of \$60.00 for Department of Work Among Lumbermen. Carried.

In accordance with notice of motion given last year—Moved by Miss Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Taylor, that Article II of the Local Constitution, be amended by adding these words: "Except in 'Y' Unions when the honorary members may be given the privilege of the vote, but they shall not be eligible to office, or as delegates to Provincial Convention."

The motion was carried.

Mrs. Stevens expressed a wish to withdraw her notice of motion given last year, re the time for holding local annual meetings.

Just here a most pleasant event occurred, in the form of the presentation of a purse of gold to our beloved retiring President,

as a slight recognition of her untiring devotion to the work during the past seven years. Mrs. Cavers, in a few loving words in behalf of Convention, requested its acceptance, Miss Gordon, of Ottawa, making the presentation.

Mrs. Thornley feelingly expressed her appreciation of the gift.

The President, Mrs. McKee, then took the chair.

Miss Gordon, on request, gave a second interesting exhibition of Physical Culture Drill.

Moved by Mrs. Acheson, seconded by Mrs. Britton, and carried, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Miss Gordon for her kindness in giving this second Physical Culture Drill.

Mrs. Waters, of Hamilton, announced her willingness to visit surrounding Unions with a view to help any who desire her assistance in the Department of Anti-Narcotics.

Mrs. Thornley answered the question drawer, which proved quite a lengthy task.

Moved by Mrs. Cavers, and seconded, that in event of Mrs. Hartley declining to include White Shield Work in her department, it be left with the Sub-Executive to arrange as thought best.

On motion, all unfinished business was left for the Sub-Executive to complete.

The minutes were read and adopted.

By request of the President, Mrs. Cavers conducted the closing exercises, which were participated in by all present.

The hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung, and after earnest prayer for guidance and protection Convention adjourned sine die.

SARA HOWELL WRIGHT, Recording Secretary.

FIFTH DAY.

SUB-EXECUTIVE, NOV. 3RD.

A few items of unfinished business being left to Sub-Executive for completion, Committee met for an hour at the home of Mrs. F. T. Frost on Saturday morning.

On motion it was decided that Miss Sproule's travelling ex-

penses be re-imbursed. Also, that the county of Simcoe and the district of Muskoka be united for county work.

The work of various departments was discussed. Some Superintendents had declined to accept the work allotted to their care; other names were suggested, with whom the Corresponding Secretary was requested to communicate.

At 12 o'clock Committee rose.

ELLA S. ACHESON, Recording Secretary.

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President's Annual Address.

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, LONDON.)

"The gates of life swing either way
On noiseless hinges, night and day,
One enters through the open door,
One leave us to return no more;
And which is happier, which more blest?
God knoweth best."

One year ago, in the dusk of a short November day, one hundred and fifty of us stood with clasped hands, singing "God be with you till we meet again." We thought, as we always do, "Who will be missing at our next farewell?" And perhaps we whispered a prayer for one whose lifeclasp seemed slight, or whose back was turned on the larger half of the three score years and ten; but that the briskest, brightest, most hope-inspiring of us all would have passed through the "noiseless gates" into the presence of our Master, was unthought of.

Two weeks later, in the Montreal station, on our return from Halifax, an impression of coming loss beset me. We had said good-bye. Jennie was standing on the lowest step of the car and I had turned to re-enter the waiting room. Looking back I saw the small, black-robed figure with its white, resolute face, and a strange dread came to me. What if this was the last parting? The thought sent me back to say another, more tender, farewell. We were both such matter-of-fact, prosaic people I felt like apologizing for the second kiss, but Jennie returned it so heartily I ran away, out of the stinging cold, without explaining what after all had better be more common than less so—expressed love. I wish now I had said, ten times to the one I did, "You have helped me, I thank you."

"So many tender words and true
We meant to say, dear love, to you;
So many things we meant to do,
But we forgot."

"The busy days were full of care;
The long night fell all unaware;
You passed beyond love's pleading prayer,
While we forgot."

This motto was found upon a card among Miss MacArthur's

business papers, and I give it you because it portrays the most pronounced characteristic of her life:

Not forever on thy knees
Would Jehovah have thee found;
There are griefs Jehovah sees,
There are burdens thou might'st ease.
Look around."

She was eminently helpful. She had no patience with those whose religion began and ended in church attendance and pious talk. Hers was a practical application of the Golden Rule.

Her love for the W. C. T. U. was very deep. She often said to me, when urged to rest and lessen her work, "There is nothing I could give up but the W. C. T. U., and would you have me drop out of my life the only bright spot in it?" So she labored on till the silver cord that bound her to the earthward side of that eternal life, that begins with surrender to Jesus, but ends never, had been strained till a feather's weight might snap it.

We have lost our friend and fellow-helper, but her life work remains. None can rob her, or us, of it. It was built upon the rock Christ Jesus, and with the silver, gold and precious stones of faith in God and love for humanity.

Let me close this reference to our comrade by an extract from her will. It reads thus:

Clause 6.—"I will and bequeath to the President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, One Hundred dollars, to be applied by such President to the objects and purposes of the Union."

Our sisters in Cornwall have reared for Miss MacArthur a monument that for a hundred years or more may say to thirsty passers-by, "Let your life, too, be rich in self-forgetting sacrifices." Can we not so invest that \$100 that it may scatter seeds of blessing, the harvest of which will be ripening as long as time lasts?

How easy it would be to linger over the precious memories our friend has left us, but her own energetic, almost brusque, exhortation would be, "Don't waste time grieving, but get to work." And as we can never dis sever from Jennie the thought of intense activity, we will turn from our contemplation of this brave, wholesome spirit, now entered into tireless and endless ministries, to a nutshell-record of this year's work.

THE YEAR'S UNION WORK.

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information, enthusiasm, plans and methods, but not brains or gumption. Now we do think the Ontario Union has this year lived pretty well up to its opportunities and fulfilled its obligations as a disseminator of information, enthusiasm, plans and methods. It is therefore to be regretted that a respectable minority of our Unions still travel on in dreary, old ruts, failing to take advantage of the highway to better things opened up to them by the Provincial Superintendents. This is a serious loss. To lessen it a plan is to be presented by which each Society will be asked to consider and decide whether or no they will use for the coming year the Provincial circulars and exercises. This stone will bring down two birds. It will force such Unions to a decision (which, in some cases, is all that will be needed to ensure better methods), and it will decrease the provincial printing bill by providing the number and names of the societies that will require only the business communications, and not the more expensive circulars and exercises.

In 1899-1900 over thirty printed communications were sent to every local Union, County President, Provincial Superintendent and County Superintendent of the several Departments concerned. Of these nine were Department exercises, six were four page circulars, two of which outlined programmes, and the remaining fifteen business communications. This takes no note of the Unfermented Wine leaflet, gotten out by the Provincial Department, but published by the Dominion Literature Depository; nor the Temperance Quarterly Lesson leaflets; nor the Franchise and Narcotic petitions; nor the Narcotic leaflets.

My correspondence has been a trifle less. My letter book shows 89 less cards and 40 less letters; the totals for this year being 1303 letters, 700 cards and 29 press articles. Yet beyond all comparison this has been the heaviest year since I took office. The reason may be readily found in the issue, every two weeks from October to June, of printed material for the Unions. There has gone out from my office 33,548, not pages, but separate articles of literature, and this does not include the hundreds of leaflets and circulars sent in letters, but only those in envelopes, parcels, &c., that went as printed matter. When to this is added the 6,000 petition forms, 20,000 Quarterly Temperance leaflets, and 210,000 Narcotic leaflets, we have this year published (or purchased) and distributed, provincially, 269,548 circulars, exercises and leaflets. One would require to add to this the much larger figures that embrace the literature distribution through local Unions, to know what has been done this year, by way of the press, to create temperance sentiment.

From the Provincial circulars to the departments is a natural

transition. We will open with the Juvenile work, which, though the longest way round, may be perhaps the nearest way to Prohibition.

THE CHILDREN.

They are but little feet!
They have gone so short a way to meet
The years which are required to break
Their steps to evenness, and make
Them go more sure and slow.

They are but little hands!
Be kind; things are so new, and life but stands
A step beyond the doorway; all around
New day has found
Such tempting things to shine upon, and so
The hands are tempted oft, you know.

"That the child of today will be the sovereign of the ballot box tomorrow" has become almost a platitude, and yet it is a good deal more than a mere sentiment. It is a glad, or sad, certainty, according as we, or the enemy, capture the child. And let us face at once the dread fact that the enemy is much more keenly alive to the value of this conquest than are we. The child who today reaches maturity with pure ideals is one in ten thousand. The child who attains adult life with even unsullied morals, has a gamut of temptation to run that might well affright that second self, whose sinless eyes may always behold our Father which is in Heaven, and that palsies the heart of many a parent, longing for better things for the little ones than they ever knew for themselves.

This year has witnessed the exposure of some deep laid plots to lure the innocent to early ruin, or to remove the landmarks that have defined between safe and hazardous pathways.

THE CIGARETTE.

Take the cigarette evil. Not since it insiduously crept into our midst have the people caught so distinct a view of its ugly features. The circulation of our Anti-cigarette petition, asking for "the prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of these body, soul and spirit destroying inventions," has sent a broad stream of light into a very dark place, but that is all. The foul impurities that were thus revealed are yet in full possession. The gain lies wholly in a knowledge of their existence, for knowledge is the first step towards reformation.

Why does the boy smoke the cigarette? Because his father, or teacher, or employer, or hero smokes a pipe or a cigar. He thinks himself very thrifty and economical in choosing the cigar-

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And let it not be supposed that because the cigar does not reduce its user to the abject and despicable slavery to which the cigarette dooms its victim, that it is harmless. A writer in the Independent, speaking of the International Medical Congress, convened this year in Paris, says:

*"For eight days nearly seven thousand doctors, about five hundred of these from the United States, have been attending the sessions of the Thirteenth International Medical Congress. Congresses generally do not see the birth of new or striking opinions, but they serve very well to bring out the general course of thought on the subjects involved. The recent congress was no exception to the rule." * * * **

"Tobacco came in for much more than its ordinary condemnation at the doctors' hands. A Turkish physician reported a series of cases of true heart disease, for which he could find no adequate cause, except the excessive use of tobacco. French and German physicians confirmed this report by other cases, and in the discussion that followed it became evident that many physicians are decidedly of the opinion that the abuse of tobacco, or even its moderate use in those who are especially susceptible to its effects, may lead to a permanent crippling of the heart."

The devotee of pipe, or cigar or plug may, therefore, find two counts upon his indictment as a smoker—misused influence and a misused body.

"The smallest bark on life's tumultuous ocean
Will leave a track behind forever more;
The lightest wave of influence, once in motion,
Extends and widens to the eternal shore.
We should be wary, then, who go before
A myriad yet to be, and we should take
Our bearings carefully, where breakers roar
And fearful tempests gather. One mistake
May wreck unnumbered barks that follow in our wake."

But we are not after the adult smoker. He is old enough to reason out the pros and cons for himself and without doubt the cigarette is the most poisonous of all the forms in which this money, character and strength devouring habit makes its appeal for patronage.

Our hope lies in the awakening that is coming swiftly.

This last year a commercial traveller called on one of our

London grocers, and after taking his order for other things pressed on his attention the line of tobaccos he carried, saying, "Try our cigarette tobacco, there is money in it," and then added, "The thing is so bad it will kill itself, but you might as well have a share in the harvest while it lasts." Let it be ours to see that the harvest—God pity those who want to gather such a crop—comes to a speedy end.

To give every Union a chance to help we have put in their hands the petition forms, and to aid them in creating a strong sentiment in favor of prohibitive legislation, we have compiled, mainly from Canadian facts and opinions, a score of telling Anti-Cigarette leaflets, samples of which are here for distribution. We hope—how much we hope I cannot find words to tell you—that no Union in Ontario will shirk its rightful share of this work. Our faith has been large enough to induce us to prepare for a literature distribution of 200,000 leaflets. They are for sale at bare cost, and will be added to as additional figures and testimonies are secured. Do not leave Convention without giving an order, or at least taking away samples.

BRANDIED CANDIES.

The brandied candy nuisance is neither dead nor sleeping, though somewhat crippled by this year's exposure. It has, to my knowledge, been bidding for the children for at least three years back. The Provincial License Department was communicated with when the first complaints were heard. We had no samples of candy to submit and did not know the names of the manufacturers, and were therefore only able to sound an alarm, which is a poor substitute for evidence. This spring we came into possession of indisputable proof and the Provincial License Department took up cases in London and Toronto. The testimony in the London cases showed the percentage of alcohol, in the samples analyzed to be 11.20 per cent. of absolute alcohol, equivalent to 19.60 per cent. of proof spirits, which is double the strength of wine, beer, porter or ale. Cases of drunkenness through the use of these confections have several times been reported to us. It behoves every Union to be on the alert. The most unlikely people have been found amongst the transgressors, who are thus working to earn the curse God has pronounced upon those who put their bottle—such an enticing one, too—to their neighbor's lips.

Do not imagine that the sale is confined to high class stores. A friend coming from a neighboring town to spend the day with me and remembering my children, dropped into a little candy shop near the station and asked for something light and of delicate flavor. "I've just the thing to suit you," was the answer, as

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the owner produced a bottle of wine drops. One confectioner in London, in selling a pound of brandy drops to a lad of my acquaintance, gravely warned the purchaser not to get drunk on them, explaining that there was a danger.

Can you conceive a more cruel and dastardly attempt to break down the barriers that public sentiment has raised between the children and their arch-foe—alcohol?

I have not time to tell you of this summer's trade in liquored soda waters. This method of serving alcohol is distinctly prohibited by the License Act; yet it has flourished for several years back and is a growing menace to the young. Alcohol in an effervescent drink is more intoxicating than in any other form. Both druggists and confectioners were amongst the law violators. May I advise that where you have reason to fear this danger, you begin next summer by publishing, in your local press, that section of the License Act dealing with this evil.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

In the midst of this carnival of temptation—I have touched only a few salient features of it—we are threatened with the loss of a defence that has for years back been one of our greatest hopes, the teaching of Scientific Temperance in the Public Schools. Is it a time to render abortive such legislation, never more needed than now?

The facts are these. A committee appointed by the Prov. Public School Teachers' Association at their annual gathering of a year ago last Easter, was asked to ascertain how the present curriculum of Public School study could be lightened. They reported at this year's Association, in favor of dropping altogether, amongst other branches, Scientific Temperance, substituting for it, Hygiene, under which the teacher might, *if he choose*, take up stimulants, but attached to which was neither examinational nor text book. Having had years of experience of the total inefficiency of a Scientific Temperance law without examinational test, we know the proposed change would be the death-knell of the study.

We have reason to be thankful that the report was not adopted, and yet the danger still remains. By motion the recommendations were laid on the table to come up again at the Association of 1901. If then adopted they would be sent to the Educational Department, which would have the right to decline action, but rarely does so under such circumstances.

Now this is not alone the concern of the W. C. T. U. Every man and woman who feels that we owe it to the children

to warn them of life's most hideous pitfalls, is under obligation to do his, or her, utmost for the retention and further perfecting of the beneficent regulations now on our statute books. We will surely find a friend in Premier Ross, who is on record as having said, when at the head of the Educational Department, "No greater agency for the propagation of temperance principles has yet been devised than the study of scientific temperance in the schools, and to give full force to that agency should be the sturdy resolve of every friend of the temperance cause."

Let none feel excused from this struggle to keep for the children that which is the least we dare do for them, so long as by Government sanction and for Government revenue, we line our streets with saloons.

TEMPERANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Juvenile population of Ontario is pretty well included in the Public Schools and Sunday Schools of the province. Those outside these educational institutions of church and state are but a fragment of the body politic, and could make small impression on it if left to themselves.

Where properly enforced, even the present meagre educational regulations arm our Public School scholars with a knowledge of the actual physical consequences of indulgence in intoxicants, and therefore of the benefits of total abstinence. Where diligently and intelligently used, the quarterly temperance lessons, provided by the International Lesson course, give to the pupils in our Sunday schools a knowledge of the great principles of righteousness that underlie the demand for national prohibition. Unfortunately, neither of these agencies is living up to its privileges and opportunities. Many a boy slips through both Public and Sunday school with but vague notions of either the wrongs wrought by alcohol, or the remedies, personal and national, that need to be applied.

If the sale of liquor was steadily decreasing we might hope that the temperance education of our people was keeping pace with the increase of population. Were this so we need do nothing more than allow the tides of progress to bear us to the goal of success. But the very opposite is the case. While the Premier of Ontario states, in his Budget speech, that in five years our licenses have decreased by 300 (leaving still 2,976), the Toronto Liquor Journal brings out the much more important fact that the consumption of liquor has increased, within the last two years, nearly one gallon per head for every man, woman and child in the Dominion, giving us now a per capita consumption of 3.99, or practically 4 gallons per head per annum. The same authority

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says, "The year 1899 was a record breaker in nearly every branch of the Wine and Spirit trade," and as Government statistics prove that more wine was imported in 1899 than in any year since the signing of the French treaty, and that our Dominion Government collected \$1,000,000 more in excise duties in 1899 than in 1898, we dare not wait for tides or favoring breezes; we must create them, and that with speed and wisdom. "The King's business requires haste."

Last year's Plan of Work authorized the Sub-Executive to oversee the preparation of a quarterly leaflet, providing facts and illustrations to be used by the 51,500 Sunday School teachers of Ontario, who wield an incalculable influence over the more than 423,000 pupils in our Protestant Sunday Schools. The execution of the plan has been unavoidably delayed. Our Provincial Superintendent will give the reasons. We are now, however, ready to issue the first of a series, to be used in connection with the temperance lesson of November 25th. Twenty thousand copies, each one to be placed in the hands of a teacher, have already been ordered. We know you will not fail to see the magnificent work for prohibition that may be accomplished through this new educational method. Do not leave the Convention without placing an order with Mrs. Wrigley for sufficient copies to supply the teachers of at least *your school*. The price, which is 2 cts. each, 10 cts. per dozen, 30 cts. per hundred, and \$2.50 per thousand with expressage, barely covers cost of printing, postage, &c.

The dates of the temperance Sundays for 1901 will be Feb. 10th, June 23rd, Sept. 22nd and Nov. 24th. The four issues should be ordered and paid for at once, to avoid much unnecessary and expensive correspondence. They will be sent to any address in good time for distribution prior to the Sunday for which they are required. We had hoped to offer these aids to Bible study at a less figure; but since the plan was projected the cost of paper has more than doubled.

THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL AND REPORT.

There are two labor-saving W. C. T. U. implements that are strangely slighted by our sisterhood. I refer to The Woman's Journal and the Annual Report. It would be well within the mark to say that had even my correspondents availed themselves of these aids they and I would have had some two or three hundred less letters to write, and many delays and misconceptions might have been averted. The Report supplies answers to all sorts of constitutional and departmental questions. The Journal gives current W. C. T. U. news and official communications. Now, how can a local officer, or Superintendent, expect to be an

intelligent worker, lacking one or both of these arsenals of ammunition?

In Ontario we were this year to raise our Journal subscription list from 800 to 1,000—no very heavy task one would suppose. Unless this has been done within the past three months, it is yet undone.

We have at this Convention the editor of the paper and her office secretary. Both will have opportunity to speak to you, and the latter will be pleased to receive subscriptions, new or old. It is our hope that the 1,000 mark may be more than reached before Convention closes.

FRANCHISE.

We believe in progress. The new is usually better than the old, though we are willing to concede exceptions. The old theology is yet good enough for us; the new may make a comfortable cushion for the couch of the "sinner at ease in Zion," but it looks like a poor pillow for a death bed.

The ancient rights and privileges of women, take them as a whole, are not very inviting; but nothing that our Franchise Department has ever advocated can compare in audacity of aim with the liberties and immunities enjoyed by Egyptian dames of 4,000 B. C.

According to "Biblia," the official organ of the Palæstine and Egyptian Exploration Funds, buried records in stone disclose the amazing news that "the Egyptian marriage contract secured, for the wife, the complete control of her husband, who promised to yield her implicit obedience." Women, both married and unmarried, participated, with men, in all the pleasures of social intercourse. A woman might own property and sell it or give it away at her option. She often conducted a business apart from her husband's; made contracts, and entered suit in the courts for violated agreements. She held important offices in connection with the priesthood—the highest social and political cast in the empire. And this, mark you, was woman's social, political, ecclesiastical and business status in the most highly cultured nation of ancient times; the land that held its own, against the levelling forces of time, longer than any other, and today presents, through its exhumed records, a civilization little inferior to our own. Let no one ever again charge us with reckless disregard of past precedents and the traditions and customs of our sex. The 20th century woman does not ask to rule her husband, but to own herself, her property and a half share in her children, and to become a political and an ecclesiastical, as well as a social, entity.

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These are stimulating days for women. If Priscilla really did write the Book of Hebrews—and that clever theologian, Prof. Harnack, of Berlin, ably supports the theory—there could hardly be any further ground for excluding modern Priscillas from General Conference delegations, Presbyterian assemblies and English Church vestries. For if a woman may preach and teach, for all time, through Holy Writ, and supply the texts for ten thousand sermons, why must she of necessity be shut out from the less important and less sacred executive duties of the church?

Have you noticed that the skirmish line this year has run right through the English Church Synods? It is pleasing to note the championship, by an influential portion of the Synodal lay delegates, of the cause of the disfranchised and hard worked woman church member.

For two years past the Ontario Union has been securing names to a petition asking equal rights for men and women. This is to be presented to the Ontario House this fall. Every thing that can be done to draw attention to the appeal and secure support for it should be cheerfully undertaken by our societies. Our energetic Superintendent of Franchise, Miss Wiggins, of Toronto, will, as the time for presentation draws near, ask your aid in prosecuting the campaign. A prompt and cordial response ought and I trust will be given her.

We have much to be thankful for—for instance, that we do not live in China, where a woman may be divorced for talkativeness—yet there is no use eating “culls” when royal pippins can be had for the climbing. Let us be satisfied with nothing less than the opportunity to be and do our very best in every sphere of life.

SOLDIERS' DEPARTMENT.

THE CANTEEN.

It is a distressing fact that for a rebuttal of false but damaging accusations and a vindication of righteous charges, one has often to wait so long that the accusations and charges are forgotten and the vindication comes as a bit of news, dissevered from its rightful relations. It behooves us, therefore, to be properly thankful for a justification that has arrived in time to make connections—that is, before the public has forgotten its need.

A year ago last August your President laid before the Militia Department proofs of the disgraceful violation of the Anti-Alcoholic regulations, intended to govern the canteens of summer encampments. The head of the Department denied to me by letter, and to the House of Commons by word of mouth, the alleged

illegal sale, at all the Ontario camps subsequent to 1895, of beer and other intoxicants.

On May 2nd of this year a call, in the House of Commons, for the canteen correspondence, brought to light abundant proof to substantiate these charges. Col. Otter, D. O. C., admitted that during the years cited, permission had been given to violate the law. The Colonel laid the responsibility on the General in Command. That he would, without the consent of the Department, over-ride a Dominion ordinance is little likely, and that he did so without its knowledge is impossible, seeing that our Provincial Union in both '97 and '98 communicated with the Department concerning the re-enactment of the supposedly repealed Prohibition regulations, passed in December of 1893. We therefore know that the Department was not in ignorance of the conditions prevailing.

As an aside, be it noted that the W. C. T. U. correspondence, a portion of which was used in the House before the requested proofs of illegal action had been supplied the Department, was not at this time produced. It had suddenly become "private and unofficial."

THE CAMPS OF 1900.

The Ottawa news of May 9th gave the number, size and location of the camps of Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry. There were to be nine camps, held in seven places, and with an expected attendance of 21,530 men. Doubtless the actual figures fell somewhat below this mark. Suppose they did so by 4,500 we would still have a muster roll of 17,000 troops—17,000 young men and boys, the latter sometimes not more than twelve years of age and in scores of cases not above sixteen.

This announcement stirred up afresh the Canteen controversy. It was at once apparent that the battle ground had shifted. Denials of illegal action had been supplanted by abuse of an ordinance that could no longer be ignored. Many societies and some journals took a hand in the fight. Amongst the latter were the London Free Press and the News. The first declared, in several editorials, for "a well-regulated canteen," the second for an enforcement of the regulations. An extract from a News editorial may be of interest, in confirmation of the accusations made last year.

Says the News :

"This reads well, but that's all. What the F. P.'s idea of a "well controlled and administered canteen" is we do not know, but we presume the F. P. considers the canteens of past London camps as fair samples. And if there were any safeguards in connection with these institutions, against

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drunkenness, a waiting universe would be tickled most to death if the F. P. would kindly point them out. Those who know what they are talking about in this connection say, that the only restriction on drunkenness at last year's camps was the restriction imposed by the size of the canteen frequenter's pocketbook and the capacity of his stomach. As long as he had the price, even after hours, he could get his beer, and if he did not get drunk it was not because the camp canteen was so 'well controlled and administered' that he couldn't."

But the thing you all want to know is, what has been the result of the agitation? Has the beer—that mysterious beer that has done such shocking work at Ontario Camps ever since '95, but that has yet, solemnly, repeatedly and officially been declared to be a pure myth, a figment of the imagination of temperance enthusiasts—has it vanished? No. It is still an active though undoubtedly a less dangerous force in camp life. From each camp in our Province comes the same story.

AT NIAGARA AND KINGSTON.

The editor of the official organ of the Royal Templars, with an officer of that society, made investigations at Niagara, and not only heard of but *saw* the beer sales going on uninterruptedly. He was assured that the volume of trade was much less than that enjoyed in previous years. Of this more anon.

Kingston gives a duplicate of this report. London's conduct was a variation of that of the eldest son in the Bible story, who promptly replied to his father's exhortion to get to work, "I go, sir," and sure enough, with a fine array of gardening implements he betook himself to the vineyard—but that was about the end of it. There was some very sensible, official preparation for the carrying out of the law. A printed copy of it was tacked, in a conspicuous place, upon each canteen stand. Public reference to it was made and the City Inspector was invited to co-operate in an enforcement campaign. All this was good, though the need of the third provision is not plain to the civilian. Every canteen manager is a full private in the employ of the Government, and on the muster roll of his regiment. He is therefore liable to be court-martialed and committed to the guard house, or expelled from the ranks, if found violating military law. It would be hard to conceive of more ideal conditions for law enforcement than exist under military supervision. We are therefore the more disappointed to learn that the imposing array of be-titled officials, that rule the Camps of Instruction, find themselves powerless to control their subordinates, and must rely upon the arm of the civil law to obtain even a partial respect for the rules made for their governance.

In the early days of the London Camp the Inspector was out-spokenly hopeful of bringing about the total prohibition enjoined. Later he grew despondent and finally admitted that he could not, single-handed, cope with the conditions that met and defied him. His visits were helpful reminders. He did have one canteen proprietor fined in the courts and two others warned and he drove a beer pedlar from the grounds. But this only lessened and did not exterminate the traffic.

Let us enquire after the causes that led to this serious failure of military justice.

1st.—To sell the canteen privileges to a liquor dealer, is like turning the tiger and the lamb into the same paddock and then exhorting the tiger to spare the lamb. At London there were two Brigades, each containing four or five regiments, every one of which owned a Canteen. I looked up the business history of the Canteen managers of one brigade, and found them all liquor dealers. An officer told me he would have no hesitation in saying that those of the other brigade were of the same commercial stripe. Before the Camp opened I said to a very high official who was assuring me that the law would be enforced:

"Have the Canteen privileges been sold to nine saloon keepers, as they were last year?"

"He did not know."

"If they have been," I said, "the Arch-angel Gabriel could not prevent their selling beer."

The fact is there is no sufficient trade, outside of intoxicants, to repay the canteen managers for their trouble and outlay. Two or three refreshment stands with stationery, &c., could easily, and with reasonable profit, attend to the legitimate business of the Camp. Eight or nine have no chance whatever without a stock of beer.

Then we know, by two or three decades of abortive endeavor to enforce license regulations, that the only kind of law a liquor dealer respects is one backed by officials that carry a club and mean business.

2nd.—In every instance, on the London camp grounds, the canteen adjoined the kitchen of the officers' mess room. When the Inspector appeared in sight the kegs and barrels were rolled into this kitchen, which was neutral territory, and the liquor dealer's stock was out of reach of the officer. In one place, I was told, the kegs were kept permanently in the kitchen and a tube supplied the medium of communication. The Inspector said his greatest difficulty lay in the dual use to which the two

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3rd.—So long as the beer wagons are allowed to make two rounds per day through the grounds, delivering their goods at the canteens in full view of officers and men, and non-interference with this practice is justified on the plea that military law does not say the canteen may not keep beer, but that it may not sell it, there will be some trifling difficulties to be overcome before real enforcement can be expected. Not thus did Kitchener or Roberts exact obedience to the stringent Anti-Alcoholic rules they devised to protect their soldiers from the Greek and African rumsellers, who dogged the route of the army in both Egypt and Africa.

The license act for Ontario accounts the presence of liquor, in quantity, evidence of intention to sell, and punishes accordingly. Why not military law also?

4th.—There should be some adequate provision for the entertainment of the men, mentally and spiritually. To leave them to their own devices when off duty, with nothing to interest and divert from forbidden pleasures, is to court failure. A large central tent, capable of holding a thousand persons, and under the auspices of the National Y. M. C. A., would prove a counter attraction that might save many a promising boy from "the mischief Satan finds for idle folk to do."

IMPROVEMENT.

While we deprecate the remnants of the evil we decried last year, we are glad to acknowledge that the camp of 1900, in London at least, was an immense improvement upon its predecessor. At this point there is scarcely a dissenting voice. In fact we have been urged to overlook the sombre side of the story and tell only the other. Yet in our opinion this would not be the way to secure a further advance.

A courteous invitation to visit the grounds having been extended to me, I spent some hours there conversing with men and officers. All admitted that liquor was still sold. With one exception all declared that a trend of thought had set in in favor of sobriety and that this could be credited to two sources, the better class of men in attendance on account of the prevailing war-fever, and the now universal knowledge that the sale of liquor was under the ban of law. Said an officer, "A self-respecting fellow finds it a deal easier to refuse a liquor treat, now that he knows the stuff is here contrary to regulations. There is a good stiff sentiment growing against its use."

To illustrate the difference in the makeup of the troops, here is another story, given me with much gusto by another officer. He said:

"A fellow in our mess told me the other day he wished the men were all the new sort or all the old. That with the old he could swear at them and call them blockheads and idiots and then make it square by marching them up to the canteen for a drink; but this year somebody would be sure to report him if he did that sort of thing."

I was left in doubt as to whether it was the profanity, or the treating, that would get him into difficulties, but hope both would have a share in ensuring a reprimand.

We have heard so much about the certain evil effects of a "dry canteen," it may be well to say that none of them matured as a result of the partial enforcement in London. The Inspector assures me that the prophesied illicit dives did not materialize, nor did the men fill the city saloons and overflow into the police courts. There was less drinking and drunkenness than in any year since 1895.

This canteen issue is a broad one. It touches the home life in a tender place. The brave young lads, who are moved to prepare for the service of their country, are their parents' most costly gift to that country, and the least the military authorities can be expected to do is to surround these homeless boys with every defence against allurements to vice. Even the moderate drinker will, in most instances, applaud this. An old soldier, writing from this year's Niagara camp to the Orillia Packet, refers in scathing terms to the law violation permitted there, and says:

"Let the Government be honest about it. If beer, grog and so on, are to be allowed to be sold in camps of instruction, remove the existing prohibition (?) or else banish strong drink altogether from the grounds. While many of us moderate men may be put to some inconvenience thereby, we will at least retain the respect we ought to have for the laws of our native land."

And so say we all.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It is a great temptation to ramble on; there is so much more to tell; but your patience has been sufficiently taxed and remaining Departments must be passed with a word.

THE SABBATH OBSERVANCE BRANCH, with its campaign for the preservation of the Lord's Day, we heartily commend to our Unions. The Provincial Lord's Day Alliance, with whom we should work in perfect accord, is one of our noblest Provincial Associations. It has undertaken what we were debarred from doing by lack of money, and legal knowledge; and if we value the day of rest the least we can do is to give our cordial support.

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UNDER THE DEPARTMENTS OF ORGANIZATION AND LECTURE BUREAU, our Provincial Organizer has done a faithful and fruitful work and though the financial returns are not as gratifying as last year, this has not been the fault of either Miss Wiggins or Mrs. Brownell. Miss Wiggins has said to me repeatedly, "The very places where an organizer is most needed, because the work is at a low ebb, are the very points where it is more difficult to get a hearing and least remunerative when one does get it."

TO PASS OVER OUR LUMBERMEN'S DEPARTMENT with but a sentence or two would be unpardonable were it not that Miss Fisher and Miss Sproule will both be heard from, through their reports, during Convention. Miss Sproule is out on her third tour through Algoma, taking each time a different direction.

You can easily imagine the opportunities for service our devoted Missionary would find in a territory now in process of settlement; where religious privileges are often quite unknown and moral sentiment grievously lacking. Of one of the villages visited Miss Sproule says, "How I would have liked to organize a Union here; it is so badly needed. But unless I stayed to carry it on, it would be little likely to live, as there is not a Protestant professing Christian in the village."

We will have to leave the remaining eighteen Departments untouched, with the assurance that all are at work and many of them doing splendid service for the cause.

The Departments all lead towards Prohibition. To ascertain the standing and prospects of this banner political question should be our next endeavor. We shall not attempt any theorizing or moralizing, but, sticking to facts, will try as God may help us, to deliver the message that has fairly seered its way into our hearts during the last six years.

DOMINION POLITICS.

An incident that came under Miss Willard's notice is apropos of the present political situation. A man boarded a Detroit car, stationing himself on the rear platform. The conductor requested the passenger to enter the car; the passenger declined; the conductor insisted; then the irate passenger enquired in a vinegary manner,

"What's a platform for, anyway, if not to stand on?"

The conductor's reply is worthy of a statesman of the machine order. It was, "No sir, it isn't to stand on; its to get in on."

That seems to be the main purpose of present day party platforms—"to get in on"—and we have had a shining example of these iridescent pre-election promises with the government whose term of office has just closed.

There is no use saying we were not promised Prohibition. If we were not, then we were deliberately deceived into believing that we had been promised it. We knew nothing of the secret agreement to which Sir Wilfred Laurier referred, when pressed for action, and by which he justifies inaction. At St. Mary's and Brockville, if nowhere else, the replies the Premier gave a prohibition delegation and a prohibition representative appeared to be conclusive and satisfactory, and were publicly and constantly used, during the plebiscite campaign, to settle the faith of the doubting Thomases. There were also Ministers of the Cabinet, notably Mr. Fisher, who assured the country, in language that could not have been more explicit, that a prohibition majority would bring a prohibition law.

The whole affair reminds me of a story I heard when in Grey county. The first railway prospected in that section had, as a sort of advance agent, an old military man. His tactics were worthy a Machievelli. Wherever he went, the farmers were gathered together, generally out in the open air, and after the usual laudatory discourse upon the benefits of railway facilities in general and the desperate need of such a prosperity-promoting agent for Grey county, some one was sure to ask the pertinent question, "If we take stock, will the railway come near our farms? Will it be of real advantage to us?"

The Colonel's reply was always the following, or a slight variation of it: "Do you see that stump? If you do your duty by this thing I promise you that the track for the new road will run either this side of that stump, or the other side, or maybe we'll have to dig the stump up and run the road bed right over the place where the roots were."

What more could his auditors ask?

The canny Scotsman, the level-headed Britisher and the enthusiastic Celt agreed that the assurances given were ample, and down went their names for stock.

As these subscription meetings were held in all parts of that large and irregular district the impossibility of prospecting the line according to promise, is apparent at a glance. If all the indicated stumps had been included it would have been a zig-zag affair indeed. In time the story took wings and those who had to choose between the Colonel's truthfulness and the railroad's crookedness, demanded an explanation, which was forthcoming as follows. The Colonel said: "It didn't matter where they built the

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Unfortunately for the stockholders this secret understanding laid a blight upon the legitimate hopes of the bulk of them. A secret understanding that is at variance with the apparent meaning of an agreement, and that, if made public, would totally destroy the value of the agreement in the eyes of one party to it, is—dishonorable.

A QUERY.

But a more pertinent enquiry just now would be, why is it that with 108,011 of a majority in favor of prohibition in the English speaking provinces, the Laurier government did not feel anxious to bind to itself, by favorable action, so large a proportion of the electorate? You will not have to leave Ontario to obtain an answer. When Sir Oliver Mowat promised us total prohibition, if within his power, and if not, all the measure of this kind of legislation the Privy Council decision gave him the right to enact, the Prohibition leaders who thronged the Parliamentary Council Chamber made the room to re-echo with their applause. Fervent thanks were returned to the Premier and the Lord. The earnestly desired goal of our hopes appeared about a twelve month's distant, and we felt as if that elusive bird of hope that had kept so long and so discreetly out of sight in the political bush, was at length in our very hands.

What did we get?

Prohibition of sale and importation?

Prohibition of sale only?

Any broad measure of relief from the drink traffic through the present license law?

No—none of these things. There were several license law amendments, three of which, at a distance, looked as though they might be somewhat. Close quarters discovered punctures in critical places. It was a wheel with which the political manufacturers dare not give a guarantee. At the end of four years it can be confidently affirmed that the alterations then made were out of all proportion insignificant, as a satisfaction for the righteous demand raised, by the magnificent vote of 1894, in favor of the total extinction of this pernicious business.

Perhaps you fail to see the pertinence of this lengthened reference to Ontario politics. Let it not be forgotten that we started out in search of a reason for the present government's indifference to the temperance voter, despite the fact that at least

he does not lack quantity. In turning to Ontario experiences we are, as the children say in hide and seek, "getting warm." For what did the Ontario prohibitionist do when the government offered him, not quite a stone for bread, but at least a husk bun instead of the promised wheaten loaf?

Do?—Do?—Why nothing.

He sighed and wished his particular M. P. P. could have seen his way clear to do somewhat differently than he had; but after all Prohibition was a third rate question compared with keeping the party in power, and these little peccadilloes should not be remembered against the party in the ballot-box judgment-day. And they were not.

A few to whom prohibition was indeed the leading issue, expressed their displeasure, practically lessening the government returns. The majority, who could have administered a rebuke so telling that political trifling with this momentous issue, would have gone out of fashion instantaneously, belied their past professions and apologized for and supported the treachery they should have spurned. This startling exhibition of weakness was a revelation. The Ontario government had rashly put its head into the mouth of the roaring, ramping Prohibition lion—and the fierce beast had bitten it off? Dear no, had displayed its toothless jaws and apologized for being in the way. A lesson of this sort doesn't take much conning. It's gotten by heart at a glance. So when it came the turn of our M. P.'s to enter the Plebiscite cage they did so with stout hearts; put the beast through its facings to draw the crowd, and then ruthlessly refused him the promised and hardly earned reward.

