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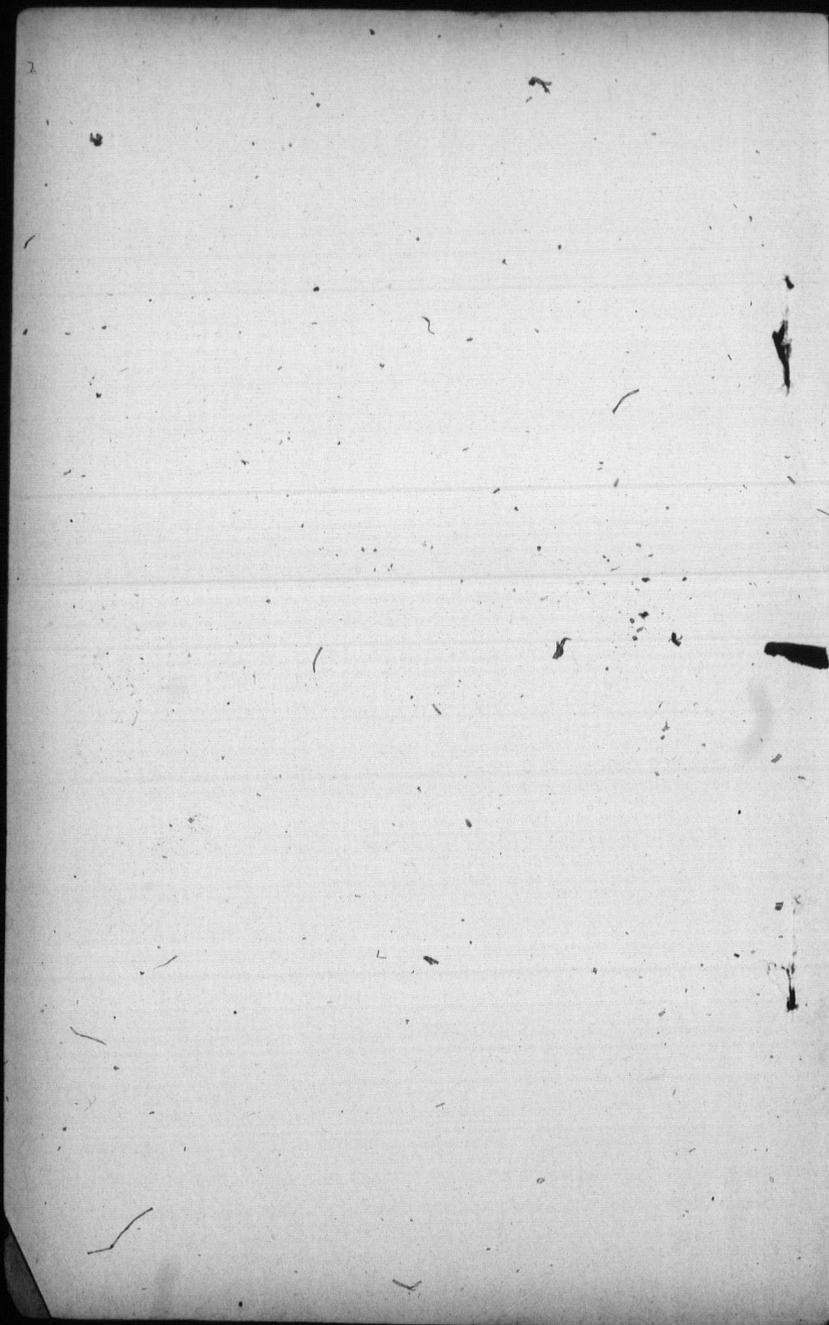
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## LETTERS OF INCORPORATION.

Province of Ontario, County of York, to wit :

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

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

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

3. The purposes of the Society are as follows : To unitedly array the Christian Women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage ; to educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue ; to impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind or in any form ; to gather statistics, facts and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of Temperance ; to labor individually for the inebriate, the liquor seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns, hitherto unreached and uncared for ; to give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing 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. L. 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.

6th. 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 Phoebe C. Brethour).

DANIEL McFARLANE (witness as to signature of Amelia M. Cowan).

ADDIE CHISHOLM.  
ROBERTA E. TILTON.  
ANNIE O. RUTHERFORD.  
MARY WILEY, Cor. Sec.  
PHEBE 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. MCDUGALL,  
*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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MRS. J. R. CAVERS, Galt.

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*Franchise*—  
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*Flower Mission*—Mrs. Geo. Grant, Paisley.

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*Scientific Temperance*— } Miss Graham, Purple Valley.

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*Scientific Temperance*—Miss McEwan, Carp.  
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*Lumbermen*—  
*Sailors*— } Mrs. Thorpe, Windsor.  
*Narcotics*—Mrs. Smart, Kingsville.  
*Press*—Mrs. Hellems, Kingsville.  
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*Woman's Journal*— } Miss Botsford, Amherstburg.  
*Scientific Temperance*—Mrs. Maxwell, Amherstburg.

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*Scientific Temperance*—Mrs. R. C. McGregor, Sandringham.  
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*Franchise*—

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*Lumbermen*—

*Sailors*—} Mrs. H. Wilcox, Owen Sound.

*Soldiers*—

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*Press*—Mrs. Hunter, Markdale.

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*Sabbath Observance*—Mrs. J. Raymond, Meaford.

*Scientific Temperance*—Mrs. W. Haskett, Markdale.

*Unfermented Wine*—Miss L. Stephens, Owen Sound.

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*Scientific Temperance*—Mrs. Macken, Forest.  
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*Unfermented Wine*—Miss Newell, Alvinston.  
*Woman's Journal*—Miss Peat, Petrolca.

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*Juvenile*—Mrs. H. Baird, Smith's Falls.  
*Lumbermen*—Mrs. A. H. Edwards, Carleton Place.  
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*Unfermented Wine*—Mrs. R. Robertson, Lanark.

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*Exhibitions and Fairs*—Miss Nora Stevens, Delta.  
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*Young Woman's Work*—} Mrs. W. Wright, Brockville.  
*Hygiene, Heredity and Social Purity*—Mrs. Geo. Gillies, Gananoque.  
*Juvenile*—Miss S. Coates, Brockville.  
*Literature*—  
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Port Perry . . . . .	Mrs. L. Davies . . . . .	Mrs. John Wakely.
OXFORD . . . . .	Mrs. Livingstone, Tilsonburg. . . . .	Miss Jacob Norwich.
Ingersoll . . . . .	Mrs. W. B. Nelles . . . . .	Mrs. A. Macauley.

COUNTY AND LOCAL UNIONS.	COUNTY AND LOCAL PRESIDENTS.	COUNTY AND LOCAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.
Otterville.....	Mrs. C. B. Purvis.....	Mrs. W. W. Cable.
Verschoyle.....	Mrs. M. Partlo.....	Miss M. Bell.
Tilsonburg.....	Mrs. <del>John Walker</del> <i>Per</i> .....	Miss E. Lee-McCrac. <i>Mrs J. T. Brown</i>
Brownsville.....	Mrs. A. C. Brown.....	Miss E. Edgington.
Embros.....	.....	Miss Grinton.
Woodstock.....	Mrs. Wm. Carlyle.....	Mrs. Kendall.
Salford.....	Mrs. S. Gregg.....	Miss Annie M. Dowling.
Springford.....	Mrs. (Rev.) Duff.....	Miss Fleming.
Norwich.....	Mrs. J. McWhirter.....	Miss A. E. Poldon.
Burgessville.....	Mrs. S. Manson.....	Miss L. E. Jacob, Norwich
PERTH.....	Mrs. Flagg, Mitchell.....	Mrs. Dent, Mitchell.
Stratford.....	Mrs. Marshall.....	Mrs. Frank.
Listowel.....	Mrs. Annie Robinson.....	Mrs. L. Bolton.
Mitchell.....	Mrs. Baker..... <i>Per</i>	Mrs. C. W. French.
St. Marys.....	Mrs. Moscrip..... <i>Per</i>	Mrs. Eades.
Staffa.....	Mrs. Remier.....	.....
PETERBORO.....	Mrs. Paton, Peterboro.	.....
Peterboro.....	Mrs. Geo. Paton.....	Mrs. W. C. Thomas.
Lakefield.....	Mrs. J. C. Sherin.....	Miss E. J. Bower.
Havelock.....	Mrs. Turriffe.....	Mrs. Alex. Mathison.
PRESCOTT—	.....	.....
Vankleek Hill.....	Mrs. (Rev. Keough.....	Miss A. G. Keough.
(Affiliated with	Glengarry County.)	.....
PEEL.....	Mrs. B. B. Lynd, Port Credit.	.....
Port Credit.....	Mrs. B. B. Lynd.....	Miss Mary Douglas.
Brampton.....	Mrs. (Dr.) Robinson.....	Miss Clara Neelands.
PRINCE EDWARD.....	Mrs. Rockwell, Picton. <i>Leather Mrs Collier</i>	.....
Picton.....	Mrs. Rockwell.....	Mrs. S. Branscombe. <i>Ward</i>
Picton "Y".....	Miss M. McMullen.....	Mrs. S. F. Bogart.
RENFREW.....	Mrs. M. A. Hunter, Pembroke.	Mrs. S. A. McEwan,
Pembroke.....	Mrs. A. Ebert.....	Arnprior.
Arnprior.....	Miss Gillespie.....	Mrs. Wm. Angus.
Renfrew.....	Mrs. A. A. Wright.....	Mrs. S. A. McEwan.
Westmeath.....	Mrs. R. Goddard.....	Mrs. A. Pirie.
Greenwood.....	Miss M. A. Dunlop.....	Mrs. Alex. Fraser, jr.
.....	.....	Miss Maggie Hurst.
RUSSELL..... <i>Per</i>	Mrs. Donaldson,	.....
.....	26 Albert St., Ottawa.	.....
Russell.....	Mrs. T. Carscadden.....	Mrs. B. Scaff.
*Vars.....	.....	Miss Bradley.
SIMCOE.....	Mrs. S. G. E. McKee, Barrie.	Mrs. R. Gibson, Barrie.
Orillia.....	Mrs. C. J. Mill.....	Mrs. T. P. Secord.
Gravenhurst.....	Mrs. Mickle.....	Mrs. Wallace Campbell.
Barrie.....	Mrs. S. G. E. McKee.....	Mrs. S. L. Rogerson.
Collingwood.....	Mrs. H. Birnie.....	Miss C. Campbell.
Alliston.....	Miss Mitchell.....	Miss W. D. Clarke. <i>Sarah Ross</i>

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STORMONT .....	Miss J. MacArthur, Cornwall .	Mrs. A. B. Warner, Cornwall.
Moulinette .....	Miss A. Brown.....	Miss B. Moss.
Newington.....	Miss M. Dreval.....	Mrs. M. M. Jardine.
Cornwall.....	Mrs. R. Binnie.....	Mrs. C. B. Bigelow.
Wales.....	Miss Annie Empey.....	Mrs. I. D. Sherman.
Aultsville.....	Mrs. M. Morgan.....	Mrs. J. R. Ault.
Osnabruk Centre .....	Mrs. S. Warner.....	Mrs. H. W. Davis.
Avonmore.....	Mrs. J. D. Hough.....	Mrs. D. McDermid.
TORONTO DISTRICT..	Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, 16 Sussex Ave.	Mrs. (Dr.) Bascom, 189 Dunn Ave.
Central.....	Mrs. Cowan, 122 Huron St....	Mrs. F. S. Spence, 351 Ontario St.
Western.....	Mrs. Fletcher, 142 Dundas St..	Mrs. J. Alexander, jr, 136 Dovercourt Road.
Parkdale.....	Mrs. Stevens, 200 Cowan Ave.	Mrs. Abercrombie, 25 Brock Ave.
Willard .....	Mrs. Gregg, 14 Admiral Rd....	Mrs. Pease, 50 Major St.
Gordon.....	Mrs. B. Brick, 308 Carlton St..	Mrs. R. Galley, 145 Robert St.
Bathurst.....	Mrs. W. Carlyle, 164 Queen St.	Mrs. Burns, 366 Bathurst St.
Dovercourt .....	Mrs. (Rev.) Aikenhead, 286 Westmoreland Ave.	Mrs. Bagsley, 977 Bloor St., W.
Northern.....	Mrs. M. M. Brownell, 33 St. Mary St.	Mrs. T. C. Jeffers, 60 Isabella St.
Youmans.....	Mrs. McClelland, 24 Lindsay Ave.	Mrs. T. Harris, Davenport P. O.
Deer Park.....	Mrs. (Dr.) Hodgkin, Deer Park P. O.	Mrs. Dick, Deer Park P. O.
Creighton.....	Mrs. Grant, 182 Brunswick Ave.	Mrs. Parkinson, 257 Palmerston Ave.
Central "Y".....	Miss L. McConnell, 127 Bedford Rd.	Miss Garrett, 20 Howland Ave.
Dovercourt "Y"...	Miss Conboy, Ossington Ave., beyond C. P. R. Crossing.	Miss Bell.
VICTORIA.....	Mrs. Sharpe, Lindsay.	
Lindsay.....	Mrs. Weldon.....	Mrs. M. Aelbert.
*Fenelon Falls.....	Mrs. J. K. Graham.....	Mrs. James Dickson.
WENTWORTH.....	Mrs. C. Hardy, Hess St., Hamilton.	Mrs. Davidson, 136 Duke St., Hamilton.
Hamilton.....	Mrs. Day Smith, 313 Main St. East.	Mrs. Davidson, 136 Duke St.
Hamilton Central..	Mrs. T. H. Pratt, 6 East Ave. North.	Mrs. E. J. Moore, 74 Victoria Ave., N.

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HAMILTON "V" . . . . .	Mrs. T. H. Pratt, 6 East Ave. North.	Miss Burrows, 78 Hunter St., W.
Dundas . . . . .	Mrs. Charles Boyle . . . . .	Miss Emilie Crowe.
WELLAND . . . . .	Miss Phelps, St. Catharines . . . . .	Mrs. S. E. Young, Welland.
Welland . . . . .	Mrs. (Rev.) McCuaig . . . . .	Mrs. S. E. Young.
Niagara Falls . . . . .	Mrs. H. Bigger . . . . .	Mrs. Stevens.
Fonthill . . . . .	Mrs. Eckardt, Ridgeville . . . . .	Miss Stone.
WELLINGTON . . . . .	Mrs. M. A. Maddock, Guelph.	Mrs. G. J. Reid, Mount Forest.
Guelph . . . . .	Mrs. M. Hastings . . . . .	Mrs. L. Williams.
Glen Allan . . . . .	Mrs. C. L. Bowby . . . . .	Mrs. McNaughton.
Drayton . . . . .	Mrs. M. P. Adams . . . . .	Miss May Cowen.
Arthur . . . . .	Mrs. W. Scott . . . . .	Miss A. M. Allan.
Mount Forest . . . . .	Miss K. Meikle . . . . .	Mrs. J. J. Cook.
Harriston . . . . .	Mrs. (Rev.) Cameron . . . . .	Miss Matilda Wilson.
Rockwood . . . . .	Mrs. J. R. Harris . . . . .	Mrs. George Pike.
<i>Palmerston</i> . . . . .	<i>Mrs. Harris</i>	<i>Mrs. E. Haskie</i>
WATERLOO . . . . .	Mrs. J. R. Cavers, Galt . . . . .	Miss Agnes C. Cant, Galt.
Ayr . . . . .	Miss Agnes J. Currie . . . . .	Miss Flo Donaldson.
Berlin . . . . .	Mrs. Roat . . . . .	Mrs. C. B. Dunke.
Central Dumfries . . . . .		
Galt . . . . .	Mrs. W. Graham . . . . .	Miss Wigginton.
Hespeler . . . . .	Mrs. Bradley . . . . .	Mrs. Lothead.
New Hamburg . . . . .	Mrs. J. Laschinger . . . . .	Mrs. W. W. Schweitzer.
Oakwood . . . . .	Mrs. A. Cant, Galt P.O. . . . .	Miss Grace Lee, Galt P.O.
Preston . . . . .	Mrs. J. Wass . . . . .	Miss Nellie Winter.
Pine Grove . . . . .	Mrs. John Adair . . . . .	Miss A. F. Shepperd.
Roseville . . . . .	Mrs. John Bricker . . . . .	Miss Clara Kinsie.
Waterloo . . . . .	Mrs. (Rev.) McLachlan . . . . .	Miss Mary A. Brough.
YORK . . . . .	Mrs. Isa Gilchrist, Toronto Junction.	Miss H. H. Wiley, Richmond Hill.
Newmarket . . . . .	Mrs. B. Cody . . . . .	Mrs. Wm. Bunny.
Toronto Junction . . . . .	Mrs. Howell . . . . .	Mrs. Willemson, 66 Dundas St.
Weston . . . . .	Mrs. H. E. Irwin . . . . .	Mrs. J. MacEwen.
Stouffville . . . . .	Mrs. (Rev.) Percy . . . . .	Mrs. C. D. Mertens.
Aurora . . . . .	Mrs. Long . . . . .	Mrs. G. W. Johnston.
Richmond Hill . . . . .	Mrs. J. A. E. Switzer . . . . .	Mrs. J. H. Sanderson.

## GENERAL OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND DELEGATES

PRESENT AT ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER, 1895.

