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*"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ."—1 Cor. xv., 57.*

REPORT OF THE 21ST CONVENTION  
OF THE  
... ONTARIO ...

WOMAN'S  
CHRISTIAN  
TEMPERANCE  
UNION

HELD AT OTTAWA

FROM OCT. 31ST TO NOV. 5TH, 1898

*"Love for God is only a vaporous sentiment, a misty emotion, unless it manifests itself in love for men."—J. R. MILLER, D. D.*

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## Notes of Interest

THE presence of Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, Dominion President, and Mrs. Sanderson, President of Quebec Union and Treasurer of the World's Union, added much to the interest of Convention.

On the first evening of Convention, the President, Mrs. Thornley, was presented with a magnificent bouquet of roses, on behalf of the delegates, by Mrs. Goldie, of Ayr.

It was with much regret the resignation of several of our Superintendents was accepted. Eleven of the departments having changed hands this year—largely because of an overburden of responsibilities.

The numerous changes make it impossible, for lack of space, to mention each separately, but because of the 17 years of faithful service it would not be invidious for us to mention the loss of Mrs. Emma Pratt, Hamilton. Also the change in the department of "Y" work causes us much regret, our earnest and enthusiastic Associate Superintendents, Mrs. Alice B. Reed and Miss Mae Gordon, having requested to be relieved—as Mrs. Reed will shortly remove across "the borders" and Miss Gordon is deeply engrossed in local work.

Sisterly greetings are extended to the incoming Superintendents.

Miss Charlotte E. Wiggins, of Toronto, was appointed Provincial Organizer. Unions fortunate enough to secure her services will find in her a valuable aid.

Lack of space prevents due mention of the many generous and thoughtful attentions offered the delegates by the Ottawa "W's" and "Y's." They make rare hostesses. One incident especially we must mention: Mrs. Asa Gordon, on behalf of the Union, presented the Provincial President with a handsome Sycamore gavel, suitably inscribed, as a souvenir of "our coming of age Convention." The token was gratefully accepted.

to Rosamond Duff. 211 Fern Ave Toronto  
from Mrs Agnes Hunter. Pembroke Ont

"FOR GOD AND HOME AND NATIVE LAND."

Sept 25/31

REPORT  
OF THE  
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION

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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 ; Phœbe 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 influence 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.

4. The first managing officers of the said Society shall be the said Addie Chisholm, of Ottawa, President ; Letitia Youmans, of Picton, Ex-President ; Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton, of Ottawa, First Vice-President ; Mrs. Amelia M. Cowan, of Toronto, Second Vice-President ; Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, of Brockville, Recording Secretary ; Mrs. Mary Wiley, of Richmond Hill, Corresponding Secretary ; Mrs. D. E. Brethour, of Brantford, Treasurer ; and Miss S. Bowes, of Milton, Provincial Organizer.

5. The successors of the said managing officers shall be appointed by the majority of those present at the annual meeting of the Society.

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 Constitution 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 presence of

WILLIAM MUSGROVE (to the signatures of  
Mrs. Tilton and Mrs. Chisholm).

PETER RUTHERFORD (to the signature of  
Mrs. Rutherford).

W. R. BAKER (witness to the signature of  
Mary Wiley only).

WILLIAM LANE (as to the signature of  
Phœbe C. Brethour).

DANIEL McFARLANE (witness as to signa-  
ture of Amelia M. Cowan).

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ROBERTA E. TILTON.

ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD.

MARY WILEY, Cor. Sec.

PHÆBE C. BRETHOUR.

AMELIA M. COWAN.

I, Joseph Easton McDougall, of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, Judge for the said County of York, CERTIFY that the within declaration has been produced before and examined by me, under provisions of R. S. O. Ch. 167, entitled an Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies, and that the same appears to be in conformity with the provisions of said Act.

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

JOSEPH E. McDOUGALL,

*J. C. C. Y.*

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

JOHN F. C. USHER,

*Deputy Registrar.*

PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,

TORONTO, 22nd November, 1892.

I hereby certify the within declaration and Judge's Certificate to be true and faithful copies of the originals filed in this office the 15th January, 1887.

GEORGE HOBBS,

*Pro. Deputy Registrar.*

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Gananoque "Y"	" Lora Acton	" Ina Petch.
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Wood Green	" Wm. Weekes, Glencoe	" L. J. Cook.
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Thorndale	" J. Dawson	" L. P. Griffith.
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Ilderton	Miss Sara Allen	Mrs. A. C. Attwood, Vanneck.
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Ingersoll .....	" T. Seldon .....	" McAuley.
Verschoyle .....	Miss Gertie Bell.....	" Frank Little.
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Tilsonburg "Y".....	" B. D. Livingstone.....	Miss Clara Johnson.
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Otterville "Y".....	Miss B. Fish.....	Miss C. Smith.
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Listowel.....	Miss Edmunds.....	" L. Bolton.
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Mitchell.....	" J. S. Coppin.....	Mrs. Lester.
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Atwood.....	Mrs. John Switzer.....	" Ida Parker.
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Alton.....	Mrs. S. Barber.....	" Janet Dick.
Brampton.....	" M. L. Centre.....	Mrs. R. Patterson.
Caledon East.....	" Sanderson.....	Miss M. Parsons.
Port Credit.....	" Ida Lynd.....	" E. L. Wright.
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Picton.....	Mrs. Sara Branscombe.....	Mrs. (Dr.) Morden.
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Arnprior.....	Miss Gillespie.....	Mrs. S. A. McEwan.
Renfrew.....	" Burton.....	Miss Moffatt.
Jobden.....	Mrs. Thos. Stitt.....	Mrs. J. R. Sproule.
Greenwood.....	" M. A. Hursh, Pembroke P. O.	" E. Whitmore, Alva P. O.
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Pembroke "Y".....	" Agnes Hunter.....	
RUSSELL.....	Mrs. Dora Sproule, Vars.....	
Rockland "Y".....	Miss Pangborne.....	Miss Emily Smith.
South Indian.....	" McMillan, Grant P. O.....	Mrs. E. Church, S'th Indian
Vars.....	Mrs. Sproule.....	Miss Susie Armstrong.
Cumberland.....	" Moore.....	" Marie Byrnes.
Casselman.....	" Armstrong.....	" McMillan.
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Collingwood.....	" H. Birnie.....	" E. S. Aylsworth.
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Minesing .....	" S. Jacobs.....	" J. R. Standen.
Midland .....	" Annie Sirrell .....	" McCallum.
Huntsville .....	" Geo. Hutcheson.....	" Wm. Hutcheson.
Gravenhurst .....	" Mickle.....	" Geo. Robinson, Box 20.
Wyebridge .....	" McRae.....	Miss Lilla Gardiner.
STORMONT.....	Miss J. MacArthur, Cornwall.	Mrs. S. M. Warner, Cornwall.
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Newington.....	Miss M. Dural.....	" M. M. Jardine.
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Aultsville.....	Mrs. N. Morgan.....	" I. F. Mash.
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Central .....	" F. S. Spence, 351 Ontario st....	" C. Robertson, 35 Sussex st.
Western .....	" M. E. Fletcher, 142 Dundas st....	" S. A. Bullman, 127 Givens st.
Parkdale .....	" Boyce, 81 Beatty Ave., (Parkdale)..	" Abercrombe, 17 Cunningham Ave.
Willard .....	" Bastedo, 584 Spadina Ave..	" C. J. Pease, 50 Major st.
Bathurst .....	Mrs. C. Ward, 258 Bathurst st.	Mrs. J. Burns, 366 Bathurst.
Gordon .....	Mrs. Vance, 143 Shuter st....	" (Dr.) Forfar, 212 Carlton st.
Deer Park .....	" E. R. Young, Ave. Rd., Deer Park.	" F. A. Taylor, 66 Woodlawn Ave.
Dovercourt .....	" J. C. Madill, 241 Ossington Ave..	" Dunham, 317 Preston Ave.
Northern.....	" M. Brownell, 33 St. Mary st..	" Campbell, 101 Charles st.
Youmans .....	" J. S. Harris, Davenport P. O....	" Relf, 61 Perth Ave.
Creighton .....	" R. Almond, 36 Olive Av.	" G. Cameron, 190 Ossington Ave.
Eastern.....	" J. McP. Scott, 8 Simpson Ave....	" Anderson, 720 Gerrard st. W.
Central "Y" .....	Dr. Lelia Skinner, 492 Yonge st.	Miss Milgate, 489 Clinton st.
Western .....	Miss Porter, 198 Dundas st....	" M. Pritchard, 136 Dundas st.
Lytle Union.....	Mrs. W. Mills, 574 Ontario st.	Mrs. Cole, 375 Parliament S.
Parkdale "Y".....	Miss Odell, 162 Dunn ave....	Miss Bagshaw, 477 w Marion
Bascom "Y".....	Mrs. Hugh Summerville, 493 King st E.	Mrs. E. A. Callighen, 12 Sumach st.
Dovercourt "Y".....	Miss A. Bowman, 253 Delaware ave.	Miss M. Bowman, 253 Delaware ave.
Northern "Y".....	" L. Harris, 15 Bismarck av	" G. Williamson, 60 Isabella st.
Bathurst "Y".....	" L. Stanton, 341 Bathurst st.	" J. Findlay, 374 Bathurst st.
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Hamilton.....	" J. C. Bale, 255 Victoria ave. N.	" B. Smith, 80 Robinson st
Youmans.....	" Waters, 57 West ave. N.	" Henderson, 88 Merrick st.
Willard (Colored) Central "Y".....	" Crosby, 116 John st. N. " Pratt, 6 East ave. N.....	" Doston, 95 Oak ave. Miss Burrows, 78 Hunter st. W.
Eastern "Y".....	" Gordon, 164 Mary st.....	Mrs. E. Moore, James st. S.
Dundas.....	" Keagey, box 136, Dundas	" W. F. Moore, box 193, Dundas.
WELLAND.....	Miss Lillian Phelps, St. Catharines.....	Mrs. Young, Niagara Falls S.
Port Colborne.....	Mrs. McCullough.....	Mrs. E. Reeb.
Welland.....	Miss A. M. Teskey.....	" O. H. Garner.
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Mt. Forest.....	Mrs. W. J. Gilroy.....	" S. B. Westewell.
Drayton.....	" H. Irvine.....	" W. Farewell.
Rockwood.....	" Harris.....	" Gordon,
Belwood.....	" M. B. Bolton.....	Miss Jessie Vallery.
Palmerston.....	" (Dr.) Forster.....	Mrs. (Rev.) J. M. Aull.
Guelph.....	" Kelly.....	" E. J. Tovell.
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Blair.....	Miss Sara A. McNally.....	Mrs. A. W. Hilborn.
Berlin.....	Mrs. Jos. Bingeman.....	Miss L. Sheppard.
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Oakwood.....	" H. G. Cant, Galt.....	" Grace Lee, Galt.
Preston.....	" J. Hunt.....	Mrs. J. Pease.
Pine Grove.....	" J. Adair, Galt.....	Miss A. F. Shepherd, Galt.
Waterloo.....	" John McNair.....	" Mary A. Brough.
Ayr "Y".....	Miss A. J. Scott.....	" E. Fair.
Roseville.....	Mrs. Beattie.....	" Licht.
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Sutton.....	" J. L. Hagerman.....	Mrs. J. M. Rae.
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Richmond Hill.....	" J. A. E. Switzer.....	Miss French.
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" Binnie..... Cornwall	" Leitch..... "
" Hodge..... "	" J. A. McEwan..... "
" Hastie..... "	" C. McNaughton..... "
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" Armstrong..... "	" Treadrea..... Manotick
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" Morrison..... Dominionville	Mrs. Jardine..... "
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" Hopkins..... "	" D. Porter..... "
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" V. Thompson..... "	" Saxton..... Stratford
" E. Douglas..... "	" Bennet..... Spencerville
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" Mae Gordon..... "	Miss Fricker..... "
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" Odell..... "	" O. C. McDougall..... "
" McElhenny..... "	" A. B. Reede..... Teeswater
" Young..... "	" A. Livingstone..... Tilsonburg
" Borbridge..... "	" A. O. Rutherford..... Toronto
" Kines..... "	" Stevens..... "
" W. L. Scott..... "	" Bascom..... "
" Redmond..... Parkdale	" Brownell..... "
" Gray..... "	" Vance..... "
" Hunter..... Pembroke	" Forster..... "
" Devlin..... Perth	" Greenfield..... "
" McLenaghan..... "	" Ormsby..... "
" Bateman..... "	" Wrigley..... "
" Robertson..... "	" Lytle..... "
" E. A. Scott..... Port Hope	" Duncan..... "
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Mrs. Wilson..... "	" Robertson..... "
" Kenner..... Prince Albert	" Purkiss..... "
" Lynd..... Port Credit	Miss Wiggins..... "
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" J. Coates..... "	Mrs. Sproule..... "
" Wheeler..... Paris	" Beach..... "
" Joshua Murphy..... Renfrew	Miss Rose Lowery..... "
" M. Wiley..... Richmond Hill	Mrs. A. Edwards..... Vienna
" J. Switzer..... "	" W. C. Fraser..... Vankleek Hill
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" French..... "	" M. A. Thorpe..... Windsor
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 Mrs. Mary Sanderson, Pres. Quebec Union and Treas. of World's Union.  
 Mrs. Isaiah Warren, Wheeling, West Virginia.  
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## LECTURERS.

Hon. J. G. Woolley, Chicago.  
 Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw, Philadelphia.

## NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mrs. Acheson, of Goderich, gave notice of motion that she, or some one in her place, would move at the next annual meeting, "That the last clause of Article IV., Provincial Constitution, be altered in such a manner as to leave the date of Convention to be decided by the Sub-Executive."

## MINUTES

—OF—

### The Sub-Executive Meetings

TORONTO, March 26th, 1898.

The Sub-Committee of the Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the residence of Mrs. Brownell, 33 St. Mary street, at 9 a.m.

There were present Mrs. Thornley, President ; Mrs. Cavers, Vice-President ; Mrs. Mary Wiley, Corresponding Secretary ; Mrs. Alice Saunby, Recording Secretary, and Miss MacArthur, Treasurer.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, each member taking part. The entire day was given to the various subjects demanding attention, principally the Department of Work Among Lumbermen, and that question which has agitated our entire constituency, viz., the views of the World's President *re* Prohibition. The result of the discussion on the first point is embodied in the minutes that follow.

Over the difficulty concerning the World's Presidency, almost the entire afternoon session was spent. The gathering resolved itself into a prayer service during a part of the time. The decision reached was that for the present nothing should be done; that further light should be awaited, and every effort made to prevent disunion during the Plebiscite campaign.

The session in London was taken up with arrangements for the Ottawa Convention, the minutia of which need not be repeated here, and a general review of the work.

The following recommendations and decisions were the result of the various subjects discussed.

Recommended, That a permanent missionary fund be established by the Provincial Union.

It was decided that Mrs. Thornley should communicate with Mr. Leckie *re* the advisability of continuing his work until July, in which case it was recommended that an appeal for money to pay the salary be made to the Unions either by a circular letter or through the press.

On motion Miss Phelps' resignation as Superintendent of Colored Work was accepted.

It was decided to take a vote of the full Executive to fix the date of Convention, that it might not conflict with the date of the Sabbath School Convention.

Recommended, That a notice of motion be made at Convention to alter Article IV. in the Constitution in such a manner as to leave the date of Convention to be decided by the Sub-Executive.

ALICE C. SAUNBY, Rec. Secretary.

## INTERIM MINUTES

—OF—

# The Decisions of the Sub-Executive

BY CORRESPONDENCE.

NOVEMBER 20th, 1897.

A petition *re* License Amendments was sent to the Sub-Executive by the Provincial Alliance for endorsation. It was decided that as a Provincial Body it should be signed by the President and Corresponding Secretary.

By vote it was decided to send Mrs. Lytle, of Toronto, a letter of introduction to County Presidents. This was to be used when Mrs. Lytle found herself outside her own district, and in some place where she thought a W. C. T. U. organization might be effected.

Mrs. Brownell, of Essex County, whom Mrs. Maxwell was to see about accepting the Department of Work Among Sailors, declined on the grounds of insufficient health to undertake it in company with County and local duties. Mrs. Eliza J. Lawrence, of Sarnia, was appointed.

It was decided to utilize the Provincial Superintendents' circulars through which to send frequent messages to the local Unions.

JANUARY 27th, 1898.

A petition or communication suggesting improvements in the present management of the Woman's Reformatory, and the appointment of a woman medical attendant, etc., was signed and sent to Sir Oliver Mowat.

A grant of \$10.00 was made toward the running expenses of the National Prohibition Federation, to the formation of which Mrs. Thornley was sent as a delegate by the Brantford Convention.

MARCH 12th, 1898.

Difficulty has for years back been experienced in connection with Sub-Executive Meetings, because our Corresponding Secretary's duties as a teacher prevent her giving any other day of the week to this than Saturday. Not knowing that any change had occurred in this particular, and having been forced to do without her presence altogether at the Sub-Executive, held in the spring of 1897, an Executive vote was taken as follows :

" Shall we open our Sub-Executive in Toronto on Saturday, 26th, and continue it in London Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, March 28th and 29th."

This somewhat unusual method was adopted because the President had to be in Toronto at an Executive of the Dominion Alliance. Miss MacArthur would require to pass through Toronto in order to reach London, Mrs. Wiley is practically in the city, and only Mrs. Cavers, who was not far away, and Mrs. Saunby, would require to take the extra journey. The Sub-Executive thought this advisable in view of the very low travelling rates, and because there were subjects for consideration upon which they earnestly desired the full voice of the Committee. At the meeting it transpired that for the first time it would have been possible for Mrs. Wiley to have gone on to London (where the Executive was really to be held) any day of the week because of the presence in Richmond Hill of a lady teacher, able and willing to supply her place when required.

MARCH 12th, 1898.

The Superintendent of Unfermented Wine having expressed the thought that a small grant of money might be used judiciously in providing literature for clergymen as yet uninterested in the work of the department. The sum of \$5.00 was granted.

The Committee endorsed Miss Wiggins as a lecturer and organizer, and provided her with a letter of introduction, as a worker, to our County Presidents.

The Department of Work among Indians was given a grant of \$10.00 for literature for free distribution among the race.

At request of the Dominion Alliance the names of Mrs. McKee, Mrs. Lynd and Mrs. Waters were added, as additional W. C. T. U. representatives, to attend the important conference of workers called to consider the Plebiscite Bill. It was decided that their expenses should be paid.

Miss MacArthur was chosen to represent Ontario at the Dominion Executive held on May 4th in Ottawa.

MAY 13th, 1898.

Miss Phelps having found it necessary to resign the Superintendency of Work Among Colored People, Mrs. Livingstone, of Tilsonburg, and Mrs. Ribble, of Dresden, were chosen as associate workers in this department.

JULY 7th, 1898.

In view of the responsibilities attendant upon the careful distribution of our Plebiscite Funds it was considered wise to have an Advisory Committee. The Committee was appointed as follows: Mesdames Maxwell, Bascom, Gordon and McKee.

Mrs. Edwards, Superintendent of Work Among Indians, was authorized to receive of Plebiscite Funds a sufficient amount to send leaflets to be distributed by the missionaries to all Indians able to read them.

Also the Associate Superintendents of Work Among Colored People were recommended to receive a grant from Plebiscite Funds, that a good supply of literature might be disseminated through the ministers to the various colored settlements.

JULY 20th, 1898.

After due consideration it was decided to use Plebiscite Funds to pay for a span of horses to be used with the Gospel wagon, that by means of Mr. Leckie and fellow workers literature might be scattered.

AUGUST 5th, 1898.

An effort was made to secure Mr. Spence's services for Plebiscite work through a number of villages and towns in Algoma. As remuneration for his services would be very small it was decided to supplement the collections from Plebiscite Funds. However it was found on application that Mr. Spence had decided to remain in central Ontario until the end of the campaign.

It was decided in case a lady from Ottawa could be secured to go through Russell County for her travelling expenses or thereabouts to do Plebiscite work, it would be wise to secure her, using Plebiscite Funds for the purpose.

AUGUST 13th, 1898.

As there was a good opening in the northern part of Essex for the distribution of French literature it was decided to purchase \$5.00 or \$6.00 worth to be distributed sometime during the campaign.

Having heard from Mrs. Ashcroft, of Purple Valley, in the North Bruce Peninsula, that nothing was being done through the scattered hamlets of North Bruce to prepare the people for the Plebiscite, and having received Mrs. Ashcroft's offer to distribute literature through the postmasters of the section, it was decided to expend \$10.00 or \$15.00 in this way.

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SEPTEMBER 29th, 1898.

It being impossible for the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Saunby, to attend Convention, by vote of Sub-Executive Mrs. Acheson was requested to act in her place.

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OCTOBER 6th, 1898.

As the Lumbermen are now in the bush at their work the Sub-Executive deemed it advisable to authorize Mr. Leckie to return to the missionary field in which he was operating before the holidays, on October 15th, at same rate of remuneration granted him before.

Alice C. Saunby, Secretary.

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## MINUTES

—OF THE—

### Meeting of the Executive Board

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OTTAWA, October 31st, 1898.

The Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in the Y. W. C. A. Hall, at 9 p. m. The President, Mrs. May R. Thornley, in the chair.

After opening devotional exercises, conducted by the President, the interim minutes of decisions of Sub-Executive by correspondence were read, and, on motion, adopted.

The minutes of Sub-Executive meeting, held in March last, were read and approved.

A review of the Convention programme was then made. After full discussion, and the insertion of a conference to consider the alleged difference of view between the World's President and White Ribboners in general, to be held in place of Mrs. Waters' conference on Narcotics, the programme was accepted.

Recommended, that a meeting of the Executive be held, on Wednesday, at 9 a. m., and that Mrs. Sanderson, the President of Quebec Union, be invited to attend and give information regarding the need of French Literature.

The Convention Committees were appointed as follows :

Credentials—Mrs. Wiley and Miss MacArthur.

Banner—Mesdames McCallum, Livingstone and Miss MacArthur, with power to add to their number.

Resolutions—Mrs. Bigelow, convener; Mesdames Gordon Wright, London; McKee, Barrie; McCallum, Kingston; Goldie, Ayr; Bascom, Toronto; Caldwell, Lanark.

Mrs. Waters, of Hamilton, and Mrs. Gillespie, of Alvinston, were appointed members of the Plan of Work Committee in place of the two who were not present.

Appropriation—Mesdames Wilson, Port Hope; Maddock, Guelph; McKee, Barrie; Acheson, Goderich; and Miss MacArthur, Cornwall.

Local Finance—Mrs. O'Dell, Ottawa; Miss MacArthur, Cornwall.

Courtesies—Mrs. Dr. Weageant, Smith's Falls; Mrs. Gordon, Ottawa.

Recommended—That the memorial, protesting against the monument to the memory of Richard Montgomery, be signed by the President.

After a few remarks by the President, at 10:45 meeting adjourned with prayer.



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

CONVENTION,  
OTTAWA, November 1st, 1898.

The Twenty-First Annual Convention of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened in the Congregational Church, at 9:30 a. m. The President, Mrs. May R. Thornley, in the chair.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by the Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers. Mrs. Waters, of Hamilton, and Miss Sproule, of Algoma, leading in prayer.

The roll call of Officers, Superintendents and County Presidents was given.

The minutes of Executive meeting (held the previous night), were read, and, on motion, adopted.

The following reports of departments were then read :

Work Among Sailors ; Flower, Fruit and Delicacy Mission ; Unfermented Wine ; Franchise ; Social Purity ; Railroad Work ; Systematic Giving ; Exhibitions and Fairs ; Hygiene and Heredity.

After a brief discussion of each report they were, on motion, adopted.

At this stage of the proceedings the fraternal delegates were introduced to Convention.

Mrs. Isaiah Warren, of Wheeling, West Virginia, a former Crusader, was cordially received, and listened to with interest while she gave a short address.

Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, the Dominion President, and Mrs. Sanderson, President of the Quebec Union and Treasurer of the World's Union, were also introduced and spoke a few words of greeting.

Moved by Mrs. Gordon, and seconded, that the leaflets, "Why Don't the Christians Help?" and "Why Do I Belong to the W. C. T. U.?" be supplied by the Provincial Union for distribution at the Wednesday evening Prayer Services, where addresses are given by Convention workers. Carried.

The hour for the Bible Reading having arrived, Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, took charge, and spoke impressively from John 14:9 and various other texts, her subject being "Do you know Jesus?"

Noontide Prayer was then offered and meeting adjourned.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

A conference of officers and credentialed delegates only, was held in the Y. W. C. A. building, at 2 p. m., for discussion of the position of the World's President, Lady Henry Somerset, *re* Prohibition, and other questions. After opening Prayer for guidance, Mrs. Thornley requested Mrs. Cavers, the Vice-President, to take the chair. She then read her explanation of the question, so far as the World's President was concerned, and the following resolution was

Moved by Mrs. Thornley, seconded by Mrs. McKee.

WHEREAS, we believe that we are true to God only as we are true to our God-given convictions of right, irrespective of friend or foe; and

WHEREAS, we find ourselves not in perfect accord with our World's leader on a number of principles,

*Resolved*, that while we tender her our love as sisters in Christ and our loyal support, we wish to express our respectful dissent from some of her views, and would urge upon her a more uncompromising attitude, assuring her of our hearty support in such a course.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. Day Smith, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, that we take no further action in the matter.

After a lengthy discussion Mrs. Day Smith expressed willingness to withdraw her amendment, and, on motion, this offer was accepted. The vote was then taken and the resolution adopted by a large majority.

Moved by Mrs. Gillespie, seconded by Mrs. Britton, that this resolution be entered in the minutes with the remark that the discussion was conducted in a Christ-like and harmonious spirit.

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CONVENTION, Tuesday, 3:45 p. m.

The President in the chair.

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

Minutes of the morning session were then read and approved.

The annual report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiley, was read and adopted with applause.

The Treasurer's report was also read, and because of the large amount of work accomplished during the year, and the present flourishing condition of the treasury, the Convention arose and sang the doxology, and, on motion, the report was adopted.

The following reports of Superintendents were then read and, on motion, adopted.

Work Among Indians ; Prison Reform and Police Work ; Work Among Colored People ; Scientific Temperance Instruction ; Temperance in Sabbath Schools.

On motion meeting adjourned at 5.30.

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EVENING SESSION.

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

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Reed, of Teeswater.

On behalf of the Ottawa Union, their President, Mrs. Gordon, offered a hearty welcome to visiting delegates. To which Mrs. Gordon Wright, of London, eloquently responded.

Mrs. Goldie, of Ayr, then stepped forward and beautifully expressed the love and confidence of the members of Convention for our President, and presented her with an elegant bouquet of roses.

This touching incident brought forth the heartfelt and thankful expression of Mrs. Thornley.

Greetings were then extended by

Rev. Mr. McIntosh, on behalf of the Ottawa Clergy.

Mrs. W. L. Scott, for Grand Lodge of Good Templars.

Mrs. Oliver, for the District Lodge of Good Templars.

A representative of the Sons of Temperance offered greetings.

Mrs. Alexander presented greetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, western section, of the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Scott, on behalf of the Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Griffith, for the Local Council of Women.

Greetings were also received from the King's Daughters and Sons.

The response to these greetings was made by the Dominion President, Mrs. Rutherford, in an able manner.

A half hour with the "Y's" was introduced by Miss Powell, of Brockville. Miss Wiggins, of Toronto, spoke on "The Past, Present and Future of 'Y' Work."

The programme was enlivened with solos by Miss Hopkirk and Miss Kilance, in a most pleasing manner.

After the collection, the presentation of the Prize Banner was made by Mrs. Sanderson, President of the Quebec Union; Lanark Union being the successful competitor its representative, Mrs. Caldwell, gracefully accepted.

The benediction was then pronounced, and the delegates adjourned to the Y. W. C. A. hall, where a reception was tendered them by the local Union and the "Y's", and a delightful hour was spent.

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## SECOND DAY.

EXECUTIVE, November 2nd, 9 a. m.

The President in the chair. Twenty-eight Officers, County Presidents and Superintendents present.

Recommended, That the Appropriation Committee make a grant to Quebec Union, to assist in the publication of French literature.

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CONVENTION, 9:30 a. m.

The President in the chair, who conducted opening services, Mrs. Maxwell leading in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The minutes of the conference, held in the Y. W. C. A. hall at 2 p. m. were read and approved. On motion it was decided that it should be left to the discretion of the President, whether a letter should accompany the resolution to be sent to Lady Henry Somerset.

The recommendation *re* French literature, made by the Executive, was read and adopted, and Mrs. Sanderson, President of Quebec Union, was requested to explain the circumstances that led to the recommendation.

The report of Band of Hope Department, Mrs. Pratt, Superintendent, was read by Mrs. Wiley and, on motion, adopted.

On request for a reporter for the *Woman's Journal* Mrs. Waterson, of Kemptville, was appointed.

Miss Nellie Refotte, of Ottawa, recited in a very charming manner the poem entitled "Work is Worship."

The report of School of Methods, Mrs. Thornley, Superintendent, was read and, on motion, adopted.

Greetings from Mr. J. Hale Ramsay were read and received, also a letter from His Worship the Mayor regretting his inability to present greetings from the city, owing to prior engagements. On motion of Mrs. Bigelow it was ordered that the Corresponding Secretary send a suitable reply to all greetings.

Report of Curfew Bell Department, Mrs. McKee, Superintendent, was read and adopted.

A report of the *Woman's Journal* was given by the editor, Mrs. Rutherford, who was requested to send in a plan of work to the Committee that would assist in furthering the interests of this paper, which is our official organ. On motion the report was adopted.

The Associate Superintendents, Mrs. Reed and Miss Gordon, each gave their report of "Y" work. Their report was adopted with the request that their plans for work be handed to the Committee.

Mrs. Bigelow, of Cornwall, conducted a most helpful Bible reading, and closed with noon-tide prayer.

On motion meeting adjourned.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONVENTION, 2 p.m.

A conference on "Y" work was held, led by Mrs. Alice Reed and Miss Mae Gordon. At 3 p.m. opening devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Hartley, of St. Thomas.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of Work Among Soldiers, Mrs. E. C. Acheson, Superintendent, was read and, on motion, adopted.

The President then requested the Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, to take the chair while she read her annual address.

At the close of this eloquent and helpful address the Convention expressed its approval by a rising vote, accompanied with applause.

Senator Vidal was then introduced to Convention, and received with enthusiasm.

Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, rendered a pleasing solo entitled "Nothing to Pay."

Reports of Departments of Press, Narcotics and Evangelistic Work were read, discussed and, on motion, adopted.

Meeting then adjourned with prayer.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

The prayer services in many of the churches were addressed by White Ribboners, and the various Standing Committees were in session.

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#### THIRD DAY.

EXECUTIVE, 9 a.m.

The President in the chair. After prayer the following recommendations were made :

1st. That from the delegation that shall interview the Government to-day we invite one representative from each Province to explain most briefly at the evening meeting the result of their conference.

2nd. That the following members of Ontario W. C. T. U. be appointed to accompany the delegation to the Government : Mesdames Thornley, Wiley, Baseom, McCallum, Gordon, McKee and Miss Stone.

3rd. That Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Waters be a Committee to prepare a list of twenty more names to accompany the delegation to the Government should their attendance be required.

4th. That Miss Stone and Mrs. Livingstone be appointed to solicit subscriptions to the *Woman's Journal* from members of Convention.

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CONVENTION, 10:30 a. m.

The President in the chair.

Opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. (Rev.) T. S. Johnston, of London.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved; also the recommendations of the Executive were adopted as a whole, subject to a change in the third recommendation, which should read, "That Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Waters be a committee to prepare a list of names to accompany the delegation to the government, and that not more than one be sent from each county."

The roll call of delegates was then made preparatory to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

189 officers and delegates responded to the call.

The report of the Credential Committee was adopted, subject to additions.

Mrs. Acheson gave notice of motion that she, or some one in her place, would at next annual meeting move to alter the Constitution in such a manner as to leave the date of Convention to be decided by the Sub-Executive.

The President called the Vice-President, Mrs. Cavers, to the chair.

Prayers were offered for wisdom and guidance, and tellers were appointed as follows:

First Set—Mrs. Britton, Gananoque; Mrs. White, London; Miss Gordon, Ottawa.

Second Set—Mrs. Reed, Teeswater; Miss Stone, Athens; Miss Thompson, Ottawa.

The ballots cast resulted in the re-election of all the officers, viz:

Mrs. Thornley, President.

Mrs. Cavers, Vice-President.

Mrs. Wiley, Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. Saunby, Recording Secretary.

Miss MacArthur, Treasurer.

Report of Parlor Meetings and Work Among Lumbermen were read and adopted, after which Miss Sproule gave an account of Missionary work in Algoma, which was received with expressions of satisfaction and pleasure.

Mrs. Metcalf, of Thurso, a fraternal delegate from Quebec Union, was then received by Convention.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction, to be held on Nov. 10th and 11th, in Toronto: Mesdames, Brownell, Forster, Miss Wiggins and Mrs. Cane, of Newmarket.

Mrs. Thomas, of Lambton County, a member of Convention, having met with an unfortunate accident, the Corresponding Secretary and Local Supt. of Flower Mission were requested to send her a letter of sympathy accompanied by a bouquet of flowers.

On motion, meeting adjourned with noon-tide Prayer.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONVENTION, 2 p. m.

Mr. J. R. Sherer, of Hamilton, delegate from the Lord's Day Alliance, addressed the Conference on Lord's Day observance, on the work of the department.

At 2:30 the School of Methods was organized, Mrs. Cavers retaining the chair, because of the absence of the President, who had gone with the delegation to the Government.

Opening Prayer was offered by Mrs. Edwards. Many members of Convention then repeated motto texts.

Mrs. Maddock, of Guelph, discussed the advisability of memorializing the Government in reference to the establishment of Technical Schools of Domestic Science, where working girls may be educated to become first-class housekeepers.

Addresses by Miss Scott, Mrs. Reed and Dr. Christine Sinclair, and two sweet solos by "Y's", composed the "Y" symposium.

Mrs. Waters, of Hamilton, then gave an interesting talk on the subject of Narcotics.

The Dominion President, Mrs. Annie O. Rutherford, spoke on "Hints for Workers."

A Franchise Drill was conducted by Miss Wiggins, who introduced a number of statements upon the advantages and disadvantages of Woman Suffrage.

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EVENING SESSION.

BANK ST. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Mr. John G. Woolley, the world renowned champion of Christian citizenship, delivered an eloquent lecture entitled "What Next."

Mrs. Cavers, of Galt, the Vice-President, occupied the chair.

The gifted speaker was introduced by Mrs. Gordon Wright, of London.

FOURTH DAY.

EXECUTIVE, 9 a.m.

A meeting of officers and County Presidents only was called for the recommendation of Superintendents of Departments, which resulted as follows :

- Evangelistic—Mrs. A. Gordon, Ottawa.
- Lord's Day Observance—Mrs. Wrigley, Toronto.
- Hygiene and Heredity—Miss Edith Murray, Toronto.
- Social Purity, Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion—Mrs. Alexander, Ottawa.
- Prison Reform and Police Work—Mrs. Mary Brownell, Toronto.
- Exhibitions and Fairs—Mrs. Hilborne, Toronto.
- Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall.
- Unfermented Wine—Left open.
- Narcotics—Mrs. Waters, Hamilton.
- Press—Mrs. Hellems, Kingsville.
- Schools of Method and Parliamentary Usages—Mrs. Thornley, London.
- Franchise—Miss Wiggins, Toronto.
- Legislation and Petitions—Mrs. Pugsley, Toronto.
- Parlor Meetings—Mrs. Wheeler, Paris.
- Systematic Giving—Mrs. Rev. Seymour, Paris.
- Flower, Fruit and Delicacy—Miss Wiley, Richmond Hill.
- Work Among Lumber Camps—Miss Fisher, Wingham.
- Work Among Railroad Employees—Mrs. Britton, Gananoque.
- Work Among Sailors—Mrs. Lawrence, Sarnia.
- Work Among Soldiers—Mrs. Acheson, Goderich.
- Work Among Indians—Mrs. Edwards, Vienna.
- Work Among Colored People—Associate Superintendents, Mrs. Livingstone, Tilsonburg ; Mrs. Ribble, Dresden.
- Juvenile, including Band of Hope, Demorest Medal Contests and Kitchen Garden—Mrs. Coghill, Wyoming.
- Temperance in Sab'th Schools—Mrs. T. S. Johnston, London.
- Curfew Bell—Mrs. McKee, Barrie.
- Young Woman's Work—Miss Wiggins.
- Conference with Influential Bodies—The Sub-Executive.

CONVENTION, 10:20 a.m.

The President in the chair. Miss Sproule, of Algoma, conducted opening devotional exercises.

Mr. J. G. Woolley was then introduced, and addressed the Convention.

The report of Legislation and Petitions, Mrs. Gordon, Superintendent, was read and adopted.

Mrs. Reed, of Teeswater, gave the report on resolutions. The amended report was adopted.

The deliverance on franchise was amended by the omission of all reference to associate women pastors in connection with Baptist churches, the discussion having developed the fact that these ladies did not occupy the pulpits, but filled a position similar to that of Methodist deaconesses.

The noon hour having arrived devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Gordon, and meeting adjourned.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President in the chair. <sup>2 p.m.</sup> Opening prayer was offered and the conference on Work Among Lumbermen was held.

The report of Plan of Work Committee was given, and after discussion was, on motion, adopted.

The report of Appropriations was read and adopted.

An additional Plan of Work was received and, on motion, adopted.

A large number of questions were answered.

The business of Convention being now completed the usual closing exercises were engaged in, all joining in the hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." After prayer Convention adjourned *sine die*.

ALICE C. SAUNBY, Rec. Secretary.

## President's Annual Address

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, LONDON).

THE depth of a gorge is generally the result, not of its actual dip below the earth's mean level, but of the height of the surrounding mountains. This is true of spiritual as well as material depressions. About this time last year we were toiling down into the dusty and arid valley of everyday drudgery, from the mountain heights of the World's convention. I dare say some of us had the W. C. T. U. blues. We had been taking a bird's eye view of the promised land. The eye of faith had descried it, but there were no wings to carry us there, and there was nothing to do but come down and walk to it, taking the ordinary toil-beset pathways which run, not on the sunlit slopes of the uplands, but through the crowded, stone-strewn canons, where earth's millions jostle each other in the race for a grave.

The machinery in over 200 Unions had been slowed down for the annual overhauling. It must again be set in motion, and this would bring multitudinous enquiries to the Provincial officers. There was no time to dream. November and December were brim full of active work. The regular succession of circulars must be arranged, the Lumberman's Missionary selected and started for the field, the directory and annual report prepared for the press, the Presidential vacancies in unorganized counties filled, and last but not least formidable, Dr. Youmans' lecture tour mapped out and settled.

Some one said to me, before going to Brantford: "Well, it will be over soon and you'll take a good long rest." That rest, short or long, is still ahead of me. The three months after convention are as desperate a rush for some of the Provincial officers as the two before; and in this year of Plebiscite scares we did not dare unbuckle the armour at any time, lest we be caught napping when the reveille sounded.

### MISS WILLARD.

But there is a call to rest that comes, soon or late, to all; that, no matter how inopportune, can never be denied. Sometimes a warning herald prepares for the coming change and sometimes it is as in the days of Noah—"and they know not until it come."

With tender thought for the world of woman-lovers Francis Willard had won, the ties were gently broken. They knew, and waited, breathless, for the coming of the messenger who should open the portals of eternal soul-rest to her whose never tiring

activities had made them more easily accessible to sin-blinded millions. On Feb. 18th the light of the other world flashed in, and out, of Francis Willard's face, and with it went one of the bravest, truest souls of the century.

Here is an epitome and a prophesy of her life :

The limit of life is brief—  
 'Tis the red in the red rose leaf,  
 'Tis the gold in the sunset sky,  
 'Tis the flight of a bird on high.  
 Yet we may fill the space  
 With such an infinite grace  
 That the red will vein all time,  
 The gold through the ages shine,  
 And the bird fly swift and straight  
 To the lilies of God's own gate.

On Feb. 19th, on behalf of the Provincial Union, the following telegram was sent to Miss Anna Gordon :

"Ontario W. C. T. U. unites with you in tenderest sympathy. John 13: 7.

The text reads: "Jesus answered and said unto him, what I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt understand hereafter."—(R. V.)

#### CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM.

Miss Willard was a cosmopolitan reformer. Every movement that held within it any betterment of condition of body, mind or soul, had her sympathy. My first knowledge of christian socialism came through an address of this elect lady. Christian socialism is an all embracing term and probably covers more ground than its most rabid adherents know. It is certainly one of the growing movements and ought to be studied. The labor problem is one aspect of it and now that the days of the bomb and the boycott are waning and the settlement of industrial questions by way of the ballot box, is imminent, the W. C. T. U. should at least be acquainted with the wrongs to be righted and the cures proposed. Some of the former are easily ascertainable, but over the remedies the doctors differ. *We* know that the application to political and business life of the principles laid down by Jesus would bring an industrial millenium. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," is a great unexplored continent that is just being discovered. For thousands of years back its location has been known to the theologians: but it has been looked upon as a kind of fog bank—very dangerous to venture upon if you had any ambition to pay your debts and keep out of the poorhouse. Like the golden rule it fitted well into a sermon, but was quite out of kilter with week-day doings in the marts of commerce. The brotherhood of man grows on us apace. If it is not divorced from the Fatherhood of God it will work a Christ-like revolution.

We are pleased to know that a faithful friend of the W. C. T. U., Mr. Geo. Wrigley, of Toronto, is in charge of a periodical, *Citizen and Country*, devoted to social ethics. We wish the publication all success.

## THE PLEBISCITE.

Since the first pen stroke made upon this address I have been hurrying forward in thought to what must needs be its crowning point—the Plebiscite. We might well stop here to sing the doxology! There were days, just before the vote was taken, when it looked as if a pall of darkness and defeat was about to fall upon us, and roll back the tide of success that of late years has been flowing our way. But we carried the day! Against almost unconquerable odds the temperance party scored a victory for Prohibition. Let us thank God from our inmost hearts, for the battle was the Lord's! There were shameless desertions and unexpected treachery, yet despite it all the Dominion of Canada has declared for the abolition of the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicants.