THE REAL CULPRITS.

Who then is responsible for the continuance of the daily, grinding wretchedness of Canada's drink traffic? Sir Wilfred Laurier—a statesman of no mean order—and government, together with those who voted for the Parmelee amendment? Hon. A. S. Hardy and his allies? No, verily they are only symptoms of a disease that lies much deeper. We will give both gentlemen the credit of believing they would have cordially supported prohibition had there been a reasonable prospect that to do so would have been advantageous, and to fail to do so would be disastrous. As they saw it, through the lenses of past experience, the temperance man was a gentle, easily entreated, spineless individual, whose principles could be relied on to collapse conveniently at any critical juncture. But the liquor man was an evil that must be tolerated and reckoned with, because his stock of hard-headed common sense is vast and of an adamantine order. He cannot be coaxed or cajoled. As his official press mouth-

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Then the real culprit is the citizen, man or woman, who in this drawn battle between God and the fiercest forces of the bottomless pit, puts the success of a man, or a party, before the triumph of God's issue.

Yes, it is God's issue. You cannot say it too often or too loudly. Let us keep this thought to the fore and force it upon the minds of a party-bewitched electorate, until the enormity of turning their backs on it, under any pretext, shall have burned its way into the heart of the church membership of this country.

In the words of the Ontario section of the Methodist General Conference Temperance Committee:

"The prohibition question is of more importance than any of the other political issues of the day, and patriotic citizens are earnestly urged to unite, regardless of mere partisan considerations, to secure the election of those who will stand by the right and by the people, and the defeat of those who have treated this great movement with hostility and contempt."

BOTH SIDES IMPLICATED.

There may be a Conservative here who has been saying complacently to himself, "It's all too true. If these Grits had done their duty and turned down the Ontario Government that allowed its promises to go to protest, we should never have suffered the ignominious treatment now accorded us. If not total, or provincial prohibition, we should at least have secured some trenchant measure of deliverance from the liquor traffic."

My friend, the question for you to answer is this: If the Hardy Government had given us seven o'clock closing, the legal machinery for weeding out objectionable licenses and all the rest of those excellent twenty-three amendments to the License Act, proposed by the temperance people, and had thereby lost the support of the liquor vote, as they certainly would have done, could they have counted on your vote and influence to help make up for this defection? Unfortunately they knew they had the most of their own people, whether they did right or wrong. Were not *you* the uncertain quantity—the questionable factor in the equation? If sure of your aid they might have risked it, but without that assurance they were unwilling to do so.

This temperance issue does not belong to the Reformers. It is the insistent cry of the suffering thousands, to "the powers that be," whether Reform or Conservative, to relieve them from a business licensed to blot out God's image from human souls. Thus far, every Government has evaded a reply. We ought to

hope and pray and labour to make the question a "rock of offence and a stone of stumbling" to each Parliament that attempts to elude it.

Thus did the Manitobans, as the Secretary of their Provincial Alliance told us in Toronto last June. The Greenway Government did as the Hardy and Laurier Governments have done; they promised and failed to perform. In asking again the suffrages of the people they renewed the broken pledge to give Provincial prohibition, but the people said, "You had your chance and wasted it; we will try another." The result was a landslide in favor of the Macdonald Government, which proceeded at once to enact the law asked for by the Alliance, and almost in the exact shape in which the Alliance lawyer drafted it.

Prince Edward Island has had an exactly similar experience, only that the rebuke was administered through the bye-elections and therefore did not turn out the party in power, but so thoroughly alarmed it that a prohibition bill was almost the first business of the next session.

When we make our issue the paramount one the politicians will do likewise.

PRESENT DUTY.

What is the present duty? To vote against every man of the 98 who said, by supporting Mr. Parmalee's amendment, "We will not give this country even partial prohibition." To support, by vote and influence, the nominees ready to pledge, irrespective of party affiliations, to work for the immediate suppression of the liquor traffic; in cases where both candidates are unsatisfactory, to abstain from voting, or, much better still, mark the ballot "Prohibition."

Four years ago, in talking with a man who lives near Christ and takes a keen interest in public affairs, I ventured to ask what he would do if in a constituency of which I knew, where the choice of representatives suggested to the Christian only the enquiry, "Which is the least objectionable?" His reply was, "For twelve years I have refrained from voting, not because I am uninterested, but because in that time none of the candidates offering for election in the three constituencies in which I have lived, were men for whom I dared to take the moral responsibility of saying, 'You shall represent me in the government of this country.'" If every Christian elector remembered, as this man did, that what he did through his parliamentary proxy, he would be called on to justify at the day of "Final Assizes," the franchise would be exercised as a sacred trust.

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feather's weight of responsibility for the greatest curse this world has ever known—to give aid or countenance for even one day to God's most implacable foe.

O brother-man ! the Master seeks
 Today for men;
 Cause not the Lord, by thy delay,
 To call again.
 Gigantic ills oppress the land;
 There's want and woe on every hand;
 For God and right take valiant stand;
 Be faithful then."

THE CONCLUSION.

It used to be that the medical fraternity divided our years by sevens. We were supposed to drop behind us a physical past, as each seventh mile post was reached. Whether this be so or not God has put upon this prismatic number a curious sacred significance, not yet clear to our earth-bound eyes, but hiding a heavenly parable of some sort.

My thoughts run back, as I speak, to our sixteenth annual Convention, held in 1893 in the Presbyterian church at Chatham. That was an epoch in my life. Can I ever forget the depression of spirit with which I listened to the counting of the fateful ballot, that, vote by vote, brought nearer to me the dread responsibility of leadership for the Ontario White Ribbon host? That was seven years ago—seven years of ever increasing toil and burden of soul, sometimes relieved by the joy of conscious progress. For a few weeks after the election there was doubt and fear. Then came the assurance that not my sisters only, but the Master Himself had chosen and called to this service.

Before every Provincial Annual meeting but two, since then, I have spent many hours in prayer over this question, "Shall my name be allowed to come before the women again for re-election?" With tears and entreaties have I pleaded that no mistake should be made; that if there was another better suited to the work, or my home needed me, or the Lord would send me elsewhere, He would indicate by some, yes by any means, even the mortifying one of being voted out, that my place was elsewhere.

Early this spring the same old burden rolled on me. After weeks of prayer it died away as though settled, and not till the last week in August, after my return from Muskoka, did the truth begin to dawn on me. Then I—that had often begged to be relieved from this load of care—fought and struggled and hoped and

prayed "that this cup might pass from me" without my drinking it. Of a sudden it seemed as though my life would stretch out, a dreary waste, without the loved labor that had grown like second nature. Yet I could not get away from the conviction, which in time grew to be less and less repellent, that at least for a while my cares might be lightened and leisure left for physical and mental rest.

You cannot but have noticed that my voice has failed; that what was once accomplished without effort, now takes about all the strength I have. There has been no slighting of the work, in fact this has been the most arduous of all the seven years; but you want now a woman with undiminished strength of voice and nerve and brain. As for me, I will stand by her side (so long as she and you want me to) and help all I can.

Some one may ask, "Why all these explanations? You might not have been elected anyway." Quite true, yet there was a likelihood of it just because our women are not officer-seekers. They know nothing of the place-hunting spirit. The officer that has once been pressed into service and is not *quite* inefficient, has nine chances out of ten in favor of a re-election.

A deputation from the London W. C. T. U. waited, one year, upon the City Council the night they were striking their standing committees. The experience was a revelation. A place on No. 2 committee was evidently the coveted prize. Man after man of them calmly arose and said, without hesitation or embarrassment, "I move that the report of the nominating committee be amended by dropping the name of Mr. — from No. 2 committee and substituting mine, as I am much better suited to fill that position than he. I have, etc., etc.," — naming over his qualifications without the hint of a blush. Evidently modesty was an out-of-date virtue there.

How differently we look at office. It is a God-given responsibility, to be taken only when the voice of our fellows and of God seems to give overwhelming indication of a unity of choice. Office-hunting is an almost unheard of thing. So this is my excuse for forcing upon you, thus early in the Convention, the consideration of a leader for the approaching year.

Let me say in closing, no service for Christ that has ever been committed to me has carried with it such a wealth of loving comradeship and loyal support as the seven years of White Ribbon toil now closing. I bespeak for my successor all you have given me—and more.

The sentiment in this fragment of verse has comforted me greatly:

"So when there comes to you or me
The Father's message, "It cannot be!"
Let us rise from the weakness of selfish pain
And gird our loins in His strength again;
His plans for us are wide and sweet,
His love and wisdom guide our feet
Ever upward and forward and on;
Deeper joys for the joy that is gone,
Nobler days for the day that is dead—
Higher hopes for the hope that is fled—
These are our Father's gift and will,
And the seeming loss is a blessing still."



Corresponding Secretary's Report.

(MRS. MARY WILEY, RICHMOND HILL.)

Again the ceaseless wheels of time have brought us to our annual meeting.

We present the statistical report as far as it is possible to do so from forms returned. Where any Union or county has failed to report, the addition will be made if sent at once to the Corresponding Secretary.

The general outlook of the Union work is very encouraging. We note as a special feature a strong wave of charitable sentiment abroad in our workers.

Ottawa fire sufferers cared for. Many bales of clothing and provisions were sent from our western, as well as from our eastern, Unions.

A considerable amount has been contributed to the India Famine Fund. Many socials and concerts have been held, netting a goodly sum for the Red Cross Fund. Then, we find in several cases, licenses have been reduced in number more than in previous years.

In other cases licenses were kept from being granted. A general desire for the enforcement of the liquor law has prevailed. In a number of places the seller has been fined for illegal selling.

This charitable work, in addition to the full work done in our many departments; shows that our women are indeed workers. Some one has said, "Labor is life; he (or she) who works not lives not." If this be true in other matters, it is doubly so in our Union work. Good, hard-working Unions are never found among the disheartened, disbanded or dead. (What a trio of doleful "d's"; may our Unions shun them.)

ALGOMA—Six Unions reported. Fort Francis, Fort William, Dryden, Beaver Mills, Port Arthur and Nairn Centre. Ninety-six active and forty-two honorary members, eighteen public meetings held during the year. Four Bands of Hope, with one hundred and forty-nine members. Total amount of money received

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Special Work—Dryden reports making an effort to have the law regarding open bars on the Sabbath enforced. Had one dealer find. Also donated \$54.70 to charitable purposes.

BRUCE—Reports received from nine Unions. Walkerton, Elmwood, Wiarton, Teeswater, Chesley, Ripley, Lucknow, Paisley and Cargill. One hundred and ninety-eight active and thirty-four honorary members. Seventy-two public meetings held. Seven Bands of Hope, with four hundred and twelve members. Total amount of money received \$406.48. Literature distributed. Sixteen departments of work taken up. Special work. Walkerton reports ten poor families have been looked after regularly, and supplied with food and clothing.

BRANT—Five Unions, Brantford, Paris, Mount, Pleasant, Scotland and St. George. One hundred and six active members. One public meeting held and fourteen departments of work taken up.

CARLETON—Ten Unions. Ottawa, Ottawa Central "Y," Kinburn, Rutherford "Y," New Edinburg "Y," Emmanuel "Y," Thornley "Y," Carp, Richmond and Manotick. Four hundred and twenty-four active members. Cannot give full report, as the forms did not come.

DUNDAS—One Union in the county, Iroquois. Twenty-three active and eight honorary members. One public meeting held. Total amount of money received, \$9.75.

DURHAM—Three Unions reported. Port Hope, Orono and Bowmanville. Eighty-three active and 22 honorary members. One Band of Hope with 60 members. Total amount of money received, \$149.38. Literature distributed. Five public meetings held. Seventeen departments of work taken up. Special work—Orono petitioned against granting a hotel license and was successful.

ESSEX—Seven Unions reported. Kingsville, Windsor, Leamington, Harrow, Gesto, Essex and Comber. One hundred and thirty active and forty-seven honorary members. Five public meetings held during the year. One Band of Hope, membership not given. Amount of money received, \$238.91. Thirteen departments of work taken up. Literature freely distributed. Special work.—Windsor sent a patient to the Gold Cure. Essex held a social for the India Famine Fund, at which \$20 was raised. The secretary writes, "After working in the interests of local option we lost it, after having had it for three years. The

town was quiet then compared with now." Leamington circulated petition for early closing. Raised \$7 for the India Famine Fund, and \$30 for the Red Cross Fund. A good work has been done, especially along charitable lines.

ELGIN—Reports from six Unions. Aylmer, St. Thomas, Rodney, Straffordville, West Lorne and Vienna. One hundred and twenty-seven active and fifteen honorary members. Five Bands of Hope, with ninety-seven children. Nineteen public meetings held during the year. Amount of money raised, \$550.06. Eighteen departments of work taken up. Special work.—Aylmer gave \$60 to the India Famine Fund, and \$18 to the Red Cross Fund. The Secretary writes, "There is great need of earnest work in Aylmer, but we labor under great difficulties." Straffordville sent notices to hotelkeepers and parents informing them of the law regarding minors lounging around hotels.

FRONTENAC—Two Unions reported. Kingston and Elginburg. Thirty-nine active and two honorary members. Six public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$283.84. Literature distributed. Eighteen departments of work taken up.

GREY—Number of Unions reported, five. Owen Sound, Durham, Meaford, Thornbury and Markdale. One hundred and eight active and thirteen honorary members. One Boys' Brigade, with sixty members. Fourteen public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$315.69. Literature freely distributed and a number of departments of work taken up. These were not specified. Special work—Owen Sound Boys' Brigade raised a large sum of money for Union purposes. This Union also prepared and sent out a letter to each of the ten hotelkeepers in town, containing an earnest appeal for a better observance of the law in respect to early closing, selling to minors and admitting customers on the Sabbath. We do not know of any real good accomplished, but the letter was one well calculated to touch the heart and conscience of any man in whom a spark of manliness remained. The letter was signed by the President and Secretary, and was followed by the prayers of the members. Meaford raised \$70.00, to help in starting a public reading room. Thornbury sent a box to the Girls' Shelter, Toronto.

GLENGARRY—Five Unions reported. Maxville, St. Elmo, Lancaster, Picnic Grove and Dominionville. Eighty-eight active and twenty honorary members. Ten public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$124.50. Eleven departments of work taken up and literature distributed. Special work—St. Elmo sent \$5.00 to the India Famine Fund.

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HURON—Reports from four Unions. Blyth, Seaforth, Goderich and Wingham. Eighty-six and twenty-eight honorary members. Seventeen public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$341.58. Literature distributed. Nineteen departments of work taken up. Two hundred and seventy-five signatures to the pledge obtained. Special work—Seaforth on charity lines. Goderich reports reduction of two in number of licenses.

HASTINGS—Three Unions reported. Bellville, Tweed and Foxboro. One hundred and five active and nineteen honorary members. One Band of Hope, with forty-five members. Three public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received \$116.10. Twelve departments of work taken up.

HALDIMAND—Reports from three Unions. Dunnville, Caledonia and Cayuga. Sixty-five active and fifteen honorary members. Four public meetings held during the year. One Band of Hope, with fifty children. Amount of money received \$40.02. Six departments of work taken up. Literature distributed.

KENT—Seven Unions. Wallaceburg, Blenheim, Chatham, Salem, Ridgetown, Thamesville and Tilbury. One hundred and twenty-four active members.

LINCOLN—Three Unions reported. St. Catherines, Camden and Grimsby. Forty-six active and six honorary members. Two public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$20.90. Eleven departments of work taken up.

LANARK—Reports from five Unions. Almonte, Smith's Falls, Playfair, Carleton Place and Perth. One hundred and forty-six active and twenty-five honorary members. Twelve public meetings were held during the year. Amount of money received, \$304.18. Literature distributed. Five signatures to the pledge. Fifteen departments of work taken up. Special work.—Smith's Falls prevented the establishment of a wholesale liquor store in the town, and also gave freely to the poor and needy.

MIDDLESEX—Six Unions reported. Strathroy, Thorndale,

Glencoe, Napier, Ilderton and London. Three hundred and twelve active and seventy honorary members. Five public meetings held during the year. Three Bands of Hope with eighty-two members. Amount of money received, \$2,239.69. Literature distributed. Twenty departments of work taken up.

LAMBTON—Nine Unions reported. Sarnia, Sombra, Forest, Wyoming, Arkona, Alvinston, Copleston, Petrolea and Watford. One hundred and sixty-five active and forty-six honorary members. Fourteen public meetings held during the year. Five Bands of Hope, with 204 members. Amount of money received, \$261.06. Ten signatures to the pledge. Literature freely distributed. Sixteen departments of work taken up. Special work—Copleston had the hotel keeper fined for selling in prohibited hours. Sombra held a concert in aid of the Red Cross Fund.

LEEDS—Reports from seven Unions. Lyn, Gananoque, Lake Elroida, Brockville, Athens, Brockville "Y" and Lansdowne. One hundred and thirty-three active and twelve honorary members. Ten public meetings held during the year. One Band of Hope, with forty-five members. Amount of money received, \$375.64. Literature distributed. Twelve departments of work taken up.

MUSKOKA—Reports from two Unions. Huntsville and Gravenhurst. Thirty-nine active and three honorary members. Three public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$65.22. Literature distributed. Nine departments of work taken up. Special work—Huntsville made strenuous efforts to have the license laws better enforced.

NIPISSING—Three Unions reported. North Bay, Sturgeon Falls and Sudbury. Sixty-nine active and twelve honorary members. Three public meetings held during the year. Two Bands of Hope, with 157 members. Amount of money received, \$60.71. Twelve departments of work taken up. Special work—Sudbury worked earnestly to have the license laws enforced, and hopes to close one hotel.

NORFOLK—Three Unions reported. Port Dover, Watford and Boston. Thirty-four active and five honorary members. One public meeting held during the year. Eight departments of work taken up. Secured some signatures to pledge and circulated anti-cigarette petitions.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Two Unions reported. Campbellford and Cobourg. Twenty-seven active and ten honorary members. Fourteen public meetings held during the year. Amount of

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OXFORD—Nine Unions reported. Brownsville, Embro, Ingersoll, Norwich, Verschoyle, Woodstock, Tilsonburg, Salford and Tilsonburg "Y." Two hundred active and thirty-four honorary members. Thirty-three public meetings held during the year. Three Bands of Hope, with 114 members. Amount of money received, \$238.28. Literature distributed. Sixteen departments of work taken up. Special work—Tilsonburg sent a box of clothing to the Toronto Shelter. Gave \$5.00 to the Red Cross Fund. Helped to prevent a license to billiard parlor, and was indirectly the means of having a low hotel broken up.

ONTARIO—Reports from four Unions. Seagrave, Port Perry, Uxbridge and Prince Albert. Sixty-six active and seven honorary members. Three Bands of Hope, with 137 children. Thirty public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$74.57. Thirteen departments of work taken up. Port Perry distributed \$40.00 in literature.

PERTH—Three Unions reported. Mitchell, Listowel and Stratford. Sixty-six active and thirteen honorary members. One Band of Hope, with ninety-five members. Twenty-five public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$96.97. Literature distributed. Nine departments of work taken up. Special work—Stratford prevented a saloon from getting a license. Listowel reports a license taken away, indirectly by their efforts. Mitchell expended \$11.00 in charities.

PETERBORO—One Union reported. Peterboro. Eighteen active and two honorary members. Five departments of work taken up. The Union has been recently re-organized. No special work done.

PRINCE EDWARD—One Union reported. Picton "Y." Twenty-one active and five honorary members. One Band of Hope, with 135 children. Three public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$131.11. Literature distributed. Three departments of work taken up, and for this year have engaged a deaconess who will conduct Mothers' meetings, Girls' Club, &c.

PEEL—Two Unions reported. Alton and Port Credit. Eighteen active members. Amount of money received, \$9.40. Six departments of work taken up.

RUSSELL—One Union reported. Rockland "Y." Forty active and forty-seven honorary members. One Band of Hope,

with fifteen members. Amount of money received, \$62.82. Six departments of work taken up.

RENFREW—Reports from six Unions. Arnprior, Greenwood, Renfrew, Cobden, Pembroke and Beachburg. One hundred and thirty-nine active and sixty-nine honorary members. Three Bands of Hope, with 134 children. Thirteen public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$448.81. Literature distributed. Eleven departments of work taken up. Nine signatures to the pledge obtained. Special work—Arnprior had a liquor seller fined for Sunday selling, and opened a reading room for young men. Renfrew sent relief to the Ottawa fire sufferers, contributed \$5 to the India Famine Fund, and \$5 to the Red Cross Fund. Cobden had the license taken from one hotel and paid \$5 toward a Library Fund.

STORMONT—Seven Unions reported. Finch, Newington, Cornwall, Avonmore, Gravel Hill, Wales and Osnabrock Centre. One hundred and twenty-eight active and twelve honorary members. Four Bands of Hope, with 516 children. Eleven public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$392.87. Eleven departments of work taken up. Literature distributed. Special work—Cornwall erected a Memorial Fountain in Central Park to Miss MacArthur.

SIMCOE—Ten Unions reported. Alliston, Barrie, Bradford, Collingwood, Gravenhurst, Minesing, Elmvale, Midland, Orillia and Victoria Harbor. Two hundred and fourteen active and ten honorary members. Sixteen public meetings held during the year. Six Bands of Hope, with 550 children. Amount of money received, \$387.52. Literature distributed. Seventeen departments of work taken up. Special work—Barrie sent supplies, including \$5 in cash, to the Home for Incurables, Avenue Road, Toronto.

Toronto—Reports from seventeen Unions. Parkdale, Central "Y," Northern "Y," Bascom "Y," Parkdale "Y," Brock Ave., Lytle, Western "Y," Gordon, Youmans, Creighton, Northern, Willard, Central, Eastern, Western and Bathurst. Six hundred and ninety active and 111 honorary members. Four Bands of Hope, with 302 children. Sixty-one public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received, \$1,363.32. Literature distributed. One hundred and fifty-two signatures to the pledge. All departments of work taken up. Special work—"Central"—Outside the regular departmental work the Central Union instituted a regular weekly prayer meeting in the interests of the soldiers and their families. This meeting was afterwards managed by the District. Bathurst—Several poor families have been helped by

buying stoves were sent to assisted in keeping Union worked

WATERLOO—Blair, Central and Waterloo. honorary members. Nine public meetings. money received. Sixteen departments held a bazaar for patriotic concert the India Famine services at the its influence winning them to making bright and Fisheries. Pine India Famine Fessenger. Quilt made. Also sent

WENTWORTH—Alliston, Hamilton (ville and Milton twenty-eight honorary children. Their Amount of money the pledge obtained work taken up. nursery, giving

WELLINGTON—wood, Rockwood and Elora. One honorary members. Total one public meeting reduced by two, work taken up. Girls' Shelter, Famine Fund. sent a protest to

YORK—Rapid Keswick, Stouffville, Toronto Ju

buying stoves, medicines, food, etc. One poor family of five were sent to England, where they will be cared for. Parkdale assisted in keeping a hotel out of the neighborhood. Willard Union worked hard against a license in Spadina Avenue.

WATERLOO—Ten Unions reported. Ayr, Berlin, Ayr "Y," Blair, Central Dumfries, Galt, Oakwood, Preston, Pine Grove and Waterloo. Two hundred and twenty-four active and eighteen honorary members. Four Bands of Hope, with 147 children. Nine public meetings were held during the year. Amount of money received, \$417.39. Literature distributed very freely. Sixteen departments of work taken up. Special work—Ayr "Y" held a bazaar just before Christmas, which netted \$24; also had a patriotic concert, with a profit of \$24, which was divided between the India Famine Fund and the Red Cross Fund. Berlin held services at the jail every Sabbath. Galt—The Union has used its influence with the Young People's Societies of the town urging them to make a special effort to have their Temperance meetings bright and instructive; also contributed \$2.50 for Deep Sea Fisheries. Pine Grove sent \$1.50 to Dominion Alliance; \$5 to India Famine Fund. Band of Hope supplied with Northern Messenger. Quilt made by Band of Hope and sent to Berlin Orphanage. Also sent \$11 to Red Cross Fund.

WENTWORTH AND HALTON—Eight Unions reported. Hamilton, Hamilton Central, Hamilton "Y," Youmans, Dundas, Oakville and Milton. Two hundred and seventy-eight active and twenty-eight honorary members. Two Bands of Hope, with 117 children. Thirty-two public meetings held during the year. Amount of money received \$1,278.38. Seventy signatures to the pledge obtained. Literature distributed. All departments of work taken up. Special work—Hamilton established a day nursery, giving the women hot coffee and cake.

WELLINGTON—Nine Unions reported. Mount Forest, Bellwood, Rockwood, Guelph, Palmerston, Elora, Arthur, Glenallen and Elora. One hundred and eighty-seven active and fourteen honorary members. Three Bands of Hope, with ninety-eight members. Total amount of money received, \$207.14. Twenty-one public meetings held during the year. Number of licenses reduced by two, through Union efforts. Ten departments of work taken up. Special work—Rockwood sent \$5.00 to the Girls' Shelter, Toronto. Glenallen contributed \$18.50 to India Famine Fund. Mount Forest erected a drinking fountain, and sent a protest to the council against licensing a billiard parlor.

YORK—Reports from fourteen Unions. Sutton, Belhaven, Keswick, Stouffville, East Toronto, Newmarket, Weston, Thornhill, Toronto Junction, Schomberg, Kleinburg, Udoa, Wood-

bridge and Richmond Hill. Two hundred and thirty-five active and forty-three honorary members. Seven Bands of Hope, with 133 children. Sixty-one public meetings have been held during the year. Amount of money received, \$185.34. Literature distributed. Fourteen departments of work taken up. Special work—Belhaven distributed twelve copies of the Provincial President's address. Sent \$2.00 to the Girls' Shelter, Toronto.

SUMMARY.

From the foregoing we glean the following summary:—

Unions reported	223
Active members	5383
Honorary members	859
Bands of Hope, etc.	74
Children in Bands of Hope	3847
Public meetings held	562
Amount of money received	\$11,795.25

A number of Unions have been organized during the year. The following may not be a complete list. If there are others, the addition will be made before the report is printed:

Elora, Finch, Sharbot Lake, Port Dover, Waterford, Victoria Harbor, Dundalk, Dunnville, Fordwich, Stratford "Y," Boston, Oil Springs, Woodbridge, Klienburg, Udora, Cornwall, "Y," Ripley, Brock Avenue, Toronto, Osnabruck Centre.

Thirty-six members have died during the year.

Literature has been distributed in nearly every Union, but it is not possible to give number of pages.

Contributed to India Famine Fund, \$132.50.

Contributed to Red Cross Fund, \$81.00.

In some instances donations were made, but amount not specified.

ALGOMA—

Nairn Centre
Fort William
Port Arthur
Richard's Lake
Dryden.....

BRANT—

Brantford...
Mohawk....
Paris.....
St. George...
Scotland....

BRUCE—

Teeswater...
Teeswater "Y"
Walkerton...
Warton....
Elmwood....
Chesley....
Cargill.....
Hepwarth...
Lucknow....
Lucknow "Y"
Mildmay....
Paisley.....
Ripley.....

CARLETON—

Ottawa.....
Ottawa Centre
Kinburn....
Rutherford...
New Edinburgh
Emmanuel "Y"
Thornley "Y"
Carp.....
Richmond...
Manotick.....

Amount carried over

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(MRS. JENNIE WATERS, HAMILTON.)

RECEIPTS.

AFFILIATION FEES.

ALGOMA—

Nairn Centre.....	\$ 3 00
Fort William.....	5 00
Port Arthur.....	6 00
Richard's Landing.....	1 50
Dryden.....	2 25
	\$ 17 75

BRANT—

Brantford.....	13 50
Mohawk.....	3 00
Paris.....	6 25
St. George.....	3 75
Scotland.....	2 00
	28 50

BRUCE—

Teeswater.....	4 75
Teeswater "Y".....	1 00
Walkerton.....	5 00
Warton.....	1 00
Elmwood.....	3 50
Chesley.....	5 75
Cargill.....	1 50
Hepwarth.....	2 50
Lucknow.....	6 50
Lucknow "Y".....	2 00
Mildmay.....	1 50
Paisley.....	4 00
Ripley.....	5 00
	44 00

CARLETON—

Ottawa.....	20 00
Ottawa Central "Y".....	45 00
Kinburn.....	5 00
Rutherford "Y".....	7 50
New Edinboro "Y".....	5 00
Emmanuel "Y".....	10 00
Thornley "Y".....	7 50
Carp.....	5 00
Richmond.....	1 00
Manotick.....	5 00
	\$ 111 00

Amount carried forward..... \$201 25

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$201 75
DURHAM—		
Port Hope.....	4 00	
Bowmanville.....	5 80	
Oreno.....	10 25	
		20 05
DUNDAS—		
Iroquois.....	5 75	5 75
ELGIN—		
St Thomas.....	18 75	
Aylmer.....	3 00	
Vienna.....	3 00	
Corinth.....	4 25	
Staffordville.....	1 25	
Rodney.....	3 75	
St. Thomas "Y".....		
West Lorne.....	1 60	
		35 60
ESSEX—		
Windsor.....	8 00	
Essex.....	5 50	
Kingsville.....	9 50	
Leamington.....	5 50	
Gesto.....	2 00	
		30 50
FRONTENAC—		
Kingston.....	12 50	
Elginbury.....	1 25	
Harrowsmith.....	3 00	
		16 75
GREY—		
Owen Sound.....	10 50	
Markdale.....	4 00	
Meaford.....	3 75	
Durham.....	5 00	
Thornbury.....	3 00	
		26 25
GLENGARRY—		
Maxville.....	7 00	
St. Elmo.....	4 90	
Vankleek Hill.....	2 50	
Picnie Grove.....	3 20	
		17 60
GRENVILLE—		
Jasper.....	4 00	
Algonquin.....	2 50	
North Augusta.....	3 00	
Cardinal.....	5 50	
Kemptville.....	4 75	
Merrickville.....	5 00	
Spencerville.....	5 75	
Prescott.....	8 25	
		38 75
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$392 50

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Foxboro..... 2 75
Belleville..... 15 75
Tweed..... 7 75
26 25

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Caledonia.....
Cayuga.....
Dunnville.....
Hagersville.....

HURON—
Goderich..... 10 00
Wingham..... 5 75
Seaforth..... 3 75
Clinton..... 3 75
Blyth..... 2 50
25 75

KENT—
Wallaceburg..... 4 00
Blenheim..... 4 25
Chatham..... 8 25
Salem..... 4 50
Ridgetown..... 1 00
Thamesville..... 1 50
Tilbury..... 8 12
31 62

LINCOLN—
St. Catharines..... 4 75
Grimsby..... 3 75
Campden..... 2 00
10 50

LAMBTON—
Wyoming..... 5 00
Alvinston..... 7 25
Petrolia..... 7 75
Sarnia..... 8 75
Copleston..... 2 25
Arkona..... 1 50
Oil Springs..... 1 00
Watford..... 3 00
Sombra..... 4 00
40 75

Amount carried forward..... \$534 12

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Amount brought forward..... \$534 12

LANARK—

Carlton Place.....	6 00
Smith's Falls.....	*13 25
Perth.....	4 50
Lanark.....	2 00
Almont.....	4 50

30 25

LEEDS—

Brockville.....	\$10 00
Brockville "Y".....	8 25
Celta.....	1 50
Lyn.....	2 25
Lansdowne.....	3 25
Gananoque.....	5 00
Lake Eloba.....	1 25
Athens.....	5 50

37 00

MIDDLESEX—

London.....	60 00
Glencoe.....	5 00
Woodgreen.....	1 25
Napier.....	3 50
Thorndale.....	2 75
Strathroy.....	5 00
Ilderton.....	1 75

79 25

MUSKOKA—

Huntsville.....	6 00
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NIPISSING—

North Bay.....	10 00
Sudbury.....	5 40
Sturgeon Falls.....	2 75

18 15

NORFOLK—

Port Dover.....	2 70
Waterford.....	4 00
Boston.....	1 80

8 50

NORTHUMBERLAND—

Cobourg.....	3 50
Campbellford.....	3 25
Brighton.....	2 50

9 25

ONTARIO—

Port Perry.....	6 00
Prince Albert.....	4 25
Oshawa.....	1 25
Seagrave.....	3 00
Uxbridge.....	3 50

18 00

Amount carried forward..... \$ 740 52

Amount

OXFORD—

Woodstock.....
Ingersoll.....
Brownsville.....
Verschoyle.....
Embro.....
Norwich.....
Tilsonburg.....
Salford.....

PERTH—

Listowel.....
Mitchell.....
St. Marys.....
Stratford.....
Stratford.....

PEEL—

Alton.....
Brampton.....
Port Credit.....

PRINCE EDWARD—

Picton "Y"

RUSSELL—

Rockland "

RENFREW—

Arnprior.....
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Cobden.....
Greenwood.....
Pembroke.....
Beachburg.....

STORMONT—

Cornwall.....
Cornwall "Y".....
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Avonmore.....
Newington.....
Wales.....
Gravel Hill.....
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Amount

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Amount brought forward.....\$ 740 52

OXFORD—

Woodstock.....	10 75	
Ingersoll.....	7 25	
Brownsville.....	2 75	
Verschoyle.....	3 25	
Embro.....	2 25	
Norwich.....	5 00	
Tilsonburg.....	8 25	
Tilsonburg "Y".....	9 50	
Salford.....	3 50	
		52 50

PERTH—

Listowel.....	7 75	
Mitchell.....	4 25	
St. Marys.....	5 50	
Stratford.....	5 50	
Stratford "Y".....	2 25	
		25 25

PERL—

Alton.....	Last year 2 00	
".....	This year 2 00	
Brampton.....	8 75	
Port Credit.....	2 50	
		15 25

PRINCE EDWARD—

Pictou "Y".....	5 25	5 25
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RUSSELL—

Rockland "Y".....	10 00	10 00
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RENFREW—

Arnprior.....	6 75	
Renfrew.....	3 75	
Cobden.....	2 75	
Greenwood.....	2 50	
Pembroke.....	16 25	
Beachburg.....	3 00	
		35 00

STORMONT—

Cornwall.....	14 75	
Cornwall "Y".....	4 50	
Moulinette.....	2 00	
Avonmore.....	3 00	
Newington.....	4 00	
Wales.....	2 20	
Gravel Hill.....	5 50	
Finch.....	3 50	
Osnabrock Centre.....	1 75	
		41 20

Amount carried forward.....\$ 924 97

Amount brought forward..... \$924 97

SIMCOE—

Barrie.....	6 70
Orillia.....	11 50
Collingwood.....	7 00
Alliston.....	6 45
Minesing.....	3 25
Midland.....	1 75
Gravenhurst.....	3 75

40 40

TORONTO DISTRICT—

Central.....	19 00
Western.....	11 00
Parkdale.....	19 75
Willard.....	6 50
Bathurst.....	45 75
Gordon.....	18 50
Deer Park.....	2 50
Northern.....	19 25
Yonmams.....	4 13

116 38

TORONTO DISTRICT—

Creighton.....	10 50
Eastern.....	3 00
Central "Y".....	11 50
Western "Y".....	1 00
Lytle.....	11 75
Barkdale "Y".....	2 75
Bascom "Y".....	4 00
Northern "Y".....	8 00
Bathurst "Y".....	1 75
Brockville.....	13 50

67 75

VICTORIA—

Lindsay.....	4 48	4 48
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WELLAND—

Port Colborne.....	4 25	4 25
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WELLINGTON—

Elora.....	4 25
Mount Forest.....	6 50
Mount Forest "Y".....	2 75
Rockwood.....	3 50
Belwood.....	2 25
Palmerston.....	3 75
Guelph.....	11 25
Fergus.....	4 00
Arthur.....	2 75
Glen Allen.....	3 75

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Amount carried forward..... \$1202 98

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Amount carried forward.....\$1202 98

WENTWORTH—

Hamilton Central	22 25	
"	16 25	
" Youmans	10 75	
" Youmans "Y"	4 50	
Dundas	6 00	
Waterdown	2 75	62 50

WATERLOO—

Galt	12 00	
Ayr	12 50	
Berlin	9 00	
Central Dumfries	5 00	
Oakland	3 50	
Preston	3 75	
Pine Grove	3 50	
Waterloo	2 00	
Ayr "Y"	3 00	54 25

YORK—

Sutton	2 50	
Newmarket	6 25	
Weston	3 13	
Toronto Junction	7 50	
Richmond Hill	3 75	
Stouffville	3 25	
Schomberg	3 25	
Thornhill	3 50	
Keswick	3 00	
East Toronto	6 75	
Udora	1 50	
Belhaven	3 25	47 63

Last Year's affiliation fees after books closed

1367 36
16 70

Total affiliation fees.....\$1384 06

LUMBER CAMP MISSION.