Mrs. Gillespie.....Alvinston	Mrs. Forbes.....Grimsby
Mrs. Hunt.....Alvinston	Mrs. Hagar.....Grimsby
Mrs. Maxwell.....Amherstburg	Mrs. Lucas.....Grimsby
Miss Botsford.....Amherstburg	Mrs. Cavers.....Galt
Mrs. Hoar.....Bowmanville	Mrs. Graham.....Galt
Mrs. Cryderman.....Bowmanville	Mrs. Bennet.....Galt
Mrs. G. Haines.....Bowmanville	Mrs. Robertson.....Galt
Mrs. McKee.....Barrie	Mrs. Williams.....Guelph
Mrs. Scott.....Barrie	Mrs. Savage.....Guelph
Mrs. Ross.....Barrie	Mrs. Bowlby.....Glen Allan
Mrs. Curtis.....Belleville	Mrs. Britton.....Gananoque
Mrs. Mars.....Beamsville	Mrs. Hunt.....Galette
Mrs. Marshall.....Beamsville	Mrs. Day Smith.....Hamilton
Mrs. Manson.....Burgessville	Mrs. Watters.....Hamilton
Mrs. Brophy.....Brantford	Mrs. Atkinson.....Hamilton
Mrs. Jones.....Brantford	Mrs. Pratt.....Hamilton
Mrs. Chrysler.....Brantford	Mrs. Ballard.....Hamilton
Mrs. Cole.....Brantford	Mrs. Lazier.....Hamilton
Mrs. Reid.....Brownsville	Mrs. Kneeshaw.....Hamilton
Mrs. Binnie.....Cornwall	Mrs. Hardy.....Hamilton
Miss MacArthur.....Cornwall	Mrs. Ross.....Hamilton
Mrs. Bernard.....Collingwood	Mrs. Clark.....Hamilton
Mrs. Aylsworth.....Collingwood	Mrs. Lees.....Hamilton
Miss McKinnon.....Caledonia	Mrs. Rosebrugh.....Hamilton
Mrs. Harris.....Caledonia	Mrs. Campbell.....Hamilton
Mrs. McGregor.....Caledonia	Mrs. M. C. Clark.....Hamilton
Mrs. Burns.....Caledonia	Mrs. Dexter.....Hamilton
Mrs. McMaster.....Campbellford	Mrs. Woodruff.....Hamilton
Mrs. Parr.....Campden	Mrs. Powell.....Hamilton
Miss McElroy.....Carp	Mrs. Watson.....Hamilton
Miss Gourlay.....Carp	Mrs. Wolfkill.....Hamilton
Mrs. Sowerby.....Chatham	Mrs. Hutchinson.....Huntsville
Mrs. Elliott.....Chesley	Miss Wilson.....Harriston
Mrs. Wright.....Dresden	Mrs. Husband.....Hagersville
Mrs. Keagey.....Dundas	Mrs. Nelles.....Ingersoll
Mrs. Wright.....Delhi	Mrs. Ellis.....Kincardine
Mrs. Ovens.....Forest	Mrs. Wheatley.....Kinburne
Mrs. Livingstone.....Forest	Mrs. Thornley.....London



Mrs. Aikenhead .....	Toronto	Mrs. Livingstone.....	Tilsonburg
Mrs. Norris .....	Toronto	Mrs. Reede .....	Teeswater
Miss McConnell .....	Toronto	Mrs. Hiscox .....	Teeswater
Miss Johnston .....	Toronto	Miss Grierson.....	Torbolton
Miss Faircloth .....	Toronto	Mrs. Coghill .....	Wyoming
Mrs. Ford.....	Toronto	Mrs. Irwin .....	Weston
Mrs. Thompson.....	Toronto	Mrs. Chapman .....	Wiarton
Mrs. Wrigley.....	Toronto	Mrs. Thorpe.....	Windsor
Mrs. Fraleigh .....	Toronto	Mrs. Brander .....	Wallaceburg
Mrs. McLean.....	Toronto	Mrs. McQuaig .....	Welland
Mrs. Walker.....	Toronto	Mrs. McCoy.....	Wallaceburg
Mrs. Woolsey.....	Toronto	Mrs. Bates .....	Woodstock
Mrs. Gilchrist .....	Toronto Junction	Mrs. Madill .....	Whitby
Mrs. Howell.....	Toronto Junction		

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 VISITOR.

Miss Tilley, Toronto.

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## LECTURER.

Mrs. Ella Boole, West New Brighton, N.Y., U.S.A.

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MINUTES  
—OF—  
SUB-EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD SINCE LAST CONVENTION.

TORONTO, MARCH 16TH, 1895.

The Sub-Executive of the Ontario W. C. T. U. met at the residence of Mrs. Rutherford, 16 Sussex Avenue, at 9.30 a.m.

The President, Mrs. Thornley, in the chair.

The meeting was opened with Scripture reading by the President, and a short prayer by each member present.

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

Considerable time was spent in discussion of the work generally, somewhat in reference to the public movements of the day regarding prohibition in Ontario. Also the Department of Lumbermen's Work demanded serious thought.

The following recommendations were made:

That the Lumbermen's Work be divided into sections, according to situation of camps, with an Associate Superintendent for each section. The Associate Superintendent to attend to her camps and draw her supplies from the Unions in her section. The Provincial Superintendent shall be in communication with all the Associate Superintendents; shall have charge of the Missionary, if we have one, and gather the reports of year's work.

That we offer the Dominion Union the Literature stock at face value, the Dominion Union to pay down whatever amount exceeds \$300.00, the remainder payable in yearly installments of \$100.00 each, without interest.

That those who shall present greetings at the Provincial Convention be allowed only two minutes to speak.

NOTE.

On March 18th, 1895, the Sub-Executive interviewed Sir Oliver Mowat and the Cabinet with a view of bringing before them the utter inefficiency of the Act for the protection of persons employed in places of business other than factories.

As emphatically as possible the deputation laid before these gentlemen the different points that were lacking, thus permitting positive cruelty to be inflicted upon the many by the thoughtlessness of the few, and earnestly assured them that, owing to the peculiar circumstances of the case, the evil would never be remedied unless a woman inspector was appointed.

Facts and figures were left with Sir Oliver at his request, and the deputation retired very hopeful of some radical improvement being made in the law.

Shortly after our deputation waited upon the Cabinet two government measures, one amending the Factory Act so as to secure a woman inspector, and the other amending the Mercantile Act in such a manner as to render it workable, were introduced into the House and carried.

## INTERIM MINUTES

—OF—

### DECISIONS OF SUB-EXECUTIVE

BY CORRESPONDENCE.

DECEMBER 1ST, 1894.

Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, was appointed Superintendent of Curfew Bell Department.

It was decided to have the Plan of Work printed and circulated amongst the Local Unions, as last year.

Mrs. Edwin Cole, of Carleton Place, was appointed Superintendent of Department of Narcotics.

Mrs. E. Starr, Whitby, was appointed Superintendent of Work Amongst Soldiers.

Convention having decided that a special effort should be made to raise money for futher the Work Among Lumbermen, Miss MacArthur was requested to write up Mr. Hardy's Journal for the *Lumbermen's Journal*. Also, Miss Scott was asked to write an urgent editorial upon the work, and Mrs. Thornley to lay special stress on remarks concerning this Department in her letter to the Unions.

In view of the necessity of keeping a copy of important letters, it was decided to furnish the President with a letter press and letter book.

In compliance with the usual request of the Executive Committee of Dominion Alliance, that four members of the Provincial Union be appointed to act as representatives in their Council, Mrs. Thornley and Mrs. Rutherford were appointed to be our representatives.

By vote of Convention the stock of Literature Department was to be valued by a committee before purchased by Dominion Union. Miss MacArthur was appointed the Ontario representative.

DECEMBER 7TH, 1894.

Mrs. Campbell, having declined to act as Superintendent of Unfermented Wine Department, Mrs. Eell, of Fort William, was selected.

DECEMBER 8TH, 1894.

The Dominion Alliance called a meeting in Montreal, for December 27th, to protest against the removal of W. W. Smith (President Broome County Alliance) from official connection with the C. P. R. on account of his participation in temperance work. Miss Scott was requested to act as Ontario W. C. T. U. representative at this meeting, and was made the bearer of strong resolutions disfavoring the injustice.

Decided to ratify the arrangements made by Mrs. Hunter with Mr. Bromley and Mr. Deakman, agreeing to pay \$70.00 per month to them for service two and a half months in the lumber camps. These gentlemen to sign a written agreement.

DECEMBER 12TH, 1894.

Mrs. Lucas, of Grimsby, was appointed Superintendent of Hygiene, Heredity and Social Purity; Dr. Allison Jamieson, of London, having declined the appointment.

Mrs. Bigelow was appointed Official Reporter for Ontario Union.

Miss Rea was appointed Superintendent of "Y" Department, without an assistant.

Through a misunderstanding, Mrs. Platt and Mrs. Bigelow were both recommended to superintend the Scientific Temperance Department. As Mrs. Platt had expressed a desire to be relieved, Mrs. Bigelow was appointed, and accepted.

FEBRUARY 6TH, 1895.

It was decided not to circulate a petition, to be presented to the Provincial House, asking for the enfranchisement of women, to be signed only by men; the time for presenting it being too near to properly accomplish the work.

Mrs. Gilchrist was re-appointed Superintendent of Unfermented Wine Department.

MARCH 1ST, 1895.

Saturday, March 16th, was the date selected for holding a meeting of Sub-Executive.

MARCH 26TH, 1895.

The President was requested to send out a leaflet warning our workers to beware lest encroachments be made upon the sanctity of the Sabbath day by the running of electric street cars.

AUGUST, 1895.

The President was authorized to negotiate with Mrs. Ella Boole, of Staten Island, N. Y., and, if possible, secure her for Convention.

SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1895.

Decided to leave the election of delegates to Dominion Convention in organized counties to County Unions. To accomplish this, cards were sent out to each county. The question was asked, who shall be our "Delegate at Large," but no one was appointed.

Mrs. Wiley requested permission to send out a brief circular letter with her printed forms, believing she could thereby obtain better returns. Consent was given.

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1895.

Miss Scott, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Dr. Edwards were credentialed fraternal delegates to Quebec Provincial Convention.

MINUTES  
—OF—  
MEETING OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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HAMILTON, OCTOBER 28TH, 1895.

The Executive Board of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in Knox Church parlor at 8 p.m.

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

The President opened the meeting by reading a portion of Scripture, and several members led in prayer.

The minutes of Sub-Executive, held March 16th, 1895, were read, and the recommendations discussed, with one exception, it being deferred until later on.

The minutes of Decisions of Sub-Executive by correspondence were read and adopted, subject to one addition, viz.: Mention of the interview of Sub-Executive with Sir Oliver Mowat, on March 18th.

The programme for Convention was then reviewed, and adopted as read.

Greetings, by telegram, were ordered sent to Mrs. Letitia Youmans.

Letters from Pembroke and Guelph were read, each containing an invitation for Provincial Convention next year. Executive decided to consider these later.

Reporters were appointed as follows:

*London Advertiser*—Mrs. Douglas.  
*Presbyterian Review*—Miss McKinnon.  
*Canadian Baptist*—Miss Fisher.  
*Christian Guardian*—Mrs. Livingstone.  
*Woman's Journal*—Miss Scott.  
Ottawa papers—Ottawa ladies.  
*Evangelical Churchman*—Mrs. Carlisle.  
*Farmers' Sun*—Mrs. Wrigley.  
*St. Thomas Journal*—Mrs. Blewett.  
*Montreal Witness*—Mrs. Wheeler.

Communications from Mr. J. S. Loudon and Rev. James Henderson were read, concerning the financial needs of Mrs. Youmans.

Moved by Mrs. Livingstone, seconded by Mrs. Maxwell, that we, as a Union, give a definite sum of money annually towards Mrs. Youmans' support.

Moved in amendment, by substitution, by Mrs. Cavers, that we, as a Provincial Union, this year give \$50.00, and that an appeal be made to the Local Unions, annually, for assistance.

The amendment was *carried*.

Moved by Mrs. Livingstone, and seconded, that the resolutions now in the hands of the Corresponding Secretary be forwarded to the Resolution Committee. *Carried.*

A communication was read from Mrs. Moody, Dominion Superintendent of Coffee Houses, also one from Miss Bowes, of Vancouver, containing a request that a Superintendent of World's Mission Work be appointed. On motion, both were forwarded to Plan of Work Committee.

A communication from Petrolea was read, and ordered sent to Resolution Committee.

The following committees were then nominated :

*Credentials*—Mrs. Wiley, Miss MacArthur and Miss Wiley.

*Finance*—Miss MacArthur and Mrs. Davidson.

*Memorial*—Mrs. Asa Gordon.

*Banner*—Mrs. Cavers and Mrs. Starr.

*Resolutions*—Mesdames McKee, Maxwell, Graham, Forbes, Wheatley, Mackie, and Miss Phelps.

*Courtesies*—Mrs. Day Smith and Mrs. Lazier.

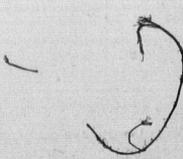
*Appropriations*—Moved by Mrs. Rutherford, and seconded, that the President name the Committee on Tuesday. *Carried.*

The discussion concerning Lumbermen's Work was then taken up, after which it was moved that the minutes be adopted, with the exception of the one referring to Lumbermen's Work, which was again deferred.

After prayer, on motion, the meeting adjourned.

ELLA S. COSFORD,

*Recording Secretary.*



MINUTES  
OF THE  
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
Woman's Christian Temperance Union  
OF ONTARIO.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING.

CONVENTION, HAMILTON, OCTOBER 29TH, 1895.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened in Knox Church.

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

Devotional exercises were entered upon by singing the hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which Mrs. MacCallum, of Maxville, read a portion of Scripture, and led in prayer.

The Recording Secretary called the roll of officers, Superintendents and County Presidents. Five officers, seventeen Superintendents, and twenty-two County Presidents responded.

The minutes of Executive Board held last night were then read and approved.

The Pages, Misses Grace Reed and Maud Smith, were introduced to Convention.

The report of Work Among Sailors—Mrs. Capt. Davis, Gananoque, Superintendent—was read and, on motion, was adopted.

The report of Work Among Soldiers—Mrs. E. Starr, Whitby, Superintendent—read and accepted.

A suggestion in line with this report sent in by Mrs. Flint, of Belleville, was referred to the Plan of Work Committee.

The Corresponding Secretary inquired if a telegram of greetings should be sent to Mrs. Youmans, as recommended by the Executive Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Dr. Rosebrugh it was decided to send the telegram, and also a letter accompanied by \$50, the amount granted to her.

The report of Work Among Indians—Mrs. Tennant, Cornwall, Superintendent—was read by Miss MacArthur and, on motion, adopted.

The report of Parliamentary Usages—Miss Phelps, St. Catherines, Superintendent—was read and adopted.

The report of Conference with Influential Bodies was given by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiley, and, on motion, accepted.

The report of Prison and Police—Mrs. Brownell, Toronto, Superintendent—read and adopted, the suggestions therein to be forwarded to the Plan of Work Committee.

Report of Work Amongst Colored People—Miss Phelps, St. Catherines, Superintendent—read and adopted.

The President requested Mrs. Wiley to take the chair while she read her report of Schools of Method. This report, on motion, was adopted.

Miss Cosford, Recording Secretary, explained the presence of fifty printed reports, expressing regret that so many should have been left over.

Moved by Mrs. Cavers, and seconded, that they be sold for five cents, instead of being given away. *Carried.*

Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, then gave a Bible reading, based on Col. i. 16th. This was followed by noontide prayer.

After announcements were made, on motion, Convention adjourned to meet at 2:30 p.m.

#### AFTERNOON.

##### CONVENTION, OCTOBER 29TH.

The President in the Chair.

After devotional exercises, led by Mrs. R. P. Wright, of Dresden, the Recording Secretary read the minutes of the morning meeting, which were approved.

The report of the Corresponding Secretary was then read. After a number of remarks of encouragement concerning the evident progress of the work; on motion, the report was adopted.

Greetings by telegram were received from Mrs. H. T. Todd, Vice-President of Dominion Union, which read as follows: "Read I. Thessalonians, iii. 12th and 13th." This was accepted with applause.

The Treasurer's report was then given, telling of an increased bank account.

On request of the Treasurer, the doxology was sung; and, on motion, the report was adopted.

The Treasurer read a communication from J. Hale Ramsay, which was received.

Moved by Miss MacArthur, seconded by Mrs. Cavers, that a portion of the money now on hand be banked as an emergency fund. *Carried.*

A letter of greetings was received from the Canadian Temperance League, per J. S. Robertson, President.

Moved by Mrs. Livingstone, and seconded by Mrs. Brownell, that all greetings be suitably replied to by the Corresponding Secretary. *Carried.*

A hymn was then sung.

Mrs. Wiley gave the report of the Credential Committee, and moved its adoption as a partial report. Accepted.

Greetings from Mrs. Letitia Youmans, Honorary President of the Dominion Union, were then received, the delegates rising to their feet as an act of respect to their honored but disabled comrade.

Report of Work Among Railroad Men—Mrs. A. P. Morrison, Owen Sound, Superintendent—was read and, after a lengthy discussion, was adopted.

The report of Press Work—Mrs. B. D. Livingstone, Tilsonburg, Superintendent—was read and, on motion, adopted.

The report of Juvenile Work—Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Hamilton, Superintendent—was read.

Moved by Mrs. J. W. Jones, and seconded, that the discussion of this Department be deferred until to-morrow, the hour being late to discuss so important a matter. *Carried.*

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

#### EVENING.

At 6 o'clock a right royal reception was given to delegates and invited guests in the basement of Knox Church by the Local Unions.

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

After singing, by the congregation, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Mrs. Aikenhead, of Toronto, led in prayer.

Mrs. Day Smith extended a welcome on behalf of the Local Unions.

Mrs. Asa Gordon, of Ottawa, responded.

Mayor Stewart then appeared on the platform to give the Convention the civic welcome of Hamilton.

Rev. Dr. Burns conveyed, in a pleasant speech, the greetings of the Ministerial Association of Hamilton.

Mrs. Lyle gracefully presented greetings from the Woman's National Council.

Messrs. W. W. Buchanan and George Lees spoke on behalf of the Royal Templars of Temperance. Both, in a hearty manner, welcomed the delegates to the city.

To these addresses the Vice-President, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, of Toronto, responded, suitably acknowledging the courtesies extended to the visitors.

The presentation of the prize banner was introduced by Miss MacArthur, and presented by Mrs. Maxwell, President of the county to which it was awarded last year.

In behalf of Algoma, Mrs. Cavers received it in the absence of any representative from that district.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by solos from Professor Clark, of Hamilton, and anthems by the church choir.

Collection was taken. Meanwhile, Miss Phelps, of St. Catherines, made an interesting speech.

The meeting was closed with the benediction.

## SECOND DAY.

## MORNING.

CONVENTION, OCTOBER 30TH.

The President in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Donaldson, Mrs. Paton leading in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

This was followed by a discussion on Juvenile Work.

Moved by Mrs. Lucas, seconded by Mrs. Bastedo, that five minutes be devoted to each discussion.

Mrs. Cavers moved in amendment, by substitution, that ten minutes be allowed. The amendment was *carried*.

The report of Franchise Department—Mrs. F. S. Spence, Toronto, Superintendent—was read and adopted.

On motion, Mrs. Rockwell was given five minutes to explain the Mock Parliament.

The report of Sabbath Observance—Mrs. MacCallum, Maxville, Superintendent—was read and adopted.

The report of *Woman's Journal*—Miss Scott, Ottawa, Superintendent—was read and adopted.

The report of Department of Narcotics—Mrs. Cole, Carleton Place, Superintendent—was read and, on motion, adopted.

It being 11.30, the remainder of the programme was deferred until afternoon.

Mrs. Asa Gordon gave a most helpful Bible reading.

After noontide prayer, on motion, meeting adjourned until 2 p.m.

## AFTERNOON.

CONVENTION, OCTOBER 30TH.

In the absence of President and Vice-President for a short time, Mrs. Cavers, of Galt, occupied the chair.

The meeting was opened by singing the hymn "To the Work," and Mrs. Forbe and Mrs. Maxwell led in prayer.

The report of Scientific Temperance—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall, Superintendent—was read by Miss MacArthur. After considerable discussion it was, on motion, adopted.

The report of Literature, Art and Fashion—Mrs. Cavers, Galt, Superintendent—was read and adopted.

On request, the Vice-President, Mrs. Rutherford, took the chair while the President gave her annual address, which was replete with thought and suggestive information.

This valuable address was, on motion, heartily received by a rising vote.

The report of Fairs and Exhibitions—Mrs. Hilborne, Toronto, Superintendent—was read by Mrs. Rutherford and, on motion, adopted.