It was some time before we knew we were not the minority party. Our friend the enemy blustered and bragged so hard it was difficult to conceive that they were the vanquished and we the victors. A very influential section of the press, too, commiserated with us editorially. They gave us columns of unsolicited advice as to the humble manner in which we should comport ourselves, in view of the crushing overthrow we had suffered! And all the time the favorable figures were being piled up—and keeping step with them, over against the opposition side of the count, were the evidences of such trickery and political rascality we could but wonder we had *any* majority. The bottomless depths of this quagmire of duplicity and double dealing we will never sound.

I once watched two lads play a game of Parchesi. One was a bright, sweet face little Christian, who did his best to succeed. The other, sharp eyed and unscrupulous, cheated unblushingly whenever opportunity offered. The boy who "played fair" came out ahead, but he never knew the extent of his victory, because he never dreamed of the amount of fraud he had had to contend with. This is about our experience, and makes our gratitude all the deeper as we measure our triumph by the size of the legions put to rout.

## THE ODDS.

1st. We may begin our list with the delay of three years in redeeming the promise to introduce a bill "at the first session of the Legislature," after the opening of parliament. Rightly or wrongly this discouraged many, and greatly dampened enthusiasm.

2nd. The big struggle over a riderless ballot came next, engendering all sorts of doubts of the government's sincerity. The project was administered a prompt rebuke, by men of all creeds and political beliefs. This was a good omen; but the episode was disheartening.

3rd. When the bill was presented we found it had a catch question on the ballot.

It was not alcoholic but intoxicating liquors of which we had asked the prohibition. One-half per cent. of alcohol makes an

alcoholic liquor, but it takes a good deal more than the double of that to make it intoxicating. The voter was directed to pronounce for or against *alcoholic* beverages.

He was further requested to decide whether or no cider might be manufactured. Sweet cider *is* manufactured. Hard cider makes itself. Is it any wonder that our opponents found a bonanza at this point? Mr. Fisher's explanation was not embodied in the bill, and the words of the ballot contradicted him, for while cider is not intoxicating for some time it is alcoholic, under ordinary conditions, in 48 hours. The elector had to record himself against the manufacture of cider and the use of all *alcoholic* liquors, if he was to be counted in favor of National Prohibition. One begins to realize the magnitude of the victory as they study out the unnecessary obstacles that had to be surmounted to reach it.

4th. No other two consecutive calendar months could have been chosen that would have been as unsuitable for campaigning purposes, as those given us. This was doubly a misfortune. The dog days were as good as any other for the kind of work done by the agents of the liquor trade. The disadvantage was wholly with us. They gave express orders in their secret circular that public meetings were not to be held, on the ground that we, and not they, would be the gainers by them. Public meetings were our stronghold; but August, with its enervating heat and its host of absentee seekers for health and rest, was the last month in which to hold them; and September, with its fairs and reorganization of family, business and social life, was little better. Besides, the Methodist General Conference tied up the energies of hundreds of our most active prohibitionists, leaving many a town robbed of the moving spirit in temperance circles.

5th. The polling booth arrangements were confusing. Polling places were changed from old time locations, and in some cities were nearly doubled in number. To ask for a ballot and be refused is a great mortification to a male elector. The average man had rather lose his vote than be rejected.

In my own ward in municipal elections, with six and eight ballots to be marked, five, or at the most six, polling booths are counted sufficient. Sept. 29th there were ten; sometimes two in a single block. This was confusing and daunted many. Whose fault it was we do not know. A well-known Toronto member of the Dominion Alliance told us he had to make three trials before he found the place where the list containing his name was being used. It would take a determined man, with time on his hands, to persevere under such circumstances.

6th. The provisions in the Bill for the punishment of fraud were inadequate.

The liquor traffic is so inseparably connected with all that is low, vicious and corrupt, that even the secular cartoonist pictures

it as a cunning, bloated ruffian. Of necessity a contest with "the trade" (as they call themselves), meant the rankest kind of election-day frauds. Past experience had put this beyond any peradventure. They are upon their native heath where crooked dealings are concerned.

Under these known conditions what provisions were made to secure an honest vote? Less than in an ordinary election. The Returning Officers in our city had no warrants to be used for the arrest of perjurers. The substantial ghost of some buried elector could perjure his soul, with the full knowledge of Returning Officer and Scrutineers; demand, receive and vote the ballot to which he had no more claim than the child unborn; and go scot free of punishment. By the time messengers had been dispatched to the Police Magistrate the bird had flown; and in our city the Police Magistrate, and three other city authorities visited, disclaimed any power in the matter, leaving us completely helpless. In one of our small polling sub-divisions eleven impersonators were detected. How many slipped through we know not.

There were other places in far worse condition than London: being short-handed at the polls, or having workers whose qualifications were limited to their good intentions. This left "the trade" to work its will unhindered. Numerous reports have been received of divisions returning more votes cast than there were legal voters. The stay-at-homes had been represented by unauthorized proxies.

7th. It was left to the option of employers to give or refuse their men time to exercise their franchise. Many large concerns were allowing but a half hour at noon. The Bill did not touch this point. Appeals from local committees induced some firms and companies to grant an additional hour, others paid no heed. This one neglect on the part of the framers of the Bill must have lost us a great many votes.

8th. Whatever political machinery worked that day was not with us. The practical politicians—as the Ward workers are called—either did nothing, or trained with the other side. Our men were, in the main, new to polling booth duties and were at a disadvantage.

9th. All sorts of intimidation was practised. This seems to have been the regulation method in at least the cities and towns. In London merchants and tradesmen were systematically visited and assured that if they endorsed prohibition they would be boycotted. We know this beyond a question. After having promised our committee men their votes they withdrew these pledges, plainly stating why. Their views had not changed, but the situation had. Other places give similar testimony. Men whose consciences would not allow them to vote "No," and whose courage and faith were not equal to sustaining them in the opposite course, stayed at home. Here is where a large share of the

silent electorate came in. They were terrorized into disfranchisement. Now, the parties who spiked these guns, because they were ours, are brazenly claiming them as theirs!

10th. I have left for the last a deterring argument used, not alone by "the trade," but by the friends of the party submitting the question to the people. It was this: "Don't get the Government into a hole. If you can't vote 'No,' don't vote at all."

It is an awful thought that Christian men not only harkened to such advice but sometimes gave it. "His blood be upon us, and upon our children," they said, as they tried to shut the door of hope in the face of weak and tempted thousands. "I'm glad, mamma, there's a Judgment Day," exclaimed a wrathful prohibitionist of sixteen. I could not help saying "amen." Vengeance is not ours, but it is God's.

The above are only some of the odds. We have no time for more. Taking these into account the surprising thing is not that the majority of 1894 was reduced, but that we carried Ontario by nearly 40,000. In the cities, where the heaviest rum battalions were massed, every man going to the polls, who was not an avowed anti, was marked. Temperance sentiment in Canada is stronger than we know.

#### THE SIZE OF OUR VOTE.

Counting in the Territories we carried seven out of eight Provinces.

Taking the country by constituencies, about 125 pronounced for Prohibition and 81 against.

This country is not ruled by a majority of voters but of constituencies. The unit by which they measure political triumph is therefore with us. If the members now in the House truly represented their electorate there would be about 128 Prohibitionist M.P.'s and 85 antis.

Leaving out Quebec the country said by 107,956 of a majority "down with the licensed bar." Even including the Frenchman we have still 13,884 of a plurality. What Government would not be proud to receive election with such a heavy electoral margin to spare? Sir Wilfred Laurier came into power, according to the figures of the Parliamentary Companion, on a minority of the total recorded vote of over 40,000. We have no objection to offer, for he secured a majority of the constituencies. But we carried both constituencies and voters.

#### WHAT THE VOTE SHOULD BRING.

A redemption of the promise which preceded it.

We were given to understand that the mandate of the people would be obeyed. The people have spoken, and their voice is unmistakably against the traffic. As there are good and sufficient reasons for discounting the Quebec vote there should be no

hesitancy in asking national prohibition. An analysis of the French returns and the methods used to secure them, greatly diminish both size and value.

1st. There being few temperance organizations, scrutineers on our side were scarce.

2nd. The indications of corruption are wide-spread and abundant.

3rd. The Quebec majority does not represent 91,000 electors. The duplicate system of voting in vogue there enables a man to double, treble or quadruple himself, if he owns property in as many constituencies.

4th. No other Province can touch this one of foreign extraction for illiteracy. Nearly one-half of the entire population, according to the last census, cannot write. Here are the exact figures : 784,026 can read and write, 720,830 must sign with a cross. Leaving out those under ten years of age there are 274,904 who have no education at all, and 65,583 more who can read but not write.

If that is not, for this country, an unparalleled record of ignorance, where would you find one? Among the 784,026 tabulated as having the rudiments of an education will be found a fair minority of as clever and cultured people as this continent can boast ; but the general run are not, in the common acceptation of the term, reading or thinking people. The quality and number of the periodicals published, compared with English speaking sections, is proof of this.

Adding this lack of intelligence to the mercurial disposition of the people and you have just the soil in which the demagogue and political trickster would flourish. We are therefore not surprised to learn that the liquor argument consisted of an appeal to race, creed and political bias.

If there had been no Plebiscite a patriotic God-fearing government should dare to do right, by putting away the acknowledged source of three-fourths of our crime, and a larger percentage of our poverty. In the words of Judge Noah Davis, "Among all causes of crime, intemperance stands out 'the unapproachable chief.'"

Now that a census of the people puts to flight the doubt of their desire for such legislation *let us have Prohibition*. And let the opening act of the coming House be such trenchant action concerning the Klondyke as shall re-assure the doubters and restore the hearty confidence of three years ago. We cannot close this paragraph without expressing thanks to the *Toronto Globe* for the fair and able editorials published just before and after September 29th. We shall hope for the continued support of so widely read and vigorous a journal.

#### AFTER CONSIDERATIONS.

These are many, but there is no difficulty in selecting the most important. One towers above the rest like Saul amongst

his tribesmen. We women need, and by God's help we will have, the ballot. Before our eyes the interests of the home were bartered for individual appetite, a few dollars, a mess of political pottage, and we looked on, helpless. The cruelty and tyranny of it all was burned into our hearts as never before.

I hope 1898-9 will see an advance in our Franchise work exceeding that ever before chronicled.

Where shall we begin?

1. In the local Unions. Let every delegate go home pledged to see that franchise meetings are held amongst the women. Wake up the indifferent and selfish folk, who have "all the rights they want," and do not care a jot for those who have not.

2. In these last months we have become proficient at literature distribution, though it was no new business to us. What we do not now know about it is not worth knowing. Let every Society be asked to district its section and go faithfully over it, at least twice during the year, with franchise leaflets.

3. We have long believed in the platform and the press as educational agents. Let us use them now. Just as we have put energy, time and prayer into our work for prohibition, so let us employ this trinity of endeavor in creating the conditions out of which enforced prohibition must grow.

4. Begin active work at Jerusalem. So long as Christian men deny their sisters in Christ all rights in church government—as some denominations do—with what grace can we appeal to the State to deliver us from the bondage imposed by prejudice and custom? We must begin at Jerusalem. Christ recognizes no sex distinction. The Word says: "There can be no male or female, for ye are all one man in Christ" (Gal. 3:28, R. V.), and if you will look at your Bibles you will find the word *man* is an interpolation. It is not found in the original. The revisers might just as well have said "ye are all one woman in Christ."

Just here we have much to encourage. The petitioning of the Methodist General Conference by four of the Annuals, for the ecclesiastical enfranchisement of women, showed an unexpected strength of sentiment amongst the ministers of this body. Prominent supporters of the memorials believe that had they been presented earlier, before so many delegates had left for home and when there was leisure to discuss the pros and cons, the verdict would have been different. Let every Methodist woman bear in mind that in four years this supreme court of her church will meet again—and govern herself accordingly. A word to the wise is sufficient.

In the meanwhile why should not every congregation take advantage of the right to elect women society representatives, and to have their women class leaders occupy seats at the Quarterly Board? In general, pastors and official members will give a

courteous welcome to these delegates from the class that forms the bulk of the membership and does the bulk of the church work.

5. Let us get up that woman's petition that was favorably considered at last Annual, but laid aside for the more pressing work of the Plebiscite.

We will have allies now that never looked our way before. If the male members of Plebiscite committees could have enfranchised us on the morning of the 29th, mark you they would have done it. To have secured the woman vote for prohibition they would have risked all the direful consequences of "domestic infelicity" and the rest of that list of horrors, awaiting the era when citizenship does not rest on sex. As they looked in at the prayer meeting, where the women plead with God all day to influence those they could not, and then went to the Christian business men, equally an opponent of the licensed bar, but silenced by the liquor boycott, they knew where lay the greatest strength of this movement on behalf of the homes. Straw objections, resting on unreasoning prejudices, disappear before actual experience.

#### JUVENILE WORK.

The second lesson is a little further below the surface but equally pertinent. Said Dr. Willard Parker: "When people understand what alcohol is, and what it does, they will put it out of existence." The only way to sink this lesson into the brains of our countrymen is to get it there before the grey matter is hardened by the narcotic poisons of the dram seller and the tobacconist. We must take hold of Juvenile work with unwonted enterprise. Through the Public School, the Sunday School and the Band of Hope, Canadian thought may be moulded until it agrees with Edmund Burke, that "what is morally wrong can never be politically right."

#### CITIZENSHIP.

The third lesson has been the most painful, and contains the evil least easily rectified.

"You are going to vote for Prohibition, of course," said a White Ribboner, confidently, to the official member of a church committed to hostility to the traffic. "Not I," was the answer; "they tell me it would increase my taxes \$5.00 per year." When the choice was between souls and taxes he took taxes.

Here is another sample: "I did intend to vote 'Yes' but I am assured that Prohibition would cost me not less than \$2.00 per annum. The Bible says he that careth not for his own hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel, I cannot afford to add to my taxes, so I shall vote 'No.'" And this was the sober, serious verdict of a local preacher. He had the sacred words in his head if not in his heart.

Instances could be produced *ad nauseum* but a couple more along another line will be sufficient:

"I hope none of you will commit the foolishness of coming home to vote," said the wholesale merchant and church trustee to his travellers, "there's no use putting our political head into a noose."

Here is the picture from another angle: "No, I will not support it," snapped a most pious old gentleman. "Why not?" "It's nothing but a dodge of the Reformers to keep in power."

When contrasted, these two last stories make funny reading. Yet they occurred within a few blocks of each other, and go to show the ability of the trade to work each man through his tender side.

Taken as a whole they teach the sorrowful lesson of a godless citizenship. The powerful weapon of the ballot used for self. The Lord of all the earth shut out of government.

But a great light is arising in two directions. The Christian Citizenship cry of the Young People's Society was the first intimation many a seasoned elector had that his vote belonged to Christ. And, perhaps, while he yet pondered over the startling thought, a Good Citizenship League began a feeble existence amongst his townsmen, or his pastor preached a powerful but disquieting good government sermon. He may not have countenanced the League or endorsed the sermon, but the name of the one and the theme of the other opened the door into a new realm of thought.

The second ray of hope comes from the steadily growing revolt against party tyranny. The demand to know how each man's ballot is to be marked is becoming a nuisance. So long as one side canvasses its opponent must, but each year makes the figures thus gathered less and less reliable, and the day is in sight when soliciting votes will be put under the ban of the law. A progressive council in the village of Glencoe, Middlesex County, has made the practice, in municipal elections, a punishable offence. This good example should be infectious.

Time was when independence of party-ties bred the notion of instability of character and fractiousness. There was something radically wrong with the individual who was neither Grit nor Tory. To-day the writer or speaker who is known to be unbiased is respected by the sensible folk on both sides.

Just what we can do at this juncture is not easy to ascertain. The one wholly feasible thing is personal, and may be suggested by a reference to the past. It is seven years since my first introduction to an Ontario Provincial Convention. Having had a Prohibition Party training in New Jersey some of the impressions gathered were disquieting. It was noticeable that party references ruffled the serenity of a not inconsiderable portion of the delegates. This was to be deplored. Further, I was privately warned that a franchise resolution would suffer defeat. The latter calamity was averted by a little finessing, and the "declaration of rights" got through by the skin of its teeth.

These seven years have worked a complete revolution in thought, on the woman question, and have wonderfully altered the political outlook. The ballot for women is one of our cardinal doctrines, and I believe that a resolution of direct censure of either party, *if manifestly just*, would to-day receive the assent of this body of Christian women. There is *only* one little *if* left, and that relates to our ability to see the truth with unprejudiced eyes. We would follow it if we knew it. Let us remember the words of Jesus, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

I would that each member of this organization should desire and receive from God full deliverance from that anti-Christian party idolatry that blinds the eyes to the sins of one side and the virtues of the other. (Be it privately remarked that to the Independent the sins of both are a good deal more in evidence than their virtues).

Let it be our proud boast that for us the right can never be obscured by prejudices: that we hate and will oppose the wrong, no matter who is the wrong-doer. When the political world finds the Church of Christ in this frame of mind it will command their respect. As the *Cincinnati Christian Standard* well puts it:

"If the church would retain the respect of the world and become the leader of all the beneficent forces of society, its next advance must be by the way of the ballot box. It must quit the sham practice of "voting for good men," who agree to stand upon a platform made by publicans and sinners. With present numbers and resources it should be ours to shape platforms according to Christian principles, to choose issues which make for national righteousness, and select candidates whose type of goodness will be a terror to evil-doers and a delight to them who do well."

#### PROVINCIAL PLEBISCITE WORK.

The money at the disposal of the Sub-Executive in an ordinary year, aside from that required for regulation work, never causes much anxiety, unless one includes the problem of how, with honor and honesty, to make one dollar take the place of two. But for three years we have had a little Plebiscite Fund stored away, awaiting the campaign just closed. When September 29th had been officially chosen as the date of fate, voting papers were at once dispatched to the Sub-Executive asking whether, in their opinion, it would not be wise to request three or four ladies to act as an advisory committee, wherever calls were to be made upon this campaign fund. The proposal was heartily approved and Mrs. Maxwell, of Amherstburg; Mrs. McKee, of Barrie; Mrs. Bascom, of Toronto, and Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, were asked to act in this capacity. They represented, provincially, the four points of the compass.

Seven times the opinion of this double Committee was solicited *re* the expenditure of money. Full particulars are given in the Executive minutes. Several of the amounts appropriated were not fully used, and others over-ran our expectations. The Treasurer's report will give the details.

At Pembroke, in discussing the use to be made of Provincial monies when the contest was actually upon us, it was the unopposed opinion of Convention that they should be expended in unorganized territory. Where temperance societies, county and local, existed it was to be supposed that speakers and literature would be provided without our aid. In pursuance of this policy the following points and objects were selected as suitable working ground.

1. Algoma.—Our missibnary, Miss Sproule, was authorized to correspond with points all over the immense area committed to her care, procure the names of temperance people, secure their promise to act as literature distributors, and then provide them with the literature.

To prevent overlapping a list of places and people ordering for themselves was, at our request, supplied Miss Sproule by Mr. Spence.

The greatest lack in Algoma was an agitation that might focus existing temperance sentiment on the 29th. The Committee thought they had hit upon just the expedient for overcoming this obstacle upon hearing that Mr. B. Spence, brother of the Dominion Secretary, was returning to Winnipeg in September. A vote was at once taken, resulting in a decision to employ Mr. Spence as a speaker on his homeward route. Unfortunately a change in Mr. Spence's plans made this impossible, and the news came too late to procure a substitute.

Miss Sproule's report will supply the particulars I have not time to give.

2. Mr. Leckie's proposal to take the Gospel wagon, stored at Huntsville, and make a tour of the more northern counties in the west, was gratefully accepted. The Committee agreed to pay for all the literature of which Mr. Leckie could judiciously dispose. Further, the sum of \$40.00 was appropriated for the purchase of horses. Mr. Leckie was to do his main work in the country villages—places where campaign enthusiasm is slow of generation.

3. In the Peninsula of North Bruce there are a not considerable number of voters. The settlements are sparse. Of temperance organizations there are none, and churches are almost as scarce. By vote of the Committee the sum of \$15.00 was placed at the call of Mrs. Bell Ashcroft, of Purple Valley, the only active W. C. T. U. worker near the Peninsula. Mrs. Ashcroft has done all she could, and more than most of us would have thought possible, under the circumstances, to permeate these old and abandoned lumber limits with temperance truth.

4. Mrs. Maxwell wrote us that there was a French Catholic settlement in North Essex that was virgin soil for Prohibition teachings, and unless we attempted to till it, it would go uncultivated. A small sum of money was set apart for this section.

5. The Superintendent of Work Amongst Indians was asked to correspond with the missionaries working on reservations, in-

terest them in the movement for Prohibition, and get from them the number of Indians able to read and residing within their circuit. To these literature was to be sent.

6. The Superintendents of Work Amongst Colored People were authorized to draw upon the fund for literature to do educational work amongst this race.

7. Attempts were made to reach several of the unorganized counties. The most successful of these took place in Russell. Not a single Union existed there when the voting date was announced. Now there are four. Under God the credit belongs to Mrs. Asa Gordon, our Evangelistic Superintendent. By vote of the Committee Mrs. Gordon was asked to go through the county at Provincial expense, and see what could be done amongst the women. Items of interest in this connection, that I have not time to record, will be given in the Evangelistic report.

8. Prior to the appointment of the Advisory Committee two large campaign circulars were issued. About five hundred copies of each were placed in the hands of individual workers.

#### LUMBERMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

It is an interesting experience to follow any movement from an insignificant inception to a broad, life-filled, power-stored development. The battle with difficulties, that now conquer, and again are conquered, till finally vanquished, is such a picture of all successful life that it fascinates us.

The waters of the rivulet, at their origin, could be diverted by the smallest obstacle. Here they fret their way between opposing boulders; later they bury these obstructions so deep that scarce a ripple indicates their resting places. Perhaps the sources of increased volume and force are scarcely discernable, yet the steady widening and deepening of the channel is proof of their potency. So has it been with our Department of Work Amongst Lumbermen. Ten years ago it was one of our feeblest branches. The majority of the Unions only knew, by the Report, that it existed; and had it not found an abiding place in the hearts of a few faithful, faith-filled women, it would probably have been crushed to the wall by its more popular competitors. At first a few parcels of literature constituted the visible evidence of interest; a little later the convenient comfort bag was added. The fervent prayers and loving thoughts that accompanied these, though not weighed at the freight office, were often times the biggest part of the cargo. Sometimes the goods reached their destination and sometimes they did not. It is comforting to remember that the prayers could not be side-tracked in the manager's office, from which occasionally the edict went forth: "When you load the trains leave the woman's truck behind—we've no room for it."

## THE MISSIONARY.

For years Mrs. Hunter, its second Provincial Superintendent, appealed vainly for an appropriation that would permit of the employment of a missionary. When that was secured it provided for but two months' work; nevertheless it was the beginning of a new era. For three successive seasons, under many difficulties, the good news of Jesus the Saviour from all sin, even the slavish vice of drunkenness, was proclaimed amongst the camps in the Ottawa valley and through the Nipissing district. Grateful letters from men and managers, testifying to the good accomplished, were received. These few weeks of missionary toil were greatly blessed, but were too brief to bring much in permanent results.

Then came changes, growing out of a re-adjustment of the American tariff. The lumbering industry down east was not what it had been. Mrs. Hunter, whose failing health had necessitated retirement from the Provincial Superintendency, advised against missionary effort in her section for the present. That door was therefore closed. At the same time interest amongst the Unions was on the increase, and a man, eminently fitted for the work, offered his services. It looked as if the Lord's plan was a forward march in some direction. Blunders in the Divine economy are unthinkable; diligent search was made for "way out," as the Quakers call it, and, dear sisters, we doubt not but that it was found. We shall be able for 1897-8 to report, for the first time, almost a full year's work, and prospects that dim those of all preceding years.

On the 8th of December our missionary, Mr. J. S. Leckie, and his wife, started for Huntsville, their headquarters throughout the year. They—for Mrs. Leckie was of great assistance to her husband—continued their labors in the bush and on the drives up to the latter part of June.

It was found that there were over 20,000 men in this section, comprising the districts of Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Haliburton. Conditions are very favorable. The men are almost entirely English, obviating the difficulty met with on the Ottawa river. The owners and managers of limits, with one exception, gave our representative a hearty welcome; and climatic conditions did away with some of the most serious obstacles to travel met with down east. Indeed so wonderfully were the obstructions to effective work scattered, we felt somewhat as Peter must when the angel "broke jail" at Jerusalem—"And when they were past the first and second ward they came unto the iron gate that leadeth into the city, which opened to them of its own accord. \* \* \* And when Peter came to himself he said: Now I know of a truth that the Lord has sent His angel and delivered me." Acts 12: 10, 11 (R.V.)

Mr. Leckie's report will be given in full later. It behoves us now to devise methods, and the where-with-all to compass them, whereby the good beginning made in this new territory may be taken advantage of.

## AN EARLY START.

When Mr. Leckie left the bush in July, gangs of men were returning from the river drives to begin road building, bridge making and brush clearing for the season of 1898-9. By October 1st a number of camps were in operation. Former missionaries have declared, with one voice, that our attempt to reach the men was begun too late in the season. Taking into consideration this year's encouraging response to the appeal for funds, the Sub-Executive and Provincial Superintendent of the Department felt justified in taking the responsibility of saying to Mr. Leckie, "you may return to the bush October 15th. We believe that our women would censure us did we wait the formal approval of convention when we are morally sure it will be forthcoming. Of course the engagement must be accounted a provisional one. Should we have mistaken the mind of the Provincial Union subsequent arrangement would need to be entered into." Mr. Leckie is therefore now at his work in Muskoka, ready for literature, comfort bags, etc.

This early start gives a sharp point to Miss Fisher's urgent request at last annual that local Unions do their sewing and literature gathering in the spring, and be prepared with the season's supplies by July, instead of Xmas or later, as in former years.

But the earlier start means something more than a large store of comfort bags and literature. It means increased pecuniary liabilities if we are to pay our debts and not encroach on appropriations for other work. This year the money from local Unions came in very slowly. When the year was more than half over the donations for Lumbermen's work were so trifling the Sub-Executive got into a mild panic. If the missionary's salary must be taken, bodily, from the small amount set aside for the Plebiscite it would be about blotted out, and the educational campaign, planned for parts where nothing would be done unless we did it, would have to be abandoned. This was a subject for earnest prayer and discussion at the Spring Sub-Executive. The decision was to write Mr. Leckie a series of questions from the answers to which an appeal was to be drafted and published wherever opportunity could be found. This was done, and in this connection it would be seemly for this Convention to send special thanks to the *Montreal Witness* and, I should be glad to add, the *Templar*, of Hamilton, were that staunch friend of Prohibition still in existence. Both papers gave the article thus formulated a good position, with either striking headlines or editorial notice. A little later our own journal followed suit with copious extracts. Soon the money began to pour in. All that was required was a knowledge of the need. Miss MacArthur's statement of receipts and expenditures will, I know, be cause for thanksgiving.

## THE MISSIONARY FUND.

A plan suggested at that time by the Sub-Executive should receive careful consideration at this Convention. It proposes the

establishment of a permanent missionary fund, to be raised, each year, by ten or twenty-five cent contributions, gathered not only from White Ribboners, but all friendly to our work. The subscription is placed at this low figure that it may be no interference with other church missionary enterprises. If this idea is adopted and practically supported, it might not be long before we could have two men in the field.

A few weeks ago, in passing through London for Muskoka, Mr. Leckie called. We had a long talk. Mr. Leckie suggested excellent and easily workable methods by which we might supplement his effort, at little cost to ourselves and great benefit to the work. These will be considered in detail at the Department Conference Friday afternoon.

There may be delegates here who did not see any of the published appeals for funds, and may not, therefore, clearly understand why a temperance organization should be so interested in sending a missionary to these forest toilers. Perhaps the first reply would be that their isolated condition, and hard and hazardous occupation, awakened the sisterly desire to proffer the cup of cold water. If we could convince them of our good will with our comfort bags, which provided just the little etc's. a man scorns to take away on a business trip, but is pretty nearly certain to rue the absence of before he returns, we might open the way for religious and temperance reading matter, and who could tell where the truths thus planted might germinate. We are commanded to sow beside all waters. Here was a stream of humanity to which comparatively little attention had been given by the churches. It seemed just left for us. We began in the small way already indicated. With the advent of the missionary came not only gospel services, but temperance meetings and pledge signing. Mr. Leckie says that nearly every man to whom he spoke, personally, agreed to support the Plebiscite. A goodly number of these were scattered all over Ontario on September 29th. Can we doubt but that their solemn promises, fortified in too many instances by bitter personal experiences, were remembered and acted upon? When Mr. Leckie heard of the Huntsville returns—only 57 votes cast for liquor in a town containing four licensed hotels—he wrote rejoicingly, "There are four big lumber mills in that place; the boys have acquitted themselves well."

If we want, as a Provincial Union, to do educational work where local temperance organizations cut a small figure, because widely separated and weak in membership, the territory covered by our missionary this past year offers opportunities rivalled only by that of Algoma. To my mind we are accomplishing in these two sections a work second to none that has ever previously come within our purview. I hope this Convention will declare that there shall be no backward movement, but a steady progress towards better work and more of it. The motto for this department might well be the words of the wise man :

Let thine eyes look right on,  
And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.  
Make level the path of thy feet,  
And let all thy ways be established.—Prov. 4 : 25, 26.

**PERSONAL WORK.**

“ We need—each and all—to be needed,  
To feel we have something to give  
Towards soothing the moan of earth's hunger ;  
We know that then only we live  
When we feed one another, as we have been fed  
From the hand that gives body and spirit their bread.”

The greatest worker in the universe is God. We may count it an honor to emulate Him. There is one element of our toil that is quite absent from His, and that is worry, and it is worry, not work, that kills.

This has been the busiest of all the busy years. It has been also the one most full of care and anxiety. But the end has come, in peace we trust. Our reports will show the largest membership returns, the best financial standing, and the greatest amount of work accomplished. God grant that at the fork in the road we may take the right turn!

The number of communications sent out from my office have been as follows : Letters, 1,557 ; cards, 1,239 ; circulars and parcels, 4,302 ; manuscripts of leaflets, circulars, etc., 25. Total communications, 7,123 ; total communications last year, 3,404 ; increase, 3,719.

**PROVINCIAL LECTURE TOURS.**

If the Provincial President had not the arranging of it, a provincial lecture tour would be a great relief to her. The incessant calls for public addresses, especially if her gifts do not lie in that direction, present a most wearing side of her life. It is therefore delightful to be able to recommend to seekers after platform talent just the thing they want, and on the most reasonable of terms.

For 1896-7 we had Rev. E. O. Taylor, of Chicago. While the great burden of testimony was highly favorable to Dr. Taylor we heard an occasional dissentient, sometimes on the ground of his nationality. For that reason we were glad that our speaker for 1897-8 was a Canadian.

Dr. Amelia Yeomans, of Winnipeg, began her work in London November 5th, and between then and March 20th gave 124 addresses, besides taking a month's rest at the holiday season. The Doctor visited sixty different places ; organized three new unions, made arrangements for the formation, by County Presidents, of two others, and resuscitated a sixth. The names of 533 women and eleven men were taken at the afternoon meetings, in response to appeals for new members. The work done was very satisfactory. The reports, received at the time from the Unions,

were most commendatory. Spiritual life had been deepened, the membership in many places enlarged, and the enfranchisement reform placed before our women and the general public in a way that allayed prejudices and convinced many hitherto obdurate opponents.

The arranging of the tour cost me more than one night-mare. The failure to answer letters, last-minute changes, and other causes, contributed to make some of those weeks between November 5th and March 20th one long anxiety. But by reason of a full correspondence, the 'phone and the wire, there were few lost dates, and "All 's well that ends well."

#### OUR NEED.

What is the thing most needed in the W. C. T. U.? Is it money, to fill the many chronically empty treasuries? The two Bible standards for receiving are: First, according to our giving; and second, according to our "several ability." These rules are equally true for groups of stewards as for individuals.

Said a wealthy Londoner to one of our small societies: "For every dollar you raise I will add another." What that man was to that organization God is to any truly Christ-like project. He doubles the givings of its promoters. But what if there is little or nothing to double? It is a curious fact that even generous souls too often turn that "one stingy streak," that is said to be a universal possession, towards the temperance reform.

But if we have faithfully done our part, and there are no withheld tithes and yet there "is nothing to do with" the reason must lie in our incapacity. We must needs ask in faith the qualities required to render us faithful and wise trustees of the Master's goods. With the ability to use will surely come the gifts to be used.

I have heard it hinted by some, both within and without our fold, that our burning need was an influx of the upper tendom, "to give tone to the movement," to popularize it. If the money and influence secured in this way were not counterbalanced by some shrinkage of our principles, to accommodate the less rigid notions of those educated to a polite tolerance of wrong, we would doubtless be the gainers. Yet the "if" is a large and serious one. It is to be feared that the Dons would have more to get than to give. The common people have ever been the bone and sinew of successful revolutions, whether in morals or estates.

We have been diligently instructed by some that the elixir of W. C. T. U. life is a good understanding with the politicians. As things are now, in order to maintain such a condition it would seem necessary to take whatever is given, be it a scorpion or a fish, with becoming thankfulness. In some quarters the present relationship between electors and elected reminds us of an incident of Colonial days. Aaron Burr married a beautiful and wealthy girl, with of course the usual marital pledges to love, cherish, protect

and provide for her. Having shamelessly broken them all, and squandered in riotous living her fortune, she ventured to enquire what had become of the latter. He scornfully replied, "Madam, you forget you have a master now."

A good understanding with the politicians would be decidedly useful if that should lead them to discover and rate at its true value, the inflexible resolution of Prohibitionists to outlaw the drink traffic; but it should never cause Prohibitionists to yield, by one hair's breadth, any principle, or sanction, by even so much as silence, disloyalty to public pledges. The spectacle of unrebuked governmental dishonor is more disastrous to a nation's virtue than much wrong-doing in the private walks of life.

Should more and better organization, then, be our Society battle cry for this coming year?

Certainly a wider, deeper, more enthusiastic embodiment of our principles in society form ought to be diligently labored for, and this year's success in the formation of both Y's and W's is an encouragement to doubled diligence. Wherever there are homes to be preserved, child-life to be educated to resistance of and antagonism to the licensed bar, there ought to be the Christian temperance organization with its bannered legend, "TOTAL ABSTINENCE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, LEGAL PROHIBITION FOR THE NATION; there should the truceless crusade against licensed sin be waged. We, and other organizations of a like ilk, might well covenant together to make the village without its temperance union or lodge, as great a rarity as the hamlet without its postoffice.

Would that be enough? No, for while we rejoice over the harvest of good reported at each annual, by existing societies, are we not at times oppressed with a feeling that we are but at our half best? The work we do is only the ravelled edge of the noble fabric we see in our moments of spiritual uplift. And if we doubled or trebled our workers it would be but a multiplication, by that amount, of present results.

I wish I could put in words what has been the deepening conviction of the years.

The kernel of our need lies in the fulfillment of these words of David, "and the rod of thy strength shall come out of Zion." It is not the want of *things* like money, social or political influence or further organization, that holds us back from our best. It is the state of heart with which we meet our tangled problems.

Here is our purchased heritage: "He hath not given thee the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." How those words have followed me this year! Fearless, powerful, loving, full of godly common sense. Nothing but the indwelling Jesus will fulfill this Bible picture of a Christian soldier.

Did you ever see a curious sort of fancy work, done on a board full of little round holes? The work is kept in place and extended, by fastening down with little wooden pegs, pushed into

the holes, the silk strands stretched across the board. The worker plans out the shades to be used and the way they shall lie, that she may with skillful needle use them as the warp of her fabric. Then she pins down these under threads by pressing upon them the little pegs—and her task is ready for the needle. If she should find, in her work box, a few square pins, some larger than the openings they were intended to fit, and others so small they could not hold firmly the thread committed to their care, she would have to throw these aside—until such time as she had leisure to whittle down or pad out those not suited for present use.

This device for hand weaving, if one may so style it, is a personification of the Bible concept of Christian service. We are just like these pegs : Each day the weaving is going on ; the Master is choosing the shades and patterns ; all He asks of us is our consent to act as tie-posts for the golden threads of Divine love, upon which He is interlacing His plan of salvation for this lost world. He could not do without us ; but we would be worthless chips of wood without Him. How many times I have said to Him in the morning : " Just a little peg, to-day, Master, to be put into any gap where you want me."

But sometimes He finds us too big for the place assigned, not sufficiently humble in heart, and the weaving is marred. Or our will stands out in projecting corners and we cannot fit into His purpose for us ; or perhaps, most frequent of all, we are too small to fill the breadth of His thought ; our scanty spiritual powers do not measure up to His design, and though we attempt to do the apportioned duty it is in such feebleness of soul, and with such lack of Holy Ghost power that the results are pitifully meagre and unsatisfactory. Who of us has not gone down before the Lord in bitterness of soul, as we have reviewed our past, and descried, with the eye of faith, these hindrances to a perfect service ?

Shall it always be thus ? God forbid ! Let us enter 1898-9 with resolves concerning our own spiritual development that, worked out into daily practice, shall enable us to say as that fearless reformer of old did : " For to me to live is Christ."

" If thy true service mounted, in its aim,  
No higher than the praise that men bestow  
On noble sacrifice, there might be shame  
That thou had'st missed it so.

" But not for selfish gain or low reward,  
Did'st thou so labor under shade and sun ;  
But with the conscious sense that for thy Lord  
This weary work was done.

" To do God's will—that was enough for Christ,  
Mid griefs that make all agonies look dim ;  
It shall for thee suffice—it hath sufficed,  
As it sufficed for Him."

## Corresponding Secretary's Report

(MRS. MARY WILEY, Richmond Hill.)

**ALGOMA**—Reports six Unions—Sault Ste. Marie, Fort William, Port Arthur, Thessalon, Chapleau and Dryden; 91 active members and 28 honorary; 60 Union and 16 public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 42 members; total amount of money raised, \$157.79; 24 copies of annual report taken; 12,000 pages of literature distributed; 13 departments of work taken up. Fort William, as special work, kept the temperance question persistently before the public, united with the Ministerial Association and other temperance workers in campaign work, and feel proud of the success which attended our efforts; 105 of a majority in a town like Fort William means a great deal. Port Arthur, by means of a petition closed three hotels, which reduced the number to that allowed by law. Chapleau protested against the granting of a liquor license at Missinabie, the entrance to the Michipocoten gold fields. This, with other influences, prevented granting of license. Dryden paid the expenses of a poor man while he was under treatment at the Rat Portage Hospital.

**BRANT**—Reports six Unions—Brantford, Burford, St. George, Paris, Scotland and Mohawk; 160 active and 30 honorary members; 100 union and 91 public meetings held; seven Bands of Hope, with 1,400 members; amount of money received, \$500.00; 16,000 pages of literature distributed; 14 departments of work taken up. The year has largely been given to Plebiscite work. All the unions in the County have done grand work along this line. One hundred and fifty dollars was raised for the campaign. Mohawk succeeded in removing the license from their one hotel, and Brantford had the license removed from a liquor establishment too near Victoria School.

**BRUCE**—Reports 17 Unions—Teeswater, Elmwood, Lucknow, Cape Croker, Chesley, Walkerton, Paisley, Teeswater "Y," Lucknow "Y," Hepworth, Kincardine, Walkerton "Y," Wiarton, Wiarton "Y," Cargill, Purple Valley and Mildmay; a membership of 269 active and 48 honorary; 79 public meetings held during the year; six Bands of Hope, with 395 members; amount of money received, \$762.74; 18 departments of work taken up. The Secretary adds: "We are pleased to note an increase in membership, and a growing interest in all departments. Financially this has been the best year since organization. This may be accounted for in some measure by the fact that during the year we have added to our Life Membership Roll the names of Misses

Vincent and Cummins, our beloved round-the-world missionaries. As special work we engaged these sisters to make a tour of the county."

**CARLETON**—Reports 11 Unions—Ottawa, Metcalf, Richmond, Manotic, Kinburn, Central "Y," Emmanuel, Rutherford, New Edinburg, Thornley and Carp; 487 active and 116 honorary members; 100 union and 32 public meetings held during the year; five Bands of Hope, with 476 members; total amount of money raised, \$1,724.56; pages of literature distributed, 29,250; all the departments of work taken up; 45 signatures to pledge, outside of membership. Special work has been chiefly in the Plebiscite campaign.

**DURHAM**—Reports three Unions—Port Hope, Orono and Bowmanville; there are 68 active and 15 honorary members; 58 union and nine public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$241.69; 17 departments of work taken up; 17,000 pages of literature distributed. Bowmanville is working for a home for the aged poor of the town.

**DUNDAS**—Reports one Union—31 active and six honorary members; 12 union and three public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$39.39; three departments of work taken up.

**ESSEX**—Reports six Unions—Kingsville, Essex, Edgar's Mills, Windsor, Amherstburg and Gesto; 135 active and 57 honorary members; 128 union and 33 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 100 members; total amount of money raised, \$150.86; 4,400 pages of literature distributed; 15 departments of work taken up. Special work, chiefly Plebiscite campaign. In one union efforts were made to enforce Local Option Law.

**ELGIN**—Reports five Unions—Aylmer, St. Thomas, Vienna; Port Stanley and Staffordville; 172 active members.

**FRONTENAC**—Reports two Unions—Kingston and Harrowsmith; 64 active and two honorary members; 38 union and four public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 25 members; total amount of money raised, \$213.06; 5,000 pages of literature distributed; 12 departments of work taken up. Special work: Plebiscite campaign.

**GLENGARRY AND PRESCOTT**—Reports four Unions—Maxville, St. Elmo, Lancaster and Vanleek Hill; ninety active and sixty honorary members; twenty-two public meetings held; 75 members of Band of Hope; \$264.07 received during the year; 24,500 pages of literature distributed; eighteen departments of work taken up.

**GRENVILLE**—Reports seven Unions—Prescott, Algonquin, Kemptville, Spencerville, Merrickville, North Augusta and Cardinal; 165 active and 19 honorary members; 128 union and 25 public meetings held in the year; one Band of Hope, with 70 members; amount of money received, \$225.19; pages of literature distributed, 13,062; eleven departments of work taken up; as special work: report the closing of two hotels.

GRAY—Reports five Unions—Owen Sound, Meaford, Thornbury, Markdale and Durham; and three Youmans' Bands; 107 active and 13 honorary members; 15 public meetings held during the year; amount of money received, \$442.89; 15 departments of work taken up. Did special work for Plebiscite campaign, in which good work was done, the county rolling up a large majority in favor of Prohibition.