ALGOMA—

Nairn Centre, \$8; Fort William, \$4.25; Port Arthur,
\$2; Beaver Mills, \$1.....15 25

BRANT—

Mohawk, \$1.60.....1 60

BRUCE—

Walkerton, 2.00; Elmwood, 3.00; Chesley, 4.50; Wiarton,
3.00; Cargill, 5.00; Lucknow, 1.30; Paisley,
3.20.....22 00

CARLETON—

Ottawa, 5.00; Carp, 5.00.....10 00

Amount carried forward.....48 85 1384 06

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$48 85	\$1384 06
DURHAM—		
Port Hope, 6.00; Orono, 6.00.....	12	00
DUNDAS—		
Iroquois, 2.00.....	2	00
ELGIN—		
St. Thomas, 6.30; Vienna, 1.00; Staffordville, 2.18....	9	48
ESSEX—		
Essex, 2.00; Kingsville, 1.00; Leamington, 5.00.....	8	00
FRONTENAC—		
Elginburg, 2.00; Kingston, 5.00.....	7	00
GREY—		
Owen Sound, 4.50; Markdale, 1.00; Meaford, 1.35; Durham, 2.00; Thornbury, 4.55.....	13	40
GLENGARRY—		
Maxville, 5.70; St. Elmo, 5.00; Lancaster, 6.00; Van- kleek Hill, 3.75; Dominionville, 3.00; Picnie Grove, 3.25.....	26	70
GRENVILLE—		
Jasper, 1.25; North Augusta, 2.00; Ventnor, 1.00; Car- dinal, 2.20; Merrickville, 2.25; Glenmore, 1.00; Prescott, 5.00.....	14	70
HALTON—		
Oakville, 6.00; Milton, 4.00.....	10	00
HASTINGS—		
Belleville, 12.00; Tweed, 5.45; Foxboro, 2.00.....	19	45
HALDIMAND—		
Caledonia, 3.16; Dunville, 3.00.....	6	16
HURON—		
Goderich, 10.00; Wingham, 5.00.....	15	00
KENT—		
Chatham, 5.00; Salem, 6.00; Ridgetown, 10.00; Thames- ville, 5.00.....	26	00
LINCOLN—		
Grimsby, 3.00; Campden, 1.00.....	4	00
LANARK—		
Carleton Place, 8.50; Smith's Falls, 5.00.....	13	50
LAMPTON—		
Wyoming, 1.00; Alvinston, 2.25; Petrolea, 3.00; Sarnia, 15.00; Sombra, 8.15; Copleston, 1.00.....	30	40
LEEDS—		
Brockville, 5.00; Brockville "Y", 10.00; Delta, 3.00; Lyn, 1.70; Lansdowne, 4.65; Gananoque, 10.00; Lake Elvida, 5.00; Athens, 6.00.....	45	35
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$311 99	\$1384 06

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MIDDLESEX—	
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OXFORD—	
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PERTH—	
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PEEL—	
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MIDDLESEX—	
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MUSKOKA—	
Huntsville, 3.00.....	3 00
NISSING—	
North Bay, 5.00; Sudbury, 5.00.....	10 00
NORFOLK—	
Port Dover, 5.00.....	5 00
NORTHUMBERLAND—	
Cobourg, 2.00; Campbellford, 11.00; Brighton, 4.00....	17 00
ONTARIO—	
Whitby, 5.00; Port Perry, 5.00; Seagrave, 4.00; Ux- bridge, 2.00.....	16 00
OXFORD—	
Ingersoll, 6.00; Tilsonburg "Y," 1.00; Salford, 5.00; Brownsville, 2.00.....	14 00
PERTH—	
Mitchell, 4.00; Stratford, 5.00.....	9 00
PEEL—	
Brampton, 5.00; Port Credit, 1.00.....	6 00
RENFREW—	
Arnprior, 5.00; Renfrew, 5.00; Pembroke 15.00; Beach- burg, 2.00	27 00
RUSSELL—	
Rockland "Y", 70.0.....	7 00
SIMCOE—	
Barrie, 6.00; Orillia, 6.00; Collingwood, 3.00; Alliston, 5.50; Elmvale, 2.00; Minesing, 2.20; Midland, 12.00; Bradford, 1.00; Gravenhurst, 1.00.....	38 70
STORMONT—	
Cornwall, 5.00; Moulinette, 2.25; Avonmore, 3.00; New- ington, 8.00; Gravel Hill, 6 00; Finch, 3.00.....	27 25
TORONTO DISTRICT—	
Dist. Supt., 61.00; Central, 8.00; Western, 4.63; Park- dale, 8.00; Willard, 6.00; Gordon, 5.00; Deer Park, 3.00; Northern, 18.00; Youmans, 1.00; Creighton, 22.35; Lytle, 4.00; Eastern, 2.00.....	142 98
WENTWORTH—	
From Co., 3.56; Central, 5.24; Hamilton, 15.20; You- mans, 6.00; Dundas, 1.55.....	31 55
WELLAND—	
Port Colborne, 5.00.....	5 00
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GIRLS' SHELTER, TORONTO—	
Thornbury, 2.00; Oakville, 4.00	6 00
DOUKHBOURS—	
Glenmore, 1.00.....	1 00
DOMINION PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES TO WORLD'S CONVENTION	120 95
DOMINION ALLIANCE—	
Coriwall, 3.00	3 00
DOMINION THANKOFFERING— Fort William, \$3.00; Mohawk, \$2.00; Paisley, \$2.25; Rodney, \$2.25; Essex, \$2.60; Markdale, \$1.85; Oakville, \$4.00; Lym, \$1.80; Lan- ark, \$1.00; London, \$3.00; Ilderton, \$1.00; North- ern (Toronto), \$5.00; Galt, 90 cts.; Schomberg, \$3.00.	33 65
LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE—	
Cargill, \$1.00; Kingston, \$5.00. Glenmore, \$1.00; Sarnia, \$1.00; London, \$33.50; North Bay, \$3.00; Brampton, \$1.00; Parkdale, \$3.00; Central (Ham- ilton), \$5.00; Youmans (Hamilton), \$6.33; Mount Forest, \$2.64; Guelph, \$5.00; Central Dumfries, \$2.00; Stratford, \$5.00; Belleville, \$5.00; Creighton, \$2.00; Northern (Toronto), \$5.00.....	86 47
SUNDRIES—	
Balance from last year.....	514 00
Balance Guelph Convention.....	16 00
Sale of annual reports.....	228 20
Manitoba W. C. T. U. circulars.....	10 51
British Columbia W. C. T. U. circulars.....	5 00
Refund by Mrs. Coppin.....	2 80
Sale of School of Method Leaflets	17 67
Department circulars.....	6 20
	800 38
Emergency Fund.....	3453 25
Bequest by Miss McArthur.....	500 00
	100 00
Convention's receipts at Smith's Falls.....	4033 25
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Total receipts.....	4104 63

EXPENDITURES.

PRESIDENT—	
Stenographer's Salary.....	125 00
Travelling Expenses.....	23 20
Postage, including mailing of the department cir- culars, telegrams, &c.....	63 87
Incidentals.....	75 00
	287 07
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$287 07

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$287 17	
VICE PRESIDENT—			
Allowance.....	10 00		
Travelling (to Miss MacArthur's funeral), and other interests in the work.....	20 75		
Postage.....	1 70		32 45
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—			
Allowance.....	100 00		
Travelling Expenses.....	3 00		
Postage, &c.....	23 15		126 15
RECORDING SECRETARY—			
Allowance.....	20 00		
Travelling.....	8 70		
Postage.....	7 21		
Supplies and incidentals.....	9 81		
Telephone.....	20 00		65 72
TREASURER—			
Allowance.....	20 00		
Travelling.....	1 60		
Postage, &c.....	17 30		38 90
COUNTY PRESIDENTS—			
Muskoka.....	3 80		
Lincoln, '98 and '99.....	4 00		
Renfrew.....	5 00		
Mrs. McAllister.....	5 00		
Hastings.....	60		
Norfolk.....	5 48		23 88
SUPERINTENDENTS' OF DEPARTMENTS EXPENSES—			
Press for '99.....	3 80		
Soldiers' work.....	1 05		
Narcotics.....	9 60		
African work, '99.....	3 53		
" " 1900.....	10 26		
Curfew Bell.....	2 00		
"Y" work.....	8 78		
Franchise.....	34 86		
Hygiene and Heredity for '99.....	56		
Legislation and Petition.....	71		
Purity and Mothers' Meetings.....	2 40		
Railroad.....	1 50		
Evangelistic.....	3 20		
Juvenile.....	2 36		
Fair work.....	1 71		
Temperance in Sunday Schools.....	3 05		
Scientific Temperance.....	6 03		95 40
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Lumber work, Miss Fisher	5 15
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" " freight (Lindsay)	93
" " Bibles, etc	16 80
Organization Deficit	75 00
Flower Missions (Dominion)	2 50
" " Miss Wiley	50
Prison and Reform	3 02
Lecture Bureau Allowance	25 00
" " Postage, &c	12 25
Systematic Giving	2 60
Mr. Leckie, Salary and Expenses	455 00
Miss Sproule, " "	204 10

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Soldiers	1478 03
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\$65.00 was paid to Miss Sproule, also Mr. Leckie, which does not appear in the books, which would increase these accounts to Mr. Leckie \$520; Miss Sproule, \$269.10

Convention Expenses	123 70
Presentation to Mrs. Wiley	50 00
Directory in Woman's Journal	15 00
World and Dominion Mission	136 31
Deep Sea Mission	30 95
Lord's Day Alliance	86 47
Dominion Thankoffering	33 65
Dominion Alliance	3 00
Refund Wellington County	40
Dominion Affiliation Fee, '99	3 75
Girls' Shelter	6 00
Doukhobors	1 00
India Famine Fund	12 65
Flowers for Miss McArthur	20 00
Dominion Affiliation Fee, 1900	373 60
Dominion President's Expenses to World's	120 95
Literature from Depository	60 71
" " " Depository '99	56
Office Supplies	63 08
Preparing Report	20 00
Mailing Report	26 95
Express Charges	3 95
Printing and Stationery	\$594 65

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STATEMENT.

Total Assets	3504 63
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Balance	\$238 99
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THE DEPARTMENTS.

The following is an estimate of the cost of the several Departments. The money expended on clerical aid for paper, envelopes, literature purchased for Departments, and many incidentals, cannot be computed separately from general provincial expenses. This is therefore only an *approximate* statement. The printing includes notices, exercises, circulars and petition forms:

DEPARTMENTS	POSTAGE	OTHER ITEMS	PRINT'G	TOTAL
Press and Soldiers.....	\$ 9 00		\$ 19 55	\$ 28 55
Narcotics.....	12 97		32 95	109 74
105,000 Narcotic Leaflets.....			63 82	
Curfew Bell.....	4 69		1 50	6 19
"V" Work.....	8 78			8 78
Franchise.....	36 09		11 30	47 39
Lecture Bureau and Organization.....	37 25		3 50	
Deficit in Salary Organizer.....		75 00		140 75
Allowance to Superintendent Lecture Bureau		25 00		
African.....				10 26
Hygiene and Heredity.....	2 27		7 75	10 02
Legislation and Petition.....				71
Purity and Mothers' Meetings.....	5 90		12 50	18 40
Railroad.....	3 21		1 75	4 96
Evangelistic.....	6 60		4 25	10 85
Juvenile.....	2 36		6 75	9 11
Fairs.....	3 53		3 00	6 53
Sunday School.....	6 62		7 00	
20,000 Quarterly Leaflets.....			37 15	50 77
Scientific Temperance.....	9 60		4 80	14 40
<i>Lumber Camp Work—</i>				
Salary, Mr. Leckie.....		500 00		
Salary, Miss Spröde.....		100 00		650 99
Postage.....	16 44		17 75	
Bibles and Literature.....		16 80		
Flower Mission.....	4 30		2 25	6 55
Prison Reform.....	3 02			3 02
Parlor Meetings.....	1 23		4 50	5 73
Parliamentary Practice.....	1 23		14 50	15 73
Sabbath Observance.....	3 43		7 85	11 28
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Reports of Departments.

EVANGELISTIC.

MRS. A. GORDON, Superintendent.

This department is the *back-bone* of our organization, the "Vestal Virgin;" the branch more than any other is the department of loving effort. I feel confident that everyone will read with pleasure the figures which are presented. Although figures are generally dry, in this case they indicate the efforts of Unions in following the foot-prints of our Master as He went about doing good.

REPORTS OF COUNTIES.

ALGOMA—The Missionary reports good work done. The Superintendent arranges the exercises for devotional half hour at regular meetings. Evangelistic letter read. Relieved the poor with food and clothing. Had a few Evangelistic services, observed the week of prayer by home prayer meetings. Distributed about 1000 pages of literature besides religious papers. The Superintendent gave a paper on this branch of work at the County Convention.

BRUCE—Words of cheer, also distinct advance along all lines. Observed week of prayer, and used the evangelistic programme. Held monthly prayer meetings in four churches. The President arranged for the devotional exercises, use the Bible readings recommended. Many visits to the sick and shut in ones, but kept no record of number. God's word always read and prayer offered. Poor assisted in many ways, chiefly with second hand clothing and food. Regular jail services and personal conversation with the prisoners. Quarterly Gospel Temperance meetings held in the churches. Much literature distributed.

BRANT—No report.

CARLETON—Both "Y's" and "W's" have done well. Paid a Bible reader for a year, who on an average made 100 visits a month to the homes of drunkards, the erring and sick. Provided the poor with provisions, 500 pieces of clothing, fuel, paid rent, etc. Held regular devotional meetings, using leaflets recommended. Observed week of prayer, also a memorial service for

Frances Willard. The "Y's" visited two hospitals weekly. At Christmas gave prettily bound text books to each patient. Too much praise cannot be given the Ottawa "Y's" for their loving, untiring devotion and zeal.

DURHAM—The Superintendent reports 146 homes visited, cheering the hearts of the sick and sorrowful by always reading the Scripture and prayer. Work done amongst the poor, providing food, provisions, clothing, delicacies, and a pair of spectacles bought for an old lady nearly blind. Meetings held all winter in the home of an aged couple. Observed week of prayer, Mrs. Youman's birthday; held twenty-four special evangelistic meetings.

DUNDAS—One Union reports not much work done, but the Evangelistic letter was read and much appreciated; the poor helped in many ways.

ELGIN—Reports cottage meetings; 25 visits to the homes of sick and poor made by the Superintendent and others; the Evangelistic letter read in Unions.

ESSEX—One Union reports, poor relieved, money and clothing given; the Evangelistic letter read with profit.

FRONTENAC—The faithful Superintendent writes, "Find plenty of work to be done in the homes visited; people glad some one is interested in them, and are ready to listen to the messages from the Lord, and prayer." Seventy visits made to the poor and sick; held Mothers' meetings; prospects of three other gatherings in different parts of the city; feel that Mothers' meetings are more needed than Sunday Schools. Lack of strength prevents the Superintendent from doing more. "She hath done what she could."

GRENVILLE—Reports cottage meetings and regular devotional meetings. Thirty-four visits made by Superintendents and helpers, when God's word was read and families prayed with. A sermon read each Sunday to an old lady who could not attend church, also hospitals visited. Observed the week of prayer with Lord's Day Alliance; had service in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Distributed seventy-eight tracts, besides magazines and papers; provided food and clothing for the poor. Held special Evangelistic services under the auspices of the Union. Held services in the town hall on Sunday afternoons with good results.

GREY—Observed week of prayer one day, using programme provided by the Provincial Superintendent, Frances Willard memorial service; cottage meetings held. Families visited and

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GLENGARRY—Poor supplied with food and clothing, money and fuel. Families visited and prayed with. Observed week of prayer. Used sometimes Bible reading leaflets, at other times members of Unions gave Bible readings.

GREY—Superintendent most energetic and reports good work. Meetings of great profit; sick visited, poor relieved, literature distributed.

HURON—The Vice-President writes, "This department has not been taken up, but is likely to be this year." One Union reports Evangelistic letter read. Members conduct the devotional hour with great acceptance and profit. Evangelistic letter read. Cottage meetings held, also services in the jail; sick visited and dainties provided. Clothing and bedding sent to the fire sufferers at Ottawa.

HALTON—Bible reading leaflets used during week of prayer. Had a temperance meeting on night of regular church prayer meeting; three cottage meetings; forty-six homes visited and short services held by Superintendent and helpers. The new methods that have met with success are, Bible reading and prayer at "at homes" and other socials, and at parlor meetings.

KENT—Report from only one Union whose Superintendent writes, "The Lord has prospered us both spiritually and temporally. The devotional meetings held and much enjoyed. Visited the hospitals; gave out 500 pages of literature, and a quantity of old linen, and some clothing distributed to Girls' Shelter, also to Missionary Fund; quilted three quilts for the Childrens' Shelter; visited the sick and erring, read and prayed with them."

LINCOLN—The Superintendent has moved away, but the Secretary kindly reports. Observed the week of prayer, all members taking part; use the Bible readings leaflets; much visiting done and services held in the homes; poor relieved and literature distributed.

LAMBTON—The Superintendent has written to and received reports from nearly every Union in the county, attended the County Convention and presented a good report. Some of the Unions observed the week of prayer, holding public meetings. Short services were given in eighty homes. Addressed the

Indian women in the Reserve. Regular weekly services at the House of Refuge, where a social entertainment was given to the inmates, also text cards at Christmas, and much literature distributed. Donations of money, clothing, delicacies and Christmas dinners given to the poor.

MIDDLESEX—Sickness has prevented the Superintendent from doing much work this year, yet the faithful workers have not been idle. They record 265 visits to the homes of the sick and needy ones, always accompanied by reading and prayer. Regular visiting at the hospital, much good accomplished; workers encouraged by the conversion of a mother; furnished a pavilion for the children of hospital. Gave to the poor clothing; held cottage prayer meetings. Much literature was distributed, besides such papers as the Messenger, Pleasant Hours, Missionary Outlook, tracts, cards, etc. Observed the day of prayer. Evangelistic letter read.

NORTHUMBERLAND—The Superintendent has kept a correct account of correspondence with local Unions, and asked each Society for a report, from which had a good report to present the County Convention. The week of prayer observed. The Evangelistic Superintendent arranges the devotional half hour; cottage prayer meetings held; a monthly prayer meeting, also 210 visits to the sick, when the Scripture was read and prayer offered. Supplied a rural Sunday School with 5,000 pages of literature, and distributed in homes 1,000 pages.

NIPISSING DISTRICT—The President writes that the work has not been taken up.

NORFOLK—Has not adopted this department, county only organized last June. One Union reports that the devotional half hour has been a great blessing through the helpful Bible readings.

OXFORD—The Superintendent, in a very satisfactory report, says five Unions have done good work in this department. The week of prayer observed, Frances Willard memorial service, and four Unions observed Crusade day. Gospel Temperance meetings; the Evangelistic takes charge of the devotional half hour; Temperance sermons preached; Mothers' meetings held; the sick visited; families relieved, especially those suffering from neglect of drunken fathers; best of all an old lady brought to Jesus through the work and prayers of the members. Prayer answered in a very marked way. The Superintendent has spoken to men who drank, warning them of their danger and pointing them to Christ; 2,094 pages of literature distributed.

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ONTARIO—Superintendent regrets not having a full report, as some of the Unions do not separate the work done on Evangelistic lines, consequently no record is kept. But much has been accomplished; 100 visits made, always reading the Scriptures and praying in the homes, besides sick calls. As the distances are great some of the workers have walked miles to do this visiting. Distributed literature and Scripture cards; relieved the poor. Cottage prayer meeting held.

PEEL—Use the Bible readings, the Presidents arranging the devotional meetings. About twenty visits made to homes needing comfort from the Word of the Lord, and strength through prayer. Distributed literature and text cards. Read the Evangelistic letter.

RENFREW—The week of prayer observed, had prayer, praise and Bible reading. Held six cottage prayer meetings. Ninety-six visits made by Superintendent and helpers, sometimes the Bible read in the homes. Four hundred pages of literature distributed. Spent \$95 in clothing, food and furniture for the destitute. New methods of work undertaken with success. A reading room for young men.

SIMCOE—The Superintendent has taken exceptional pains to give a good report. Five Unions are working in the county, four have not yet taken up this branch. Jail visited by Union; all take a deep interest in the prisoners spiritually; when necessary, delicacies provided. Families provided with food and clothing; 150 sick visited. Members try in every way to advance the Master's cause. Children urged to attend Sabbath School. Special Evangelistic meetings; special mention of the remarkable conversion of an old man before his death.

STORMONT—The Superintendent has kept a correct record of correspondence with local Unions, and visited three; impressed local Superintendent with the need of keeping a written account of the work done; wrote each society for a report, and attended the County Convention. The week of prayer has not been observed except one meeting in a Union. Mothers' meetings held, and regular devotional half hour. Bible readings, leaflets not used; visits made by Superintendent and helpers; held service in the homes of the poor and sick; jail visited.

TORONTO DISTRICT—The Supt. deeply regrets the meagre amount of personal work done, owing to the amount of serious illness in the family, yet has given six Bible readings, addressed three Sabbath Schools and fourteen Mothers' meetings, besides a good deal of letter writing, and visiting the sick and sorrowful. The County reports:—Weekly prayer meeting during the

winter months to pray for our soldiers in South Africa; relatives of absent ones attending, found comfort. Different leaders led the usual monthly devotional meetings; fifty-four very successful Mothers' meetings, at the close served tea, this bringing a little brightness and cheer into the hearts of the mothers; sold at cost price, on instalment plan, dress goods, towels, aprons, pants, etc., the mothers paying for them as they were able. Prayer meetings held at the homes of these mothers resulted in the conversion of many. Cottage meetings, Bible readings, Evangelistic addresses, services in Gospel tent during exhibition and open air meeting comprise some of the wonderful work accomplished. General hospital visited, fruit, literature, and the kind word spoken "In His Name," brought peace and joy to the sufferers and visitors. Visits were also made to the Old Womens' Home, the Asylum, the Old Men's Home, and profitable meetings held. Families helped with clothing, provisions, fuel, payment of rent; sent clothing to the Consumptive Sanitarium at Moon Park; also the fire sufferers at Ottawa, and after all this, trust that more may be done during the coming year.

WELLINGTON—The Superintendent reports Gospel Temperance meetings. Observed week of prayer by Union prayer meetings in the different churches, cottage meetings and weekly Evangelistic services, house to house visiting, literature distributed. Expect to do more next year.

HALTON AND WENTWORTH—The County President writes:—Observed the week of prayer by holding prayer meetings. The Superintendent arranges the exercises for devotional half hour. About 100 visits made, when the Bible has been read, and prayer offered. Weekly visits to the hospital and jail. Poor relieved, new methods of work, Mother's meetings and Creche, regular annual mothers' tea.

WATERLOO—The Superintendent has kept a record of correspondence with local Unions, written to each society asking for a report, attended County Convention and presented a good report, also read a paper on Evangelistic work. Unions observed the week of prayer, members taking part. Use the Bible reading recommended. The President usually arranges the exercises for the devotional half hour, read the Evangelistic letter. Held prayer meetings and meetings in the poor house, gave the inmates a tea. Made calls on the sick, wrote letters of condolence, distributed Scripture cards; and endeavored in every way to help those addicted to liquor. Scattered 1211 pages of literature, gave \$10.00 to India Famine sufferers, and \$14.00 to other mission work. Personal work with drunkards, good success.

YORK—The Superintendent wrote each Union for an account

of the work done, good report to Temperance meeting. Instructive. Temperance Union held Gospel tea had fifty meetings has been going years. Sermon meetings. Pa Word was read food and medicine, besides methods of women; find this they seem glad

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of the work done, attended the County Convention and had a good report to present, as shown by the following:—Gospel Temperance meetings have been interesting, entertaining and instructive. Have introduced tableaux, using Frank Beard's Temperance Cartoons, drawing great crowds. Another Union held Gospel temperance meetings for three months, and a third had fifty meetings this year of a similar character. This work has been going regularly every Sabbath afternoon for sixteen years. Sermons preached, services in the jail, fifty Mothers' meetings. Paid 170 visits to homes of sorrow, and sin. God's Word was read and prayer offered with families visited, gave food and medicine to the poor. Distributed 820 pages of literature, besides papers, books, and Moody's sermons, etc. New methods of work undertaken; have been letter writing to young men; find this very helpful way of throwing out the "Life Line;" they seem glad *some one cares*.

SUMMARY.

In spite of the fact that spiritual influence cannot be tabulated, and the system of the department work is not universally adapted, yet there is evidence of advance.

Twenty-eight out of thirty Counties have reported. Only six County Superintendents kept a correct record of their correspondence and general work.

Your Superintendent has written sixty letters, sixty-five post cards, given 250 addresses and Bible readings, and issued a circular letter, which has been read and programme followed in almost every Union, it has been so kindly spoken of and so much appreciated. To Him who gave the message be all the praise. Your Superintendent has noticed that where the week of prayer has not been observed, and Bible reading leaflets not used, scarcely any other Evangelistic work has been undertaken, thus showing that nothing stirs the heart for the need of others like the Word of the Lord and prayer.

SUGGESTIONS.

1.—In every local Union appoint a Superintendent of Evangelistic work, whose mission it shall be *to keep burning brightly upon our altars* the sacred fire which was kindled in the crusade, and whose constant aim it shall be to make the Union more spiritual; to secure the weekly devotional meeting, also a series of Bible readings, keeping a statistical record of all the meetings of an Evangelistic nature. Keep a record of incidents in connection with this department, anything that will illustrate its working, or encourage the workers.

2—Part of our mission is rescue work. Let us push this work everywhere, by meeting in homes, halls, school houses, jails, outdoor services, until there is not a man who can say in our community, "No woman cares for my soul." Have tracts and button-hole bouquets to distribute at every public meeting.

4—Way side service wherever a soul needs the Gospel. How many souls can I personally win for Christ this year?

5—A Sunday annually observed as Woman's Day in the churches. The ten minutes limitation precludes anything but the barest outline, but there is room for an expression of heartfelt gratitude to all who have helped. Let our motto be, as we come to the hard places, "For Christ's sake, for Humanity's sake."

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

(MRS. ADELIA JOHNSTON, SUPERINTENDENT.)

Your Superintendent was much encouraged in her department during the annual stock-taking, when the reports came in so generously. True, a large percentage of them read "Department not taken up," still it was encouraging that Unions thought it important to let her know this.

During the year the matter of Sabbath desecration has been placed more prominently before our people than ever before. The field Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, Rev. Mr. Shearer, since his appointment, has visited almost all the cities, towns and centers of influence in the Province. In addition to his own specific work he has aroused interest and quickened zeal in many Unions along the department of Sabbath Observance, which the Unions have repaid in turn by co-operating with and assisting the Alliance.

The perils which threaten the Lord's Day are no fewer than before. It would seem that the forces are combining more than ever to wrest from our beloved land her God-given day of rest. Religion and irreligion join hands here, strange as it may seem. The latter is represented by the out and out blasphemer, who hates everything associated with God and His work. The former is represented by the Jew and the Seventh Day Adventist, who claim the seventh day as still the Sabbath, and utterly ignore the Lord's day. Comparatively, this number is small, but it is a leaven that is spreading, and rapidly.

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Greed of gain and lust of pleasure, twin offspring of the monster selfishness, are still the mighty forces that are rapidly gaining ground. They hold nothing sacred to their own insatiable appetites, which continually cry, "Give! Give!" though everything holy and of real worth be trampled under foot. Convenience and necessity are the specious pleas urged for their indulgence. In some cases the arguments sound legitimate, but when we remember that where God's law is held sacred these arguments are not thought of, it is not hard to trace them back to their fountain head and we invariably find that they emanate from the corrupt human heart, which is eager for gain and desirous of ease and pleasure. So I implore my White Ribbon sisters not to be deluded by these quagmire lights, but to be very jealous of this institution of God, given for the welfare of the race. Let us honor Him and His day in our homes with our children, and there and everywhere let our word and example not only be sweet and pure, but pronounced and effective wherever God permits us to radiate influence.

COUNTY REPORTS.

RAINY RIVER DISTRICT—Beaver Mills succeeded in stopping Sunday excursions by boat.

FORT WILLIAM—Not organized, but working for early closing.

BRANT—Paris alone sent report. They work with Alliance.

BRUCE—Unorganized.

CARLTON—Unorganized.

DURHAM—Three Unions reported through County Superintendent. No work done.

DUNDAS—Iroquois contributed \$5.00

ELGIN—St. Thomas worked for early closing, with some success. Staffordville prevented ice cream selling in one instance.

ESSEX—Harrow stopped the sale of ice cream on Sunday, and tried to close barber shops.

FRONTENAC—Kingston gave money.

GREY—Owen Sound communicated with Provincial License Inspector, who notified local inspector. Result, law better observed.

GLENGARRY—No work done.

GRENVILLE—Cardinal alone sent report.

HALTON—Unorganized.

HASTINGS—Nothing done.

HALDIMAND—Unorganized.

HURON—Goderich reports good work done in conjunction with Lord's Day Alliance.

KENT—Reports through Superintendent, nothing done.

LINCOLN—Unorganized.

LANARK—Unorganized.

LAMBTON—Reports through Superintendent, six Unions.

LEEDS—Brockville was active, but unsuccessful in trying to prevent boats calling.

MIDDLESEX—Liderton sends good report. Three sermons preached and literature distributed. London keeps the subject warm in connection with Lord's Day Alliance.

NIPISSING—Two Unions organized.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Recently organized.

ONTARIO—Department not taken up; though Belleville gave \$5.00.

OXFORD—One meeting held at Tilsonburg, addressed by ministers. Norwich petitioned for early closing.

PERTH—Stratford sent good report.

PEEL—Port Credit commends circular.

RENFREW—Pembroke works without Superintendent, and reports profitable time, with drill at parlor meeting. Gave \$5.00.

SIMCOE—Barrie helped Lord's Day Alliance in matter of Sunday newspapers.

STORMONT—Cornwall discussed subject at a Mothers' meeting.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Many Unions report, but little work done.

WENTWORTH—Reports nine membership fees given to Treasurer of local Lord's Day Alliance, also \$4.00 raised at a joint meeting, and \$5.00 contributed from funds of Central Union, which was also given to same Treasurer, (?) all of which was contrary to instructions.

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SUMMARY.

Number of Counties organized, 20.

Counties reporting through Superintendent, 9.

Unions reporting, 135.

Unions organized as reported, 50.

Unions adopting department circular, 44.

Unions contributing to Lord's Day Alliance, 20.

Amount contributed, \$50.97.

Eighteen Unions report attempts towards enforcement of the Sabbath law, with varying success.

HYGIENE AND HEREDITY.

MRS. (DR) MASON, Superintendent.

Judging from the reports which have come to me, the work of this department is comparatively in its infancy. Many Unions have not yet undertaken it, but in the sections where this department is taken up, bright encouraging words have come to me, showing that it is appreciated.

ALGOMA—Two Unions reported, Fort William and Beaver Mills. One has taken up the work, along with Social Purity. Papers have been read. The other Union has had talks on house sanitation. No Superintendents reported.

BRANT—One Union, Paris, reports, having read Mary Wood Allan's book.

CARLTON—Ottawa only reports. The circular was used at the educational half hour. Two lectures were given on home sanitation, and other subjects suggested in the circular, and three talks were given to girls. Many of the girls are wearing hygienic dress. Dr. Sinclair, Ottawa, is Superintendent.

DURHAM—One Union, Port Hope, reports a Superintendent, but no work done.

FRONTENAC—One Union, Kingston, reports no Superintendent, but the circular was used at a regular Union meeting. Talks have been given on home sanitation and other subjects suggested in the circular. Mothers' meetings have been addressed, and also the girls of the Young Woman's Christian Association. White Shield literature has been circulated.

GRENVILLE—Two Unions, Prescott and Spencerville, report Superintendents. The exercise was used at a regular meeting, which was considered a helpful one; also a paper on hygiene, was read. Some very helpful words of encouragement were spoken at this meeting. Spencerville reports a Superintendent, but owing to prolonged illness of the Superintendent, no work was done.

LEEDS—One Union, Gananoque, reports no Superintendent but the prepared exercise was used at a regular meeting, which proved very helpful; the result being talks on some of the subjects suggested.

LINCOLN—Grimsby used the exercise at a regular meeting, and helpful talks on the subjects contained in the circular were given. Miss Wiggins also gave a very helpful talk to young people at an afternoon meeting.

LAMBTON—Watford reported no Superintendent, but the exercise was used at a regular meeting. No further work was done.

LEEDS—Brockville "Y's" used the exercise at a regular meeting, and talks were given on subjects suggested in the circular. A White Shield Society is organized in Brockville.

NIPISSING—One Union, North Bay, reports a Superintendent. The exercise was used at a regular Union meeting. No other work done.

NORFOLK—Port Dover reports a Superintendent.

PEEL—Port Credit heard from. There is no Superintendent, but the programme suggested in the circular was used at a regular meeting. Dr. Skinner, of Toronto, gave a very helpful talk. The public school teacher often talks to her young girls on health and how to obtain it.

DISTRICT OF SUDBURY—Sudbury used the circular at a regular meeting. Further than this no work was done. Have no Superintendent.

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ONTARIO—Prince Albert reports a Superintendent. The exercise was used at a regular meeting, and private talks along the line of sanitation have been given to young girls.

PERTH—St. Marys reports good work done at Mothers' meetings. There is a Superintendent. The exercise was used at a regular meeting.

RENFREW—Renfrew reports no Superintendent. The programme was carried out as suggested in the circular. Further than that no work was done.

SIMCOE—Report comes from Barrie that the subject is to come up at an early date.

STORMONT—One Union, Moulinette, heard from. The exercise was used at a regular meeting.

WATERLOO—Central Dumfries heard from; has a Superintendent, and used the exercise at a regular meeting. No other work done. Galt has no Superintendent, but used the exercise at a regular meeting, when many of the subjects suggested in the circular were discussed. A lecture was given by one of the physicians of Galt under the auspices of this department. White Shield work is to be taken up in the near future.

YORK—One Union, Sutton West, reports not having received the circular. No work done. They have sent for White Shield literature.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Has been very active in this department. There are two White Shield Societies, with a membership of over fifty each. Central "Y's" report having given ten lectures on Hygiene and home sanitation. Northern "Y's" arranged for a public lecture, which was delivered by one of our prominent physicians on "Dress, Suitable and Unsuitable,"

accompanied by illustrations. The lecture was listened to by a large audience of ladies. Dr. Mary Wood Allen's books and pamphlets have been used extensively by the Young People's Societies. Gordon Union had an address on Heredity. The students of the Ontario Medical College for Women have been addressed on the same subject. Much enthusiasm has been created here by the International Economic Household Association's Convention, held in October. It was an inspiration to those of us who are interested in domestic science. We felt that a proper knowledge of scientific cookery would be a very important factor in bringing about Prohibition. Domestic science is now being taught in one of our city public schools. Fred Victor Mission is doing much good in educating the young people in scientific cooking.

PERSONAL WORK

Addressed Sutton West Union and sent them literature.

In response to requests, sent manuals and literature to three Unions. Wrote ten letters and sent out forty report calls. Arranged for a course of lectures for one Union. Gave out privately considerable literature on Heredity.

SUMMARY.

Out of 244 Unions, 112 sent in reports; 76 Unions reported department not taken up; 34 Unions reported the department taken up; 17 of that number have Superintendents of Hygiene and Heredity; two reports sent in not filled out, no name attached.

SUGGESTIONS.

That each Union appoint a Superintendent of Hygiene and Domestic Science, who will make them live subjects.

That wherever practicable physicians should be requested to give lectures on health, the relation of dress to disease, home sanitation, and kindred topics of an educational nature.

That Miss Wiggins be requested wherever it be practicable to give talks to young girls. Your Superintendent has reason to rejoice that good work has been done through her agency.

Just before closing, another report comes to me from Kent County. Chatham Union reports a Superintendent of Hygiene and Heredity. A day had been set for using the circular, but it proved stormy. Two helpful papers were written on the sub-

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Only two report calls have come to me. I would suggest that in future the name and address of the Superintendent be embodied in the *report*.

PURITY AND MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

MRS. LOUISE C. HARTLEY, Superintendent.

In presenting to you my first annual report, I do so with the strong conviction that the department of Purity and Mothers' Meetings is a very important factor in the conflict with the liquor traffic. That it does not wield a well nigh irresistible force, is due to the fact that as yet the subject is so little understood, requires such rare tact and delicacy in its treatment, that comparatively few will attempt work in this department. However, we believe our women are awakening to the need and their opportunity in this department, and each year will show increased activity. Surely this labor will not be in vain, but will be mighty in breaking down Satan's strongholds. The White Shield and the White Cross work being taken in another department has caused some confusion; some of this being Purity work, has been reported to the Purity and Mothers' Meetings Department. This work has been credited in the County reports.

We are glad to be able to report earnest and enthusiastic work in some places and we believe very much is being done in quiet ways, which, though not reported, is nevertheless exerting its gracious, potent, purifying influence. Especially do we rejoice in the large increase of purity literature reported in circulation.

REPORT OF COUNTIES.

ALGOMA—Three Unions reported. Social purity taken up at Union meetings, also in sermons and prayer meetings. Good number of leaflets distributed. Houses of ill fame banished through the efforts of W. C. T. U. Excellent paper and discussion at County Convention.

BRANT—Paris has Dr. Wood-Allen's books in circulation.

BRUCE—Superintendent, Mrs. (Dr.) Gillies, Teeswater. Subject taken up in parlor meeting. A quantity of purity leaflets distributed. One Mothers' meeting. Six Unions reported.

CARLETON—Subject of social purity and purity in literature taken up in sermons and prayer meetings.

DURHAM—Two Unions heard from. No work done.

DUNDAS—One Union heard from. No work done.

ELGIN—Six Unions reported. Social purity taken up at four meetings; three addresses and three sermons on the subject. Staffordville Union made determined effort to enforce statute regulations re purity as related to children. Two Wood-Allen books in circulation.

ESSEX—Three Unions reported. Subject taken up at one meeting. Literature distributed to teachers and mothers. One Mothers' meeting.

FRONTENAC—Kingston distributed fifty purity leaflets and held twelve Mothers' meetings.

GLENGARRY AND PRESCOTT—Five Unions heard from. No work done.

GRENVILLE—Wrote M. P. re the Dawson dance halls and Mr. Charlton's purity bill.

GREY—Three Unions reported. Dr. Wood-Allen's books and magazine are in circulation. Addresses on purity given through County by Miss Wiggins. Two Mothers' meetings.

HALTON—Two Unions heard from. No work done.

HALDIMAND—Caledonia reports work taken up at regular meeting. One Mothers' meeting.

HASTINGS—Three Unions reported. Some purity work done. Twenty-two Mothers' meetings.

HURON—Goderich reports three addresses on the subject. Wood-Allen books in circulation and some leaflets distributed. Two Mothers' meetings.

KENT—No report.

LAMBTON—Superintendent, Miss M. H. Clarke, Alvinston. Eight Unions reported. Social Purity taken up at three meetings. Three sermons preached, and a goodly number of leaflets distributed. Four talks to Indian children. Two addresses by Miss Wiggins. Articles on subject prepared for local press. Book stores visited in search of forbidden literature. Some impure literature destroyed. Three Mothers' meetings.

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LEEDS—Superintendent, Mrs. Slack, Athens. Athens has distributed 150 leaflets. Subject taken up in sermons and prayer meetings; also in one parlor meeting. Brockville "Y" has done active work for purity in life, literature and art.

LINCOLN—Grimsby reports subject taken up by sermons and prayer meetings. Good quantity of literature distributed.

MIDDLESEX—Five Unions reported. London held one Mothers' meeting.

MUSKOKA—One Union heard from. No work done.

NIPISSING—Three Unions reported. Subject taken up at regular meeting. One addressed by Mrs. Fisher. One Mothers' meeting.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Two Unions reported. Campbellford has made liberal distribution of purity leaflets. One Mothers' meeting.

NORFOLK—Two Unions heard from. Some work done by County President.

ONTARIO—Four Unions reported. Seagrave has purity books in circulation.

OXFORD—Three Unions reported. Some literature distributed. Subject taken up at regular meetings. A lecture by Miss Wiggins.

PERTH—Superintendent, Mrs. Forman, Stratford. Three Unions reported. A large number of Wood-Allen books in circulation. One hundred persons have read them. Two hundred and fifty White Cross pledge cards were used, and through the efforts of the County Superintendent the White Cross and White Shield pledge has been introduced in the schools through the county. Large number of leaflets distributed. Pan Pin. Subject taken up at one meeting.

PEEL—Port Credit reports several Mothers' meetings at which purity topics were discussed.

PETERBORO—One Union heard from. No work.

RENFREW—Two Unions reported. Subject taken up at one meeting. One Mothers' meeting.