The report of Literature Department—Miss Scott, Ottawa, Superintendent—was read and adopted.

The report of Evangelistic Work—Mrs. Gordon, Ottawa, Superintendent—was read and adopted.

The report of Work Among Lumbermen—Mrs. Hunter, Pembroke, Superintendent—was read and adopted.

The report of Curfew Bell Department—Mrs. S. G. McKee, Barrie, Superintendent—was read and adopted.

The members of the Appropriation Committee were nominated by the President, as follows: Mesdames Wheeler and Cavers, Miss Scott, and Miss MacArthur advisory member. Approved.

On motion the remainder of reports were laid over till Thursday morning.

Convention rose.

#### EVENING.

At request of the Ministerial Association the regular mid-week prayer services were addressed by White Ribboners, as follows:

Central Presbyterian—Mrs. Cavers.

James Street Baptist—Mrs. Hitchcox.

First Methodist—Mrs. Aikenhead.

McNab Street Presbyterian—Mrs. Reed.

Erskine Presbyterian—Mrs. Gordon.

Knox Presbyterian—Misses Phelps, Scott, Rea, and Mrs. Starr.

Wentworth Presbyterian—Mrs. McKee.

Victoria Avenue Baptist—Miss Fisher and Mrs. Newton.

Bethel Mission—Mrs. Paton and Mrs. McMaster.

Centenary Methodist—Mrs. Rutherford.

Wesley Methodist—Mrs. W. W. Smith and Mrs. Rockwell.

Zion Tabernacle (Methodist)—Mrs. Cowan and Mrs. D. H. Williams.

Hannah Street Methodist—Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Morrison.

Simcoe Street Methodist—Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Stevens.

Hughson Street Congregational—Mrs. MacCallum and Mrs. Maxwell.

Emmanuel Congregational—Mrs. Graham and Miss Huff.

Herkimer Baptist—Mrs. Chrysler.

Lock Street—Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. Lucas.

Disciple—Mrs. Ashcroft.

Gore Street Methodist—Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Livingstone.

#### THIRD DAY.

##### MORNING.

EXECUTIVE, 9 O'CLOCK.

The President in the chair. Twenty-three members present.

Recommended that the Sub-Executive appoint the Delegate at Large to Dominion Convention.

## CONVENTION, OCTOBER 31ST.

The President in the chair.

After singing a hymn, Mrs. McKee led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The recommendation of Executive was read and, on motion, adopted.

The report of Flower Mission Work—Miss Anning, Toronto, Superintendent—was read by Mrs. Rutherford, time being extended for reading of summary and suggestions. On motion, this report was adopted.

Report of Parlor Meetings—Mrs. Wheeler, Superintendent—was, after an interesting discussion, adopted.

Miss MacArthur gave notice of motion that she, or some one in her place, would move at the next annual meeting that, in Local Constitution Section 5 of By-laws, also in County or District Constitution Section I. (e), in each case, the word half in half-yearly be omitted.

In accordance with notice of motion given last year, moved by Mrs. Cavers, and seconded, that clause (z) in County Constitution shall read thus: "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 by the Recording Secretary of the Local Union." *Carried.*

In accordance with notice of motion given last year, moved by Mrs. Cavers, and seconded, that in County or District Constitution Article II, clause 2, relating to Superintendents of Departments, it shall read thus: "Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the County Sub-Executive, and Presidents of Local Unions, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered."

Also in Local Constitution Article III., the following be added: "The Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the Sub-Executive (including the Vice-Presidents) and elected by the Union. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered."

Miss Huff gave notice of motion that she, or some one in her place, would move at the next annual meeting that the Ontario Y. W. C. T. U. be constituted a Young Woman's Branch of the W. C. T. U., instead of a "Y" Department, and that a Secretary for this branch be appointed.

In accordance with notice of motion given last year, moved by Mrs. Rutherford, and seconded by Mrs. Cavers, that a clause be inserted in the County or District Constitution to read as follows: "That Secretaries of Local Unions in District Unions be members of the Executive of the District Union. *Carried.*"

Mrs. D. A. Maxwell gave notice of motion that she, or some one in her place, would move at the next annual meeting that Article IV. of Local Constitution be altered to read twenty cents instead of twenty-five cents, and ten cents instead of five cents.

Mrs. Thornley gave notice of motion that she, or some one in her place, would move at the next annual meeting the following addition to the Provincial, and also

the County or District Constitution : " If, at the expiration of three months, any Provincial, County or District officer, or Superintendent, shall be found inefficient, or, for any reason, unable to properly perform the duties of her office, or department, the office, or superintendency, shall be considered vacant, and the Sub-Executive shall be empowered to fill the place."

The Credential report and roll call was then made ; 179 officers and delegates responded to the call.

After earnest prayer for special guidance, the election of officers was proceeded with.

The President appointed the following as tellers :

First Set.	Second Set.
Miss Smith.	Mrs. Williams.
Miss Johnston.	Mrs. Britton.
Mrs. Irwin.	Miss Livingstone.

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

Moved by Mrs. Cavers, seconded by Mrs. McKee, that the tellers be allowed to retire to the committee room and count the ballots, so that the work of Convention might be hastened. *Carried.*

The recommendations of the Appropriation Committee were read and adopted.

Miss Hilda Rutherford and Miss Vena Buchanan were introduced as Pages, and a few questions from the question basket were answered.

The tellers were then called to report.

Mrs. Thornley was re-elected on the first ballot.

On being brought to the platform she was received with a Chaujuauqua salute.

Mrs. Thornley then took the chair and proceeded with the elections.

The informal ballot for Vice-President gave Mrs. Rutherford 92, Mrs. Cavers 63, and scattered 20. The formal ballot was then taken and resulted in the election of Mrs. Cavers, Mrs. Rutherford having received 82 votes and Mrs. Cavers 86.

The hour being late, moved by Mrs. Donaldson, seconded by Mrs. Scott, that we adjourn, to meet again at 2 p.m. to continue the elections. *Carried.*

Convention then rose.

#### AFTERNOON.

#### CONVENTION, 2 O'CLOCK.

The President in the chair, who conducted devotional exercises.

The remainder of the officers were re-elected on the first ballot, viz. : Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wiley, Richmond Hill ; Recording Secretary, Miss Cosford, London ; Treasurer, Miss MacArthur, Cornwall.

A hymn was then sung, and Mrs. Ella Boole, of Staten Island, N. Y., opened the School of Methods by giving all present a spiritual uplift while listening to her Bible reading from two words in 3rd chap. 1st John, 2nd verse, " Like Him." Mrs. Boole then led in prayer.

The following valuable papers were given: "The Furnishings of a County Union," by Mrs. McKee; "The Needs of a County Union," by Miss Fisher; "The County President's Duties," by Mrs. Maxwell; "The 'Y' Union," by Miss Braden; "Treasurers' Mistakes," by Miss MacArthur.

A short discussion followed each paper.

The exercises were then varied by a temperance solo from Professor Johnson—"For God and Home and Native Land."

A Parliamentary Drill was conducted by Mrs. Ella Boole.

On motion to adjourn, the Lord's Prayer was offered in unison.

Convention rose.

#### EVENING.

A mass meeting was held in the Centenary Methodist Church.

The President, Mrs. Thornley, presided.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. V. Smith, pastor of the church. A solo, rendered by Mrs. Fenwick, was much enjoyed.

The address of the evening was delivered by Mrs. Ella Boole, of Staten Island, N. Y., her subject being "Deborah in the Battle."

Mrs. Thornley made an earnest plea for a good collection, to assist in furthering the work.

The meeting was dismissed with the benediction.

#### FOURTH DAY.

##### MORNING.

EXECUTIVE, 9 O'CLOCK.

The President in the chair.

After prayer the following recommendations were made:

That Algoma be divided into two sections—East and West—that Mrs. Morrison be appointed County President of East Algoma, and that the Provincial Corresponding Secretary communicate with Fort William Union, in reference to the appointment of a County President for West Algoma.

The appointment of County Presidents in unorganized Counties was discussed.

Recommended that the Corresponding Secretary request Mrs. Rev. Perry to suggest a name from her Union for Huron County President.

*Norfolk*—Mrs. Wiley to consult with Mrs. Wright in the matter.

*Victoria*—Mrs. Wiley to consult with Mrs. Sharp.

*Wentworth*—Recommended that this County become organized.

Recommended that Mrs. Wiley communicate with Mrs. T. W. Jackson, with reference to the resuscitation of Fergus Union.

Recommended that the Provincial Union accept the invitation to hold Convention in Pembroke, next year.

The following Superintendents of Departments were nominated :

- Scientific Temperance*—Mrs. Bigelow, Cornwall.  
*Press*—Mrs. B. D. Livingstone, Tilsonburg.  
*Evangelistic*—Mrs. A. Gordon, Ottawa.  
*Prison and Police*—Mrs. M. Brownell, Toronto.  
*Work Among Railroad Men*—Mrs. Morrison, Owen Sound.  
*Work Among Sailors*—Mrs. J. H. Davis, Gananoque.  
*Work Among Soldiers*—Mrs. E. Starr, Toronto.  
*Unfermented Wine*—Mrs. Falconer, Ottawa.  
*Work Among Lumbermen*—Mrs. Hunter, Pembroke; Assistant, Mrs. Mickle-Gravenhurst.  
*Provincial Exhibitions and Fairs*—Mrs. Hillborn, 74 Brunswick Ave., Toronto.  
*Legislation and Petitions*—Mrs. Rockwell, Picton.  
*Curfew Bell*—Mrs. S. G. McKee, Barrie.  
*Franchise*—Mrs. F. S. Spence, Toronto.  
*Parliamentary Usages*—Miss Huff, St. Catherines.  
*Hygiene, Heredity and Social Purity*—Mrs. D. V. Lucas, Grimsby.  
*Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion*—Mrs. Jas. R. Cavers, Galt.  
*Sabbath Observance*—Mrs. Rev. MacCallum, Maxville.  
*Young Woman's Work*—Miss Scott, Ottawa.  
*Juvenile (including Sabbath School, Demorest Medal Contests and Kitchen Garden)*—Mrs. T. H. Pratt, Hamilton.  
*Parlor Meetings*—Mrs. E. A. Wheeler, Paris.  
*Flower Mission*—Mrs. Reed, Teeswater.  
*Conference with Influential Bodies*—The Sub-Executive.  
*Woman's Journal*—Miss Scott, Ottawa.  
*Narcotics*—Mrs. A. Taylor, Carleton Place.  
*School of Methods*—Mrs. Thornley, London.  
*Work Among Indians*—Mrs. Tennant, Cornwall.  
*Work Among Colored People*—Miss Phelps, St. Catherines.

#### CONVENTION, NOVEMBER 1ST.

Convention was called to order by the President, at 9.30 a. m.

After devotional exercises the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday morning and afternoon were both read and approved.

The recommendations of the Executive were then read and, on motion, adopted, subject to necessary alterations.

Moved by Mrs. Lucas that some change be made in the Department of Hygiene and Heredity.

Moved in amendment by Mrs. Bates that there be an Assistant Superintendent of Hygiene and Heredity appointed. The amendment was *lost*.

The Corresponding Secretary read a communication from the Dominion Alliance per F. S. Spence, requesting that, as usual, delegates be appointed to the Alliance Council.

This communication was accepted.

It was moved that the delegates be appointed by Convention, the President to be convener of the delegation.

Moved in amendment that the chair appoint the committee the President to be one of the committee.

Moved by Mrs. Rockwell in amendment to amendment, by substitution, that two delegates be appointed by Convention and two by Sub-Executive, the President to be one. The amendment to the amendment *carried*.

On motion delegates were appointed in open Convention.

Mrs. Rockwell and Mrs. Rutherford, receiving the highest number of votes, were elected.

Mrs. McKee reported for the Resolution Committee.

This report was discussed *seriatim* and, after one slight amendment in Resolution on Courtesies, was adopted as a partial report.

A restful change in form of a solo by Mrs. Rockwell was enjoyed and noontide prayer was led by Mrs. Cavers.

Mrs. Rockwell then read her paper, entitled "The State a Half Orphan," prepared for the School of Methods, but laid over because of lack of time to complete the programme.

Moved by Mrs. Spence that special injunctions be given to the Local Unions that all moneys for Mrs. Youmans' fund shall be sent direct to the Provincial Treasurer. *Carried*.

Moved by Mrs. Aikenhead that an expression of sympathy be sent to the member in Cornwall who has been so suddenly bereaved of her husband. *Carried*.

On motion meeting adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON.

CONVENTION, 2.30 O'CLOCK.

The President in the chair.

A memorial service was held in memory of twenty-one White Ribbon sisters who have been called home during the year.

Mrs. Gordon, of Ottawa, spoke a few words suitable to the occasion, and led in prayer.

The Recording Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The report of Plan of Work Committee followed.

On motion, three minutes were allowed for discussion of each clause.

On motion, it was adopted, subject to slight alteration.

The conclusion of report of Resolution Committee was read and, when completed, the report as a whole, as amended, was adopted.

The report of work done by County Presidents, formulated by the Vice-President, Mrs. Rutherford, was read by Mrs. Cavers and, on motion, adopted.

Moved by Miss Cosford, and seconded, that the following ladies compose the Plan of Work Committee for the ensuing year: Mesdames Wheeler, Maxwell, Cavers, D. H. Williams and Miss MacArthur. *Carried*.

Greetings were received from Elgin County President, Mrs. McCutcheon, of St. Thomas.

The questions from question box were answered.

Moved by Mrs. Maxwell, and seconded, that the Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall devise some means for packing the Prize Banner in a less cumbersome style, and that the expenses be paid out of the Provincial Treasury. *Carried.*

Mrs. Cavers moved, as an additional recommendation of the Appropriation Committee, that the Provincial Union unite with London Union in providing a telephone for the use of the Recording Secretary. The recommendation was adopted.

Moved by Mrs. Britton and seconded, that the recommendation to strike out the Department of Railroad Work be reconsidered. *Carried.*

Moved by Mrs. Livingstone that this recommendation of Plan of Work Committee be rescinded.

Moved in amendment, by substitution, that this Plan of Work be referred to the Sub-Executive for action. The amendment *carried.*

Moved by Miss Phelps, and seconded, that all unfinished business be left with the Sub-Executive. *Carried.*

The last exercise of Convention was entered upon by all members of Convention joining hands, forming a complete circle around the hall, and singing the closing hymn, "God be with You till we Meet Again."

Mrs. Scott, of Ottawa, and others led in prayer, and Convention adjourned *sine die.*

ELLA S. COSFORD,

*Recording Secretary.*

MINUTES OF SUB-EXECUTIVE MEETING

HELD AFTER CONVENTION CLOSED.

NOVEMBER 2ND, 1895.

The Sub-Executive met in the parlor of Knox Church.

Prayer was offered by the President.

The following recommendations were made :

That no extension of time for reports be permitted in Convention.

That no reports of local work be given, the President to instruct Superintendents accordingly.

That the summary of report be given first, suggestions second, and report third.

That a time-keeper be appointed ; and that the name of speaker and minute of clock be registered on paper.

That there be a time limit for discussions.

That there be a consecration meeting each morning at 9 o'clock.

That a conference be held each day of Convention at 2 p.m., Convention to open at 2.30 each day except on Wednesday, when there will be a conference on Lumbermen's Work and also a "Y" conference, and Convention will open at 3 p.m.

That Mrs. Asa Gordon be Delegate at Large from Ontario Union to Dominion Convention in Quebec.

That Mrs. Wiley correspond with the Secretary of Grimsby Park in reference to a day under the auspices of the Ontario W. C. T. U. during the summer, and the terms.

That Plans of Work belonging to Departments be sent through Department circulars.

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, London.)

It is the dull monotonous round of camp life that tests the endurance of the soldier even more than the perils of the field. The excitement of the conflict obscures its danger, and it is a fact that the long, dreary march swells the list of deserters more rapidly than the bloody sights and horrid sounds of the battle field.

Last year we had the bustle of preparation, the fever heat of combat, followed by the laurels of victory. Mutual congratulations were the order of the day. Indifference to our work seemed to vanish before the interest aroused by the plebiscite campaign, and we closed our year with empty treasuries, to be sure, but with happy hearts.

But when we farewelled from Cornwall, a year ago the coming month, our women went out to the steady humdrum routine of the camp life. The regular meetings, the usual Department work, the old-time lines of education—these must take the place of the more interesting exercises of the campaign, for we were come down to the test of "dead level work."

Now I want to tell you, fellow-workers, that we have stood the ordeal grandly. While some of the "hurrah members" have dropped out, and the empty treasuries have slightly diminished the affiliation fees, and consequently the reported membership (as only affiliated members can be reported), yet we wind up our business for 1894-95 with a good balance in the bank, an army of workers in the field, and hearts full of trust for the future.

As my task is not so much to report what has been accomplished as to take our reckonings for the future, and as I purpose following last year's example in sending plans of work to Plan of Work Committee, I will only touch upon a few of the Departments, leaving the Superintendents of the rest to present their own cases.

But just here lies the dilemma—what Departments to select, when nearly all embody burning questions stirred up by the year's work.

## THE SABBATH.

Take for instance our Sabbath Observance Department. Not within the memory of any of us has the Lord's Day been so strongly and craftily assailed as during this past winter, when it was proposed to legalize Sunday street cars.

"In American cities, the Sunday street car and the Sunday newspaper are the two levers by which the day of rest has been pried from its place in the week;" so says the *American Sabbath Union*. The spirit of secularization that would appropriate God's Day, that would shut Him out of the public institution and organization, is the greatest menace to our nation's life. "What! greater than intemperance?" some one says. Yes, for a Sabbath desecrating people is a conscienceless people; and if the moral sense be dead, what have you left to work on for the success of any reform?

As that class of humanity who have most profited by the coming of the "Divine Man," let us, unflinchingly, stand for God in everything till the glad day shall come when even the "bells of the horses" shall be dedicated to him.

You will, doubtless, follow with interest the test case taken in connection with the car service of this city; also the Bill that that bit of Scotch granite, by the name of Charlton, will probably again introduce into the Dominion House.

The next Department noted must be that of Hygiene and Social Purity, as in connection with it we obtained our one bit of legislation for the year.

#### WOMEN WAGE EARNERS.

It is said that there are nearly 150,000 women wage earners in our province. Two classes of this industrial army have claimed our attention for the last four successive Conventions, and it is with deep thankfulness we note the progress made toward a satisfactory settlement of the evils once apparently insurmountable.

In the year 1889, a single case of shameful neglect to provide for the comfort and health of the women employees of a large mercantile house came to the attention of one of our Local Unions. Not realizing the extent of the evil, and supposing that such a situation must be covered by existing law, for nearly a year a committee, charged with this individual case, were endeavoring to find a remedy. By the time the year closed three things were apparent:

1st—That they had unearthed a grievance which, in their own city alone, was of undreamed proportions.

2nd—That their city merchants were no more thoughtless or heartless in the treatment of their clerks than those of other municipalities; and, therefore, the wrong was as wide as the province.