HALDIMAND—Reports three Unions—Caledonia, Hagersville and Cayuga, with a Youmans' Band, at Dunnville; 45 active and four honorary members; 50 union and nine public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 80 members; amount of money raised, \$85.67; 20,645 pages of literature distributed; 10 departments of work taken up. Special work: engaged the Misses Vincent and Cummins for 10 week-nights and three Sabbath services.

HURON—Reports five Unions—Goderich, Wingham, Seaforth, Blyth and Clinton; 110 active and 10 honorary members; 26 union and two public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 32 members; amount of money raised, \$187.54; 7,450 pages of literature distributed; eleven departments of work taken up. Special work: Plebiscite campaign and prevention of license in two cases.

HASTINGS—Reports two Unions—Belleville and Foxboro; 93 active and three honorary members; 38 union and ten public meetings held; amount of money raised, \$105.82; 10,000 pages of literature distributed; 10 departments of work taken up; three signed the pledge.

HALTON—Reports two Unions—Oakville and Milton, with a membership of 47; 24 union and six public meetings held; amount of money raised, \$62.78; 2,000 pages of literature distributed; seven departments of work taken up. Special work for Plebiscite campaign.

KENT—Reports eight Unions—Wallaceburg, Dresden, Blenheim, Tupperville, Salem, Chatham, Ridgeway and Thamesville; 193 active and 25 honorary members; 208 union and 46 public meetings held; amount of money raised, \$326.99; 21,804 pages of literature distributed; 16 departments of work taken up; 70 signatures to the pledge, outside union members. Special work: Plebiscite campaign, and the prevention of a license to a hotel.

LANARK—Reports six Unions—Carleton Place, Lanark, Perth, Smith's Falls, Almonte and Fallbrook; number of members, 212 active and 21 honorary; 88 union and 17 public meetings held; amount of money received, \$404.18; nearly all the departments of work taken up. Good work is reported as being done in Lanark County.

LINCOLN—Reports five Unions—St. Catharines, Grimsby, Beamsville, Rockway and St. Catharines "Y"; 73 active and eight honorary members; 76 union and 10 public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 29 members; amount of money raised, \$112.00; 36,000 pages of literature distributed; 11 departments of work taken up.

LAMBTON—Reports eight Unions—Alvinston, Copleston, Forest, Sombra, Wyoming, Petrolea, Sarnia and Watford; 268 active and 102 honorary members; 152 union and 28 public meetings held during the year; four Bands of Hope, with 225 members; total amount of money raised, \$320.67; 70,949 pages of literature distributed; 17 departments of work taken up; 27 signatures to pledge. Special work: Had gambling tables removed from the race track on 24th of May celebration.

LEEDS—Report nine Unions—Athens, Brockville, Landsdowne, Lake Eloida, Gananoque, Lyn, Delta, Brockville "Y" and Gananoque "Y"; 162 active and eight honorary members; 126 union and 17 public meetings held; four bands of Hope, with 204 members; total amount of money raised, \$297.65; pages of literature distributed, 14,550; departments of work taken up, 14.

MUSKOKA—Reports one Union—Huntsville, with a membership of 31 active and honorary members; 16 meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 81 members; amount of money raised, \$55.02; 10 departments of work taken up. Special work: Plebiscite campaign.

MIDDLESEX—Reports nine Unions—London, Strathroy, Woodgreen, Ilderton, Napier, Glencoe, Mt. Brydges, London "Y" and Thorndale; 553 active and 112 honorary members; 154 union and 42 public meetings held in the year; total amount of money received, \$2,852.34; pages of literature distributed, 23,700; 15 departments of work taken up; 53 signatures to pledge, outside of union members.

NIPISING—Reports three Unions—North Bay, Powassan and North Bay "Y"; 59 active and 15 honorary members; 36 union and six public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 50 children; total amount of money raised, \$53.48; pages of literature distributed, 4,700; eight departments of work taken up; nine signatures to the pledge outside of Union members. Special work: Plebiscite campaign.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Reports two Unions—Campbellford and Cobourg; 36 active and six honorary members; 38 union and four public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$27.05; 2,000 pages of literature distributed; nine departments of work taken up.

NORFOLK—Not heard from.

ONTARIO—Reports six Unions—Port Perry, Seagrave, Oshawa, Whitby, Prince Albert and Uxbridge; 115 active and 20 honorary members; 128 union and 10 public meetings held; three Bands of Hope, with 131 members; total amount of money raised, \$282.21; pages of literature distributed, 3,266; 12 departments of work taken up. Special work: reduced number of licenses, and worked hard for the Plebiscite.

OXFORD—Reports 12 Unions—Embro, Ingersoll, Norwich, Woodstock, Otterville, Otterville "Y", Salford, Springford, Til-

sonburg, Tilsonburg "Y", Verschoyle and Brownsville; 186 active and 37 honorary members; 230 union and 50 public meetings held; three Bands of Hope, with 93 members; total amount of money received, \$374.13; pages of literature distributed, 35,224; 16 departments of work taken up. Special work: Sent a patient to the hospital and did good Plebiscite work.

PERTH—Reports six Unions—Stratford, St. Mary's, Listowel, Mitchell, Atwood and Millbank; 94 active and nine honorary members; 73 union and seven public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$140.99; pages of literature distributed, 19,000; nine departments of work taken up. Special work consisted chiefly in working for the Plebiscite. One union took care of a sick woman whose husband is in the penitentiary. The Secretary of this County says: "All the unions are doing good work, and in every way we have much to be thankful for."

PETERBORO—Reports one Union—Peterboro; 30 active and three honorary members; 26 union and two public meetings held; amount of money raised, \$45.40; 13 departments of work taken up; 1,475 pages of literature distributed. Special work: Charitable work in the north part of the county.

PRINCE EDWARD—Reports one Union—Picton "Y"; 27 active members; 26 union and three public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 200 children; amount of money raised, \$170.47; three departments of work taken up.

PEEL—Reports four Unions—Brampton, Bolton, Caledon East and Port Credit; 111 active and 15 honorary members; 50 union and 20 public meetings held in the year; amount of money raised, \$21.45; pages of literature distributed, 18,060; 12 departments of work taken up. Special work: Had the number of licenses reduced, and had the law regarding Sabbath selling enforced.

RUSSELL—Reports four Unions—Cumberland, Rockland "Y", Vars and South Indian; 111 active and 19 honorary members; 52 union and seven public meetings held; two Bands of Hope, with 60 members; amount of money raised, \$7.25; pages of literature distributed, 2,200; three departments of work taken up. Did excellent work for the Plebiscite.

RENFREW—Reports five Unions—Arnprior, Cobden, Pembroke, Renfrew and Greenwood; 80 active and 26 honorary members; 74 union and 21 public meetings held during the year; three Bands of Hope, with 190 members; amount of money received, \$162.78; pages of literature distributed, 4,250; eight departments of work taken up. Renfrew Union gave \$40.00 to the Plebiscite campaign, and Cobden did a very charitable work in caring for a poor, sick woman, at considerable cost to the union.

SIMCOE—Reports seven Unions—Barrie, Orillia, Collingwood, Gravenhurst, Minesing, Alliston and Elmvale; 155 active and 14 honorary members; 98 union and 14 public meetings held during

the year; four Bands of Hope, with 444 members; total amount of money received, \$365.23; pages of literature distributed, 7,421; 14 departments of work taken up; 18 signatures to the pledge, outside union members. Special line of work: helped to elect a temperance reeve and council in Gravenhurst. Charitable work largely taken up in the county. Worked hard for the Plebiscite.

**STORMONT**—Reports six Unions—Avonmore, Aultsville, Cornwall, Moulinette, Newington and Wales; 108 active and six honorary members; 54 union and eight public meetings; three Bands of Hope, with 410 members; total amount of money raised, \$216.05; 57,200 pages of literature distributed; 12 departments of work taken up. As special work: reduced number of licenses, and did good work in the Plebiscite campaign.

**TORONTO**—Reports 20 Unions—Central, Western, Parkdale, Willard, Bathurst, Gordon, Northern, Dovercourt, Deer Park, Youmans, Creighton, Eastern, Lyttle, Central "Y", Dovercourt "Y", Western "Y", Parkdale "Y", Bascom "Y", Creighton "Y", Northern "Y" just organized; 761 active and 69 honorary members; 46 public meetings held; six Bands of Hope, with 499 members; total amount of money raised, \$1,157.75; 78,511 pages of literature distributed; work has been done in all the departments. Special: Girls' Shelter, Mothers' Meetings, notified inspector of violation of license laws, worked hard during the Plebiscite campaign.

**VICTORIA**—Reports one Union—Lindsay; 42 active members; 12 union and four public meetings held; total amount of money raised, \$69.13; 16,300 pages of literature distributed; 11 eleven departments of work taken up.

**WELLAND**—Reports two Unions—Welland and Port Colborne; 21 active and one honorary members; 38 union and two public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 72 members; total amount of money raised, \$12.10; 3,000 pages of literature distributed; six departments of work taken up.

**WATERLOO**—Reports nine Unions—Ayr, Blair, Berlin, Central Dumfries, Galt, Oakwood, Preston, Pine Grove and Waterloo; 355 active and 20 honorary members; 124 union and 31 public meetings held in the year; five Bands of Hope, with 342 members; total amount of money raised, \$526.52; pages of literature distributed, 9,735; 17 departments of work taken up. Ayr sent large donations to the Protestant Orphanage in Berlin, and the Night Shelter in Toronto, and contributed \$50.00 towards Plebiscite work. Preston also sent donations to the Orphanage in Berlin. Pine Grove assisted a poor woman, and gave \$2.00 for Plebiscite campaign. Galt held weekly prayer-meetings, in view of the Plebiscite. Berlin sent a donation to the Rescue Home in Toronto.

**WENTWORTH**—Reports seven Unions—Central, Hamilton, Youmans, Willard, Dundas, Central "Y" and Eastern "Y"; 397

active and 47 honorary members; number of public meetings held, 19; number of members in Bands of Hope, 551; total amount of money raised, \$1,677.82; 21 departments of work taken up. Special work: The Newsboys' Club, and the "Y's" furnished a cot in the hospital.

WELLINGTON—Reports nine Unions—Guelph, Mt. Forest, Palmerston, Rockwood, Bellwood, Arthur, Fergus, Drayton and Harriston; 168 active and 25 honorary members; 22 public meetings held in the year; two Bands of Hope; total amount of money raised, \$418.25; pages of literature distributed, 24,500; nine departments of work taken up. Palmerston collected \$95.00 for a free reading-room. Bellwood worked hard for the Plebiscite, and helped to retain Local Option in their township by working hard against its repeal. They were successful, and are the only union in the county that can report no licensed bar-rooms in their town. Mt. Forest collected \$55.00 for Plebiscite campaign, and Guelph secured the signatures to the pledge of six prisoners confined in the jail.

YORK—Reports eight Unions—Toronto Junction, Weston, Stouffville, Belhaven, Newmarket, Sutton West, Richmond Hill, Georgina; 177 active and 47 honorary members; 135 union and 46 public meetings held during the year; four Bands of Hope, with 114 children; total amount of money received, \$233.44; 38,551 pages of literature distributed; nineteen departments of work taken up. Special work: Newmarket visited the poor at the Industrial Home, and gave a pound offering. Richmond Hill, special work, endeavor to enforce license law. Good work, during the Plebiscite campaign, was done in all the unions. Sutton West, special work, trying to reform a woman who kept a disorderly house.

#### SUMMARY.

From the foregoing we gather these aggregates :

Unions reported,	- - - - -	256
Active members,	- - - - -	6,560
Honorary members,	- - - - -	830
Bands of Hope,	- - - - -	74
Number of Children,	- - - - -	4,344
Amount of money received,	- - - - -	\$15,498.22
Pages of literature distributed,	- - - - -	653,703

This is an increase over last year's returns in the following lines :

Unions reported,	- - - - -	36
Active members,	- - - - -	1,436
Honorary members,	- - - - -	447
Money received,	- - - - -	\$2,465.03
In pages of literature distributed,	- - - - -	399,190

Unions organized during the year : Eganville, Foxboro, Seagrave, Uxbridge, Edgar's Mills, Mt. Pleasant, South Indian, Vars (Russell), Cumberland, Casselman, Shelburne, Windermere, Rose-

ville, Picton, North Augusta, Elmvale, Midland, Wyebridge, Almonte, Tupperville, Salem, Bolton, Alton, Milbank, Elmwood, Chapleau, Port Arthur, Dryden, Harrowsmith, Staffordville, Port Stanley, Rodney, Sparta, Algonquin, Sutton, Georgina Island (Indian), Belhaven, Lyttle, Union and Hamilton (colored)—40 W. C. T. Unions, including one colored and one Indian—Brockville "Y", Gananoque "Y", Merrickville "Y", Colborne "Y", Parkdale "Y", Eastern "Y", DeMille College "Y", Ayr "Y", Mt. Forest "Y", Walkerton "Y", Wiarton "Y", Chesley "Y", Tilsonburg "Y", Rockland "Y", Ottawa "Y", Hamilton "Y", Gorrie "Y", Northern Toronto "Y",—18 Y. W. C. T. Unions—making a total of 58 unions organized during the year, nearly double the number organized in any previous year. Four Youmans' Bands have also been formed: Watson's Corners, Balderston's Corners, Holland Centre, Williamsford.

During the year 29 members have passed over to the "silent majority." This may seem a small number when we consider a membership of nearly 7,000, but it brought sadness to many homes in our ranks.

In reviewing the work of the year I am convinced that it is, in every way, the best report it has been my privilege to compile, and, as this is my thirteenth year as your Corresponding Secretary, that is certainly saying a great deal. Reports sent in were very full of interesting items regarding the work. The workers are very much in earnest, and this Plebiscite year will mark a bright era in the history of reform in Canada. It has aroused in our workers a spirit of enthusiasm, and a determination to work as never before for the attainment of the object of our Union, "the total extinction of the liquor traffic."

# Treasurer's Annual Report

(MISS JENNIE MACARTHUR, Cornwall.)

## RECEIPTS.

### AFFILIATION FEES.

ALGOMA E.—		
Thessalon .....	\$ 3 25	
Sault Ste. Marie .....	2 25	
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ALGOMA W.—		
Fort William .....	5 00	
Port Arthur .....	6 25	
Chapleau .....	3 75	
Dryden .....	2 25	
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BRANT—		
Brantford .....	13 75	
Mount Pleasant .....	5 25	
Burford .....	2 50	
St. George .....	4 25	
Scotland .....	1 75	
Paris .....	4 25	
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BRUCE—		
Teeswater .....	9 00	
Elmwood .....	7 75	
Lucknow .....	7 50	
Cape Croker .....	6 75	
Chesley .....	6 25	
Walkerton .....	5 75	
Paisley .....	4 00	
Teeswater "Y" .....	3 75	
Lucknow "Y" .....	3 50	
Hepworth .....	2 50	
Walkerton "Y" .....	2 50	
Warton .....	2 50	
Warton "Y" .....	2 50	
Cargill .....	2 75	
Purple Valley .....	2 00	
Mildmay .....	1 75	
Kincardine .....	2 50	
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CARLETON—		
Ottawa .....	25 00	
Metcalfe .....	5 00	
Richmond .....	3 00	
Kinburn .....	8 50	
Carp .....	4 25	
Manotic .....	3 00	
Ottawa Central "Y" .....	50 00	
"    Emmanuel "Y" .....	7 50	
"    Rutherford "Y" .....	5 00	
"    Thornley "Y" .....	5 00	
New Edinburg "Y" .....	7 50	
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Amount carried forward .....	\$251 50	

	<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$251 50	
DURHAM—			
	Bowmanville.....	\$ 5 25	
	Port Hope.....	5 00	
	Orono.....	6 50	
			16 75
DUNDAS—			
	Iroquois.....	7 75	
			7 75
ELGIN—			
	Aylmer.....	2 50	
	St. Thomas.....	16 25	
	Vienna.....	5 00	
	Port Stanley.....	1 75	
	Staffordville.....	2 50	
			28 00
ESSEX—			
	Amherstburg.....	9 00	
	Essex.....	6 75	
	Kingsville.....	6 50	
	Windsor.....	6 75	
	Gesto.....	2 00	
			31 00
FRONTENAC—			
	Kingston.....	9 75	
	Harrowsmith.....	2 75	
			12 50
GREY—			
	Owen Sound.....	9 75	
	Meaford.....	5 00	
	Markdale.....	3 00	
	Thornbury.....	2 00	
			19 75
GLENGARRY—			
	Lancaster.....	5 00	
	Maxville.....	9 00	
	St. Elmo.....	6 75	
	Vankleek Hill.....	2 50	
			23 25
GRENVILLE—			
	Prescott.....	7 75	
	Algonquin.....	1 75	
	Kemptville.....	11 25	
	Merrickville.....	7 50	
	Spencerville.....	6 00	
	North Augusta.....	4 00	
	Cardinal.....	75	
			39 00
HALTON—			
	Milton.....	5 00	
	Oakville.....	6 75	
			11 75
HASTINGS—			
	Foxboro.....	7 50	
	Belleville.....	15 75	
			23 25
	<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$464 50	

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	<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$464 50	
<b>HALDIMAND—</b>			
	Hagersville .....	\$ 2 25	
	Caledonia .....	5 00	
	Cayuga .....	3 50	
	Oshwekan .....	50	
			11 25
<b>HURON—</b>			
	Goderich .....	7 55	
	Wingham .....	6 00	
	Seaforth .....	4 50	
	Blyth .....	3 25	
	Clinton .....	6 25	
			27 55
<b>KENT—</b>			
	Chatham .....	11 25	
	Dresden .....	7 50	
	Blenheim .....	5 25	
	Ridgetown .....	3 75	
	Thamesville .....	3 50	
	Wallaceburg .....	4 00	
			35 25
<b>LINCOLN—</b>			
	St. Catharines .....	8 00	
	Grimsby .....	5 00	
	Beamsville .....	3 38	
	Rockway .....	25	
	St. Catharines "Y" .....	1 75	
			18 38
<b>LANARK—</b>			
	Carleton Place .....	5 75	
	Lanark .....	3 25	
	Perth .....	6 50	
	Smith's Falls .....	29 00	
	Fallbrook .....	2 00	
	Almonte .....	6 75	
			53 25
<b>LAMBTON—</b>			
	Alvinston .....	8 25	
	Copleston .....	2 25	
	Forest .....	3 50	
	Sombra .....	5 38	
	Wyoming .....	15 00	
	Petrolea .....	17 00	
	Sarnia .....	11 25	
	Watford .....	4 00	
			66 63
<b>LEEDS—</b>			
	Athens .....	6 25	
	Brockville .....	8 75	
	Lansdowne .....	2 25	
	Lake Eloida .....	1 50	
	Gananoque .....	5 00	
	Lyn .....	2 50	
	Delta .....	1 25	
	Brockville "Y" .....	7 50	
	Gananoque "Y" .....	5 00	
			40 00
	<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$716 81	

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....		\$716 81
MIDDLESEX—		
London	.....	\$107 50
Strathroy	.....	3 75
Woodgreen	.....	1 75
Ilderton	.....	3 50
Napier	.....	7 50
Glencoe	.....	6 00
Mount Brydges	.....	3 00
London "Y"	.....	3 00
Thorndale	.....	2 75
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		138 75
MUSKOKA—		
Huntsville	.....	6 75
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		6 75
NIPISSING—		
North Bay	.....	4 00
North Bay "Y"	.....	5 00
Powassan	.....	2 00
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		11 00
NORTHUMBERLAND—		
Campbellford	.....	5 70
Cobourg	.....	3 50
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		9 20
ONTARIO—		
Port Perry	.....	6 00
Seagrave	.....	3 50
Oshawa	.....	5 00
Whitby	.....	5 00
Prince Albert	.....	3 25
Uxbridge	.....	6 00
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		28 75
OXFORD—		
Embros	.....	3 37
Ingersoll	.....	7 25
Norwich	.....	4 75
Woodstock	.....	9 75
Otterville	.....	1 25
Otterville "Y"	.....	50
Salford	.....	2 25
Springford	.....	2 00
Tilsonburg	.....	6 00
Tilsonburg "Y"	.....	3 75
Verschoyle	.....	3 75
Brownsville	.....	2 00
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		46 62
PERTH—		
Listowel	.....	6 00
St. Mary's	.....	6 00
Stratford	.....	4 50
Mitchell	.....	4 50
Attwood	.....	3 20
Millbank	.....	2 63
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		26 83
PETERBORO—		
Peterboro	.....	4 00
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		4 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....		\$988 71

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	<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$988 71	
PEEL—			
	Brampton.....	\$12 50	
	Bolton.....	3 75	
	Caledon East.....	4 00	20 25
PRINCE EDWARD—			
	Pictou "Y".....	6 75	6 75
RUSSELL—			
	Cumberland.....	4 00	
	Rockland "Y".....	5 00	
	Vars.....	6 00	
	South Indian.....	2 00	17 00
RENFREW—			
	Arnprior.....	3 50	
	Cobden.....	1 75	
	Pembroke.....	5 75	
	Renfrew.....	6 00	
	Greenwood.....	3 00	20 00
SIMCOE—			
	Barrie.....	7 50	
	Collingwood.....	4 50	
	Gravenhurst.....	4 25	
	Orillia.....	9 00	
	Minesing.....	3 25	
	Alliston.....	6 00	34 50
STORMONT—			
	Avonmore.....	3 00	
	Aultsville.....	1 50	
	Cornwall.....	16 25	
	Moulinette.....	2 00	
	Newington.....	3 50	
	Wales.....	75	27 00
TORONTO DISTRICT—			
	Central.....	29 75	
	Parkdale.....	18 75	
	Willard.....	8 50	
	Eastern.....	5 50	
	Bathurst.....	6 25	
	Northern.....	22 50	
	Creighton.....	12 25	
	Central "Y".....	12 50	
	Gordon.....	25 00	
	Deer Park.....	4 50	
	Western.....	10 75	
	Western "Y".....	5 00	
	Youmans.....	4 00	
	Parkdale "Y".....	2 50	
	Lytle.....	14 25	
	Bascom "Y".....	3 00	185 00
VICTORIA—			
	Lindsay.....	10 50	10 50
	<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$1309 71	

	<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1 309 71
<b>WENTWORTH—</b>		
Hamilton	.....	\$12 50
“ Youmans	.....	14 25
“ Central	.....	42 00
“ Central “Y”	.....	10 00
“ Eastern “Y”	.....	5 00
Dundas	.....	8 50
		92 25
<b>WELLAND—</b>		
Port Colborne	.....	5 30
		5 30
<b>WELLINGTON—</b>		
Guelph	.....	10 75
Mount Forest	.....	7 75
Mount Forest “Y”	.....	1 50
Palmerston	.....	3 50
Rockwood	.....	2 00
Bellwood	.....	7 75
Arthur	.....	1 75
Fergus	.....	3 75
Drayton	.....	2 50
		41 25
<b>WATERLOO—</b>		
Ayr	.....	16 25
Waterloo	.....	2 25
Galt	.....	10 00
Preston	.....	6 50
Central Dumfries	.....	2 50
Pine Grove	.....	5 50
Berlin	.....	9 00
Blair	.....	2 25
Oakwood	.....	2 75
		57 00
<b>YORK—</b>		
Toronto Junction	.....	11 50
Richmond Hill	.....	8 50
Sutton	.....	4 25
Belhaven	.....	5 50
Stouffville	.....	4 50
Weston	.....	3 75
Newmarket	.....	5 37
Georgina Island	.....	4 75
		48 12
Fees received after books closed last year	.....	29 20
		\$1,582 83
<b>LUMBERMEN'S WORK—</b>		
Copleston, Orono, Caledonia, Belleville, Miss Scott, Campbellford, Richmond Hill, Avonmore, St. Elmo, Mrs. Paton, Mount Forest, Vienna, Huntsville, Oakwood, Port Hope, Waterloo, Que., Verschoyle, Mrs. Pringle, Rockwood, Petrolea, a Friend, Fort Erie, Amherstburg, Miss Sproule, Markdale, Bellwood, Peterboro—each, \$1.00	.....	26 00
		26 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$ 26 00	\$1,582 83

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Amount brought forward.....	\$26 00	\$1582 83
Gravenhurst, Seagrave, Dryden, St. Catharines, Thorn- dale, Port Credit, F. E. J. and Friend—each, \$1.50	10 50	
“Northern,” Toronto, Richmond, Norwich, Grimsby, Chatham, Brampton, Central Toronto, Parkdale, Glencoe, St. Catharines “Y,” Foxboro, Kingston, Cambellford, Thornbury, Aylmer, Prince Albert, Lanark, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Stannard, Fallbrook, Napier, Lyn, Sault Ste. Marie—each, \$2.00.....	46 00	
Maxville, Carleton Place, Caledon East, “Creighton,” Toronto; “Willard,” Toronto; Kemptville, “Gor- don,” Toronto; Galt, Fort William, Listowell, Chatham, Meaford, Oakville, Pine Grove, Blen- heim, Wingham, Durham County, Campbellford “Y,” “Eastern,” Toronto, Clinton—each, \$3.00...	60 00	
Goderich.....	4 00	
Brockville, Seaforth, Spencerville, Guelph, St. George, Barrie, Mrs. Mills, Brampton, Toronto Western, Cornwall, Gananoque, Lake Eloida, Sarnia— each, \$5.00.....	65 00	
Mount Forest R. T. of T., 50c.; Hepworth, 67c.; Port Arthur, 80c.; Thessalon, \$1.05; Sutton West, \$1.45; Uxbridge, \$2.10; Ilderton, \$2.15; St. Thomas, \$2.20; Durham, \$2.20; Paisley, \$2.50; Martintown, \$2.50; Charing Cross W. F. M. S., \$2.77; Fergus, \$2.77; Perth, \$2.90; Ayr, \$3.20; Prescott, \$3.25; Berlin, \$3.60; Iroquois, \$3.65; Port Perry, \$4.30; Warton, \$4.40; Stratford, \$4.50; Athens, \$6.00; Owen Sound, \$7.00; Sombra, \$7.25; York County Unions, \$7.50; Ottawa, \$10.00; Rev. Elmore Har- ris, \$10.00; collected by Mrs. Maybee, Belleville, \$10.75; Lindsay, \$16.50; Hamilton Unions, \$20.00; London, \$28.00.....	176 46	
		387 96
ALGOMA MISSION—		
A friend for Miss Sproule.....	10 00	
Mrs. Thornley, towards Miss Sproule's salary.....	25 00	
Qu'Appelle, \$2.00; Fort William, \$6.00.....	8 00	
		43 00
DOMINION AND WORLD'S MISSIONS—		
Grimsby, \$1.00; Owen Sound, \$1.20; Ottawa, \$1.40; Toronto District, \$2.15; Fort William, \$4.15; At- wood, \$1.30; Hamilton Unions, \$6.00; Cobourg, \$2.00; Chatham, \$1.56; Cornwall, \$1.85.....		22 61
DEEP SEA MISSION—		
Galt, \$1.40; Spencerville, \$1.00.....		2 40
SUNDRIES—		
Balance from last year.....	1342 21	
Convention receipts.....	43 50	
Sale of Annual Reports.....	112 35	
Advertisements in Reports.....	62 50	
Donation John S. Leckie.....	5 00	
Donation Mrs. Pratt (dept. expenses).....	15 95	
Mrs. Mackie, for Windsor, N. S., “Y”.....	2 00	
Dominion Union, last payment on literature.....	100 00	
Interest.....	16 20	
		1,699 71
Total.....		\$3,738 51

## EXPENDITURES.

PRESIDENT—			
Stenographers' Salary and Incidental Allowance.....	\$200	00	
Postage, Telegrams, Office Supplies, etc.....	106	03	
Travelling.....	3	40	
			\$309 43
VICE-PRESIDENT—			
Travelling.....	5	20	
Postage, etc.....	3	10	
Allowance.....	10	00	
			18 30
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY—			
Salary.....	100	00	
Postage, etc.....	32	74	
			132 74
RECORDING SECRETARY—			
Telephone.....	33	55	
Allowance.....	20	00	
Travelling.....	1	70	
Postage, etc.....	9	20	
			64 45
TREASURER—			
Travelling.....	13	00	
Allowance.....	20	00	
Postage, Draft Charges, etc.....	19	73	
			52 73
COUNTY PRESIDENTS—			
Mrs. Maybee, Hastings.....	1	45	
Mrs. Maxwell, Essex.....		75	
Mrs. Bennet, Grenville.....	5	50	
Mrs. MacCallum, Frontenac.....	5	00	
Mrs. Hartley, Elgin.....	5	62	
Mrs. Kenner, Ontario.....	5	60	
Mrs. Caldwell, Lanark.....	3	00	
Mrs. Bell, Brant.....	8	00	
Mrs. Gordon, Russell.....	9	55	
Mrs. Cane, York.....	6	30	
Mrs. Hutcheson, Muskoka.....	6	41	
Mrs. Lynd, Peel.....	5	50	
			62 68
DEPARTMENTS—			
Sabbath Observance.....	5	37	
Curfew.....	5	00	
Young Women's.....	41	39	
Indian.....	10	00	
Colored.....	28	38	
Unfermented Wine.....	3	81	
Soldiers.....	3	18	
Purity.....	4	81	
Scientific Temperance.....	5	59	
Parlor Meetings.....	6	81	
Juvenile.....	15	95	
Franchise.....		80	
Legislation and Petition.....	3	33	
Evangelistic.....	7	37	
Railroad.....	1	23	
Sailors'.....	2	25	
Amount carried forward.....	\$145	27	\$640 33

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Amount brought forward .....	\$145 27	\$640 33
Press .....	4 70	
Narcotics .....	4 95	
Hygiene and Heredity .....	3 55	
Prison and Police .....	98	
Exhibition and Fairs .....	1 25	
Systematic Giving .....	5 05	
Lumbermen—J. S. Leckie, Salary .....	\$410 00	
Miss Fisher, Supplies .....	12 00	
Mrs. Chapman, Supplies .....	2 50	
		424 50
Algoma Mission—Miss Sproule, Salary .....	\$75 00	
Miss Sproule, Expenses .....	54 00	
		129 00
		<u>719 25</u>
SUNDRIES—		
Accounts paid after Books closed .....	68 33	
Convention Expenses .....	72 64	
Mrs. Saunby, for preparing Report .....	20 00	
National Prohibition Federation .....	10 00	
Treasurer's Expenses to Dominion Executive .....	6 25	
Mrs. McKee's Expenses to Alliance .....	3 60	
Directory in <i>Woman's Journal</i> .....	6 25	
Horses for Temperance Wagon .....	45 00	
Literature from Dominion Alliance .....	24 50	
Literature from Dominion Union .....	44 23	
Literature, per Mrs. Thornley .....	2 76	
Printing, including Annual Report .....	395 48	
Loss on Drafts .....	37	
Miss Sproule, donation a Friend .....	10 00	
Windsor, N. S., "Y" .....	2 00	
Deep Sea Mission .....	2 40	
Dominion and World's Missions .....	22 61	
Affiliation fee Dominion W. C. T. U. ....	316 55	
		<u>1,052 97</u>
Total .....		<u>\$2,412 55</u>

STATEMENT.

Total assets .....	\$3,738 51
Total disbursements .....	2,412 55
Balance .....	\$1,325 96
Divided into—Emergency fund .....	\$575 86
Youmans' fund .....	75 00
Lumbermen's fund .....	20 00
	<u>670 86</u>
Net balance .....	\$655 10

JENNIE MACARTHUR,

Audited and found correct,

Treasurer.

M. BINNIE CREWSON, Auditor.

CORNWALL, October 28th, 1898.

## FEES RECEIVED AFTER BOOKS CLOSED.

Port Burwell, Elgin County .....	\$ 2 25	
Port Credit, Peel .....	3 50	
Windermere, Muskoka .....	3 75	
Dovercourt, Toronto .....	1 50	
Dovercourt "Y", Toronto .....	1 75	
Ayr, Willard "Y", Waterloo County .....	1 75	
Corinth, Elgin County .....	75	
Campbellford "Y", Northumberland County .....	2 25	
Campden, Lincoln County .....	2 75	
Homer, Lincoln County .....	2 50	
Edgar's Mills, Essex .....	1 75	
		24 50

## CONVENTION RECEIPTS.

Collection, Congregational Church .....	14 85	
" Bank Street Church .....	53 53	
" Dominion Church .....	71 00	
		139 38

## AMOUNTS PAID AFTER BOOKS CLOSED.

T. F. McMahon, printing .....	6 00	
Heal & Fleming .....	13 08	
Mrs. Maxwell, County Expenses .....	2 00	
Miss Stone, County Expenses .....	2 00	
Miss Bates, Unfermented Wine Department .....	3 03	
Miss Fisher, Lumbermen's Department .....	6 53	
Printing, <i>re</i> Parlor Meetings .....	1 25	
Mrs. Moore, <i>re</i> Flower Missions .....	50	
Donation to Mrs. Thornley .....	200 00	
		234 39

## CONVENTION EXPENSES.

General Officers .....	34 75	
Rev. Anna H. Shaw .....	20 00	
John G. Woolley .....	50 00	
Press, advertising, express, etc. ....	26 96	
Ottawa churches .....	65 00	
		196 71

JENNIE MACARTHUR,

Treasurer.

## NOTE.

By vote of Convention, and as a token of appreciation of the five years' of service rendered the Provincial Union by its President, Mrs. Thornley, the sum of \$200 was voted her. While expressing her sincere thanks and full appreciation of the love that prompted the act, Mrs. Thornley, in view of pressing department needs, declined to make personal use of the gift. She said it would give her great pleasure to be permitted to appropriate it according as her judgment dictated, and would therefore at once set aside \$100 for the Algoma work—this amount to be expended by the Missionary in making a personal tour of her territory.

Mrs. Thornley also found it impossible to take advantage of the vote electing her a visitor from the Ontario W. C. T. U. to the National American Convention, at St. Paul's. There was therefore no expense as a result of this motion.

# Reports of Departments

## EVANGELISTIC.

MRS. GORDON, Superintendent.

IN my last report I made the following suggestions: 1. The appointment in each county of an Evangelistic Superintendent, and a local Superintendent in each Union. 2. That all public meetings shall be, as far as possible, conducted by the members of the Union. 3. That at least one series of Evangelistic meetings be held during the year. Will you allow me, before reporting the work of the past year, to make the same suggestion for this year, and in order to induce you to give more heed to them will you let me emphasize and supplement them by a quotation from one now in heaven—one whose wisdom was so universally acknowledged by W. C. T. U. women that her suggestions found many willing workers to carry them into practice. The words are those of the late lamented Francis Willard, who said, in speaking of the Evangelistic Department: "It seems a work of supererogation to wage this department on the attention of crusaders. It is the pivot on which all others turn. It has been the shield and buckler of our work from the beginning. From its consecration meetings have gone forth our most effective toilers, and this will be so always; for we cannot work out that which has not already been wrought in us by the Spirit of God. We are no stronger than our consecration; we are no more efficient than our character."

BRANT—The Superintendent writes that many meetings have been held, including mother's meetings, union prayer meetings, missionary meetings, and in one place a Gospel meeting every Sunday morning and Friday evening, excepting in the summer months. The poor and sick have been visited and clothed, and hot breakfasts and dinners given the former.

BRUCE—Reports a successful year. Monthly devotional meetings interesting. Held cottage meetings, prayer services, monthly public Gospel meetings, temperance sermons preached, and observed the day of prayer, and quarterly temperance meetings in the Sunday School. The sick visited and the poor relieved. The members of one Union paid 100 visits, resulting in much blessing.

CARLETON—The Superintendent reports: Devotional meetings regularly held, and literature distributed, and a Bible reader employed, who made 900 visits this year.

DURHAM—The Superintendent reports : Seventy-five visits to the sick, aged and poor; and some wandering souls saved. Two delightful all-day prayer meetings, one the day before the Prohibition vote was taken. Quantities of literature distributed.

ESSEX—The Superintendent says : It is difficult to prepare a report owing to the variety of methods employed, or to convey, by statistics, any idea of the relief and comfort given in 200 visits to the sick and needy. Lunches given to the poor with scripture text attached; religious books and papers supplied to the "Gold Cure" Institute, and letters written to the erring. Meetings held: Gospel, prayer and cottage meetings, and temperance sermons preached.

ELGIN—From County Presidents and local Unions the following has been gathered : Meetings held, cottage and prayer meetings, mother's meetings, and Bible readings.

FRONTENAC—The Superintendent finds everywhere work for the Master. By earnest toil and concentration of effort the largest temperance vote was polled that was ever recorded in that county. The Superintendent made 64 visits and held mother's meetings. The County President reports weekly services at a city institution with good results. Supplied each of the inmates with a Bible.

GLENGARRY AND PRESCOTT—Two Unions report through the Superintendent : Gospel temperance meetings, cottage prayer meetings, and mother's meetings regularly held. All the poor families, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, visited weekly. One whole family of Catholics converted. Employ a Bible woman.

GRENVILLE—The Superintendent writes that five Unions report work done : Such as Gospel meetings, temperance sermons preached, special prayer meetings for the success of the Plebiscite, sick and aged visited, much literature distributed.

HALDIMAND—Report nineteen cottage prayer meetings.

HASTINGS—The Superintendent says: The sick have been visited, poor clothed and fed, and encouraged to be true to the Giver of every good gift; literature distributed.

HURON—But recently organized. Superintendent hopes good work will be accomplished.

KENT—The Superintendent reports that good work is being done. Hospital visited, and sick cared for; literature distributed.

LAMBTON—The Superintendent reports: Meetings held at the homes of the sick, and 149 evangelistic visits made.

LINCOLN—The Superintendent reports: Gospel meetings and prayer meetings, and evangelistic services held in a Ladies' College, literature distributed.

LANARK—Held four public meetings, addressed by Provincial Superintendents, temperance sermons preached and Union prayer

services held, visited the poor, aged and shut-in ones; distributed literature.

LEEDS—This county reports through the County President as follows: One of the special features of the work is that prayer meetings were held in almost every place on the 28th of September. Temperance sermons preached, and temperance meetings held in Sabbath schools; hospital and homes visited; much literature distributed. One local Superintendent held regular Gospel meetings, at which souls were converted. Most encouraging to hear how the men were saved from the appetite of strong drink.

MIDDLESEX—Report prayer meetings, beside many special ones, for the success of the Plebiscite, 28 temperance sermons, memorial services for Miss Willard, services in hospital, and \$500 given Children's Hospital, paid also for medical advice for sick children, made quilts for shelter, letters of sympathy to afflicted ones, 226 visits to sick; distributed 187 tracts and leaflets, besides a weekly distribution of papers. Papers preferred, *Witness, Guardian* and *Christian Herald*.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Superintendent reports: Monthly prayer meetings, special prayer meetings, temperance sermons preached. Sick and aged visited, and supplied with reading matter, sent comfort bags with hymn books and testaments to Labrador fishermen; distributed 14,600 pages of literature.

OXFORD—The Superintendent has given six addresses, and Gospel mass meetings have been held, besides much personal work done.

ONTARIO—The chief work of this county in this department seems to have been visiting the sick and attending to their needs.

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PEEL—The Superintendent reports: Forty-one religious meetings, of all kinds, at these many souls were saved; literature distributed, 2,633 tracts and papers.

PETERBORO—The Superintendent writes: A good year's work has been done; distributed 849 leaflets, besides 546 papers to missionaries; held public evangelistic meetings.

PERTH—The Superintendent writes: Literature distributed in House of Refuge, livery stables, and elsewhere; meetings held in cottages and House of Refuge; have a Mission Sunday School and teach the children, also a sewing school for little girls.

TORONTO—The Superintendent says: Personal work can hardly be summed up, but much has been done to help humanity. Devotional meetings regularly held, special all-day prayer meetings, mother's meetings, at which garments and quilts were made, and provision, clothing and fuel were distributed, comprise some of the good work accomplished.

WELLINGTON—Striving to work for the glory of the Master. Prayer meetings held, and literature distributed.

WENTWORTH—The Superintendent reports: Employ two Bible women; and held three regular Mother's meetings, at which 15 quilts were made; have a savings bank and clothing club, for 120 mothers; gave annual tea; sent 120 Christmas letters and cards; visited hospital, refuge, besides visits to sick and poor; gospel mass meetings and prayer meetings, 220; collected money and clothing to send a family to Manitoba; distributed much literature.

WATERLOO—No report from Superintendent has reached me. From locals, gleaned that prayer meetings have been held weekly, literature distributed, and the outlook is bright for work during the coming year.

YORK—The Superintendent reports: four prayer meetings; cottage meetings at the homes of the sick; 26 temperance sermons, 148 gospel temperance addresses; the Industrial Home visited and services held; mother's meetings well attended; 24 Bible readings. The work shows steady advancement and much interest shown.

#### SUMMARY.

Your Superintendent has received reports from 32 counties, each county having an Evangelistic Superintendent with the exception of two, in Leeds and Stormont. In the interests of this department 51 letters and 88 post cards have been written; one week's evangelistic meetings and 30 addresses, besides Bible readings and conference meetings have been given and led by the Superintendent.

In the autumn of 1897, a call to work was sent through the Province, and early in the year a call to prayer was mailed to every Union in the Province, through the County Superintendent, and just before the vote, a campaign volley to prayer. In all about 2,500 circulars were distributed.

My desire is for this department that everyone connected with the Ontario Unions, but especially the Superintendents of this branch of work, should this year be very strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. How are we to come in touch with power? Is it not by praying always. "Restraining prayer we cease to fight; prayer keeps the Christian armor bright." Not only by prayer but by individual consecration to God—these two are the secrets of power.

Not with one hand, Master, would I labor  
In the great harvest field,  
Rather with the willing service of a freeman  
Both hands to Thee I yield.

## LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE.

(MRS. W. H. WATSON, Superintendent.)

"Sabbath observance; what is it?" is a question that is being asked all over our Province to-day. It is a question that needs to be answered the right way, and impressed upon our minds, so that we will cry out in our cities and towns the need of reform, as you will see by studying the full reports of counties sent in.

We are sorry to have to come to the decision that Sabbath desecration is alarmingly on the increase. Who is to blame, if not the keepers of the home? We must each keep our part of the wall, or the city will not be secure. We are apt to say it is the fault of the city council, or the fault of those in authority that the law is not kept, but we cannot shake off the responsibility in that way. We are the law-makers in our homes, and as mothers are the heart of the homes, we know what power the heart has over the whole; let us see that we use that power as God would have us do, not as man might think, never forgetting that example is the strongest force we can use.