SIMCOE—Superintendent, Mrs. Tracey, Minesing. Five Unions reported. Subject taken up in sermons and prayer meetings. New interest developed. Goodly number of leaflets distributed. White Shield Pledge used. One address given. Three Mothers' meetings;

STORMONT—Four Unions reported. Subject taken up in two Union meetings, also by sermons and prayer meetings. Purity leaflets distributed. Two Mothers' meetings held.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Superintendent, Dr. Jennie Gray. Seven Unions reported. The District Superintendent reports noble work done by many of the Unions; the Central "Y" deserving special mention. Educational work has been carried on through the circulation of books, magazines and tracts. Purity has been taken up in Mothers' meetings, also in sermons, lectures and prayer meetings. The Central "Y" reports a long list of Dr. Wood Allen's books in circulation, having through their efforts entered 544 families. They distributed 352 leaflets. A Purity Club has been organized among school girls, with fine results. One hundred and three Mothers' meetings have been held.

WATERLOO—Three Unions reported. Subject taken up at one meeting. Two Mothers' meetings held.

WELLINGTON—Seven Unions reported. Subject taken up in seven meetings, also by sermons and prayer meetings. Purity leaflets distributed. Two of Wood Allen's books in circulation.

WELLAND—Three Unions reported. Social Purity discussed and leaflets distributed. Two Wood-Allen books in circulation. House of ill-fame banished through W. C. T. U. effort. Six Mothers' meetings.

WENTWORTH—One Union heard from. No work done.

YORK—Superintendents, Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Switzer. Seven Unions reported. Educational work vigorously pushed. Eighteen purity books loaned among young people. Literature distributed. Twenty-four sermons on purity. County Superintendent wrote Postmaster General re prohibited literature passing the through mails, with good effect. List of prohibited literature published in County papers. Four addresses given to children. Much work being done in a quiet way. Twenty-five Mothers' meetings.

SUMMARY.

In response to report calls, 124 Unions responded. Four Unions did not receive blanks for report. Six report forms were returned, not having space for County and local Union filled, consequently work cannot be credited. Forty-two Unions carried out the educational programme sent out by the Department. Twenty-four Unions wrote their representative re Mr. Charlton's

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bill for raising the age of consent from sixteen to eighteen years; also protesting against the employment of girls in the dance halls of Dawson. Some Unions report encouraging replies to these letters. The amount of purity literature distributed cannot be tabulated, because so few report the exact quantity. The number of sermons and addresses cannot be given, for the same reason. One hundred and eighty (approximately) Mothers' meetings have been held, at many of which social purity and child study were taken up. Nine County Superintendents have reported. Some of these ladies have done noble work for purity reform in life and literature. In the reports from the Unions forty Counties are represented.

PERSONAL WORK.

Early in the year the Department circular programme was prepared and sent out. Shortly before it was sent out your Superintendent wrote to nearly all the County Presidents pressing the claims of this Department upon them. In March resolutions memorializing the Dominion Government re Mr. Charlton's bill for raising the age of consent from sixteen to eighteen years, were prepared and forwarded.

Letters written :

To County Presidents	32
To County Superintendents	45
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SUGGESTIONS.

1st.—That local workers make the largest possible use of the Wood-Allen books and magazine, also invest liberally in purity leaflets.

2nd.—That whenever possible the subject of purity be taken as the theme of sermons and prayer meetings.

3rd.—That more Mothers' meetings be held, at which social purity and the White Shield pledge be introduced.

4th.—That, if possible, meetings for men be arranged and the subject of purity and the White Cross pledge be presented by some thoughtful Christian man.

5th.—Pray that the workers in this Department may have great courage, wisdom and tact, and that the blessing of the "pure in heart" may rest upon them.

PRISON REFORM AND POLICE WORK.

(MRS. EMMA PUGSLEY, Superintendent.)

The name of this Department is suggestive of the needs of the work. Necessary reforms have been carried out since the days when John Howard visited the prisons of Europe, and still many are needed.

The workers are looking hopefully, and not without cause, to the Government for at least a beginning in the near future of the work of scientifically treating inebriates.

To aid in this work your Superintendent was asked by the Prisoners' Aid Association to send circulars to all the counties, requesting them to pass resolutions bearing on this work and forward the same to the local M. P.'s in each case, and also to the Secretary of the Provincial house, but in only five cases has this been done.

REPORT BY COUNTIES.

FRONTENAC—Kingston has a local Superintendent. The prison for females is visited every week, the W. C. T. U. being responsible for the second and fourth Saturdays as they occur. The authorities allow the noon hour for service. There is a matron in the jail, but none in the police station. Hymn books were supplied by the Union, and literature was supplied by all the visitors. The pledge was circulated and a number were persuaded to sign, some of whom kept it after leaving the prison. There is a House of Industry for Protestants and a House of Providence for Roman Catholics in Kingston.

GRENVILLE—Passed resolutions at County Convention, re Hospital for Inebriates.

HALDIMAND—Also passed these resolutions. No House of Refuge.

HASTINGS—Belleville reports eighteen women confined in the jail during the year; two at present. The ages of the prisoners ranged from fourteen to seventy-two years. Evangelistic services were held every Sunday. The inmates listen attentively to the reading and explanation of God's Word. Many seemed penitent and one gave proof of conversion. Literature gratefully received. Rescue work among the young girls on the streets is actively carried on. One is in the Salvation Army Industrial Home, Toronto, supported partly by the W. C. T. U. and partly

by her mother and sisters.

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LANARK—prison visited distributed. Convention. placed in the

LAMBTON—Superintendent, visitors and other perintendent fully attended workers, who are committed

NORFOLK—No Union exists but regular service by others.

RENFREW—work was done Convention at

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YORK—Temperance Union, but earnest and faithful found reform such as exclusion and personal defence for a change of Association laid emphasis on

by her mother, and she is giving promise of reform. Two superintendents have the work in charge.

KENT—Chatham reports two Superintendents who jointly attend to both County and local work in that town. They visit the jail every two weeks. Two thousand two hundred and forty pages of literature were faithfully distributed. The prisoners frequently admit that liquor was the cause of their downfall, but seldom are willing to take the pledge. Although the County has a House of Industry, five insane people were imprisoned in the jail during the year.

LANARK—Perth has a local Superintendent, who reports the prison visited regularly once a week, when literature is usually distributed. The resolutions were acted upon at the County Convention. Having no House of Industry the homeless are placed in the jail, sometimes as many as nine at once.

LAMBTON—Sarnia. The President reports a faithful Superintendent, who is rarely absent from the weekly service. Ministers and others address the prisoners, and failing this, the Superintendent conducts a service of song. These services are faithfully attended by members of the Union and other Christian workers, where nearly 1000 papers were distributed. The insane are committed to prison.

NORFOLK—Forwarded resolutions re hospital for inebriates. No Union exists in the County town, hence no Superintendent, but regular services are conducted in the jail and House of Industry by others. A County House provides for the homeless.

RENFREW—Reports no Superintendent so no special prison work was done, but the resolutions have been adopted by the Convention and forwarded to the Members of Parliament.

WATERLOO—The Superintendent reports services held six months in the year on Sabbath afternoon, the order of services being a sermon, gospel hymns and a solo. Flowers and literature were distributed. A Christmas service was held, when a suitable letter was given each prisoner.

YORK—Toronto District reports some work done by Northern Union, but no report given. The District Superintendent did earnest and faithful work at the Mercer Reformatory. It was found reform was needed re the mode of punishing prisoners, such as excluding them from religious services, morning devotions and personal degradations. The matron, disregarding the request for a change of the Sunday School Superintendent, Prisoners' Aid Association laid the matter before the Government. The Government Inspector, Mr. Noxon, made a thorough investigation,

and proving the charges to be true, placed a record book for punishments to be kept, subject to his inspection. He also said it seemed proper that a society of women should have the right to look after the spiritual interests of the woman's prison, and believing the W. C. T. U. to be in sympathy with this line of work, favored them. He advised memorializing the Government to ask this right, and believed they would also receive a sufficient grant of money to defray all expenses. The District Union did not see its way clear to accept this responsibility.

SUMMARY.

Nine Unions report regular services held.

Five Counties report the resolutions forwarded to headquarters; seven distributed literature regularly, which was gratefully received; seven report having a Superintendent. At nearly all the services the pledge was circulated with indifferent success. One Union reported it had proof of the conversion of one of these outcast ones.

A summary cannot be made of the earnest prayers, exhortations and songs that have found their way to sinful hearts as bread cast upon the waters to be gathered many days hence. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

PERSONAL.

Wrote to each Superintendent and sent circulars to each County, asking that action be taken re the hospital treatment for inebriation.

Delegates attended the Conferences of Charities and Correction, but no report has been received from them.

SUGGESTIONS.

That in every County town where a Union exists a Superintendent be appointed.

That where no House of Industry exists the Unions seek to induce the County to erect a County House, that the homeless need not go to jail for no offence save that they are poor.

That efforts be made to have a grading of prisoners in every jail, that the younger offenders be not under the influence of hardened criminals.

That we endeavor to prevent the insane and imbecile being sent to prison.

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REPORT OF FAIR WORK, 1900.

MRS. S. W. HILBORN, Toronto, Superintendent.

In presenting my report this year I am not in a position to congratulate the Union on the large amount of work done throughout the country in this department.

I have received more reports this year than ever before, but the great bulk of them is conspicuous for one stereotyped statement, "Have not taken up this department of work."

In a few instances the Unions have been alive to the necessity of doing something for humanity through this channel, though the number is much smaller than we could have desired.

BRUCE—Lucknow distributes 200 leaflets, with no liquor sold. Walkerton 650 leaflets.

CARLETON—Ottawa served both meals and lunches and distributed 500 leaflets.

ELGIN—Aylmer, 500 leaflets.

FRONTENAC—Kingston, 300 leaflets.

GRENVILLE—Prescott, 340 leaflets. No liquor sold.

GLENGARRY—Vankleek Hill, 300 leaflets.

HURON—Goderich served meals and lunches and distributed 1,000 leaflets. The work netted \$15.00.

HALTON—Milton, 600 leaflets.

LAMBTON—Watford, literature, quantity not given. Wyomissing, 180 parcels tied. Sarnia, literature, amount not given.

MIDDLESEX—Strathroy served meals; 300 leaflets. London served meals for eight days in dining hall seating 200, which

they have improved this year, and also holding morning services among the workers. The work netted \$428. They distributed 1,000 leaflets.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Campbellford served meals and lunches.

ONTARIO—Uxbridge, 400 leaflets.

PERTH—Mitchell, \$1.00 in literature.

THUNDER BAY—Fort William, 100 leaflets.

STORMONT—Cornwall distributed 400 leaflets and served meals.

TORONTO—Served meals and lunches on the European plan at the Industrial Exhibition, lasting ten days, the members of all the Unions in the city turning out and doing the work. They improved their building to the amount of \$110 and expect next year to clear off the debt on their building, which they value at \$3,000. They also enlarged the bill-of-fare, which is becoming very popular. The York Pioneers and Historical Society held their annual banquet there, the 'Y's' officiating. The Boys' Brigade from Cobourg in camp near the building was visited and on a return visit to the W. C. T. U. dining parlors they were presented with the anti-cigarette pledge by the Dominion President and were given light refreshments. The Toronto Unions also carried on a Gospel tent, where meetings were held in the morning for the workers, and at 3 p.m. for the public, and where 17,005 pages of literature was distributed in addition to 5,450 pages, twenty-five annual reports and fifty Shelter reports distributed at the door of the dining hall, and reports no liquor sold.

SIMCOE — Collingwood distributed literature; amount not given.

WELLINGTON—Palmerston reports 300 leaflets, and no liquor sold.

SUMMARY.

Thirty-two thousand three hundred and twenty-five pages of literature were distributed. Six Unions served meals or lunches and distributed literature. Sixteen distributed literature alone, and seventy-four Unions report "no work done."

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SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

MRS. C. B. BIGELOW, Superintendent.

Although reports from all over the Province show that our workers have put in the same faithful, earnest effort, as in former days, yet we are not allowed to view with unalloyed satisfaction the course of events affecting our Department, during the year. The Ontario Educational Association held its annual meeting in Toronto Easter week. At this meeting a report was presented by a committee, who had been appointed to suggest changes in the Public School curriculum. To W.C.T.U. workers there were two very objectionable items in this report; the first seeming to point to the exclusion of the text book, the only authorized basis of the instruction given; the second proposing to eliminate the examinations, the only test of the efficiency of the teaching given. It seemed to us a Providential thing that this report was laid over for consideration until their next meeting. Meantime, we hope much good will accrue from the agitation that has taken place in consequence of this threatened repeal.

The visit to our Province of Rev. E. O. Taylor, whose work as a specialist in Scientific Temperance has been so effective in the past, seemed especially opportune at this time. His lectures in many places have had a remarkable effect in arousing thought and inducing action. We are glad to note that he has been successful in introducing it into other than W.C.T.U. gatherings. So influential a body as the Baptist Convention of Ontario, passed a strong resolution against the proposed change the other day at Woolstock. And we are encouraged to hope that if there be any change it may be in the direction of strengthening and improving present laws and conditions.

ALGOMA—Has continued in some measure the good work of former years. Also passed resolution against the proposed changes in the Regulations, and ordered copies sent to Teachers' Association, Premier and Minister of Education.

BRUCE—As usual, has done the best kind of work, and much of it. Wish that such testimony to the Christian character and helpful efforts and influence of the teachers of the County could come from every place. Unions distributed the leaflets; they were received, appreciated and used by the teachers. One Union visits the schools quarterly, and gives two prizes annually; another gave six prizes. The Northern Messenger is in nearly every Protestant home. Had our Department work brought up, discussed and favorably reported on at a Young People's Conven-

tion of Presbyterians, where an address, "Wrecker Lights," was given by Rev. J. W. Rae, Toronto.

BRANT—Literature distributed. Meetings for teachers held. Had a public gathering. Gave prizes. Good effects of the Scientific Temperance Instruction visible in the attitude of the children towards the traffic.

CARLTON—Subject taught in the schools. Leaflets distributed to all the schools in the County, also among the women. Four meetings held.

DURHAM—No definite report.

DUNDAS—There is but one Union in this County, and but one school was benefitted by it.

ESSEX—A model report, both as to matter and methods, comes from Windsor Union. Fifty teachers, and twenty-two teachers in training supplied with literature. Model school visited. Model class entertained. Leaflets given to mothers. Kingsville Union gave \$12 in prizes for best examinations in Scientific Temperance.

ELGIN—Schools partially supplied. From this County comes a wail of discouragement. Carelessness and indifference on the part of those who ought to be most interested and active. Attempts to improve conditions failed.

FRONTENAC—Kingston Union supplied ten schools. Held a meeting. Gave out leaflet to the women. Awarded prizes "Black Rock" and "The Sky Pilot," to those making highest marks in Physiology and Temperance.

GREY—From this County comes a cheering account of most effective work along lines both old and new. Literature distributed both to teachers and Union women. Prizes given. Boys interested. Mrs. Morrison and Miss Doyle sent a circular to every one of the 300 teachers in the County, appealing to them for support and co-operation in retaining the present status of Scientific Temperance Instruction in the schools. All this cannot fail of its effect.

GRENVILLE—Leaflets furnished eight schools. Held one meeting and agitated against alcoholic medication. Had lectures from Dr. Taylor.

GLENGARRY—Held two meetings. Teachers invited. Leaflets given out to the women. An increased number of Northern Messengers taken.

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HURON—Reports less work than last year. A few schools supplied and a meeting held. Goderich gave a reception to the teachers, who were addressed by Mesdames Thornley and Gordon Wright.

HALTON—Held public meeting, with School Inspector as chairman. Dr. Robertson addressed the Model School students on the evils of alcohol from a scientific standpoint. Schools were supplied. Six prizes awarded. Leaflets given to women and Department increasing in interest.

HASTINGS—Only one Union reports having distributed literature.

LINCOLN—Strongly disapproves of the proposed changes in the Regulations. No teacher desires a change, and in their Convention took no notice of the matter. Grimsby Union supplied four schools, held one meeting for teachers, and one in which the circular programme was taken up. Also gave literature to the women.

LANARK—Smith's Falls held a meeting according to circular and passed a resolution strongly condemning all preparations containing opium, for children. Teachers are said to be faithful in the discharge of duty. Schools supplied with literature. An impetus was given the cause by the fact that the Central Baptist Association passed a resolution in favor of Scientific Temperance, and Rev. W. L. Palframan spared no effort to enlist the teachers and workers in his own and adjacent Counties. Dr. Taylor also put in some vigorous strokes of work for our Department in Lanark.

LEEDS—A most suggestive letter comes from the Superintendent of this County, regarding the apathy of parents to the use of cigarettes by their boys. She emphasizes the need of personal work among those whose duty it is to look after the children. Literature was distributed. Meetings held; teachers invited. Northern Messenger in circulation. Pledges given, &c.

LAMBTON—Reports thorough work, and a great deal of it. Four programme meetings held. Thirty schools supplied. Three meetings, to which teachers were invited. Messengers circulated. Alcoholic medicines condemned.

MUSKOKA—Seems to have given but little attention to Scientific Temperance this year, but supplied three schools and held two meetings. Gave 300 triple pledge cards to Sunday Schools.

MIDDLESEX—Never yields to discouragement. London gave out 2,000 leaflets. Other Unions did well in proportion to their

numbers. Meetings held. Both teachers and pupils reported interested in the study of the subject.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Literature distributed according to circular plans.

NIPISSING—The Unions report meetings held and teachers interested. A carefully prepared paper was given by a teacher on Alcoholic Medication.

NORFOLK—Usual lines of work undertaken here, and carried on to some extent. The teachers in their Convention declared themselves in favor of Scientific Temperance Instruction in the schools.

ONTARIO—Schools supplied. Meetings held. Leaflets distributed among W.C. T. U women. The resolution condemning proposed changes passed at County Convention, copy to be sent to Minister of Education.

OXFORD—Not taken up by a number of Unions in this County. Others did good work along the usual lines of literature distribution, &c. The County Teachers' Association passed a strong resolution in favor of retaining Scientific Temperance on the curriculum.

PETERBORO—Dr. Taylor gave fine addresses, met the teachers, and at a public meeting the resolutions were enthusiastically carried.

PERTH—Earnest work done in this County. Schools supplied. Meetings held. Teachers invited. Prizes given.

PRINCE EDWARD—Picton furnished literature to eight teachers.

PRESCOTT—Vankleek Hill supplied five schools with leaflets.

RENFREW—Rev. E. O. Taylor lectured in Arnprior and Pembroke. He visited the Teachers' Association in Arnprior with a deputation from the W.C.T.U. and discussed the Scientific Temperance work there. He also met the teachers in Pembroke, where, at a public meeting, they declared themselves in favor of retaining Scientific Temperance on the public school curriculum. Literature was given out, and meetings held according to the programme by some of the Unions.

SIMCOE—Usual work carried on. An appeal made to dealers against the sale of tobacco to minors. Physiology Journal provided for teachers. Forty-nine temperance books placed in

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STORMONT—Supplied the circular leaflets to ninety teachers. Anti-narcotic drill at a meeting attended by the Model class. Teachers invited to four parlor meetings in Cornwall. Scientific Temperance discussed at Mothers' meetings. Three meetings held according to circular programme. Six hundred anti-alcoholic leaflets distributed. One thousand seven hundred and forty pages of literature distributed at Teachers' Association. Had a series of lectures by Dr. Taylor. Passed resolution opposing a change in Public School curriculum at the close of one of them. Also discussed the subject and passed resolution at County Convention.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Much work of a varied character, branching out in many directions, has been carried on by Miss Wills and her helpers. Young People's Societies and "Y" Conferences addressed. Classes taught. Sabbath Schools utilized to help the work. Conferences conducted. Papers given. Articles prepared for the press. Literature placed in reading room. Speakers secured for addresses at Monthly Juvenile meetings. The District, by a strong resolution, declared in favor of non-alcoholic medication, and inaugurated a movement for the support of a temperance hospital ward.

WENTWORTH—As usual, stands in the front ranks in the work of this Department. One Union held a meeting, to which the Modelites were invited to hear an address from Dr. Robertson. Prizes and medals, gold and silver, as incentives to study, given by the other Unions, seems to have comprised the principal part of the work done.

WELLAND—The only Union reporting says they did not take it up.

WELLINGTON—The usual work of literature distribution, meetings and medals as rewards was done here, besides much reaching out after other helpful influences. It was discussed in the Ministerial Association and a committee appointed to gather information and draft a resolution to the Minister of Education. Dr. Taylor lectured at the County W. C. T. U. Convention. Teachers all present. Resolutions presented and adopted. Congregational Ministerial Association declared in its favor.

WATERLOO—Galt gave a reception to teachers, and had an address from the Provincial President at the meeting. The County Executive passed the resolution and ordered it sent to the Minister of Education.

YORK—Supplied schools with literature according to circular; also held meetings.

SUMMARY.

Fifteen County Superintendents returned their reports filled out; about six wrote letters containing reports and suggestions; 137 local reports were returned to me; of these 38 say they did not take up the Department; 39 Counties are represented in these reports.

Seventy-seven Unions say they have a Superintendent of this Department; 67 say they believe the Regulations of the Educational Department to be observed in their vicinities; 55 Unions distributed the leaflets mentioned on the circular to teachers; 363 schools were thus supplied; 47 say the literature was appreciated by the teachers.

Thirty-five meetings were held, to which teachers were invited.

Twenty-three Unions looked after the teachers in training.

Thirty-two say the circulation of the Northern Messenger is increasing; 27 have endeavored to make use of lessons in it.

A number of instances of good results from the teaching were given; such as children refusing cider, objecting to bring beer, demurring over medicines containing alcohol. The little son of a hotel keeper declared, "he would not follow his father's business."

Fifty-eight meetings using the circular programme as a basis were held; 28 gave special prominence to the non-alcoholic phase of the subject; 33 distributed the leaflets bearing on this matter, among the women.

Nearly all say their workers are opposed to alcoholic medicines, soothing syrups, &c. Some have not thought much about it, a *few* are indifferent.

About a dozen instances of harm resulting from these things were given; such as "a child made idiotic by cordial," "a man becoming a drunkard from taking liquor as a tonic on recovering from an attack of inflammation of the lungs," "a mother becoming enslaved by drink through taking stimulants in illness," "a servant girl getting drunk on vanilla," etc.

Fifty Unions say the Department has received as much, or more, consideration than last year. Only 34 believe its importance is fully recognized by the workers.

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It may be of interest to you to know that "The Northern Messenger" had an increase of 4,000 in its circulation last year, and that the greater part of its entire circulation (52,200) is in the Province of Ontario.

The leaflets, recommended on the circular, were distributed to the extent of 38,790 pages, and six copies of the whole book, "Short Studies on Scientific Temperance," were sold.

PERSONAL WORK

Has been in greater demand than ever this year. That ominous circular of the Ontario Education Association called for a great deal of writing, in order that those interested might realize the turn matters had taken.

Religious bodies were asked to declare themselves in favor of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

Editors of religious papers were asked for editorials in its behalf. Articles explaining the situation were sent to a number of papers. In August a printed letter and copy of resolution, asking that it be dealt with in County Conventions, was sent to every County Superintendent, and to many others wherever it was thought it might be of use.

Your Superintendent has written 132 letters and forty-two post cards in the interests of the Department, besides circulars and about twenty parcels of literature. Have also urged the importance of this work in public as opportunity has been presented.

SUGGESTIONS.

That our W. C. T. U. women make a prayerful, persistent study of this subject of Scientific Temperance, including non-alcoholic medication, that they may be able to "give a reason to every one that asketh."

That as leaders in the upward trend of thought that is to enlighten humanity and lift the burden of woe that is crushing it, a burden imposed by strong drink, we set our faces determinedly and unflinchingly against the use of all medical mixtures containing alcohol. In this connection let me recommend for consideration the contents of Mrs. Allan's book, "Alcohol, a Dangerous and Unnecessary Medicine."

That we continue all the old lines of work and grasp whatever of new opportunities come.

That we endeavor to get our resolutions in support of the present Regulations, admitting no change unless it be to make

them more effective, passed in every gathering that may have any influence with those in authority. And having secured the passage of these resolutions, we see that they are sent to the Minister of Education, and to the Teachers' Associations.

That we commend to and place in the hands of teachers and students, as far as possible, the little book of School Helps, Series, "Physiology and Hygiene Notes," by Messrs. G. E. Henderson and Chas. G. Fraser, of Toronto.

That such lectures as Dr. E. O. Taylor gives are a boon and blessing to all who hear them, furnishing fact and argument unanswerable, ready for use. As Unions, let us hold ourselves in readiness to seize upon all such public educational helps.

We must do whatever can be done during these incoming months to prevent the letting down, or giving up, of the advantages gained in the past. Instead, we must assert our right to be heard that we may hold and advance and fortify our present position.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

(MRS. GEORGE BEATTY, Superintendent.)

Only five Counties have sent to your Superintendent reports of their work.

ELGIN—Mrs. M. A. Nesbitt reports thirty-two churches, thirty of which use unfermented wine. One Anglican church is using non-alcoholic wine.

LANARK—Mrs. S. S. Merrick reports seventeen churches, all using unfermented wine. The Carlton Place Union buys wine from Hagar Bros., Welland, and nets a small profit by supplying churches.

LAMBTON—Mrs. L. I. Hunt says Arkona and Forest were not heard from, but reports twenty-two churches, nineteen of which use unfermented wine. If the White Ribboners add to their faith *courage* they can capture all the churches of Lambton County.

KENT—Mrs. E. B. McCoy reports only eighteen churches, but all using unfermented wine.

RENFREW—Mrs. I. M. Booth reports that all the Methodist and Baptist churches use unfermented wine, also most of the Presbyterian and the Anglican churches, and some of the Presby-

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DEPARTMENT OF ANTI-NARCOTICS.

(MRS. JENNIE F. WATERS, Superintendent.)

What will the outcome of this year's work be in the Department of Anti-Narcotics? Just what we make it. If the hosts of the White Ribbon army in Canada are in earnest, they can emancipate the innocent victims of our households from the accursed cigarette traffic that is marching fearlessly onward with increasing rapidity, working wreck and ruin everywhere. But no reform can be accomplished without persistent effort and unswerving devotion on the part of its agitators, and this cigarette movement should be a burning question with everyone. This cause is a righteous one and will succeed if we faithfully discharge our stewardship as unto a faithful Creator. No Union is free from responsibility in helping to lift this cloud that is darkening our horizon. Let Ontario then roll up such an immense and representative petition that the Government will understand that their revenue cannot be obtained from the life-blood of the youth of our nation.

ALGOMA—Narcotic exercises used at two meetings. Two Bands of Hope taught. One Union forwarded resolution to member of Parliament. One Union tried to have the pledges circulated through the schools. Several children who used tobacco were induced to join the Band of Hope, and give up the habit. Literature distributed, but no record kept.

BRUCE—Has three Superintendents. The exercises used by three Unions, also one society and one regular meeting. Resolution forwarded by four Unions to members of Parliament. Resolution passed by twenty-one other societies. Two Unions commenced the campaign. Thirty-eight signatures of associations secured. Twenty-eight signatures of individuals secured. Three parlor meetings devoted to subject. Four addresses given by Superintendent. One press column filled. Three Bands of Hope taught. Pledge circulated through one Sunday School. Tried to secure high license in two places on cigarettes. Three hundred and fifty leaflets distributed. Debate given in Town Hall. Wrote S. Fisher. Boys 3, 10 and 13 years known to smoke.

BRANT—One Superintendent. One exercise used at parlor meeting. One press column filled.

CARLTON—One Band of Hope taught the evils of cigarettes.

DURHAM—Has one Superintendent. Exercises used once. Resolution passed and forwarded to M. P. by one Union and six other Societies. One Union has commenced the campaign. Twenty-eight signatures of individuals obtained. Fifty leaflets distributed. Eleven years, youngest boy.

ESSEX—Exercise used at one meeting, also five other meetings devoted to this subject. Resolution forwarded to three members. Campaign commenced by one Union. Signatures of twenty-seven Associations secured, also 222 individuals. Two public meetings devoted to this subject; also one parlor meeting. One article sent to press. One Band of Hope taught. Pledges signed by forty-five boys. Two hundred and fifty leaflets distributed. Stopped the sale of cigarettes to minors in one town. Town council pledged and Tobacco Act placed in all business places where it is sold. Ten letters and eight cards written and one article read at County Convention.

ELGIN—One Superintendent. Exercise used at one meeting. Two regular meetings devoted to subject. Campaign commenced by one Union. Six Associations signed the petition, and five individuals. One public meeting devoted to subject. Two sermons preached. Pledges circulated through one public school. Youngest boy not ten years.

FRONTENAC—One Superintendent. Exercise used by one Union. Resolution passed by one Union and forwarded to M. P. Campaign commenced by one Union. Report of meeting held in interest of the Department sent to press. Two hundred leaflets distributed. Have done all in our power to make the campaign a success. Circulated petitions, but no record kept.

GRENVILLE—Two Superintendents. One exercise used. One regular meeting devoted to subject. One parlor meeting. One address given by Sunday School Superintendent. One article sent to press. One hundred and forty leaflets distributed. Placed seventeen Tobacco Acts where tobacco was sold. Six letters written. Ages of young smokers between four and five.

GREY—Three Superintendents. Exercises used by three Unions. Six Societies used the exercises. Three resolutions sent to M. P. Two have commenced the campaign. Eight signatures of Associations secured. Thirty signatures of individuals secured. Two public meetings held. One parlor meeting. Eleven articles sent to press. One Sunday School pledged. Four hundred and twenty five leaflets distributed. The campaign made a success by two Unions. One Town Council levied a license of \$50, and another \$100 on the sale of cigar-

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GLENGARRY—One Superintendent. Three exercises used by Unions. Two Societies induced to use exercises, also taken up at one parlor meeting. Had the pledge circulated through one Sunday School. Thirty-six pledges signed. Leaflets distributed but no record kept.

HURON—Exercises used by one Union. Resolution passed by one Union and forwarded to M. P. Signatures of seven Associations secured, also twenty individuals. Two public meetings.

HASTINGS—Two Superintendents. One exercise used, one resolution passed. Have commenced campaign. Many Associations signed petition, but no record kept. Occasionally press articles published. One Band of Hope instructed. Leaflets distributed, no record kept.

HALDIMAND—One Superintendent. One Union commenced the campaign. One hundred and twenty-one signatures secured by individuals. One Band of Hope instructed. Had an address at County Convention; also had 150 pages of literature distributed.

KENT—Exercises used by two Unions. Seventeen individual signatures secured. One Public School had pledge. One public meeting, and several clippings printed in paper. Twelve copies of Tobacco Act distributed. Two Superintendents. Two meetings devoted to Narcotics. Five resolutions passed. Five in other Societies. Two Unions commenced the campaign. Ten signatures of Associations secured.

LAMBTON—Exercise used by one Union. Two Unions devoted time to take up the exercises. One resolution passed and forwarded to M. P. One Association signed the petition. Two Bands of Hope. Ten pledges signed by Sunday School. One hundred and thirteen leaflets distributed. Articles sent to press.

LEEDS—Two Superintendents. Four exercises used by Unions. One Society used the exercise. Resolution passed by two Unions. Campaign commenced by one Union. Signatures secured, but no record kept. Three addresses given by Sunday School Superintendent, and one by County Superintendent. Two press articles published. One Band of Hope taught. Pledge circulated in Public School. Fifty leaflets distributed.

LINCOLN—One Superintendent. Used the exercises at

a regular meeting. One other Society took up the work. Resolution passed and forwarded to M. P. Leaflets distributed, no record kept.

MIDDLESEX—Glencoe Union reports through its Secretary, Mrs. French, that though they have no Superintendent for this work, they have circulated the anti-cigarette petitions, to which they were fortunate in securing the names of the officers in the Christian Endeavor Society, Royal Templars of Temperance and Mission Band, besides a number of signatures of private individuals, twenty-five in all. Ilderton Union reports through its interested and energetic Superintendent, Miss Charlton, that the anti-cigarette exercises were used at a Union meeting and were also forwarded to a public school teacher for use in the school. The anti-cigarette petitions were circulated with the result that five organizations signed through their representatives, and eleven individuals. This question was likewise discussed at a parlor meeting. One anti-narcotic sermon was preached and one article on this subject published in the local press. Pledge cards were also circulated through the Sunday Schools, sixty-five pledges in all being obtained from different sources. They also memorialized four different organizations to pass resolutions against the cigarette habit. Copies of the Tobacco Act were placed in stores and Public Schools. Napier reports through its local Superintendent, Mrs. Lowe, that the anti-cigarette exercises have been used at a meeting of the Union. The questions discussed at a parlor meeting and the children in the Band of Hope taught the evils of the cigarette habit. The anti-cigarette pledge was circulated through the public schools, seventeen pledges in all being obtained. London Union reports through its Superintendent, Mrs. McDermid, who has the interests of this Department much at heart, and who has through the last year done most aggressive work. Mrs. McDermid says:—

The principal work of the year was done through the Sunday Schools.

1st.—Thirty schools held a cigarette Sunday, devoting the time of lesson study to the matter of the cigarette. Some used the cigarette exercises, and also had speakers. Many of the scholars signed the pledge.

2nd.—All the Public Schools were visited and the signature of the teachers were obtained to a petition, asking the Board of Education to take steps in the matter of cigarette smoking among school boys. This petition was laid before the Board. They passed a motion to the effect that teachers pay particular attention to this subject, and enjoining greater watchfulness; also that a copy of the motion be sent to each principal.

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3rd.—I addressed the Ministerial Association on the subject and they appointed a committee to work, but as yet they have done nothing. However, the matter is before them.

4th.—Read a paper on Narcotics before the County Convention, and another at an Epworth League meeting, and gave two talks to Sabbath School workers.

5th.—The educational half hour of one of our meetings was devoted to the subject of "The growth of the opium habit." Papers were read showing the rapid growth of this habit in India, China and other foreign lands. There were added to my testimonies, those of members present, their knowledge of its growing prevalence in our own land.

6th.—The petition to Government prohibiting the manufacture and sale of the cigarette was introduced to the District Convention of the W. M. Society of the Methodist church, and was heartily indorsed.

7th.—Literature has been freely distributed among the ministers and Sabbath School workers of the city. The Sabbath Schools have also been supplied with pledges.

We trust the incoming year will be marked with such universal interest in this Department that no Union in our County will rest satisfied until represented by a narcotic Superintendent.

MUSKOKA—One Superintendent. Exercise used. One resolution passed and forwarded to M.P. Have entered upon cigarette campaign. Six signatures of Association secured. Ten signatures of individuals. Twelve triple pledges circulated for signatures, quite successful.

NIPissing—One Superintendent. One exercise used. Two parlor meetings discussed subject. Resolution passed and sent to M.P. One press article. Two Bands of Hope. Seventy-nine pledges signed. This subject is constantly kept before our women.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Three Superintendents. One Union meeting devoted to subject. One resolution passed and sent to M. P. Resolution passed by two other Societies. Two Unions entered on the campaign. Twenty signatures of Associations secured. One thousand and eighty-one individual signatures secured. One public meeting. Three parlor meetings. Address by County Superintendent. Press articles sent, no record kept. One Band of Hope. Pledges signed by two Sunday Schools; four hundred pledges signed. Leaflets distributed, no record kept. Were very successful in our campaign.

NORFOLK—One Superintendent. Exercise used. One resolution passed, sent to other Societies, churches, Sunday Schools, etc. One public meeting. Two addresses by local Superintendent. Sent articles to press. Have done all we can to make this department a success.

OXFORD—Three Superintendents. Four exercises used. Union meetings devoted to subject—1. Resolution passed by Union and sent to M. P. Two Unions taken up the campaign. Six signatures of Associations secured. Thirty individuals. One public meeting. One sermon preached. Three addresses by Superintendent. Two press articles. One Band of Hope. Four hundred leaflets distributed.

PERTH—Two Superintendents. Two exercises used. One regular meeting devoted to narcotics. One resolution forwarded to M. P. One campaign started. One public meeting. The cigarette question used at a parlor meeting. One sermon preached. Articles sent to press. One Band of Hope taught. One Convention memorialized, great success. Distributed 150 Tobacco Acts to minors. Circulated pledges through all the schools.

PRINCE EDWARD—One hundred and fifty-seven Bands of Hope signed the pledge. Fifty Tobacco Acts distributed in drug stores, etc.

PEEL—One Superintendent. One exercise used. One resolution passed and sent to M. P. Cigarette pledge circulated through Public Schools. All but two boys signed pledge at Epworth League.

RUSSELL—One exercise used. An address given on the subject at Boys' Club.

RENFREW—Three Superintendents. Two exercises used. One Society used the exercises. Two Union meetings devoted to the question. Two resolutions sent to M. P., also passed by one other Society. Two campaigns started. Five signatures from Associations secured. Two public meetings, one parlor meeting, two sermons and two addresses given at the opening of the reading room for young men. Two addresses by Superintendent. Articles weekly sent to press, also all important items in exercises and articles of interest. Three Bands of Hope taught the evil of tobacco, and one Band of Hope signed the triple pledge. One hundred and sixty-two pledges secured. Four hundred pages of literature distributed. Work quite successful. Tobacco Acts placed everywhere where tobacco is sold. Petitions presented and signed by Teachers' Institute. Wrote fourteen letters and addressed one Union.

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SIMCOE—Four Superintendents. Exercises used by three Unions, two other Societies. One Union meeting devoted to anti-narcotics. Resolutions passed by four Unions, also by ten other Societies. Three entered upon the campaign. One Association has signed petition. Sixty-four individual signatures. Two public meetings. One parlor meeting. Two articles sent to press. Two Bands of Hope taught, also taught the subject in schools. Eight Anti-Cigarette Leagues. One Public School taken up the pledge. Over two hundred pledges signed. Several leaflets distributed. The Unions have done all in their power to make the work a success.

STORMONT—Three Superintendents. Three exercises used. Five other Societies using them. Several meetings devoted to narcotics. Two Unions passed the resolution, also five other Societies. Two Unions have entered the campaign. Twenty-eight individual signatures. One parlor meeting. Five Bands of Hope taught. Nine anti-narcotic Leagues. Four hundred and seventy-six pledges secured. One thousand three hundred and seventy-three leaflets distributed. Twenty-three letters written. Visited three Unions. Great success attended the work.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Has four Superintendents. Used the exercises at two Union meetings. Also two other meetings devoted to the subject. Resolution passed by two Unions and forwarded to M. P. Two Unions have entered on the campaign. Nine signatures of individuals secured. One public meeting devoted to narcotics. The question taken up at a parlor meeting. Two addresses given by Superintendent. One Band of Hope taught the evils of tobacco. Twenty-five pledges secured. Two hundred leaflets distributed, also supplied four schools with leaflets. Other literature distributed, but no record kept.

WELLINGTON—One paper read. Several Societies induced to take up the exercises. No record kept. The subject referred to several times from the pulpit. Seven Superintendents appointed. Four exercises taken up at Union meetings; also six meetings devoted to subject. Resolution passed and forwarded to M. P. by three Unions. Also passed by nine other Societies. Four Unions have commenced the campaign. Fifteen signatures of Associations secured. One hundred and nine signatures of individuals. Three public meetings devoted to narcotics. Taken up at six parlor meetings. Three sermons preached. Three addresses given. Four Unions sent articles to press. Three Unions taught subject to Band of Hope. Memorialized one Convention.