3rd—That neither local nor provincial enactment could be brought to bear on it, for the "blind woman with the scales" had never even cast a sidelong glance in the direction of the long-suffering woman clerk.

To digress for a moment. Why is it, think you, that justice, who must needs be the embodiment of wisdom and impartiality, should be personified by a *woman*, when the sex has never been considered of sufficient mental calibre to have an opinion worth counting; or, having one, is supposed to lack the nerve and independence to express it? This may well be one of the puzzlers to the *feeble female mind*. It should, at least, be a consolation to us that our chivalric defenders, who so strongly object to our flesh and blood selves in the legislative hall, are tolerant of our marble or pictured representative. What if she is deaf and dumb and blind—one must not want the earth!

But to return to the point from which we digressed. It was plain to these local workers that no one society could cope with the situation, and they determined to call in the aid of the Provincial Union.

Therefore, we find the first provincial official utterance on the question of a law to protect mercantile employees was made at the annual Convention of 1891. The then Superintendent of Hygiene and Social Purity was authorized to collect, from all over the province, facts bearing on the situation, and in connection with the Sub-Executive to make an effort to procure from the Government the required legislation. Hundreds of letters were sent broadcast from Ottawa to Windsor, and, like a great drag net, gathered in the pitiful and often shocking details that were needed. Scores of religious societies were interviewed and promised assistance. Many members of

parliament were interviewed in person or by letter. The newspapers were pressed into service as a means of creating public sentiment, and by the time the House opened in the spring of 1892 everything was ripe for action.

As a result of the consideration given by the Government to the representations of the official delegation that waited on them, we have the "Act to protect those employed in places of business other than factories."

Because of the lack of enforcing clauses, this law brought no practical relief to those in whose interests it was drafted, but it marks an advanced position taken in the march towards the goal.

While engaged in preparing for this Bill the Committee came by accident, if one may so speak, into possession of a good deal of data that did not fit into their plan of work, as it related not to mercantile houses but factories, the workers in which were supposed to be already sufficiently guarded. The benefits to be derived from the inspection of both mercantile houses and factories by women became apparent, but, lest a double issue might jeopardize the success of the original undertaking, it was decided to ask for but one thing at a time.

From the date of the passage of the Mercantile House Act an agitation was kept up through the County and Provincial Convention, and had not the plebiscite intervened the Government would, in all probability, have been approached in the spring of 1894. Last year, at Cornwall, it was decided to make our appeal without further delay, and, in pursuance of this decision, the Sub-Executive obtained an interview with the Cabinet on Monday, March 18th. The four points pressed were these :

- 1st—The amending of the Mercantile House Act so as to make it workable.
- 2nd—The appointment of women inspectors for all places where women are employed.
- 3rd—The compulsory placing of seats for women clerks.
- 4th—The prohibition of the use of unhealthful basements as sale rooms.

The session of the House then in progress granted the first two requests, but left the rest in abeyance.

I would recommend that the Mercantile House Act, of 1892, and its amendment, of 1895; also the amendment to the Factory Act, providing for a woman inspector, be printed in the new report so that our workers may have access to these important bits of legislation. Special plans of work with reference to them will be reported from the Plan of Work Committee.

I would further recommend that this Convention should tender to Sir Oliver Mowat and Cabinet its most hearty thanks for their humane action in the introduction of the amendment above referred to, and should express their gratitude to those whose votes enabled it to become law.

#### FRANCHISE.

The cause moves on apace. It is no use for the *Barrie Examiner*, the *Walkerton Telescope*, or any other little town paper, to bestrew the track with its opinions of the

new woman. The train that bears her proudly to the goal of her ambitions has a through permit and a level-headed engineer, and has, geared on, a track cleaner that will make a short work with every obstruction of old-fashioned rubbish.

Our compliments to all our opponents. We hold toward them the most kindly of feelings, and have no doubt but that every honest doubter amongst them will some day be a supporter of the reform he now derides.

In a recent franchise debate, a clerical gentleman agreed to take the negative side of the question. The following day he telephoned that, after thought and consultation with the new standard dictionary, he could not in conscience take his place with those arrayed against the movement. Think of it! A conversion following *one night's consideration of the pros and cons*. Oh that there were a standard dictionary in every home!

The practical side of the Department just now, however, is the Petition Work committed to us by our Dominion Superintendent. Dear sisters, it is a mockery for us to sigh, or groan, or pray after the ballot if we do not also work for it, and if we truly believe that its possession would hasten the overthrow of wrong and the reign of righteousness are we not under obligation to do our utmost to secure it?

We shall look for some helpful suggestions for this winter's campaign from our Provincial Superintendent.

In the American Methodist Church, the controversy over the ecclesiastical enfranchisement of women is at its height, with a bright prospect of success. English Methodists are just girding on the armor for the fray that must terminate in a self-governed or, as of old, a man-governed church. Canadian church members are thus far quiescent on the subject.

Says a recent writer: "If the man is the head the woman is sometimes the neck that turns the head around," and St. Paul advises that one part of the body should not exalt itself above another; co-operation will produce the best results.

We are weary of hearing of our "small brains," with their "inferior grey matter" that is distributed just where it ought not to be. At least, it must be conceded that we have made the most of our poor endowments and are certainly creeping up with our better equipped brothers. Superior grey matter soaked in alcohol and nicotine cannot keep pace with inferior grey matter in a normal condition.

Listen to the following quotation from the *Silver Cross*: "From a certain high school in Illinois last year there graduated a class of fourteen girls. A banner on the stage bore the question, 'Where is our boy to-night?' Soon after came the graduating exercises of the high school of a neighboring town, the class consisting of eleven girls and one boy. Their banner bore the inscription, 'We've got him.'"

You will be glad to hear that the labor organizations, united under the name of "The Industrial Brotherhood of Canada," are in favor of the ballot for woman. Their constitution gives as one of their aims, "To secure to all, regardless of sex, color, or creed, equal opportunities and rights, moral, intellectual and political.

#### PRISON AND POLICE.

Under this Department, our Superintendent, Mrs. Brownell, of Toronto, has been co-operating with the Prisoners' Aid Association in circulating petitions for the

establishment of county or district work houses, in order that the county's poor and the county's criminals shall not be treated alike. There are only ten such refuges yet in existence, but a number of others are projected. Mrs. Brownell's report will give us information on this point.

The reason for reference to the Department is that I may make the following suggestion: That we endorse, by resolution, the proposition of the Prisoners' Aid Association to ask the Government to establish one or more inebriate asylums for the care of habitual drunkards; and further, that if there be any method, that shall not too much divert us from our first aim, the preventing of the *manufacture* of inebriates, we co-operate with them in endeavoring to secure this much-needed disposition of the dangerous wreckage of "the trade." Had we no interest in the miserable victims the happiness and safety of their unfortunate relatives should prompt us to this course.

#### POLITICAL.

The worker who is discouraged these days must be in need of a course of medical or spiritual treatment. To be sure the political sky is full of squalls, but what care we for that! The clouds are broken; between the lowering edges of even the blackest of them the blessed blue sky is peeping, with its promise of a glad to-morrow.

Do you remember how, as children, we watched, with eager eyes, the little blue patches grow larger till there was "enough to make an apron?"—then we were sure the sun was coming. Sisters, there is enough of God's heaven in this hour to justify every trusting heart in taking up the prophetic words of Isaiah before the destruction of Babylon: "The Lord of Hosts mustereth the host of the battle."

But let us examine the clouds.

Since the people's voice peeled out through the plebiscite, and for ever settled the question of which side held the immense majority of the voters, we have witnessed outbreaks of indefensible pandering to liquor interests on the part of local and government officials, such as have shocked the Christian public and kept the political apologist tongue in lively operation. In general terms, one may say that the enforcement of the restrictive and prohibitive provisions of the license law has been relaxed. Sunday and after-hour selling has taken a fresh lease of life, and officials sworn to prevent such violations have winked at them, as their public registry of convictions loudly proclaims.

Through letters received, and by personal contact with workers, I am kept in touch with the work of the province, and I think I can safely say that, without a single exception, to the enquiry "do the bars in your section observe the law?" *the reply has been in the negative.* Is not this a shameful condition of affairs? Oh! but you say, "this has been the habit of the trade; rebellion against every form of control is inbred in the very fibre of their being. It is nothing new, only an awakened Christian public is viewing the situation with open eyes." This is part of the truth, but not all. The picture has a darker shading. The triumph of the temperance people has aroused a resistance that bids fair to work its own ruin.

It must be remembered that, in the main, official positions, whether local or provincial, that in any way touch the control of the liquor business, are in the hands of liquor sympathizers or temperance (?) men whose gelatinous backbones may be depended on to bend before the behests of "the trade."

Here we must pause to note certain exceptions. There are license boards in this province where the majority favor the policy of their Government and are really trying to keep in line with it, but these are exceedingly rare. One such was recently "re-organized by dropping out a temperance man and putting in another temperance (?) man of the variety just described, the immediate result of which was the granting of some long contested licenses. The temperance people awoke to the danger too late. Their one representative on the board wanted to resign, but was persuaded to remain, and is to-day casting his minority vote for the right, though it does not influence final results.

Then on a number of boards we find a single true blue with two dead blacks to offset him. What can we do? No doubt he protests, but his vote accomplishes nothing. Our advice to him, for the coming year, is to make his protest where it will count for something—in the public prints, or in the ears of his fellow-citizens, and, without fail, to the government that employs him.

Boards of license commissioners are appointed not to manipulate political campaigns but to see that the licensing provisions of the Crooks' Act are carried out according to the law and in the interests of the people, not the licensees.

But what shall we say when it becomes patent that the real reasons for their existence are altogether secondary to the political uses that their positions may subservise? That bargains between themselves and the liquor element are deliberately made, the commodities of exchange being liquor votes on the one side, and the rights, liberties and souls of the people on the other.

And what shall we say of the Christian voter who plods after them in the pathway they have dug through the mire and shares with them the success they have thus bought?

Let me illustrate the situation.

Two brothers own a farm on which there is a considerable mortgage. One man is a church member and the other is a town loafer. The holder of the mortgage becomes pressing, and both brothers are anxious. One dark night the loafer goes out and lies in wait for their next door neighbor, brains him, and rifles his pockets of a large sum of money. In the morning the guilty man, blood-bespattered and marked with the signs of the conflict, discloses to his brother the fact that he has the where-with-all to meet the impending claim. Asked how it has been obtained, he shakes his head, and intimates that it will be safest not to enquire. The Christian brother is not deceived. He is filled with horror, and loudly upbraids the murderer; *but* he is his brother, and so he does not bring him to justice. And as the time approaches for the meeting with creditor he learns to listen complacently to the specious plea, "you did not do it, in fact, you would have been bitterly opposed had you been consulted; you cannot bring him to life now; here's the money, and there's the mortgage, and all you've got to do is to hold your tongue and let me make the payment." And so he forgets that patch of newly turned earth in the fence corner, where he knows by intuition that the body of the murdered one lies, and unites with the murderer in reaping the benefits that have accrued from the deed.

Whether the Christian voter realizes it or not, he who accepts the party success,

bought by the sale of honor and the people's interests for this life and the next, becomes an accessory after the act, and who shall say that God will not hold him equally guilty.

I wish I had kept separate from my other correspondence all letters that have come to me in the last two years pertaining to violations of the liquor law. They would make a goodly budget. Usually, they ran like this: "There is a hotel in our town that is constantly violating the License Act. What shall we do about it?" My invariable reply was, "Go to your license inspector and tell him the circumstances." The answers to this piece of advice were couched in varied language, some of it pretty strong I can assure you, but the gist of each reply was "it would be only a waste of time, the place is notorious, has been complained of before; he knows, or might know, the condition of affairs as well as we do."

But the local authorities are often none the less venial in their relationships to the traffic. What think you of a chief of police who is taken home in his own patrol cart, or of one who gets into a drunken brawl in a neighboring town and must be jailed, or of others of whom it may be said that the law is no more sacred to them than it is to the saloon keeper they are set to watch?

What about the police magistrates who can sentence according to the evidence in a case of common theft; but where the happiness of the home, the sacred interests of wives and children, are the articles stolen, are able to find a "reasonable doubt" even in the most conclusive testimony?

But let us turn from further contemplation of these derelict officials and see what are the other clouds that lower above us.

An organized liquor fraternity publishing a monthly paper now, and expecting to issue a weekly before long, is surely one of them. In sending out a recent private circular to the trade they enclose an appeal made by the Dominion Alliance, and encourage their supporters to work in the approaching elections after the manner suggested by the Alliance, viz.: "For men of their views, regardless of party leanings." They call for the active support of every liquor dealer, in order, as they explain, that the trade may be banded together "and thereby form a strong organization which would be able to combat the efforts of the Dominion Alliance, or other temperance bodies, and prevent further restrictive and prohibitive measures from becoming part of the License Act of this province."

They declare that they have already been a substantial aid to the trade, and venture on the following declaration, that "The last session of the Local Legislature was the first meeting of that body for years at which no amendment advocated by the temperance party became law, and this result was attained by the work put forward by the Association."

What is the subtle force that keeps this mass of shadow from vanishing before the burning rays of modern temperance education and sentiment?

Nothing less than a semi-paralyzed church—a church that has not yet fully cleansed its own altars of complicity with the traffic; a church that sometimes fellowships the maker and seller of the poison, and yet more often accepts a part of his profits with which to rear its temples; a church that rallies with enthusiasm to the ballot box for a trade or party issue, and must be coaxed or dragged to it for a moral one.

Here lies the one source of real danger before which all others pale into insignificance.

But now we are through with the clouds, let us examine the fragments\* that can be seen of the canopy of blue that lies back of them.

1st—The Government of Ontario is pledged to give us *all the prohibition they have the power to enact*. Do we take in the full significance of that assertion? Why, the temperance workers of New York State, for instance, would be almost delirious with joy over such a prospect!

But, you say, what confidence can we have in the promises of a party whose subordinates play the guilty part you have just described? It must be remembered that these subordinates were in office before the party pledged itself to reform; that they voice their personal preferences and not the policy of the Government, or the will of the rank and file of its followers. And while we cannot but condemn the weakness displayed in the tolerating of such rebellion against its declared policy, we believe that the promise made by Sir Oliver Mowat for the Government will, on the first opportunity, be redeemed.

What then should be our attitude towards the Government? We should strengthen its hands in every legitimate and proper way, should believe in its sincerity, and wait with patience till the Privy Council's decision has opened the door for action. But we are not called upon to wink at the dishonest and disloyal actions of any of its officers or supporters. Let us stand to the plumb line of righteousness. Condoned sin is a weakness to any cause or party.

It may be profitable to enquire what "all the prohibition they can give" would mean.

Suppose the Privy Council's decision vests the power of total prohibition in the Dominion Government, the province will yet have the right of limiting and restricting, in any way they choose short of entire extermination. Is not that a window in the clouds through which an enchanting prospect may be viewed? I dare not attempt to describe it lest the limit of your patience should be exhausted.

2nd—The next largest scrap of sky shines out where the darkness has been deepest. We refer to the increasing tendency to independent thought where political action is concerned. The old party machines that were wont to grind out candidates of shady character or shaky principles, and then look for their support from the world, the flesh, the devil and the church, are beginning to gasp with alarm as they see the rift in the clouds. Do you know that there are three independent prohibition nominees in the field for the coming dominion election, and that there will be several others before the writs are issued? Down in New Brunswick we have S. H. Flewilling, of Kings County; and Louis Young, of Carleton County; and here in Ontario we have W. W. Buchanan for the constituency in which we are meeting.

Then there are two Patron prohibition candidates—T. R. Mayberry for North, and Hugh McDonald for South Oxford. Our cause is creeping out from under the political bushel, is it not? If even one of these men succeeds in gaining the Dominion House we will have a not-to-be-silenced-friend at court.

Then the Liberal Convention of Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, pledged itself to prohibition, and chose its candidate, Shipley Spurr, in accordance with its declared policy.

Yarmouth and Queen's Counties took very similar action, and will probably send to the House our friend T. B. Flint and another staunch ally named Forbes. The "blue noses" are doing grandly.

Now that we have stepped outside our own province, I think we might, with good cause, congratulate our sisters of Manitoba and Quebec on the impetus their work is sure to receive through the recent declarations of the Patron party in both provinces. Manitoba Patrons have pledged themselves and their candidates to prohibition. The Quebec Patrons have also pledged themselves, and we hope may choose as their standard bearers those in accord with their platform of principles.

Our own Ontario Patrons are a growing power, and their organs, *The Sun*, and *Era*, are pronouncedly in favor of both prohibition and woman's franchise. Editor Wrigley has a loyal white ribbon wife.

3rd—And now we must name the lightning, which in God's hands has torn the once solid mass of darkness that hid "the shining of His face." All the good things we have been telling about are the results of an awakening Christian conscience—I wish I might say awakened. If the kingdoms of darkness have been so shaken by a church that is only yet stretching its benumbed limbs, and rubbing its eyes, what must be the result when the strong man, armed, stands upon his feet and lays about him with his weapons of war.

#### PERSONAL.

To have accomplished the business of this past year without the aid of the stenographer and typewriting machine you so kindly voted me at last Convention would have been impossible. The correspondence was nearly double that of the previous twelve months, as we mailed 804 letters and 591 cards; which, added to the printed matter circulated, makes a total of 1,748 communications sent out. The local correspondence would bring the sum total up to 2,264, with a number of newspaper articles, leaflets and circulars uncounted.

Of the 63 invitations received to attend Conventions or address public meetings, I was unable to accept even one-half. Many a refusal was reluctantly given, but the strain of this kind of service was more than I could stand.

The only lecture tour planned was that of Mrs. Barney. Of this tour Mrs. Barney says: "It embraced 68 services, ranging from the opera house to the Mercer reformatory, and including the Central prison, London jail, Woodstock college, Sunday schools, drawing rooms, churches of various denominations, and Y. M. C. A. and W. C. T. U. halls." Mrs. Barney adds, "May the dear Lord care for the seed sown."

#### THE FUTURE.

There is a couplet written on the fly-leaf of my Bible that has lifted many a sombre curtain for me. It is one of those self-evident truths that to hear is to believe. The words are these: "If you trust you do not worry, if you worry you do *not* trust." Let us go out into the future to trust, and give "worry" all out-doors but not even an inch of standing room in our hearts.

Hard work, harsh criticism, and disappointments, seem sometimes our appointed lot. The hard work we would not be without if we could there are no highways of

easy leading to the Golden City. Harsh criticism is plainly one of the "must need be's" to any form of aggressive Christianity, and disappointment is only the prickly coat that hides for a little some sweet kernel of love. The deliverances and successes of the past ought to make us ashamed to be found in company with a doubt. Let our language be this:

"Has He changed for me? Nay! He changeth not.  
He will bring me by some new way,  
Through fire and flood, and each crafty foe,  
As safely as yesterday.  
The billows that guarded my sea-girt path,  
But carried my Lord on their crest;  
When I dwell on the days of my wilderness march,  
I can lean on His love for the rest."

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

(MRS. MARY WILEY, Richmond Hill.)