One of God's best blessings to mankind is the Sabbath Day; let us watch that it does not slip from our grasp, through carelessness on our part.

Where we have the street cars running we find there a great source of evil. Toronto R. R. Company want more liberty to run out to all points in York county. Hamilton Sunday traffic is largely on the increase, Beach road and Grimsby Park being crowded on Sunday, Grimsby road giving half-fare rates.

This fair city of Ottawa is asking to have the vote taken, whether they can have Sunday cars. We hope the influence of this Convention may at least stem the tide of that desire.

Though Mr. Charlton's bill was defeated in the house, it has done much good by bringing before the people of our Province many phases of the Sabbath question. And through the action of the Lord's Day Alliance much has been done in regard to strengthening the law. Money is what is most needed to help on their work, and win the day in many cases.

ALGOMA—Algoma reports that the Union has exercised its influence in checking amusements among children on the Lord's Day.

GREY—A very interesting meeting on Sabbath Observance has been held in Meaford, and many methods have been brought before the Union that helped the women in their home life.

GRENVILLE—Spencerville reports meeting held to discuss the question; leaflets distributed; sermons preached. Prescott reports a branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, which has been successful in stopping the unloading of boats on Sunday at the elevator, also prohibiting barbers from working on Sunday; Sunday excursions very bad.

KENT—Dresden reports: Ministers asked to preach on the subject, first Sunday in April; Superintendent of Department gave Bible reading on subject. Chatham reports many leaflets distributed; boys got to Sunday School, also boys got to stop using profane language as they were driving the cattle to pasture.

LAMBTON—Forest reports the ministers were asked to preach; candidates for Legislature were interviewed and satisfactory answers received. Petrolia—All the ministers took up the subject one Wednesday evening in April; one meeting of the Union was given to the subject. Alvinston reports the ministers preached; one meeting of the Union given to the Bible reading, and found very practical and interesting.

LEEDS—Gananoque reports a talk to Sunday Schools on subject. Lansdowne asked ministers to preach on subject. Athens asked ministers to preach; 200 leaflets distributed; paper read in Union that did much good.

PEEL—Port Credit reports literature distributed; asked ministers to preach; thinks the circular letter did much good in bringing the matter before the members.

PETERBORO—Peterboro reports the Sabbath not kept as it ought to be; not far behind the States; have many pleasure excursions; quite a lot of leaflets distributed.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Petitions from all the Unions were sent to the Legislature of Ontario, endeavoring to secure amendments to the Lord's Day Act; results not what were hoped for. All ministers in the city asked to preach on the subject, and superintendents of Sunday Schools asked to devote one afternoon to this topic; also distributed literature in Sunday Schools; all the Unions visited, ministers and superintendents, and received promises of compliance; six Unions donated literature; 5,000 leaflets were used; six of the Unions gave Bible readings, and found them very helpful. We deplore the Sunday car service, and find that they are a great source of evil.

YORK—Verbal reports given at County Convention. Good suggestions given to mothers, how to spend part of Sabbath, talking of this matter with the children.

WELLINGTON—Mount Forest and Plynton Unions report carried out the suggestions of the letter on Sabbath Observance. Sermons on the subject were preached in three churches in each town, and Bible readings given in one Union.

WENTWORTH—Hamilton reports having met with branch of Lord's Day Alliance and offered to help in any way. We deplore the decided increase of Sunday traffic in our city, especially to the Beach and Grimsby Park. We need the law tested on many points, also boat excursions from Hamilton to Kingston, starting Saturday evening. An excellent paper was read on the subject at the County Convention.

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SUMMARY.

The circular letter met with a generous response from County and Local Unions, showing that our women are alive to the importance of this matter. The Lord's Day Alliance has given your Superintendent much help, and, where there has been a branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, the Local Unions have found them very helpful in every way. We commend their work to your practical sympathy and support. Through their efforts the law has been enforced; lack of funds is all that keeps them back from further action. We also commend our women to read up the law on this question, so as to be able to know when the law is being kept or broken in our towns or cities. We therefore commend to your serious consideration the resolutions that will come up in connection with this department. All of which is respectfully submitted.

## HYGIENE AND HEREDITY.

EDITH H. MURRAY, Superintendent.

It is a long march across the prairie before we come in sight of the foothills. The Promised Land lies beyond, the land of pure lives, healthy bodies and lofty ideals. Some day we shall enter in. To-day we are trudging across the monotonous, dead-level country, where there is little to rest the eye or cheer the heart. But we must be patient. One step at a time will bring us at last to the hills. If I were not sure of this, the outlook in this department would be less encouraging; but, while the reports are generally meagre, I am of the opinion that the real work is often not reportable.

A circular which tried, in ever so inadequate a way, to speak home to the mother heart in Ontario was sent out in May. A word of greeting found its way from your Superintendent to the workers, through the *Woman's Journal*. She has waited to be of service. Things move slowly, but so long as they *move* we will not be cast down.

COUNTY REPORTS.

BRUCE—Mrs. E. M. Stauffer, County Superintendent. No local superintendents. No special attention has been given to the subject except when it has come up incidentally in the regular meetings. The County Superintendent thinks if some leaflets on the subject were sent to each Union more interest would be generated.

DURHAM—Mrs. J. H. Barnett, County Superintendent. Paper read at County Convention, but no work is reported from the respective Unions, though Port Hope and Orono have appointed superintendents.

CARLETON—Christine Sinclair, County Superintendent. In Buckingham and in Ottawa lectures on the questions raised by

this department were delivered. During the year a class in physical culture was conducted by Miss Gordon, of the Ottawa "Y's", in the Y. W. C. A. building. So successful was this forward step that it was found to be necessary to organize both junior and senior classes for the coming year. This is a most encouraging report.

FRONTENAC—No County Superintendent. Kingston Union reports a parlor meeting, at which an excellent paper was read by the local superintendent. The subject comes up incidentally in the regular meetings, and at mother's meetings the question is a welcome one.

NIPISSING—No County Superintendent. North Bay reports two special meetings for the consideration of this department when interesting papers, addresses and discussions were the order of business. The subject often comes up, and is one that interests all the members. The tone of the report from this Union is most encouraging.

ONTARIO—Miss Bates, County Superintendent. No report because of the amalgamation of Hygiene and Heredity with Scientific Temperance in several Unions.

OXFORD—Mrs. Nellis, County Superintendent. Woodstock—No superintendent. Two lectures by Dr. Mary Wood-Allen on "Hygiene and Heredity." Norwich—One meeting for special discussion of this department. Teachers have been interested. The members of the Union are alive to the importance of the questions which come up for frequent discussion. Verschoyle—One meeting for discussion. Readings at several meetings. Intend to take the *New Crusade* and to hold mothers' meetings; much interest. Tilsonburg—Discussion on Heredity. Have adopted a course of lessons. Brownsville—One meeting held, and a paper on Hygiene read by one of the members. Ingersoll—Contribution of \$5 to Girls' Shelter. Two public meetings held.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Dr. Ellen Burt, Superintendent—No district report; Central reports circular received and read, and interest manifested; Northern reports no Superintendent, but has distributed literature.

WATERLOO—Miss Gibson, County Superintendent—No report. Galt reports no superintendent but promises an effort to educate themselves.

WENTWORTH—Mrs. Emory, County Superintendent—Paper read at the Hamilton Central Union.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

If this heading means visiting the different Unions as Provincial Superintendent and urging the important claims of Hygiene and Heredity, then I must report little done; but if it means any word spoken in the interests of a stronger, purer motherhood,

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then the report is not so meagre. There has been born in Toronto as a result of Dr. Wood-Allen's visit last fall a central White Shield Society which aims at the spreading of the highest ideals of manhood and womanhood. For further details of White Shield work I would refer you to a little manual on the Society, which can be obtained at the depository for 5c. It has been my privilege to speak to many young women at some nine meetings during the past year. While at these meetings I have not spoken as the mouthpiece of the W. C. T. U. (though, in executive, we decided to report work done to the Dominion Union), yet it will prove to you that the question of a better heredity for our children is being presented in as persuasive and chaste a manner as is at my command. I can assure you that I have not failed to speak earnestly in the councils of my own local Union besides addressing our County Convention and speaking at the Purity Conference held in Toronto last October.

SUMMARY.

Fourteen counties have superintendents of this department. Six of these make a report; some of the six are encouraging. The work done consists of special meetings in the interests of the department, the reading of papers and helpful interesting discussions, lectures, and some practical physical culture. All this is educative. Perhaps there is no department where so little measured work can be reported. In some cases the teachers are interested. Sometimes a woman physician brings her scientific lore to the help of her sisters who are eager for a better state of things. We are slow to believe, or rather slow to act on our beliefs. Perhaps that is why only one Union reports that some of its members are reforming their dress.

SUGGESTIONS.

That we keep "pegging away" at the truth about health.

That so fundamental a department be represented in every Union, even if you have nothing to report but that the subject was discussed.

That at least once each year every Union have a meeting, the educational part of which will deal with the matter of health and heredity, and for which the following might be a suggestive programme:

1. Hymn—"Spirit Divine! Attend our prayers."
2. Scripture.
3. Prayer, with a petition for wisdom to do the will of God, and to keep His law "written in our members."
4. Paper—"Good Health and How to Preserve It."
5. Discussion (arrange before hand that there shall be some discussion).
6. Talk (by a physician if possible) on "Common Sense Cures for Nervousness."
7. Paper—"Can We Improve Our Dress? How?"
8. Reading of extracts from various sources bearing on paper just read.
9. Hymn—"Supreme In Wisdom As In Power."
10. Benediction.

## SOCIAL PURITY, PURITY IN LITERATURE, ART AND FASHION.

MRS. E. ADELIA LUCAS, Superintendent.

In this busy Plebiscite year it will not be a matter of surprise to find that the ordinary work of the departments has suffered somewhat; and yet, if we have in any measure defeated the liquor traffic, we have advanced the work of each and every department of reform and temperance work. This is especially true of the Department of Purity. Alcohol is the direst foe of morality. It turns men into demons, and makes women an easy prey to lust, because it paralyzes the ethical brain, which decides questions of right and wrong, and leaves the coarser animal brain in the ascendency. It prepares the ground for crime, and makes it easy to do wrong. But the liquor traffic is not responsible for all the impurity that exists. There are some who would charge it all to one account, but while I cannot admit that women are *wholly* they are doubtless *largely* responsible.

"Ye Christian temperance women,  
Lead, lead! point out the way:  
Men look to you for guidance,  
Although they do not say;  
They measure by your measure—  
The evil and the good,  
O, look ye, look ye to it  
Ye measure as ye should."

Last year I endeavored to outline the existing laws relating to "Age of consent," race gambling, impure literature and exhibitions, etc., and proposed amendments. No changes of any importance have been effected since then, I therefore refer you to 94th and following pages of last year's report for information on these matters, and suggestions for prosecuting the work. There are many points that might be considered with profit, but for the present I will only mention two, and they are very important.

1. Greater effort must be made to arouse mothers to the necessity of instructing their children in regard to the relation of the sexes. The number of young girls from respectable homes that are led astray by designing and unscrupulous men grows larger year by year. Some of them, we fear, deliberately choose the evil way, but *the many* "err through lack of knowledge." Neither indifference or false modesty will excuse a mother for withholding from her children the knowledge necessary to protect them from evil. Our girls should be taught to be modest and self-respecting. I dare say I shall be called "old fashioned" if I cast any reflection on the *bicycle*, nevertheless I charge it with having done much to bring about that undue familiarity, so noticeable among our young people. Many reliable physicians bring more serious charges against it.

2. As a result of this lack of home teaching, and from other causes, a sad state of affairs exists in our public schools. Were it proper for me to do so, I could mention things respecting the conduct and conversation of children of six and eight years that would alarm and shock you, and the evil has assumed such grave proportions that unless a speedy remedy is found we shall e'er long reap a fearful harvest of degeneracy and impurity. My heart has been sorely burdened, as I have pondered over it, and I have cried "Who is sufficient for these things?" I sound my note of warning, and press the matter upon you.

## PERSONAL WORK.

Prepared and sent out 280 printed "forms" for gathering in reports from the local Unions, and 45 postal cards to county superintendents and secretaries; circulated a petition *re* protection of women and girls; prepared two articles for the press; supplied "clippings" for newspapers, and readings for several meetings; gave two addresses; distributed 110 leaflets and wrote 35 letters, three of which were to members of parliament.

## REPORTS OF COUNTIES.

ALGOMA—Fort William had one address at public meeting, and placed Dr. Wood-Allen's books in library.

DUNDAS—Iroquois has a *Committee* for Social Purity work, three discussions at regular meetings, one lecture, "*New Crusade*" taken, three books in W. C. T. U. library.

ESSEX—Amherstburg members read "Queen's Daughters in India," and had discussion at one meeting.

ELGIN—Vienna Union distributed 110 pages Social Purity literature, and had one public address.

FRONTENAC—Kingston reports having distributed a quantity of literature; complained to post office officials about the prohibited papers, and were told that a large number were destroyed by them every week. A petition was circulated *re* amendments to the criminal law; subject discussed at several mothers' meetings, and rescue work carried on in connection with the jail work.

GREY—Circulated a petition (Owen Sound); had one discussion; purchased books for W. C. T. U. library.

GRENVILLE—Kemptville distributed 100 pages of literature, had one discussion at regular meeting and at one "mothers' meeting."

HALDIMAND—Cayuga reports having distributed considerable literature.

LINCOLN—One petition circulated; 100 pages of literature distributed; subject discussed at 10 regular meetings; "Queen's Daughters in India" placed in W. C. T. U. library, and two copies of *New Crusade* taken.

LAMBTON—One petition circulated; discussion at 12 regular meetings, and at three mothers' meetings; 120 pages of literature distributed; placed several books in public library and circulated Dr. Wood-Allen's books.

MUSKOKA—Had eight public addresses; discussions at 10 regular, and 10 mothers' meetings; placed 10 books in library; distributed 200 pages literature, and entered complaint to magistrate against immoral houses.

NIPISSING—North Bay had one lecture; discussion at two regular meetings, Dr. Wood-Allen's books circulated among the members, discovered some prohibited papers.

ONTARIO—Had one lecture; circulated petition; discussion at two regular meetings; placed several books in library, and discovered some of the prohibited papers.

OXFORD—Two Unions circulated petition; had discussion at 15 regular and four mothers' meetings; had three lectures; sent money to Girls' Shelter, Toronto; take six copies of the *New Crusade*.

PERTH—Had several discussions at regular meetings and at three mothers' meetings; 100 pages literature distributed.

PEEL—Brampton reports petition circulated and one lecture.

PETERBORO—Large quantity of literature distributed; circulated petition; subject discussed at 12 meetings; had sermons preached; placed books in library, and have Committee for Rescue Work.

SIMCOE—Social Purity discussed at three mothers' meetings; studied the criminal code law regarding impure literature, etc.

STORMONT—Circulated petition *re* age of consent; had one lecture, and did some rescue work.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Two petitions circulated; subject discussed at 10 regular meetings; 5,000 pages literature distributed; Dr. Wood-Allen's books circulated; and assistance given to Girls' Shelter.

WATERLOO—Had one lecture, discussions at three meetings, literature placed in Y. M. C. A. library, wrote to Mr. Charlton *re* objectionable medical circulars and hand bills, which were being circulated from house to house asking him to include them in any amendments he may propose to this section of the criminal code.

WENTWORTH—Hamilton circulated petition, had discussion at six regular meetings and three "mother's meetings;" paper read at two meetings; "*New Crusade*" taken.

#### SUMMARY.

County Superintendents for Social Purity, 11; County Superintendents for Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion, 7; subjects

discussed at 84 regular Union meetings and at 27 mothers' meetings; 21 lectures and public addresses given; 6,300 pages of literature distributed; nine Unions circulated. a petition *re* amendments to criminal code; 30 books (chiefly Dr. Wood-Allen's) have been placed in public libraries; 10 copies of "*New Crusade*" taken.

SUGGESTIONS.

In addition to the *suggestions* given in connection with my last year's report, to which I have already referred you, I would urge every *Union* to subscribe for the little journal, "*The New Crusade*," published by the Wood-Allen's Company, Ann Arbor, Mich., price 50c a year; an invaluable aid to mothers and Purity workers.

PRISONS AND POLICE.

MRS. MARY BROWNELL, Superintendent.

The Superintendents in this Department, though not attempting anything new this year, have been endeavoring to carry out previous suggestions. The jails in most of the Counties have been regularly visited. Evangelistic services have been held. There has been scripture reading and personal conversation with the prisoners, distribution of literature, visiting the sick in hospital wards, and help given in many ways. The aged poor are still committed to jail in some counties, because they have no home and no House of Refuge. The result is the crowding of jails and rendering them insanitary and unfit for the purpose for which they were erected, and also for the classification of prisoners. In many instances there is not sufficient accommodation for the old people, they have to lie upon the floor or shake-downs and, it is said, that in some cases they have been put upon prisoners' diet and provided with criminal clothing, because it is cheaper thus to maintain them than to provide a respectable home.

Insane and partially insane people are sent to the jails for lack of room in asylums, etc. These insane people, the sick people, and the poor old people, are very often associated in the same corridors. I would like to call the attention of all W. C. T. U. women to this matter, and urge them to look after these poor people and try and have them arranged in suitable wards, and see that they have proper food and clothing. Also to use their influence as far as possible with County Councils to provide houses of refuge, and failing that, other suitable accommodation. By enlisting the sympathies of ministers and prominent citizens in the matter much may be accomplished. The attention of the Government has been called to the overcrowding of the various asylums and other institutions of a reformatory character. At the last session of the Legislature Hon. Mr. Davis announced some new

plans in regard to the care of the criminal, the wayward and the feeble-minded, and the Inspector of Prisons told me a few days ago that the scheme was in process of development, and when details were worked out a great improvement will be made in the facilities for caring for the dependent and criminal classes in the community.

While these proposed changes are under consideration by the Government your Superintendent thought the time opportune for making some suggestions. So, with the sanction of the Sub-Executive, the following letter was sent to the Attorney-General:

*Hon. A. S. Hardy, Attorney General of the Province of Ontario:—*

Dear Sir,—We take the liberty of writing on behalf of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, as follows:

We learn with great satisfaction that it is the intention of the Ontario Government at an early date to make a thorough re-organization of the Ontario Reformatory for Women, and also the Refuge for Girls, especially with a view to effecting an efficient system of classification of the inmates of the Reformatory, and a broader and more thorough system of training for the girls. While the proposed changes are under consideration by the Government, we consider the time opportune for the following recommendations:

1st. That the Inspector of Prisons be assisted in an advisory capacity by the Inspector of Neglected Children in the work of supervising the Reformatory and the Refuge for Girls.

2nd. That the medical officer of the institution be of the same sex as the inmates, the reason therefore being obvious, and need not be particularized. The number of legally qualified women now in medical practice makes it presently possible to give effect to this much to be desired change. Such an arrangement and appointment would be very gratifying to the Ontario W. C. T. U., and we are satisfied would also give pleasure to the women of Ontario generally.

3rd. That the Refuge for Girls be entirely cut off from all connection with the Reformatory, by closing all structural passages between the two departments, and keeping the staff of each and the inmates entirely separate and distinct, as well as out of sight and hearing of each other.

4. That the inmates of the Refuge be instructed in all departments of domestic economy, as well as in physical culture, that they may be fitted to perform all domestic duties acceptably in the homes in which they may be employed after leaving the institution, and that special care and attention be given to their moral and religious training, and in a manner best suited to their age and condition.

Your Superintendent called upon Mr. Davis and Mr. Noxon, Inspector of Prisons, giving them each a copy of the foregoing letter and asking their influence when the recommendations came up for discussion. They received us very kindly and said their sympathies were with us on these lines, and would do what they could to further our wishes. The following is the reply to the letter:—

Dear Madam,—Referring to your letter of the 19th of March last, I am directed by the Attorney General to say that it was referred to the Department of Prisons and Charities for consideration and has only now been returned to him. While the letter contains several suggestions which may ultimately be found to be of practical utility, the Department is not able at the present time to advise that all the changes suggested should be adopted. Something, however, may be done at an early day in respect of some of the

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suggestions. Indeed, some of the recommendations which the executive is good enough to make have already been in force and acted upon in the institution. There is not at the present time room for two physicians in the institution, and the Government is not prepared to recommend the removal of Dr. King, who has been, since the establishment of the prison, the regular physician in attendance. Your recommendation, however, that a female physician should be appointed, will be noted and considered should any change be brought about from any cause.

I have the honor to be, dear madam,

Your obedient servant,

S. G. BASTEDO.

I have been told that the first recommendation was about to pass when something occurred that caused it to be left over for a time. The third recommendation is being to some extent carried out and the fourth also.

BRUCE—Reports having visited jail regularly, read the Scriptures and talked personally with the prisoners; a good deal of reading matter has been distributed.

CORNWALL—The Superintendent reports monthly visits to the jail; a small library has lately been provided for the prisoners, and papers and magazines are provided by citizens. Insane people are frequently committed and obliged to occupy the same corridor with other prisoners; have no house of refuge, but Catholics have a home for aged and infirm people, open to Protestants as well.

DURHAM—No jail, no house of refuge, old people sent to Cobourg jail.

ESSEX—Superintendent visited the jail weekly. There is no classification of prisoners; aged people sent to common jail and receive the same fare as criminals; number of prisoners largely increased during the races.

FRONTENAC—Reports jail visited regularly by Protestants and Roman Catholics; have a library; in the penitentiary there have been as many as 26 women at one time; religious services held regularly; also temperance talks, and everyone signing the pledge are given a white ribbon to wear on Sunday.

HURON—Very few prisoners in jail during the year; 300 pages of literature distributed; also a number of religious papers.

HASTINGS—The number of female prisoners smaller than for several years past; services have been held regularly, and literature distributed; one poor girl was in for murdering her child; the jailer and his wife very kind, and assisted the ladies who visited the prisoners.

KENT—Has held 24 services, distributed 2,561 pages of literature, 160 prisoners during year, six of whom were females.

LAMBTON—Services held regularly and much appreciated; 13,844 pages literature distributed; 100 volumes in library; 24

signed the pledge; total number of prisoners during the year, 166. Eleven persons committed during the year for insanity, and most of them there still owing to lack of room in the asylums; House of Refuge visited by both ministers and laymen of all denominations; 52 services; 650 pages of literature distributed; number of inmates, 33.

MIDDLESEX—The Superintendent reports 19 visits to the jail, and having Scripture reading and prayer with women; there is library for the prisoners, and 156 papers and leaflets have been distributed; there have been 53 women committed during the year and 444 men, nearly all of whom have been brought there through drink.

PERTH—Superintendent thinks no one is allowed to visit jail just at present. Has new House of Refuge and 66 inmates during year. A number of old men have signed the pledge and frequently expressed gratitude for attention.

PETERBORO—Reports visiting the Jail occasionally; 50 volumes in library; one large Bible and number of papers. No house of refuge.

TORONTO—A number of our women, in turn, visit the jail every week to hold evangelistic services. They read and talk personally with the prisoners, and in some instances good has been done. They visit the sick and insane who are confined in the jail. When prisoners are dismissed they are looked after and frequently supplied with clothing and sometimes helped to situations.

WATERLOO—Reports five visits and literature distributed; 80 volumes in library and plenty of magazines; classification of prisoners as good as space will allow; 50 prisoners during the year were girls and one woman; House of Refuge visited.

WENTWORTH—Reports 35 services held; no library, but plenty of Sunday School papers supplied; there have been 54 women prisoners during the year; seven women and one girl sent to the Mercer Reformatory; House of Refuge well looked after.

#### SUMMARY.

19 Houses of Refuge, three of which have been visited; six Superintendents report 220 visits to jails, four visit regularly, two occasionally; 350 prisoners reported, 36 of whom are women, 11 insane; four libraries report 230 volumes; 17,445 pages of literature distributed, besides a large quantity of magazines and papers.

## EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.

(MRS. S. W. HILBORN, Superintendent.)

The apathy which appears to prevail throughout the Province in connection with this department, except in the large cities and a few country towns, renders it impossible for me to present anything like an encouraging report.

Cards were sent out in August urging the Unions to improve this valuable opportunity of making our existence and influence felt in fighting the drinking usages as well as the drink traffic, and again early in October asking for reports, to which the response has been so small that anything like a full report throughout the Province is impossible. Following is a brief synopsis of the work done as compiled from the reports received by counties:

ALGOMA W.—Fort William reports sending a quantity of literature to Morilla Fair for distribution.

CARLETON—Ottawa reports the distribution of a large amount of Plebiscite literature, and the serving of refreshments at the Ottawa Exhibition, the latter realizing \$1,005.

DURHAM—Orono reports the distribution of 800 pages of literature, and Bowmanville 2,000.

FRONTENAC—Kingston reports the sending of literature for distribution at Wolf Island Fair.

GREY—Durham Union distributed a quantity of literature at the Fairs in South Grey. Amount not stated.

GRENVILLE—Prescott Union was forbidden to distribute literature on the Fair Grounds by the Secretary (who is the Police Magistrate). They then asked liberty to have a temperance address and were refused. They then went outside and commenced to hand out leaflets to those coming in, when this man came out and forbid them, threatening to have them arrested if they persisted. This Secretary and Police Magistrate poses as a temperance man. Here is a case which I think calls for action.

GLENGARRY—Reports the distribution of 500 pages of literature at Maxville Fair, also the serving of meals and lunches, realizing \$71.50.

HALDIMAND—Reports the distribution of \$2.40 of literature at Caledonia Fair.

LEEDS—Delta reports the distribution of a large amount of both Union and Plebiscite literature at their Fair, also an interference to prevent faking, in which cigarettes were being dispensed. Lansdowne also distributed literature freely at that Fair, while Athens Union did the same at Unionville, and also put up large posters and cartoons in the Plebiscite interest.

LANARK—Reports a refreshment tent at Smith's Falls Poultry Fair, distributing 760 pages of literature, also served tea, coffee, baked beans and doughnuts.

LAMBTON—Reports a large tent at Wilkesport Fair, with music and song service and the distribution of a large quantity of campaign literature, leaflets put in all carriages, and handed out at the gates. They also displayed banners "Vote for Prohibition," etc. At Forest a tent was erected where literature was dis-

tributed and refreshments served, clearing \$8. Sarnia failed to secure a refreshment license, but distributed literature. Wyoming distributed 440 pages of literature.

MIDDLESEX—London reports serving 5,200 meals, besides refreshments at a lunch counter, realizing \$535.00, also the distribution of 10,000 leaflets, but held no services. Thorndale distributed 9,000 Plebiscite tracts, and 200 W. C. T. U. small books, besides keeping the railroad stations well supplied; no meals or lunches served.

PERTH—Mitchell reports the distribution of a large amount of Plebiscite literature both at the Fair and through the town. Nothing done at Listowel.

PEEL—Reports a tent for the distribution of literature, where the cup of cold water was given.

RENFREW—Served hot dinners at Renfrew Fair, and tea, with cold meats, clearing some \$23. No service or distribution of literature.

STORMONT—Cornwall Union served dinners and five o'clock tea, clearing \$65. They also distributed several pages of campaign literature, hatchets and Fair number of *Woman's Journal*. No services held.

SIMCOE—Barrie Union had a tent at Barrie Fair, realizing \$17.00. Elmvale had a tent at that Fair, held meeting and distributed literature; also Collingwood distributed literature at that Fair.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Reports Union literature distributed in dining hall, 10,000; Plebiscite literature distributed in dining hall, 2,500; Girls' Shelter reports distributed in dining hall, 2,500, besides district reports and *Woman's Journal*. The visiting attendance was large. W. C. T. U. women visited the Palace in large numbers both from Canada and the United States. Besides the service of refreshments in the W. C. T. U. Palace a tent was erected where a song service, with public addresses, was held each day, and 18,400 pages of literature distributed. At the Palace, as usual, all was bustle and push in the service of refreshments. This was the third year and the busiest of all. While the building is capable of seating a large number it was not more than half up to the requirements for the three busy days. The service was on the European plan and consisted of tea, coffee, milk, ham, beef, cheese sandwich, bread and butter, pie, cake and ice cream, ice cream soda, nuts and candies, at a uniform charge of five cents. The greatest portion of the labor was contributed by the ladies of the different Unions of the city. The material was all purchased, and when all was paid a very respectable amount was passed to the district funds, realizing a profit of some 40% on the expenditure for supplies and expenses, including a license of \$100.

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The Committee strongly urge the opinion that a good honest refreshment service at a close price will do more to create a favorable impression of the W. C. T. U. work than to carpet the grounds with literature.

WENTWORTH—Reports no work done at either township or County Fairs.

WELLINGTON—Rockwood reports a refreshment booth, supplying sandwiches and coffee, and the distribution of literature. Guelph had no Fair and no work done.

YORK—Sold tea, coffee and sandwiches at Weston Fair. Newmarket distributed 1,500 pages literature at that Fair.

SUMMARY.

Following is a very brief synopsis of the report of the Provincial Fair Superintendent for 1898:

Eight counties have made no report. Eight counties have reported no Fair work done. Nine counties have distributed literature only. Eleven counties have both distributed literature and served refreshments. The reports show about 50,000 pages of literature distributed by those who state the amount. Fully one-half only say "literature distributed" or "a large amount of literature distributed," and supposing that this will be equal to those who state the amount it would show a distribution of about 100,000 pages.

## SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

MRS. BIGELOW, Superintendent.

This Plebiscite year, to which we had so long looked forward with with anticipations alternating between hope and fear, has come and gone, bringing us less of victory than we had hoped, and less of disappointment than we had feared. That our Scientific Temperance Department helped the Plebiscite goes without saying. That it would have helped more had it been an older institution is also a self-evident fact. It is evident, too, that to ensure the success of the Prohibition for which we pray, we must continue to instill anti-alcoholic truth in the minds of those who will soon take their places in the world of men and women; we must prepare them intelligently to observe, support, and enforce the laws of the land; for as the Superintendent of Wentworth County pertinently remarks in her report: "Let our school-boys and girls be systematically and faithfully taught the value of total abstinence from a physiological standpoint, and the next generation of men and women will be total abstainers and prohibitionists by virtue of rational knowledge and sound training."

We are glad to note that some of the improvements, so long desired, are coming to us slowly, but none the less surely; and

it is to be regretted that some of the conditions militating against the success of our work in the past still remain as they were. An interview with the Minister of Education last year gave us the promise of a readjustment of the limit table for the different classes that is printed on the Register Cover, that it might harmonize with the Regulations on page 194 of the Text Book, the basis of the change being a plan prepared by Mr. Maxwell, of Essex. This was to come into effect in 1899. We presume it will. The questions set for Entrance this year were from our standpoint a marked improvement upon those of any previous time. An increased number of counties report pupils examined for promotion in Scientific Temperance, and we have abundant proof that temperance teaching to the whole school is becoming much more general. *The Entrance*, a very helpful little paper, largely used by fourth class pupils and their teachers, published notes on the Lessons as clear cut and outspoken as any of us could wish, and the Editor's little pamphlet, "Notes on Physiology and Temperance," is just the same.

The *Christian Guardian* printed a series of "Temperance Science Lessons," giving them a prominent place in the paper with the suggestion that they be preserved for use in the family.

More often during the past year than ever before has our work in connection with the schools been referred to with favorable comment by public speakers, and in gatherings of Christian workers. All these things are encouraging signs of the times. But duly authorized Lessons adapted to grade and regularly appointed examinations given to test, are still in the dim but hopeful future.

Teachers' Associations do not, as a rule, discuss Scientific Temperance as readily and with as much interest and intelligence as they manifest in the treatment of other subjects.

Among the 2,726 men who hold positions as teachers in Ontario Public Schools may still be found those whose personal habits preclude the possibility of their giving effective teaching on the evils of the use of alcohol and tobacco. Among the 5,528 women who daily wend their way to the school rooms of this Province, here and there, may yet be seen one who is willing to shuffle off individual responsibility, because some one in authority over her opposes, or because she herself considers this a matter of little moment.

How we do wish that not only some, but every one of the 481,948 children whose names were recorded in the Public and Separate School Registers last year, and also the 24,567 High School pupils of our Province, might have been taught as they had ability to comprehend it, "God's law of total abstinence from poisons."

ALGOMA E.—Reports a continuation of last year's effort.

ALGOMA W.—Usual work carried on.

BRUCE—From Bruce come words of hearty cheer, and distinct advance all along the line. All the usual work done and in response to the wishes of the W. C. T. U. expressed by our Superintendent at the Teachers' Convention, the subject is being taught in all the forms and is on for promotion in the lower as well as the higher classes.

BRANT—Usual work done; teachers interested Regular examinations of pupils; improvement apparent; one Union supplies *Northern Messenger* to the Boys' Brigade.

CARLETON—Literature largely distributed; examination on Scientific Temperance compulsory at examinations; *Northern Messenger* sent out through Sabbath Schools.

DURHAM—Usual work done.

DUNDAS—Distributed leaflets; visited schools; teachers favorable.

ESSEX—Taught in all the schools; regular examinations; teachers deal with the subject in their Convention with just as much interest as any other.

FRONTENAC—Most encouraging reports come from Kingston, where the W. C. T. U. has taken on new life; used circular plan; visited schools, interviewed teachers and held parlor meeting for them; attended Convention; but the difficulty still remains, Junior classes neglected in a measure.

GREY—Is reaping the reward of former years of faithful effort, while continuing in the usual ways of working.

GRENVILLE—Only partially at work, but find teachers ready to help when they have been approached.

GLENGARRY—Subject taught with considerable interest; prizes given for best essays on Scientific Temperance by school pupils.

HALDIMAND—Used circular plan, and supplied 14 schools with the whole year's leaflets; gave prizes for best examinations; Scientific Temperance is on for promotion; *Northern Messenger* used in literature distribution.

HURON—Vigorously at work in the usual ways with clear prospects of increased success in the coming year.

HASTINGS—Pursued the circular plans; teachers ready to do their part.

HALTON—Pupils examined at promotion; usual presentation of leaflets to teachers in sympathy with the object sought.

KENT—Literature distributed; Association visited; teachers ready to co-operate; pupils examined; improvement apparent; a forceable address on the subject given at a public meeting by Mrs. Newson.

LINCOLN—Was found most satisfactory, results from placing Scientific Temperance on the same basis as other studies; marks received by pupils at examinations vary from 60 to 70 and as high as 85 %; Teachers' Convention visited; relations existing between W. C. T. U. workers and teachers most satisfactory; interest increasing; results most beneficial.

LANARK—Usual effort expended; Teachers' Convention visited; improvement easily discerned.

LEEDS—Work carefully and prayerfully carried on with satisfactory results, according to circular suggestions.

LAMBTON—Usual plans followed; teachers ready to respond; pupils examined; prizes awarded; apparent good results.

MUSKOKA—Literature distributed; Teachers' Convention visited, and their co-operation invited; found *Northern Messenger* crowded out, so many other papers; sure of good results from efforts made.

MIDDLESEX—The thorough work of previous years is being successfully prosecuted here; greetings sent to Teachers' Association were warmly reciprocated; the work done by the teachers generally merits the approval of the W. C. T. U.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Teachers interested and giving due attention to the subject; Inspector favorable and helpful.

ONTARIO—Neglects no part of the work. Hear what one Union does—distributes literature to four schools, where each distribution involves a trip of 17 miles.

OXFORD—While carrying out their plans W. C. T. U. workers find teachers pleased and grateful for the interest taken in and the appreciation shown of their work, while they readily give assurance that Scientific Temperance shall not be neglected.

PETERBORO—Usual work faithfully done; prizes presented publicly; teachers and friends generally approve; encouraging prospects.

PEEL—Work carefully done along all the usual lines.

RUSSELL—Has just began work; outlook promising.

RENFREW—Pursued the circular plan with satisfactory results; teachers generally favorable; pupils examined in Scientific Temperance.

SIMCOE—Never grows weary in well-doing, in consequence there is progress everywhere; Orillia furnishes 14 school physiology journals to appreciative teachers, and has placed \$30.00 worth of temperance books in the Public School Library; here, too, the best work, of which we have heard, in High Schools is being done; lectures on Scientific Temperance, by professional men, given monthly when possible; we commend the idea to the consideration of Unions in other towns, where similar opportuni-

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ties are open; this county tells of cordial co-operation of teachers, of text books regularly used, of Junior classes carefully taught, and all concerned interested.

STORMONT—Leaflets distributed; efforts made to interest teachers in their Association and otherwise; charts in use in a number of schools; one Union discussed the Leaflets at its monthly parlor meeting during the winter months.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Much has been done, of which only a little can be touched upon here; could wish the report might be given in full. There were hindrances, but they did not prevent persistent effort; besides all the rest, the work done in the Normal School stands out in importance; we would note addresses there, in the Metropolitan Church and the Fred. Victor Mission; one Union gave the *Northern Messenger* as a Christmas prize to Senior pupils.

VICTORIA—Good work, according to plan of circular.

WENTWORTH—As usual presents a model report. Scholars interested; teachers doing their part; pupils examined; gold medals presented to the most deserving competitors; in Hamilton alone instruction is annually imparted to over 6,000 children.

WELLINGTON—Work well done; literature distributed; schools visited; teachers encouraged; prizes offered; pupils examined; *Messenger* worked up.

WATERLOO—Made extra effort during the year to build up this department. Besides the usual work cards were sent to the teachers soliciting their co-operation in the effort to ensure temperance teaching for all the Junior pupils; most gratifying results were reported.

YORK—Usual lines of work carried on.

#### SUMMARY.

All the organized counties—31 in number—have Superintendents of Scientific Temperance. Seven others have reported work done in this department. From the Literature\* Depository have gone out 9,518 leaflets; that is, 20,499 pages of incisive Scientific Temperance truth have been distributed among the teachers of our youth during the year. As regards the other work we find it impossible to give figures that would convey anything like a correct estimate of the quantity performed, for it has partaken so largely of the "do everything" character. We would ask every faithful toiler to take home to her own heart the Divine Master's loving "Inasmuch," and her reward *will* be, nay *is*, even now, assured. We append and commend an Ontario County Teachers' Scheme of Lessons on this subject.

Synopsis of temperance work done in 1897-8 :

- I. As to alcohol itself :
  1. Its definition—a poison.
  2. How it is formed—fermentation and distillation.
  3. Its two distinct classes—methyl and ethyl.
  4. Its proper uses.
  5. Its improper use as a beverage.
  6. In what liquors and in what relative percentage we find it.
  7. To some extent how each of these liquors is produced.
- II. As to the effects of alcohol :
  1. On the moral welfare of a person.
  2. On the financial condition of a person.
  3. Its injurious effects on the membranes of the different organs of the body. (a) Stomach, (b) Liver, (c) Heart, (d) Lungs, (e) Brain.
  4. Effects on the mental powers.
- III. An inference from the foregoing of all the reasons for practising Total Abstinence.
- IV. A treatment of the subject "Tobacco" in a similar manner.

JAS. A. SHARRARD, Teacher.

## UNFERMENTED WINE.

MISS M. J. BATES, Superintendent.

Encouragement has fallen to the lot of your Superintendent in preparing her report this year, since so many County Superintendents, Corresponding Secretaries and Presidents have sent in accounts of work done in their respective counties, yet in one report is stated the sad fact that a church previously using unfermented wine had gone back to the use of the other kind. Let us hope that our workers in that neighborhood may be so guided as to bring the right influence to bear on those who have the control in this matter.

The churches giving up the use of alcoholic for non-alcoholic wine during the year are not as numerous as we could wish, still we are thankful that some have done so.

### REPORTS FROM COUNTIES.

**DUNDAS**—Has no Superintendent, so Mrs. Cameron, Corresponding Secretary, reports for Iroquois that two churches use alcoholic and two non-alcoholic wine, and have done so for some years.

**ELGIN**—No Superintendent. Mrs. Youmans, County Corresponding Secretary, failing to hear from Unions throughout the County, states that in St. Thomas three churches use fermented and seven unfermented wine, this being an addition of one on the right side.

**ESSEX**—No Superintendent. Mrs. Maxwell, County President, knows of twelve churches, and feels persuaded there are more using non-alcoholic wine; is only sure of one using the other

kind, and does not know of any making a change during the year. The President hopes to have a superintendent for the coming year.

FRONTENAC—Miss E. Clark, Corresponding Secretary of Kingston, reports this department was not taken up, but at their annual meeting lately a Superintendent was appointed, so we may expect a report next year.

GLENGARRY AND PRESCOTT—Mrs. McDougall, Superintendent, reported that she had heard from but one Union (St. Elmo) which had supplied members of session with a copy of "Whoso Offendeth," and asked the ministers to have the subject discussed in their Convention. The Superintendent wrote to all the ministers whose addresses she obtained, and the replies sent her (except one or two) contained the statement that unfermented wine is used in their churches. Mrs. McDougall took it for granted that those who failed to reply used the fermented wine.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. Falkner, County Superintendent, reports that all the Methodist and Baptist, with most of the Presbyterian Churches, use non-alcoholic wine, while the Anglicans and some of the Presbyterians use the alcoholic kind.

HALDIMAND—No Superintendent. Miss J. Wilson reports for Hagersville and Caledonia that six churches use unfermented and three fermented wine.

HALTON—Not organized. There are but two Unions. Mrs. Kay, the Oakville President, reports two churches using non-alcoholic wine, but is uncertain regarding another in town. Mrs. Tuman, the Milton President, reports unfermented wine as being generally used in the rural churches, and by two in town, but does not know which kind is used in another town church.

HASTINGS—Mrs. Maybee, County President, reports that no work has been done in this department, but she knows the Methodist Church in Foxboro uses non-alcoholic wine.

HURON—Superintendent failed to report. Mrs. E. C. Acheson sent word that three churches in Goderich, two in Clinton, one in Wingham, one in Seaforth, and two in Blyth, use unfermented wine.

KENT—Mrs. McLaren reports that local Superintendents have been appointed in five out of the six Unions. None have been added to the number of churches using non-alcoholic wine. The chief reason given for using the other kind is that some believe it to be the sort used by our Saviour. The Superintendent does not know if the necessary light and strength, to enable us to do the best possible work in this line, has been asked for.