WATERLOO—Addresses given in four Sunday Schools. Six Sunday Schools have taken pledge cards and pins, 129 being dis-

tributed. Parlor meeting at President's house. Seven hundred and five signatures secured in Galt. Received a testimonial from the Police Magistrate. A reception given to the School teachers, School Board and others, addressed by Mrs. Thornley.

WENTWORTH—Announced through the press, churches, Sabbath Schools, etc., that March 25th was to be Crusade Day against the cigarette. The ministers of the city were asked to preach against the evil, addresses delivered in Sabbath Schools; also Christian Endeavorers were asked to take up the subject. There was a very hearty response from all sources. Five thousand one hundred and fifty pledges distributed. Petitions signed by nearly all the Church Boards in the city, Superintendents and officers of Sunday Schools, Royal Templars, Christian Endeavorers. Eight Superintendents of narcotics. Exercises used by all the Unions in the County. Petition signed by Lord's Day Alliance, Social Reform Club; the only Society refusing was the Ministerial Association, of Hamilton.

YORK—Had the Tobacco Act published in the local papers. It was voted in the Medical Woman's Association of Toronto that the officers should sign on behalf of Association. One address on tobacco at Guild Hall. Four Superintendents appointed. Anti-cigarette exercises used by two Unions. Resolution passed and forwarded by one Union. The campaign commenced by three Unions. Six signatures of Association secured. Four signatures of individuals. Two Bands of Hope taught. One sermon preached. One pledge obtained. One hundred and ten leaflets distributed.

PERSONAL WORK

Wrote 130 letters, fifty-one post cards. Sent out 219 circulars to individuals, eighty-one to school inspectors, twenty-eight to Associations. Wrote and enclosed cigarette petitions to fourteen Baptist Associations, one Congregational Union, and five Methodist Conferences, Dominion Royal Templars, also District Royal Templars. Gave six addresses. Interviewed Lord's Day Alliance and Ministerial Association.

SUMMARY.

Sixty-seven Superintendents of narcotics. Sixty-four used the exercises at a Union meeting.

Twenty-six Societies used the exercises. Thirty-seven other meetings devoted to this subject; total 161.

Forty-three resolutions passed and sent to M. P.

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Thirty-seven Unions commenced the campaign.

Five hundred and forty-four signatures of Association secured.

Three thousand and ten signatures of individuals secured.

Twenty-two public meetings devoted to the subject.

Twenty-four parlor meetings devoted to the subject.

Twenty-seven sermons preached; 40 addresses given.

Thirty-one press articles sent for publication.

Thirty-six Bands of Hope taught the evils of tobacco.

Ten Anti-Cigarette Leagues.

Pledge circulated through twenty-three Public Schools.

Pledge circulated through fifty-nine Sunday Schools.

Six thousand seven hundred and sixty-three pledges contributed.

Thirty-one Associations or Conventions memorialized.

Seven thousand and forty-six leaflets distributed.

SUGGESTIONS.

1st.—That every Union and County in the Province this year appoint Superintendents for this Department.

2nd.—That we heartily enter upon this crusade from now until the petitions are presented the beginning of the year.

3rd.—That we enlist the sympathy and co-operation of all other Christian and temperance organizations in this campaign.

4th.—That we keep the subject constantly before the press and public.

5th.—That we scatter literature broadcast throughout the length and breadth of the land, knee deep, as Neil Dow did when he secured prohibition in the State of Maine.

6th.—That we unitedly and continually implore God's blessing on this campaign, that His Kingdom may come and His will be done upon earth.

FRANCHISE.

MISS CHARLOTTE E. WIGGINS, Superintendent.

The Franchise campaign this year was a continuation of the education and agitation commenced last year. It is encouraging to note that some Counties that did nothing last year, did some good educational work this year, and the County Superintendents report a gradual change in public sentiment toward this important reform. Some local Unions that started out in fear and trembling, report that everybody was ready to sign the petition. Where the women have enthusiastically taken hold, and did their preliminary educational work of distributing literature, and discussing it in meetings, a little trouble and work has secured well-signed petitions. The education and agitation for the home ballot must be quietly and persistently urged, till we all will esteem it our duty as well as our privilege to thus guard both individual and national home.

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Last year the number of signatures reported was 6587 men, and 10813 women, which would make a total of 7676 men and 12547 women. A number of Unions report list not collected, of which we have no record. Mrs. Brownell has received the actual signatures of 5299 men and 9229 women, making a total of 14528.

PERSONAL.

I have written to every County Superintendent twice, during the year, and wrote to the President of each County Union asking that strong suffrage resolutions be passed at the County Conventions, to be sent to their M. P.'s and the Premier.

I wrote the Members of the Provincial Legislature, asking their support to our petition, when it is presented. The replies received are the usual non-committal replies to which we are accustomed from politicians, promising to read all the literature sent them, with pleasure, and to give the subject their most serious consideration. I have written 509 letters, 217 post cards. In all my addresses, I score a point in favor of the ballot for women.

SUGGESTIONS.

Recommended that our campaign for woman suffrage be persistently continued:—

1st.—By distribution of literature.

2nd.—By promoting the discussion of the subject in our own Society, and every other, where opportunity opens the door.

3rd.—By presentation of our petition to the Ontario Government, during the coming year. The manner of its presentation to be arranged by the Provincial Officers, and Provincial Superintendent of Franchise.

4th.—By educating both men and women to a higher conception of the responsibilities of the ballot, as a weapon that cannot be bought or sold, but must be used to accomplish the true purpose of government.

PARLOR MEETINGS.

MRS. EMMA A. WHEELER, Paris, Superintendent.

In submitting this, my last annual report of Parlor Meetings, I desire to express my sincere gratitude to the officers and members of Ontario W. C. T. U. for their uniform courtesy and forbearance. The many pleasant associations with my White Ribbon sisters in Canada will always remain a green spot in my memory.

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Report blanks were sent to twenty-six County Superintendents. Only twelve were returned.

Reports were received from thirty-six Counties as follows:

ALGOMA—Four Unions held ten Parlor Meetings. Ten active and seven honorary members were gained. At Beaver Mills the young people prefer the Parlor Meeting to the dance which they had previously indulged in. One Union reported no work done.

BRANT—Three Unions held six Parlor Meetings. Three active and two honorary members gained. Franchise drill; Anti-Cigarette exercise; Woman's Journal, Lumbermen, Press, Flower Mission, sketch of Miss Willard, sketch of Miss MacArthur, and appeal for Indian Famine Fund, were the principal features of these meetings.

BRUCE—Three Unions held twenty-two Parlor Meetings. Seven active and six honorary members gained. Anti-Cigarette and Lumbermen's exercises used. Three Unions reported no work done.

CARLETON—Two Unions held three Parlor Meetings. Eight active and fifteen honorary members gained. One young man persuaded his parents to take the pledge, and banish liquor from their home.

DUNDAS—Has Superintendent in one Union, but no work done.

ESSEX—One Union held eleven Parlor Meetings. Three Unions reported no work.

ELGIN—Two Unions held two Parlor Meetings. One active member gained. One Union reported no work.

FRONTENAC—One Union, Kingston, held two Parlor meetings, which were helpful and enjoyable. At one of these the programme consisted of a Franchise Drill, taken part in by several gentlemen.

GREY—Four Unions held four Parlor meetings. Nine honorary members gained. One Union cleared \$20.

GLENGARRY—Two Unions held two Parlor Meetings. One honorary member gained. One Union collected \$8.20. Two Unions reported no work done.

HALDIMAND—One Union held one Parlor Meeting. Resulted in prizes being given to school children. (I suppose for proficiency in Scientific Temperance Instruction). One Union reported no work.

HALTON—Two Unions held four Parlor Meetings. Two honorary members gained. Franchise drill, and White Ribbon tea; to the latter the teachers and Model School pupils were invited.

HASTINGS—Three Unions report no work done.

HURON—One Union reported using Franchise drill and Anti-Cigarette exercise. Goderich Union reports two Parlor Meetings. The first one was in the form of a reception to the Public School teachers, and addressed by Mesdames Thornley and Wright. At the second one the programme consisted of Parliamentary drill on Franchise, and several addresses along the various lines of work. Both were believed to be productive of a greater interest in the work with some who had previously been indifferent.

LAMBERTON—Three Unions held seven Parlor Meetings. Four active members gained. Franchise drill, Anti-Cigarette, Lumbermen and Purity were the subjects. At one a black-board lesson from E. O. Taylor's book was given. Three Unions report no work.

LANARK—One Union held one Parlor Meeting. Three Unions report no work done.

LEEDS—Two Unions held four Parlor Meetings. Four active and three honorary members gained. Anti-Cigarette and Lumbermen's exercises used. One Union reported no work done.

LINCOLN—Two Unions held two Parlor Meetings. One active member gained. Franchise Drill, Curfew and Lumbermen's subjects considered.

MIDDLESEX—London Union reports a year of marked encouragement and advancement in the interests of this Department. Three successful Parlor Meetings were held, these proved instrumental in adding thirty new names to the membership roll.

MUSKOKA—Two Unions held three Parlor Meetings. Eight active members gained. Franchise Drill used.

NIPISSING—One Union held two Parlor Meetings. Franchise drill used. One Union reported no work.

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ONTARIO—Three Unions held five Parlor Meetings. One active and four honorary members gained. One Union collected \$7.00 Franchise drill used. Two Unions report no work.

OXFORD—Ingersoll Union held two Parlor Meetings, \$10.80 raised in collection. Tilsonburg "Y's" report the holding of six Parlor Meetings, through which several new members were gained. Woodstock Union—Three Parlor Meetings; amount raised, \$25.

PERTH—One Union ("Y") held one Parlor Meeting. Three Unions report department not taken up.

RENFREW—Two Unions held fourteen Parlor Meetings. Thirteen active members gained. Franchise, Anti-Cigarette and Lumbermen considered.

SIMCOE—Two Unions held four Parlor Meetings. Two active and one honorary members gained. Franchise Drill and Anti-Cigarette considered. Result—Starting of Anti-Cigarette League for boys in the Public School. Two Unions report department not taken up.

STORMONT—One Union held four Parlor Meetings. Three active members gained. Subjects considered: Franchise Drill, Anti-Cigarette, Lumbermen and Scientific Temperance Instruction. One Union reported department not taken up.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Thirteen Unions held twenty-nine Parlor Meetings, three of these being of special interest. The first, a jubilee banquet celebrated the rounding out of a quarter of a century since the W. C. T. U. was organized in Toronto, Mrs. Barry Lake being the chief speaker. The second took the form of a reception tendered to the Dominion Vice-President, Mrs. Archibald, of Halifax, who spoke of the good work accomplished for our soldier boys in her city previous to their embarkation for South Africa. The third was likewise a reception for the Dominion President, Mrs. Rutherford, upon her return from the World's W. C. T. U.

WATERLOO—Three Unions held five Parlor Meetings. Two honorary members gained. Franchise drill, Anti-Cigarette exercise; and address by our Provincial President, were the principal features; also reception to the School Board. Three Unions report no work done.

FRONTENAC—Two Unions heard from. No Superintendent. One Union expects to take up work next year.

GLENGARRY—Programme carried out in one of the four Unions reported.

GREVILLE—Two Unions heard from. One local Superintendent. Programme carried out with profit.

GREY—Work not taken up. Two Unions report.

HALDIMAND—One Union heard from. Programme carried out with good results.

HASTINGS—Three Unions report no Superintendent. Two sermons preached. Subject taught in Sunday School. One Union reports a number who gave systematically.

HALTON—County Superintendent keeps correct account of work done. Four Unions reported. Two Superintendents. Subject brought before three meetings. Great enthusiasm shown in the discussions following. One member adopted Systematic Giving after discussion. Children easily taught to give a tenth. Twenty-one systematic givers.

HURON—One Superintendent who carried out programme successfully. Three Unions heard from. Paper given on subject in one Union. Fourteen systematic givers. One sermon preached. A number of leaflets distributed. Interest increasing in work.

KENT—One Union heard from, which has a Superintendent who carried out programme. Paid \$1.75 for literature, which was distributed mostly in Union. Twenty systematic givers.

LAMBTON—Seven Unions heard from. Three Superintendents. Programme carried out in four Unions. Twelve systematic givers. One sermon. Taught in two Sunday Schools and one Band of Hope. One Superintendent was authorized to order fifty leaflets, as a result of carrying out programme. County Superintendent, who wrote to Unions and kept an account of work done.

LANARK—Carlton Place carried out programme and had a very helpful meeting.

LEEDS—County Superintendent, who keeps a written record of work done. Four Unions reported. Three local Superintendents. Programme carried out in two Unions. Twelve leaflets distributed. Thirteen systematic givers. Literature distributed outside one Union. Two sermons. Taught in two Sunday Schools.

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LINCOLN—Grimsby Union carried out programme. Six systematic givers. One sermon preached. Interest awakening. St. Catherine's does not take up work.

MUSKOKA—Huntsville Union has not taken up department.

MIDDLESEX—County Superintendent, who kept written record of work done, addressed seven meetings on subject and other work outside of W. C. T. U. Five Unions heard from. Three have local Superintendents who carried out programme. One hundred and thirty leaflets distributed. Twenty-nine systematic givers. Two sermons preached. A deep interest taken in the subject.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Two Unions report. Programme carried out at prayer meeting. Three systematic givers. Interest awakening.

NIPISSING—North Bay reports a Superintendent. Programme will be carried out. Six systematic givers. Interest taken in subject.

NORFOLK—Boston and Port Dover organized in June. Have not yet taken up department.

OXFORD—County Superintendent, who kept written record of work done, wrote local Unions, attended County Convention. Seven Unions heard from. Four local Superintendents. One Union carried out programme. Woodstock did not receive circular programme. Three systematic givers. Three sermons.

ONTARIO—County Superintendent, who wrote Unions, kept written record of work done. Four Unions heard from. One local Superintendent. Programme taken up in two Unions. Ten systematic givers. One sermon preached. Taught in one Sunday School. Helpful meetings where programme was taken up.

PERTH—County Superintendent, who requested minister to preach on subject. Three Unions and one "Y" heard from. One local Superintendent. Programme carried out at two meetings. Twenty systematic givers. One sermon preached and one promised. Taught in one Sunday School and Band of Hope.

PRINCE EDWARD—One Union reports no work done.

PEEL—Two Unions report no Superintendents. Programme carried out in two Unions. Two systematic givers. A number of leaflets distributed. Subject taught in one Sunday School.

RENFREW—Two Unions report no work done.

SIMCOE—County Superintendent kept correct record of work done. Speaks for cause. Five Unions heard from. Two Superintendents. One Union took up programme, which interested every one; discussed with fervor and much profit. Woman's Missionary Society carried out programme. Four systematic givers. Eight leaflets distributed. Taught in one Sunday School.

STORMONT—Four Unions reported. Programme carried out in one. Seven leaflets distributed. Four systematic givers. Interest taken in subject in one Union.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Five Unions and one "Y". Four Superintendents; (one now deceased.) Two programmes carried out. Eighty-one leaflets distributed. Forty-three systematic givers. Two sermons. One of these said to be the grandest sermon on subject ever heard. One family reports having given a tenth for six years and have received temporal and spiritual blessings. One programme meeting was instructive and helpful. Discussions and experiences followed. Some converts.

WATERLOO—County Superintendent attended carefully to work. Four Unions reported. Two have taken up the work. Programme carried out in one Union. Two leaflets. Nine systematic givers. Taught in one Sunday School. Interest growing.

WELLINGTON—Six Unions heard from and one "Y." No work done.

WELLAND—Programme carried out in one Union meeting, which proved helpful. Two systematic givers.

WENTWORTH—Two Unions and one "Y" heard from. One Superintendent, who took up programme. One Bible reading given in "Y."

YORK—County report received; filled out by Corresponding Secretary, who spoke personally to each Society, and reported for three Unions at County Convention. Four Unions heard from. Programme read in one meeting, members looking at subject in a new light afterwards. Talks given on subject. Four systematic givers. One member had received blessings unnumbered by giving systematically.

PERSONAL WORK.

Prepared circular letter and programme, which was sent to each Union in the Province. Sent thirty letters and fifty post cards to members. Sent "Report Calls" to all the County Superintendents to be filled up for Provincial report. Spoke on the

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SUMMARY.

County Superintendents of Systematic Giving who wrote the local Unions in early part of year giving instructions concerning work, 9; number who kept a correct record of work done, 10; number of Sunday Schools in which subject was taught, 17; local Superintendents, 41; members giving systematically, 259; sermons preached, 24; leaflets distributed, 479; programmes carried out, 44; Unions heard from, 125, Bands of Hope, 2; "Y's", 4.

SUGGESTIONS.

That all Superintendents of this department should be practical exponents of the cause they represent.

That a "Tenth Honor Roll" be placed in each Union, upon which members who are giving one-tenth of their income for sacred purposes will have the privilege of writing their names.

A few local Superintendents wrote across their reports, "Do not take up Department"; which gave no idea of the County, local Union, or person represented. Suggested that Superintendents kindly give County, local Union, and signature in reporting.

That care be taken to bring this subject before the children in Sabbath Schools, Bands of Hope, and Societies where young people meet.

WORK AMONG SOLDIERS

MRS. ELLA C. ACHESON, Superintendent.

James Riley says: "It is well to know that attempted things are counted and crowned by the King of Kings." This thought, along with the belief that there was considerable improvement in the amount of liquor sold on the camp grounds compared with that of past years, has given us much encouragement. Although many temperance workers and newspaper men visited the camps last year for the purpose of finding out the real state of affairs, and stated from personal knowledge that the law prohibiting the sale of intoxicants was almost entirely ignored. And some of the

soldiers expressed a willingness to make affidavit that the only restriction on drunkenness was the restriction imposed by the canteen frequenter's pocket book, and the capacity of his stomach.

Yet, in the face of this, at the close of the camps, General Hutton reported that the regulations prohibiting the sale of liquor in camps were enforced, but if not, then no harm was done, as he did not believe in abolishing liquor from the camps.

Dr. Borden, the Minister of Militia, also announced in the Dominion Parliament, that the anti-drink regulations had been enforced, and held afterwards, that all evidence offered to the contrary was womens' gossip.

The Dominion Convention at Halifax passed resolutions condemnatory of Dr. Borden's Course and forwarded them to him. His reply, which contained the usual, and now very thread-bare denials, was this time supported by the name of a London gentleman, designated as a "life-long temperance worker, while, the week before that letter was received, the gentleman in question gave in London the most noted punch party of the season.

These denials being printed in the various prominent newspapers, naturally left many people in grave doubt as to the exact state of affairs, as most Canadians desire, if possible, to believe the official statement of public men; and some even feared that the W. C. T. U. had made statements it could not substantiate, but this was not the case; we were ready and only wanted an opportunity to tell what we could prove.

However, let us not be dismayed, for we believe our controversy has helped to bring about some change for the better.

Allow me to give you one incident as proof, "an old soldier, who has for years frequented Carling's heights in London during the camps of instruction, as a vendor of little comforts to be used by tenters, made the statement to a friend, that he had never done such a rushing business as this year, explaining, that last year the boys spent everything they got at the canteens, and he could sell but little, but this year they had their money in their pockets and completely bought him out. Last year, all was done openly; this year all was secret; and though some camps were worse than others, yet we think the average sale to soldiers was light, and at least in London, none of the canteen men will do much boasting over this year's profits, or pay as high a figure for next year's privileges."

Let us pray and do all in our power to prevent any temptation along this line being presented to our returning heroes from South Africa.

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Lord Wolsely has made a special appeal to the people of England not to give the returning soldiers liquor, on the ground that they are physically unfit to resist its seductive influence, and would also be placed in an embarrassing position if forced to decline this unwise hospitality. Again, the *Toronto News* says, editorially, that it hopes liquor dealers will refrain from offering intoxicants to returning soldiers, because it would be an unwise kindness, the men being weak, and likely to be seriously affected by a stimulant of this kind.

We hope to find that public sentiment is sufficiently strong to frown down any such proceeding.

The following is a condensed report by Counties of Work Among Soldiers :

ALGOMA—Fort William Union served refreshments to soldiers passing through to South Africa, and distributed 200 pages of literature among them.

BRANT—Paris had information re sale of liquor published in newspaper column.

CARLTON—Ottawa has a Superintendent of this department. Published information in papers and distributed literature.

ESSEX—Kingsville published information, and when second contingent left for South Africa sent each of Essex volunteers a hand bag containing a hymn book, Testament, a letter from the Union and one from each resident minister.

FRONTENAC—Kingston published information in newspapers. Distributed Temperance leaflets, magazines and religious papers freely at camp. Held three meetings. Served lunches, ice cream, ice water. Sold stationery and stamps. Posted for volunteers 600 letters and postals. Two gentlemen are willing to give their names to the statement that liquor was sold on the ground at the time of camp.

GREY—Thornley Union had information re sale of liquor on military grounds published in newspaper columns.

GRENVILLE—Prescott has a Superintendent who attempted some work, but was not successful. Merrickville Union carried out programme and plans.

HURON—Goderich carried out programme plans.

KENT—Tilbury published information re sale of liquor.

LAMBTON—Three Unions partially carried out plans.

LINCOLN—Grimsby carried out programme plans.

MIDDLESEX—Three Unions, London, Ilderton and Napier, carried out programme plans. Ilderton wrote to Dr. Borden re sale of liquor. London distributed 900 pages of literature and held religious services on camp ground. Report that liquor was sold in one canteen on the sly.

NIPISSING—Sudbury carried out programme and plans.

ONTARIO—Uxbridge partially carried out plans and sent literature to Niagara camp.

OXFORD—Salford has appointed a Superintendent. Tilsonburg gave \$5 to Patriotic Fund.

PEEL—The County President visited the camp and distributed literature. Requested the License Inspector to keep a sharp lookout. Beer was used, but no drunkenness.

PERTH—Stratford gave comfort bags to the boys who went from there to South Africa.

STORMONT—Cornwall discussed the work at one meeting. Moulinette carried out programme and plans.

SIMCOE—Barrie published information re sale of liquor.

WELLINGTON—Mount Forest "W's" and "Y's" held prayer meetings; also a mass meeting for prayer for our soldiers in Africa. Sent resolutions to Dr. Borden; also carried out programme and plans.

WATERLOO—Galt carried out programme and plans.

WENTWORTH—Dundas, Oakville and Milton, each gave a reception to soldiers returning from camp. Two Unions carried out programme plans.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Five Unions report having carried out plans. A weekly prayer meeting for the soldiers was held. Twelve pairs of socks were given for men going to South Africa; also a number of plum puddings. Literature was regularly distributed in the armories. The District Union has also taken up this work.

YORK—Three Unions discussed the work and partially carried out the plans.

PERSONAL WORK.

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In May wrote to all Methodist conferences, asking for hearty co-operation, and that strong resolutions re the sale of liquor be sent by them to the Minister of Militia. Mrs. Thornley also wrote to several prominent bodies and synods, making the same request. Report calls were sent out in August to County and local workers.

SUMMARY.

In response to report calls 125 replies were received. Forty Unions report effective work, making an increase of twenty-eight Unions over last year.

Information re sale of liquor was published in twenty-seven papers.

Three Unions held religious services at camp. In some cases comforts were provided for, those going to South Africa; and a variety of good work has been done, showing an increased interest in this Department of work among soldiers.

WORK AMONG SAILORS.

MRS. E. J. LAWRENCE, Superintendent.

We are glad to report increasing interest in this department. We had feared it might be otherwise, owing to the urgent and repeated appeals made for the Lumbermen's work, as the supplies for the two departments are almost identical.

The importance of this work is borne down upon us when we think of the tendency of a sailor's life, and how few the uplifting influences that surround him.

Think of *their* Sabbath in comparison with *ours*. We on land have our pastors and teachers and more services within our reach than we can attend. What have they? An occasional Sabbath on land, perhaps among strangers, where they have little inclination to attend worship. Is it any wonder that so many of them become careless and reckless? Is it not a small thing that we do our utmost to supply them with Bibles and good literature? We may not see any direct results of our work, but believe these silent missives will help many to live a better life.

COUNTY REPORTS.

ALGOMA DISTRICT—Rainy River—Beaver Falls supplied steamboats with literature, but kept no record.

BRUCE—Warton gave six comfort bags and distributed liter-

ature, but kept no record. Chesley gave twelve comfort bags, and reports that two of their ladies while travelling noticed the papers in the bags being read with interest.

DURHAM—Port Hope distributed 200 papers, 100 leaflets and thirty magazines. A captain told them it was very much appreciated.

ESSEX—Superintendent, Mrs. Brownell, Windsor. Windsor distributed twelve comfort bags, 150 papers, 100 leaflets and seven magazines, and contributed \$1.25 to the Labrador Mission. Harrow contributed six comfort bags, thirty-six papers and thirty-six leaflets. Kingsville contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador Mission.

ELGIN—Superintendent, Mrs. May, St. Thomas. St. Thomas contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador Mission.

GREY—Superintendent, Miss Showell, Owen Sound. Durham contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador Mission. Owen Sound supplied three boats with literature, but did not keep a record. The steward of one boat who at the beginning of the season last year objected strongly to the papers being placed on the boat, at the close of the season brought the box to the Superintendent with a poem entitled, "God's Best," saying with a smile, "That's for you."

GLENGARRY—Superintendent, Mrs. Lothian, Monklands. Lancaster contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador Mission. Maxville sent twenty-five pounds of literature and 104 articles of clothing, many of which were new and all in good repair, to the Labrador Mission. Vankleek Hill sent a box of literature to the Labrador Mission.

GRENVILLE—Superintendent, Mrs. Coates, Prescott. Prescott contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador Mission, and distributed almost 100 leaflets.

HURON—Superintendent, Mrs. Holland, Goderich. Goderich distributed three well-filled comfort bags, 325 papers, one hundred and sixty leaflets, forty-eight magazines, and gave \$1.20 to the Labrador Mission. Wingham gave three comfort bags.

LANARK—Superintendent, Mrs. Frost, Smith's Falls. Smith's Falls contributed eight well-filled comfort bags, with letters and pledge cards in each; 100 English tracts, fifty French tracts, forty magazines, also \$1.00 to Labrador Mission.

LINCOLN—Grimsby gave three comfort bags and two large bales of literature.

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LEEDS—Superintendent, Mrs. Davis, Gananoque. Gananoque distributed five comfort bags, twenty magazines, and a large number of papers and leaflets; no record kept. Brockville "Y's" distributed 150 papers.

LAMBTON—Superintendent, Mrs. Lawrence, Sarnia. Sarnia placed ten comfort bags, 387 papers, thirty-two magazines, thirty-two leaflets and four books on boats calling there, and contributed \$3 to the Labrador Mission. Watford gave six comfort bags, and through the efforts of the Union \$7 was collected for Rev. Mr. Bone's work among sailors at the Welland Canal. Petrolia contributed \$1 to the Labrador Mission.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Cobourg sent ten comfort bags and 150 papers to the Sailor's Institute, Montreal. Mr. Bell wrote the Union, saying the sailors were pleased with them.

PEEL.—Port Credit contributed eleven comfort bags containing literature and marked Testaments.

RENFREW—Greenwood sends literature to a steamboat near and gets the men to attend meetings.

SIMCOE—Superintendent, Mrs. Basset, Collingwood. Collingwood distributed seven comfort bags, 295 papers, 230 leaflets and sixty-two magazines.

STORMONT—Gravel Hill contributed \$1 to the Labrador Mission.

TORONTO DISTRICT.—Superintendent, Mrs. Emory. Central distributed 1,785 leaflets. The ocean steamer, Strathcona, from Scotland, called here, and the second mate took the leaflets willingly, saying he was delighted to have a W. C. T. U. lady come to see them, and wished the Superintendent to mention it in her report.

WELLAND—Superintendent, Mrs. McCullough. Port Colborne, gave eight comfort bags and fifty papers.

WATERLOO—Ayr contributed six comfort bags and fifty leaflets; also six chest protectors and wristlets to the Labrador Mission. Galt contributed \$2.50 to the Labrador Mission.

YORK—Richmond Hill contributed \$1 to the Labrador Mission.

SUMMARY.

Of the local blank forms sent out 133 were returned, a few, it is true, with no clue as to whence they came. Of the twelve County forms sent out nine were filled out and returned according

to instructions. It is not easy to compare the amount of literature distributed with that of last year, as so many reported a large quantity distributed, or a large bale sent out, but no record kept. The actual number reported is all that is given in this summary. There is an increase of fifty-seven in the number of comfort bags, but a decrease, I am sorry to say, in the amount of money raised for the Labrador Mission. One thousand seven hundred and forty-three papers, 2,733 leaflets, 239 magazines, four books and 116 comfort bags have been distributed, also one box of literature, 106 articles of clothing, twenty-five pounds of literature and \$16.95 contributed to the Labrador Mission.

SUGGESTIONS.

That local Superintendents keep a correct record of what is done. A very little extra trouble in this direction would make the reports much more gratifying to the Provincial Superintendent and all interested.

That the Labrador Mission be commended to our Unions as a worthy object for their sympathy and support, and that inland Unions particularly interest themselves in this Mission.

Clothing should be sent the last week in April to the following address: Miss Greenshield's Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, care of Y. W. C. Association, Elm Street, Toronto.

WORK AMONG RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

MRS. B. O. BRITTON, Superintendent.

I am pleased to report increased interest in this Department; the number of Counties and Unions reporting being double that of last year, and much good work has been done. The work in connection with the station boxes is being energetically carried on, but there is room for more and better personal work. This can be done by cultivating the acquaintance of the men for spiritual talks, visiting the homes in cases of sickness or accident, and by holding Parlor or Mothers' meetings. Let us remember that our lives and those whom we love are almost daily placed in the care of railway men, and anything we can do to render their long hours on duty less irksome, or their homecoming more pleasant, should be done willingly and gladly.

ALGOMA—Railway camp at Bear Mills furnished with literature, but no record kept. Efforts much appreciated. At Fort William 1000 pages of literature, besides good papers of all denominations placed in station box.

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BRANT—At Brantford three boxes are maintained at stations. Three thousand leaflets have been placed therein during the year; also a few marked Testaments. The Union has also been requested to place literature in the fire hall. The firemen enjoy the reading very much. At Paris one box is maintained, and it is the only article allowed on the walls of the station besides the time tables.

BRUCE—One box is maintained at Walkerton.

CARLETON—All the Unions in this County maintain boxes at the stations, and at Carp a box is also supplied in the barber shop. Over 5000 papers distributed during the year.

DURHAM—Port Hope has two Superintendents, but nothing has been done, owing to the boxes being removed from the stations by the railway officials.

ELGIN—Box maintained at St. Thomas, but no record kept. Work done has been largely personal. Superintendent visits the sick in families of railway men and converses with the men on spiritual matters when opportunity offers. At Corinth not allowed to keep box in station; one is, however, maintained in one of the village stores.

FRONTENAC—Three boxes maintained at Kingston, but no record kept. The suggestion of placing a marked Testament will be acted upon.

GREY—At Thornbury a box is kept supplied with literature, and two boxes at Owen Sound. No record kept.

GLENGARRY—Five boxes are regularly and systematically supplied at as many stations; in all, 771 pounds of literature. Bibles have also been placed in boxes.

GRENVILLE—Three boxes at Prescott and one at Spencer-ville are regularly supplied. At Prescott, Bibles donated by the Bible Society have also been placed in the boxes. Mrs. Thomas Coates, the President, writes: "Two American ladies came in to the station; one said, 'W. C. T. U. seems so homelike, I think the Canadians are getting ahead of us in putting such choice new literature into their racks.'"

HURON—Clinton, Blyth and Goderich each maintain a box. Goderich supplied 500 pages literature.

HALTON—The Superintendent at Milton writes that scrap books are placed in a box at the station, and relates the incident of a commercial traveller being convinced that it was too costly a

thing to smoke, by reading the books. One box is maintained at Oakville, but no record kept.

HASTINGS—At Belleville no box is maintained, but a number of leaflets have been placed in the railway reading room.

HALDIMAND—Two boxes at Caledonia have been supplied with 300 papers, etc.

LINCÖLN—At Grimsby "The Camp Fire" is regularly placed in two boxes, and other papers as they are provided. A Bible is also placed in the G. T. R. station.

LAMBTON—Two thousand seven hundred and six pages have been placed in one box at Watford; ninety papers in one box at Sombra; 1288 papers and magazines, and 333 leaflets in two boxes at Alvinston; 9715 pages in two boxes at Sarnia, and at Petrolia a box has been maintained, but no record kept.

LANARK—Smith's Falls; 17840 pages in books and papers distributed among the men during the year. "We have no box in the C. P. R. station, we are not allowed to have one, but this literature was distributed right among the men in their own quarters." At Perth 100 papers were placed in the station box during the year. At Carleton Place two boxes are maintained, but no record kept.

LEEDS—Athens supplies a box in station and one at post office. In all 750 pages were distributed; also invitations for church have been gratefully responded to. Brockville has distributed 400 leaflets, besides books and papers in stations. Gananoque supplies T. I. train, junction, fire hall, lock up, barber shops, sixty-seven papers and thirteen hundred and forty pages of literature. Lansdowne maintains one box regularly supplied, five hundred leaflets and a few papers. Lyn supplies two boxes. No record kept.

MIDDLESEX—Bracket maintained at Strathroy, but no record kept.

MUSKOKA—The agent at Huntsville, having refused to allow the W. C. T. U. box to remain in the station for more than a year, the ladies wrote to the General Manager and got his permission, and since July have kept the box well supplied.

MIDDLESEX—Three Unions replied to circular, all report work not taken up.

NORTHUMBERLAND—At Cobourg 975 papers, etc., were placed in the station box, and the local Superintendent is encouraged by the way they were looked for and read. Two boxes are

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NIPISSENG—Boxes are maintained at North Bay and Sturgeon Falls, in which large amounts of literature are placed, but no record of pages.

ONTARIO—Uxbridge reports work taken up, but a box in station is not allowed. About 100 pages and one Testament have been placed in a box at Prince Albert. At Oshawa two boxes are kept constantly filled, and leaflets are frequently distributed among the men at the station. Marked Testaments have frequently been placed in the boxes, but removed. At Port Perry two boxes are kept supplied every week, \$40 worth of literature being used during the year.

OXFORD—At Ingersoll two station boxes have been maintained and regularly supplied with literature, 2,004 leaflets having been placed in them during the year. The "Y's" of Tilsonburg report having put a box in the railway station, placing therein forty-six Union Signals, and many other papers during the year. The station agent has told them that the literature has been much appreciated by the travelling public and others. At Embro one box is regularly supplied, but no record has been kept.

PEËL—Brampton reports work done, but no record kept.

PERTH—Stratford, only Union taking up work: one box regularly supplied.

RENFREW—Greenwood reports their literature having been stolen.

RUSSELL—Rockland supplies one box, placed 491 papers.

STORMONT—Finch and Moulinette each report keeping a box supplied, but no record kept.

SIMCOE—Barrie and Bradford, a Superintendent; no record kept of work done. Mrs. Young, of Allandale, circulates literature among the men and relates some incidents. One which shows the needs of greater activity, she says, "A lady told me the other day that her husband brought home a number of copies of an illustrated paper unfit for any one to look at, and she burned them. I wonder if there is any way to prevent such stuff from coming into the country."

WATERLOO—Berlin reports two baskets kept. Pine Grove supplies the Branchton station with literature; no record. Galt

has two new stations at which boxes are not allowed, but have secured permission to have baskets on table, for literature. Central Drumfries distributed between two railway stations one thousand four hundred and eleven pages of literature.

WELLINGTON—Rockwood, one box supplied, also a marked Testament, no record kept. Mount Forest, two boxes regularly supplied, also a marked Testament. Port Colburn, two boxes regularly supplied, no record.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Central supplies four boxes, placing therein six thousand and eight hundred leaflets. Also distributed three hundred leaflets to cab shelters, nine hundred to street shelter and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five to sailors. Parkdale supplies one box, using ten papers and magazines weekly, the station bearing testimony that the matter thus supplied is much appreciated by the travelling public.

SUMMARY.

Counties reporting, 41; Unions, 154; tracts distributed, 74,272; papers, 4,534; magazines, 175; Bibles, and Testaments, but no record. A number of employee's homes visited, and personal work done as opportunity offered.

Only eight County Superintendents reported. Four report having kept a correct record of their correspondence and general work. Three wrote Societies in the early part of the year, and again later.

PERSONAL WORK.

In March Department circulars were sent out. Wrote twenty-six letters and fifteen postal cards. In August sent out fifty Report Calls.

SUGGESTIONS.

That local Superintendents keep a classified account of all work done so as to be able to report accurately. A great deal of work is done of which no record whatever is kept.

That where there is a County Superintendent local reports be sent to her.

That all Superintendents be particular about stating where the report comes from. A number were received without either County or local name.

That where possible, more personal work be done with the men and their families. One Superintendent speaks of the ner-

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WORK AMONG AFRICANS.

MRS. B. D. LIVINGSTONE, Superintendent.

Last December I wrote to nearly every County President or Secretary, re Work among Africans, but received replies from only seven Counties. In September I again wrote, asking for report of work done. The following replies were received:

ESSEX—Reports several meetings along Temperance lines were held among the Africans, but no bands or unions were formed.

KENT—Reports many visits paid to Sunday Schools, and a few pledges were secured. The County Superintendent, in conjunction with the Provincial Superintendent, visited the conference held in Dresden.

MIDDLESEX—London replied, but had not done any work this year. Hamilton Colored Union reports no work done; no leader.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Reports Sunday Schools visited and many pledges secured.

OXFORD—Has no colored Union, but a few colored people live in Woodstock, who were interviewed in regard to Temperance. The minister gave his pledge that he would do his utmost to influence his people in the right direction.

Last August your Superintendent visited Dresden in the interests of this Department. When I arrived, I inquired my way to the home where I was to be entertained. A little dark-faced boy, who was swinging on the steps of the bus, piped up, "Are you the missis who is goin' to preach tonight?" I said, "No, my boy, I don't preach, I talk. Will you come and hear me?" Sure enough, the first face I looked into at the meeting was the same little urchin, and his mother was with him. When I told the audience that I had been requested by our President, Mrs. Thornley, to bring them a message, the Bishop said, "She is a noble lady, and we shall be very pleased to comply with her request." I presented the anti-cigarette circular, also a pledge roll. The Conference Committee took action and passed some very strong resolutions. After my talk in public meeting, many of the women came to me and we had some conversation. My soul was thrilled

when I listened to the eager questions put to me by some of the mothers. They pleaded with me to come again and give them talks along the lines of social purity. I am impressed with the idea that impurity is on the increase, and if we would save the sanctity of the home life we must do some sledge hammer work, and that not in the sweet by-and-by, but *now*.