*Algoma*—Has two Unions—Fort William and Sault Ste. Marie; 53 paying members; 12 union and 2 public meetings have been held during the year; one Band of Hope, with 35 children; total amount of money received, \$23.11; 1 member voting on municipal matters; 12 copies of the annual report taken; several thousand pages of literature distributed; five Departments of work taken up; circulated 2 petitions.

*Brant*—Reports six Unions—Brantford, Paris, Scotland, Kelvin, Burford and St. George; 1 honorary and 119 active members; 96 union and 47 public meetings held during the year; four Bands of Hope, with 267 children; total amount of money received, \$296.55; 16 members vote on municipal questions; 21 copies of the annual report taken; 10,500 pages of literature distributed; 12 Departments of work taken up. Special work—Brantford gave a reception to General Booth, and gospel breakfasts every Sabbath morning from January to May. Licenses granted were reduced by two. Special work in Scotland was philanthropic. St. George did charitable work for the needy, and seems to have been busy with Departmental work.

*Bruce*—Reports nine Unions—Paisley, Warton, Lucknow, Chesley, Walkerton, Mildmay, Kincardine, Teeswater and Purple Valley; 183 active and 27 honorary members; 50 union and 63 public meetings held during the year; two Bands of Hope, with 195 children; total amount of money received, \$444.83; twelve members vote on municipal questions; 23 copies of the annual report taken; 7,520 pages of literature distributed; all Departments of work taken up, and excellent work done in a great many. Three Unions report circulating petitions for house of refuge; one Union for the franchise; one for Sabbath observance; one for the closing of stores on prayer meeting night; one Union gave \$5.00 for literature, and sent 13 comfort bags.

*Carleton*—Reports eight Unions—Richmond, Ottawa "Y," Galetta, Kinburn, Carp, Ottawa, Marathon and Torbolton; 374 active and 91 honorary members; 74 union and 24 public meetings held during the year; six Bands of Hope, with 207 children; total amount of money received, \$1,642.02; 9 members vote on municipal matters; 40 copies of the annual report taken; 11,995 pages of literature distributed by one Union; 14 Departments of work taken up. Special work—Richmond was successful in petitioning for with-holding a license for another hotel. Ottawa "Y" did special work in Flower Mission and newsboys' club. Galetta assisted Ottawa in Flower Missions. Kinburn circulated an anti-license petition, and by this means kept a licensed hotel out of Kinburn. Carp did special work for the comfort of shanty men, looked after the poor within a radius of three or four miles. Ottawa has done a good year's work in each Department, and also special work; during the winter they organized a newsboys' club; also a medical loan club for the benefit of the inebriate; also took up work among French and German.

*Dundas*—Reports two Unions—Iroquois and Morrisburg; 28 affiliated and 4 honorary members; 24 union and 2 public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$42.63; 7 members vote on municipal affairs; 7 copies of the annual report taken. Morrisburg sent \$2.00 to the lumber mission.

*Durham*—Reports three Unions—Orono, Port Hope and Bowmanville; 60 affiliated and 11 honorary members; 64 union and 3 public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$97.49; 12 members vote on municipal questions; 12 copies of annual report taken; 15,028 pages of literature distributed; 13 Departments of work taken up. Special work—Port Hope circulated a petition on prison reform. Bowmanville circulated petitions for prison reform and curfew bell; did special work for the relief of the poor.

*Elgin*—Reports one Union—Aylmer; 18 paying and 2 honorary members; 9 union and 2 public meetings held during the year; 2 members vote on municipal questions; 6 copies of the annual report taken; 500 pages of literature distributed; donated two copies of Mrs. Youmans' "Echoes" to Mechanics' Library; offered prizes to pupils for best essays on "The Evils of Alcohol and Narcotics."

*Essex*—Reports five Unions—Amherstburg, Kingsville, Essex, Leamington and Windsor; 81 active and 12 honorary members; 72 union and 51 public meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope, with 54 children; total amount money received, \$142.37; 5 members vote on municipal questions; 11 copies of the annual report taken; 11 Departments of work taken up. Amherstburg circulated petitions for Sabbath observance, and used their influence against shopping at night. Kingsville distributed copies of the Tobacco Act. Essex distributed temperance literature in the fair grounds.

*Glengarry*—Reports four Unions—Maxville, Martintown, Lancaster and St. Elmo; 46 active members; 8 public meetings held; number of union meetings not given; total amount of money received, \$66.12; 5 copies of the annual report taken; 2,000 pages of literature distributed; 6 Departments of work taken up. Special—woman's franchise; prayer and praise meeting for World's Convention. St. Elmo reports trying to interest young men in temperance work by helping them prepare, and having them give at public meetings, short addresses on the different phases of the temperance question.

*Greenville*—Has three Unions—Prescott, Spencerville and North Augusta, with 58 active members. No report received from this county.

*Grey*—Reports four Unions—Owen Sound, Meaford, Markdale and Thornbury; 75 paying and 14 honorary members; 49 union and 6 public meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope, with 60 children; total amount of money received, \$213.71; 13 members vote on municipal affairs; 11 copies of the annual report taken; 600 pages of literature distributed; 12 Departments of work taken up. Owen Sound petitioned for prison reform, house of refuge and woman suffrage, and secured weekly half-holiday for dry goods clerks during July and August. Meaford petitioned the county council for a home for the aged and poor. Markdale petitioned for Sabbath observance, and also one in relation to the home; established the curfew bell; held mass meetings; and put up a W. C. T. U. literature box in the railway station. Thornbury petitioned for the franchise, and helped to establish a reading room; the Secretary says, "the work is progressing along the different lines, special efforts have been made to provide shelter for destitute and orphaned children; ministers were requested to preach a sermon on temperance, and in one Union letters were written to the teachers asking them to use their influence towards temperance," and adds, "taking it all in all the work is encouraging."

*Haldimand*—There are four Unions in this county—Caledonia, Hagersville, Selkirk and Caledonia "Y;" 109 paying and 8 honorary members—reports are in from only two of these Unions—24 union and 9 public meetings held; one Band of Hope, with 107 children; total amount of money received, \$94.22; 4 copies of the annual report taken; 2,400 pages of literature distributed; 10 Departments of work taken up. Caledonia circulated three petitions—*re* women in India, poor house and Sabbath observance. Hagersville also petitioned for the poor house.

*Halton*—Reports two Unions—Milton and Oakville; 45 affiliated and 8 honorary members; 24 union and 2 public meetings held; 3 members vote on municipal affairs; 3 copies of the annual report taken; 8 Departments of work taken up.

*Hastings*—Reports three Unions—Trenton, Belleville and Marlbank; 90 paying and 2 honorary members; 1 public and 50 union meetings held during the year; two Bands of Hope, with 227 children; total amount of money received, \$117.07; 3 members vote on municipal matters; 15 copies of the annual report taken; 4,000 pages of literature distributed; 6 Departments of work taken up. Trenton circulated petitions for reducing the number of licenses and for early closing of stores, and as special work procured the curfew By-law. Belleville, as special work, sent two patients to Dr. Edwards' Gold Cure, at Ottawa.

*Huron*—Reports three Unions—Clinton, Seaforth and Wingham; 56 paying and 4 honorary members; 24 union and 22 public meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope, number of children not given; total amount of money received, \$80.00; 4 members vote on municipal matters; 2,000 pages of literature distributed; 4 Departments of work taken up; railway stations and barber shops supplied with literature. Clinton held charity concerts and raised over \$100.00, which was distributed among the sick and needy. They also sew one afternoon in each week for the poor, making up quilts and making over garments that have been sent. They always have a good attendance at these meetings.

*Kent*—Reports six Unions—Blenheim, Dresden, Chatham, Ridgetown, Thamesville and Wallaceburg; 175 active and 23 honorary members; 160 union and 19 public meetings held; three Bands of Hope, with 251 children; \$736.78 received; 20 members vote on municipal questions; 43 copies of the annual report taken; 25 Departments of work taken up. Wallaceburg and Dresden held a charity concert, and a large amount of work among the poor was done. Chatham gave 450 soldiers their dinner and tea on the 1st July, when the town was made a city. The Secretary adds: "The Union also did a little Flower Mission by having a little bouquet, tied, and a pin stuck through it, placed beside each plate. I am sure that these boys will never forget that there is such an organization as the W. C. T. U." Also petitioned for the removal of the license inspector, or that he be compelled to do his work. Thamesville has held mass meetings after Sunday evening services with good success. Blenheim put down a public pump, which is much appreciated and which brought the Union into a prominent position before the public. A Union has been organized at Walpole among the Indians, but as they did not affiliate we cannot report them. They are under the care of our Superintendent, have a membership of 24, and seem much pleased with the work.

*Lambton*—Reports eight Unions—Sarnia, Forest, Petrolia, Wyoming, Watford,

Alvinston, Copleston and Sombra ; 204 active and 52 honorary members ; 177 union and 14 public meetings held during the year ; six Bands of Hope, with 574 children ; total amount of money raised, \$418.46 ; 15 Departments of work taken up ; 33,176 pages of literature distributed ; 31 members vote on municipal matters ; 29 copies of annual report taken. Special work of Unions—Sarnia circulated petitions for prison reform and moral reform. Forest sent 18 comfort bags and 3 rolls of literature to sailors ; organized an anti-tobacco league ; kept a box at Lucan crossing supplied with literature ; had a booth on the fair grounds ; furnished their Union parlors, and had 3 parlor meetings. Petrolea circulated two petitions—the curfew bell, which is still under the consideration of their council, and one against Sunday street cars and trains in Ontario ; paid \$40.90 for the keep of a poor boy while attending the Lewis stammering school ; and interviewed the county council on building a poor house. Watford took special pains to make their Fair work attractive. Alvinston petitioned for a county poor house. Sombra petitioned for license reduction.

*Lanark*—Reports five Unions—Carleton Place, Lanark, Perth, Smith's Falls and Playfair ; 82 affiliated and 11 honorary members ; 60 union and 5 public meetings held during the year ; one Band of Hope, with 34 children ; total amount of money received, \$74.03 ; 3 members voting on municipal questions ; 18 copies of the annual report taken ; 17,000 pages of literature distributed ; 7 Departments of work taken up. Smith's Falls' special work was helping the poor and sick of the town.

*Leeds*—Has seven affiliated Unions—Athens, Brockville, Lansdowne, Lake Lake Eliada, Gananoque, Lyn and Delta ; 103 affiliated and 7 honorary members ; 142 union and 36 public meetings held during the year ; three Bands of Hope, number of children not given ; total amount of money received, \$1,597.54 ; 9 members vote on municipal questions ; 10 copies of the annual report taken ; 4,420 pages of literature distributed ; 14 Departments of work taken up. Special work—Athens held an essay contest and assisted the poor. Brockville circulated petitions for the curfew bell. Gananoque did special work for fewer licenses and for early closing.

*Lincoln*—Reports eight Unions—Campden, Beamsville, St. Catherines "Y," Homer, Grimsby, Rockaway, St. Catherines and St. Catherines Colored ; 131 paying and 22 honorary members ; 140 union and 25 public meetings held during the year ; three Bands of Hope, with 94 children ; total amount of money received, \$225.01 ; 9 members vote on municipal questions ; 36 copies of the annual report taken ; 8,721 pages of literature distributed ; 13 Departments of work carried on. Hospital visitation and supplying clothing for many destitute has been the special work of the Y. W. C. T. U. of St. Catherines. Comfort bags and scrap books were prepared and sent out by the Rockaway Union and Band of Hope. Grimsby secured the curfew bell and suppressed impure literature.

*Middlesex*—Reports ten Unions—Parkhill, London "Y," Strathroy, London, Woodgreen, Glencoe, Melbourne, Napier, Ilderton and Mt. Brydges ; 460 affiliated and 67 honorary members ; 224 union and 18 public meetings held during the year ; eight Bands of Hope, with 550 children ; total amount of money received, \$2,020.93 ; thirteen members voting on municipal affairs ; 58 copies of the annual report taken ; 15,400 pages of literature distributed ; 17 Departments of work taken up. Strathroy special work—curfew bell and relief of the poor. London petitioned for curfew bell, prisoners' aid and the better protection of women and children ; and, as special work,

acted in conjunction with other societies and succeeded in preventing Sunday street cars; co-operated with the Ministerial association in an effort to obtain earlier closing of stores on Saturday night, and expect to succeed; inaugurated a library for the use of the Union, which has proved to be a great success; opened two new Bands of Hope and a boys' club, all largely attended; distributed literature at military camp; made numerous improvements in the W. C. T. U. dining hall on the fair grounds; kept a constant lookout and slipped in a little aggressive work whenever opportunity opened, and kept up an educational line of work in every union meeting. Melbourne sent a boy to the hospital and paid expenses. Ilderton circulated petition to prevent more than one license in the village.

*Muskoka*—Reports two Unions—Huntsville and Katrine; 42 paying and 12 honorary members; 52 union and 21 public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$53.83; 9 copies of the annual report taken; 4,030 pages of literature distributed; 5 Departments of work taken up. Special work in Huntsville—fighting houses of ill-repute and impure literature.

*Norfolk*—Reports four Unions—Delhi, Port Dover, Port Rowan and Simcoe; 57 active and 4 honorary members; 1 public and 48 union meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope, with 40 children; total amount of money received, \$23.00; 10 members vote on municipal questions; 6 copies of the annual report taken; 4 Departments of work taken up. Delhi petitioned to lessen the number of licenses. Port Rowan were successful in taking away one license.

*Northumberland*—Reports three Unions—Campbellford, Warkworth and Cobourg; 52 affiliated and six honorary members; 50 union and 4 public meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope, with 120 children; total amount of money received, \$77.40; 7 members vote on municipal affairs; 7 copies of the annual report taken; 4,300 pages of literature distributed; 10 Departments of work taken up. Campbellford petitioned to reduce the number of licenses; and as special work, sent two boys to the orphans' home, and secured aid for an aged woman from the council. Warkworth, special—charitable work.

*Ontario*—Reports three Unions—Whitby, Prince Albert and Port Perry; 63 affiliated and 5 honorary members; 64 union and 8 public meetings held during the year; two Bands of Hope, with 126 children; total amount of money received, \$208.99; 10 members vote on municipal matters; 10 copies of the annual report taken; 2,500 pages of literature distributed; 11 Departments of work taken up. Special work in Whitby is the carrying on of a free reading room. Port Perry petitioned for the curfew bell, and Saturday early closing. Prince Albert did good work in charity, a very needy family receiving help while passing through severe sickness.

*Oxford*—Reports twelve Unions—Salford, Otterville, Verschoyle, Tilsonburg, Brownsville, Embro, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Springford, Norwich, Burgessville and Princeton; 244 active and 22 honorary members; 188 union and 34 public meetings held during the year; four Bands of Hope, with 252 children; total amount of money received, \$423.68; 34 members vote on municipal questions; 46 copies of the annual report taken; 23,080 pages of literature distributed; 16 Departments of work taken up. Tilsonburg's special work was in improving the hall in which meetings are held. Brownsville did charitable work in the hospital. Woodstock did special work in visiting the house of refuge and the jail. Ingersoll reports special

work in keeping the industrial school. Springfield special work—home mission, in the line of influencing women. Norwich contributed to doctor's bill of a sick family; assisted a family which had been burnt out, and did other charitable work; also contributed a sum to the Gold Cure club.

*Peterboro'*—Reports two Unions—Lakefield and Peterboro'; 30 active and 3 honorary members; 38 union and 3 public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$54.94; two members vote on municipal affairs; 14 copies of the annual report taken; 12 Departments of work taken up. Lakefield petitioned to reduce the number of hotel licenses and to prohibit the pool table; instituted the curfew bell, awarded prizes for temperance at the entrance examination. Peterboro's special is mission and charitable, having expended \$50.00 in the purchase of clothing, wood, goods, etc.

*Peel*—Reports two Unions—Port Credit and Brampton; 48 active and 2 honorary members; 38 union and 6 public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$158.94; 4 members vote on municipal matters; 15 copies of the annual report taken; 8 Departments of work taken up. Brampton erected a drinking fountain and did charitable work also.

*Perth*—Has five affiliated Unions—Stratford, Listowel, Mitchell, Staffa and St. Marys; 88 active members. We have reports from the two first named—38 union and 6 public meetings held during the year; total amount of money raised, \$90.74; 6 copies of the annual report taken; 4,000 pages of literature distributed; 3 Departments of work taken up. As special work Stratford canvassed for the refuge.

*Prescott*—Reports one Union—Vankleek Hill; 26 active and 3 honorary members; 12 union and 3 public meetings held during the year; total amount of money received, \$87.34; 6 members vote on municipal questions; 4 copies of the annual report taken, and 7 Departments of work taken up.

*Prince Edward*—Reports one Union—Picton; 15 active members; 1 public and 26 union meetings held during the year; one Band of Hope, with 175 children; 3 members vote on municipal questions; 12 copies of the annual report taken; 1,000 pages of literature distributed; 6 Departments of work taken up. Petitioned to have the hotels closed at 6 o'clock; held a mock parliament, and gave a reception to the school teachers, at which they had temperance addresses.

during the year; three Bands of Hope, with 288 children; total amount of money received, \$177.79; 14 members vote on municipal affairs; 17 copies of the annual report taken; 18 Departments of work taken up. Barrie circulated 2 petitions, and had successful parlor meetings. Collingwood as special work placed water taps and cups in the streets, and petitioned the license commissioner to refuse a license, which petition was granted. Alliston circulated petitions for Sabbath observance. Orillia has arranged to have lectures on the evil and waste of alcohol, delivered in the high school.

*Stormont*—Reports seven Unions—Newington, Moulinette, Cornwall, Wales, Aultsville, Osnabruck Centre and Avonmore; 126 active and 12 honorary members; 84 union and 8 public meetings held during the year; three Bands of Hope, with 398 children; total amount of money received, \$359.90; 17 members vote on municipal questions; 44 copies of the annual report taken; 2,000 pages of literature distributed; 17 Departments of work taken up. Moulinette special work—fighting hotel keepers and gambling dens. Cornwall special work—sent patients for treatment for alcohol and opium habit. Wales special work—stopped gambling at fairs. Aultsville petitioned for the reduction of licenses. Osnabruck Centre also petitioned for reduction, and were successful in cutting off one. This Union also supplied schools with the temperance text book, and know that this subject is taught in their schools. Avonmore did charitable work in several ways.

*Toronto*—Reports twelve Unions—Central, Western, Parkdale, Willard, Bathurst, Gordon, Dovercourt, Northern, Deer Park, Youmans, Central "Y" and Dovercourt "Y"; 333 active and 24 honorary members; 450 union and 22 public meetings held during the year; five Bands of Hope, with 544 children; total amount of money received, \$986.06; 35 members vote on municipal questions; 58 copies of the annual report taken; 48,643 pages of literature distributed; circulated 3 petitions, franchise, early closing of saloons and prison reform. Special work as follows:—Western introduced literature to Stanley barracks. Parkdale, mothers' meetings, blanket clubs and reading room. Willard assisted a poor family and had W. C. T. U. addresses in their churches. Bathurst, charitable work. Gordon, relief work. Dovercourt, reading room, gathering boys off the street; weekly gospel and mothers' meetings. Youmans, mothers' meetings. Central "Y's," flower mission, scientific temperance instruction, and anti-tobacco league.

prisoners' aid and Sabboth observance. Galt special work was mothers' meetings, sewing classes, and making comfort bags for lumbermen. Ayr petitioned for early closing of hotels.