LAMBTON—Mrs. Hunt, County Superintendent, reports that six churches in Sarnia, one in Point Edward, four in Sarnia township, three in Petrolea, three in Wyoming, all in Watford, Forest and Copleston, and all but one in Alvinston, use unfermented

wine, while two in Sarnia, two in Point Edward, two in Wyoming and two in Petrolea use fermented wine. Several Unions in this County have no Superintendent.

LANARK—In the absence of the County Superintendent Mrs. Merrick reports for Carleton Place that all the churches in that town, except the Anglican and Roman Catholic, use non-alcoholic wine, which is supplied to some of them regularly and to others occasionally by the Union, thus slightly increasing the funds in the treasury.

LEEDS—Mrs. Arnold, County Superintendent, states that nothing has been done in this department, and does not know that anything can be done, as all the churches use unfermented wine, except the Episcopalian, whose clergyman said his church did not recognize as wine anything not fermented, and he was therefore obliged to use alcohol wine.

MIDDLESEX—Miss J. Charlton reports the distribution of fifty pages of literature on this subject. Of the churches heard from 44 use non-alcoholic wine and twelve the alcohol kind. One Anglican church has promised to use unfermented wine in future.

MUSKOKA—Mrs. Geo. Hutcheson reports that "reform works slowly." Seven Methodist churches and three of other denominations use unfermented wine, while eight (Anglican and Presbyterian) use "the wine of commerce."

NIPISSING—Mrs. Detlor, President, writes that, as far as she can find out, the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches use non-alcoholic wine, while the Anglican and Roman Catholic use the other kind.

ONTARIO—Mrs. Pearse, County Superintendent, reports for those places where there are Unions. Three churches in Oshawa, three in Whitby, three in Uxbridge, three in Port Perry, four on Prince Albert Circuit, and four on Seagrave Circuit use unfermented wine, while two in Oshawa, two in Whitby, one in Uxbridge and two in Port Perry use the fermented kind.

OXFORD—Mrs. Brown, County Superintendent, reports 22 churches heard from that use non-alcoholic wine, and seven that use the alcoholic kind. Judging from local accounts sent in, opinion in this County is divided. One Union does not see the use of having a Superintendent of this department, and does not think the universal use of unfermented wine in the Sacrament would increase the number of votes for Prohibition. Another has been told that learned men know better about the matter than a few women. Other Unions have Superintendents, have met with no objections, believe that the general use of unfermented wine at "the Lord's Table" would increase the vote for Prohibition, have "made the subject a matter of prayer" and feel encouraged.

PERTH—Mrs. Dent, County Corresponding Secretary, reports two churches in Mitchell, seven in Stratford, five in St. Mary's,

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two in Atwood, and "all but one" in Listowel use non-alcoholic wine, while one in Mitchell, three in Stratford, and two in Atwood use the alcoholic wine.

PETERBORO—Mrs. Paton, County President, writes that her County has been worked pretty well. She knows of no churches, except the Episcopalian; using fermented wine at the Sacrament.

PRINCE EDWARD—Mrs. Bristol, the "Y" Corresponding Secretary; reports three churches using non-alcoholic and one alcoholic wine.

SIMCOE—Mrs. Watson, County Superintendent, reports that all the Protestant churches in Alliston use unfermented wine, and in Barrie one church has begun its use this year.

STORMONT—Mrs. Warner, County Corresponding Secretary, reports that all the Episcopalian and Roman Catholic churches use alcohol wine, and that five Methodist, three Baptist and six Presbyterian churches use the non-alcoholic kind.

TORONTO—Mrs. Walker, District Superintendent, writes that all the Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, and all the Presbyterian churches, except three, use unfermented wine, while the Episcopalian and three Presbyterian churches use the fermented kind, as they still cling to the idea it is the only kind fit to represent our Saviour's blood.

WATERLOO—Mrs. James Hunt, County Superintendent, reports that in Berlin nine churches use non-alcoholic wine, and four use the other kind; also, that the Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches will not use unfermented wine.

WELLAND—Mrs. Hagar, County President, reports 12 churches using unfermented and 14 using fermented wine.

WELLINGTON—Mrs. Reid, County Corresponding Secretary, writes that nearly all the churches use non-alcoholic wine, and that the work was well attended to in the past, so no particular results can be noted this year.

WENTWORTH—Mrs. Henderson, County Superintendent, reports 28 churches using non-alcoholic wine, and six using alcoholic wine. In the 11 Anglican churches opinion seems to be divided. One Dean informed the Superintendent that he kept the "new wine" in his own home, so that those who looked on the "wine of commerce," as that described by Solomon in Proverbs xxiii, 31-32, might commune according to their conscience.

YORK—Mrs. Truman, County Superintendent, thinks very few churches in her County use fermented wine, and reports for Stouffville and Bell Haven Unions that 34 use non-alcoholic and two alcoholic wine. From local reports sent in we learn that three churches at Toronto Junction, four at Richmond Hill, and four in Newmarket use unfermented wine, while one at Richmond Hill,

and two in Newmarket use the fermented kind. Mrs. Cane, County President, sends word that the Unions paid attention to the outlying districts during the year, and that one Superintendent obtained pledges from 13 ladies that they would neither make nor use fermented wine.

## PERSONAL WORK.

Your Superintendent, last spring, sent out over 300 circulars to County and local workers, and lately wrote 42 cards to County Superintendents (or to County Presidents and Corresponding Secretaries in counties not having superintendents). The Provincial W. C. T. U. treasury providing the wherewithal, the Superintendent was able to send six books and ten rolls of pamphlets and leaflets to leading clergymen of different denominations, in the hope that by sowing the seed we may "reap in due time, if we faint not." Advantage was also taken of opportunities to speak with individuals about "wines," and the good results that might be expected to follow if non-alcoholic wine *only* were used.

## SUMMARY.

Name of County.	No. of Churches Reported.	No. Using Non-Alcoholic Wine.	No. Using Alcoholic Wine.	No. Giving up Latter for Former.	No. Giving up Former for Latter.
Dundas,	4	2	2	..	..
Elgin,	10	7	3	1	..
Essex,	13	12	1	..	..
Glengarry and Prescott,	18	13	5	1	..
Haldimand,	9	6	3	..	..
Halton,	4	4	..	..	..
Hastings,	1	1	..	..	..
Huron,	9	9	..	..	..
Kent,	35	31	4	..	..
Lambton,	26	17	9	..	..
Middlesex,	56	44	12	..	..
Muskoka,	18	10	8	..	..
Ontario,	27	20	7	..	..
Oxford,	29	22	7	..	..
Perth,	22	16	6	..	..
Prince Edward,	4	3	1	..	..
Simcoe,	..	..	..	1	..
Stormont,	14	14	..	..	..
Waterloo,	13	9	4	..	..
Welland,	26	12	14	..	..
Wentworth,	34	28	6	..	..
York,	50	45	5	..	1
Total,	422	325	97	3	1

There were 23 County Superintendents of this department during the year 1897 to 1898 as against 21 in 1896 to 1897, while 31 counties sent reports this year and only 16 last year.

## SUGGESTIONS.

1. That all organized counties appoint Superintendents.
2. That County Superintendents urge the appointment of local Superintendents.

3. That all Superintendents bring personal influence to bear, and also distribute literature where they find erroneous opinions on this subject are held.
4. That County Superintendents send in condensed reports instead of separate local ones.
5. That we ask our Heavenly Father for the necessary wisdom and grace to do our work in the best way.

## NARCOTICS.

MRS. JENNIE WATERS, Superintendent.

The subject of Narcotics is second to none in importance; more especially the cigarette evil, it being the first link in the chain of the boys downward course to ruin. Your Superintendent felt discouraged and keenly disappointed at the indifference and apathy displayed by many counties and local Unions at their neglect in this department of work. If we would save the boys, we must arouse from our lethargy, put our shoulder to the wheel, and see what the Lord has for us to do. If we would save the nation, we must rescue the boys.

### COUNTY REPORTS.

DURHAM—No work done this year; seeking information.

DUNDAS—Circulated triple pledge in two Sabbath Schools.

GREY—Had the Tobacco Act distributed, also 100 pages of literature; three papers read at the Epworth League, and one at our W. C. T. U.; passed a resolution of condemnation on the action of the Toronto *Mail and Empire* for using the tobacco plants as a premium to increase their subscription list. Why is it the mothers are so indifferent on this subject? If we save the boys to-day, we have the nation to-morrow.

KENT—Furnished Chief of Police with 25 copies of Tobacco Act, printed in large type and tacked up in stores where tobacco is sold; distributed literature freely, also Sabbath School Leagues have been formed; Wallaceburg has driven the sale of cigarettes out by means of high license; distributed 150 copies of the "Baneful Cigarette." Tobacco has been cultivated extensively in this County this year, and the evils have increased accordingly.

LEEDS—Placed Tobacco Act where it is sold; distributed 2,850 pages of Narcotic literature in the Sabbath Schools; put the large triple pledge in nine Sabbath Schools, having it headed with signature of Minister, Superintendent of Sabbath School and their scholars.

MUSKOKA—Distributed 25 Tobacco Acts; also literature; kept a close watch on tobacco stores; contemplating starting an Anti-Cigarette League in public schools.

MIDDLESEX—Some ministers faithfully denounced the use of tobacco and the cigarette as health destroyers. The Young People's Societies have given forth no uncertain sound on the harmfulness, moral and physical, of this habit. Superintendent of Junior League endeavored to teach the children the evil effects of cigarette using. The W. C. T. U. column in local paper was kept supplied with the latest information on this subject. A city school Principal gave an instructive address on Narcotics. Ten copies of *Anti-Tobacco Gem* and literature distributed. A letter sent to all the city teachers asking for their co-operation in forming Anti-Tobacco Leagues.

OXFORD—Reports a great awakening among the teachers in schools on the cigarette question. One Union has the boys pledged until the age of 15; store-keepers are strict in observing the Tobacco Act, but large boys sometimes purchase for smaller ones. One of the Young People is doing good work writing essays, distributing literature and taking up a course of lessons on Narcotics.

ONTARIO—Port Perry has been successful in having Narcotics taught in the schools.

PERTH—One Union devoted one afternoon to the subject; papers read and discussed; copies of the Tobacco Act placed in all stores where it is sold; leaflets distributed to the public, also to Sunday School teachers; the subject taken up and discussed by Epworth League.

RENFREW—Superintendent resigned because local Union would not work.

SIMCOE—Barrie has three anti-tobacco leagues in three public schools, which are presided over by the W. C. T. U., also supplied with badges, papers, etc., also taken the *Anti-Tobacco Gem*; One Band of Hope pledged against tobacco.

TORONTO—Have a large and flourishing anti-tobacco league in connection with one of the public schools managed by the Superintendent of a T.; trying to introduce the League into other schools; News Boys' Club pledged, also Band of Hope; over 4,000 pages of literature distributed, and addresses given wherever practicable.

WATERLOO—One Union distributed literature, and had the Principal of the High School give a talk on Narcotics; asked two ministers to preach on the subject; another Union devoted part of a meeting on the subject and distributed literature; another invited their Pastor to preach and distributed literature.

WENTWORTH—Placed the large triple pledge in every Sabbath School in the city; addressed Sabbath School teachers' meeting, also Sabbath Schools; distributed literature in the public schools, one rural school, and through part of a town; read one paper at a

parlor meeting; Band of Hope and News Boys' Clubs pledged; held an essay contest in a Sabbath School and presented a medal; asked others to prepare to take it up; have planned, the end of November, to invite the Board of Education and school teachers to meet the W. C. T. U., refreshments will be served, also a programme arranged for; Miss Wiggins and the Provincial Superintendent of Narcotics to submit the question of the Anti-Cigarette Leagues, with the object of introducing them into the public schools; had a debate at Bethel Mission.

YORK—Asked the minister of the town to preach on the evils of Narcotics; wrote a paper which was read at semi-annual convention; circulated literature; interviewed the public school teachers with reference to the evils of cigarette smoking among the boys; a talk by Miss Wiley on the evils of cigarette smoking.

PERSONAL WORK.

Sent a protest to the Toronto *Mail and Empire*, condemning their course in offering a premium in the shape of tobacco plants to the farmers as an inducement to increase their subscription list. Visited the Hamilton Methodist Ministerial Association, asking for their co-operation in denouncing the tobacco evil and received a very encouraging resolution, passed at the Hamilton Conference. Sent a memorial to the Congregational Union meeting in Toronto, which received a hearty response, also to the A. M. E. Conference meeting in Hamilton, which was kindly received. Addressed the A. M. E. Conference; read a paper at School of Methods in Toronto; addressed four Unions and two evening meetings; received personal signature to pledges; sent out 395 circulars and letters, also wrote 50 post cards.

SUMMARY.

Triple pledge in 32 Sabbath Schools; over 4000 pages of literature distributed; 50 copies of Tobacco Act distributed; 150 copies Baneful Cigarette distributed; 10 copies *Anti-Tobacco Gem* distributed; one anti-tobacco league formed, several under way; tobacco extensively cultivated in Kent County; several ministers faithfully denounced the use of tobacco and cigarettes as health destroyers.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. That each Union in your County, unrepresented by this work, forthwith establish a department of Narcotics and install a superintendent in charge.
2. That Unions, in selecting their Superintendents of Narcotics, appoint one of their brightest, most consecrated women to this office. If you have not such introduce new material until you get what you are looking for.
3. Have the large triple pledge placed in every Sabbath School, and ask the Temperance Committee of the Christian Endeavor to see that it is attended to.

4. That Superintendents faithfully strive to establish Anti-Cigarette Leagues in all the public and High Schools.

5. That Superintendents constitute themselves agents for that stirring little paper, the *Anti-Tobacco Gem*, whose watch-word is "No tobacco, no rum, no profanity," to be obtained from Chas. Sheppard, Melvin Village, New Hampshire, U. S.

6. Likewise suggested that Superintendents of the department be instant in season and out of season, and keep this matter constantly before Union members in the shape of meetings devoted to a discussion of this subject. Before the churches, by enlisting the sympathy and co-operation of the members. Before Epworth League, Christian Endeavor meetings and Sunday Schools, and, through the medium of the Press, before the public in general.

## FRANCHISE.

MRS. F. S. SPENCE, Superintendent.

Judging from reports received, there has been this year comparatively little accomplished in this department. One reason is apparent. The Plebiscite has been the all-absorbing question and efforts have been concentrated upon it. A large majority of men have declared in favor of Prohibition, and a large majority of women would have done so had they been given an opportunity. Notwithstanding that little of work done along this line in our Province has been kept account of and reported, we believe that the department is steadily growing. A larger number of men and women believe (whether or not they desire) that women ought to be enfranchised for their own sakes and for the sake of their country. Our cause will be strengthened by wise, considerate tact in advocacy of it.

### REPORT OF COUNTIES.

DUNDAS—Had Dr. Youmans lecture in Iroquois.

GLENGARRY—The County Superintendent sent a letter in reference to the department to each Union in the County; Dr. Youmans addressed four Unions on this subject; a paper was read and leaflets distributed at a regular meeting.

HALDIMAND—The subject was discussed in one Union.

HURON—Dr. Youmans addressed one meeting on the subject.

LINCOLN—Discussed Woman's Franchise at parlor meetings; distributed three hundred copies of "Jane Smith's views of the Franchise;" Superintendent considers it a most important department.

MIDDLESEX—Had Dr. Youmans lecture in London and in Mt. Brydges; devoted an afternoon to the department; reports

that London has one woman on the School Board; offers suggestions for local work; thinks that Unions should supply literature to Superintendents, who should be responsible for putting it into hands of members; that meetings should be arranged at which each member would be expected to occupy a few minutes in discussing the subject.

MUSKOKA—Had Dr. Youmans lecture in Huntsville; distributed the *Woman's Franchise Journal* and other franchise literature.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Distributed literature; kept the department well to the front; worked faithfully for the Plebiscite.

PERTH—Readings on the subject were given in one Union.

SIMCOE—Had Dr. Youmans lecture in Barrie; had papers read at local Unions, and parlor meetings; Superintendent believes that the women who have the franchise use it.

STORMONT—Are talking the subject frequently, and the people are being educated; Franchise was discussed at the County Convention; Superintendent believes that the cause is gaining ground.

TORONTO—Canvassed the women voters for the municipal election and for a bye-election; distributed literature; discussed the Franchise at regular meetings; spent considerable time at the District Annual Meeting, presenting and discussing resolutions affecting the department; contributed a paper at the School of Methods.

WELLINGTON—Discussed the subject at the County Convention, and appointed a lady to make known to different organizations that our women desire the Franchise.

WENTWORTH—Called upon the women voters and distributed literature at the time of the municipal election. Worked hard for the Plebiscite.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

It having been deemed wise on account of the Plebiscite, not to follow the plan of work arranged at last Convention, announcement of this intention was made early in the year, through the *Woman's Journal*; at the same time suggestions were given for work, by tried and effective methods of the past. In the September journal, a request was made to the Superintendents and Secretaries to gather and send in reports. In October post cards were also sent to each County, and to some local Unions.

Several women voters have been called upon and have given their signatures to a leaflet which will be placed in the hands of women voters in Toronto. This document calls their attention to the duty and responsibility that rests upon them in this matter, and urges them to exercise their Franchise. A copy of it is herewith submitted.

## SUMMARY.

Counties heard from, 20; reported work done, 13; worked for municipal elections, 4; distributed Franchise literature, 5; engaged a lecturer, 5; discussed subject in regular meetings, 7; discussed subject in parlor meetings, 3.

## SUGGESTIONS.

Patient, persistent education by means of literature, personal talks and addresses. Keeping in touch with the women voters during the year, as well as at election time. Continual urging of women to act upon church and school boards. The petitioning of the legislature for women's enfranchisement each year till granted, thereby showing that women desire it and expect to get it. In this connection it is worthy of note that the Provincial voters' lists are now used in electing members to the Dominion Parliament, Franchises being the same. If, therefore, we succeeded in securing the Provincial Franchise, we have the National as well, and in all our suffrage extension work we have to deal with only one legislative body, namely, the Provincial Legislature.

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**PARLOR MEETINGS.**

EMMA A. WHEELER, Superintendent.

In this department much good work has been done the past year, although the energies of our members have largely been absorbed by work for the Plebiscite, in connection with Plebiscite committees. I feel that our hope for ultimate success in legislation and enforcement of law lies in the coming of age of the children now in our public schools, and the enfranchisement of women.

If we are to be successful in securing the latter from our Government, there is much work for us to do in preparing the women of this country for this great responsibility.

The custom of wine drinking, rum in tea, and the use of other liquors at five o'clock teas, "at homes," and other social functions is, I am sorry to say, on the increase, and good, Christian women, as I have been informed by those who have attended, are led into offering these beverages to their guests, even where the guests are all women. I believe we of the W. C. T. U. have a work to do, in showing these misguided sisters a more excellent way.

BRANT—The only report is from the city of Brantford. Mrs. Judge Jones, County Superintendent, says:—Five Parlor Meetings have been held in the pleasant homes of our city, with much profit. To the hostess is always given the privilege of inviting her own friends and neighbors, though not members of the W. C. T. U. Opening prayer, singing, Bible reading, one or two short addresses, or readings on some branch of the work, offering of pledge,

receiving honorary members' fees, when gentlemen are present of an evening, closing with light refreshments, not provided by the W. C. T. U. generally, but by two or three at each reunion, thus taxing each very slightly; sandwiches or bread and butter, cake and coffee were our usual refreshments. Our Brantford Union find it desirable to charge 10 cents admission fee, rather than leave it a free-will offering. By this means we were enabled to hand over to Plebiscite fund \$29.00 from the Parlor Meetings. With this amount and some other offerings \$50.00 was contributed to that fund from this Union. As County Superintendent can testify to the benefit of this line of work, giving an increase of membership, and educating those who would not attend temperance lectures in public halls. In olden times the word "parlor" meant the talking room (parley: to speak), so we must encourage the social element to bring success and add to our workers.

BRUCE—Mrs. A. M. Armstrong, Lucknow, Superintendent.  
33 Parlor Meetings held.

DURHAM—Port Hope had letter read; one Parlor Meeting; raised \$5 00.

DUNDAS—Iroquois has a Superintendent, but no work was done last year on account of ill health.

ELGIN—Mrs. Hirby, Corinth, Superintendent. Vienna had letter read; one Parlor Meeting; \$2.00 raised.

FRONTENAC—Kingston held two Parlor Meetings; one a reception to teachers.

GREY—Thornbury had letter read.

GLENGARRY AND PRESCOTT—Mrs. N. Morrison, Monklands, Superintendent. St. Elmo held two Parlor Meetings. Maxville held two Parlor Meetings.

HALTON—Milton had letter read; held two Parlor Meetings; 12 new members. Oakville had letter read; held two Parlor Meetings.

HALDIMAND—Mrs. D. McGregor, Caledonia, Superintendent. Caledonia had letter read; held two Parlor Meetings and one Plebiscite meeting; four new members; \$6.00 raised.

KENT—Mrs. W. D. Samson, Superintendent. Blenheim had letter read; held three Parlor Meetings and one Plebiscite meeting; \$16.43 raised. Dresden had letter read; held two Parlor Meetings and one Plebiscite meeting; five new members (two gentlemen); \$15.50 raised.

LINCOLN—Grimsby held two Parlor Meetings. St. Catharines held eight Parlor Meetings; \$14.00 raised.

LAMBTON—Mrs. J. E. Anderson, Wyoming, Superintendent. Sarnia read Willard letter.

LEEDS---Gananoque held three Parlor Meetings; four new members; had letter read. Brockville "Y" held one Parlor Meeting.

MIDDLESEX—Mrs. Larche, London, Superintendent. London held several receptions in their hall. Ilderton had letter read; Strathroy held two Parlor Meetings; \$6.00 raised. Glencoe held two Parlor Meetings. Napier held two Parlor Meetings; 19 new members. Mt. Brydges held one Parlor Meeting.

NIPISSING---North Bay had letter read; held one Parlor Meeting and one Plebiscite meeting; two new members.

OXFORD—Brownsville held one Parlor Meeting and one Plebiscite meeting; \$14.80 raised. Tilsonburg "Y" held three Parlor Meetings. Otterville held one Parlor Meeting; \$2.80 raised. Norwich held one Parlor meeting; \$7.60 raised. Salford held one Parlor Meeting; one new member; four gentlemen; \$1 collected. Verschoyle held one Parlor Meeting.

PERTH—Stratford had letter read; one Parlor Meeting.

PETERBORO—Mrs. George Paton, Peterboro, Superintendent. Held two Parlor Meetings; three new members; two gentlemen.

PEEL—Mrs. L. Robinson, Brampton, Superintendent. Brampton held two Parlor Meetings; five new members; six gentlemen; \$6.79 raised. Port Credit held two Parlor Meetings.

SIMCOE---Miss Millar, Orillia, Superintendent. Gravenhurst had letter read. Alliston had letter read; held three Parlor Meetings; two new members; \$10.00 raised. Barrie held four Parlor Meetings and one Plebiscite meeting. Collingwood held two Parlor Meetings. Orillia held four Parlor Meetings.

STORMONT---Cornwall had letter read; five Parlor Meetings; three new members. Members pledged not to order goods delivered on Saturday from grocers or other dealers.

TORONTO DISTRICT---Mrs. Daniel Rose and Mrs. W. H. Orr, Superintendents. Parkdale held two Parlor Meetings. Deer Park held one Parlor Meeting. Eastern held one Parlor Meeting; three new members; three gentlemen. Gordon had letter read; five Parlor Meetings; 20 new members; two gentlemen. Central held three Parlor Meetings. Willard held one Parlor Meeting. Northern held two Parlor Meetings. Creighton held two Parlor Meetings. Central "Y" held two Parlor Meetings.

WENTWORTH---Mrs. Byrens, Hamilton, Superintendent. Dundas held one Parlor Meeting; 20 new members. Hamilton Central had letter read; seven Parlor Meetings; 50 new members; \$27.00 raised.

WELLINGTON—Guelph elected a Superintendent, but no work has been done as yet. Mt. Forest held one Parlor Meeting.

WATERLOO—Miss Jennie Adair, Galt, Superintendent. Ayr held one Parlor Meeting; read letter; six gentlemen. Berlin had letter read; held two Parlor Meetings; ten new members. Galt had letter read; two Parlor Meetings; two gentlemen.

YORK—Mrs. W. R. Proctor, Richmond Hill, Superintendent. Newmarket held one Parlor Meeting. Stouffville held one Parlor

Meeting; \$5.00 raised. Toronto Junction held five Parlor Meetings; \$9.11 raised. Weston held two Parlor Meetings; \$4.20 raised. Richmond Hill held two Parlor Meetings.

SUMMARY.

Counties in which we have W. C. T. Unions, 44; counties heard from, 31—seven more than last year; counties did work, 25; 59 Unions held 157 Parlor Meetings; new members received through Parlor Meetings, 160; honorary (gentlemen) members, 28. \$182.23 was raised through Parlor Meetings; 6 Parlor Meetings were held in the interest of the Plebiscite. This small number reported is doubtless owing to the fact that Unions everywhere united with the Plebiscite committees in holding meetings. As an indication of how few Unions read the department circulars sent them, I sent out 307 of Miss Willard's letter *re* Parlor Meetings, and only 18 Unions report having read it.

MANNER OF RAISING MONEY.

Ten cents admission; 15 cents admission; collection plate at door; selling tickets; selling refreshments; decorated basket or dish in a conspicuous place, with card attached, "Voluntary Offerings" written on the card; 5 o'clock tea.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That every Union, no matter how small, hold at least one Parlor Meeting during the coming year.
2. That a reception be held for teachers and members of the Board of Education in every school district, when the subject of Scientific Temperance Instruction and Narcotics shall form a part of the evening's programme.
3. That each Union hold at least one Parlor Meeting at which the Enfranchisement of Women shall be made a prominent feature of the programme.
4. That we seek to enlist the interest of those in high social position, those of influence in the community, whose help we covet in this grand work for 'God, Home and Humanity.'

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## SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

(MRS. LOTTIE MCALISTER, Superintendent.)

The importance of this department is emphasized by the fact that the different conferences and synods of the churches are appointing committees to consider ways and means to introduce this way of giving more generally. It is further emphasized by being embodied in the Forward Movement of the Christian Endeavor and League societies, as one of its great principles. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed," yet the leaven has been hid in the meal. Let us hope the whole lump will be speedily leavened.

ALGOMA WEST—Has not adopted this department, but a goodly number of the members reported being systematic givers.

BRANT—Has a County Superintendent, but no work reported.

BRUCE—Dropped this department at the last Annual Convention. However, one Union reports the subject taken up twice during the year; two sermons preached and three members giving systematically.

CARLETON—Has no County Superintendent; but several sermons and addresses, and 500 pages of literature distributed was reported.

ELGIN—Has a County Superintendent and one local Superintendent. Had one question drawer; two Bible readings; seven sermons; one discussion; distributed 160 leaflets, and reported ten members giving systematically.

FRONTENAC—Has one local Superintendent, whose heart is in the work, but owing to illness through the year has no report.

GRENVILLE—No report, but the Directory names two local Superintendents.

HALTON—Reports one Bible reading; two discussions; one public meeting held in conjunction with the Woman's Missionary and the Young People's Societies, and some literature distributed.

HALDIMAND—Reports four sermons, two addresses, one paper, and one meeting devoted to the consideration of this subject.

KENT—Has a County Superintendent and two Local Superintendents. Had one paper read at a regular meeting; one paper at a School of Methods, which was afterwards circulated in the Unions; one Bible reading; one discussion; and distributed 150 leaflets.

LINCOLN—Had this subject as the topic at one Parlor Meeting, and distributed literature at the same gathering.

LANARK—Has not one Union in the County working on the line of Systematic Giving.

LAMBTON—Has a County and two local Superintendents. Had one paper; two discussions; two addresses; two sermons; some members Systematic Givers.

LEEDS—Has a County Superintendent and one local Superintendent. Has read papers at two meetings, and also had Bible readings on the subject; reports five members giving systematically, and literature distributed. This report contains personal experiences that bear witness to the many benefits derived from this way of giving.

ONTARIO—No report. Has a County Superintendent and two Local Superintendents.

OXFORD—Has a County Superintendent and one Local Superintendent. Had one very cheering discussion, and reports many members giving systematically.

PERTH—No report; has a County Superintendent and one Local Superintendent.

PETERBORO—No definite report further than work had been done along this line.

SIMCOE—Has recently appointed a County Superintendent; some of the Unions are adopting this department for the coming year.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Late in the year a Superintendent was appointed. Many of the Unions so far have failed to find a nurse for this baby department. Had one discussion; one paper; one address; also twelve copies of "What we owe" distributed; the use of mite boxes suggested; the interest in this department is increasing and the prospect is bright and encouraging.

WENTWORTH—Has a County Superintendent and four local Superintendents. Has had the subject at two Union meetings; literature has been distributed and plans for co-operation with Young People's Societies are being formulated.

WATERLOO—Has a County Superintendent and two local Superintendents. One Union has a day appointed for the consideration of this subject, and a box is kept on the table for contributions; one Parlor Meeting was held in the interest of this department, and helpful readings have been given at other meetings also; one paper and one address.

PERSONAL WORK.

In April sent department circulars to each local Union in Ontario. Late in the year wrote the County Superintendents to use every effort to have Superintendents appointed in the local Unions in their care, so as to be in a position to do better work next year. Wrote 77 post cards, sent two department letters to the *Journal*, and gave seven addresses on this subject.

SUMMARY.

County Superintendents, Systematic Giving, 16; Local Superintendents, Systematic Giving, 19; Bible readings, 5; Systematic Giving Meetings, 3; Unions distributing literature, 8; sermons preached, 15; papers on Systematic Giving, 8; discussions, 13; addresses, 13; question drawer, 1.

SUGGESTIONS.

Let us urge putting God to the test in the matter of giving systematically and proportionately. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Let the Superintendents take a hint from the States, and fail not to inculcate this principle in the juvenile mind. Our Bands of Hope should not be forgotten in the work of this department.

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Personal testimony is powerful, if reliable. At Union meetings and Convention let us ask for a few moments to be devoted to personal experience.

Last, but not least, is the distribution of literature. Sow by all waters.

### WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

MRS. ELLA COSFORD ACHESON, Superintendent.

Perhaps there never was a year so replete with opportunities for work among soldiers. In view of the Plebiscite anything and everything that would help to ensure its success was in order, and in every case when request was made by your Superintendent for permission to distribute literature throughout the camps it was granted with the utmost courtesy.

This rescue work is sometimes forgotten and neglected by our sisters. No doubt because of the multitudinous demands from other lines. But your Superintendent has been much encouraged by the interest shown and letters received from some of the workers.

CARLETON—Mrs. W. L. Scott, Superintendent. Your Superintendent had the privilege, in company with Mrs. E. E. Starr, Dominion Superintendent, of visiting the soldiers who were encamped here for a time on their way to the Klondyke, under the command of Lt.-Col. Evans. We were kindly received, and assured that any literature sent them would be very acceptable. When they were leaving Ottawa, Mrs. Bourne went with me to the station, and we gave them 560 pages of literature, to read on the train, for which they appeared thankful. This year, in visiting the Dominion Rifle Association, encamped on their new grounds, it was a pleasure to receive such a kind welcome from so many of the soldiers, and to learn that a large number of them intended to vote for Prohibition. 2,867 leaflets were distributed during the year. Your Superintendent called on the Minister of the Interior, Hon. C. Sifton, on the Deputy Postmaster General, Dr. R. M. Coulter and others, to enquire about sending literature, etc., to our soldiers in the Yukon, and learned that the only safe way to send it as letter postage.

FRONTENAC—Mrs. E. Clark, Superintendent. There were 1800 soldiers in camp for three weeks at Kingston. Five ladies were appointed a committee to make all arrangements. They interviewed Col. Montezambert, who expressed his willingness for their work on the grounds, and as only one tent was available he kindly loaned one of the military tents. The ladies were prepared to make sales immediately upon the arrival of the first detachments; four ladies were in charge each day; tea, coffee, sandwiches, ice cream, lemonade, strawberries and cake were provided; the citizens

donated cake and other necessaries, and some were anxious to give more than we asked; ice water, note paper and envelopes were given free; we provided a table for reading and writing; we had a variety of papers, including Christian Endeavor papers and the *Ram's Horn*, and distributed about 3,000 leaflets on temperance and narcotics. Many of the soldiers appreciated our efforts, some signed our pledge cards, and many returned again and again at resting time to read, write or converse with the ladies about their homes, seemingly fully aware of the temptations surrounding them. We averaged from \$9.00 to \$17.00 each day, and at the close had a net gain of \$39.00; only a small amount, but believing that good was done we felt amply repaid.

HASTINGS—Miss Holden, Superintendent. At the Brigade Camp, which was held in Belleville from 7th of June till the 17th, the Belleville Union did some useful work. Tables were supplied with newspapers and other literature, and an abundance of free stationery was provided; stamps were on sale, and the men gladly availed themselves of these conveniences, as well as the comfortable quarters in which to write their letters. A constant supply of free ice water was a great boon in those hot, sunny days; light refreshments such as tea, coffee, sandwiches, pie, cake, ice cream, strawberries, etc., were sold at moderate prices; from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. the tent was open to the brigade, a committee of five or six ladies being in attendance each day. The co-operation of the Y. M. C. A. in holding meetings in the large tent was very acceptable, and the organ loaned by them was much appreciated by many of the men who made use of it. On the closing day over 5,700 pages of temperance and gospel literature (a quantity of it having special reference to the Plebiscite), were neatly tied in little rolls, and distributed to be taken home as souvenirs from the W. C. T. U.; all was kindly accepted by the men, and many grateful acknowledgments were made of the attention paid them; The commanding officers called at the tent several times to thank the ladies in charge for the interest shown them in the comfort and welfare of the brigade. After all expenses were paid a balance of \$12.60 was added to the treasury funds. The moral results of the effort cannot at present be estimated, but there is reason to believe that good was done by the hard work of the W. C. T. U.

MIDDLESEX—This was done by a committee from the London Union. Despite the extra amount of work entailed through the taking of the Plebiscite vote our Union thought that it could not let pass the opportunity of undertaking work among the two encampments of soldiers which visited our city during the month of June. The Epworth League had arranged to have services nightly on the grounds, but generously placed their camp at our disposal for four evenings; we thankfully report most successful

meetings; the tent was crowded each evening, and some of the nights the soldiers congregated outside as far back as within hearing range, and stood with respectful mien and attentive attitude throughout the entire services. The President of the Union presided, and was ably assisted by the Provincial President, Mrs. Thornley, who delivered two earnest addresses to the men; numbers of the Union were present at each service, and assisted in the prayer and song service, which were seasons of power and spiritual refreshment. The city ministers cheerfully loaned their services to this work, also those whom God had dowered with the gift of song gladly laid it under contribution to this work. As a result of these meetings 53 men pledged themselves against the use of intoxicants, and we have reason to believe that seed was sown in responsive soil that one day may germinate and bear fruit in lives staunch and loyal in their opposition to the greatest menace and destroyer of our nation's peace and happiness. Over 2,000 leaflets were distributed at these meetings, the men accepting them gladly, some of them returning asking for a few more to distribute to their companions-in-arms. Some of the men gave practical evidence of their desire not only to escape from the shackles of the drink demon, but also to flee from the wrath to come. It may be that souls were born into the Kingdom as a result of this work. Of this we cannot speak with any degree of assurance, but we do know that God's hand was in it, and that His blessing rested upon it; with this we are satisfied, and gratefully we bring this further trophy of His grace and lay it at the feet of Him who is worthy of all praise.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE—This being an important encampment of 1,700 soldiers, and the Unions near by not being in circumstances to undertake the work, we solicited the assistance of Mrs. Brownell, of Toronto, who supplied herself with a large stock of literature and crossed the lake to the camp. Rev. Dr. Cornish and wife met her there, and assisted in the distribution of the literature. The men expressed thanks for it, and many came to get it, saying they were glad to get something to read. When in conversation with the men some were found to be good Christians, but many were far from it. The Y. M. C. A. had a tent upon the grounds, and we believe were doing good work. There were five battalions upon the grounds, and each battalion had their own canteen fitted up in the fashion of a bar; we saw boys of 17 or 18 years hovering around these places, probably taking their first lessons; we tried to say a kind and warning word to them; we visited the hospital and found a number of patients; we had taken a number of copies of Sunday reading along as well as leaflets, and in the hospital they seemed especially suitable; the men thanked us for visiting them, and said they were thankful to have some one talk kindly to them; we might here mention that most

gracious permission was received from Col. Otter to do this work; 1,734 leaflets besides papers were distributed.

PEEL.—PORT Credit sent literature to be distributed at camp. Toronto Rifle Ranges being only a mile and a-half from Port Credit. It is expected some work will be done there next year. In response to a request for reports York, Northumberland and Ontario replied, but had to report no work done. Uxbridge provided their men with literature to take to camp with them.

TORONTO DISTRICT.—Mrs. Chas. Robertson, Superintendent. The work has been pleasing. Not from the work accomplished, but by the interest taken by every local Union. Two Unions have taken up the work, making five in active work; three mess-rooms in the armory have been kept supplied with literature; receivers for the same have been placed in the mess-room of the 10th Royal Grenadiers and Queen's Own Rifles, of Canada; the barracks have been supplied with literature of a Plebiscite character, and also the encampment of the Governor General's Body Guard. When visiting the latter we were well received, and permission granted us to go in and about the camp, for which we thank the commanding officer. A new work has been entered upon—that of visiting two sergeants' mess-rooms, one the Royal Grenadiers, the other the Queen's Own Rifles. These are not under military discipline, and are not in the armory, but in close proximity, to enable the men to reach them quickly after drill for a social hour. The commanding officers are not in sympathy with them. We are glad to report being well and courteously received, and allowed to leave literature as we pleased. An effort has been made whereby the privates of the several battalions can be reached with literature through the drill season. Consent has been granted by Colonel Otter to allow the Toronto district the privilege of hanging a small frame upon the wall of the armories—29 in number. These frames having removable backs, fresh literature can be placed therein very often. The Unions having a Superintendent are each responsible for an allotted number, seeing that the reading matter is changed often. Your Superintendent taking charge of the literature, that she may know what goes into the frame. Although the plan incurs a lot of work, no difficulty was found in securing willing workers. We feel this to be a step in advance of that of distributing literature on parade, or at annual outings, and much more economical. A floral tribute, in the shape of a basket of white roses, was presented at the annual garrison dinner, and thanks received. The Governor General was present. The amount of money expended for frames, flowers and literature was \$7.60. In an interview with Colonel Otter, he assured us of his support in any work we undertook in connection with the Toronto garrison. We here wish to thank the commanding officers of the garrison for their kindness and willingness in furthering our work. A letter was sent from

Toronto district in convention, expressing their thanks to Sergt.-Major Harding for his ever ready good will and helpfulness to us when visiting the armory.

WENTWORTH—Mrs. J. H. Bowman, Superintendent. For several years Dundas Union has lunched the volunteers on their return from camp; last year after all expenses were paid the Committee had several dollars on hand; as the refreshments were provided by people outside of the Union we did not feel free to put the money in the W. C. T. U. treasury; one of the officers of the 77th Battalion suggested, as the Battalion was without colors, that this money be used as the nucleus for a fund to purchase colors; this we did; the town people took a great interest in the matter, and we soon raised the required amount—\$200.00. On the return of the volunteers from camp this year, after lunch in the park the colors were presented; different ministers taking part in the ceremony; the officers say that the general tone of the 77th has improved very much since the W. C. T. U. has taken an interest in their welfare.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

Being inexperienced in the work of this department it took me some time to become acquainted with my ground. It has been a question in my mind as to whether I should urge the appointment of Superintendents in counties where camps do not assemble. While I believe that in every county work for soldiers might be done, but because of the many demands upon the workers along other lines it seems impossible to create interest and enthusiasm, except in the vicinity of the camps.

During the year I wrote to the various large conventions requesting them to adopt a resolution urging for a recognition of the law in the abolition of the canteen in camps.

Communicated with all the workers in this department, so far as I could find them, and gladly answered questions and obtained information for all who required it.

#### SUMMARY.

As is usually the case the work has been done by the local Unions. Similar to last year the number of battalions in camp was very large, eight counties reported; literature distributed, 15,861 leaflets, besides religious and temperance papers. It is estimated that upwards of 8,000 men were reached with Plebiscite literature; 53 men signed the pledge; one soldiers' hospital was visited; at two camps refreshments were sold, and two tables for reading and writing were provided. A small amount of money for refreshments was made, and much was done for which we did not receive figures.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

That local Unions study the needs of the men in their own vicinity who go to camp, and provide them with good literature.

That in each county a letter setting forth the dangerous evils of the canteen, and making request for its abolition, be sent to each of the officers of the battalion in the county.

That the Unions throughout the Province take a greater interest in this rescue work for young men, studying the possibilities in their own locality.

## WORK AMONG SAILORS.

MRS. E. J. LAWRENCE, Superintendent.

New interest has been awakened in this department this year, which is due in part to the Plebiscite, special effort being made to reach all voters.

In all probability the greater part of our sailors were out on the water on the 29th of September, and many more, if on shore, were far from home and had not an opportunity of voting. However, we do not, by any means, feel that our labor has been in vain, for we believe the amount of temperance literature distributed this season will be a great factor in educating many up to the standard of total prohibition.

Another reason for a greater interest being taken in work among sailors is that the Labrador Mission has been brought to our notice.

I think it was not generally known before that the Deep Sea Mission of London, England, had established a mission at Labrador, where two hospitals have been erected and equipped. Large contributions are sent out every year from England, and it is only recently that Canada is awakening to the great need and suffering of the poor fishermen and sailors of Labrador. What a vague idea the following reports convey of the actual amount of work done. If we could read between the lines and away back months ago to the hours of patient work, thought and prayer spent in making the comfort bags, marking the Bibles, writing letters, preparing bandages, winding yarn, etc., and placing all these in order, or the days spent in preparing clothing, to be sent away, sorting and counting literature, the number of visits to boats, of the amount of correspondence to and fro, we might be disposed to commend ourselves, but there is little in these reports to foster vanity. We take it for granted that W. C. T. U. women are willing to lose sight of themselves in their work and "See Jesus only."

### COUNTY REPORTS.

ALGOMA—Sault Ste. Marie kept the two boats running to Michipicoton supplied with literature.

ESSEX—Superintendent, Mrs. Brownell, Windsor. A growing interest in the County in this department is reported, and manifest tokens of the approval of our Heavenly Father Amherst-

burg appointed a Superintendent, sent six comfort bags to Windsor and \$1.00 to the Labrador mission. Essex sent nine comfort bags to Windsor. Windsor distributed 23 comfort bags and 2,288 pages of literature and got four signatures to the pledge. Kingsville contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador mission.