PERSONAL WORK.

Sent out 5000 pages of literature. Two hundred and fifty pledge cards. Wrote 125 letters, 116 cards. Sent out many letters to colored ministers, and Secretary of Conference. Visited one Conference and gave an address.

SUGGESTIONS.

Would suggest that County Superintendents or County Presidents or other White Ribbon women arrange and hold meetings with colored people where possible. Present to Sunday Schools pledge rolls. For I believe that, however interested your Provincial Superintendent might be, the actual work must be done by the local workers, for letter writings avail but little; it is the personal contact that tells.

That leaflets prepared by the Superintendent, Mrs. Wrigley, be given to colored Sunday Schools. Also that talks on Social Purity and other kindred subjects be given by our women; or when it is convenient secure some of our ministers to assist in these meetings.

WORK AMONG INDIANS.

MRS. FRONA W. EDWARDS, Superintendent.

Your Superintendent has to report that severe sickness in the home, combined with various other hindrances, has made it impossible to do much towards pushing the work of this Department during the past year.

All I have been able to do is to write a few letters and send out some literature.

Nevertheless, I am glad to report some progress made towards reaching the Indian people with our work.

All the missionaries on the Grand River reserve met, and after looking over the samples of literature I had sent them, requested Rev. W. Walker to write me that they would be glad to distribute all the literature I would send them.

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Also, in compliance with suggestions in last report, two Unions in Lambton County, viz., Sarnia and Forest, have taken up the Indian work.

Mrs. Lawrence, President of Sarnia Union, writes: We visited the Indian school last fall and gave a series of talks on the care of the body, and Social Purity. Mrs. Kelly, our Superintendent of Social Purity, gave the first talk along general lines to the whole school. On our next visit the teachers dismissed the boys and Mrs. Kelly spoke to the little girls; after which they were dismissed, and I gave a talk to the larger girls. On our third visit I gave the boys a plain talk on the subject. We left copies of "Almost a Man" and "Almost a Woman" with the teacher. In May, when Miss Wiggins was with us, we again visited the reserve, and she addressed the children on the same subject.

Forest, seven miles from Kettle Point reserve, reports Mrs. McKenzie, Superintendent, drove to Kettle Point and held an afternoon meeting. Mrs. Macken gave an address on Social Purity, had a Scripture reading, singing and prayer.

In the evening we held an open meeting and we had a church full. Mrs. Macken gave an address on liquor and tobacco. We had addresses from a couple of ministers, readings, recitations and singing.

We were all deeply touched to see one Indian woman strapping a babe on her back (it would weigh forty pounds perhaps) and she said she had four miles to walk. We thought how anxious the woman must have been to hear God's Word, and felt that our effort had not been in vain.

I believe there are other Unions as near Indian reserves as the Forest Union. If they could follow the example of these two Unions, and go every three or four months, and hold similar meetings, they might do untold good, and greatly help to elevate these poor people.

SUGGESTIONS.

I can offer no better suggestions as to plans of work, than those adopted by the above Unions, and earnestly request others to go and do likewise.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

MISS CHARLOTTE E. WIGGINS, Superintendent.

It is encouraging to note that our "Y" Societies have been increasing in membership and usefulness. The Ontario Union was awarded the Dominion "Y" banner for the greatest proportionate increase in members for the years 1897-99.

We are glad that so many of our young women are recognizing the temperance reform as an important field of service, and they are ready to answer the call. More distinctive Temperance work has been done this year, as well as better educational work in the most important departments.

COUNTY REPORTS.

BRUCE—Two Societies on the roll, Lucknow and Teeswater. Lucknow reports interesting meetings; the use of the Department circular. Special interest in the Departments of Anti-Narcotics and Lumber Camp Mission.

CARLETON—Five Societies. Ottawa Central "Y", 180 members, forty-five honoraries; two Bands of Hope, with 120 members; pay a Bible reader; Departments, Band of Hope, Flower Mission, Fair Work.

ELGIN—St. Thomas "Y" are joining with the "W."

KENT—Salem Union "Y"; committee of seven members.

LANARK—Smith's Falls "Y" committee hold successful meetings; have done a lot of quilting and sewing.

LEEDS—Brockville "Y" gave \$10 to Lumber Camp Mission and raised \$64.50 for an Old Folks' Home. Membership increased.

NIPISSING—North Bay "Y." No report.

OXFORD—Tilsonburg "Y." Forty-four members and fifteen honoraries; Band of Hope with thirty-two members; raised \$46.38.

PRINCE EDWARD—Picton "Y"; twenty-one members, five honoraries; a good Band of Hope with 135 members; raised \$133.61, and in addition raised enough money to pay the salary of a Deaconess for a year.

RUSSELL—Rockland "Y"; forty members, forty-seven honoraries.

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TORONTO—Seven societies. Northern report thirty-two members, and thirty-two honoraries; raised \$40.10. Flower Mission and White Shield emphasized. Parkdale "Y"; eleven members, three honoraries. Lumber Camp Evangelistic Work emphasized. Bascom "Y"; twenty members. Scientific Temperance and Anti-Narcotics emphasized.

STORMONT—Cornwall "Y" organized this year; eighteen members. Departments are Lumber Camp, Flower Mission, Narcotics and Purity.

WENTWORTH—Three Societies; two of these have not been active. Youmans "Y", eighteen members, eight honoraries; Band of Hope, forty-seven members; five parlor meetings; Narcotics emphasized.

WELLINGTON—Mount Forest "Y"; eleven members, five honoraries; three public meetings; Press, Parlor, Anti-Narcotics emphasized.

WATERLOO—Ayr, twelve members.

SUMMARY.

There are twenty-six "Y" Unions, with 585 members. These "Y's" conduct six Bands of Hope, and carry on most of our Departments. The Departments emphasized are Flower Mission, Lumber Camp Mission, Narcotics, Purity, Press and Scientific Temperance.

PERSONAL.

Have written every "Y" Union in the Province two letters, giving suggestions for work, and the increase of our membership. Have written 239 letters and 110 post cards. Have also visited and addressed a number of High Schools and one Ladies' College.

SUGGESTIONS.

1.—That the "W" make an active campaign to enlist young women in our ranks this year.

2.—That some systematic course of study be suggested on our lines of work, suitable to those just beginning to study the work.

JUVENILE WORK.

MRS. ALICE B. REEDE, Superintendent.

It is natural for the Superintendent of any Department to insist that it outranks all others in importance. Every thoughtful friend of temperance must, however, perceive the supreme importance of the Juvenile Department in relation to the present and future of our W. C. T. U. work. O, that there might be a more general awakening to the fact that the dear children of our province are in immediate danger of being led into the pitfalls of intemperance so thickly strewn over the land, and to the fact of their willingness to be led to the *right* provided that someone will come and tell them how. It is a wise Union that sees to the organization and instruction of the children, not only that they may become intelligent, abstaining men and women and a blessing to society, but also because there is so much the children can do to help on the local work, and no more willing helpers can be found.

Of forty-two Counties addressed, reports have been received from only twenty-four, and from 137 forms received only fifty-three have contained any report of work done. Of the thirty organized Counties only one has not appointed a Superintendent. This is encouraging.

The following is the summary of these reports :—

Algoma County—Two Juvenile Societies, 115 members, one Band of Mercy.

Brant—One Juvenile Society, 420 members, one Band of Mercy.

Bruce—Nine Juvenile Societies, 483 members.

Carleton—Five Juvenile Societies, 370 members, four Bands of Mercy.

Durham—One Juvenile Society, one Band of Mercy.

Elgin—Two Juvenile Societies, 105 members, one Band of Mercy.

Grey—One Juvenile Society, forty members.

Hastings—One Juvenile Society, forty-five members.

Haldimand—One Juvenile Society, fifty members.

Lambton—Four Juvenile Societies, 272 members.

Middlesex—Three Juvenile Societies, eighty-seven members.

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Nipissing District—One Juvenile Society, seventy-nine members.

Ontario—Three Juvenile Societies, 139 members.

Oxford—One Juvenile Society, thirty-two members.

Perth—One Juvenile Society, fifty-four members.

Prince Edward—One Juvenile Society, 135 members.

Renfrew—Two Juvenile Societies, 100 members.

Russell—One Juvenile Society, fifteen members.

Simcoe—Four Juvenile Societies, 535 members, one Band of Mercy.

Stormont—Five Juvenile Societies, 532 members.

Wellington—Two Juvenile Societies, ninety-eight members.

Waterloo—One Juvenile Society, thirty-five members, two Bands of Mercy.

York—Four Juvenile Societies, 123 members.

Twenty-three Counties, fifty-six Juvenile Societies, 3,864 members, twelve Bands of Mercy.

Bruce County reports one Boys' Brigade and one medal contest. Hamilton reports a day nursery, where 2,239 children and 172 adults have been cared for during the year, and also quarters for the accommodation of homeless young girls. The Toronto "Y's" report Kitchen Garden Work, where instruction is given in rudimentary housekeeping to sixty little girls, who are divided into three classes.

Under special work mention might be made of the following items: Seven prizes given, three in Algoma and four in Lambton. In the latter County a great many articles of clothing were given to the Children's Hospital. In Brant County one public meeting has been held. Simcoe has an Anti-Cigarette League. In three Counties was raised the sum of \$24.50, of which \$20.50 was sent to the India Famine Fund.

Six societies report crusades, with thirty-nine new members added. Seven County Superintendents keep records of personal work. Five had good reports for their County Conventions. Eight Unions were visited in the interest of the work, four public addresses were given, and 124 letters written. Thirty-five local workers testify that the pledge is a benefit; three think that sometimes it is, but often not. One dear old lady writes:—"It

is all our hope. Pledge the children. There are hundreds of young people in Oshawa that keep the temperance pledge, who, joined the old Band of Hope years ago, and still they come, near fifty this year."

PERSONAL WORK.

A circular letter has been sent to every County Superintendent and to every local Union. Your Superintendent has written thirty-four letters, nine postals, and has sent out Report Calls, recitation books, and other literature. I have also addressed one School of Methods re Juvenile Work, and have secured space in the Woman's Journal for Medal Contest Recitations.

SUGGESTIONS.

1.—That County Superintendents write personal letters to every local Superintendent or Union, setting forth the great opportunity given them for the doing of *telling* temperance work on behalf of future generations, work that will endure for ages.

2.—That whenever possible County Superintendents visit every Union in their County, and by personal touch with the workers endeavor to impress them with the importance of this Department and to so enthuse them that they will prosecute it more assiduously in the future.

3.—That local Superintendents make use of the circular sent out to them. Very few reported having used the circular this past year. Also that every local Union organize the children in their respective communities in some form or other. Is it not a lamentable fact that from 244 Unions we have only fifty-six Juvenile organizations to report? O, sisters, do not allow this golden opportunity to thus slip away from your grasp.

Let us go often to the throne of grace for guidance and help in this work, that as Unions we may be furnished with suitable workers, and as workers we may be given wisdom, tact, patience and knowledge, so that the future men and women may be temperate, wise and good.

TEMPERANCE IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

MRS SARA E. WRIGLEY, Toronto, Superintendent.

Once again I present a tabulated report showing the progress of the work of this Department in the Province. This report can only be understood when seen by the reader in printed form. May I ask every Superintendent, County and local, as well as all

who are interested in the work will so clearly see the figures presented.

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who are interested in this work, to study this table. Nothing will so clearly indicate where laxity exists as a comparison of the figures presented.

This year I will not review the work done in the Counties, believing that the time and space allotted me can be better used by making some comparisons and calculations that may enable those who have charge of this work in future to understand the nature of past failures and some of the reasons why these failures have taken place.

The number of Unions from which I have received reports is 139. This is only about half the Unions in the province, but it is twenty-eight more than the number sending reports last year. Of these 139 Unions, only fifty-six had Superintendents. Is it true that only one-fifth of our Unions have Superintendents, or are imperfect reports made by them?

"How many Sunday Schools in your district?" is a question that brought answers indicating the existence of only 528 schools. How imperfectly our work is done may be understood when it is known that there are just ten times as many Sunday Schools as this in Ontario.

There were seventy-four teachers' meetings addressed; in 1899, only thirty-two. This is a step in advance, but after all an average of only one meeting was addressed by four of our Unions. Only thirteen Counties report work done in this line.

"How many Superintendents have you called on?" Only 186, or less than one in every twenty-eight. Still we are making headway, as last year only 154 Superintendents were interviewed.

"How many Schools observe Quarterly Temperance Sunday?" The answer is 410, or about one-twelfth of the entire number. Last year's report was 298; and that of the year previous, only 130, or one out of every forty.

Sixty temperance addresses are reported during the year. Last year the number was fifty. I refer to this in another portion of my report more fully.

"How many Schools have pledged the scholars?" In 1898 there were only thirteen; in 1899, 140; and this year the report is 208. This is wonderful progress, but how far are we still from the mark when only one school out of twenty-five is reported pledging the young people under its charge.

"How many new pledges were obtained?" In 1898, there

were 4,196; in 1899, 9,469; this year there are 7,065. This is the only backward step we have made. One County reported 4,000 new pledges, and the other forty Counties reported only 3,065. Is not this lamentable? Has duty been performed all along the line, or have opportunities been lost that can never come again to influence the lives of tens of thousands of children? There are 425,000 Sunday School children in Ontario, and from 50,000 to 100,000 new pledges should be secured every year. May God bless our workers and enable them to understand the responsibility resting upon them. We are very far from the goal of perfection, though our reports indicate progress from year to year.

I wish I could say something to influence our Superintendents to use greater efforts to do good work and take greater care in filling out their reports. From two Counties, Haldimand and Peterboro, came reports that are entirely blank, and from Dundas, Peel, Prince Edward, Russell and Welland came reports that are very nearly blank. Halton's report is nearly blank, but 281 pledged children were reported. Only one Union was reported from each of these Counties; and from a dozen other Counties that report more Unions than one, the reports are quite as imperfect in proportion to the number of Unions reported. I know the Superintendents desire to do what is right, but do they do their duty when the opportunities of a lifetime are lost?

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TABULATED REPORT.

COUNTY.	NUMBER OF W. C. T. UNIONS REPORTING	NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN SAID UNIONS.	NUMBER OF SCHOOLS REPORTED.	VISITS TO TEACHERS' MEETINGS.	INTERVIEWS WITH S. SUPERINTENDENTS.	SCHOOLS OBSERVING Q. T. SUNDAY.	NUMBER OF ADDRESSES GIVEN.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS PLEDGING SCHOLARS.	PUPILS PLEDGED THIS YEAR.	S. USING TEMPERANCE BOOKS.	S. USING TEMPERANCE PAPERS.	S. USING TEMPERANCE LEAFLETS.
Algoma.....	4	0	8	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	4	7
Brant.....	3	2	31	5	2	17	9	17	175	4	2	4
Bruce.....	9	4	20	11	12	15	1	19	625	2	12	6
Carleton.....	2	0	48	0	10	47	0	21	0	0	47	45
Dundas.....	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	88	1	1	1
Durham.....	2	1	3	3	2	1	2	2	88	1	3	3
Elgin.....	4	2	21	3	19	20	1	1	1	2	1	1
Essex.....	3	3	20	14	12	10	3	3	2	4	2	2
Frontenac.....	2	1	17	13	7	35	5	1	1	1	1	1
Glengarry.....	5	2	8	4	3	5	36	3	1	1	1	1
Grenville.....	6	3	8	8	10	7	4	4	4	4	4	4
Grey.....	2	3	3	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Haldimand.....	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	281	2	2	1	1
Halton.....	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	281	2	2	1	1
Hastings.....	3	1	6	5	5	1	5	100	3	1	1	1
Huron.....	3	1	12	5	3	12	5	100	3	1	1	1
Lambton.....	8	5	25	5	9	17	8	13	17	6	6	1
Lanark.....	3	2	11	2	5	9	4	6	6	1	1	1
Leeds.....	2	1	6	1	1	4	1	1	75	2	2	1
Lincoln.....	3	3	30	10	7	27	16	3	2	2	2	2
Middlesex.....	4	2	33	10	25	33	13	15	18	25	2	2
Muskoka.....	3	1	12	4	6	6	50	2	2	2	2	2
Nipissing.....	3	1	6	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Norfolk.....	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Northumberland.....	3	1	17	11	6	11	14	6	6	6	6	6
Ontario.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Oxford.....	5	4	25	1	10	21	1	6	9	10	6	6
Peel.....	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Peterboro.....	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Perth.....	3	1	11	16	6	1	4	2	10	1	1	1
Prince Edward.....	1	1	5	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Renfrew.....	2	1	7	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Russell.....	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Simcoe.....	5	1	25	5	22	1	8	200	8	4	11	11
Stormont.....	5	1	15	1	3	3	3	6	6	7	7	7
Toronto.....	8	2	26	15	9	19	5	4	1200	3	2	2
Waterloo.....	4	1	8	3	8	1	6	6	6	8	8	8
Welland.....	1	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Wellington.....	5	1	12	5	12	6	12	12	12	12	12	12
Wentworth.....	2	1	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
York.....	7	4	13	2	6	4	5	60	2	10	10	10
Total.....	139	56	528	74	186	410	60	208	7065	135	210	181
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WHITE RIBBON ARMY.

During the past year I have endeavored to introduce the White Ribbon Army work in our province. It was introduced in Nova Scotia in 1893, and means the pledging of children against liquor, tobacco and profanity; and authorizing such children to wear the white ribbon. Through the kindness of Mrs. Laura J. Potter, Superintendent for Nova Scotia, I have received 500 leaflets giving particulars of this work and distributed these among the leading Sunday School workers in the Province. I waited personally twice on the Ontario Sunday School Executive and persuaded them to introduce the subject at the Association meeting in Brockville last week, when a resolution was passed instructing the new Executive of the Association to examine the Constitution of the White Ribbon Army and to take such other steps in connection therewith as they in their judgment may deem advisable.

While the initial step has been taken to influence the Sunday School Association to carry on the White Ribbon work through its own Executive, we have not been idle ourselves, as in Orillia the work has been introduced in two schools with excellent results. During the year the Methodist Sunday School has secured 207 triple pledges, twenty-eight double pledges and fifteen single; total 250; and the Superintendent writes: "The parents are in sympathy with the movement." Since January, the Presbyterian Sunday School in Orillia has pledged 226 children, of whom 179 have given triple pledges and forty-seven single; this number representing five-sixths of the scholars. Pledge cards are given to all who sign and a White Ribbon badge to be worn on Rally days. The Superintendent writes: "The officers are of the opinion that the pledging of these children will be a source of untold blessing, and urge the hearty co-operation of the parents and all others interested to increase the efficiency of the army."

I recommend that this work be given the most hearty consideration by my successor in office. The White Ribbon work will be complete only when we have enrolled an army of pledged White Ribbon children.

TEMPERANCE LEAFLETS.

An attempt was made ten months ago to secure orders for Temperance Leaflets for use on Quarterly Sunday's in Ontario, but the Unions ordered only about 5,000 leaflets out of a requisite number of 10,000 to make it pay its way. Reluctantly, therefore, it was resolved to abandon the plan of providing a leaflet for each Quarterly Sunday and to prepare one only for the Annual

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Temperance Sunday in November. The Unions have responded nobly to the second appeal, as nearly 20,000 leaflets have been ordered. I believe the publication of this leaflet will give such satisfaction that the regular publication of a temperance leaflet for the Quarterly Sundays will be continued. Orders were received for the leaflet from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and British Columbia, as well as from Ontario, indicating that their use is generally approved as well as locally. Much will depend on the use made of the leaflets by those into whose hands they are placed for circulation.

PERSONAL WORK.

I have addressed two County Conventions, one Epworth League and one School of Methods during the year, and have written seventy-four letters and 103 post cards and mailed a large number of circulars in connection with my work.

In my circular letter a year ago, I offered a book (Farrar's Life of Christ) to the Superintendent delivering the greatest number of addresses during the year. From my reports I cannot determine who has done most work; and as I regret to report that no one has done very much, I will, by permission of the Convention, present the book to Mrs. Thornley, our tireless and much beloved President, as a very slight indication of the regard I entertain for her for the direction and assistance she has given to me, without which my work during the past two years could not have been so satisfactorily performed.

I pray now that the work of this Department may fall into able and zealous hands, and that increased effort will be made by all local Superintendents to enable my successor to report progress all along the line next year and every year.

LEGISLATION AND PETITIONS.

MRS. THOMAS URQUHART, Superintendent.

ALGOMA—Three Unions reported. Dryden.—Not taken up. —(name of Union not given) circulated successfully a petition against the granting of another license. Beaver Mills. Good results in petitioning against liquor being sold to Indians and minors. Were unsuccessful in a largely signed petition against the granting of a license.

BRANT—Paris confuses Franchise work with that of Legislation and Petitions. Nothing done in latter.

BRUCE—Paisley Council put \$75 tax upon cigarette selling.

This Department's duties and privileges spoken of at most of the meetings. Walkerton prevented a seventh hotel license from being granted. Wiarton.—Nothing in this Department. The County Superintendent filled well her report form, and also wrote an encouraging letter. She evidently believes in the possibilities of this Department.

CARLTON—Two Unions reporting did not give their names. In one of these no work was done. In the other, the Union succeeded in banishing liquor from one village, and the members read about one hundred pages of literature.

ESSEX—Kingsville petitioned successfully against billiard table.

FRONTENAC—Elginbury secured thirty-nine signatures to the 100,000 pledged voters.

GRENVILLE—Merrickville hindered the establishing of a billiard and pool room. Prescott appealed to Town Council to close a house of ill fame. Spencerville circulated a petition for preventing the securing of a license.

GREY—Owen Sound circulated the 100,000 voters' petition.

HALTON—Milton requested the License Commissioners to have the shades removed from bar room windows.

LAMPTON—Watford wrote a letter to "Guardian" as to the scheme for 100,000 voters.

LINCOLN—Grimsby discussed Legislation and Petition work in their meetings.

MIDDLESEX—Strathroy wrote to their representative in the Local House, asking him to do all he could to defeat Mr. Germain's Bill (to allow liquor selling on Sundays, and on days of municipal bye-elections), and to support the passing of Mr. Crawford's Bill (prohibiting the sale of liquor in the neighborhood of parks and pleasure grounds.)

MUSKOKA—Gravenhurst discussed Legislation and Petition work at several meetings.

OXFORD—Norwich petitioned the Council for early closing on Saturday nights, and for Curfew Bell. Tilsonburg circulated the petition for 100,000 pledged voters, and read faithfully to the Union all the circulars sent them.

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RENFREW—Cobden, for two years, has prevented the granting of a third license in their village. Beachburg circulated a petition against a second hotel license in their village. Greenwood petitioned against municipal legislation that would have been morally injurious.

SIMCOE—Minesing discussed Legislation and Petition work at the meetings.

STORMONT—Moulinette asked a church pastor to take action in the 100,000 voters' scheme.

TORONTO—Creighton helped in the Council's refusal to let a building for boxing bouts. Central secured a few signatures to petition for 100,000 pledged voters. Gordon wrote members of Parliament for Toronto to endorse Mr. Crawford's bill, and to vote against Mr. Germain's. They also asked for support of the Flint Resolution.

WATERLOO—Galt endorsed and forwarded to the Mayor a request from the lady clerks for shorter hours.

WELLINGTON—Guelph secured signatures of pledged voters and had the hotel licenses reduced by two. Rockwood, obtained names of a few pledged voters.

WETWORTH—Hamilton wrote personal letters to Members of Parliament. The County report was exceptionally definite and concise, giving the number of letters written to local Unions on Department business, name of Union visited, etc., together with a type-written report of Convention for Wentworth and Halton.

YORK—Sutton West secured a number of names of pledged voters.

SUMMARY.

While a very few Unions confuse "Franchise" or "Anti-narcotics," which are separate and distinct departments, with that of Legislation and Petitions, and while many other Unions report this Department not taken up, yet it is a step in advance to have some of them report at all, there being reports now from fourteen (14) more Counties or districts than were given in a year ago.

Several reports of County Superintendents are worthy of imitation in their concise completeness.

SUGGESTIONS.

Ask freely about this Department and its work, and thus learn of your possibilities through it.

Upon the receipt by your Union of the Legislation and Petition exercises, devote a half hour to their study.

When you see opportunities in this line of the work, seize upon them, and wisely use them.

We confidently count upon better results from you next year. It is yours to secure them. You can do it.

PRESS.

MISS SADIE McEVROY, Superintendent.

In presenting the report of the Press Department for the year 1900, I do so feeling that the work has been successful.

The following Counties have reported :—

COUNTY WORK.

ALGOMA DISTRICT—Has two Superintendents; three papers supplied; all meetings reported; facts from Provincial Department circulars and local happenings published.

BRANT—Has one Superintendent; all Union meetings were reported.

BRUCE—Has two Superintendents; two papers supplied; twelve meetings reported; Press Exercises were taken up.

CARLETON—Has two Superintendents; four papers supplied; fifteen meetings reported; 270 clippings re-printed; local happenings published; allotted space always filled.

DUNDAS — Has one Superintendent; thirty clippings re-printed.

DURHAM—Has one Press Superintendent; five papers are supplied with original articles and clippings.

ELGIN—Has three Press Superintendents; eight papers supplied; twelve original articles; sixty-four meetings reported; Department work was kept before the public and local happenings published; Record Books were kept.

FRONTENAC—Has one Superintendent; three papers are supplied; six clippings re-printed; fifteen meetings reported; Department work was kept before the public; local happenings published and the allotted space nearly always filled; Provincial Department circulars were used and Record Books kept.

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GRENVILLE—Has three Press Superintendents; four papers supplied; ten meetings reported; local happenings were published and facts in Provincial Department Circulars were used; about half the Unions took up the Press Exercises and read the Press Circular.

GLENGARRY — Has three Press Superintendents; three papers supplied; fifty-three original articles were published; two Superintendents kept Record Books and one published local happenings.

HURON—Has three Superintendents; three papers supplied; 104 clippings re-printed; space allotted generally filled.

HASTINGS—Has two Superintendents; supplies three papers; Department work was kept before the public; meetings were reported; Press Circular was read.

HALTON—Has two Superintendents; three papers supplied; three original articles published; thirty-seven clippings re-published; nineteen meetings reported; Press Exercise and Press Circular read; local happenings published and Department work kept before the public.

KENT—Has three Superintendents; supplies eight papers; twenty-eight original articles; 274 clippings re-printed; local happenings were published and Department work was kept before the public; facts in the majority of Provincial Department Circulars were used and space pretty well filled; Record Books were kept and Press Circular read.

LANARK—Has four Superintendents; supplies five papers; four original articles; 226 clippings re-printed; nine meetings were reported; Press Exercise and Press Circular read by most of the Unions.

LINCOLN—Has one Superintendent. One or two clippings were reprinted every week; ten meetings were reported; Department work was kept before the public and local happenings published; Press Exercise and Press Circulars read.

LAMBTON—Has six Superintendents; seven papers supplied; twelve original articles; 350 clippings; eighty-one meetings reported; Department work well attended to, and about half the

Superintendents reported local happenings; facts from Provincial Department circulars well appropriated and allotted space fairly well filled; Press Exercise and Press Circular read, and one Record Book kept.

LEEDS—Has five Superintendents; three papers supplied; sixteen meetings reported; Press Exercise and Press Circular read.

MIDDLESEX—Has four Superintendents; five papers are supplied; eight original articles; fifty clippings; twenty-six meetings reported; Department work kept before the public and local happenings published.

NIPISSING—Has one Superintendent; supplies two papers; six original articles; twelve clippings; seven meetings reported; Department work kept before the public; local happenings published and Provincial Department Circulars used.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Has one Superintendent; supplies two papers; eight original articles; seven clippings; twenty-five meetings reported; Department work kept before the public; Record Book kept and Press Circular read.

OXFORD—Has four Superintendents; supplies five papers; three original articles; ninety clippings re-printed; Union meetings well reported; Department work kept before the public; local happenings published; nearly all the allotted space was filled and about half kept Record Books; Press Exercise taken up and Press Circular read.

ONTARIO—Has five Superintendents; six papers supplied; thirteen original articles; thirty meetings reported; Department work and local happenings attended to, and some articles sent to Woman's Journal.

PERTH—Has one Superintendent; two papers supplied; ten original articles; six clippings; twenty-two meetings reported; department work kept before the public; facts in Provincial Department Circular used and Press Exercise and Press Circular read.

PEEL—Has no Superintendent; three papers are supplied; three original articles; five clippings; six meetings reported; local happenings published; Press Exercise and Press Circular read.

RENFREW—Has three Superintendents; supplies six papers; ten original articles; 172 clippings; twenty-seven meetings reported; Department work well attended to, and some local happenings published; every Union used facts contained in Provincial Department Circulars, and the allotted space was filled in every

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STORMONT—Has three Superintendents; supplies five papers; five original articles; 133 meetings reported, including lectures, etc.; Department work fairly well attended to and local happenings published occasionally; facts from some of the Provincial Department Circulars were used, and about half report having read the Press Circular.

SIMCOE—Has six Superintendents; supplies ten papers and paid for space in one other; 123 original articles; twenty-two clippings re-printed; 120 meetings reported; department work was particularly well attended to, and allotted space was nearly always filled; about one-third of Superintendents made use of facts in different Provincial Department Circulars; all have published local happenings, and nearly all have kept Record Books; three read Press Exercise and two read Press Circular.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Has six Superintendents; supplies ten papers; six original articles; seventy-six meetings reported; all kept Department work before the public, and nearly all published local happenings; all kept Record Books, and about half the Unions read Press Exercise and Press Circular.

WATERLOO—Has five Superintendents; supplies seven papers; thirty-five original articles; forty-eight clippings were re-printed and fifty meetings reported; Department work kept before the public; about half report local happenings; Provincial Department Circulars were made use of fairly well; Press Exercise and Press Circular were taken up by nearly all the Unions.

WELLINGTON—Has seven Superintendents; supplies twelve papers; thirty-five original articles; 236 clippings; thirty-eight meetings reported; all kept Department work before the public, and two published local happenings; nearly all kept Record Books.

WELLAND—Has one Superintendent; supplies one paper; fifty-eight original articles; ten meetings reported; Department work was attended to and local happenings were published; Record Books kept.

WENTWORTH—Has three Superintendents; supplies three papers; six original articles; nine clippings re-printed; fourteen meetings reported; local happenings were reported.

YORK—Has nine Superintendents; nine papers are supplied; eighty-five original articles; thirty-eight clippings; 177 meetings

reported; three kept Record Books; Press Exercise and Press Circular taken up.

MUSKOKA—Has two Superintendents; supplies one paper; four original articles; six clippings; ten meetings reported.

NORFOLK—Has one Superintendent; supplies four papers throughout the county; four original articles; five meetings reported and occasionally letters are written for publication; local happenings written up; Department work kept before the public; Record Book kept; Press Circular read and copies of it made and distributed.

SUMMARY.

One hundred and eight local Unions have Press Superintendents; 168 publications of contributions; 562 original articles have been published; 393 Woman's Journals are taken; 1071 notices of meetings reported; 2248 clippings have been re-printed.

[Note.—Fully one-eighth of the local Superintendents who have reported did not give figures but used such words as several, many, some, in referring to original articles, meetings, etc., so that the above figures do not by any means represent a full report of the work done.]

PERSONAL WORK.

Prepared Press Circular and Press Exercise. Made out list of questions to be answered by Local Press Superintendents. Sent a Report Call and Report Form to each of the County Press Superintendents throughout the Province. Also wrote several notes and forwarded a number of communications to the Woman's Journal.

SUGGESTIONS.

- 1.—That an effort be made to have more Record Books kept by County and Local Superintendents.
- 2.—That Local Press Superintendents insist on having Press Exercise and Press Circular read aloud in the various Unions.
- 3.—That helps (at least two), such as Woman's Journal, Union Signal, New Voice, Camp Fire, etc., be sent to the Press Superintendents at the expense of the local Union to which they belong.
- 4.—That County Superintendents consider it their especial duty to see that every local Union has a Press Superintendent.

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WORK AMONG THE LUMBERMEN.

MISS KATE FISHER, Wingham, Provincial Superintendent.

Not being able to present this report in person, your Superintendent sends affectionate greetings, and feels sure that all present will be glad to know that God has been very gracious to the Lumber Camp Mission. A few months ago the way was dark, and we feared for our *financial* standing. The clouds have dispersed, and our treasury has been replenished, showing that not only the labor of our hands, but the pocket books of the W. C. T. U., have been consecrated to this much needed and beautiful service for Christ.

There has been a slight falling off in the supplies for 1899-1900. This is no doubt owing to the fact that our missionaries notified the Convention at Guelph, that they had sufficient Comfort bags for the season's work. On the other hand the cash raised far exceeds any previous year.

There is yet room for improvement along several lines. The suggested programme has not been universally used, neither has the Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Contribution Fund been as widely adopted as it should have been. But, wherever these two methods were put in practice the Unions (with but one exception) have pronounced the results "very good," "excellent" or "splendid." The printed "Instructions for Workers" have been a boon to our newly appointed Superintendents. From many of the Camps grateful letters have been received. One conversion took place through the reading of a copy of "In His Steps," sent in a Comfort Bag.

We have been disappointed with the small number of County Superintendents reporting. The bulk of reports have come to us from the local Unions.

We hope this defect will be remedied when reporting time comes next year.

REPORTS BY COUNTIES.

The personal work reported through the Counties is that of County Superintendents.

ALGOMA—Miss Sproule, Superintendent, Fort William, reports having held two meetings with suggested programme. One Union held public meeting. Cash for Lumber Camp Mission Fund was contributed, also 325 pounds of literature.

BRUCE—Mrs. Adam McGill, Superintendent, Paisley, reports having sent three boxes of clothing, one quilt, one roll of literature, 325 pounds literature, thirty-seven Comfort bags, twenty-two Testaments, three Bibles, with leaflets. Cash enclosed was contributed for Lumber Camp Mission Fund. Letters of gratitude from camps received. (Note, "sufficient Comfort Bags on hand for this year.") When sending literature leave out Sunday School helps. Personal work, wrote all the Unions for reports, attended County Convention and gave a fairly good report. Our Provincial Superintendent was also present in behalf of the Mission.

BRANT—Reports no work done this year. (We regret to note in report, that our beloved Superintendent, Mrs. Clark, of Paris, has been called home.)

CARLETON—Reports thirty Comfort Bags, sending direct to camps and some to Miss Sproule.) Two meetings were held in the interests of the Department; cash also was contributed to this fund.

DUNDAS—Reports two Unions held meetings with suggested programme, sent nine Comfort Bags, eleven Testaments, contributed cash for Lumber Camp Mission Fund. Personal work, wrote each Union for reports, keeps record of correspondence.

ESSEX—Reports twelve Comfort Bags, twelve Testaments and literature enclosed.

ELGIN—Reports three meetings (one public), with suggested programme. Cash was contributed for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

FRONTENAC—Reports a number of Comfort Bags made, but not yet sent, thirty pounds literature sent Miss Sproule, one meeting held with suggested programme. Cash was contributed for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

GRENVILLE—Four Comfort Bags contributed.

GLENGARRY—Mrs. M. Fraser, Lancaster, reports sixteen Comfort Bags, sixteen Testaments, ten letters enclosed. Two Unions carried out suggested programme. Sent twenty-nine pounds literature. Cash was contributed for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

GREY—Reports two Unions carried out suggested programme. Two adopted Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund. Seventy pounds literature sent to Miss Sproule, Lumber Camp Mission Fund. Personal work, wrote local Unions to collect Missionary's salary.

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HURON—Superintendent, Mrs. Bidulecomb, Clinton, reports seven Comfort Bags, nine large scrap books, (made by a lady over 84 years of age). A fine meeting held with suggested programme, 154 periodicals; seventy-six Christian Heralds; seventy papers. Cash sent to Provincial Treasurer.

HALTON.—Reports having carried out suggested programme. Also contributed cash.

HASTINGS.—Reports one Union holding meeting with suggested programme, one public meeting; one Union adopted Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund; forty Northern Messengers and a quantity of literature was sent to the men passing through on the drives; another Union sent a quantity of literature to lumber camps; cash was collected for Lumber Camp Mission Fund. Personal work, sorting and distributing literature.

KENT—Reports three Unions having carried out suggested programme, one public meeting held, four Comfort Bags, four Testaments and letters enclosed; contributed cash for Lumber Camp Mission Fund. Personal work, wrote twelve letters.

LAMBTON—Reports twenty-seven Comfort Bags, Testaments twenty-seven, Bibles ten, papers 1310, magazines sixty-eight, leaflets 219, books sixty-nine, scrap books eleven. Four Unions held meetings with suggested programme; three Unions adopted Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund; one conversion reported by Mr. Leckie of a man in camp through reading "In His Steps." Personal work, wrote thirty-four letters: keep a record of correspondence; visited one Union in behalf of Department.

LINCOLN—Reports four Comfort Bags, four Testaments enclosed; 100 Northern Messengers and Union Signals; one Union held meeting with suggested programme, and cash remitted for Lumber Camp Mission Fund. Personal work, wrote eight letters and cards; collected literature.

LANARK—Superintendent, Miss Lizzie Logan, reports six Comfort Bags, six Testaments and leaflets enclosed; 145 pounds of literature; one Union adopted Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund; one meeting held with suggested programme; cash contributed for Lumber Camp Mission Fund. Personal work, wrote each Union and attended County Convention.

LEEDS—Superintendent, Mrs. Mackie, Athens, reports forty-two Comfort Bags, twenty-one Testaments, with letters and literature enclosed, sixty pounds literature, 795 leaflets; two Unions adopted Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund; one Union held meeting with suggested programme; seven Unions

Contributed cash for Lumber Camp Mission Fund. "Well done, Leeds!"

MIDDLESEX—Reports twenty-four Comfort Bags, twenty-two Testaments, two Bibles, two boxes literature; three Unions held meetings with suggested programme, and one public meeting held; cash contributed to Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

MUSKOKA—Reports four Unions carried out suggested programme; four Comfort Bags, cash contributed to Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

NIPissing—Reports fourteen Comfort Bags, fourteen Testaments and letters enclosed, shipped to Kingston and Connolly's Lumber Camps with 160 pounds literature. One Union carried out suggested programme; cash contributed to Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

NORFOLK—Reports one Union held meeting with suggested programme; contributed cash for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Reports ten Comfort Bags, enclosed ten Testaments, with six letters and literature; contributed cash for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

OXFORD—Reports six Unions holding meetings with suggested programme (three public); one Union adopted Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund; thirty-eight Comfort Bags; six Testaments, one sack literature, sixty pounds literature, three boxes literature.