*Welland*—Has two Unions—Welland and Niagara Falls, with 24 members; 1 public and 52 union meetings held during the year; 3 members vote on municipal affairs; 5 copies of the annual report taken; 8 Departments of work taken up; 500 pages of literature distributed. Special work in Welland—Work among colored people, prison and jail. Niagara Falls circulated two petitions, which were granted; one for the curfew, and the other, that the license fee for billiard rooms be not lowered.

*Wellington*—Reports seven Unions—Drayton, Arthur, Mount Forest, Harriston, Rockwood, Guelph and Glen Allan; 126 active and 17 honorary members; 106 union and 46 public meetings held during the year; three Bands of Hope, with 315 children; total amount of money received, \$285.86; 25 members vote on municipal questions; 19 copies of the annual report taken; 14,400 pages of literature distributed; 12 Departments of work taken up. Special work as follows: Drayton, helping the poor and caring for the sick. Mount Forest carried a vote to have two hotel licenses cut off.

*Wentworth*—Reports four Unions—Hamilton, Hamilton Central, Hamilton "Y's" and Dundas; 364 active and 33 honorary members; 142 union and 44 public meetings held during the year; 9 Bands of Hope, with 4,027 children; total amount of money received, \$2,484.45; 7 members vote on municipal affairs; 16 copies of the annual report taken; 244,800 pages of literature distributed; 16 Departments of work taken up. Hamilton circulated two petitions, social purity and franchise; special charity work—soup kitchen, etc.; one sewing school; had temperance taught with other duties. Hamilton Central special in evangelistic and franchise. Hamilton "Y's" special work has been among the children. Dundas offered medals to entrance pupils for the best results on the temperance examinations.

*York*—Reports eight Unions—Aurora, Newmarket, Toronto Junction, Woodbridge, Weston, Stouffville, Malvern and Richmond Hill; 89 active and 13 honorary members; 122 union and 64 public meetings held during the year; four Bands of Hope, with 340 children; total amount of money received, \$199.34; 18 members vote on municipal questions; 20 copies of the annual report taken; 16,800 pages of literature distributed; 12 Departments of work taken up. Aurora petitioned for the curfew bell and kept literature plentifully supplied at the railway station. Special work done by the Junction and Weston has been relieving the poor. Woodbridge circulated a petition to reduce the number of licenses, and did special work in flower and delicacy mission. Newmarket circulated two petitions, one to reduce the number of licenses and one for the early closing of stores on Saturday night, and were successful in obtaining the ringing of the curfew bell, which has worked admirably. Richmond Hill has made a strong effort to have the license laws enforced, results yet to be seen; also placed a destitute and neglected girl in the refuge.

## SUMMARY.

The foregoing gives the following summary:

Unions reported,	202
Active members,	4,801

Honorary members,	589
Union meetings,	3,236
Public meetings,	688
Bands of Hope,	88
Number of children,	10,028
Voting members,	380
Money received,	\$14,826.16
Copies of the annual report taken,	684
Pages of literature distributed,	506,119

## NEW UNIONS.

There were fifteen Unions organized during the year—Woodgreen, Sombra, Port Rowan, St. Williams, St. Elmo, Dovercourt "V," Kelvin, Nova, Russell, Springford, Glen Allan, Markdale, Auburn, Purple Valley and Torbolton.

## PERSONAL WORK.

During the year the Corresponding Secretary has written 381 letters, 321 post cards, and sent out 2,300 circular letters and printed forms.

Taken altogether we consider the report for the year most encouraging. While we may not have an increase of membership, we find a steady increase in interest and activity. We find the work in nearly every Department taken up, and, in many Unions, thoroughly done. Then it is pleasing to note the increase in charitable work; many Unions make this a specialty. Again we find our women on the alert to prevent new licenses being granted in their locality, and in several instances they have been successful in reducing the number already there. We do not hesitate to pronounce this year the most successful in work that it has been our privilege to report,

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

(MISS JENNIE MACARTHUR, Cornwall.)

## RECEIPTS.

## AFFILIATION FEES.

<i>Algoma—</i>			
Fort William .....	\$ 9 38		
Sault Ste. Marie.....	3 50		
			\$ 12 88
<i>Brant—</i>			
Brantford .....	13 35		
Burford .....	1 75		
Scotland .....	2 75		
St. George .....	3 50		
Paris .....	5 75		
			27 10
<i>Bruce—</i>			
Paisley .....	3 50		
Warton .....	2 50		
Lucknow .....	4 00		
Chesley .....	6 50		
Walkerton .....	6 00		
Mildmay .....	2 62		
Kincardine .....	2 26		
Teeswater .....	13 25		
Purple Valley .....	63		
			41 26
<i>Carleton—</i>			
Carp .....	9 00		
Kinburn .....	9 00		
Ottawa .....	8 00		
Ottawa "Y" .....	50 00		
Richmond .....	3 75		
Marathon .....	3 00		
Galetta .....	4 00		
Torbolton .....	3 00		
			89 75
<i>Dundas—</i>			
Iroquois .....	4 00		
			4 00
<i>Durham—</i>			
Port Hope .....	2 00		
Bowmanville .....	4 50		
Orono .....	3 00		
			9 50
<i>Essex—</i>			
Amherstburg .....	9 00		
Windsor .....	3 00		
Leamington .....	3 00		
Kingsville .....	4 25		
Essex .....	4 25		
			23 50
<i>Amount carried forward .....</i>			\$207 99

	<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$207 99	
<i>Elgin—</i>			
	Aylmer.....	\$ 4 50	
	St. Thomas.....	11 75	
	Vienna.....	2 00	
		<hr/>	18 25
<i>Glengarry—</i>			
	Lancaster.....	3 25	
	Martintown.....	3 00	
	Maxville.....	5 13	
	St. Elmo.....	1 35	
		<hr/>	12 73
<i>Grenville—</i>			
	Prescott.....	6 50	
	Spencerville.....	6 00	
	North Augusta.....	2 00	
		<hr/>	14 50
<i>Grey—</i>			
	Owen Sound.....	11 00	
	Meaford.....	2 00	
	Thornbury.....	2 25	
	Markdale.....	3 25	
		<hr/>	18 50
<i>Halton—</i>			
	Milton.....	5 00	
	Oakville.....	6 30	
		<hr/>	11 30
<i>Hastings—</i>			
	Belleville.....	16 25	
	Trenton.....	3 50	
		<hr/>	19 75
<i>Haldimand—</i>			
	Caledonia.....	11 00	
	Hagersville.....	3 35	
	Selkirk.....	1 75	
		<hr/>	16 10
<i>Huron—</i>			
	Clinton.....	4 00	
	Seaforth.....	5 75	
		<hr/>	75
<i>Kent—</i>			
	Blenheim.....	6 38	
	Chatham.....	9 25	
	Dresden.....	8 50	
	Ridgetown.....	6 88	
	Wallaceburg.....	6 25	
	Thamesville.....	8 25	
		<hr/>	45 51
<i>Lambton—</i>			
	Alvinston.....	5 75	
	Forest.....	9 62	
	Petrolia.....	10 00	
	Sarnia.....	7 25	
	Wyoming.....	5 00	
	Copleston.....	4 00	
	Watford.....	5 00	
		<hr/>	46 62
	<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$421 00	

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

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\$207 99

Amount brought forward.....\$421 00

*Lanark—*

Carleton Place.....	\$ 2 00
Lanark.....	3 00
Perth.....	3 50
Playfair.....	2 00
Smith's Falls.....	10 00

20 50

*Leeds—*

Athens.....	5 00
Brockville.....	8 50
I'elta.....	1 50
Gananoque.....	5 00
Lansdowne.....	2 75
Lake Eliada.....	1 75
Lyn.....	3 75

28 25

*Lincoln—*

Beamsville.....	2 50
Campden.....	4 75
Grimsbv.....	5 00
St. Catherines.....	7 00
St. Catherines "Y".....	9 38
Homer.....	2 75

31 38

*Muskoka—*

Huntsville.....	7 50
Katrine.....	3 00

10 50

*Middlesex—*

Glencoe.....	5 75
London.....	80 00
London "Y".....	3 00
Mt. Brydges.....	3 75
Napier.....	5 00
Parkhill.....	3 00
Strathroy.....	4 25
Melbourne.....	1 75
Ilderton.....	5 25
Woodgreen.....	2 25

114 00

*Norfolk—*

Delhi.....	3 00
Simcoe.....	3 25
Port Dover.....	4 00
Port Rowan.....	4 00

14 25

*Northumberland—*

Campbellford.....	3 00
Cobourg.....	3 25
Warkworth.....	6 75

13 00

*Ontario—*

Prince Albert.....	2 75
Port Perry.....	5 00
Whitby.....	8 00

15 75

Amount carried forward.....\$668 63

18 25

12 73

14 50

18 50

11 30

19 75

16 10

75

45 51

46 62

5421 00

	<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$668 63
<i>Oxford—</i>		
Burgessville .....	\$ 1 00	
Embro .....	2 25	
Ingersoll .....	10 00	
Norwich .....	6 50	
Princeton .....	2 25	
Tilsonburg .....	6 35	
Woodstock .....	8 37	
Brownsville .....	5 00	
Verschoyle .....	2 50	
Otterville .....	6 75	
Springford .....	2 25	
	<hr/>	53 22
<i>Perth—</i>		
Listowel .....	4 25	
Mitchell .....	4 25	
Stratford .....	2 00	
Staffa .....	3 60	
St. Marys .....	7 45	
	<hr/>	21 55
<i>Peterboro—</i>		
Lakefield .....	3 00	
Peterboro .....	4 50	
	<hr/>	7 50
<i>Prescott—</i>		
Vankleek Hill .....	6 50	
	<hr/>	6 50
<i>Prince Edward—</i>		
Picton .....	3 75	
	<hr/>	3 75
<i>Peel—</i>		
Brampton .....	8 50	
Port Credit .....	3 50	
	<hr/>	12 00
<i>Russell—</i>		
Russell .....	4 00	
	<hr/>	4 00
<i>Renfrew—</i>		
Arnprior .....	4 25	
Beechburg .....	1 00	
Greenwood .....	1 50	
Pembroke .....	8 25	
Renfrew .....	6 75	
Westmeath .....	2 25	
	<hr/>	24 00
<i>Simcoe—</i>		
Collingwood .....	6 75	
Barrie .....	5 00	
Gravenhurst .....	5 00	
Orillia .....	5 75	
Alliston .....	2 75	
	<hr/>	25 25
	<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$826 40

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

..\$668 63

Amount brought forward.....\$826 40

*Stormont—*

Aultsville.....	\$ 2 00	
Avonmore.....	2 00	
Cornwall.....	14 25	
Newington.....	2 75	
Moulinette.....	3 50	
Osnabruk.....	2 50	
Wales.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	30 00

*Toronto District—*

Central.....	18 00	
Central "Y".....	9 00	
Gordon.....	8 00	
Willard.....	7 25	
Bathurst.....	2 75	
Northern.....	14 00	
Dovercourt.....	3 00	
Parkdale.....	8 50	
Deer Park.....	3 50	
Western.....	5 00	
Youmans.....	3 25	
Dovercourt "Y".....	1 00	
	<hr/>	83 25

*Victoria—*

Lindsay.....	4 76	
	<hr/>	4 76

*Waterloo—*

Ayr.....	13 75	
Roseville.....	2 50	
Berlin.....	5 00	
Dumfries.....	2 75	
Galt.....	16 25	
Pine Grove.....	5 40	
Preston.....	11 50	
New Hamburg.....	2 75	
Waterloo.....	3 25	
Hespeler.....	3 75	
	<hr/>	66 00

*Welland—*

Niagara Falls.....	2 25	
Welland.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	5 25

*Wentworth—*

Dundas.....	3 25	
Hamilton.....	27 75	
Hamilton Central.....	40 00	
Hamilton Central "Y".....	16 50	
	<hr/>	87 50

*Wellington—*

Arthur.....	4 25	
Guelph.....	8 75	
Mount Forest.....	6 50	
Rockwood.....	2 00	
Harriston.....	2 25	
Drayton.....	1 25	
Glen Allan.....	3 25	
	<hr/>	28 25

Amount carried forward.....\$1132 31

25 25  
\$826 40

<i>Amount brought forward</i> .....	\$1132 31
<i>York—</i>	
Aurora .....	\$ 1 63
Newmarket .....	5 00
Toronto Junction .....	5 87
Woodbridge .....	1 25
Weston .....	4 00
Stouffville .....	3 00
Malvern .....	75
Richmond Hill '94 and '95.....	2 00
	23 50
Fees received after books closed last year.....	9 96
	\$1165 77
<i>Contributions towards World's and Dominion Missions—</i>	
Cornwall .....	2 00
Arnprior .....	1 00
Owen Sound.....	1 50
Gananoque .....	1 50
Milton .....	50
Petrolia .....	5 00
Napier .....	2 55
Toronto District .....	4 25
Galt .....	2 00
Ottawa.....	1 35
Grimsby.....	1 00
	22 65
<i>Contributions for Lumbermen's Work—</i>	
Orillia, Mildmay, Bowmanville, Homer, Campbellford, Caledonia, Mount Brydges, Warkworth, Copleston, Waterloo, Belleville, Weston, Berlin, Hespeler, Chesley, Port Hope, Almonte, Aultsville, Toronto Central, Sault Ste. Marie, Brantford, Campden, Beamsville, Mrs. Pringle, Rev. Mr. Read, Rev. Mr. Shaw, each \$1	26 00
Brownsville, Arnprior, Sarnia, Peterboro, Guelph, Graven- hurst, Vankleek Hill, Galt, Port Perry, Collingwood, Paisley, Dresden, Cornwall, Morrisburg, Avonmore, Pine Grove, Martintown, Barrie, Perth, Maxville, each \$2 .....	40 00
Newmarket, Carleton Place, Bethel, each \$3.....	9 00
Spencerville, Brockville, Athens, Norwich, Oakville, each \$4.....	20 00
Richmond, Ingersoll, Lancaster, Lyn, Prescott, Dumfries, Central, London, Parkdale, Renfrew, A. and P. White, each \$5 .....	50 00
Pembroke Lumber Company, Mrs. James Flock, each \$10.	20 00
Lake Eliada W. C. T. U.....	12 50
St. Catharines .....	1 75
Willard .....	2 90
Lyn.....	15
Lansdowne .....	65
Toronto Junction .....	1 32
Gananoque.....	4 60
Newington.....	1 30
Paris.....	1 10
German Church, Pembroke.....	75
<i>Amount carried forward</i> .....	\$1188 42

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

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Amount brought forward.....\$1188 42

Grimsby.....	\$ 50	
Methodist Church, Pembroke.....	4 19	
Mattawa.....	6 61	
Mrs. Hunter.....	3 19	
		206 51

Sundries—

Balance from last year.....	642 60	
Convention receipts.....	94 67	
Donation, Maxville Union.....	2 00	
Donation, Mrs. Pratt, Hamilton.....	17 36	
Life Membership Fee, Mr. J. Hale Ramsay.....	25 00	
Sale of annual report.....	116 55	
Advertisements in report.....	50 00	
Sales, Literature Department.....	180 25	
Dominion Union, 1st payment on literature stock.....	132 80	
Dominion Union, refund salary Literature Department, two months.....	16 67	
		1277 90

Total income.....\$2672 83

EXPENDITURES.

President—

Postage, telegrams, travelling expenses, etc.....	\$ 52 02	
Stenographer.....	100 00	
		\$ 152 02

Vice-President—

Postage.....	2 70	
		2 70

Corresponding Secretary—

Salary.....	100 00	
Postage and travelling expenses.....	21 40	
		121 40

Recording Secretary—

Postage and travelling expenses.....	20 50	
Incidental allowance.....	10 00	
		30 50

Treasurer—

Postage, P. O. orders, etc.....	11 10	
Travelling expenses.....	17 60	
Incidental allowance.....	10 00	
		38 70

County Presidents—

Mrs. Rodgers, Grey.....	3 25	
Mrs. Flagg, Perth.....	3 60	
Mrs. Livingstone, Oxford.....	5 00	
		11 85

Amount carried forward.....\$357 17

12 31

23 50

9 96

65 77

22 65

1188 42

Amount brought forward.....\$357 17

## Departments—

Miss Scott, "Literature," (salary).....	\$ 50 00
Miss Phelps, "Parliamentary Usage".....	2 00
Mrs. Livingstone, "Press".....	3 25
Mrs. Gordon, "Evangelistic".....	1 05
Mrs. Hilburn, "Fair".....	5 40
Mrs. Brownell, "Prison and Police".....	1 79
Mrs. Cole, "Narcotics".....	2 00
Mrs. Lucas, "Hygiene".....	1 50
Mrs. Morrison, "Railroad".....	2 30
Mrs. MacCallum, "Sabbath Observance".....	50
Mrs. Tennant, "Indian".....	60
Mrs. Spence, "Franchise".....	2 75
Miss Rea, "Y".....	21 57
Mrs. Wheeler, "Parlor Meetings".....	6 17
Mrs. Pratt, "Juvenile" (donated).....	17 36
Miss Anning, "Flower Mission".....	1 00
Mrs. McKee, "Curfew Bell".....	4 50
Mrs. Cavers, "Literature, Art, etc.".....	7 59
Mrs. Davis, "Sailor".....	1 30
Mrs. Bigelow, "Scientific Temperance".....	3 00
Lumbermen's—	
Salary, Messrs. Bromley & Deachman.....	\$140 00
Travelling expenses.....	55 80
Services at Warren.....	29 20
Postage, etc., Mrs. Hunter.....	4 25
	<u>229 25</u>

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## Sundries—

Accounts paid after books closed last year.....	8 75
Convention expenses.....	108 76
Miss Cosford, preparing annual report.....	20 00
Advertiser Printing Company, printing report.....	216 00
Printing for Executive.....	88 10
Postage and express on reports and circulars.....	17 26
Directory in "Woman's Journal".....	15 00
Typewriter and supplies, Reid Bros., London.....	132 70
Dominion Union, collections World's and Dominion Missions.....	22 65
Brockville "Y" fee credited but not received.....	3 00
Treasurer's expenses to Ottawa, <i>re</i> Literature Department..	6 60
Literature Department for stock.....	180 25
Affiliation fee, Dominion Union.....	233 15
	<u>1,052 22</u>

Total expenditure.....\$1,774 27

## STATEMENT.

Total income.....	\$2,672 83
Total expenses.....	<u>1,774 27</u>
Balance on hand.....	\$898 56

Audited and found correct.

M. BINNIE CREWSON, Auditor.

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

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AFFILIATION FEES RECEIVED SINCE BOOKS CLOSED.