ELGIN—Superintendent, Mrs. May, St. Thomas. Port Burwell and Port Stanley have both done work among sailors; no definite report. St. Thomas contributed \$2.00 to the Labrador mission, and Corinth and Vienna \$1.00 each.

GLENGARRY AND PRESCOTT—Superintendent, Mrs. Lothian Monkland. Vankleek Hill sent a box of literature valued at \$5.00 and \$1.00 in cash to the Labrador mission. Maxville, St. Elmo and Lancaster each contributed \$1.00 to the same mission.

GRENVILLE—Superintendent, Mrs. Coates. Prescott reports services being held quite frequently on the boats by Epworth League of Christian Endeavor and Sabbath Observance Alliance. The Union supplied them with literature and contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador mission.

GREY—Superintendent, Miss Showell, Owen Sound. Owen Sound placed 3672 pages of literature and 235 tracts on vessels, and contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador mission.

HURON—Superintendent, Mrs. Holland, Goderich. Goderich reports 6,000 pages of literature distributed, six comfort bags given. Gospel temperance services held every Sabbath afternoon during the winter and a special sermon to sailors in the different churches just before navigation opened, and \$1.00 to the Labrador mission.

LINCOLN—St. Catharines, Mrs. (Rev.) Geddes, Local Supt., gave 17 well filled comfort bags, even exceeding the standard list of supplies, and received grateful acknowledgment from the sailors, who seemed especially touched by the letters contained in the bags.

LAMBTON—Superintendent, Mrs. Lawrence, Sarnia. Sarnia placed 12 comfort bags on vessels calling here, distributed 3,573 pages of literature, 67 temperance leaflets and 11 magazines, contributed \$3.00, and a friend \$2.00, to the Labrador mission. Sombra sent a box containing 88 articles of clothing and 155 papers to the Labrador mission. Forest sent 12 comfort bags to Rev. Mr. Bone for distribution at the Welland Canal, and contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador mission. Watford sent 6 comfort bags to Rev. Mr. Bone and \$1.00 to the Labrador mission. Copleston sent three comfort bags to Rev. Mr. Bone and \$1.00 to the Labrador mission. Wyoming, Petrolea and Alvinston each contributed \$1.00 to the Labrador mission.

LANARK—Superintendent, Mrs. F. T. Frost, Smith's Falls. Perth reports 15 comfort bags; Playfair 17 comfort bags; Smith's Falls, 200 pages of literature in the Rideau canal boats. For the Labrador mission, Carleton Place, \$2.00; Lanark, \$1.00; Smith's Falls, \$1.00; Perth, \$1.00.

LEEDS—Gananoque reports having visited boats, giving comfort bags, and distributed 3,000 pages of literature.

PEEL—Brampton \$1.00, Caledon East \$1.00, and Port Credit \$1.00, for the Labrador mission.

PERTH—Mitchell sent a bale of clothing and \$1.00 to the Labrador mission.

PETERBORO—Peterboro sent nine comfort bags to Montreal and one to Chicago.

SIMCOE—Collingwood, Mrs. James Gregg, Local Superintendent, distributed 14 comfort bags, 286 good papers, 527 tracts and leaflets, and 107 magazines.

TORONTO—Supt, Mrs. Emory, distributed 2,840 leaflets.

WATERLOO—Mrs. Goldie, Ayr, \$1.00, and two friends (per Mrs. Goldie) \$7.00 for the Labrador mission. Oakwood \$1.00, for the same mission.

YORK—Belhaven \$1.00 for the Labrador mission.

PERSONAL WORK.

As Provincial Superintendent, I have written 50 letters and 75 post cards. Sent out a number of leaflets entitled "Dan's Comfort Bag," to aid the local work, and some pamphlets on the Labrador mission.

SUMMARY.

21,872 pages of literature, 286 papers, 762 tracts and leaflets, and 107 magazines have been distributed, and 125 comfort bags given. One box of literature, valued at \$5.00, two bales of clothing and \$43.00 in cash have been contributed to the Labrador mission.

SUGGESTIONS.

That literature be counted according to the number of papers, leaflets, magazines, etc., instead of pages, as we think this would give a more approximate idea of the amount distributed.

That any Union that has not received the leaflet "Dan's Comfort Bag," and contemplates making bags, write to me for one.

That contributions in money for the Labrador mission be sent to Miss Greenshields, 2 Elmsley Place, Toronto, or Mrs. Marcus Smith, 538 Bank Street, Ottawa, and that Unions sending clothing or literature, write to either of the above ladies for directions, as clothing, etc., can only be sent out once a year, in May.

That I be permitted to convey the warmest thanks of Mr. Wood, secretary of the mission, in London, England; also of Mrs. Payzant, Halifax, to Ontario W. C. T. Unions and friends for their very welcome contributions to the work in Labrador.

## WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYES.

(MRS. ALICE P. MORRISON, Superintendent.)

The following brief report includes only those received to date. No doubt other workers have been expecting the usual circular.

but this year your Superintendent was unable to send out circulars in time for Convention, a fact that no one regrets more than herself.

ALGOMA—Literature distributed among the railway men; no statistics given.

BRUCE—Work in this department is taken up by nine Unions in the county, viz.: Cargill, Paisley, Walkerton, Mildmay, Lucknow, Wiarton, Teeswater, Chesley and Lucknow "Y." In all nearly 12,000 pages of literature were distributed, besides subscribing for several good papers at Wiarton, for distribution among railway men.

KENT—Two Unions, Wallaceburg and Dresden, report work done in this department; 3,544 pages of literature distributed.

LAMBTON—Four Unions took up the work in Lambton county, viz.: Sombra, Watford, Petrolea and Sarnia; about 10,000 pages of literature distributed, besides work of which no statistical record was kept.

PETERBORO—1,000 papers distributed among R. R. employes, besides magazines, Christmas cards and Christmas cakes.

THUNDER BAY DISTRICT—Miss Sproule reports as follows: A good part of my work is among railway men, but it is carried on so indirectly and mixed up with my other work, that it is hard to report my direct work for Railroad Employes. Mr. Stone, of Dryden, reaches the foreigners for me on quite a large portion of the line; have sent him during the year about 700 foreign tracts; also 550 tracts distributed at Ignace, and 1,500 at Fort William.

YORK—16,800 pages of literature distributed in this county; one Union worker travelling 13 miles to keep the box at station supplied, and it has been constantly filled since started.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

(1) In Chapeau, District of Algoma, a charge of \$5.00 was made for the privilege of placing box in station. It is suggested by one of our workers that application be made to the General Manager for permission to place boxes in every station on the line. This would seem necessary, in view of the action at Chapeau. (2) That we renew our efforts to banish liquor from refreshment rooms at stations.

### WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

MRS. B. D. LIVINGSTON, Superintendent.

Dear Sisters,—I come before you with this report with a good deal of hesitancy, in fact it was with great reluctance that I accepted this department. I was unused to the ways and methods of work in this department that would be most expedient. How-

ever, I felt it was one of the avenues for a grand work and, believing it was right, I went ahead.

We all remember how the stout old colored auntie said to Mrs. Booker Washington: "Chile, you's right, go ahead." And likewise when I met the A. M. E. conference at Hamilton, last August, Bishop Washington Lee, of New York, said to me, with his most benign look: "Dear Madam, you are right, go ahead, we will help you." He assured me that they as a people would respond to the request of the W. C. T. U. to join hands in this great warfare against the slavery of strong drink.

Ah, these people know too well what it is to feel the chains of slavery, a slavery that could only destroy the body, but still rankles in their hearts, and so a slavery that destroys both body and soul stirs their warm southern blood to its deepest depth.

As I looked down into their faces I was deeply moved, and the thought was forced upon me, why this is the race that has been downtrodden and oppressed by the white man? But the scene has changed. At that time many of the whites had no compassion on the black man, but now we come to them for help, for assistance. We need them. Our common enemy has united us. Our boys are in danger; and as I looked the race line seemed to vanish entirely. A common danger and a common fellowship is in danger or suffering, this rapidly breaks down all barriers. It is one of the greatest triumphs of Christianity that the barriers between nations and races are being lowered every year.

When John Brown was suspended between the heavens and earth that was the day, as far as the negro race was concerned, when God put in His appearance in American politics to enforce a settlement of the slavery question, and the question was to be settled right, and we wonder when another John Brown will do something that will bring the liquor question to a settlement.

At the close of my address before the Conference I met a Committee of ministers and made arrangements with them to select and send to them literature for distribution.

#### SUMMARY.

Received reports from Hamilton, St. Catharines, Toronto, Woodstock, Otterville. Hamilton has a colored Union and Band of Hope. Good work is being done. Toronto reports visiting the societies of colored people, distributing literature, etc. Woodstock has no colored Union, but keeps in touch with the colored people on temperance plans. Otterville reaches a number of families through a Band of Hope.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

Have visited one Conference and six churches, and sent out thousands of leaflets and literature, besides writing 35 letters and 23 cards. In reply received 20 letters and 10 cards.

(MRS. ASA RIBBLE, Superintendent.)

Five months ago I was appointed Superintendent of this department, for the western part of the Province, comprising the counties of Essex, Kent, Elgin, Lambton, Middlesex, Huron, Bruce and Perth. I accepted, regretting only that the work had not fallen into more capable hands. I knew this was a most important department in this Plebiscite year, and needed more personal work than I was able to give it. The colored people are not a drunken race, as many suppose, a much smaller percentage of them being habitual drinkers than among their white brethren. Drink has a more disastrous effect on them, however, in most cases. They are also shy of anything that savors of the curtailing of their freedom, and this coupled with the cry of increased taxation, made it very difficult to convince them of their duty to their adopted country. However, much good seed has been sown, that will, doubtless, bear an abundant harvest in the near future.

I wrote the President of each county asking for reports, but have received only a few replies. Essex reports five churches, where Plebiscite literature was distributed; in two churches a pledge had been circulated. There is a great willingness on the part of pastors to preach on temperance. There is much need of earnest talking with these people on the matter of wine and cider.

BRUCE—Reports no colored people.

HURON—Reports no colored people.

KENT—Reports a number of mass meetings being held, also two temperance bands organized, one with 14 members, which held two public meetings, and collected \$1.44 for Plebiscite campaign, also distributed 200 leaflets weekly, the other with 18 members and doing much the same kind of work; made other attempts to start Bands of Hope but failed; distributed pledge cards at Sabbath Schools; 31 signed W. C. T. U. pledge at mass meetings; got a boxing contest, which was advertised for one of their celebrations, to be declared off.

MIDDLESEX—Reports a Youmans' Band being formed in London, but found it very difficult to keep it afloat.

PERTH—No colored people, but a few in Stratford, so no work done.

## SUMMARY.

Of the eight counties only three report any work done through their Unions. In other counties, however, literature was distributed among them as among other voters, besides the special leaflets and cartoons which were supplied their ministers by your Superintendent and distributed through them. Thirteen mass meetings held, at two of which 31 signed the pledge, mostly men; three Youman's Bands organized; 58 pledge cards distributed in Sabbath Schools, and one boxing match hindered.

PERSONAL WORK.

Have tried to put myself in personal contact with these people in various ways, but chiefly through their pastors. Attended their B. M. E. Conference, also their Baptist Association; addressed 12 meetings and distributed about 12,000 leaflets and cartoons, also was the means in our own locality of having a good vote polled among the colored workers; wrote 28 letters; 49 post cards, and sent out 48 bundles of literature.

SUGGESTIONS.

That each County President co-operate with the Superintendent in devising ways and means of reaching this people.

That mass meetings be held as often as possible for the purpose of educating them in temperance principles, always presenting the pledge at the close of the meetings.

That each local Superintendent or President should, twice a year, attend the Sabbath Schools, and give the children a temperance talk.

That mothers' meetings be held whenever practicable.

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WORK AMONG INDIANS.

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MRS. FRONA W. EDWARDS, Superintendent.

In presenting this my first provincial report, I have a fear that you may find it very defective.

The work of my department seems to stand rather isolated from the other departments of W. C. T. U. work. As the wife of a missionary I spent eight years among the Indian people, and will, therefore, understand better the difficulties that the Superintendent of this department will have to contend with than one who has not had a like experience could do. We must remember in taking up Indian Work that we are trying to reach a people of an entirely different race and a different line of thought to our own. Even the language in which we address them is not their mother tongue. And though most of them understand common colloquial English, many of them would learn very little from a connected discourse either spoken or written. The missionaries and teachers very often can reach them only through the medium of an interpreter.

It is generally supposed that the liquor traffic is the red man's greatest foe. But this is a mistake. The greatest evil the worker among the Indians has to contend with is the lack of social purity, the low state of the family life in many of their homes. I could enlarge here if time permitted, but as that is limited will hasten on.

I have not been able to give to the work this year all the time that it required to make it a success.

The first part of the year was spent in trying to get the geography of my work, such as looking up reserves, getting address of missionaries, teachers, Indian agents, etc. From the General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society I obtained the names of 23 reserves and the names of the missionaries supported by that society. On some of these reserves the Church of England also has missionaries. From the Secretary of the Diocese of Huron I obtained the names of six missionaries, but whether these are the names of all in the province or only those in his own diocese I am not quite certain.

I had just got my work in shape for obtaining the information I needed for the successful prosecution of the work of my department when a very serious accident laid me aside from work of any kind for many weeks.

I succeeded in getting letters written to 14 missionaries, and from nine of these received very kind and courteous answers. I afterwards sent a quantity of literature with a card of explanation to every reserve, and from several missionaries received a card of thanks and a promise to attend to its distribution.

I find, on referring to the report, that although several counties have two reserves within their boundaries, only two counties have appointed Superintendents, viz., Kent and Haldimand, and only one has reported to me. So you see if I follow the general rule of reporting by counties you will get very little information as to the true state of the Indian work, and without some knowledge you cannot become interested in this department. I have thought, then, that the better plan for me to adopt would be to report by reserves instead, giving a brief synopsis of letters received. In order that you may better understand these letters I will give a list of the questions I had asked in my correspondence :

1. How many Indians on your reserve?
2. How many read and understand English?
3. How many have signed the pledge?
4. How many teachers? Their names and addresses?
5. Name and address of Indian Agent, and how does he stand in regard to temperance?
6. Are you doing any special temperance work? If so what is your plan of work?

ALDERVILLE—Methodist missionary reports 230 Indians; all speak English that speak at all; most of them can read; 47 have signed the pledge; have preached three special temperance sermons, besides making innumerable references to it in preaching, reading scripture and prayer; held one public temperance meeting where pledges were presented; hotel within a few minutes' walk of reserve, kept by a Roman Catholic, who has been very successful in enticing Indians to drink; has been brought up three times for selling liquor to them, for two of these cases he paid \$108.00;

several Indians tried for being drunk were let off on suspended sentence; it is believed that liquor-seller paid costs and bribed one of the Indians to say that he stole the liquor from the bar; Indian agent a temperance man.

CHRISTIAN ISLAND—Methodist missionary reports 200 Protestants and 35 Roman Catholic Indians; majority read and write; very little intemperance on the Island; in three years has only seen two or three drunken Indians; Indian agent not a temperance man.

GRAND RIVER RESERVE—This is a very large reserve, having several missionaries of different denominations. A church of England missionary reports 3,800 Indians on this reserve; about three-fourths can read; a general temperance society with five or six lodges; ten teachers; no special temperance work done, except what is done by lodges; not troubled with much intemperance, chiefly confined to the older Indians, is generally declining; but social purity in a very bad state; would be glad of help here; asks for literature bearing on social purity.

GRAND RIVER, NEW CREDIT—Methodist missionary reports a gospel temperance meeting held every alternate Sabbath evening for nearly five years. During that time about 200 Indians have signed the pledge, but he fears some of them have not kept it; Indian agent not a temperance man.

KENT—County Superintendent reports having sent 500 pages of literature to Walpole Island, accompanying this with pledges; literature was also distributed at the Indian fair; wrote President of Union in Algonac, asking her to see if something could be done to prevent Indians from the Canadian side of the river getting liquor in their town.

MUNCEY—Two missionaries; Episcopalian and Methodist; neither replied.

MORAVIANTOWN—Church of England missionary reports 67 Indians on his charge; most of the adults read; few, if any, homes where some one does not read; knows of no pledged members; two teachers on reserve; temperance work chiefly confined to the pulpit; asks for literature that will tend to elevate the moral character.

ONEIDA—Methodist missionary reports 700 Indians on this reserve; about one-third can read; no special temperance work done, except what is done from pulpit, and in private talk with individuals; also subject is well taught by teachers in the schools; would be glad to distribute literature; not certain of temperance principles of Indian Agent.

PARRY ISLAND—Methodist missionary (an Indian) reports 200 Indians on this reserve; 25 can read; two teachers; does no special temperance work; gives an occasional temperance sermon, and

reads scripture bearing on the subject; says there is very little drinking among his people; would be very glad to circulate literature; thinks a pledge prepared in form and placed in charge of the Chief of the band would be a good think to help on the work among the Indians.

RAMA—Methodist missionary reports one temperance lodge; very little drunkenness; his plan of temperance work is to lay the blame of drunkenness on the liquor-seller and give him all the law will allow; Indian agent strong temperance man.

WALPOLE ISLAND—Two missionaries, Methodist and Church of England; Methodist missionary did not reply. Church of England missionary reports that he has only been in the work for a few months; resides in Algonac, a small town in Michigan, just across the river from Walpole. Says: From my own experience of the terrible evil and cruel wrongs directly inflicted by the liquor traffic upon the Indians who come to this town to do their trading, I am deeply sensible of the need of earnest and aggressive temperance work in this community, and will feel highly privileged to co-operate with any effort you may make in that direction; offers his church for any meetings we may choose to hold; suggests that we ask W. C. T. U. in Algonac to assist us in this work; 700 Indians on this reserve.

#### SUMMARY.

Reserves heard from, 9; Indians on these reserves, 5,932, about one-half of these can read; four missionaries report little drinking among their people; Indian Agents, strong temperance men, 2; Indian Agents, anti-temperance, 1; Indian Agents, uncertain, 3; temperance lodges, 7; temperance work of missionaries chiefly confined to pulpit; all will be glad to distribute literature.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

Have written, in connection with this work, 20 letters and 31 cards. Sent out 5,000 pages of literature, and visited one reserve.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

I would suggest that all counties having reserves within their boundaries appoint Superintendents, and that these Superintendents be chosen from the Unions nearest to the reserve.

That those Unions near reserves appoint local Superintendents.

That Unions near reserves make an effort, especially during the sleighing season, to hold gospel temperance meetings on the reserve, and where practicable organize Unions among the Indians, and try to interest them especially in the work of Social Purity.

## YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

### WESTERN DIVISION.

(MRS. ALICE B. READE, Superintendent.)

Just about a year ago we sailed out of the fair haven of the Ontario Convention with our fleet "ready armed, face to the foe," for God and home and native land. From time to time we have slackened sails and noted the advance made. But our year's cruise is over, and to-day we have come into port for fresh orders. Some of our boats are missing—they have been overcome by adverse seas—others are laid up for repairs, but on the whole we find our Y. W. C. T. U. fleet larger and stronger in many ways than one year ago. None ever give without receiving, and we feel sure that the close of another year of faithful work has brought with it a happy consciousness of soul-growth in stature, in beauty, and grace, by the doing of duty.

On behalf of the "Y's" of Western Ontario, I submit the following statistical report:

BRANT—The "Y" organized at Brantford, during Convention last year, never seemed to thrive. Your Superintendent wrote several letters, both to "Y" girls and "W" workers, and endeavored to arouse enthusiasm, but the time and energies of the young people seemed to be wholly employed with other good works.

BRUCE—Reports five Unions, three organized recently and just getting into working order. The Unions are, Chesley, Lucknow, Teeswater, Wiarton, and Walkerton. One society conducted gospel temperance meetings during the campaign; two others supplied the children with badges, on which was printed, "Vote for Prohibition for my sake." Departments of work taken up, Parlor Meetings, Lumbermen's Work, Literature, Press, Flower Mission, Medal Contest, Gospel Temperance, and Band of Hope; number of active members, 63; honorary, 15.

HURON—The County President and myself attended a large and interested public meeting in Gorrie, and succeeded in organizing what seemed to be a most promising "Y" branch, with over 30 members. We endeavored to instruct the members as thoroughly as possible in our methods of work, and to make the work more abiding a visit was made at the first regular meeting, but, for reasons we cannot divine, the society has lapsed, and all efforts to resuscitate it have proved unavailing.

KENT—Chatham "Y" has been doing but little during the year on account of the illness of the President, but hopes are sustained of more energetic work in the coming year.

LINCOLN—Reports three "Y" Unions, St. Catharines, Demill College, and Rockaway. The St. Catharines "Y" has done the

most active work. Public and parlor meetings have been held, and thousands of pages of literature distributed. Departments of Work—Lumbermen, Hospital, Jail, Railroad, Narcotics, Parlor Meetings and Band of Hope; active members, 40; honorary, 3.

MIDDLESEX—Indirectly we learn that the London "Y," though small in membership, has been doing a grand work; no statistics have reached us.

OXFORD—Reports have not been received from either Otterville "Y" or Verschoyle "Y" Committee; a new Union was organized at Tilsonburg in January, and has been doing good work; the members are engaged in studying Rev. E. O. Taylor's book, and an examination contest was held on Narcotics. Departments of Work—Flower Mission, Lumbermen, Literature, Press, Scientific Temperance and Narcotics. Number of members, 15; honorary, 10. From the report we glean that this is a most enthusiastic and energetic "Y."

WENTWORTH—Reports interest in "Y" work greatly increasing; Central "Y" controls seven Bands of Hope, three sewing schools; one cooking class; a News Boys' Club opened every night with 200 members; at the Quarterly Business Meeting there is a social gathering with music and refreshments; there is also a Junior "Y" in connection with this Society with 25 members; these are engaged in work for the very poor children at the holidays. The Eastern "Y" also reports excellent work; their special effort has been to establish a cot in the Children's Hospital; total number of members, 60; honorary, 38; total receipts, \$485.

WELLINGTON—A "Y" was organized at Mt. Forest in April, and since that time regular meetings have been held; parlor meetings has been a specially instructive department to this young "Y"; members distributed literature during the campaign in the rural districts; Departments are: Lumbermen, Railroad, Press, Parlor Meetings; membership, 11; report closes with, "we hope to go forward with a successful year's work."

WATERLOO—The Willard "Y" at Ayr was organized on the eve of the death of our leader; the spare time at their meetings is spent in sewing, and at the end of the year they intend to hold a bazaar; a series of lectures for young men has also been inaugurated; membership, 7; and one honorary.

#### SUMMARY.

Total number of "Y's" heard from, 15; not reporting, 1; and 1 "Y" Committee; greatest number during the year, 18; number disbanded or resting, 3; total membership enrolled during year, 234; honoraries, 67; present membership, 178.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

Instead of working through the medium of pen and ink this year, I have endeavored to keep more in personal touch with the "Y's", and had hoped to visit every Union in my division of the

Province. Three short trips and two longer ones were all I have been able to accomplish.

Have written 28 letters and 43 postals. Have sent or distributed 271 copies of the leaflet, "Why should a Christian Girl Sign the Pledge," and 410 copies of "Wherefore a "Y."

SUGGESTIONS.

I have but two to make. The first, that the "W's" take a still greater interest in the "Y" work. By personal observation I find that those "Y's" who have started with a Superintendent from the "W," and with the knowledge that they have a strong helper in the mother Union have prospered and have bright prospects of work that will tell before them, while I can recall other instances where the frail barque has trembled and eventually sank for want of the guiding hand and knowledge which could have been given and doubtless would have saved the little craft.

My second suggestion is that to the Superintendents be given also the title of Organizers, and that a suitable appropriation be made for this work; and further that there be appointed a Provincial "Y" Organizer, and that the "Y's" give financial aid to this department. The proceeds of a well-worked-up public meeting by every "Y" Union in the Province should yield a substantial sum each year to aid this work.

In looking back upon the record of "Y" work, whether we consider that of the year just closed, or the greater record which covers the years of its existence, we feel that we have not worked in our own strength or wisdom. "Y" work has been faith work as well as love work, and we give all the glory to God. Each year records forward steps, taken sometimes with fear and trembling, but taken in faith that has been honored of God, who never disappoints. And He will continue to give strength and wisdom to the devoted workers, who, year after year, shall go forth to do their part.

"In God's own might  
We gird us for the coming fight,  
And strong in Him, whose cause is ours,  
In conflict with unholy powers,  
We grasp the weapons He has given,  
The Light, and Truth, and Love of Heaven."

EASTERN DIVISION.

MISS MAE GORDON, Superintendent.

Our hearts are full of gladness at the successful close of another year. While there are many things to regret, there are many for which to be grateful.

In presenting our report we are sorry we cannot tell of more definite success, but we believe there is an awakening on the subject of Young Woman's Work among our "W's" as well as among our young people. So we are living and we are moving.

And feel when the call, the burden of which is, "Whosoever can let him let her lend a hand." The women, the bright girls, the working girls, the girls of brain and muscle, will respond and, like Florence Nightingale, never neglect an opportunity "to help just a little."

In this district there were 13 Unions and one "Y" Committee; to these may be added Merrickville, Brockville, Gananoque, Colborne, Rockland, Parkdale, and a "Y" Committee in connection with the Creighton Union.

CARLETON—Miss M. Stalker, Superintendent. Ottawa Central Y. W. C. T. U. number 200, and is divided into senior and junior. The following branches of work are taken up: Flower Mission, Night Schools, Poor Relief, Evangelistic (including support of Bible reader), Press, Band of Hope, Parlor Meeting, Fair Work, and Health and Heredity, an increase of four departments; they held five entertainments during the year, besides their annual "At Home;" eight young ladies assisted the W. C. T. U. with their Fair work, for which they received \$35.00; a class in physical culture was held regularly, with an average attendance of 46, this was under the Y. W. C. A., but provided by the "Y's;" 15 prizes were given in the Bands of Hope; a Plebiscite Committee did noble work, canvassed 360 voters; distributed literature four times throughout an entire ward, and provided an assistant secretary for general campaign in the city; \$340.00 has been collected during the year; they meet semi-monthly, with an average attendance of 80. Emmanuel "Y" report faithful work, although they have not increased in number; six scrap books were made for the Lumbermen; a flourishing Band of Hope is under their charge; the annual "At Home" showed the members were in earnest, and that they were being rewarded by increased interest; Band of Hope, Flower Mission, Work Among Lumbermen and Parlor Meetings are the departments undertaken. New Edinburg "Y" have had a good year; meeting regularly once a month; Flower Mission, Work Among Lumbermen and Band of Hope are the departments taken up; a successful concert and an interesting "At Home" were given during the year. Rutherford "Y" meet regularly at the home of their President, and the meetings are very interesting; Fair work and Parlor Meetings are their departments; special effort was made during Plebiscite campaign; a section of polling division canvassed; literature distributed; assisted in preparing the voters lists for canvassers, and money collected for general Committee.

LEEDS—Superintendent, Miss Giles, Brockville "Y"—Their motto seems to be "I am ready," ever willing to do all they can has had the result of a good report. This child of the W. C. T. U. has been organized hardly a year; have had six regular and two special meetings; gave a "Geography Party," and held a public

meeting, also a Willard evening; provided badges for the children to wear during the campaign, and arranged for a public campaign meeting; requested the Leagues and Sunday Schools to devote the hour on the Sunday previous to the vote to Temperance work; made six comfort bags for the lumbermen. Gananoque "Y"—This is a most interesting society, and doing excellent work. Two "At Homes" were given and much enjoyed. A very successful Band of Hope has been conducted; Press and Parlor Meeting departments are also taken up.

NIPISSING DISTRICT—North Bay "Y"—No Superintendent. This Union has certainly done good work; the membership has increased to 20, and 15 honorary. The meetings are held regularly from house to house; Flower Mission Department distributed 28 bouquets; literature committee 200 pages; the members all wear the white ribbon.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Campbellford "Y"—This "Y" made a grand start and persevered doing good work, but have met with so much controversy they have become disheartened. However, the President has returned home and soon the clouds will pass, showing the sunshine. Early in the year much charity work was done by the Relief and Flower Mission; the Parlor Meeting Department gave one entertainment at which \$31.25 was realized, part of which was used in sending a man to "gold cure." Hastings "Y" has more than doubled their membership; supplied a barber shop with literature; distributed 3,000 leaflets besides. Colborne "Y"; this Union is at a great disadvantage, knowing little about the work; one "At Home" was given, which was very successful. Cobourg "Y" Committee; these young ladies kept the literature boxes filled at the station and made bags for sailors; also did good Plebiscite work.

RENFREW—Pembroke "Y" worked early in the year and were successful with a large Band of Hope after a long rest; they will do good work again.

RUSSELL—Rockland "Y". This is certainly the banner society, only organized one month and they have 62 members, 19 of which are honorary; have given a "pink tea"; visited the poor and sick.

YORK—No County Superintendent. Toronto, Creighton Y. W. C. T. U. Committee. This committee has a membership of 14, and meets semi-monthly; visit the hospital regularly; requested the Sunday Schools to urge the children to take the pledge; three public meetings have been held, one of which was addressed by Mrs. Rutherford, Dominion President.

SUMMARY.

Number County Superintendents, three, an increase of one; there are now 19 "Y" Unions—an increase of six—and two "Y" Committees; in these the following departments have been taken

up : Work Among Lumbermen, 5; Bands of Hope, 6; Flower Mission, 7; Missionary, 1; Relief, 6; Scientific Temperance Instruction, 1; Press, 5; Evangelistic, 1; Parlor Meetings, 10; Night School, 1; Literature, 8; Fair Work, 2; Health and Heredity, 1; Sailors, 1.

## PERSONAL.

As Eastern Provincial Superintendent, I have written 101 letters and 184 postal cards.

Your Superintendent personally organized six Unions, and addressed nine evening meetings and three afternoon meetings; visited two other towns and tried to arouse interest sufficient to organize. Special effort has been made for counties with organized "Y's" for County Superintendent.

## SUGGESTIONS.

That County Presidents appoint a Superintendent for their county where it contains an organized "Y."

That County Presidents compare the Unions which receive co-operation, advice and assistance of the W. C. T. U. with those who struggle alone.

## WORK AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

(Miss C. E. WIGGINS, Superintendent.)

## TORONTO DISTRICT.

The interest in this department has been growing during the past year. The Plebiscite campaign has called out the young people to distribute literature, act as scrutineers on polling day, and, in fact, work in any way that might help to achieve victory. Never, in any given year, have so many Temperance meetings been held to educate the young people about the needs and responsibilities of the campaign. Early in the year your Superintendent wrote to each local Union urging the importance of this department, and giving a number of suggestions for carrying on the work. Five local Unions have Superintendents.

Central Union reports seven societies visited; five of these have Temperance Committees; three Young People's Societies were addressed by members of the W. C. T. U.

Western reports Temperance Committee in the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of their district, and that they keep the subject of temperance well before the young people.

Youmans report one Young People's Society addressed by their President.

Northern reports all the Young People's Societies in the district visited. There are six, and three of these had successful meetings, addressed by speakers sent by the W. C. T. U.

Willard Union—Three Young People's Societies in this district have reported good work done during the Plebiscite campaign.

Deer Park Union held one Union meeting of Young People's Societies, at which Mrs. Rutherford and Miss Wiggins gave addresses.

Eastern Union reports a "Y" Union in connection with the King Street East Young People's Society.

Creighton Union reports a "Y" Committee doing effective work, and a Union of Young People's Societies in Walmer Road Baptist Church, addressed by Mrs. Rutherford and Mr. Spence.

Parkdale Union reports that W. C. T. U. speakers addressed six of the Young People's Societies out of seven in the district.

Gordon Union reports Temperance Committees in nearly all the Young People's Societies, and at least one Temperance meeting in each society during the year. Your Superintendent addressed twelve Young People's Societies and conducted one parliamentary drill on phases of the Prohibition question. Many of our Young People's Societies are anxious to do something to settle these problems that concern our humanity, and it is ours with our larger knowledge and experience to guide their zeal and enthusiasm in wise paths.

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## JUVENILE.

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MRS. EMMA F. PRATT, Superintendent.

Planting seed is always necessarily slow work, requiring patience with faithfulness. The seed sowing in this department has been faithfully, carefully and prayerfully fulfilled in some parts of the field. We have reported 2,550 children meeting regularly for temperance instruction. Of course this does not cover one-half of the work accomplished, as out of 31 County Presidents 17 only replied, and in unorganized counties the local Unions were approached, and five only responding to the appeal. We have had 10 new Bands organized. The following have been heard from: Haldimand, one Band, 80 members; Elgin, one Band, 30 members; Bruce, six Bands, 383 members; Glengarry, one Band, 75 members; Lincoln, one Band, 40 members; Leeds, three Bands, 124 members; Middlesex, six Bands, 216 members; Lambton, four Bands, 270 members; Simcoe, one Band, 80 members; Lanark, one Band, 50 members; Brant, five Bands, 505 members; Wellington, two Bands, 118 members; Essex, two Bands, 100 members; Wentworth, eight Bands, 575 members; Waterloo, four Bands, 280 members; Huron, one Band, 55 members; Muskoka, one Band, 81 members; one Band, 75 members; Nipissing,

one Band, 75 members; Dryden, one Band, 44 members. Total, 51 Bands, and 3,256 members.

SOME SPECIAL INTERESTS OF THE WORK.

Simcoe County reported a wild flower show.

Lanark reported three sewing schools, 30 members.

Lambton reported successful Crusade Day and blue ribbon tea; Boys' Temperance Club, 12 members.

Brant reports a sewing school, 30 members, and Band of Mercy; prizes given for best essay on "Alcohol."

Nipissing County reported a sewing school, eight members.

Wentworth reports a Newsboy's Club, 200 members; open every night; four sewing schools and cooking classes.

Medal contests held as follows: Bruce County, one silver; Leeds County, two, gold and silver; Lambton, one silver; Toronto reports four kitchen garden classes.

A special effort was made in Band of Mercy work; a letter to be read to the children, with a pledge, was sent to every Union, asking that the children might have the question of cruelty to birds laid before them and explained fully; four petitions were returned with 88 signatures; the initial step having been taken, better work will probably be done this year. Sometimes we are slow to take up new ideas, and require educating, which seems to be the need on this question. This department sent out 600 communications, besides answering 50 letters; expended \$15.95.

SUMMARY.

Reported 43 bands; eight sewing schools; two cooking classes; two boys' clubs; four medal contests; number of children in bands, 2,843; number of children in clubs, 212; total, 2,550.

## TEMPERANCE IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.

MRS. L. LYTLE, Superintendent.

As I have said in Toronto, so would I say here, in bringing my report before you this year, I feel very grateful to God for the measure of success He has granted us, and yet, when we consider what His word shows us in reference to the children, we seem to have come so very far short of what might have been accomplished. In connection with this department just let us take Deut. xxix: 11, then Psalms xlv: 16, also Isaiah xxviii: 9, and see if these Scriptures will not be the means of stirring us to greater activity for the future. It is very evident in that Scripture in Deut.: the Lord was taking the little ones into the prohibition covenant with Himself, just as well as the parents, and to all appearances His calcu-

lation was then, and is now, that all the children should be pledged total abstainers. Do we measure up to what His words show us? Are we to go on in this way, by just doing a little, or shall we, my dear sisters, with God's help, make a greater effort in this line? O that God the Holy Spirit may come upon us in such a manner that there may not be one of us at ease in Zion regarding this most important line of work.

BRANT—Reports 11 schools visited; four teachers' meetings visited; 30 Sunday Schools teach quarterly temperance lesson; held five children's temperance meetings; have placed 50 temperance books in Sunday Schools; pledged 610 Sunday School scholars; taught temperance lesson each quarter in Junior League; signed pledge.

BRUCE—Walkerton reports all Sunday Schools observe quarterly Temperance Sunday; 275 scholars pledged; books in libraries.

ELGIN—Reports each local Union has Superintendent appointed; all Sunday Schools observing temperance Sunday; several Gospel temperance meetings held previous to vote on Plebiscite.

ESSEX—Reports one Sunday School having placed books in library; quarterly temperance Sunday observed; Epworth League at Amherstburg gives an evening to temperance every two months; Sunday School children at Gesto held two Gospel Temperance entertainments.

FRONTENAC—Kingston reports 350 children were pledged and two honor rolls used; one Sunday School placed 12 temperance books in library; two other schools made additions to libraries also; a paper on "Temperance in Sabbath Schools" was read at a Convention.

GRENVILLE—Reports one Union that has taken up temperance in Sunday School; addresses given; ladies interviewed a committee that had the selecting of a library, and were successful in having temperance books placed in same.

LAMBTON—Reports four Superintendents in Sunday School work; one Band of Hope; takes 30 copies of *Northern Messenger*; supply temperance literature to Sunday School teachers, to aid them in teaching Sunday School temperance lesson; several temperance books in Sunday School library; 188 scholars were pledged by means of pledge card in Watford; all Sunday Schools observe temperance Sunday; the *Onward* (Sunday School paper) found to do more good than temperance books in library, this paper is given the scholars every Sunday; temperance literature distributed.

LANARK AND RENFREW—Reports 18 Sunday Schools observed the quarterly temperance Sunday; 363 children pledged, and the best of temperance books are in Sunday School libraries.

LINCOLN—Reports 65 pledged with triple pledge; one school has ordered 100 pledge cards.

MIDDLESEX—Reports an hour devoted to the teaching of temperance in Sunday Schools once a month; Epworth League gives an evening to the subject of Temperance twice a year.

OXFORD—Reports 130 children pledged; temperance lesson taught in three schools; a grand Sunday School rally held; Gospel temperance meetings held the first Sunday of the month throughout the entire year at close of Sunday School in large hall; there is a Superintendent appointed; Sunday School teachers' meeting visited, and three books placed in library.

PEEL—Port Credit reports Sunday School takes Northern Messenger; Prohibition buttons given to boys; three addresses given by ladies to two Sunday Schools.

PERTH—Atwood reports subscriptions secured among the Sunday School scholars to the *Water Lily*, a small temperance periodical; quarterly temperance Sunday observed.

PETERBORO—Reports 68 books in library; distributed leaflets.

SIMCOE—Barrie reports quarterly temperance Sunday observed; a good many temperance books in Sunday School library; at least 75 % of scholars pledged; weekly Band of Hope held.

WENTWORTH—Hamilton reports Sunday School teachers' meetings visited, and quarterly temperance Sunday observed.

YORK—Toronto District reports—In Creighton Union 105 children were pledged; addresses delivered in Sunday Schools; distributed 2,000 leaflets. In Northern 269 children have signed the pledge; the Mission Sunday School, which is held in an old brewery, continues to do excellent temperance work; all Sunday Schools visited and addresses given. In Parkdale most of Sunday School scholars pledged; one Sunday School has a Temperance Society; also books in library. In Central, 25 visits were made; 18 letters presented to Sunday School Superintendents, and five addresses given. In Western, the temperance lesson has been taught in all Sunday Schools. In Eastern, books have been placed in libraries; most of the children pledged; temperance lesson taught quarterly; Gospel temperance meeting found beneficial. In Gordon, 246 scholars were pledged; all schools in district visited, one of which asked for 500 pledge cards.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

Interviewed Dr. Withrow in reference to influencing the Sunday School officers—through the medium of the Sunday School papers of which he is editor, and which are read by a quarter of a million people—so that we may more easily find access to all the schools; addressed five Unions on the subject of Temperance in Sabbath Schools; number of circulars sent out, 400; number of letters and postal cards, 30.

SUMMARY.

No. of Superintendents reported in this department, 16; No. of schools reported teaching quarterly lesson, 130; No. of schools reported having pledge cards distributed, 13; No. of pledged scholars, 4,196; No. of schools addressed by temperance speakers, 55; No. of schools visited by Superintendents, 214; No. of recommended temperance books added to libraries, 175; No. of schools which procured temperance books, 24; No. of Counties reported, 15.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. That "Temperance in Sabbath Schools" be *the* topic for prayer at the first Union meeting in each month.
2. That Local Unions buy up-to-date temperance books, and have them placed in Sunday School libraries, if they cannot induce the Sunday School officers to procure them. If the Union funds are too meagre, let two or three of the ladies collect sufficient to buy the books.
3. That the Presidents of the various Unions bestir themselves and see that Superintendents of Temperance in Sabbath Schools are appointed.
4. That the Province be divided into four sections, and a Deputy Superintendent be appointed for each section to assist the Provincial Superintendent in the work outside the cities.
5. That Superintendents of the Department of Temperance in Sunday Schools should give definite facts and figures in their reports. *This is most important.*

LEGISLATION AND PETITION.

MRS. A. GORDON, Supt. MRS. E. FAWELL PUGSLEY, Assistant.

Your Superintendent has to report that while in many of the Counties no interest seems to be taken in this department of our work, yet in other sections of the Province its importance is realized.

If we could at once secure legislation by petitions I have no doubt that this means of attaining the purposes of our organization would become more popular. I am sure, however, that a report of all that has been accomplished in obtaining legislation by petition, through the W. C. T. U. since its organization, would not only be very interesting, but would diminish our fears and strengthen our hopes as to the final result of the Plebiscite. And although the present report must necessarily be confined to the work of the year, I hope it may serve as a stimulus to those who have done nothing, and that those who have been doing, will be encouraged to do better when they learn of the work of the sister Unions.

BRANT—Brantford petitioned License Commissioners against renewal of a license near a new public school, and were successful; also petitioned the License Commissioners *re* closing a village hotel at 9 instead of 10 p.m. and secured it. Wrote Hon. C. Sifton and local member *re* form of Plebiscite vote, and liquor selling in the Yukon obtained, in face of a counter petition, the reduction of one license.

BRUCE—Resolutions passed at County Annual Meeting not carried out, as many thought the work too aggressive; a few local petitions *re* closing of hotels were circulated.

CARLETON—No Superintendent, but Ottawa Superintendent reports: Efforts made to prevent indecent posters on the street; a petition to have the Curfew By-law replaced on the Statute Book; petitions asking that liquor might be excluded from the Yukon country, signed by Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, and reformed Episcopal congregations.

DURHAM—Superintendent reports a petition *re* local licenses.

DUNDAS—Reports circulated with some success.