ONTARIO—Superintendent reports thirty-two Comfort Bags, twenty-eight Bibles and Testaments, 205 pounds literature; two Unions adopted the Ten and Twenty-five Cent Subscription Fund, held two Unions with suggested programme, cash remitted for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

PERTH—Reports twenty-one Comfort Bags, with twelve marked Testaments, nine letters and leaflets enclosed; one Union adopted suggested programme, cash remitted for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

PEEL—Reports twelve Comfort Bags, with twelve marked Testaments, nine letters and leaflets; two meetings held with suggested programme; cash remitted for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

RUSSELL—Rockland Union reports ten Comfort Bags, ten marked Testaments; one Union held meeting with suggested programme; cash for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

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RENFREW—Superintendent, Miss L. Logan, reports fifty-four Comfort Bags, forty-eight Testaments, twenty-five letters with leaflets, fourteen scrap books, thirteen hymn books, eight books, fifteen magazines, 256 religious books and papers, four Unions held meetings with suggested programme, two public meetings were held, cash contributed to Lumber Camp Mission Fund. "Good for Renfrew!"

SIMCOE—Superintendent, Mrs. Scott, Barrie, reports thirty-two Comfort Bags, thirty-two marked Testaments, twenty-three letters enclosed with literature, three Unions held meetings with suggested programme, two public meetings, five Unions have adopted the Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund, cash contributed for Lumber Camp Mission Fund. Personal work, kept record of correspondence, addressed eight local Unions, wrote same for reports, attended County Convention, gave good report, was re-elected.

STORMONT—Reports four Unions held good meetings, with suggested programme, two public meetings, one Union adopted Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund, cash contributed for Lumber Camp Mission Fund, fourteen Comfort Bags, fourteen Testaments, fourteen letters, five pounds literature, one parcel literature.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Superintendent, Mrs. Jennie Christie, reports five Unions holding meetings with suggested programme, thirteen Comfort Bags, ten Testaments, five letters and literature enclosed, 12957 pages literature, four hymn books, one copy of Sheldon's books, four parcels literature, four scrap books, one parcel containing Testaments, hymn books, papers, liniment, etc., cash remitted for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

WENTWORTH—Superintendent, Mrs. Anna Smith, Hamilton, reports five Unions having held meetings, with suggested programme, (two public), cash contributed for Lumber Camp Mission Fund, fifty-two Comfort Bags, fifty-two Testaments, twenty-five letters enclosed, five leaflets in each, fifty-five pounds literature, fifteen magazines, and several books sent Miss Sproule. Personal work, wrote fifteen letters and cards, collected forty-two Comfort Bags, wrote each Union for reports, sent good report to County Convention, held Parlor Meeting, urging all the Unions to send letters, Testaments and good literature.

VICTORIA — Reports twelve Comfort Bags, twelve Testaments and literature in each, 125 pounds literature, cash collected for Lumber Camp Mission Fund.

WELLAND—Reports having remitted cash towards Lumber

Camp Mission Fund; Comfort Bags were sent to sailors and fishermen; lumbermen's work will be taken up next year.

WATERLOO — Superintendent, Miss Cantt, reports four Unions having held meetings with suggested programme, (two public), cash remitted to Lumber Camp Mission Fund, thirty-seven Comfort Bags, thirty-seven Testaments and thirty-five letters, one bale clothing, 130 pounds literature, (three sacks.) Personal work, wrote to all the Unions for reports, sent annual report to County Convention.

WELLINGTON—Reports four Unions having held meetings with suggested programme, one adopted the Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund, Lumber Camp Mission Fund, four Comfort Bags, four marked Bibles, one roll literature with each, five Testaments, six letters, three hymn books and 160 pounds literature.

SUMMARY.

Thirty-nine Counties have reported as follows :

Total number of Comfort Bags made and sent out.....	613
Bibles and Testaments enclosed.....	528
Letters enclosed.....	336
Number Unions holding meetings with suggested programme.....	75
Public meetings held.....	28
Pounds of literature.....	1,952
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Papers.....	2,308
Books.....	210
Leaflets.....	1,719
Pages literature.....	13,858
Hymn books.....	23
Magazines.....	412
Scrap books.....	39
Rolls of literature.....	9
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Boxes ".....	5
Sacks ".....	4
Box of clothing for the poor.....	1
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Number of Unions adopting the Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Mission Fund.....	25
Total number of Unions heard from.....	168

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PERSONAL WORK.

Wrote to County, Local and District Superintendents 153 letters and cards; sent out forty-six circulars, twenty-eight programmes and instruction for workers; re-mailing and re-shipping mis-directed supplies; attended Bruce County Convention on behalf of Department.

If the Superintendents would only please try and remember that supplies or money should not be sent to me, time and money would be saved that are now lost in rectifying this error.

Cash received from Berlin, \$1; Glencoe, \$5; Boston, \$1, which was promptly remitted to Provincial Treasurer.

SUGGESTIONS.

Your Superintendent would suggest that more Unions adopt the Ten or Twenty-Five Cent Subscription Fund, also the use of the printed programmes. The best meetings and largest subscriptions, on the whole, come from Unions carrying out those two suggestions.

Some Unions have taken, with good results, an advanced step by holding a meeting with our programme in Young People's Societies. The more knowledge given on this department, the greater the interest taken.

We would urge County Superintendents to gather up the Annual Reports from the local Unions, enclose in one packet and send to Provincial Superintendent. A few have done this, but not many.

GLEANINGS FROM REPORTS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

Much faithful labor has been performed by our distributing Superintendents during the past year. Mrs. Mackie, of Athens, Mrs. Maybee, of Belleville, Mrs. Sharpe, of Lindsay, have collected money for the Lumber Camp Fund, and received supplies for the lumber camps. In receiving such supplies our Superintendents are supposed to examine and see that the contents are in a fit condition for the camps. One large bale is made and shipped with as little delay as possible; others despatch in small parcels as they arrive. Mrs. Chapman, of Wiarton, who has for many years been giving such loving service by forwarding to the camps all along the Bruce peninsula was obliged to tender her resignation on account of ill-health. Mrs. (Rev.) Carson, of Lyons Head, has been appointed in her place to take charge of

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Mrs. M. A. Scott, of Ottawa, is now in charge of a portion of Mrs. Mackie's district, who has supplied the firms of Messrs. J. R. Booth and W. C. Edwards.

Mrs. Mickle, of Gravenhurst, sends her supplies direct to the camps, fourteen in all.

Mrs. John Leckie, with an assistant, oversees the supplies sent to Huntsville, which is taken to the camps by our mission ry, whose heart is often cheered by the result of perhaps the reading of a book placed in a Comfort Bag, another soul brought to Jesus; and again he sits by the dying bed of a sinner saved by grace, who sang with his last breath, "Saviour, pilot me."

Oh what a privilege to be able to send a gleam of sunshine into the lives of those men. Twenty thousand of them were reached by Mr. Leckie during the past year. A camp of French Roman Catholics was visited by Mr. Leckie, who were glad to hear the gospel temperance message, and to whom he distributed four hundred prayer sheets and seven hundred gospels in the French language. Miss Sproule, our lady missionary, has also reached many in both destitute settlements and mining camps. Thousands more can be reached. May we be faithful unto death, and we shall receive a crown of life

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MISSIONARY WORK-IN ALGOMA.

AGNES SPROULE, Superintendent.

Miss Sproule opened her report by expressing deep regret that circumstances made it impossible for her to attend the Convention, and hoping that the gathering might prove a mile-stone in the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

PERSONAL WORK.

FIRST TOUR.

On the way home, after the Guelph Convention, nearly four weeks were spent on the eastern part of my field. Nineteen places were visited, twenty public meetings held, one Union organized and two Youman's bands formed. The places visited were all along the main and branch lines of the C. P. R. A warm welcome was extended to me wherever I went and the work was much enjoyed. The greatest hardship endured on this tour was want of rest, so much travelling had to be done by night. I spoke in all kinds of places, once in the home of French Roman Catholics, and once in a waiting room at the station. There was an average attendance of over forty, the majority of whom were men. As the villages in this section are mere hamlets, this attendance was very good. I faithfully tried to sow good seed, and believe the Lord of the harvest will bless it.

THE LUMBERMEN.

Arriving home Dec. 4th I at once began work for lumbermen. Indeed, I had been getting ready by correspondence, etc., before reaching Fort William. Most of the winter was given to advancing the interests of this Department. There were more lumbermen in lumber camps and more miners in mining camps last winter than in any previous one, and there were many hundreds of men in construction camps. My literature ran out, but with what was received from friends in Fort William and others at a distance, I managed to keep going, though unable to take advantage of some promising openings. The supplies were very much appreciated by the men, so much so that a large contribution was sent by the employees in one of the camps, to help me in the extension of the work through the district.

SECOND TOUR.

On May 9th I began the longest of my tours—on the eastern part of the field. The branch line of the C. P. R., from Sault Ste. Marie to Whitefish, was visited, and a week spent in the country, speaking at different places almost every night. The

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roads were rough, and I was very tired—more mentally than bodily—but the work was full of interest and, I trust, of profit.

Then the islands were visited—John's Island, and that on which Spanish Mills is situated; also a Boom Camp on another island, as well as St. Joseph's and the Great Manitoulin. On Manitoulin, not only were the villages on the coast entered, but a week was devoted to the interior, speaking somewhere every night. The addresses given on this trip were largely of a temperance character. The gospel of freedom from the drink curse, and the message seemed to find ready entrance. I trust souls were blessed. Some wonderful experiences, which will always be a sweet memory to me, are connected with the hardest part of this journey.

No Unions were organized. I did not try to form any. The conditions were such, in some of the larger places, that a Union could not have lived. Indeed, one organized last year had already died. Of course I always spoke about the W. C. T. U. and its aims, and am hopeful that the seed sown will some day bear fruit. The Unions on that part of the field were visited and encouraged. Thirty-five public meetings were held in thirty places, with an average attendance of about forty. July 8th found me back again in Fort William.

THIRD TOUR.

The next two months were mainly spent in trying to strengthen work already established, and on September 10th I began my third tour, taking in this time the western part of the district, along the main line of the C. P. R. from Fort William to Rat Portage. Crossing the Lake of the Woods, the settlers along the Rainy River from Beaver Mills to Fort Frances were visited. Then crossing Rainy Lake I called at Mine Centre and some other places in that neighborhood. In all sixteen villages were included in this trip, and fifteen public meetings held. The very unfavorable state of the weather (we had almost continuous rain) delayed me and prevented the carrying out of many plans.

The average attendance at the meetings was about twenty-six. When one takes into consideration the weather, the roads, the distances, and the awful indifference of a great many of the people in these parts, they can but thank God that so many gave your missionary an opportunity to speak to them.

In order to be present, some poor women, not very strong in health, walked miles over roads that I am sure many of my sisters would think impassable. Numbers were at the meetings who had not been for months in the house of God. Your missionary

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Mine Centre was the farthest point reached on this tour, and Mine Centre is said to be, by the people who live in it—and I verily believe them—the worst place in Canada. I was told that there was not a single professing Christian there, and I heard and saw more of evil in my three day's stay amongst them than one usually hears and sees in a three year's residence in a place of its size. The young Presbyterian minister, who has lately gone there, needs our prayers and sympathy.

Besides the public meetings held, I attended the annual meetings of the Unions at Beaver Mills and Fort Frances, and was delighted with the work done by both Societies, especially with that at Beaver Mills. At the Fort Frances annual meeting nine of the principal men in the community joined as honorary members.

Just six weeks and two days were spent on this tour, home being reached October 23rd.

I do thank God for all the opportunities vouchsafed me to speak for Christ and Temperance, and to point sinners to the Savior. Even in the most trying hours and darkest places, wonderful encouragements came to me.

SUMMARY.

The best part of this work cannot be put down on paper.

During the year I have sent out 475 letters, 125 postal cards, 5,700 papers, and about 6,000 tracts, 200 books, 157 New Testament portions—French and Italian—164 Comfort Bags. About 400 people, grown up and children, have signed the pledge. One hundred and thirty days were spent on tours, during which about 660 homes were visited in sixty-five different places. Seventy meetings were addressed, at which about 2,725 people were present. Travelled about 3,500 miles. Besides this I have addressed Public and Sunday Schools, met with the Unions, and in every way possible tried to extend the work. My special thought during the year has been for the children, whom I have everywhere endeavored to influence.

THE NEEDS OF THE WORK.

I wish it were possible to convey to my sisters of the Ontario Union some idea of the size of the field that has been committed to my care. Its great lakes (the greatest in the world) with their many lines of steamboats; its more than 1000 miles of railway

already constructed, and another great route, besides shorter lines, in process of construction. Its scattered people, dwelling in camps and mines, many of whom have no connection with the outside world except by stage lines, running over terribly rough roads, or by canoe or dog train. Its large tracts of farming lands, its construction and lumber camps, and its people, of all nations, make a picture that, for extent and variety, cannot be surpassed on this continent and perhaps not on any. There are material inducements to lure all kinds of people here. But of religious privileges there is a saddening scarcity. One's heart almost fails them as they look forward to the future. What is our country coming to? Vice, sin and utter indifference seem to be holding high carnival. The farther away a place is, and the harder it is to get at, the worse it seems to be. No distance is so great, or road so rough, but strong drink and "the woman whose house is the way to hell," manage to make the journey. Of course all the district is not like this, but the utter indifference of a large proportion of the people to God's house, God's day or God's claims, and the amount of drunkenness prevailing, largely because there is no place but the hotel to go to, is simply appalling. Children brought up in homes where God is not known and without Sunday School or other privileges such as throng the pathway of the juvenile population in more favored parts, are open to every temptation. God help them! One young minister told me how glad he was to see me, for I was free to visit amongst the people which he dare not do, unless he was sure that all the inmates were at home. Such is the immoral character of the residents in some of the more remote places.

I have tried this year to cover as much as possible of this vast district. Much of it is still untouched. Two long tours, one in the winter and one in the summer, would be the best method of working the territory. In the winter the places along the railway lines could be visited, and the camps and mines entered on foot or by sleigh. In the summer the boats make settlements on river and lake easily accessible. If the Missionary was living in the center of the field, four short tours, instead of the two long ones, would be preferable, giving opportunity for rest, and the accomplishment of the many other forms of service besides travelling that have to be done between times on a field like this. The very hottest part of the summer could then be spent at home.

There are some places to which a man could go that a woman could not, but it is also true that a woman finds access to the homes as a man could not. To really work this district as it should be worked, would take more money than has yet been appropriated to it. Travelling is expensive. Clothing suitable to the country and the seasons would cost a good deal. The travel-

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ling expenses of your Missionary this year were \$106.75. Of this \$75.35 was paid by the people of Algoma, and \$31.60 by your Missionary out of the \$200 you gave her for her year's work. But she cannot, in justice to herself and the other members of her family, do this again. If the ladies of our Unions will double the amount allowed Algoma, and are willing that the scattered people shall contribute their little toward the expenses of travel, as they have done this year, the outlook would indeed be promising. Satisfactory results cannot be attained short of this. The country is opening out very quickly, and the need is very great. The work is of God, your Missionary loves it, but she cannot do it without your help.

MR. LECKIE'S REPORT.

MISSION WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN.

I am just as happy over this year's work as ever, indeed, even more so, for has He not given us abundant proof of the results of our labors, and for the future we are most hopeful? It is true there are many drawbacks, for instance the long distances to be travelled. The nearest camp to Huntsville in winter is twenty-six miles, while some are two hundred miles distant. We can only carry a certain amount of supplies, which necessitates our return to Huntsville after a few camps have been visited.

One of the bright spots in our work throughout the year was the organization of a Methodist church, with an attendance of about seventy. They are raising enough money among them to warrant Rev. Mr. Locke to take them on as a station in his district. We are most thankful that another church has been established, where scattered families may meet to hear God's Word expounded and His praises sung.

Then I would like you to know that we have almost completed the organization of a Y. M. C. A. in Huntsville, for mill hands and our own lumbermen. I have succeeded already in getting a pledge of \$1,000 for this work. We purpose having a reading room, parlor, baths, gymnasium, office, &c., and are hopefully looking forward to the accomplishment of much good work for God and humanity through this agency.

As to our own immediate work among the lumbermen, they give us a cordial welcome to the camps, and gratefully receive the Comfort Bags, literature, &c. As in the past years, we have not been left without evidences that the Lord was graciously owning and blessing the work performed for His dear sake. We have

been privileged to comfort sorrowing hearts, and we trust bring hope and light to some who were dwelling afar from Him, but have now been brought into the liberty of free-born sons of God.

SUMMARY.

No. of meetings.....	300
" camps served.....	210
" leaflets distributed.....	30,000
" Bibles and Testaments.....	700
" song books.....	900
" scrap books.....	100
" bales of clothing.....	3
" pounds of newspapers and magazines.....	2,545

Mr. and Mrs. White sent \$20 worth of clothing as a personal gift. Heard from 398 Societies.

PERSONAL WORK.

No. of letters and cards written.....	380
" miles travelled.....	2,800

SCHOOLS OF METHOD.

MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, Superintendent.

One has said, "Today is the heir of yesterday, and the tator of tomorrow." We inherit life as our ancestors left it, and shall pass it on to the coming generation, refashioned according to our ideals, be they good or ill. The thought is freighted with motives for self forgetting service. Put in Bible words, we have the old familiar text, "None liveth to himself."

This Department is the forge where white ribbon weapons are modelled and edged, and where white ribbon women are taught to make the most of their talents and opportunities, that they may live for the future, in the fullest and best meaning of that thought.

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COUNTY REPORTS.

ALGOMA—Though unorganized, has held one school, the Unions of Fort William and Port Arthur participating. Eleven subjects were taken up, two question boxes answered and a drill given.

BRANT—One partial school; three subjects, a question box and three drills.

BRUCE—One partial school; three subjects, a question box and two drills.

CARLETON—One partial school; one subject with lengthened discussion.

DURHAM—One partial school; one subject and a question box.

ELGIN—Partial County school; four subjects. One local school; three subjects and a question box.

ESSEX—Held one partial school; three subjects and a question box.

GREY—Has not been able to hold a school this year.

GLENGARRY—One partial school; two subjects, two question boxes and two drills.

GRENVILLE—Held one partial school; three subjects, one question box and two drills.

LANARK—Department not taken up.

HALDIMAND AND NORFOLK—Held a joint Convention and partial school, at which there were seven subjects and a question box.

HURON—One partial school; four subjects.

KENT—One partial school; four subjects and two question boxes. Three local schools with eleven subjects.

LINCOLN—No reply.

LAMBTON—One partial school; two subjects; one question box and two drills.

LEEDS—County President does not understand Department. Returned questions unanswered.

MIDDLESEX—County President removed from County before

Convention. County Corresponding Secretary arranged partial school; two subjects and a question box.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Held one partial County school; one subject, a question box and a drill. Held also a local school on narcotics.

ONTARIO—Held one partial school; three subjects, a question box and a drill.

OXFORD—Held both a full and a partial school; nine subjects; two question boxes and two drills.

PERTH—Held one partial school; four subjects, a question box and a drill.

PEEL—No school. Hopes to do better next year.

RENFREW—Forms returned unfilled.

SIMCOE—Held one full school; seven subjects and a question box. Also four local schools, taking up five subjects.

STORMONT—Held one partial school; two subjects and a question box.

TORONTO—Held one full school, taking up eight subjects.

WENTWORTH—Partial school; five subjects, one question box and a drill.

WELLAND—One partial school.

WELLINGTON—Has never taken up the Department.

WATERLOO—Held one full school; nine subjects and two question boxes.

YORK—Held two full schools; seven subjects, two question boxes and two drills.

SUGGESTIONS.

No. 1. Experience is an unrivalled teacher. Sometimes she turns our golden theories to dross, while she pares and polishes the crudest of our ideas into forms of value, if not of beauty. Let me illustrate. We prepare an elegant School of Method programme. As we contemplate it our heart swells with happy anticipations of pleasure and profit to the workers and work. But the five-minute papers run over their appointed bounds and double themselves; the ten minute topics each take, without leave or license, an additional slice of time, and so it goes. When we are about two-thirds through our bill of fare, with the best wine left

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Afterward we remember, with indignation, how we hesitated as to whether we would give Mrs. A. nine minutes or ten minutes, and she actually took twenty. What was the matter? The lack of a bell and timekeeper. Such comparative trifles! But upon their presence or absence has hinged the delightful success or dreary failure of many a school programme. No school is prepared for satisfactory business without them.

No. 2.—Reporting is a subject that this year should be taken up by every school. The new Department report forms are not yet thoroughly understood. They have demonstrated their superiority over former methods of report gathering, but they fail, of course, when the local President does not understand their use or value, and neglects to have them filled in and forwarded to the proper parties. Then some County Superintendents have not yet fully comprehended *their* part in the carrying out of the scheme, either as it relates to County or Provincial Conventions, or their own account of personal work. Last year very few of the County Superintendents' blank forms were returned. Perhaps there may be a better showing this year. A three-minute paper, at County Convention, would clear away a good many cobwebs of misconception and let in the needed light.

No. 3.—And here is a suggestion, already occasionally, but not commonly, used, that should be given a fair trial, that its merits may speak for themselves. Instead of having a topic taken up by one woman in a ten-minute paper, let two give it in five minute papers, or three, in three-minute papers. If possible assign each a special division, or view, of the question to be elucidated.

The benefit of this method is the variety in manner of treatment, growing out of the differences in experience. Have the discussion after the two or three papers have been read.

No. 4.—At the risk of being voted a woman of one idea, I must again beg the County Presidents to bring the Educational Half-Hour before their workers. Business meetings, devoid of interest to any but those intimately concerned in the business, will not draw out the members, and this is why some Unions, with large membership, have small average attendance to report. Unless the exercises are helpful in some form, those who belong to the W. C. T. U. because some one asked them to join, and not from an intelligent and burning desire to destroy the licensed liquor traffic, will become part of the army of stay-at-homes.

Perhaps they can be relied upon for a cake if a festival is on foot, but they are worth little more than that to our cause, and all because the opportunities to enthuse and educate them have gone unimproved. You will find this topic on our Provincial School programme.

No. 5.—You may consider the further request, not to omit the consideration of the duties of local officers and local and County Superintendents, another chestnut, but until the W. C. T. U. Millenium arrives, some phase of this multiform topic will be a necessary part of a model school programme.

No. 6.—There is a matter of moment and of common interest that I have never yet seen upon a school programme, viz., our powers and privileges under the Ontario License Act. The Act can be obtained free from Mr. J. K. Stewart, Provincial License Inspector, Parliament Bldgs., Toronto. It is not difficult to understand, and every Union should possess a copy.

SUMMARY.

Wellington and Renfrew have never taken up the Department. Grey, Lanark and Peel have done so up to this year, but report no schools for 1900. No reply was received from Lincoln. The remaining Counties, twenty-six in number, have held seven full, twenty partial and nine local schools, at which were given 127 papers or addresses, twenty-two question boxes and fifteen drills. Narcotics and Franchise were the topics that appeared to be the most popular.

CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES

In the early part of the year your Secretary wrote the Sons of Temperance, Good Templars, Royal Templars and other Societies, asking their co-operation along the lines of Franchise and Cigarette evil especially.

A letter received from a council of R. T. of T., asking for information in reference to our plans for the prohibition of Cigarettes, was answered, and the Secretary was instructed to write our Superintendent, Mrs. Waters, for definite plans.

In June the church conferences of the Province were greeted by Mrs. Gordon Wright, who asked for co-operation, especially by resolution re the Canteen.

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MISS HELENA H. WILEY, Superintendent.

When your Superintendent resumed this work at last Convention, it was with the determination to make it a success as far as she was able, and so place this Department where it belongs—at the very top.

We thought to take for our motto "Excelsior," but how true the adage, "Man proposes, but God disposes." Owing to unforeseen circumstances in my home, which are known to many of you, I have not been able to spend the time on the work which it requires.

I have thought it wise to make this little explanation, and trust that you may find a Superintendent who will interest the workers and make the Department a success.

ALGOMA—Two Unions took up work in this Department, and 125 bouquets, thirty texts, fifty books, twelve articles of clothing, were distributed. Thirty signatures to the pledge obtained, and \$1 25 expended.

BRUCE—Six Unions reported work done: 241 bouquets, 216 texts, twelve quarts canned fruit, eight glasses of jelly, two dozen eggs, six dozen oranges, one dozen bananas, two pair of chickens, five pints unfermented wine, 301 visits and \$6.61 expended. Paisley writes; "Besides loving service given, our President collected and shipped a box of clothing to sufferers of the Ottawa fire." Walkerton supplied ten poor families with food and clothing.

DURHAM—Two Unions took up the work. Fifty-eight bouquets and fifty-eight texts were distributed.

ELGIN—Four Unions reported from this County: 273 bouquets, thirty-two texts, thirty-four pecks fruit, sixteen quarts canned fruit, jellies, no account kept; two dozen oranges, two and one half dozen eggs, one and one half pounds butter, one pound tea, twenty quarts milk, sugar, four loaves bread, three bottles of medicine, 106 articles of clothing, three quilts, 117 visits, besides articles of clothing for the Hull sufferers. Dainties for the sick and potted plants of which no account had been kept

595 visits, twenty-three dozen eggs, twenty-six dozen oranges, eighty-two visits to institutions, eighty-one articles of clothing, twenty quarts of milk. Receipts \$10.75, expended \$15.35. Alvinston devoted an evening to the programme and carried flowers which were tied into bouquets, one of which was taken by each member present to some sick or sorrowing one, a scripture text accompanying each bouquet. The Superintendent of this Union says: "Many times this year have we seen the invalid's face light up at the sight of flowers carried to them, and many expressions of gratitude have we received. Several assured us that the texts have been a help to them; one lady said, 'Those flowers and that text came to me in my hour of greatest need, and those words, 'All things work together for good,' were a soothing balm to my fevered brain.'"

LANARK—Five Unions have reported. Three hundred and seventy-one bouquets, 328 texts, 462 pages of literature, twelve books, 113 quarts canned fruit, 102 pecks fresh fruit, seven and one half dozen eggs, fifteen dozen oranges, five pledges, 254 visits to homes, \$16.31 received and \$38.25 expended, 311 articles and two bales of clothing. Almonte clothed five children and sent them to the Orphans' Home at Ottawa, also distributed fifteen loaves of bread, four quarts of milk, one pound of tea, two and one-half pounds of butter, \$1 worth of knitted goods and four rolls of linen. Smith's Falls clothed one family, held special meeting, clothed one little girl, sent one box of magazines to the Hospital at Ottawa and one crate to Brockville Hospital, also distributed three bags of potatoes, sixteen baskets provisions, 189 pounds of provisions and three plants, besides other items. Carleton Place sent three cases of clothing to Ottawa fire relief, two blankets and one quilt, four dresses, ten pairs of stockings, six pairs of boots, two complete outfits for infants, and distributed twelve baskets provisions, twenty-five miscellaneous articles, as mits, jackets, pillows, &c. Lanark clothed two families, and Playfair distributed vegetables, meat, fowl, milk, grapes, &c., to the sick.

LEEDS—Reports have been received from five Unions; 245 bouquets, 212 texts, 138 pages of literature, fourteen quarts canned fruit, five pecks fresh fruit, one pledge, eighteen visits to homes; receipts, \$12; expended \$10.94; eleven articles of clothing.

MIDDLESEX—Three Unions in this County took up the work; 255 bouquets, thirty texts, twenty books, forty-seven quarts canned fruit, thirty-eight pecks fresh fruit, thirty-one dozen eggs, sixty pledges, sixty-five visits to homes and five to institutions, twenty pounds of honey, five gallons milk, butter, unfermented wine. Two scrap books were made for the Children's Hospital in London.

NORTHUMBERLAND—One Union reported; four bouquets, two texts, 600 pages literature; fourteen quarts canned fruit, one peck fresh fruit, two dozen eggs, three dozen oranges, 185 visits, \$2.25 expended, twenty-five articles clothing, eight loaves of bread, one box biscuits, four dozen cookies and buns, ten quarts milk, one quilt, one pair blankets and three cords wood.

ONTARIO—Six Unions reported; seventy-two bouquets, 187 texts, 100 pages literature, forty quarts canned fruit, twenty-eight pledges, twenty visits to private homes, five visits to institutions; received \$6.04; expended \$1.94; twelve articles of clothing, fifteen dressed dolls, 100 cards, toys, quilts, &c.

OXFORD—Six Unions took up the work; 410 bouquets, 117 texts, seven quarts canned fruit, four dozen eggs, two dozen oranges, 184 visits to private homes, one to institutions, \$3.88 received and \$3.61 expended, ten articles of clothing. In addition to this Tilsonburg distributed two and one-half quarts cream, six jars jelly and two cans unfermented wine. Norwich distributed two pounds butter, two dozen bread tickets, four pots jelly and eighteen pounds of sugar. Tilsonburg "Y" distributed three cups jelly and three dozen cookies.

PEEL—Two Unions reported; thirty-five bouquets, thirty-five texts, five books, three dozen oranges, one dozen lemons, jellies, cakes, sandwiches, given to the sick; a New Year's donation to the Girls' Shelter and to the Home for Incurable Children, consisting of eleven quarts canned fruit, one bag potatoes, one bag apples, three and one-half pecks fresh fruit, oatmeal, quilts, &c.; twelve homes have been visited and \$3.10 expended.

RUSSELL—One Union reported; ten bouquets, fourteen texts, one dozen oranges, nineteen visits to private homes, nine articles of clothing, one barrel of clothing sent to the Doukhobors, three quilts and \$5.00 to the Girls' Shelter, Toronto, and \$10.00 to the India Famine Fund, bread, soups and delicacies sent to poor people who were sick. The Secretary of this Union, (Rockland Y) writes that the Superintendent of the Department was very ill, consequently the report is not as complete as it should be.

RENFREW—Five Unions took up the work; 175 bouquets, 139 texts, fourteen quarts canned fruit, two dozen eggs, two dozen oranges, 145 visits to homes, \$6.90 expended, twenty articles of clothing. Besides the bouquets, fruit, etc., Pembroke distributed sixteen tumblers of jelly, two parcels fresh meat and soup, one cake, one basket provisions, four bottles grape juice and one pan of bread. Cobden distributed several articles, but did not keep any record. Arnprior distributed groceries, bread, cake, vegeta-

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STORMONT—Two Unions reported; 651 bouquets, 246 texts, six quarts canned fruit, one visit to home, twenty-seven to institutions, 75 cents expended. A number of cakes, etc., etc., were sent to the St. Paul's Home.

SIMCOE—Four Unions take up the work in this County; 275 bouquets, 172 texts, seventy-two pages of literature, five quarts canned fruit, twenty pecks fresh fruit, six dozen eggs, five and one-half dozen oranges, 125 pledges, forty visits to private homes and one to institutions, \$3.35 expended, 133 articles of clothing. Alliston distributed one pine apple, five baskets grapes, one dozen peaches, bread and buns, fish, gruel, soup, raspberry vinegar, one bag potatoes and vegetables. Bradford distributed five pints broth, one pound butter, two yards flannelette and one pint soup.

TORONTO—Seven Unions took up the work; 4,574 bouquets, 4,555 texts, 5,186 pages of literature, forty-one quarts canned fruit, one and one-half pecks fresh fruit, eleven dozen eggs, sixteen dozen oranges, 716 visits to homes, seventy-six to institutions, \$380.81 received, \$380.81 expended. Central "Y" contributed the material for Christmas dinners for seventy families; three quilts and other clothing sent to the Ottawa fire sufferers. Western Union provided twelve Christmas dinners. Youmans Union gave six Christmas dinners, two quarts fruit and groceries to the Shelter. Bathurst Union provided a cripple with crutches, and assisted a family to return to England.

WENTWORTH AND HALTON.—Two Unions reported; forty-six bouquets, twenty-one texts, 200 pages of literature, nine quarts canned fruit, one dozen oranges, 281 pledges, forty-six visits to homes and two to institutions, ten parcels of clothing, valued at \$32; fruit, cake and turkey sent to the jail for the aged and infirm; three public prayer meetings and three cottage prayer meetings held. The Superintendent says, "Our bouquets, with Scripture text and little white bow tied on the left hand corner, in every instance have been very helpful and always appreciated."

WATERLOO—Six Unions have done work in this County; 243 bouquets, 169 texts, thirty-eight quarts canned fruit, sixteen pecks fresh fruit, three dozen eggs, two and one-half dozen oranges, fourteen visits to institutions, \$2.75 expended. Berlin distributed eight baskets of cut flowers, and Galt twelve bottles grape juice and eight baskets of food.

WELLAND—One Union heard from; five bouquets, five texts, twelve quarts canned fruit, one dozen oranges, twenty

visits to private homes: clothing to the amount of \$5 has been given away, also fruit and other articles of which no account has been kept.

YORK—Ten Unions reported; 1909 bouquets, 1063 texts, 232 quarts canned fruit, 122 pecks fresh fruit, forty-eight and one-half dozen eggs, fourteen and one-half dozen oranges, 214 articles of clothing, 1780 pages of literature, sixty-three visits to homes and 172 to institutions, \$43.42 expended. In addition to this Sutton distributed three loads of wood, one bag flannels, one basket clothing, one quilt, four bags potatoes, four pies, nine pounds butter, fifteen meals to tramps, thirteen pounds meat, 50 cents, two dishes broth, one plate biscuits, and paid travelling expenses of one poor woman. Keswick distributed three dozen cakes, one basket provisions, two pies, one overcoat, two bundles clothing, peaches and grapes to a sick woman. Weston distributed fifteen pounds butter, twelve pounds tea, eighty-nine pounds sugar, fifty-five pounds meat, five pounds rice, seven pounds barley, twenty-one pounds rolled oats, four pounds lard, two pounds coffee, 225 pounds flour, 200 pounds crushed oats, half pound mustard, three and one-half pounds dried fruit, two and one-half tons coal, three geese, two ducks, one box biscuits, one pair boots, two cords wood, eight pies, three pecks potatoes, one gallon coal oil, eleven bars soap, one woollen quilt, eight loaves bread, ten quarts milk, seven meals, three pounds candy, half dozen bananas. Stouffville, two barrels apples, one pair chickens, one pound butter, seven and one-half pounds beef, one pine apple, six bananas, twenty-four loaves of bread, one quart tapioca, five pairs boots, one pair hose. Schomberg distributed two plants in bloom, twenty-one pints of milk and some honey, dressed one child comfortably, and sent one barrel of clothing to Muskoka. Richmond Hill has four books in circulation. East Toronto distributed five pounds grapes, three roasts of meat, three baskets food, one coat, and gave sixteen meals to tramps. Toronto Junction, four quarts milk, three loaves bread, two pies, twenty lunches to tramps, eight quarts grape juice, 50 cents worth of toys to Sick Children's Hospital, twelve glasses jelly, five glasses marmalade, two pounds jellied turkey. Newmarket distributed three pounds biscuits, three pounds tea, one glass marmalade, two quilts, three cakes, fifty meals to poor, thirty-two quarts milk, one buffalo robe, eight loaves bread, five pecks potatoes, one clock, and nine pies. Belhaven, twenty-seven baskets of vegetables, Christmas dinner complete to two families, eight quarts soup, five quarts cream, fifty-five pounds flour, twenty-four loaves bread, three cakes, eighteen pounds fresh meat, fourteen pounds salted meat, two baskets provisions, and two quarts milk.

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SUMMARY.

From the foregoing we gather the following summary :

Counties heard from	27
Number of Unions taking up the work	101
Number of bouquets distributed	11,039
Number of texts	8,662
Pages of literature	9,399
Books	112
Quarts of canned fruit	809
Pecks of fresh fruit	449
Dozens of eggs	153½
Dozens of oranges	120½
Pledges	277
Visits to private homes	3,544
Visits to institutions	645
Receipts	\$450 54
Expenditures	\$560 26
Articles of clothing	1,247
Loaves of bread	218
Pounds of meat	152½
Pounds of flour	280
Quarts of milk	120
Glasses of jelly	97
Pounds of butter	32
Pairs of chickens	13
Pounds of honey	20
Baskets of provisions	33

Under the miscellaneous column comes the amount of groceries, vegetables, wood, coal, cakes, pies, puddings, &c., of which no estimate can be given.

SUGGESTIONS.

I.—We repeat the suggestion of a year ago, "That every County and Local Union be urged to appoint a Superintendent of this Department."

II.—We would like to recommend some more perfect method of reporting, but have not been able to see clearly what to suggest. Some of our county Superintendents do not find the forms prepared by the Dominion Union, which we now send out, very helpful. It would, perhaps, be well to know how many Superintendents endorse the form, and find whether a better way could be introduced.

III.—That as the number of texts reported is far short of the number of bouquets distributed, we recommend that in every case

a text accompany the bouquet. A very beautiful and appropriate form of text is the "Fern Messages."

CURFEW BELL.

MRS. S. G. E. MCKEE, Barrie, Superintendent.

Notwithstanding the unfortunate misrepresentation of this Department at the Guelph Convention, there has been more than ordinary interest manifested in the subject of ringing a bell to call children off the streets. Ministers at Sunday School conventions, teachers and municipal officers have been bearing testimony to the value of this ordinance. It is coming to be universally recognized as a good thing. Like every other effort to benefit mankind and destroy the works of the Devil, its friends meet with opposition and discouragement, but we who labor must neither faint nor grow weary, but believing firmly in the righteousness of our cause still persevere, watching for the "due season" when we shall reap.

Early in the year your Superintendent sent out her annual circular. To this were received seventy-two replies. Thirty-four of these were from Unions in towns and villages where the Curfew is an established fact, and is looked upon as a useful and very successful means of benefitting child life. Of the remaining thirty-eight, several have had the by-law, but for want of a little care it has been allowed to drop. Others say their Councils are opposed to the measure, and in many cases where the Union worked hard to get petitions signed, and the public were very generally in favor, the Council ignored the petition and ordered it laid on the table, or gave it a six months' hoist.

To the party of the first part, let me say that it is only a culpable negligence on the part of the friends of this measure that would allow it to become a dead letter. The means for enforcement are in the hands of Christian men and women, and they are responsible for their disuse. Let them remember their duty.

To those of the second part, let me say that they also have a remedy in their hands, because the Council that would table a petition of the majority of the ratepayers should take what modern politicians call a landslide, that is, more properly speaking, a swift toboggan slide out of office on 1st of Jan. I have yet to see or hear of the municipality that could not do it if the women worked as they should at the election.

In conclusion, I would add that the city that adopts and faithfully executes a Curfew by-law will reap a golden harvest. The

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moral tone of the community will be greatly elevated; the work of the philanthropist lessened, and the cost of maintaining vicious and criminal classes greatly reduced. A Curfew ordinance will not accomplish everything, but, if its adoption and enforcement saves even a fair proportion of the children from a wasted, vicious and criminal career, it is surely worthy of consideration.

ORGANIZATION.

MISS CHARLOTTE E. WIGGINS, Superintendent.