Teeswater (additional) .....	\$1 75	
Ottawa (additional) .....	5 00	
		\$ 6 75

ACCOUNTS PAID SINCE BOOKS CLOSED.

Mrs. Stonehouse, Peel, expenses 5 years .....	5 00	
Mrs. Hutcheson, Muskoka .....	3 55	
		8 55

CONVENTION FINANCES.

*Expenses—*

General officers .....	38 75	
Express, postage and telegrams .....	3 08	
Advertising, (Hamilton) .....	9 00	
Knox Church, " .....	25 00	
Caretaker " " .....	5 00	
Centenary Church .....	20 00	
Mrs. Boole .....	25 00	
		125 83

*Receipts—*

Reports sold .....	1 35	
Collection, Knox Church .....	40 06	
Collection, Centenary Church .....	41 78	
		83 19

Balance .....

\$42 64

JENNIE MACARTHUR,  
Treasurer.

3357 17

364 88

1,052 22

1,774 27

2,672 83

1,774 27

\$898 56

## REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

## EVANGELISTIC.

(MRS. GORDON, Superintendent.)

Our earnest Superintendent writes me that unless the gospel of our blessed Lord is the foundation of all our work, it will be but "wood, hay, and stubble."

*Algoma*—Distributed 2,000 packages of literature; observed the day of prayer for the World's W. C. T. U.; one mass meeting; next year hope to have a better report.

*Brant*—Six months work very encouraging. Brantford held 32 gospel meetings; gave 36 free breakfasts to poor men, which were followed by a gospel and testimony meeting; 6 cottage meetings in the worst part of the city. Other Unions report mothers' meetings, jail visited, poor fed and clothed, gospel meetings, special services held by the ministers, literature distributed; but best of all are praising the Master for many who have been converted, some great drunkards who are now able to testify for God.

*Bruce*—Twenty-five gospel meetings addressed by clergymen and laymen, and attended by many who formerly took no interest in temperance work. In one place holding these meetings after the Sunday evening church service. Have monthly prayer meetings and monthly meetings in the jail. The latter are very touching and sad, but yet a pleasure, because following in the footsteps of our Divine Master, "who went about doing good," the friend of publicans and sinners. At these visits literature is always distributed. They find some of the prisoners hard and indifferent, others are deeply moved.

*Carleton*—No Superintendent last year, but one just appointed; only one report, and that from Ottawa; at devotional meetings use the bible reading leaflets with much profit; during the week of prayer held public bible readings in connection with the Y. W. C. A., most of the work carried on by a bible reader who has made during the year about 770 visits. The extent of this work can in no way be conveyed on paper, but only understood by the Lord himself. Messages of love have been carried to discouraged ones, assurances of the power of God to deliver from the bondage and slavery of sin, and the needs of the sick supplied in these visits. As to results, if some poor brother or sister has been helped, to Him who is the best judge be all the glory.

*Durham*—Superintendent says that very little has been done this year. Reports over 100 visits to the sick.

*Grenville*—Visited and prayed in the homes of drunkards; one temperance sermon preached; expect to have mothers' meetings and be fully organized next year.

*Grey*—The Superintendent has been laid aside, but the work not neglected. Jail visited, and letters written to jail and hospital at Christmas: provided a library for latter.

*Haldimand*—The faithful Superintendent regrets that, owing to illness, she has not been able to accomplish her heart's desire in this branch. Reports good monthly Union prayer meeting; a fine address from a lady mission worker from Scotland; had six bible readings, audience secured by personal invitation; temperance sermons preached; distributed much literature, both in the county and when travelling by train; a series of meetings by Mrs. Barney, which were much blessed.

*Kent*—Principal work was visiting hospital and jail, and relieving the poor. In the hospital, 394 leaflets were distributed and regular services held, which were much owned of God, and enjoyed by the shut-in ones. Perhaps the most precious of these services were held among the children, many of whom were happy in Jesus. Held 21 meetings in the jail, the prisoners joining in song; prayed separately with 127 prisoners, they were often moved to tears, the Spirit working powerfully; homes visited, and much personal work done with the unsaved, to lead them to "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world;" gave to the poor bread, flour, beef, chickens, milk, fruit, honey, wood, quilts, new and cast-off clothing; supplied changes of clothing for the orphans, and cared for them three days; also boarded a number of orphan girls for two weeks, "Inasmuch," etc. One member gave an evening's entertainment, in her own home, to young men who had no one to care for them spiritually.

*Lanark*—In one Union, to increase the membership a noon prayer meeting was held, which resulted in an increase of 50 members. Oh, the power of prayer! Bible leaflets always used, and a prayer service before and after the business meeting, all members taking part in some way. Weekly services held in the jail; the kindness of the ladies won the heart of a very hardened criminal; are now praying for his conversion. Old people are in the majority in this jail, and have been cheered by the visits of the ladies, remarking that the only hand clasp they receive is from the members of the W. C. T. U. Relieving the poor, and an address from Dr. Anna Shaw, concludes this report.

*Lambton*—The Superintendent is intensely interested, and glad of the privilege of bringing the religion of Jesus to those who know Him not. Reports literature distributed, jail visited, gospel and prayer meetings, mothers' meetings, open air gospel meetings, a new year's day public prayer meeting for teachers and "modellites," besides the monthly devotional meeting of the Union. Have supplied the needy, visited the sick and shut-in ones and comforted the bereaved; paid for the board, clothing, and care of a poor stammering boy; tuition given free through the influence of the Union.

*Lincoln*—Grimsby, only Union with Local Superintendent, but all have earnest, consecrated workers. Hold Sunday afternoon public meetings; cottage meetings; are arranging for mothers' meetings to be held in the houses of the poor. A new idea is a birthday book in charge of one person, who registers all the births of the children of the members. These names are read at the meetings, and continual prayer made for the little ones.

*Middlesex*—The work of this county is both varied and aggressive. Cottage prayer meetings, mothers' meetings, special sermons by the ministers, Sunday afternoon

prayer meetings in the different churches, the latter with the assistance of the Royal Templars, have been held and well attended. London Union made 337 visits among the sick and needy; relieved 48 families; dispensed clothing, shoes, provisions, canned fruit, made quilts, etc., money for which was obtained by donations and a charity concert, in all amounting to \$88.27; disposed of \$25.90 worth of aprons, for the wife of a disabled minister; distributed 2,794 pages of literature, trusting that though results are not often seen, these silent messengers may be used of Him; fruit and flowers were sent to the hospital during small-pox epidemic.

*Oxford*—The Superintendent has not heard from all the Unions, but adds that the work done has been on the line of gospel temperance meetings, and have found that an excellent way of keeping the work before the clergymen and church members. At these gatherings one member of the Union would speak on Unfermented Wine, another on Sabbath Observance, occasionally a Flower Mission Sunday thus bringing the work before the public.

*Peterboro*—Distributed 2,000 packages of literature; pastors preached temperance sermons; gave 137 cards to a Sunday school, besides hymn books.

*Prince Edward*—In Picton, Sunday afternoon meetings, assisted by the Royal Templars. Hope to do more in the future.

*Renfrew*—The Superintendent regrets more has not been done, she would like Evangelistic work to get first attention. Special services were held in Pembroke with good results. Arnprior reports 20 meetings, 34 sick calls, and tracts distributed at mothers' meetings.

*Simcoe*—Superintendent but lately appointed. Barrie ladies have regularly visited the jail and hospital. From this county the old cry is going out, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." First Sabbath of every month hold temperance meetings, when we try to give "king" alcohol and tobacco their death blow as far as we can. At the meetings get signers for the pledge, and scatter literature. A new idea is to keep the pledge hanging on an office wall; in one week they obtained eighteen voluntary signatures. Organized a Sunday school with great success; prizes and a treat of candy given the children; hope to make it self-sustaining this year. Jail visited; held gospel and prayer meetings; helped the poor and sick; have had a week of special services, great good done, and are arranging for two weeks' meetings this winter. At Stayner, the Superintendent has led open air gospel meetings in August and September on a dancing platform opposite an hotel. This spot was a rendezvous for those who drink and carouse, making the Sabbath a gala day. Sometimes there were more than one hundred carriages in this grove from all parts of the country. Crowds came to the meeting, and God blessed abundantly the effort. At the close of the season the residents met the Superintendent and requested her to continue the services, offering her a building for the purpose, but she was unable to accept the offer. Reports also numerous visits, God having given her access into the hearts and homes of all classes, from the lowest hotels up to the best homes. The half has not been told. The Spirit rings like a trumpet, "Go work to-day in my vineyard." Services in the jail concludes this wonderful report.

*Stormont*—The County Secretary writes they have had 9 public meetings, with good results; a good way to get new members; intend doing more next year.

*Toronto*—The Superintendent says, "human love may do much for the inebriate, but there is nothing that can truly save him but the power of Jesus, and the renewing influence of the Holy Spirit." To deepen the lives of the Union members, devotional meetings are held once a month, for these a printed programme was prepared, giving the subject and names of those taking part. One of these meetings was held at Mrs. Youman's house on her birthday, when the usual presentation of fruit and flowers was made. At subsequent meetings the subjects of prayer and conference were Sabbath Observance; our Young People, especially soldiers and students; our Sunday Schools; the Power of Consecrated Motherhood, and Rescue Work. A week's special meetings addressed by Mrs. Barney, consisting of Bible readings in the afternoon and gospel temperance meetings in the evening. A new departure was addresses given at the church prayer meetings, Methodist and Presbyterian; mothers' meetings, where quilts were patched, pledge signed, and a cup of tea given; spent in connection with these meetings \$48.00. About 2,000 pages of literature sent to fire halls, also 500 leaflets of Mrs. Barney's, "The Man Who Died for Us"; have rented a shop for Gospel meetings; have a boys' reading room and place for meetings; hospital visited; Christmas dinners given to the poor; many mothers addicted to drink have been saved, and have been the means of saving their husbands. (Owing to want of time and space only a summary of this great work can be given Provincial Superintendent.)

*Waterloo*—The Superintendent has endeavored to let the needs of the locality suggest the kind of work. Ten of the Unions have an Evangelistic Department and keep it before their minds as the foundation of all service. On account of date of annual meeting can only report four months' work; will alter this next year. Cottage prayer meetings held; house of refuge and jail visited. Mrs. Barney held a series of meetings which were much appreciated. At Berlin, a commodious chapel at the house of refuge has been erected, after eleven years of toil.

*Welland*—The mission for colored people still carried on and increasing in attendance and interest. The services are conducted by the clergymen, and a colored minister, who takes for his salary the collections, which vary from \$1.00 to \$1.50. The colored people always insist upon a collection, and if ever omitted they crowd around the sacred desk and put their money on the plate. Some come from a distance of four to eight miles, saying they are very glad there is a colored church to come to. Services in the industrial home every Sunday, and the inmates supplied with books and papers.

*Wellington*—The report of the work, although small, is presented with grateful hearts, believing that our Father has blessed. Cottage prayer meetings, 15 mothers' meetings; literature distributed in police court, barbers' shops, etc.; visited families in trouble because of the drink curse; and held mass meetings in the city hall on Sunday afternoons. Supplied the fire brigade, during the winter, with coffee in time of fires; the jail visited, at least one young man brought to Jesus, who after a lapse of time still remains faithful, pray for him; books also obtained to renew the jail library, which was placed there by the Union about three years ago.

*Wentworth*—Hamilton Central has two Bible women, who visit, and have under their care, 200 poor families; hold 3 mothers' meetings weekly, in different parts of the city, their families are helped both physically and spiritually. In connection with

the mothers' meetings, have coal club days, good's clubs, savings bank and lending library. Meetings held weekly in their homes; Sunday evening gospel meetings in club rooms; organized from the mothers' meeting an Auxiliary W. C. T. U. of consecrated mothers. The women having stood for years are now privileged to wear the white ribbon, take part in cottage meetings, visit inebriate neighbors. This Auxiliary meets at the house of the Superintendent once a month for conference, consecration service, and a cup of tea. Have a mothers' annual tea; 400 mothers and their husbands present, this held for the past ten years; soup kitchen during the winter; a new work, called "The Mothers' Exchange," at which needy women are given sewing two afternoons a week, paying them for their work, the Union selling it again; also taking orders for other work. This helps them to be independent of charity. The hospital visited; delicacies and necessities provided, also literature distributed; a meeting in the jail, at which every case taken in hand has reformed; find places for prisoners, and visit them. The Superintendent remarks, "Evangelistic Work is our stronghold."

## PERSONAL.

Your Superintendent has written 24 letters and 35 post cards in the interest of this Department.

May the power of the Holy Ghost rest upon all of our dear workers.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

(MRS. MACALLUM, Superintendent.)

This Department of the W. C. T. U. work is based on the requirements of God, given us in the fourth commandment, and is recognized as binding in its obligations on all Christian people.

The observance of it was made one of the conditions of success and prosperity to the Jewish nation, Isaiah, lviii. 13, 14. We see the truth of this illustrated in the case of the nations that have thrown off the restraints of God's law in this respect and have said, "No Sabbath for us." Those nations are not reckoned among the great nations of to-day.

If our own land is to be prosperous we must hallow her Sabbaths in the homes first, then all the way up to her legislative halls.

Last spring a great danger threatened us in this line. Companies asked of the Ontario Government, charters for the running of electric cars on Sunday. To meet this emergency, a circular was issued by our Provincial President to protest against government granting said charters.

Every Union received this circular, and fifty-eight of them wrote subsequently stating that they had complied with its request, and many more must have done so as the papers reported that their petitions and protests came in by the thousand.

Some Unions held public protest meetings; others circulated petitions and obtained many signatures; others got the local ministers to preach sermons; and many induced churches and other societies to join with them in this effort for a sacred day.

The happy result of all this effort has been that "no charters are allowed to companies to run cars on Sunday only where it is absolutely necessary."

Another danger is threatening our Sabbath at the present time. Vessel owners and forwarders are petitioning the Dominion Government to keep the canals open on Sunday in future so as to facilitate business.

The following is the work reported:

*Brant*—No knowledge of any work done, with the exception that in Brantford a Lord's Day Alliance has been formed, in which they hope to find something to do.

*Carleton*—No Superintendent of this Department until the recent county convention, when one was appointed.

*Durham*—Bowmanville held two special meetings, at which the resident ministers were present. Letters of protest were sent to the government, both by the Union and ministers, that charters be not granted for the running of electric cars on Sunday. Have also seen that window shades of hotels were properly adjusted, and lawful hours for closing regarded.

*Glengarry*—Meetings for prayer on the electric car question were held by some of the Unions, and protests sent to our members of parliament, requesting that charters be not granted to companies for traffic on Sunday.

*Grey*—The Unions of this county sent letters of protest to parliament against giving charters to companies for running street cars on Sunday. Meaford Union has pledged itself to do its shopping early on Saturday, and use its influence to have others do the same.

*Lambton*—Sarnia reports no Superintendent of this Department, but an effort was made to stop Sunday excursions, the mayor was waited upon, and a lawyer consulted, but nothing could be done. Alvinston and Wyoming, no work done. Forest has a Superintendent; members of the Union pledged to do no shopping on Saturday nights. Watford reports having united this Department with the Evangelists under one Superintendent; an oversight is kept on hotels and barber shops; although we feel sure liquor is sold on Sundays are powerless to stop it. Petrolia requested each of the ministers to preach a sermon on the subject; had some success in early closing on Saturday evenings; had the young peoples' societies of the town pledge themselves to aid in the work; also petitioned parliament against the running of electric cars on Sunday.

*Lincoln*—Grimsby and Rockway Unions circulated petitions on Sabbath Observance. Homer Union aided St. Catherine's in closing open selling (outside the city limits) of ice cream and liquor on Sabbath.

*Middlesex*—Corresponding Secretary reports work done in London as follows: Last spring the Union, in conjunction with the Y. M. C. A. and Ministerial Association, held meetings and made a strong protest, which resulted in the prevention of a clause in the electric street car charter to permit traffic on the Lord's day. Also a determined effort was made to prevent the admission of the Sunday clause in the

provincial Bill ; and by personal interviews and letters helped to secure the rejection of the proposed local option section, whereby each municipality was to determine for itself the question of cars or no cars on the Sabbath day.

*Ontario*—Prince Albert sent protests to parliament against running of electric cars on Sunday.

*Oxford*—Woodstock has circulated petitions to the Presbyterian Synod and to the Ontario Legislature for Sabbath Observance. Tilsonburg reports work done but does not specify.

*Stormont*—Cornwall reports having drawn attention of Lord's Day Alliance to the need of better enforcement of the law ; also joined with that body in petitioning parliament not to grant privilege of running electric cars on Sunday. Moulinette succeeded in convicting and fining a butcher who slaughtered animals on the Sabbath ; tried hard to convict an hotel keeper who sold liquor on Sunday, but failed in the attempt.

*Toronto*—Reports one meeting held, presided over by one of the two Superintendents of this Department, while a paper on Sabbath Observance, prepared by the other (who was confined to her home by illness), was read by a friend. Literature on the subject was freely distributed, and a resolution was carried, at district annual meeting, condemning the running of boats to the island ; the sale of cigars in drug stores and other places, on the Lord's day ; late, unnecessary shopping on Saturday afternoons, and commending the action of many employers who close their places of business on Saturdays.

*Wentworth*—Hamilton has just appointed a Superintendent of this Department, and contributed five dollars to the funds of Lord's Day Alliance, of the city.

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## HYGIENE, HEREDITY AND SOCIAL PURITY.

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

The annual call to convention reminds us of how difficult a thing it is to keep up with Father Time, who, though he never quickens his pace, somehow is always getting ahead of us. Perhaps it is because he never pauses to look back at the way he has come, while we must needs do so, even though it retards our progress and causes us many a pang.

I once heard of a man who refused to attend church, on the ground that if he did not listen to the gospel he could not be held responsible for its teachings, and it sometimes appears to me *that* is the position many of our women have taken with regard to the Department of Hygiene, Heredity and Social Purity. Let me remind you of the fact that we shall be held responsible, not only for what we *know* but for what we *might have known*. We should not complain that increased light begets in-

creased responsibility, but rather rejoice that the light has been given us to show us the wondrous possibilities we possess for enriching and ennobling the race. The more we study the problems of the age, the more is the conviction forced upon us that the hope of the world lies not so much in reformation as in *right* formation. And we cannot estimate the magnitude and importance of the work of the mother, whose high and holy privilege it is to give direction and trend of character to her little ones. While there is no work on earth of higher import, it is an unfortunate fact that motherhood is the only responsible position for which some special preparation is not demanded.

We are glad to note that the Lassell School for girls has decided on a line of study to be known as Physiological Psychology, which aims at giving a thorough training for those duties. We wish some such teaching might be given in all our girls' schools.

Nor should the culture and training of the boys be neglected. Our sentiments may be all right, but sentiment is worthless, until crystalized into words and actions. Our boys *must* be convinced of the danger of sowing wild oats; and there is no one better able to do this than the wise parent. No doubt the books they read, and the company they keep, have much to do with the saving or wrecking of their lives, and if we do not *give* them what is *elevating*, they will *find* what is *degrading*. The association of the young people of both sexes is highly beneficial, so long as our girls are taught to be modest and discreet, and the young men understand that they enjoy the privilege on the one condition that they avoid for all time the society of the depraved woman. Let us emphasize the truth that many people seem to forget, that there cannot be any *fallen women* unless there are *fallen men*,—and that there are *ten* of the latter for every *one* of the former, and we believe the ratio will not be altered until society brands and ostracises the libertine as well as his victim.