ELGIN—At our request the pastor of every Church sent down to the Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior, a memorial signed by their congregation asking that steps be taken to prohibit the manufacture, sale and importation into the Yukon District of all spirituous and fermented liquors. We have done something in legislation and petitioning. During last session of the Dominion Parliament wrote to Hon. Clifford Sifton, Mr. Ingram, M. P., and Hon. John Charlton, and several others, asking their votes and influence in the Yukon Liquor Bill, receiving courteous answers from each, promising to do all in their power in the matter. A Committee from the Children's Aid, with one from our Union, visited the City Council and asked their co-operation with the County Council in establishing a temporary home for destitute and neglected children, but so far there has been no response. We tried last year to elect a temperance man in No. 2 Ward for School Trustee, but, although we succeeded in getting out almost every woman voter, our purpose was defeated.

GLENGARRY AND PRESCOTT—From the Superintendent the following was obtained: Circulated three petitions asking the Board of Commissioners of licenses that no license be given to places where public accommodation was not imperative; two were successful; one failed.

KENT—Superintendent writes: This County has done nobly; circulated letters for public library, which was successful; for higher licenses; for opposing liquor in the Yukon; for amendments to the license act; and to the License Commissioners against issuing a license. When the bill for a Prohibition Plebiscite was before Parliament, letters regarding it were written to the Premier.

and other members, to which courteous replies were received. In connection with the Plebiscite, meetings were addressed by the Superintendent.

LINCOLN—Petitioned the Government *re* sale of liquor in the Yukon and sent petitions *re* Sabbath observance and Charlton Act, signed by W. C. T. U., Sub-executive and clergymen; also interested others to petition against a third license being granted.

LAMBTON—Reports petitions *re* sale of liquor in the Yukon, sent to Hon. Mr. Sifton and local M. P's.; also *re* form of Plebiscite vote.

NORFOLK—Petitions *re* sale of liquor in Yukon.

ONTARIO—No Superintendent, the County President writes: Circulated petitions against shop licenses; petitioned the License Commissioners to withdraw the license from the hotels, and succeeded in two cases; hope to do more work next year.

OXFORD—Reports petitions to local members of Parliament; to Hon. C. Sifton; to Sir R. Cartwright, and to town council *re* appointment of a temperance man as constable; caused to be added the names of eighteen temperance men to the voters' lists.

PEEL—Superintendent reports petitions *re* Yukon Liquor Bill; also a petition to Hon Charlton *re* protection of women; petitioned the council *re* Curfew Bell; sent petitions to Government *re* license law amendments; sale of liquor in the Yukon, the Plebiscite, and that the liquor traffic be further restricted.

SIMCOE—sent a memorial asking that the Plebiscite Bill be brought out.

TORONTO—The District sent a representative in the person of Mrs. A. O. Ruthford with the delegation that asked the Provincial House to pass a bill regulating maternity boarding houses, which succeeded, and much better legislation secured. Memorials were sent to the Ontario House *re* license law amendments; to Dominion House *re* Sabbath observance in connection with Charlton Bill, and the submission of the Plebiscite Bill without a rider. A petition was circulated and presented to Hon. C. Sifton by a delegation from the District and Local Unions *re* the sale of liquor in the Yukon.

WELLINGTON—Guelph Union secured the endorsement and signature of the various churches in the city, through their officials, to the petitions *re* sale of liquor in the Klondike; also the City Council and W. C. T. U., viz: Ten churches, Salvation Army, City Council and W. C. T. U. Palmerston—All the churches and Temperance societies sent petitions *re* sale of liquor in the Yukon, and *re* Plebiscite Bill through the W. C. T. U. Mount Forest—Sent two petitions asking the question of direct taxation be not annexed to the Plebiscite Bill, and to stop the liquor traffic in the Yukon; 2nd, to Local Legislature on amendments to municipal license laws.

WELLAND—Petitioned against the sale of liquor in the Yukon.

WENTWORTH—The Superintendent reports—Letters written to the Hon. Mr. Sifton and other members *re* taking liquor into the Yukon district; for the Plebiscite faithful work done; leaflets distributed weekly over all parts for six weeks previous to the vote.

YORK—The Superintendent reports two petitions sent to Hon. Mr. Mulock, five to Hon. Clifford Sifton *re* Yukon, four to Hon. Clarke Wallace *re* amendments to license law, and four Social Purity questions.

#### SUMMARY.

Your Superintendent is indebted to Mrs. Pugsley, of Toronto, for gathering and compiling all reports received west of Toronto. In all, parts of 24 counties have reported. The partial and meagre reports received is due to the fact that so few organized counties have Superintendents, hence the seed sown by the local Unions, which in many cases has borne fruit which has not been harvested. Only 16 counties throughout the Province have Superintendents, 12 organized counties have none.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

Early in the year a petition to the Hon. Clifford Sifton *re* Yukon liquor question.

In September cards were written to every County Superintendent or County President asking for a report of work done during the year.

In the interests of this department about 35 letters and 89 post cards were written.

Your Superintendent gave 50 public addresses before the Prohibition Plebiscite on September 29th.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

That County and local Superintendents be appointed at once, as much important work in connection with a Prohibitory law may at any time require to be done.

That a copy of existing legislation affecting W. C. T. U. work be obtained by the Provincial Superintendent, arranged in leaflet for each year, with corrections or amendments, as the case may be, and furnished to each local Superintendent, in order that we may understand what laws we have and see to their proper enforcement; the Unions thereby assisting municipal authorities to carry out their oath of office by faithful enforcement of existing laws. Also that temptation may be minimized, thus securing greater safety for childhood and youth, besides aiding Christian workers in their efforts for civic purity.

PRESS.

MRS. B. D. LIVINGSTONE, Superintendent.

Dear Fellow Workers,—Your Superintendent has been greatly encouraged during the year by the many ready responses from County and local Superintendents.

When my inquiries were sent out a majority of Unions reported, or in case no work had been done a card was received to that effect. But, alas, the repeated story has again come to me, "Work done, no record kept." If this work is worth doing it is worth doing right, and in systematic order.

One night when I had been wading through the reports and found the oft repeated refrain I dreamed about it, and in my dreams it seemed to me that I had come to a mountain labeled "No record." Doubtless some will say, this is the result of a late dinner, but be that as it may, I would not be true to you, true to the work, nor true to God, did I not speak of this defect, for I am confident that many, many Unions have done excellent work, but we have no report from them. "Let us counsel one with another." Provs. 15: 22. Without counsel purposes are disappointed, but in the multitude of counselors they are established.

I think that we should, as an organization, be very grateful to the newspaper men for their kindly courtesy, for they not only readily complied with our request for space but often came to us asking for facts, and at our Conventions their reporters are usually present. How well we all know the magnificent distances the word of warning or encouragement will travel when caught up by the mouth of the Press. Only in a very few instances have the Unions reported that the Press has been antagonistic to them. The following is a statement of Press Work as reported to me:

ALGOMA—Fort William reports one Superintendent, and states that the editor is not favorable to the temperance cause. Chapeau has a Superintendent and *Sudbury Journal* was supplied with 50 columns of press matter during the year.

BRANT—Reports one Superintendent and one Corresponding Secretary, who furnished two papers with 50 items and 26 columns, namely, Mount Pleasant one Superintendent, Corresponding Secretary sent notices to papers; Paris has a Superintendent who supplied 50 items and 26 columns.

BRUCE—Reports 135 insertions and 119 columns supplied by the following Unions: Cargill, 11 insertions; Lucknow, 50; Teeswater, 27 notices and 15 columns, besides the President's annual address; Walkerton furnished 20 notices; Chesley, 52 columns; Hepworth, 52 columns and 25 items; Paisley, Warton and Mildmay kept no record.

CARLETON—Reports one Superintendent, supplying 60 items and 108 columns, namely, Ottawa; Mrs. Coles, Superintendent;

the Plebiscite was kept before the people and 60 items and 48 columns filled.

**DURHAM**—Reports two Superintendents who have kept three papers supplied; total, 30 items and 8 columns; Mrs. Cryderman, of Bowmanville, supplied two papers with 30 items; no record kept of columns; Orono has a Superintendent, and eight columns were supplied for one paper; no record kept of items.

**ELGIN**—Reports only one Superintendent; three papers furnished 11 articles; no record of columns. St. Thomas, no Superintendent; two papers furnished a few items by Secretary. Vienna has a Superintendent, who supplied eight articles.

**ESSEX**—Reports two Superintendents, who obtained 13 reports for the papers and 13 columns temperance facts. Edgar Mills; one paper supplied with 13 reports. Kingsmill paper supplied with 13 columns of Plebiscite matter.

**FRONTENAC**—Was not heard from last year, but this year reports that Kingston has a Superintendent who has supplied 150 items and filled 40 columns during the year.

**GLENGARRY**—One Superintendent, 174 items and 52 columns.

**GREY**—Reports three Superintendents, 43 items and articles. Many columns were filled, but no accurate account kept; Markdale has a Superintendent, who supplied 43 articles; Thornbury sent a large number of items, but no record kept; Meaford has a Superintendent, but no report given.

**GRENVILLE**—Reports one Superintendent, Mrs. Coates, at Prescott. Spencerville's report not received.

**HASTINGS**—Much work done, but no record kept. Foxboro kept the Plebiscite before the people. Belleville has a Superintendent, who furnished three papers with items, articles and letters.

**HURON**—Reports two Superintendents, who have supplied four papers with 162 items and filled 34 columns. The Unions reporting are Goderich, 122 items and 34 columns; Seaforth, 40 items.

**HALTON**—Reports one Superintendent, who secured articles for one paper, but no record kept.

**KENT**—Has one Superintendent, Mrs. Jean Blewett, Blenheim, who has supplied one paper with 20 items, and filled 30 columns.

**LAMBTON**—Has two Superintendents, but the oft-repeated tale is told, "No record kept."

**LEEDS**—Five Unions report work done, a number of whom kept no record; items reported, 104; columns supplied, five.

**LINCOLN**—Has three Superintendents, who supplied the papers with 145 items and filled 25 columns. St. Catharines kept Plebiscite well to the front. Grimbsy sent probably about 125 items and filled 25 columns. Beamsville sent 20 items.

LANARK—Three Superintendents supplied three papers with 124 items and filled 30 columns. Carleton Place, 30 columns; Smith's Falls, 125 items.

MIDDLESEX—Has seven Superintendents, who have reported as follows: Eight newspapers constantly supplied, 116 articles, 50 columns, two Temperance Essays, Meetings set apart for this department, three; the Plebiscite was constantly kept before the public. One issue of the *London News* was published by the W. C. T. U. and 23,000 copies given to the farmers of Middlesex County. Four Superintendents kept a correct record of work.

MUSKOKA—Reports one Superintendent; no record of work given.

OXFORD—Reports five Superintendents and three Press Committees, who have supplied seven papers with items, articles and letters; in all 105 items and 84 columns. The Local Unions reporting are as follows: Ingersoll, Brownsville, Norwich, Tilsonburg "Y", Woodstock and Verschoyle.

ONTARIO—Reports four Superintendents, who have filled 44 columns and two articles. Port Perry reports the papers refuse to publish anything outside of announcements. Uxbridge and Whitby supplied many items. Prince Albert also sent articles, but no record kept.

PEEL—One Union reported, namely, Caledon East. The Superintendent supplied three papers, six items and one column.

PERTH—Reports two Superintendents. Two papers have been supplied, 20 items, 10 columns filled. The local Unions reporting are Perth and Attwood.

PETERBORO—Reports notices of 30 meetings were inserted in two papers, that the Press was well utilized, but no further record kept.

RENFREW—One local Superintendent reported that she had kept the W. C. T. U. flag flying over a column weekly, contributing about 30 columns.

STORMONT—Has the zealous Mrs. Bigelow as Superintendent. Two papers were supplied with items, 30 items in all were furnished, but no record kept of columns. The Superintendent closes by saying she will try to keep a correct record of work for next year, and hopes to have a much better report.

SIMCOE—Has a County Superintendent and two local Superintendents; 318 articles have been given to the paper.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Twelve Unions report work done; paragraphs published, 340; notices, 338. The Superintendent desires to acknowledge the courtesy of publishers of the city newspapers, this year in particular, they have been most liberal in granting space to the W. C. T. U. The great world's Convention occupied columns and pages of space in the several dailies, as well as

elsewhere in Canada and United States. The *Templar* and *Woman's Journal* have also been furnished with about 20 letters containing W. C. T. U. items.

VICTORIA—Reports 50 columns of temperance matter has been printed in the local paper.

WENTWORTH—Reports 50 items; Hamilton Union has a Superintendent; four papers have been supplied with items, but no record kept of columns; Dundas Union kept the two papers supplied with items.

WELLAND—Reports one Superintendent, who says the editors kindly granted space whenever required.

WELLINGTON—Reports 80 insertions reported by Guelph Union. Fergus Union did a good deal of work but no record kept.

WATERLOO—Only one Union heard from, namely, Galt; 13 items have been sent to the Press.

YORK—Reports from five Superintendents; four different papers have been utilized; 184 items and 53 columns were supplied. The following Unions reported: Toronto Junction, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Sutton West and Bellhaven.

#### SUMMARY.

There are 63 County and Local Superintendents; 2,565 articles and items have been contributed by Superintendents, and 901 columns filled during the year.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

1. Would suggest that every local Union appoint a real live, energetic woman as Superintendent; one who will think this department a necessity.
2. That Superintendents secure every report that is at all interesting and instructive from her own meetings, condense them and insert in local papers, thereby letting people know that the W. C. T. U. is still there alive and means to stay; if the Superintendent is bright she will set the community asking, "What about this society?"; and when people grow anxious to know something about us we are likely to secure new members.
3. Secure all the items and facts that are new concerning County, Provincial, Dominion and W. C. T. U. for the press; it might possibly be instructive to some of our own women.
4. Recommended, that County Superintendent send a condensed press report to Provincial Superintendent, the same to be forwarded to the *Journal* once a quarter.

I leave you with the wish that we may all reach out and grow as the flowers.

"A little rain and a little sun  
And a little pearly dew,  
And a pushing up and a reaching out,  
Then leaves and tendrils all about—  
That's the way the flowers grow."

## WORK AMONG THE LUMBERMEN.

(MISS K. M. FISHER, Superintendent.)

In bringing in our annual report of work done among the "lumbermen," we are thankful to be able to say, in the language of the Psalmist, "The Lord has crowned the year with his goodness."

At the close of the convention at Brantford last year, it was our intention to complete the work begun in districting the Counties, but owing to the convention deciding to engage a missionary for the year, our thought and energies turned towards those who have chosen for their life work the hazardous occupation of procuring the timber and lumber that build our great ships, bridges, boats, houses, etc., dwelling in the forests, thereby sacrificing the comforts of home, family ties, church and social privileges, and many of them risking even life itself for an honest livelihood.

The Sub-executive decided upon engaging the services of Mr. John Leckie as the one to bear the message, scatter the Plebiscite literature, and place the comfort bags as far as possible in the camps.

Funds were low in the Provincial treasury, but the "King's business requires haste; the missionary "must go forward," and we must depend on drawing upon the "King's Treasury" for the payment of the missionary's salary, and in this we were not disappointed; the money came slowly, until every dollar was in the hands of our trusty treasurer.

This one phase of the work took a great deal of time and thought in writing to the various Superintendents of the department; but for the never-ceasing vigilance of our Provincial head, Mrs. Thornley, we would have fared much worse. She wrote up the mission, as you are aware, in the *Montreal Witness*, *Templar*, and *The Woman's Journal*. In short, I could not begin to give a full report of the work done during the year in this department; it would fill a volume and yet we know the reports have not been all sent in.

Many excellent reports have been received, and it is with deep regret your Superintendent had to pare down, so as to keep our report within the limits of our time.

ALGOMA EAST—Miss A. Sproule, Superintendent, reports: Thessalon cash for missionary, \$1.05; Sault Ste Marie, \$2.00, and supplied four camps with literature.

ALGOMA WEST—Miss Agnes Sproule, Superintendent, Fort William, reports having distributed considerable literature among the camps last winter, and 12 comfort bags, and cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$6.30.

BRUCE—Mrs. W. Robinson, Superintendent, Wiarton, reports comfort bags and literature, also two boxes of literature and

clothing sent to destitute settlers; total cash for missionary's salary, \$5.90.

CARLETON—Miss Lillie Stevenson, Superintendent, Kilburn—Reports having shipped 21 comfort bags, six scrap books, and cash towards missionary's salary, \$4.00.

CARDWELL—Miss May Parsons, Superintendent, Caledon East—Reports new interest taken in this department; Superintendents recently appointed; literature sent to our missionary; but amount not given.

DURHAM—Mrs. Dr. Tucker, Superintendent, Orono—Reports cash towards missionary's salary, \$3.00; one dozen comfort bags ready to send.

ESSEX—Mrs. Lockhart, Superintendent, (newly appointed)—Reports a deep interest taken in the work; six comfort bags were shipped to our Provincial Superintendent and then forwarded to Mrs. Mickle, Gravenhurst; cash remitted towards missionary's salary, \$1.00.

ELGIN—Miss Carrie L. May, Superintendent, St. Thomas. Reports sending 10 comfort bags, 50 lbs. literature, 100 pages campaign literature, and cash to Mission Fund, \$4.20.

FRONTENAC—No Superintendent. Reports Kingston having shipped 15 comfort bags, each containing the usual supplies, with a Bible or Testament, and good Plebiscite literature; \$2.00 for missionary's salary. Catarquin Epworth League sent eight comfort bags under the direction of your Provincial Superintendent. Total number of comfort bags, 23.

GLENGARRY—Miss M. Foulds, Superintendent, Martintown. Reports one box containing literature; four comfort bags sent to Mrs. Hunter; a second parcel is now in the hands of District Superintendent Mrs. V. L. Mackie, of Athens; from Dominionville, which is newly organized, and much interest taken, \$5.00 worth of Plebiscite literature and cash for missionary, \$6.50.

GREY—Miss Jessie Reed, Superintendent, Owen Sound—Reports 24 comfort bags, well filled, and cash for missionary, \$15.20.

GRENVILLE—Mrs. R. Craig, Superintendent, Kemptville. Reports 19 comfort bags, each bag contained Bible or Testament, also good supply of Plebiscite literature; cash toward Lumbermen's Mission, \$12.00.

HURON—Mrs. Biddlecombe, Superintendent, Clinton—Reports have shipped 13 comfort bags, one box and 50 lbs. literature. also quantities Plebiscite and other literature; cash for missionary's salary, \$16.00.

HASTINGS AND PRINCE EDWARD—Mrs. Maybee, Superintendent, Belleville. Reports having collected for missionary's salary, \$12.75.

HALDIMAND—No Superintendent. Reports having shipped one parcel weighing 47 lbs., five comfort bags, two scrap books, and cash rentitted, \$1.00.

LEEDS—Mrs. V. L. Mackie, Superintendent, Athens. Reports one box literature, weighing 150 lbs., containing 10 comfort bags, two scrap books, etc., also two boxes containing 20 magazines; cash towards missionary's salary, \$12.00.

LAMBTON—Mrs. C. Green, Superintendent, Sombra. Reports having shipped one box to Mr. Leckie, Huntsville; 560 papers and magazines, 550 temperance leaflets, 11 books, 4 scrap albums, 74 lbs. literature, 37 comfort bags, 11 scrap books; cash for missionary's salary, \$14 25.

LINCOLN—Miss Julia B. Huff, Superintendent, St. Catharines. Reports sending a quantity of literature, one extra large comfort bag, and cash for mission fund, \$3.00.

LANARK—Miss Lillie Stevenson, Superintendent. Reports 21 comfort bags shipped, \$4.00 cash to mission fund.

MUSKOKA AND PARRY SOUND—Mrs. Geo. Hutchinson, Superintendent, Huntsville. Sent six comfort bags, a good supply of literature, books and papers; expects to have a much better report next year.

ONTARIO—Mrs. Hay Smith, Superintendent, Uxbridge. Reports having shipped two parcels, 84 lbs. literature, three comfort bags, and cash to Lumbermen's Mission, \$9 90.

OXFORD—Mrs. S. Wilkinson, Superintendent, Ingersoll. Reports having sent 41 comfort bags, with a good supply of literature; cash for missionary, \$3.00 (Norwich, \$2 00; Verschoyle, \$1.00). Tilsonburg sent 35 comfort bags.

PERTH—Mrs. Dobson, Superintendent, Stratford. Reports having sent six comfort bags, a large quantity of literature; \$5.50 for missionary's salary.

PETERBORO—Mrs. Geo. Paton, Superintendent, Peterboro. Reports having supplied two camps in Peterboro County with eight comfort bags and 36 lbs. literature; delivered one comfort bag to a drive passing through, also five lbs. of literature and eight scrap books were delivered. Mrs. Paton has the promise of doing the same next year.

RENFREW—Miss Lizzie Logan, Superintendent, Renfrew. Reports Arnprior W. C. T. U. sent one history, nine Bibles, five books, 40 tracts, two hymn books, 73 copies of *War Cry* and *Onward*, and eight comfort bags.

SIMCOE—Mrs. Geo. Scott, Superintendent, Barrie. Reports 371 lbs. literature, 36 comfort bags, six parcels of literature, a number of books; cash for missionary's salary, \$6.50.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Mrs. D. Smillie, Superintendent. Reports sending to District Superintendent 27 comfort bags; 466 leaflets, periodicals, papers and tracts, 7,963 pages of literature, also 1,800

leaflets to Lumbermen's Hospital, 10 Testaments and hymn books, two scrap books. Deer Park Union supplied four lumber camps, also some mining camps; later in the season another good supply was sent, six parcels sent in care of your Superintendent, which was duly forwarded to Mr. Leckie at Huntsville; cash for missionary, \$25 00.

WATERLOO—Mrs. J. Anderson, Superintendent, Ayr. Reports 31 comfort bags, 8,263 pages literature, 410 lbs. literature, also one bbl. literature to Mrs. D. McGillivray, Owen Sound, two bales dry goods for destitute settlers; cash for missionary's salary, \$7 20.

WELLINGTON—No Superintendent. Mt. Forest reports a number of comfort bags ready to ship; missionary's salary, \$6.00.

WENTWORTH—Mrs. W. W. Basset, Superintendent, Hamilton. Reports sending a quantity of literature to be distributed to Lumbermen's Hospital; cash remitted, \$1.00, for missionary's salary. Hamilton Central Union—Cash \$6.67 towards the missionary for lumbermen in Muskoka, and 10 comfort bags. Hamilton Union—Cash \$6.67 and 19 comfort bags. Youmans Union—Cash \$6.66 and 12 comfort bags. Dundas Union—Cash \$1.85 and two comfort bags, with the promise of more later on. Correction—In last year's report the following items were omitted by mistake: Hamilton Union—Ten comfort bags, Plebiscite literature in each. Dundas—Six comfort bags. Youmans Union—Six comfort bags, with Plebiscite literature.

VICTORIA—Mrs. Sharpe, Lindsay, Superintendent. Reports new interest in the work.

YORK—Mrs. C. A. Hughes, Superintendent. Reports five parcels of literature, containing 21,000 pages, 15 comfort bags, with usual supplies; cash for missionary, \$8.95

#### SUMMARY.

Four hundred and twenty-five comfort bags sent, 42 scrap books, 22 parcels, 68 Bibles and Testaments, 5,806 tracts, 22 books, 29,363 pages literature; one bbl. literature, 1,214 lbs. literature, eight boxes literature, five bales of clothing; cash remitted for missionary's salary, \$209 02; total number of counties heard from, 32.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

Although our report does not show a great advance in the number of counties reporting, there has been 14 new Superintendents appointed during the year, whom we have endeavored to instruct and encourage; others inquiring for information and literature bearing upon work in the lumber camps; this, with trying to interest our workers, in the maintenance of a missionary. Directing where the supply should go, and keeping in touch with Mr. Leckie's work while on the field, by the aid of literature and other supplies.

Number of letters written, 108; 81 post cards reforwarded, 19 comfort bags, 14 parcels. Sent Mr. Leckie 1,000 Plebiscite

leaflets, 2,000 French leaflets, 42 new Testaments, 12 Gospels, 100 Gospel hymn cards, 25 songs and solos, \$3.30 worth of Gospel temperance literature from Mrs. Bascom, and \$4.00 worth of Plebiscite literature from F. S. Spence, Toronto.

#### REPORTS OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

The reports of our District Superintendents go to show much faithful, loving service done during the year. Some of them considered the new plan of sending supplies, a marked improvement, and a higher grade of supplies sent out, but we shall have more about this in their reports in the *Journal*.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

Your Superintendent would most earnestly suggest that each local Superintendent would report *direct* to their own *County Superintendents*; their supply should also be sent to her. There has been complaint about this being an extra expense; it is only 35 cents more per hundred weight, and the advantage gained is worth *more* than the cost. Next, follow the rules in filling the comfort bags. Our worthy District Superintendent, Mrs. Mickle, of Gravenhurst, requests of me to say this to you. "Tell the ladies to think of their *own husbands and sons* when filling the comfort bags." There is a mistaken idea among some of our workers that the Lumbermen's Mission is one of *charity*, far from it—most of those men are better able to buy and pay than some of us are to send, but as the work of the W. C. T. U. is to reach all, rich and poor, with the literature bearing upon the religious, political and moral aspect of the temperance question, we are particularly anxious to reach our brethren in the woods, as they do not enjoy the privileges of public lectures, gospel temperance meetings, and the house to house distribution of literature, that our towns people enjoy; other reading matter is very acceptable, so are the comfort bags, the contents of which *saved* more than one lumberman's life during the past season. One in particular we might mention, a man terribly wounded 20 miles from a doctor, the only white cotton available was the contents of a W. C. T. U. comfort bag, over which the wounded man's comrades laid their red pocket handkerchiefs, then carried him upon a stretcher 20 miles to the nearest doctor. Men go into the woods to work, not to prepare for accidents, and it is the mission of the W. C. T. U. to follow with the "balm for the wounds" as well as to carry the lamp of knowledge. Let your gifts be in keeping with that of the "Child of the King," and the lumberman's heart will be touched, not only for temperance, but for eternity.

#### OUR MISSIONARY.

Mr. Leckie has given satisfaction beyond our most sanguine expectations, and his report of the work done by him will be listened to with interest. He has attended some of the Fall County Conventions, and aroused a deeper interest in the work. It is quite possible, at the close of next season, he would be pleased to attend any of the W. C. T. U. County Conventions if requested to do so.

## MR. LECKIE'S REPORT.

A report of work done since the 8th of December, '97, including both the bush and wagon tours, can be briefly stated, but will cover a good deal of ground and much effort to do the Master's will; sometimes with great encouragement and sometimes the reverse; but always with the presence and help of the Lord.

## IN THE WOODS, OR WORK AMONG THE LUMBERMEN.

I travelled in the four districts—Muskoka, Nipissing, Parry Sound and Haliburton—coming in contact with about 1,600 people. These were reached by platform meetings or personal conversations. Everywhere the salvation of the soul and the deliverance of this country from the drink evil were presented. Almost every man I spoke to promised to give his vote for Prohibition, and the results through the districts travelled show that they did not forget to do this. The lumbermen, as everyone knows, feels the curse more than most classes of working men. While at work in camp, there is no time to drink, but among the older lumbermen it is a rare thing to see one of them sober in a village, if they are off work. They simply drink till every cent is gone. In the camp, however, there is not so much trouble; unless some new men, just coming in, bring it. At Xmas times, and when breaking up, in the village of Huntsville the jails are kept full; so full that the officers have just to tolerate everything that the men take it into their drunken heads to perform. Many of the very worst of these men have told me since my return here that they voted for Prohibition. The moment we mention temperance work to the owners or foreman of the camps we are sure to be received, and many of the owners will tell you that intemperance is the only bad feature of the business. It seems to us that the men drink from custom, probably copying the old times.

If you could only visit the homes of some of these poor fellows—many of them have not one bit of wooden furniture but what has been made out of slabs or boards, broken with the axe, and put together in the rudest fashion. For example: One of the men came home from camp with fever. In the home to which he came were huddled ten people, three of whom were young women. There was only one large room, with a row of bunks around the walls, which were about five feet high. Before the fever was checked in the home, only four were left; and they were all too small to look after themselves, except one, and she was about 20 years of age. A very dear Christian friend of ours undertook the work of caring for them, and I believe if ever woman deserved credit it was she and two others who afterwards joined her. They looked after and made all preparation for the burying of the dead, and the rest were washed and the house thoroughly gone over. The ladies told me that every stitch of clothing in the place had to be burned. Now, you would like to know what happened to that family. Well, the young girl married a negro, simply because he

promised to care for the rest of the family! It makes one shudder; does it not? You ask the cause of all this? Let me tell you. Whiskey eats money, and because the father had to have it the mother was forced to toil, and she filled an early grave prior to the ravages of the fever. But even then whiskey had to be had for that poor slave. The family was robbed of both parents' influence; yes, robbed of everything but a drunken father, who would sell even their souls for whiskey. Who can blame him, poor man? "He was without Christ." It is an awful tale for us to listen to; and to think that men are licensed to furnish the first glass; then Satan can do the rest.

But I must pass along and tell you of one family that I called on to-day—a widow of one of the men. She has four of a family, and for over four years has supported her children, through all sorts of trials. Her oldest daughter, a young lady, took sick about two years ago, lost her reason and was sent to Toronto Asylum. Last month the doctor wrote and told the mother that her daughter was now quite well if she cared to take her home. What was the mother to do? She had never asked help, but love was stronger than pride, and she asked the present Reeve of Huntsville for means to bring her loved one home; it was granted at once, because the woman is known to be honest, industrious and good. This is just one of the many cases we meet where a small amount of help, probably some old clothes, might allow that woman a little rest and bring great comfort to her family. I trust she may feel that while we claim to have an interest in the lumbermen we include their homes and all.

#### BUSH WORK.

About 16,000 people were reached; 937 miles walked on foot; 130 meetings held; 83 camps visited; 1,200 pounds literature distributed; about 90 bags distributed; 15 societies sending supplies direct. Last and most blessed come the results spiritually. These we will have to leave to be made known when we get the Crown of Righteousness, which Paul tells Timothy of in his last or farewell words.

#### GOSPEL WAGON WORK.

Having had a good deal of experience in this work I was able to labor to better advantage. A young man, preparing for Christian work, Mr. McIntosh, of Toronto, accompanied me. We travelled through the five counties of Muskoka, Simcoe, Grey, Huron and Lambton. Distributed about 8,000 leaflets; visited 20 towns and villages; held 40 public meetings. After securing the horses July 21st, we commenced our labors, which consisted of holding services any where, and just as often as we could, and the distribution of temperance tracts. The latter we were very successful in doing. We closed the season on 26th of September. Many were the incidents of interest in both the lumbermen and carriage work, but on account of former published statements we will not repeat. There were many things to contend with, for

when one speaks from a carriage like ours, the truth on the temperance question much opposition will be met, but we were sure of His protection who has recorded Matt 10:31. Yet we look with pleasure upon the results in places where we have labored. Here in Huntsville, in spite of four large hotels, only 57 votes were recorded against us. This no doubt was due principally to the efforts of the W. C. T. U. women and our boys from the woods who acquitted themselves well. There are four large mills run by lumbermen principally, and they have votes. We feel to praise God.

We are settled in Huntsville, ready to do the Master's will in all things; with greetings to all concerned and kind remembrances to yourself.

We could dispose of cast-off clothing in the homes of lumbermen with great benefit, we believe, for many with large families find it impossible to clothe them comfortably on account of small wages.

### MISSION WORK IN ALGOMA.

MISS AGNES SPROULE, Superintendent.

It gives me great pleasure to meet with you to-day in our convention. Before I go any further I want to thank you for the confidence you have placed in one who is almost a stranger, in appointing her to such an important position as that of Missionary for Algoma. I can assure you that I have tried to be worthy of your confidence. The District of Algoma, as you all know, comprises a large part of the Province of Ontario. The principal industries are railroading, mining, lumbering, farming and fishing. Its people are of a great many different nationalities, and are altogether a different class of people from those in the older and more settled parts of the Province.

#### PERSONAL WORK.

Work has been carried on by your missionary in over seventy places. Of course, some of the places are very small, and the amount of work done in some of them has not been very great. The work has been carried on through the missionaries of the different churches, the Young People's Societies, Sabbath School superintendents, public school teachers, post masters and private individuals.

I have received, during the year, many encouraging letters from all parts of the district. I have heard from some who had their doubts as to the wisdom of Prohibition; I have also been advised to mind my own business, and allow those who had invested their money in the liquor business to make an honest living. I have been told that Prohibition is not God's way of dealing with an evil, and a great many other things. Some of my workers have endured persecution; one man who is a merchant

wrote me that the hotel-keeper in the village had given up dealing with him because of the temperance work he was doing.

During the year nearly 1,000 tracts in the French, Italian, Norwegian, Finnish and Swedish languages have been sent out. I carry on my foreign work through friends in Dryden and Schreiber. The friend at Dryden is a railroad man, and through him I reach the foreigners between Ignace and Rat Portage. The friend in Schreiber is a woman, an earnest, devoted Christian from Sweden, and through her I reach a number on another part of the field. This work for foreigners is a work in which I am very much interested; these strangers on our shores need our help and sympathy, and many of them need to be won for Christ; something to read in their own language is eagerly received, and I have no doubt carefully read. Many of the tracts in foreign languages have been tracts of eight and sixteen pages.

A large amount of time has been given to the Plebiscite campaign. Wherever possible I have urged organization, and have reason to believe that my efforts have not been in vain. Large quantities of campaign literature have been sent out. I have tried to reach every voter in the smaller places in the district through the post office or through my workers; of course I did not succeed in reaching all or nearly all; yet I fondly hope that my efforts helped to swell the majority that this district gave for Prohibition.

During the year three new Unions were organized by Dr. Youmans in Western Algoma, at Chapleau, Port Arthur and Dryden. Your Missionary feels that these Unions are in some measure at least the result of her work, and believes that if Dr. Youmans' time had not been so limited many others would have been organized. I am proud of the work that has been done by these Unions.

SUMMARY.

Have sent out, during the year, 455 letters and cards; 44,150 tracts, English and foreign; 4,350 temperance and religious papers, 2,236 parcels, and quite a large number of comfort bags, and other supplies for the camps. I thank the Unions and friends that have helped me in this work.

SUGGESTIONS.

While I believe and know that the Lord has blessed my efforts and thank Him for enabling me to do so much, I am not at all satisfied. I have found this year as I did last, that many of my best workers only remain in one place for a very short time, and altogether, in a great many ways, the work is unsatisfactory. I believe that earnest work is needed in this district, and that it will pay better than the same amount of work done in the more eastern parts of Ontario. The one great drawback has been that your missionary has not been able to visit, and so has been obliged to carry on her work almost entirely through people she has never seen. I would like to suggest that your present missionary or someone else, who would be employed to visit through this vast

district; to hold, even in the smaller places, meetings where the subjects of Temperance, Social Purity, Franchise, etc., would be discussed; to organize Unions and Youmans Bands. I believe collections would be taken sufficient to cover travelling expenses at least. Three months spent on the field would furnish her with abundant material for nine months work at home. Of course it would cost more to carry on the work in this way, for it would mean that the worker would give her entire time and strength to the work. But the usefulness of the worker would be increased, a hundred fold, and every Union and Youmans Band organized would mean more workers in a part of the country where workers are sorely needed. And, again, I believe your missionary is expected to be not only a temperance worker, but to win men and women for our Saviour Jesus, and she can only do that as she comes into touch with them.

May the Lord's blessing rest on the work of last year, and may He grant that the coming year may be still more abundant in work and in blessing.

## SCHOOLS OF METHOD.

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, Superintendent.)

"Thou therefore that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself."

—*Romans 2: 21.*

To a musical soul the strumming of the beginner is nerve-distressing. But if that beginner is "mother's own little maid," then the foolish little waltz or polka, with its halting measures, has a charm that the most classical selection lacks. Love softens the jars, and patience teaches the blundering fingers, until harmony takes the place of discord.

Just so God's infinite tenderness towards us makes our crude attempt at service acceptable. But his very beneficence should bind us by solemn obligation to offer "our best."

BRANT—Held one partial school, taking but one subject and a question box.

BRUCE—Held one full and one partial school; seven subjects and two question boxes.

DURHAM—Hopes to take up the department next year.

ELGIN—Held one full and one partial school; eleven subjects, one drill and one question box.

ESSEX—Held one partial school; five subjects and a question box.

GREY—Owing to great activity in Plebiscite work no school was held.

GLENGARRY—Held one full and one partial school; four subjects, a drill and two question boxes.

GRENVILLE—Held one partial school; two subjects and a question box.

HALDIMAND—Held one partial school; five subjects, one drill and a question box.

HURON—Held one full school; six subjects, one drill and a question box.

KENT—Held a partial school; three subjects, a drill and two question boxes. Had also six local schools, with 18 subjects, two drills and four question boxes.

LINCOLN—Held one full and one partial school; seven subjects and three question boxes.

LAMBTON—Held one partial school; three subjects and a question box.

LEEDS—Held one partial school; two subjects and a question box.

MIDDLESEX—Held one partial school; three subjects.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Have held neither school nor convention this year.

ONTARIO—Held one partial school; four subjects, a drill and two question boxes.

OXFORD—Held one full and one partial school; thirteen subjects, one drill and two question boxes.

PERTH—Held one full and one partial school; five subjects, a drill and question box.

PEEL—Has not held a school this year.

RENFREW—No school. The County Convention was shortened through a mistake and school work was impossible.

SIMCOE—One full school; seven subjects and a drill.

STORMONT—County President resigned early in the year.

TORONTO DISTRICT—One full school; five subjects and a question box.

WENTWORTH—The school has been postponed till November.

WELLAND—Held one partial school in conjunction with Lincoln county; subjects not given.

WELLINGTON—No school.

WATERLOO—One full school; five subjects and two question boxes.

YORK—One full school; ten subjects, a drill and two question boxes.

#### SUMMARY.

We have the same number of organized counties as last year, 31. The Plebiscite turned the energies of the workers away from the ordinary work into campaign duties and has lessened the report. We are glad however to assure you of a healthy condition and

good prospects. In the past twelve months there have been held 11 full, 15 partial and six local schools. At these 108 subjects, pertaining to our work, were treated of in as many papers and addresses; 13 parliamentary drills were given and 33 question boxes opened. At the Provincial Convention, held in Brantford, the afternoon of Thursday was, according to the usual custom, given to school work. Most of the time was given to social purity, though two other topics were taken up and a question box answered.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

1. In response to the question *re* "local schools" there was such an evident confusion of ideas that few of the replies could be used in my report. A "local school" is *not* the ordinary educational half hour that should complete, at least once a month, the regular meeting of the local Union. Every local Superintendent of a department ought to have opportunity not less than once a year, to present her department by paper or address, and urge its claims; but this is *not* county work. A "school for local workers" is undertaken by the County Union, presided over by a county officer, and has a programme provided mainly by county workers, who have come to the town for this specific purpose.

2. The one great bane of County Schools—and this may be said with equal truth of local educational programmes—is the frequent failure of those who present the topics to deal with them practically. I think I may say that every school attended this year has offered examples of this sort. There are just two things admissible in a School of Method paper or address, *viz.*, facts and plans for work. If one or other must be omitted let it be the former. The writer's opinions; little moral reflections; pretty quotations, etc., are of small avail to women who have come, with pencil and note-book, to get new and definite plans for work.

3. The most satisfactory method of conducting a County Convention, where the annual meeting and school must be combined and both disposed of on short order, is to open the session at 2:30 one afternoon, receiving then the reports of officers and superintendents and appointing the committees, etc. Between the afternoon and evening meetings the committees can convene; the night can be occupied with a public meeting. The election of officers, reports of committees, etc., should be attended to the following morning, allowing the noon hour for the meeting of the new Executive; thus leaving the afternoon free for the school. The attempt to crowd all the foregoing work into a morning and afternoon destroys the usefulness of the school. It is pleasing to note that the method just suggested is gaining in favor, and that a few counties are doing even better, by devoting two full days to their annual meeting.

## CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

(MRS. MARY WILEY, Superintendent.)

Greetings have been sent out during the year to the several branches of the W. M. S., also conference branches of the Epworth League. In many cases these were sent by letter, in a few cases verbal greetings were given. In May, Mrs. Brownell greeted, personally, the Ontario Baptist W. M. S., which met in Toronto. In the autumn, Miss Wiggins presented our greetings to the Provincial Christian Endeavor Convention, which met in Hamilton. The annual conferences, conventions, etc., were greeted on behalf of the Union. The temperance societies, R. T. of T., S. of T., and I. O. G. T. were also greeted. These were, in nearly every case, very cordially received and courteously acknowledged. Many replies came to us in which congratulations on the success of our Union work, and good wishes for the advance of temperance in the province were suitably expressed. These were so numerous that we did not think it wise to take up the valuable time of this Convention by inserting in this report.

This is, I take it, the proper place in which to state that the resolutions passed by this Convention at the last annual meeting were sent to the several legislative bodies for which they were intended. These were, kindly received and the receipt duly acknowledged.

## FLOWER, FRUIT AND DELICACY.

MRS. LOTTIE MOORE, Superintendent.

It is with very much pleasure I present my report for this department, not that it is as definite as I know so well it might be, but the number of Superintendents who responded to my correspondence this year compared with last leads me to feel very much encouraged. In several cases, as you will see, no work has been done owing to the illness of Superintendents, but I appreciate the courtesy of the secretary or other friend who acquaints me with the fact. This department covers so much ground in the way of contributions that it is a little difficult to keep account of all the items, great and small, but if the County Superintendents would impress upon the local superintendents the necessity of their Unions being more accurate and definite in their reports, how much fuller our Provincial report would be. So many items come under the miscellaneous column which should enter the others if the numbers were only given; 26 counties have reported, and in most cases very good work has been done, the contributions in many cases being very liberal.

ALGOMA—Reports 58 bouquets, 21 text cards, 30 visits, 54 delicacies and one flower sale.

BRUCE—Reports 348 bouquets, 376 texts, 374 visits, \$9.75 expenditure, variety of comforts, much literature, helped clothe and send destitute children to Sabbath School.

DURHAM—Reports 43 bouquets, two large baskets of flowers to Toronto Hospital.

ESSEX—Reports 117 bouquets, 196 texts, 50 quarts canned fruit, 16 baskets provisions, floral offering at a wedding, eight wreaths at funerals, decorated church at Plebiscite meeting.