About three years ago the voice of the Lord sounded on my ears, calling me to service of which I little dreamed. After some months of prayerful thought and preparation, the work was entered upon in September, 1898. Since that time I have travelled constantly, striving to build up our beloved White Ribbon cause. Often I am asked if I like my work, and if I find it easy. I hardly need to tell you that I love it with my whole heart, and would willingly sacrifice my all for its interests. No work, however, is easy work that attacks people's habits, society's customs, and the laws upon the statute books. To be away from home and dear ones so much is a heavy cross. Yet the heaviest cross of all is to listen to the despairing words that come from White Ribbon lips: that in our community it is no use to do anything. So often these words have almost dimmed my own faith in God, in the work and in humanity. that I fain would leave such hopeless work, but when I lift my heart in prayer and ask: "What will Thou have me to do?" the voice that never fails to answer, whispers: "Have not I commanded thee? be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Do you wonder then that I can look away from the human discouragements and say in quiet content:—

"I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord,
Over mountain, or plain or sea;
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

You will pardon so much of a personal word, but I am so often asked these questions, when there is no opportunity to explain, that I desire to take this one and to assure you, that however hard my task may be, I am content to fill the niche of service God plans for me.

During the two years I have covered the Province of Ontario pretty thoroughly, working in every County except three—Carlton, Dundas and Peel.

My work consists of giving such instruction and inspiration as is possible, to enable the women to do their work better, delivering lectures, answering question boxes and conducting Parliamentary Drills. I have visited sixty five Unions during the year, and twenty-six places with no organization. Organized eleven new Unions and re-organized two others. The number of members added to the roll at the meetings were 229 members and seventy-five honoraries. In the new Unions the number enrolled was 126 members and twenty-five honoraries, making a total of 355 members and 100 honoraries. I attended five County Conventions during the year, and re-organized one County Union. I delivered 214 addresses, and wrote 779 letters and 279 post cards.

Mrs. Brownell's planning has relieved me of a great deal of anxiety this year, and given me the opportunity to do better work in other lines. The County Presidents have been helpful in their plans previous to the Lecture tour. For the hospitality of White Ribbon and Christian homes, I am grateful. I desire also to acknowledge the wise counsel and many suggestions of our beloved Provincial President.

The financial returns for this year were not as large as last year. There were sixteen Unions that paid the fee, and at thirty-seven places the collection was less than five dollars. In two or three cases where organization was the purpose of the visit, the collection did not cover travelling expenses, and in one case I stayed a week at a place, addressed five meetings, and re-organized the Union, and they did not offer me any money, not even my travelling expenses. I regret that there was a deficit in salary of \$75. This is accountable by the small collections at a number of points, and also by the fact that this year I had to pay full rates on the railroad, while last year they gave me a two cent a mile rate. Then several places cancelled engagements after they were made. Another reason was that so many Unions gave so much money to the Patriotic and other funds they had none left for regular W. C. T. U. work.

SUGGESTIONS.

1.—That local Unions be urged to keep their work more before the public, by public meetings, as this is a most important means of securing that sympathy by which a Union extends its work.

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3.—That just as good care be taken to make it a financial success as possible, but that finances should not be the measure of the meeting's success. Many Unions consider a good public meeting a valuable investment for their funds. As a rule a public meeting to educate people to more active interest in the Temperance reform should not be considered a means of making money for W. C. T. U. work.

LECTURE BUREAU

MRS. M. M. BROWNELL, Toronto, Superintendent.

Have arranged meetings for Miss Wiggins during the year in twenty different Counties. Letters were written to several Unions in other Counties, but they received no response. During illness in the early summer Miss Wiggins arranged her own work in several other Counties.

As a rule the response to letters and circulars has been encouraging. Many places have been written to where we have no organizations, and in some of these ministers and others have opened the way for public meetings, and in some, new Unions have been organized.

In some places where Unions have been small, and the officers find it hard to keep up the interest in the work, they are afraid to undertake public meetings for fear of failure in attendance and finances. I would like to encourage weak Unions to make an effort in this respect, as they will find the assistance of the Organizer invaluable to themselves, and an inspiration and education to those whom they wish to reach. In a number of instances where Miss Wiggins visited Unions, they have written how much they appreciated her visit and the help given, and they hoped to do better work in the future.

A great difficulty in the work of this Department is the delay in replying to correspondence, sometimes waiting two, three or four weeks, even though a reminder had been sent. A post card to say a letter had been received and would receive attention at once, would often relieve a good deal of anxiety.

In arranging a tour it is very important that dates should be

sent out in good time, so that every place may have sufficient time to publish meetings and arouse interest. Delay in correspondence sometimes makes this very difficult.

Your Superintendent has written 598 letters, 292 post cards and sent out 788 circulars, including Press notices.

THE FRANCES WILLARD HOME FOR GIRLS OF TORONTO W. C. T. U.

N. E. COR. ELM AND TERAULAY STREETS,

District President—Mrs. E. A. Stevens, 200 Cowan Ave.
Secretary—Mrs. J. M. Redmond, 190 Cowan Ave.
Assistant Secretary—Miss Harris, 15 Bismarck Ave.
Treasurer—Mrs. May Fletcher, 1424 Queen St., W.
Authorized Collector—Mrs. Wrigley, 293 King St., W.

This has been a year fraught with care and sorrow to so many members of the Board, that we fear the goal in view at the beginning has not been reached. We have no doubt the many recent appeals for money, or its equivalent, for the Red Cross Society, Indian Famine Fund, etc., have interfered with the contributions to our work. Yet, notwithstanding all these, the total results are most encouraging.

We are so glad, too, that at last the District consented to have the name changed. Although we tried to make plain the true character of the home, it has been generally misunderstood, and so many were of the impression that the "Shelter" was a "Refuge" that the change was imperative.

Our Home is still doing a good work, it is becoming better known and its influence is extending. During the year just closed 159 girls have found there the protection and advantages of a Christian home. A helping hand extended, the word of wise counsel and advice given, situations found, principally that of domestic servants, by the matron, and through her influence sick ones have gained admission to the hospital and others sent home to friends. Ethel Burke, one of the little deaf and dumb girls, was in the Home during the holidays again this summer. The average time of the girls in the Home has been only two days.

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The thought came to us, that a little information of the real practical work done in the Frances Willard Home, would be more interesting to you, than to read the number of Board meetings, letters and cards written by the Secretary, or even the total amount expended. So by way of illustration:

A.B.—Her parents dead, she was kept by one and another for the work she could do from the age of 13 years until she came to the Home, February, 1897, in such a destitute condition, that we had to provide her with clothing of all descriptions. Placed her as a domestic, was scarcely competent to retain such a position any length of time, but has been eight months in her last situation getting \$10 a month.

C.D.—Degraded through drink, of a respectable family, a married woman, and our Home is for girls, but we would be false to our motto, "For God and Home," if we refuse to reach a helping hand to any in distress, so none are denied. Part of her expenses were paid by a private individual. She remained in the Home for seven weeks under medical treatment to cure the appetite for strong drink. Went from the Home in July, 1898, clothed in her right mind, has been doing well ever since, earning her living in a neighboring city, and keeps up a correspondence with Mrs Crawford, the matron.

E.F.—Working in the city three years, when changing places made the Home her home, is now married and willing to help in the work.

G.H.—No home in the city, was brought to the Home from one of the city missions, had vowed to make away with herself. A pass was procured from the city authorities and she was sent home to her mother.

We could give you many similar instances, but these will suffice to give you an idea of the work going on from week to week. The Home is practically supported by voluntary contributions, and sometimes the financial responsibility rests heavily on the Board of Management, therefore we are deeply grateful and tender our sincere thanks to those who have assisted us in the past,

and rest in the belief that you, with others, will continue to do so, neither do we forget to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for His kind care and over-ruling power.

MRS. J. M. REDMOND.

Happy-Hearted Childhood

"Children are love's flowers to brighten the world." Wise parents should see to it that their children are provided with foods that will lay a foundation for a long and healthy life. Injudicious treatment of children's dieting is frequently the cause of disease and suffering in after life. Parents should give a fair and conscientious trial to our **GRANOSE** and **GRANO-LA**, which physicians recommend as the best health foods made. Coffee and tea should be dispensed with, their place filled by **CARAMEL CEREAL**, a healthful and palatable drink. We have hundreds of testimonials from parents showing what our foods have done for their families.

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Reports of Committees.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Your Committee recommends :—

1. That \$4.00 per week be allotted for stenographer's salary.
2. That an allowance of \$50.00 each be made the President and Vice-President, and if this amount be found insufficient, that the matter be left with the Sub-Executive.
3. That the Corresponding Secretary be allowed \$100.00.
4. That an allowance of \$20.00 each be made the Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
5. That the Recording Secretary receive \$20.00 for preparing the Annual Report.
6. That the Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary each be provided with a telephone.
7. That County Presidents in organized Counties be allowed the actual expenses incurred in endeavoring to organize Unions, and a sum not exceeding \$2.00 for incidental expenses specified to Provincial Treasurer.
8. That a salary of \$400 be allowed Miss Sproule, and that she be permitted to receive collections at suitable times to defray expenses. A statement of such to be given to Provincial Treasurer.
9. That Mr. Leckie's salary be \$500 per annum.
10. That the Superintendent of the Lecture Bureau Department receive \$25.

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RESOLUTIONS.

OUR POLICY.

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our policy as total abstinence for the individual and legal Prohibition for the state. Also that prohibition of the liquor traffic is the W.C.T.U. and God-ordained plan of campaign, not only for Canada and the United States, but for every land upon which the sun shines. That while there may be many intermediate steps of a educational character leading up to the final goal, each National Union Auxiliary to the World's Union should not only hold this as their faith, but fearlessly proclaim it as the ultimate object of all their labor.

FRANCHISE.

Whereas, A large number of the Christian citizens of this country are debarred from a share in the government of the country, and while, not deemed responsible beings as regards the making of laws, yet are amenable to all the consequences of breaking these laws; and while the making of homes, the bearing and training of children, entitle them to have a voice in making the laws which govern them, they are yet shut out by prejudice and custom from this privilege;

RESOLVED, That we never cease systematically to agitate and educate the law-makers to remove this injustice and enact laws giving equal suffrage and equal justice.

Whereas, We believe that there is not *now*, and never *will* be, a political issue of any kind before the people of this country so necessary to the well being and prosperity of its inhabitants, as the total prohibition of the liquor traffic,

RESOLVED, That we declare our *intention* and *purpose*, and *pledge ourselves*, to give our Temperance and Prohibition principles the first place in our politics, leaving every other question, whether of party or policy, to secondary consideration.

Whereas, We had reason to expect from the Dominion Government a prohibitory measure for those Provinces which gave a large majority in its favor, and whereas every man of the 98, who by supporting Mr. Parmalee's amendment said, "We will not give this country even partial prohibition."

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RESOLVED, That we endorse and commend to our workers throughout the Province, the Petition movement of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, aiming at legislation for Ontario similar to that which has recently been enacted in Manitoba and Prince Edward Island; and that we will cooperate with and assist them, wherever possible, in their efforts to obtain Provincial Prohibition.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, In 1887 the W.C.T.U. of Ontario, in accordance with petitions circulated among the people, and presented to the Government by them, secured the enactment of certain Educational Regulations, making compulsory the teaching of the nature of stimulants and narcotics and their effect upon the various parts of the human body, in the public schools of Ontario, and authorizing a text book for use in such teaching.

And Whereas, A committee appointed by the Public School Department of the Ontario Educational Association has recently reported to that body, a recommendation apparently involving the setting aside of the authorized Text book on Physiology and Temperance, and requiring no Entrance examinations, nor even a teacher's report of the pupil's standing in this subject.

Therefore RESOLVED, That we enter our most vigorous protest against the proposed change for the following reason: That without a Text book providing an authorized course of study, and without examinations or teacher's report of the pupil's standing, while the pressure of examinations on other subjects continues, this whole subject would inevitably lose its significance in the curriculum of study, drop out of sight, and the law which makes its teaching mandatory, be practically nullified.

Further RESOLVED, That we declare our unyielding faith in the practical, good results of this Scientific Temperance Institution law, where the subject is properly taught, and appeal to the Minister of Education and to the teachers to retain the present Regulations or to prescribe such new ones as will secure to Physiology and Temperance a permanent place among the foundation studies in our public schools, and with such equipment and tests for both teacher and pupil as will render the teaching most effective, according to the original intent of the law.

Whereas, Example is a potent educator always,

RESOLVED, That we protest against anyone, whose personal presence reveals the fact of his indulgence in strong drink or tobacco, by the odors exhaled about him, should ever enter the schoolroom as a teacher of youth.

THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Whereas, At public examinations of young people, students in our educational establishments, a lamentable ignorance of the Bible is betrayed.

RESOLVED, That we do earnestly ask that the teaching of the Bible be made a compulsory branch in all Protestant schools throughout Ontario.

ANTI-TOBACCO.

Whereas, Notwithstanding the efforts of philanthropists, the teaching of Scientific Temperance, the Societies organized by the W. C. T. U. and other agencies, the habit of cigarette smoking and the tobacco nuisance generally is fast becoming a curse, rivalling in extent that of the liquor traffic, and is engaging the attention of legislators and humanitarians generally, not only because of its physical effects, but especially its degrading influence on the morals of youth and the weakening of mental power; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we leave no effort untried that will help to overcome this evil, pledging ourselves by influence and precept, and by every other agency at command, to counteract this evil, and we call on our brothers in Christ to eschew and discountenance this deplorable habit which is helping to ruin our Canadian youth.

Whereas, In the Mail and Empire of October 19th, an extract is found from a speech by Col. Peters, given on Thanksgiving Day, wherein he advocates target practice on the Sabbath for the militia, calling it a sacred duty, &c.,

RESOLVED, That on behalf of our sons we protest against this abuse of the sacred hours of the Lord's Day, and affirm our right to assert, that as we have trained our sons to keep the Sabbath, no orders, either civil or military, should be allowed to destroy the effects of that training, or endorse what we believe to be unquestionably a sinful suggestion and a direct violation of the explicit law of God.

SOLDIERS.

Whereas, The production in Parliament of the Canteen correspondence; the conviction this summer of a London canteen manager, together with press admissions and comments, have abundantly proven the charges made to the Department of the suppression of the prohibitive regulations relating to canteens, and justified the demand for their enforcement.

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RESOLVED, That while rejoicing in the improvement easily discernable at the camps of 1900, we must still call the attention of the Department to the fact that liquor was sold in the canteens, and that, though the canteen proprietors are enrolled volunteers, so far as could be ascertained, none of them were punished for disobedience to orders. Further, that so long as the money realized from the canteen goes to supply delicacies for the officers' mess, and so long as canteen privileges are sold, for a large sum, to liquor men, who could scarcely hope to recoup themselves without the profit to be made on beer, there is little likelihood of an honest administration of the Anti-alcoholic regulations.

Whereas, It is a cause for deep sorrow that a tide of excessive militarism has surged over our country during the past year, which we fear will leave its marks of moral devastation for a long time to come, and

Whereas, The clashing of arms from nations in conflict, and the groans of suffering, dying men, slain by their fellows, are even now reverberating round the world,

RESOLVED, That we declare our adherence to the principles of peace, that we reassert our conviction that all international disputes should be settled by arbitration instead of arms, and that we pray and work for the bringing in of that time, when the nations of the earth shall learn war no more.

Whereas, We believe that preparation for home making ought to be a part of our educational system, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we endorse and encourage, so far as we can, the plans of the Canadian Economic Association for the improvement of home life and the education of home makers.

PLAN OF WORK.

DEPARTMENTS.

EVANGELISTIC.

Whereas, We greatly fear that our Unions, both County and local, have devoted too little time to prayer, which is the Christian's mightiest weapon against his Lord's enemies, and

Whereas, We have reached a point in our history where, if we do not betake ourselves to our knees, we are likely to miss

the Divine call to arms, to jeopardize our cause, and lose our strength as workers

Therefore Recommended, That in the local Unions our devotional exercises frequently take the form of prayer and consecration services, at which specific subjects for prayer are suggested, minute prayers requested, and personal testimonies given, and where the Bible reading is confined to the quotation of one or two promises to be used as a basis for prayer.

Further recommended, That every County Convention arrange for one or more such prayer services, planning for them as carefully as for any other item on the programme.

ANTI-NARCOTICS.

The W. C. T. U. has rarely undertaken petition work, the need for which was so universally acknowledged, as the attempt now being made to banish the cigarette

Resolved, That the enterprise of our Narcotic Superintendent in providing us with a score of new leaflets containing Canadian figures and opinions, is heartily approved. And

Recommended, That we take advantage of this unrivalled opportunity to sow the Province with telling literature, and thus deepen the antagonism to this vicious habit.

Further recommended, That petition work go steadily forward until the signature of every organization and prominent person that can be secured has been obtained.

FRANCHISE.

Recommended, That our campaign for woman suffrage be persistently continued.

1st. By distribution of literature.

2nd. By promoting the discussion of the subject in our own Society and every other, where opportunity opens the door.

3rd. By presentation of our petition to the Ontario Government, during the year, the manner of its presentation to be arranged by the Provincial officers and Provincial Superintendent of Franchise.

4th. That a campaign of letter writing to the County and City M.P.P.'s and the Premier, be initiated at the time of the Petition presentation, requesting their vote in favor of the extension of suffrage to women.

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5th. By educating both men and women to a higher conception of the responsibilities of the ballot, as a weapon that cannot be bought or sold, but must be used to accomplish the true purposes of Government.

PRESS.

Whereas, This potent educational agency is seldom used as intelligently and faithfully as it should be.

Recommended, That our Provincial Superintendent endeavor this year to keep in close touch with her County workers, writing them suggestive letters, once in two months, and thus establishing a kind of *Press Agency* through which facts may be disseminated all over this Province.

Recommended, That local Superintendents be again urged to utilize the Department circulars, and be especially requested to keep the Anti-cigarette campaign before their readers.

UNFERMENTED WINE.

This Department has for years received scant attention, and yet its work is fundamental to the temperance reform, for until the church realizes its error in representing the blood of Jesus by the world's greatest curse, it cannot stand four-square to the enemy. Therefore:

Recommended, That we ask our Unions, County and local, to make this winter a systematic and persistent educational campaign against fermented communion wine, by means of literature. That Mrs Beatty's leaflet (which gives the Ontario status of the question) be accompanied always by another presenting the arguments in favor of unfermented wine, and that these two be placed, as far as possible, in the hands of every one of the one thousand Ontario ministers who still cling to the theory that the presence of alcohol is necessary to the proper observance of the Lord's Supper.

Recommended, That every County Union be requested to appoint a County Superintendent of this Department, whose duty it shall be, not only to stimulate the work in the local Unions, but to endeavor to reach churches in sections yet unorganized by the W.C.T.U.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Realizing the inefficient work that must follow the efforts of a Superintendent who does not practice what she is trying to teach,

Recommended, That all Superintendents of this Department be practical exponents of the cause they represent.

Recommended, That, as there is difficulty in ascertaining the ground upon which our women are standing in regard to the question of systematic giving, and the indefiniteness of many reports in regard to the number who are practically systematic givers,

Recommended, That a "Tenth Honor Roll," containing the following pledge: "In Christ's name I will lay aside not less than one-tenth of my income for sacred purposes. It shall be hallowed unto the Lord, and shall not be appropriated to any common use," be placed in each local Union for members to sign. At the close of the year the number of systematic givers to be counted from this roll and forwarded to Provincial Superintendent for report.

Further recommended, That each Society devote one educational half-hour to the topic of "Bible Methods of Giving," interspersing the exercises with earnest prayer for God's blessing upon Union funds.

ORGANIZATION.

Recommended, That last year's plan of organization be endorsed, and that Miss Wiggins be re-engaged, and that we urge upon all Unions the importance of securing Miss Wiggins' services.

Recommended, 1st.—That local Unions be urged to keep their work more before the public, by public meetings, as this is a most important means of securing that sympathy by which a Union extends its work.

2nd.—That Unions should advertise their meetings more thoroughly, and personally work for a good attendance by enthusiastically talking it up.

3rd.—That just as good care be taken to make the meetings a financial success as possible, but that finances should not be the measure of its success. Many Unions consider a good meeting a valuable investment for their funds. As a rule a public meeting to educate people to more active interest in the Temperance reform should not be considered a means of making money for W. C. T. U. Work.

4th.—That County Presidents be urged to push into new territory and organize new Unions.

5th.—That all our Unions plan for an extension of Membership.

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SCHOOL OF METHODS.

Whereas, Our Report Forms do not seem to be generally understood by our workers.

Recommended, That each Union hold a local School of Methods for drill on the Report Forms of each Department of work taken up in that Union.

RAILROAD WORK.

Believing that literature is as much needed among railway employees in the isolated northern districts as among lumber camps, recommended that where possible literature be furnished.

JUVENILE.

Recommended, That County Superintendents write personal letters to every local Superintendent or Union, setting forth the great opportunity given them for the doing of *telling* temperance work on behalf of future generations. Work that will endure for ages.

Recommended, That whenever possible County Superintendents visit every Union in their County, and by personal touch with the workers, endeavor to impress them with the importance of this Department and to so enthuse them that they will prosecute it more assiduously in the future.

Recommended, That local Superintendents make use of the circular sent out to them. Very few reported having used the circular this past year. Also that every local Union organize the children in their respective communities in some form or other.

Believing that the facts and figures contained in the Provincial circulars ought to be given the widest publicity,

Recommended, That as far as practicable the exercises be introduced to Young Peoples' and Womans' Missionary Societies, Sabbath Schools, etc., especially those bearing on narcotics, cider, and systematic giving.

SAILORS.

Recommended, That local Superintendents keep a correct record of what is done. A very little extra trouble in this direction would make the reports much more gratifying to the Provincial Superintendent and all interested. The Labrador Mission is commended to the Unions as a worthy object for their sympathy and support. Clothing for this mission should be sent the last week in April to the following address: Miss Greenshields, Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, c/o. of Y. W. C. Association, 18 Elm street, Toronto.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

Throughout our Province this Department has this year advanced greatly in the favor of our workers, because it enables them to present to the home makers the claims of the various reforms in which we are interested.

Recommended, That every Union have at least one such meeting during the year, giving the programme a Social Purity, Narcotic, Scientific Temperance, or Household Economics trend, and that literature in accord with the topic be distributed.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

In view of the imminent danger threatening our Department of Scientific Temperance, we ask our workers to see that resolutions protesting against its removal from the School Curriculum, be passed wherever practicable, and sent to the Minister of Education, and especially should those resolutions be brought into Teachers' Associations and discussed, approved and passed on to those in authority.

Recommended, That we set our faces determinedly against the use of all medical mixtures containing alcohol, and recommend for consideration Mrs. Allen's book, "Alcohol a Dangerous and Unnecessary Medicine."

W. C. T. U. MISSIONARY WORK.

With thankfulness we record our gratitude to God for His blessing upon the White Ribbon work in lumber, construction and mining camps, and that he has opened the hearts of His people to contribute of their substance to the support of this much needed form of Missionary effort, and

Recommended, That we continue to reach out after these homeless and much-tempted men, opening doors of opportunity with our Comfort Bags, and entering them by the personal appeals of our missionaries and literature.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

As the future success of our work depends on the training of our young women, and realizing that their intelligent interest would do much to mould sentiment against the crying evils of intemperance, tobacco and impurity,

Recommended, That we give more active thought and work to enlisting their sympathies, and that we strive to secure the young women as members in the "W" Union, calling them a "Y" committee where no "Y" Union seems practicable.

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PREAMBLE.

We, the Women of the Province of Ontario, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and danger of, and commiserating the misery caused by the liquor traffic, believe it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extermination.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, on this the 24th day of October, 1877, unite ourselves together for the following special objects, and to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Ontario.

OBJECTS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

To heartily co-operate with other temperance societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other society or association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

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

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

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), together with the County or District Presidents (who shall also be Vice-Presidents of Provincial Union), and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Board, with full power to control and provide for the general interests of the work.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. These officers, with the exception of County or District Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected on the third day of the annual meeting, and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the greatest number of votes cast; except where one nominee shall receive three quarters of the vote cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 3. Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the officers, including Presidents of organized counties, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

INEFFICIENCY.

SEC. 4. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable to perform effectually the duties of her office or department, the office or Superintendency shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the Sub-Executive.

ARTICLE III.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board for the speedy transaction of business, with power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year; three of whom shall form a quorum. This committee shall meet at such time and place as the President may direct.

ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP.

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ARTICLE V.

AFFILIATION.

Each local Union shall contribute to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of twenty-five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE VI.

LIFE MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Any person may become a life-member of Provincial Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$25.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. Any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and paying the sum of \$1 annually.

BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at annual meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee; and perform all duties pertaining to her office.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President, in case of illness or death of the President, shall perform all duties pertaining to her office.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and in organized counties shall send to the County or District Corresponding Secretary, not later than September 1st, yearly blank forms for reports of Local Union, and from information thus received shall summarize her Annual Report. Where no County or District Union exists she shall send blank forms to the Local Unions. She shall provide a directory of Unions for Provincial Report.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Union. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive and Sub-Committee meetings and shall send to each member of said committees proper notice of such meetings, and designate in said notice the topics which are to be specially considered at the meetings. At the first session of each annual meeting she shall call the roll of delegates; she shall read the minutes of all the sessions of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting, and all papers ordered to be read. She shall apprise committees of their appointment at the first session of each annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof, properly audited, at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills

except on orders signed by President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate two weeks previous to the annual meetings.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS.

SEC. 6. Each County or District President in organized counties shall visit the Unions of the county or district in which she presides, and shall secure the organization of new Local Unions. The annual County or District meeting shall be held, where practicable, not later than September 30th. In unorganized counties she shall, in addition to visiting Unions and forming new societies, seek to organize unorganized counties; a sum not exceeding \$5 annually shall be allowed her for expenses by the Provincial Union. Any city having an affiliated membership of 300 may, by adopting the County Union Constitution, become a district Union with all the privileges and responsibilities of a County Union.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 7. Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their Departments, and shall make known the same to the County or District Superintendents of their departments, through whom they shall receive reports of local Superintendents. In unorganized counties they shall send direct to Corresponding Secretaries of local Unions; they shall annually, when the interests of their departments require it, send circulars, plan of work, blank forms, petitions, etc., which have previously been submitted to the Sub-Executive of Provincial Union, to County and District Superintendents. They shall have power to name a committee from the local Union or member of Provincial Executive resident in their own district, to call upon influential bodies when the interests of their department demand it. All necessary expenses shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8. Necessary expenses of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board in travelling to and from the annual meeting and special meetings, also for postage, stationery and printing, shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 9. The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall govern the Union in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Union.

CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting.

COUNTY OR DISTRICT CONSTITUTION.

PLEDGE.

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OBJECT.

The object shall be to strengthen the Local Unions, and assist them in carrying out the plans of the Provincial Union, and to arouse the women of the county or district to an organized effort for the banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (except the Auditor), together with the Presidents of the Local Unions (who shall also be *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents) and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Committee, with full power to provide for the interests of the work. In District Unions, Secretaries of the Local Unions shall be members of the Executive. The officers, with the exception of Local Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditors, shall be elected at the annual meeting and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 2. Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the County Sub-Executive and the Presidents of the Local Unions, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

INEFFICIENCY.

SEC. 3. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable to perform energetically the duties of her office or department, the office or superintendency shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the Sub-Executive.

ARTICLE III.

SUB-COMMITTEE.

The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, for the speedy transaction of business, with power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year, three of whom shall form a quorum. The Committee shall meet at such a time and place as the President shall direct.

ARTICLE IV.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board and one delegate for every five paying members of each affiliated Local Union.

This meeting shall be held not later than the 30th September, if possible, in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The President and the Corresponding Secretary of a County or District Union, with the President of the Union where the meeting is to be held, shall be a Committee of Arrangement, selecting topics for discussion and devising means to make the meetings interesting and profitable.

ARTICLE VI.

AFFILIATION.

Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the County or District Union at the rate of five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the County or District Union.

ARTICLE VII.

LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a life member of a County or District Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$10.00; also any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and paying the sum of \$1.00 annually.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

(a) The President shall preside at the annual meeting and meeting of Executive Committee, and may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of that committee when such are required; visit the Unions in County or District, and organize new Local Unions. She shall also perform all other duties usual to such office.

(b) The Vice-President shall preside at the meetings in the absence of the President. She shall also, when required, assist the President in organization and general management of the work.

(c) The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Union. One month before the annual meeting she shall send blank forms to the local Corresponding Secretary of each Union for their report, from which she shall prepare her report for County or District Union and Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

At the close of the annual meeting she shall provide a printed or written directory of each County or District and Local Union officer and Superintendent.

A copy of this directory shall be sent to the Provincial President and Corresponding Secretary and all Provincial Superintendents of Departments; also to the President of the County or District, and each local President, Corresponding Secretary and Superintendent within the County or District. She shall notify County or District Superintendents and Committees of their appointment.

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(d) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of County or District Unions. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee, and shall send to each member of the Committee notice of its meetings.

At the first session of each annual meeting, she shall read the minutes of each session of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

(e) The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed account thereof at each annual meeting.

She shall not pay any bills, except on receipt of written order from the President and Recording Secretary.

She shall collect all unpaid *County or District affiliation* fees before annual meeting, and endeavor to secure contributions for County or District Union work. She shall also forward to the Provincial Treasurer the yearly Provincial affiliation fees received from Local Unions.

(f) Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their Departments, and shall make known the same to Local Union Superintendents, from whom they should secure, as far as possible, returns for County or District Union reports, all necessary expense to be borne by the County Union. These in turn shall be given to Provincial Superintendents, from which they may make up complete reports for Provincial Union. The County or District and Local Superintendents of any Department *shall form a Committee* to carry on its work when united action is essential.

(g) The Executive Committee shall appoint special committees, and in case of vacancies Superintendents of Departments.

(h) The expenses of the five general officers in travelling to and from meetings of the Union, also for postage, stationery and President's expenses in visiting Local Unions, shall be paid from the funds of County or District Union.

(i) This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Provincial Union, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting of the Provincial Union.

LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SEC. 1. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of ——— Auxiliary to the Ontario Provincial W. C. T. U.

OBJECT.

SEC. 2. The object of this Union shall be to meet together for prayer and conference, to educate public sentiment to the standard of total abstinence, to train the young, save the inebriate, to secure the complete extinction of the liquor traffic, and to enter into any Christian work to which the Lord may call.

PLEDGE.

SEC. 3. I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled fermented and malt liquors (including wine, beer and cider) as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the pledge, and by the payment of sixty cents per year. Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge, and by the payment of a fee, the amount of which shall be settled by each Union. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of members except the vote and holding office, except in "Y" Unions, where the honorary members may be given the privilege of the vote, but they shall not be eligible to office or as Delegates to Provincial Convention.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents (one for each church where practicable), a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), with the Superintendents of the different Departments, shall constitute the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members shall then proceed to vote for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except when one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot. The Superintendent of departments shall be nominated by the Sub-Executive (including the Vice-Presidents), and elected by the Union. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 2. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable properly to perform the duties of her office or department, the office or Superintendency shall be considered vacant. Should the retiring member be an officer, the Union shall elect her successor; if a Superintendent, the Sub-Executive shall nominate and the Union elect.

ARTICLE IV.

AUXILIARYSHIP.

Each Union shall pay to funds of Provincial Union, through the County or District Treasurer (in organized counties) the sum of twenty-five cents per paying member, and to the County or District Union the sum of five cents per paying member, yearly. This amount to be taken from the membership fee. In unorganized counties this sum shall be sent direct to the Provincial Treasurer.

ARTICLE V.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Local Unions shall be held early in September for the election of officers and Superintendents, also for delegates to County or District Union and Provincial annual meetings. At this meeting

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BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the organization, and to supervise its general interests, and she may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

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

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and to report to the Corresponding Secretary of the County or District Union yearly on receipt of blank form (having first submitted her report to the Local Union), giving such items of general interest as will enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union. She, with the Recording Secretary, shall also prepare the report for the annual meeting of the Local Union. They shall also, in unorganized counties, prepare a condensed report for the Provincial Convention, sending to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary two weeks before the date of the Provincial meeting. In small Unions, the work of the Secretaries may be done by the Recording Secretary, if desirable.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

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

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all membership dues, and to devise means to increase the funds of the organization. She shall receive and hold all money collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and making a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and the Recording Secretary. She shall forward regularly, in organized counties, to the County or District Treasurer, the yearly fees for the Provincial and County or District Unions.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

SEC. 6. If the demands of the work justify it, there shall be Departments of Work to correspond with the Provincial Departments, and such others as the needs of the locality seem to call for.

DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 7. Each Superintendent of a Department shall avail herself of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in her Department, and report to Superintendent of same Department in County or District Union on or before the 17th day of September.

Where no County or District organization exists, the report should be sent to the Provincial Superintendent of that Department.

MEETINGS.

Sec. 8. The regular meeting of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly, or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting of the month shall be largely a devotional meeting. If possible, mass-meetings shall be held quarterly. The Executive and other committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

QUORUM.

Sec. 9. A quorum shall consist of such members as shall be present at a regular or special meeting, due notice of such meeting being given to the members.

DELEGATES TO PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

Sec. 10. Delegates to the Provincial Union are received on the following basis:—One of each Union and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of each Union. The expenses of general officers and superintendents of Departments, for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling expenses of delegates to annual Convention shall, where at all practicable, be borne by Union sending those delegates.

CONSTITUTION.

Sec. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any Annual Meeting of the Provincial Union, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous Annual Meeting of the Provincial Union.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Devotional Exercises.

Reading Minutes of Last Meeting.

Treasurer's Report.

Unfinished Business.

Reception of Communications.

Reception of New Members and Reading of Constitution.

Reports of Committees.

Reading of Paper on Temperance Question.

Discussion.

Regular Course of Reading.

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Miscellaneous Business.

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MILITARY CANTEENS AT SUMMER CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION.

48. "Nothing in the Queen's regulations and orders for the army, so far as they relate to the establishment of canteens, is to be understood as permitting the sale within the limits of camp grounds during the annual training of the militia of Canada, of spirituous (to include wine) or malt liquors of any kind; their sale within such limits being strictly prohibited.

SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION.

49. Officers commanding camps of instruction will be held responsible that the above order is carried out, and they, together with officers commanding units of active militia, will in those districts where the law so directs, be liable to prosecution, in respect of any liquor sold in tents or other premises subject to their control, in addition to such penalty as may be inflicted for a breach of military discipline."

ACT RELATING TO FAKING AND GAMBLING ON FAIR GROUNDS.

I. The officers of any such Association or Society shall prevent all kinds of gambling and all games of chance at the place of holding the Exhibition or Fair, or within 300 yards thereof, and any Association or Society permitting the same shall forfeit all claim to any legislative grant during the next year ensuing.

II. No person shall carry on or assist or aid in carrying on any kind of gambling or any game of chance at any agricultural, horticultural, live stock or industrial exhibition or fair, or within half a mile thereof.

III. Any person violating the provisions of Section I of this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$20 besides costs, and not more than \$100 besides costs.

SELLING TOBACCO TO MINORS.

CHAPTER 52, ONTARIO STATUTES, 1892.

SEC. 1.—Any person who, either directly or indirectly, sells or gives or furnishes to a minor under 18 years of age, cigarettes, cigars or tobacco in any form, shall on summary conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, be subject to a penalty of not less than \$10 or more than \$50, with or without costs of prosecution, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for any time not exceeding thirty days.

THE CURFEW LAW.

CHAPTER 45, ONTARIO STATUTES, 1893.

31. Municipal councils in cities, towns, and incorporated villages shall have power to pass by-laws for the regulation of the time after which children shall not be in the streets after nightfall without proper guardianship, and the age or apparent age, of boys and girls respectively, under which they shall be required to be in their homes at the hour appointed, and such municipal council shall in such case cause a bell or bells to be rung at or near the time appointed as a warning, to be called the "curfew bell," after which the children so required to be in their homes or off the streets shall not be upon the public streets except under proper control or guardianship, or for some unavoidable cause.

Any child so found after the time appointed shall be liable to be warned by any constable or peace officer to go home, and if after such warning the child shall be found loitering on the streets such child may be taken by such constable to its home.

Any parent or guardian may be summoned for permitting his child to habitually break said by-law after having been warned in writing, and may be fined for the first offence \$1, without costs, and for the second offence \$2, and for a third, or any subsequent offence, \$5.—(Gibson Act).

REGULATIONS WHERE WOMEN ARE EMPLOYED.

CHAPTER 54, ONTARIO STATUTES, 1892.

2. This Act applies to every place of business, whether for the sale or manufacture of goods, or for any other kind of business in which women or girls are employed, and to all rooms and buildings used in connection with or for the purpose of the business.

3. Every building or apartment or place to which this Act applies shall be kept properly ventilated so as not to be injurious to the persons employed therein, and shall have in connection therewith, or within convenient distance and with convenient access thereto, a sufficient number and description of privies, earth or water-closets and urinals for the employees of the business; such closets and urinals shall at all times be kept clean and well ventilated; and separate sets thereof shall be provided for the use of male and female employees, and shall have respectively separate approaches.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS.

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Among the subjects for Form III are "Physiology and Temperance, Conversations on Temperance, the Physical Effects of Intoxicating Liquors, Importance of Exercise."

Form IV. "Physiology and Temperance, Digestion, Respiration, the Circulation of the Blood and the Nervous System, the Effects of Alcohol and Narcotics."

The following is gleaned from regulations for High School examinations: "Physiology and Temperance are compulsory, and shall take rank with other subjects for examinations."

Page 194 Authorized Text Book: "At least one hour per week shall be devoted to familiar conversations with the *whole school* on the effect of alcoholic stimulants, and of narcotics, upon the human system."

LIQUOR CONSUMPTION.

Careful calculations show that the aggregate consumption of liquors in the Dominion of Canada annually amounts to about four million gallons of spirits, and eighteen million gallons of wine and beer, making an annual consumption of a little less than four and one-half gallons per head of the population. This is about equal to one-fourth the per capita consumption of the United States, or one-seventh the per capita consumption of Great Britain.

The annual expenditure for intoxicating liquor by the consumers is estimated at about forty million dollars.

The cost of liquors for one year exceeds the whole revenue of the Dominion of Canada.

The total amount spent in fifteen years aggregates, without counting interest, to nearly \$500,000,000.

This would have defrayed all our cost of government, built our railways, and left us without a shadow of national debt. To all this we must add the incalculable cost of citizens slain, labor destroyed, pauperism borne and crime watched, restrained and punished.

If this waste could be made to cease, Canada in ten years would not know herself, so prosperous and wealthy would she have grown.

LEGAL AND POLITICAL STATUS OF WOMEN.

The only profession now closed to women in Ontario is the ministry.

In the Province of Ontario only, has she full status at the bar. Having all the rights and privileges of a barrister, there is no legal disability to her being a bencher, Queen's counsel or judge.

All women are prohibited from sitting either as aldermen, councillors or as mayors, or as members of either Houses of Parliament, but in Ontario unmarried women may vote at all municipal elections, provided they possess the same property qualifications as men.

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