ELGIN—Reports 75 bouquets, 25 texts, 2,649 pages literature, 40 quarts canned fruit, 50 visits, \$7.00 cash expended, 56 articles clothing, sewing for poor, groceries, three cords wood, 10 gallons coal oil.

GREY—Reports 100 bouquets, 74 texts, 25 pages literature, 28 quarts canned fruit, 10½ dozen eggs, ½ dozen oranges, 16 articles clothing, 20 quarts milk, four pies, butter, quantity apples, wood, much Plebiscite literature.

GLENGARRY—Reports 325 bouquets, 130 quarts canned fruit, 85 cents expended, provisions sent to poor in hospital and private homes.

HALDIMAND—No Superintendent. Corresponding Secretary reports 20 bouquets.

KENT—Reports 124 bouquets, 292 texts, 30 pages literature, 88 books, six quarts canned fruit, 28 pecks fruit, 10½ dozen eggs, two dozen oranges, 214 visits, \$39.05 expended, 95 articles clothing, three beef roasts, 18 baskets provisions, besides butter, steak, groceries, fowl, milk tickets, clothing, bread and other food, Christmas offerings, night watch with sick, paying rent for poor persons.

LINCOLN—Reports 20 bouquets, also flowers to hospital and wreaths for funerals.

LEEDS—Reports 436 bouquets, 434 texts, 14 visits, \$4.40 cash, fruit, cake, bread, jelly and ice cream; amounts not given.

LANARK—Reports 225 bouquets, 141 texts, 18 jars jelly, 4½ pecks fruit, 7½ dozen eggs, 86 visits, \$2.97 cash, 197 articles clothing, 50 baskets provisions, 50 bread tickets, 40 milk tickets, 120 lbs. sugar, 100 lbs. flour, 43 lbs. rice, rolled oats, 16 lbs. pies, cakes, cream, grape juice, bread, ham, broth, beef tea, plants in bloom, three loads wood, two quilts, vegetables, six meals.

LAMBTON—Reports 852 bouquets, 450 texts, 16 pages literature, 40 quarts canned fruit, four pecks fruit, three dozen eggs, seven dozen oranges, 597 visits, \$8.45 cash, 175 articles clothing, 51 baskets provisions, 30 lbs. sugar, 20 lbs. beef, five lbs. tea, 12 lbs. raisins, one turkey, two dozen cookies, three dozen buns, six cakes, 29 wreaths, seven floral decorations; much work not given in detail.

MIDDLESEX—Reports 177 bouquets, 51 texts, 24 quarts canned fruit, 10 doz. eggs, \$4.00 cash, grapes, oranges, butter, meat, groceries, clothing, literature, in quantities not given.

OXFORD—Reports 130 bouquets, several quarts of fruit, no amounts given, 15 pots flowers.

PETERBORO—No Supt.; President reports 114 bouquets and 98 texts.

RENFREW—Reports 39 bouquets, 39 texts, two quarts canned fruit, one doz. eggs, 30 visits. \$5.00 cash, five loaves bread, four doz. buns, two doz. cookies, fowl, soup, jelly; other charitable work done.

SIMCOE—No definite work except a few visits to sick and 100 bouquets distributed.

TORONTO DISTRICT—Reports 4,500 bouquets, 4,500 texts, 1,820 pages pages literature, 24 books, 140 quarts canned fruit, 44 boxes berries, 50 pecks fruit, six baskets grapes, 12 doz. eggs, five doz. bananas, 72 visits to institutions, \$241.50 cash, innumerable pledges, 87 Christmas dinners, 53 glasses ice cream, fowl, tea, broth, beef-tea, provisions of all kinds, clothing, charitable work of many kinds, procuring work if possible for those able to work, and admittance to hospitals and homes for those who are not, 99 mite boxes are out in aid of the work in one Union.

WELLINGTON—Reports 56 bouquets, 29 texts, 15 pages literature, 22 jellies, beef-tea, etc.

WATERLOO—Reports 358 bouquets, 358 texts, eight pecks fruit, one doz. eggs, 216 pledges, 142 visits, much clothing and literature.

YORK—Reports 1,619 bouquets, 460 texts, 6,300 pages literature, 20 books, 142 quarts canned fruit, 58 pecks fruit, 42 dozen eggs, six dozen oranges, 109 pledges, 219 visits, 294 articles clothing, 45 meals, eight bags potatoes, 46 lbs. meat, eight fowl, 14 bushels vegetables, 10 lbs sugar, 10 lbs. tea, 10 lbs. grapes, three dozen lemons, three quarts marmalade, 10 glasses jelly, 12 quarts ice cream, six dozen cakes, 52 lbs. butter.

YORK PANSY BAND—Reports 3,719 bouquets, 3,067 texts, 948 pages literature, one book, 105 quarts canned fruit, five pecks fruit, 16½ dozen eggs, ¼ dozen oranges, nine pledges, 115 visits to institutions, 100 visits to private homes, \$14.50 cash, 55 articles clothing, pictures, books, cards sent to hospital, weekly reading to sick for three months.

SUMMARY.

13,555 bouquets, 10,611, text cards, 1,855 visits, and a long list of miscellaneous articles, including clothing, canned fruit, groceries, cordwood, coal oil, meat, sewing done for the poor, Christmas dinners, and other charitable efforts too numerous to mention.

## CURFEW BELL.

MRS. S. G. E. MCKEE, Superintendent.

Your Superintendent of Curfew Bell Department begs leave to make the following report:

No special effort was made in the work of this department during the past year. A circular letter was published in the *Woman's Journal*, which it was hoped would germinate and bring forth fruit in the localities where Unions existed, and where no Curfew had been rung hitherto. If there has been any such result I have not been told by the W. C. T. U. women, but from outside sources I learn that the ordinance is gaining in favor everywhere. Some of the municipalities which were opposed have adopted it during the past year, and from places that have had it longest come the most eulogistic praise. Ontario being the first country in modern times to try the law has been an example to other countries, and now several States of the United States have come to see that it is a sensible thing to try and keep the children off the street and protect them from the consequences of such a life.

Sometimes there is much adverse criticism at first, but years and experience prove its benefit, and we are greatly encouraged to hope that soon it will be a universal law. As I have before stated in this Provincial Convention there is no law on the statute book more easily enforced if its friends were only wise and in earnest about it.

A recent letter of enquiry in the *Woman's Journal* brought only seven replies:

HURON—Had three Unions make effort, one being successful.

YORK—Has three places, all well pleased with the effect.

SIMCOE—Has seven places; good results.

KINGSTON—Rings a Curfew Bell, which is fairly well obeyed.

SARNIA—Reports after repeated efforts with the Council we have succeeded with good results.

These are all the places which have been reported to me. It does not represent more than one-sixth of the bell-ringing towns and villages in Ontario, and I am persuaded that the ordinance has less opposition and more favor now than it had since its institution in the country. Let us be thankful and take courage.



## Reports of Committees

### APPROPRIATIONS.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the President be allowed the sum of \$200.00 for a stenographer, and incidental allowance.
2. That the Vice-President be allowed \$10.00.
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 Recording Secretary 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 \$100.00 be allowed for missionary work in Algoma.
9. That the sum of \$100.00 be granted for French literature in Quebec.
10. That \$20.00 be granted to the Lord's Day Alliance.
11. That a sum not to exceed \$100.00 be expended, if necessary, to further the interests of "Y" work, under the direction of the Sub-Executive.

MRS. MCKEE,  
MRS. WILSON,  
MRS. MADDOCK,  
MRS. ACHESON,  
MISS MACARTHUR, } Committee.

### RESOLUTIONS.

#### OUR POLICY.

1. RESOLVED, That we re-affirm our policy as total abstinence for the individual and legal prohibition for the State.
2. RESOLVED, That the national legal 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 inter-

mediate steps, of an educational character, leading up to the final goal, each national Union, auxiliary to the World's, should not only hold this as their faith, but fearlessly proclaim it as the ultimate object of all their labor.

3. That our belief in the foregoing rests upon the never failing promises of God, and the expressed purpose of Christ's life, "That He might destroy the works of the devil."

4. RESOLVED, That we do not consider a belief in local option, or local veto, as tantamount to a belief in national Prohibition—the one aiming only to control small sections where the sentiment is favorable; the other seeking, by the will of the majority, to impose upon a whole country, obedience to a righteous law that shall exterminate a God-defying soul-destroying business.

5. RESOLVED, That our hope of real and lasting advancement for the temperance cause lies in "no compromise with evil;" that we will not permit, by silence or consent, one evil in order to obtain what might seem to be a greater good.

POLITICAL ACTION.

6. Whereas, A number of the women of our land have a not inconsiderable power in municipal elections, and are privileged with some of the rights of citizenship, as shown in the use of the ballot, while others have a social and moral influence; therefore

RESOLVED, That we individually pledge ourselves to support, by all lawful endeavor, for municipal and parliamentary positions, only those men who pledge for Prohibition, independent of party.

THE PLEBISCITE.

7. RESOLVED, That in view of the undoubted Prohibition majority in the Dominion, of Provinces, constituencies and voters, we call upon the Dominion Government to redeem its pledges and give us the total Prohibition of the liquor traffic.

8. RESOLVED, That in view of the tactics used to defeat Prohibition, and the numerous and needless obstacles placed in the way of a fair and untrammelled vote, we consider the pronouncement of September 29th a magnificent victory for the temperance people.

9. RESOLVED, That while conceding to our French countrymen the right to think and act for themselves, as Anglo-Saxons we will energetically resist any attempt to settle the social and moral government of Canada through a Province which contains more illiterates and less broad scholarly culture, on the great ethical problems of our age than any other.

10. RESOLVED, That at this national crisis we call upon Canadian temperance men to stand, uncompromising, for the best interests of their country, the welfare of humanity, and the homes of this land, because a failure to follow up the splendid advantage gained, would surely grieve the good God who gave it, in answer

to a torrent of prayer, backed up by much faithful effort, and would discourage the tens of thousands who were the instruments used in its accomplishment.

PLEBISCITE LITERATURE.

11. RESOLVED, That we express our satisfaction with the work of the National Prohibition Federation in the preparation of their Plebiscite cards, Pictorial Leaflets and other bright, attractive matter, printed in French as well as English. We want a deluge of Prohibition literature in French.

Having noted the prodigious quantity of literature sent out by the Dominion Alliance, in the form of leaflets; tracts, cards, cartoons, posters, etc., varied, pointed, authoritative, prepared to meet every need of the case, also the plans so carefully, arranged for the guidance of the workers and electors during the Plebiscite campaign. Therefore

12. RESOLVED, That as a Society we record our unqualified approval and cordial appreciation of the work done during the campaign by this Society, and its untiring Secretary, Mr. F. S. Spence.

MILITARY.

13. Whereas, It has come to our knowledge that, in the regulations governing our military colleges, the students, (many of whom are mere boys), are permitted an allowance of beer or ale;

RESOLVED, That we desire to give expression to our regret that so baneful an influence should be permitted to interfere with the training of the defenders of our country, and we rejoice to know that the Governor of Kingston Military College is discountenancing this evil.

14. Whereas, We learn that alcoholic beverages are sold in canteens, in connection with the militia and volunteer camps of the Dominion; therefore

RESOLVED, That we strongly protest against such sale, and that we respectfully urge the issuing of instructions prohibiting it;

Further RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Hon. Fred Borden, Minister of Militia.

LIQUOR IN THE YUKON.

16. Whereas, We are deeply pained to learn that intoxicating liquors have been shipped by the wholesale into the Yukon territory, therefore

RESOLVED, That we respectfully urge the Dominion Government to enact and enforce laws similar to those which prevailed in Northwest Territories during the building of the C. P. R and other public works.

17. RESOLVED, That we strongly disapprove of the traffic in intoxicants carried on in the Barracks of the Mounted Police Force.

18. Further RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Hon. Clifford Sifton, Minister of the Interior.

## FRANCHISE.

19. RESOLVED, That the experiences of the late Plebiscite campaign have again proved the futility of attempting to govern a country by less than half its adult and responsible citizenship.

That the outrage of a disfranchised womanhood grows yearly less excusable. That in view of these facts the year 1898-9 should see a great forward movement in the enfranchisement reform.

20. Believing as we do that the best interests of humanity demand that women be given her proper place as man's equal; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we endorse and assist, as we have opportunity, every effort that may be made to secure for women the right of franchise, on the same basis on which it is given to men; and as it was generally admitted, by friend and foe alike, during the recent Plebiscite contest, that if women had been allowed to vote, the Prohibition cause would have been very materially aided; and, as it seems useless to expect the State to concede rights in government which the church continues to ignore,

21. RESOLVED, That we deeply regret the action of the General Conference of the Methodist Church, in continuing to shut women out of the higher positions in that church, on the ground that "they have not asked to be admitted." We believe that women should not be compelled to ask for what is so manifestly right; especially from those who claim to represent justice and righteousness on the earth.

22. Further RESOLVED, That our thanks are due Judge Chesley, Rev. Mr. Williamson, and those who stood by them, *while they stood by the right*, in the Conference above referred to.

## WOMEN TRUSTEES.

23. RESOLVED, That as there are girls as well as boys in our public schools, and we believe the interests of both would be better served if there were women as well as men on School Boards, we urge our societies to be on the alert and to avail themselves of every opening in this direction.

## THE PRESS.

24. RESOLVED, That the Montreal *Witness* deserves our highest encomiums and cordial support for its unflinching advocacy of Prohibition, and for its daily presentation to its readers of the most forcible sayings, uttered or written, in behalf of that cause. We commend it to every W. C. T. U. home as an excellent family paper.

25. RESOLVED, That we commend "*The Woman's Journal*," our own Canadian W. C. T. U. paper, to the patronage of Ontario White Ribboners, urging them to work up its subscription list,

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that the new management may be materially helped and encouraged in their efforts to provide an organ measuring up to advanced and advancing demands of our work.

26. RESOLVED, That we return our thanks to the retiring editor, who, through so many years of stress and strain, stood bravely at her post, holding closely together, through the medium of her paper, and by the force of her own ideals and purposes, the work and the workers, that otherwise might have drifted apart. Her wise words, quaint remarks, courageous counsels, and sweet spirit will not soon be forgotten. Still, in our ranks, we expect from her much helpful service in the future, as in the past.

27. RESOLVED, That we urge our sisters everywhere, on every possible occasion, to avail themselves of the power of the printed page to further W. C. T. U. reforms; that they procure, read and distribute as they have time and ability the Temperance Periodicals available; and again we solicit the most earnest efforts to place the *Northern Messenger* in every home.

TOBACCO.

28. Whereas, The growing habit of cigarette smoking is becoming an alarming evil among our Canadian youth, therefore;

RESOLVED, That we call on our women to act promptly in forming Anti-Cigarette Leagues in the public schools, and recommend that they procure the pin provided by the Dominion Depository.

29. Further RESOLVED, That we utter our most serious protest against the employment, as a teacher of youth, of any person addicted in the slightest degree to the use of either alcohol or tobacco; and because so few of our sex have a controlling influence with school boards, we hereby assert our right to protect our children from this baneful habit.

30. Whereas, Special inducements have been held out to agriculturists to engage in the cultivation of tobacco;

RESOLVED, That we deeply deplore the fact that any scheme, so detrimental to the welfare of the rising generation, and so inimical to the best interests of our young country, should be thrust upon us by those in authority.

31. Whereas, the opium habit is increasing, and among the women of our country is becoming alarmingly prevalent, and nothing short of the Prohibition of its importation, except for medicinal purposes, will meet the needs of the case; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, as a Provincial Union, urge the Government to give us such a law.

SOCIAL PURITY.

32. Whereas, class legislation in the interests of the male population of this Dominion is a serious injustice to both sexes; therefore,

RESOLVED, That in our opinion the discrimination against the young women is a great moral and legal wrong, as both should stand equal before the law of the land, as they do before the law of God.

## THE SABBATH.

33. Whereas, We see and deplore the further desecration of the Sabbath by means of Sunday street cars and excursions, and find ourselves, legally, helpless to prevent these evils; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we give all the assistance in our power to the Lord's Day Alliance in pushing the test cases upon which rest our hope of preventing the secularization of the Holy Day.

34. RESOLVED, That (through its Sabbath Observance Superintendent) each local Union be urged to respond to the call for money, made by the Lord's Day Alliance, in order that they may prosecute their most important work.

35. Further RESOLVED, That we, as members of the W. C. T. U., endeavor to reduce our Saturday shopping into the smallest possible compass, and in thought, word and deed keep the Sabbath by our example, leaving to our children a heritage that will in days to come cause them to rise and call us blessed.

36. Whereas, the delivery of milk on the Sabbath prevents many of the dealers in that article from enjoying the privileges of rest and worship;

RESOLVED, That we, as members of the W. C. T. U., pledge ourselves not to take milk on the Lord's Day, except in cases of necessity, such as for food for infants or invalids.

## SAILORS' DEPARTMENT—DEEP SEA MISSION.

37. In view of the strong appeal that comes to us in behalf of the thousands of needy fishermen and sailors of Labrador, who often suffer for the barest necessities of life in food and clothing, and are destitute of medical attendance, except that afforded by the medical missionaries sent out by the Deep Sea Mission; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we heartily commend the above Mission, especially to inland Unions, that may desire increased opportunities for usefulness.

## BAR-MAIDS.

38. Whereas, A Hamilton saloon-keeper has just introduced into that city two English bar-maids; therefore,

RESOLVED, That as workers for the moral uplift of our sex, we protest most vigorously against this degrading and demoralizing occupation for women.

## NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND GIRLS.

39. RESOLVED, That this Convention continue to endorse the work of Mr. Kelso for the neglected and dependent children of Ontario.

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40. Whereas, Young women wage-earners, in our cities and towns, sometimes become discouraged and are decoyed from the paths of virtue; therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, as Christian women, suggest to our Local Unions the instituting, wherever practicable, of homes where safety may be insured and protection given to the homeless girls, who are transients in our large centres.

41. RESOLVED, That, recognizing the great need of domestic technical schools, we hereby desire the Provincial Executive to memorialize the Government to establish these schools.

HOME-MADE WINE.

42. Whereas, a large number of women make "home-made wine," without realizing its intoxicating properties;

RESOLVED, that the simple method of sealing fresh boiling grape or other fruit juice, whereby fermentation is arrested, be made known and recommended.

SISTER SOCIETIES.

43. RESOLVED, that we desire to express hearty sympathy and union of sentiment with the various sister organizations of the Woman's Missionary Society. While we are striving to uplift the fallen and to teach them to "cease to do evil and learn to do well," we share with our missionary sisters in the honor of being fellow-bearers of the banner whose motto is, "Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all peoples."

NEW BUSINESS.

44. RESOLVED, that Superintendents, County Presidents, and all others who have special or new business to bring before the Ontario Convention be requested to send it in to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary at least six weeks before Convention assembles, and that the Sub-Executive from this compile an agenda to be sent to local Unions at least one month before Convention, so that they may discuss all the business and instruct their delegates how to represent them.

THANKS.

45. RESOLVED, that we feel ourselves deeply indebted to all the pastors and officers who have allowed us the use of churches, —particularly the minister of the Congregational Church—to the choirs and soloists for their inspiring music, to our friends in Ottawa—especially the "Y's"—for their indefatigable efforts to make our stay among them pleasant and profitable, to the pages for their untiring services, to the press and to all who have in any way contributed to the success of this, the Twenty-first Annual Provincial Convention.

## PLAN OF WORK.

### GREETINGS.

Recommended, That county or local Unions send greetings to District or County Conventions of Christian workers meeting in their vicinity.

### ORGANIZATION.

Believing that the time is ripe for wider organization :

Recommended, (a) That a general Provincial organizer for "W's" and "Y's" be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give especial care to sections where there are few or no Unions.

Recommended, (b) That Miss Lottie E. Wiggins, of Toronto, Superintendent of "Y" work, be selected to bear this relation to the Provincial Union for the first half of this year, with the agreement that if her efforts to raise funds, while thus employed, result in less than an income of \$250.00 over expenses, the balance be paid from Provincial funds.

Also recommended, (c) That should the venture prove a success the Sub-Executive be empowered to continue the arrangement to the end of the year.

(d) That when possible the County Presidents be notified of Miss Wiggins' visits to their respective localities, so that Unions, newly organized, may be speedily brought into touch with existing societies.

### DEPARTMENTS.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Recommended, That local Unions be requested to contribute, this year, as liberally as their finances will allow, in order that they may assist the Lord's Day Alliance in meeting their deficit of over \$900.00. All contributions should be forwarded through our Provincial Treasurer, Miss Jennie MacArthur, Cornwall.

#### HYGIENE AND HEREDITY.

Whereas, There was organized in Toronto at the World's Convention, a White Shield Society, with Miss Edith Murray, Provincial Superintendent of Hygiene and Heredity, at its head; and this society is doing grand work among young women, having spread to several colleges, factories and stores; therefore,

Recommended, That the department of White Shield be added to that of Hygiene and Heredity, and that the name be changed to Hygiene, Heredity (including Physical Culture) and White Shield.

#### SOCIAL PURITY.

Recommended, (a) That the discussion of wise methods of instructing young children in matters pertaining to Social Purity be made a prominent feature of Mother's Meetings.

(b) That the Superintendent of Social Purity communicate with the Government, and suggest an amendment to Section 179 of the Criminal Code, prohibiting the indiscriminate distribution of pamphlets, circulars, handbills, etc., (advertising patent and other medicines), containing matter which belongs only to the medical profession.

PRISON REFORM AND POLICE WORK.

Knowing that the drink habit is the fruitful cause of the incarceration of a majority of the inmates of our prisons and penitentiaries, and that though deprived of liquor, while thus confined, the temptation meets them immediately upon their release.

Recommended, (a) That efforts be made to pledge the inmates of these institutions, and to distribute among them temperance literature.

Whereas, The Prisoners' Aid Association of Canada has for several years strongly advocated the establishment in Ontario of one or more reformatories for the scientific treatment of inebriates; and

Whereas, The Ontario Government has declined to act upon the recommendation, on the ground of expense; and

Whereas, The Secretary of the Prisoners' Aid Association, after visiting inebriate hospitals in Canada and the United States, interviewing specialists and making a careful study of the entire question, has formulated a scheme for the economical treatment of inebriates; therefore,

Recommended, (b) That the Executive Committee of the Ontario W. C. T. U. be requested to take up the consideration of this treatment at an early date, and be authorized to act as they may deem advisable.

(c) Whereas, We learn that the Ontario Reformatory for women is quite small, as compared with the capacity of other institutions of a like character; and

Whereas, women convicted of drunkenness are sent to the common jail, over and over again, on short sentences, without apparent benefit; and

Whereas, In our opinion these unfortunate cases could be dealt with more hopefully by lengthening detention in the reformatory; therefore,

Recommended, That the attention of the Ontario Government and Police Magistrates, be called to the more rational method of dealing with this numerous class of offenders, and that the need of more commodious quarters at the Reformatory be suggested.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

Recommended, That where at all feasible, local Unions endeavor, in accordance with the Ontario statutes, to place, on the school boards, women trustees.

## UNFERMENTED WINE.

Recommended, That the Provincial Superintendent of this Department secure, from the conference secretaries of the several denominations, the status of these bodies upon the unfermented wine question, in order to ascertain, approximately, the number of churches using non-alcoholic liquors at the sacrament. That she obtain also testimonials of approval from prominent ministers where unfermented wine is used, print them in a leaflet and send to churches using fermented wine.

## NARCOTICS.

In view of the increasing evil of cigarette smoking,

Recommended (a) That memorials, or resolutions, on narcotics be presented to all conventions of Christian bodies meeting in cities, towns, etc.

(b) That we petition local Boards of Education throughout the Province to permit the establishment of Anti-Cigarette Leagues in all the public schools.

Whereas, A special bulletin has been prepared and circulated throughout the rural districts, under the direction of our Minister of Agriculture, encouraging and urging the cultivation of the tobacco plant in Canada;

Recommended (c) That the Provincial and Local Unions send in protests against the same, securing the co-operation of ministers and influential friends.

Whereas, The race is rapidly becoming physically degenerate through the habit of cigarette smoking;

Recommended (d) That we persistently petition the Government for the abolition of the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes in Canada.

## WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

Recommended, (a) That each County Press Superintendent be asked to gather news from the Unions in her county and send to the *Woman's Journal*, while these items are fresh.

(b) That a canvasser be appointed in each Union to take subscriptions for the *Woman's Journal*.

## SCHOOLS OF METHOD.

Recommended, That Schools of Method be held in connection with County Conventions, and when possible the presence of the Provincial Superintendent or Provincial Organizer be secured.

## FRANCHISE.

Recommended, (a) That the Provincial Union consider the advisability of a crusade, in the interest of woman's suffrage, during the coming year.

(b) That a petition asking for the enfranchisement of women be circulated, signed by women only, and sent to the Government.

PARLOR MEETINGS.

Whereas, There is abundant proof that the use of wines, and even stronger liquors, is alarmingly on the increase among the women of our country, at 5 o'clock teas, at homes, receptions, etc.; therefore,

Recommended, That Unions hold Parlor Meetings where Scientific Temperance, Narcotics, etc., shall form a prominent feature of the programme.

(Any Union willing to do this please send to the Superintendent, Mrs. Emma A. Wheeler, Paris, Ont., for suggestive programme.)

WORK AMONG LUMBER CAMPS.

Recommended, (a) That supplies for the lumber camps be sent direct to the Assistant District Superintendents by the local Unions, the Unions keeping a strict account of quantity and reporting only to the County Superintendent, thus saving time, trouble and expense.

Recommended, (b) That in order to provide for a permanent and more extensive income for the Department of Work Among Lumber Camps, a regular missionary fund be created, in aid of which small subscriptions shall be collected by local Unions. That while larger amounts ought not to be refused, to prevent interference with church and other missionary claims, the sums asked be not more than 10 or 25 cents—amount to be settled by each society. That not only members of the W. C. T. U. be solicited to contribute, but all friendly to temperance work. (All money thus raised to be sent to the Provincial Treasurer.)

Whereas, A great deal of destitution has been brought to the notice of our missionary—much of it owing to drink, but not a little to business misfortune—and the power to relieve this poverty would be an open sesame to many a heart; therefore

Recommended, (c) That where it is possible, without interfering with previously established and deserving charities, or the poor at our own doors, supplies of clothing, etc., be sent to Mr. Leckie for distribution. Address, Mr. J. S. Leckie, Huntsville. Send by freight, and apprise Mr. Leckie, by letter of the coming parcel.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

Whereas, We are informed that in some places Unions have been asked to pay for the privilege of placing literature boxes in railway stations; and

Whereas, The work is purely educational and not of an advertising character;

Recommended, That the Executive be authorized to ask permission from the management of the various railroads to place boxes where desirable.

## WORK AMONG SAILORS.

Recommended, That the Labrador Mission be heartily commended to all our Unions, and a Superintendent appointed for work among Sailors, in all organized counties.

## WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

Recommended, (a) That, wherever practicable, each local Union appoint a Superintendent of this department.

(b) That in districts where colored people are numerous, committees be appointed to interview their ministers or Sabbath school superintendents, and through them have pledge rolls introduced and literature distributed.

(c) That the County or Provincial Superintendent should make a tour of the sections where this department is most needed, believing they would be enabled to accomplish more work than local members.

## WORK AMONG INDIANS.

Recommended, That Unions near reserves strive to hold Gospel temperance meetings, and, where feasible, organize Unions among Indian women, aiming to interest them especially in social purity.

## TEMPERANCE IN SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Recommended (a) That local superintendents ascertain how many schools have a pledge book or roll, how often it is presented for signatures, and whether it is the triple or single pledge.

(b) That efforts be made to have temperance books in every Sabbath School library. [Apply to Mrs. Bascom, 56 Elm Street, Toronto, or any denominational publishing house for lists to be offered to librarians.]

## CURFEW BELL.

Recommended, That the Provincial Superintendent of this Department again call the attention of the Legislature to Mrs. McKee's letter, asking that the Act be so amended as to make it compulsory upon municipalities to enforce the Curfew law, wherever it is introduced.



IN MEMORIAM

## FRANCES E. WILLARD

PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD'S AND NATIONAL W. C. T. U.

BORN IN CHURCHVILLE, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1839  
DIED IN NEW YORK CITY, FEB. 17TH, 1898.

"May the beautiful spirit which dominated her life  
inspire us all to nobler things."

"WHEN the temperance reform shall emerge from the twilight  
valleys of unpopularity, and *assumed* impracticability, to  
the sunlit tops of assured victory—and this hour *will come*  
—then bright and glorious among all who have dared and  
achieved for humanity, in golden letters of light, will stand the  
name of Frances Willard! Educator, Patriot, Organizer, Leader,  
Friend! She is not dead, but alive for evermore."

"Ah! she is not dead  
Who in her record yet the earth doth tread,  
With God's fair aureole gleaming round her head."

She is at home at last, among her kindred, and beckons us  
onward, upward, heavenward. Her last words were, "How  
beautiful it is to be with God."

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
Woman's Christian Temperance Union  
OF THE  
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

CONSTITUTION.  
PLEDGE.

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

PREAMBLE.

We, the Women of the Province of Ontario, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and danger of, and commiserating the misery caused by the liquor traffic, believe it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extermination.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, on this the 24th day of October, 1877, band ourselves together for the following special objects, and to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of Ontario.

OBJECTS.

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

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

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

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

To labor *individually* for the inebriate, the liquor-seller, the fallen of own 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 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.

### ELECTIONS 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 votes cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

### SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 3. Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the officers, including Presidents of organized counties, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

### INEFFICIENCY.

SEC. 4. If at the expiration of three months any officer or Superintendent shall be found inefficient, or for any reason unable to perform effectually the duties of her office or department, the office or Superintendency shall be considered vacant, and shall be filled by the Sub-Executive.

## ARTICLE III.

### SUB-COMMITTEE.

The President, Vice-President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall form a Sub-Committee of the Executive Board, for the speedy transaction of business, with power to fill vacancies which may occur during the year; three of whom shall form a quorum. This committee shall meet at such time and place as the President may direct.

## ARTICLE IV.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board, one delegate from each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of such Union. This meeting shall be held the last week in October, in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive.

## ARTICLE V.

### AFFILIATION.

Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of twenty-five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE VI.

LIFE MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Any person may become a life-member of the Provincial Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$25.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 2. Any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge, and paying the sum of \$1 annually.

BY-LAWS.

PRESIDENT.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at annual meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee, and perform all duties pertaining to her office.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President, in case of illness or death of the President, shall perform all duties pertaining to her office.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and, in organized counties, shall send to the County or District Corresponding Secretary, not later than September 1st, yearly blank forms for reports of Local Unions, and from information thus received shall summarize her Annual Report. Where no County or District Union exists she shall send blank forms to the Local Unions. She shall provide a directory of Unions for Provincial Report.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Union. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive and Sub-Committee, and shall send to each member of these said committees proper notice of such meeting, and designate in said notice the topics which are to be specially considered at the meeting. At the first session of each annual meeting she shall call the roll of delegates; she shall read the minutes of all sessions of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting, and all papers ordered to be read. She shall apprise committees of their appointment at the first session of each annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

TREASURER.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed report thereof, properly audited, at each annual meeting. She shall pay no bills except on orders signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The fiscal year shall terminate two weeks previous to the annual meeting.

COUNTY PRESIDENTS.

SEC. 6. Each County or District President in organized counties shall visit the Unions of the county or district in which she presides, and shall secure the organization of new Local Unions. The annual county or district meeting to be held, where practicable, not later than September 30th. In unorganized counties she shall, in addition to visiting Unions, seek to secure the organization of new Local Unions, and, if possible, a County or District Union. In unorganized counties, a sum not exceeding \$5 annually be allowed her for expenses by the Provincial Union. Any city having an affiliated membership of 300 may, by adopting the County Union Constitution, become a District Union with all the privileges and responsibilities of a County Union.

## SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

SEC. 7. Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their departments, and shall make known the same to the County or District Superintendent of their departments, through whom they shall receive reports of local Superintendents. In unorganized counties they shall send direct to Corresponding Secretaries of Local Unions; they shall annually, when the interests of their departments require it, send circulars, plan of work, blank forms, petitions, etc., which have been previously submitted to the Sub-Executive of Provincial Union, to County and District Superintendents. They shall have power to name a Committee from the Local Union, or Provincial Executive resident in their own district, to call upon influential bodies when the interests of their department demand it. All necessary expenses shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

## SUB-COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8. Necessary expenses of the Sub-Committee of the Executive Board in travelling to and from the annual meeting and special meetings, also for postage, stationery and printing, shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

## RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 9. The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall govern the Union in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Union.

## CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting.

## COUNTY OR DISTRICT CONSTITUTION.

## PLEDGE.

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## ARTICLE I.

## NAME.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of——County or District.

## OBJECT.

The object shall be to strengthen the Local Unions, and assist them in carrying out the plans of the Provincial Union, and to arouse the women of the county or district to an organized effort for the banishment of the liquor traffic.

## ARTICLE II.

## OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (except the Auditor), together with the Presidents of the Local Unions (who shall also be *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents) and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Committee, with full power to provide for the interests of the work. In District Unions, Secretaries of the Local Unions shall be members of the Executive. The officers, with the exception of Local Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected at the annual meeting and

in the following manner:—Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

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ARTICLE IV.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board and one delegate for every five paying members of each affiliated Local Union. This meeting shall be held not later than the 30th September, if possible, in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The President and the Corresponding Secretary of a County or District Union, with the President of the Union where the meeting is to be held, shall be a Committee of Arrangement, selecting topics for discussion and devising means to make the meetings interesting and profitable.

ARTICLE VI.

AFFILIATION.

Each Local Union shall contribute to the funds of the County or District Union at the rate of five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the County or District Union.

ARTICLE VII.

LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

Any person may become a life member of County or District Union by signing the pledge and the payment of \$10.00; also any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and paying the sum of \$1.00 annually.

## BY-LAWS.

## ARTICLE I.

(a) The President shall preside at the annual meeting and meeting of Executive Committee, and may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of that Committee when such are required; visit the Unions in County or District, and organize new Local Unions. She shall also perform all other duties usual to such office.

(b) The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President. She shall also, when required, assist the President in organization and general management of the work.

(c) The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to the correspondence of the Union. One month before the annual meeting she shall send blank forms to the Local Corresponding Secretary of each Union for their report, from which she shall prepare her report for County or District Unions and Provincial Corresponding Secretary.

At the close of the annual meeting she shall provide a printed or written directory of each County or District and Local Union officer and Superintendent.

A copy of this directory shall be sent to each Provincial, County or District and Local President and Corresponding Secretary and Superintendent. She shall notify County or District Superintendents and Committees of their appointment.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of proceedings of County or District Unions. She shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee, and shall send to each member of the Committee notice of its meetings.

At the first session of each annual meeting, she shall read the minutes of each Session of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting. She shall also perform all other duties usual to the office.

(e) The Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of money, and present a detailed account thereof at each annual meeting.

She shall not pay any bills, except on receipt of written order from the President and Recording Secretary.

She shall collect all unpaid county or district affiliation fees before annual meeting, and endeavor to secure contributions for County or District Union work. She shall also forward to the Provincial Treasurer the yearly Provincial affiliation fees received from Local Unions.

(f) Superintendents of Departments shall avail themselves of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in their Departments, and shall make known the same to Local Union Superintendents, from whom they should secure, as far as possible, returns for County or District Union reports, all necessary expense to be borne by the County Union. These in turn shall be given to Provincial Superintendents, from which they may make up complete reports for Provincial Union. The County or District and Local Superintendents of any Department shall form a Committee to carry on its work when united action is essential.

(g) The Executive Committee shall appoint Superintendents of Departments and special committees.

(h) The expenses of the five general officers in travelling to and from meetings of the Union, also for postage, stationery and President's expenses in visiting Local Unions, shall be paid from the funds of County or District Union.

(i) This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Provincial Union, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting of the Provincial Union.

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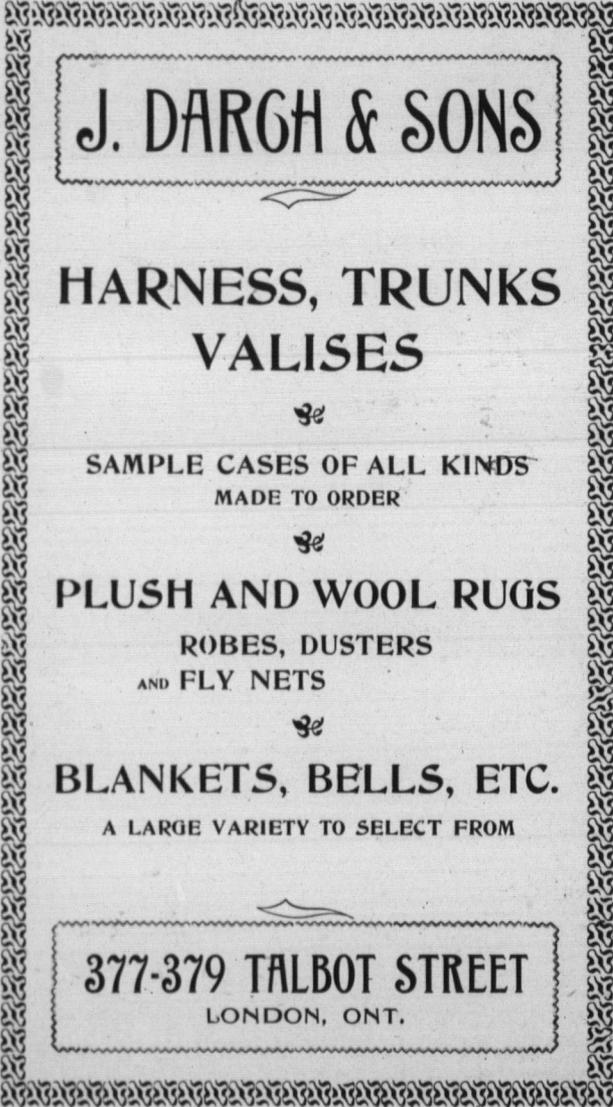
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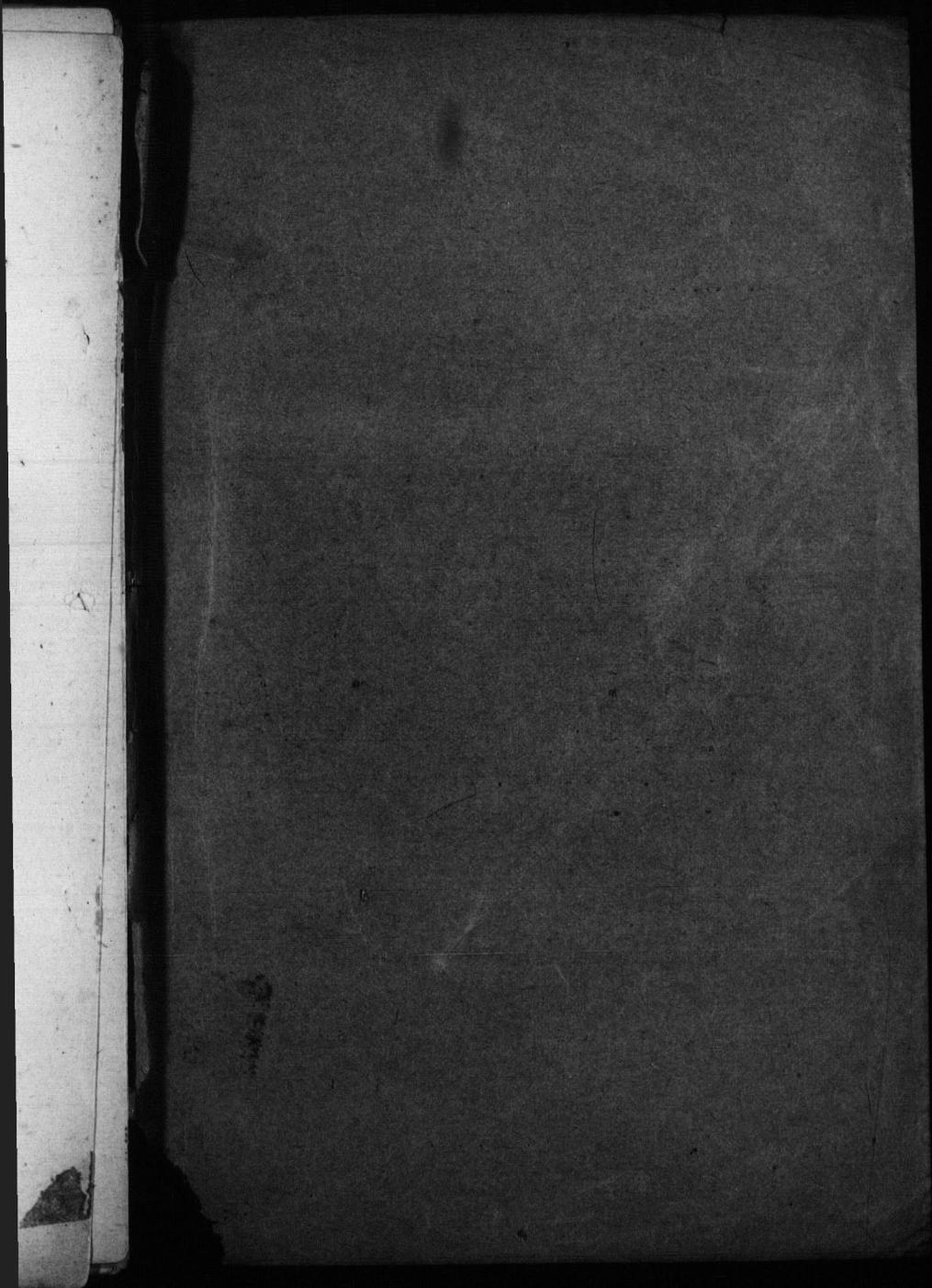
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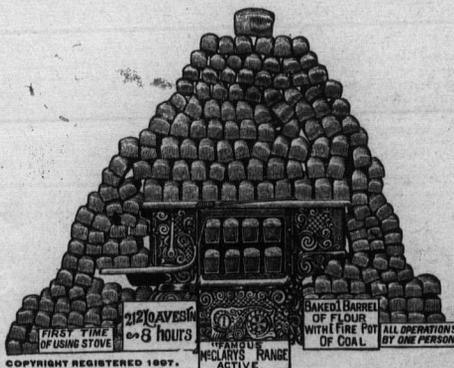


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