Just now I want to give you one of the resolutions presented to the World's W. C. T. U. Convention, by Miss Willard: "Resolved, that we call public attention to the fact that the desire and purpose of women as a class to retain their personal independence and purity of life is evinced by the hardships under which they persevere in earning their bread honorably, when the temptation meets them at every turn to secure it without labor at the cost of personal purity, and this has been so always."

We believe the above to be true, and yet we are confronted with the awful fact that thousands every year go down into this whirlpool of destruction. We say it is sad, unutterably sad, but do we realize that we are in any measure responsible for such a condition of things?

Allow me to remind you that our responsibility is in proportion to our ability to remedy it, and anything that affects the weal or woe of society concerns us.

We cannot ignore the hordes of neglected children that fill our streets, who, if left to their vicious propensities and evil influences, will go to swell the ranks of our criminal classes. In 1893, there were, in the city of Liverpool, two thousand three hundred and seventy-eight children and youths under eighteen taken up *dead drunk* in the streets. How many of those, think you, will become respectable citizens? We dare not sit with folded arms. We must work for the destruction of the saloon, the repeal of milked laws, for the protection of our homes, and for a higher, purer, nobler civilization.

Among the descendants of one neglected girl has been counted hundreds of cases of crime and disgrace. Consider what it would have meant to sweeten the waters of that bitter fountain. Consider that in coming years there may be those thus cursed through our sins of omission, and, perhaps, the reproachful words of the Master, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to the least of these, ye did it not to Me," may be addressed to us, because far, far back *we* failed to do some preventive work to teach the ignorant boy, or check the wayward girl, whose sins, long after our time, have descended upon these in disease or crime. Let us pray for a wise and understanding heart; then, "though the task our hearts appall," go forward determined that victory shall not be delayed by any indifference or negligence of ours.

"Tis not the wrong will always thrive,  
Nor those who love dishonest gain;  
Right is the fittest to survive,  
And being fittest, right shall reign.

"The battle may be fierce and long,  
But right will triumph in the end;  
The laws that govern right are strong,  
And might will one day right defend.

"And when right hath the battle won,  
'Twill then be known  
That might and right and God are one."

In December, I sent out my circular letter urging the claims of the Department, and giving a list of subjects suitable for study or discussion either in the regular or in mothers' meetings. I think every Union in the Province received one of these circulars.

I have heard from nine out of the two hundred and thirty—two acknowledged the receipt of my letter, one (St. Elmo) asked for more definite instructions, one said they could not attend to it as they had decided on some *practical* work, and one had (very properly) handed it to Superintendent of mothers' meetings.

I have received four reports, one from the city of London, the others from counties of Bruce, Oxford and Grey.

Dr. Jamieson, London, reports two meetings held in the interest of the Department. At one, hygienic dress was discussed; and at the other, papers on the training of children were read and discussed.

Mrs. Reid, Superintendent of Bruce, reports her work as follows: "In the early part of the year I wrote every Union in the county, urging the importance of the work, and sending, with my letters, leaflets on the work. I received replies from only three—one has appointed a Superintendent, the other two could do nothing. Our own Union (Teeswater) devoted one mothers' meeting to the subject, papers being read and discussed and afterward printed in the local newspaper. Literature was also distributed. I hear that Walkerton has lately appointed a Superintendent, and that literature was placed by her in the hands of every lay member of the several churches."

Miss Polden, Superintendent of Oxford, writes: "I regret that I can only give an imperfect report, as I have only heard from five of our Unions. Salford has no Superintendent, but one of the members has given talks on Hygiene to the Band of Hope children. Otterville has a Superintendent; papers have been read at parlor meetings,

and talks given in Band of Hope. Woodstock has a Superintendent; a number of papers have been given, followed by discussion; several addresses and sermons. Norwich has a Superintendent; papers have been read in the Union, and both original and selected articles have been inserted in W. C. T. U. column of local paper. Talks have been given in Bands of Hope; ministers have acceded to the request of the ladies, and have given prominence to the subject of social purity in their sermons; and the co-operation of the teachers has been sought to prevent immorality among the pupils in the public schools."

That may be an imperfect report, but I wish we had forty others as good. I do not like to think that the work reported to me is *all* that has been done in the province this year. Perhaps it is only a fraction of it, but, whatever may have been done, I feel sure there is need for more; so let me urge you to do all you can, and then, for our mutual encouragement, let us know of it.

This morning, I gleaned the following facts from the Vice-President of the county of Grey. A large quantity of literature was ordered from Miss Scott and distributed at the Union. Special meetings for mothers held in Owen Sound. A paper prepared for and discussed there was so good it was sent all over the county to be read at Union meetings. Vice-President also prepared a paper and wrote to each Union.

## SUGGESTIONS.

1st. That as Superintendents we help one another. The work of many of the Departments so overlap, or interweave each other, that as we try to push our own we can very often help another.

2nd. Talk more about our work to those outside our ranks. Endeavor to persuade our friends, particularly young mothers, to pay more attention to hygienic cooking, and dress, and training of the children.

3rd. Endeavor to arouse more interest in the neglected and criminal classes, and in this connection a little leaflet entitled, "Facts About Child-Saving Work in Ontario," published by J. J. Kelso, will be found just the thing to distribute among the Unions.

4th. That we utilize our local newspapers in advancing the work of this Department. We must be assiduous in preparing the way for a better state of things by the purifying of our social institutions and calling attention to these important matters.

5th. That the Unions make use of the *Templar* in forwarding the work of Social Purity. If all the copies in the neighborhood could be gathered up the Superintendent would be doing a good work by distributing them in the pool rooms, barber shops and other places where men resort.

Finally, let us pray more for ourselves, for each other, and for our work.

## PURITY IN LITERATURE, ART AND FASHION.

(MRS. JAS. R. CAVERS, Superintendent.)

It is with pleasure that we report progress in the work of this Department, an increased interest shown by letters from our workers all over the province, which we trust will continue until an aroused people will demand legislation which shall prevent our country from being flooded with the vile products of debased writers. A recent article in the *Union Signal* says, "This craze for the sensational is our great American excrescence. It has developed from our fast age."

The blame for the production of pernicious books cannot be laid wholly at one door, for just as a member of the bar says, "If there were no rascally clients there would be no rascally lawyers;" so the literary minded will say, "If there were no cravers of the immodest there would be no purveyors." A news agent being asked why he kept this class of books, replied, "People won't buy the high-toned style. They want the kind that has the 'snap' in 'em." Go to the public library and see how its frequenters pass by the great daily newspapers, and eagerly direct their steps towards the weekly that contains only the salacious. The other papers are crisp and clean, but this is always finger marked and torn.

Parents cannot be too careful as to the selection of books and periodicals which they place upon the home reading table. Because a book is well advertised and talked about, it is no criterion of its fitness to be placed in the hands of young people; every bit of reading matter, even though it come from a Sunday school library, should be examined by the father or mother. Anyone can recall in his own experience the effect which the reading of novels has had directly upon his thought and conduct. How important it is then that the greatest care should be exercised in providing pure, wholesome reading both in the home and Sunday school and public library. Books which will show our young people that a high standard of manhood and womanhood is the only condition which will make them happy, and themselves a blessing to those around. Were a bonfire made of a considerable portion of the books in our Sunday school libraries they would light the world better in that way than in any other.

The daily and weekly newspapers, as they come into our homes, are too often the bearers of moral poison, in the form of advertisements, particularly those of the Erie Medical Co., with their disgusting and suggestive prints; and even the *Toronto Globe*, *Mail*, and *Empire* belittle themselves by reproducing them.

In March, a letter was sent to every Union, with a list of prohibited papers. A number of replies were received, and not a few copies of prohibited or objectionable papers forwarded to us.

Nine County Superintendents have been appointed, an increase of two; and twenty-five Local Superintendents, some of whom are very vigilant. We trust that next year will see a large increase in their number.

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tendent with regard to prohibited papers. *Hearth and Home* and *Vickery's Fireside Visitor* have been removed from the prohibited list, the proprietors having promised to remove all the objectionable advertisements.

We have had the privilege of addressing several county conventions beside local Unions on this subject.

In reply to questions sent to Unions for annual report, 102 answers were received. While some have done no definite work in this Department, yet the members are interested and will act when the need arises. There have been written, 50 letters and 75 postal cards; 316 circular letters and 300 question blanks sent out.

*Brant*—Paris had six books removed from reading room. St. George supplied papers for barbers' shops.

*Bruce*—Kincardiné supplied *Northern Messenger* for barbers' shops. Teeswater had an address on the subject; are keeping watch for objectionable papers; some were sold on streets, but have been stopped; supplied barbers' shops with copies of *Home Guard* and *Camp Fire*. Walkerton has distributed literature on the subject, and kept a look out for anything objectionable.

*Glengarry*—Maxville has watched the postoffice for prohibited papers; also for writing on walls, etc; held mothers' meetings on the subject.

*Grey*—Owen Sound distributed leaflets; one session devoted to it; a number of American Sunday papers come by express and are sold on the streets; sent list of prohibited papers to the chief of police, and called attention to their sale on the streets; also at Ministerial Association, but no action was taken. Meaford distributed leaflets, and discussed the subject at School of Methods.

*Lambton*—Petrolca had some objectionable pictures removed; supplies barbers' shops with literature. Alvinston circulated 1,000 pages of literature.

*Leeds*—Ganarioque found a few prohibited papers were sold on streets; gave postmaster a list with a request not to give out any of these papers; have sent papers to barbers' shops and livery stables, but not regularly.

*Middlesex*—Mt. Brydges supplied barbers' shops with literature. Strathroy has done the same.

*Norfolk*—Salford complained of impure books and papers coming through the mails.

*Ontario*—Prince Albert sent list of prohibited papers to postmaster.

*Oxford*—Norwich prevented obscene placards on the streets.

*Peterboro*—Peterboro objected to some show bills and waited on council.

*Renfrew*—Arnprior found out the number of prohibited papers passing through the mails were twenty-five.

*Stormont*—Moulinette visited storekeeper who sold cigarettes on which are immoral pictures and warned him.

*Waterloo*—Waterloo stopped sale of prohibited papers on the streets. Galt supplied eighteen copies of *Sabbath Reading* to barbers' shops.

## SUGGESTIONS.

That the Provincial officers ascertain whether the present clauses in the Criminal Act, *re* obscene literature, would apply to the quack advertisements already referred to, and others of a similar nature. If not, that they with the Dominion Superintendent endeavor to bring sufficient pressure to bear upon the government to induce them to have it so arranged.

That we make it our business to see that the walls of out-buildings, fences, etc., in connection with our churches and other public places, be kept free from the indecent writing which is so prevalent, and that Unions endeavor to secure the passage of a by-law making such an indictable offence in municipalities where it has not already been done.

That the suggestions given in our last circular letter be still part of our plan of work in this Department for the ensuing year.

## PRISONS AND POLICE.

(MRS. BROWNELL, Superintendent.)

In January last, in response to a request from the Prisoners' Aid Association, circulars were addressed to each County President in Ontario, and blank petitions sent addressed to the county councils, with reference to the establishment of county houses of industry, and with reference to the necessity for the better classification of prisoners in the county jails. In a number of counties these petitions were well circulated by the members of the W. C. T. U., and on account of these petitions, and also on account of deputations waiting on county councillors in many of the counties, committees were appointed to confer with the Prisoners' Aid Association on the subject of petitions.

The reforms asked for were as follows :

1. For each county to either establish a county house of refuge, or to unite with one or more counties in establishing a district work house.
2. To make efficient provision in the county jails for the absolute separation of the young and comparatively innocent, from old offenders.
3. To provide the prisoners every working day with industrial employment.
4. To keep the jail supplied with good books.
5. To keep a small sum of money in the hands of the jailor to give temporary aid to the discharged prisoners.
6. A small annual grant in aid of county prisoners on being discharged from the Central prison or the Mercer reformatory, of Toronto.

At the solicitation of the Prisoners' Aid Association, Sunday, January 20th, was generally observed throughout the province as Prison Sunday, when special prayers were offered for prisoners, prison officials, and for all who have to do with the administra-

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tion of justice ; for legislators and municipal councillors who have to do with the inauguration of prison reform in our penal and reformatory institutions ; for Prisoners' Aid Associations, and for the success of all wisely considered prison reform proposals ; and for the appeal being made to the county councils on the county jail and house of refuge question. A document, prepared for the Dominion government, asking that the proposed reformatory for young men be not definitely located until a committee shall have reported upon the question in all its bearings, was signed by a number of members of the Prisoners' Aid Association ; and by Mrs. Thornley, Provincial President ; Mrs. Wiley, Provincial Corresponding Secretary ; and the Superintendent of this Department.

The following counties reported :

*Brant*—Has a house of refuge.

*Bruce*—Petitions were circulated in county, and presented by Miss Fisher, President W. C. T. U., to council. Ladies were well received, and petitions handed to committee, but no further report has been given.

*Elgin*—Has a house of refuge.

*Essex*—Petitions circulated and presented to council with good results. A committee was appointed to confer with Prisoners' Aid Association on subject of petitions. A grant of ten dollars a year, for several years, has been made the Association.

*Frontenac*—Evangelistic Work is carried on in the jail and penitentiary once a week, and women especially hear the word gladly, and much good has resulted. They are also looked after when discharged.

*Grey*—Petitions were circulated and presented to council and then referred to committee, which committee recommended that the English system of classification be adopted as far as possible. Also that a memorial be sent to the Provincial Legislature praying that the Act respecting the establishing of houses of refuge be recommended.

*Hastings*—Ministerial Association and Mr. J. H. Snider, agent for Prisoners' Aid Association, waited upon the council but sent no report.

*Lambton*—Petitions were circulated in *Sarnia* only. They were warmly discussed in council, and a committee appointed to report at the June session on the house of refuge clause. The prison reform was not discussed, but if the jail was relieved of the homeless it would be a long step toward the classification of prisoners.

*Lincoln*—This is the only county which has reported a Superintendent, Miss McGhie, who immediately inquired about her duties.

*Middlesex*—Has county jail in *London*. The county house of refuge is in *Strathroy*, with a capacity of 130 to 140 inmates.

*Norfolk*—Has a house of refuge.

*Oxford*—Petitions were sent out, but no report as to results. House of refuge is situated near *Woodstock*.

*Peterboro*—Prison Sunday was observed in six churches. A petition was signed by eighty-six prominent merchants, pastors and doctors, and a deputation from the Ministerial Association waited upon the council in reference to establishing a house of refuge, and a committee was appointed to enquire into the matter.

*Toronto*—Evangelistic Work is regularly done in the jail by our workers, and as

the women go out they are helped with clothing and to find work. There are not as many women confined in the jail as formerly, which is thought to be largely owing to the rescue work done by other institutions. Miss Keith, the Bible woman employed by the Prisoners' Aid Association, visits the jail regularly, holding evangelistic services and helping the women to find homes; she also visits the police station and holds evangelistic services at the Mercer reformatory. There is one matron employed in the police court.

*Waterloo*—Petitions sent out and partially signed. The council were quite in sympathy with subject of petitions and appointed a committee to confer with Prisoners' Aid Association regarding classification of prisoners. Has had a house of refuge for over twenty years, which provides for 100 inmates.

*Welland*—Evangelistic services are held every Sunday morning by the resident ministers or their substitutes. The county council has granted ten dollars a year, for several years, towards a library and hymn books for the prisoners. The jail matron is very faithful in her care for, and instructions of, the women in her charge. In the jail the boys are carefully kept away from the older prisoners, and they are given employment all the time. The house of refuge was established about ten years ago. Religious services by the local ministers are held weekly.

*Wellington*—Has a house of refuge.

*Wentworth*—Has a very commodious house of refuge in Hamilton, where evangelistic services are very often held. There is also a house of refuge in Dundas belonging to the county.

*York*—Has a house of refuge.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

That a Superintendent be appointed in every county where jails or other institutions of a reformatory nature are situated.

That libraries and other suitable literature be provided for the use of prisoners, and that county councils be requested to make a grant for this purpose.

## EXHIBITIONS AND FAIRS.

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

The reports from the County Superintendents, with respect to Exhibition and Fair Work, are rather more encouraging on the whole than those of last year. The results in many sections are cheering and hopeful. Still there is much room for improvement. Undoubtedly much is done that is never reported, or a report of which comes too late for publication. If we but had a faithful account of the work done by each Union in the province this year, what a splendid record it would be! An earnest effort in this direction will ensure better results next year, even though we have much this year of which we may well feel proud.

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Following is the report by counties :

*Brant*—Has a Superintendent, but has sent in no report.

*Bruce*—Reports most practical work throughout the county in the distribution of temperance literature. Lucknow sent out 312 pages in rolls, tied with white ribbon. Teeswater 250 copies of *The Citizen and Home Guard*, and 100 copies of *The Union Signal*. Paisley also reports work in the same line. Their luncheon-booth at the Fair sold fruit, candy, etc., in addition to hot tea and coffee; and was liberally patronized.

*Carleton*—Has a very encouraging report indeed. The W. C. T. U. had the sole right to serve refreshments at Metcalf Richmond, and Mohr's Corners. Great success attended their work at the two last named Fairs, and much literature was distributed. The Fair Work in the city of Ottawa was without exception most successful in every way. For eight years the Union have had refreshment booths, sometimes in tents, sometimes in the main building, but this year in a beautiful building of their own, where about two hundred people could be accommodated at once. The Central Fair Company erected it for them for \$800, of which \$425 have been paid, the balance to be paid in two years. The handsome sum of \$1,037 was taken in this year, and after making the payment on the building, and purchasing all the dishes required, \$223 were cleared. Lunch counters were used, no full meals given, and everything, tea, coffee, milk, lemonade, bread and butter, cheese, cake, fruit pies, meat pies, ice cream, etc., was priced 5 cents. Besides, over 10,000 pages of literature were distributed, and many a "word spoken in season."

*Durham*—Bowmanville had a tent in which they served luncheon and dinner on the day of the Fair. It realized \$21, and distributed 200 pages of temperance literature. Ice water, free to all, was much appreciated by thirsty patrons on a very warm day.

*Essex*—Has no Superintendent, and reports nothing done in Fair Work this year.

*Grenville*—Mrs. Coates reports nothing done in Union Fair Work except what she did of her own accord, the distribution of 353 papers and leaflets.

*Grey*—Has a Superintendent, but reports nothing done.

*Kent*—Chatham had a large tent for three days during the fair in which meals were served and literature distributed. Dresden gave out a goodly supply of literature. Wallaceburg had no Fair this year. Blenheim, Thamesville and Ridgetown regret that nothing was done, but promise better things for another year.

*Lambton*—Reports very good work done by four Unions. Sarnia secured the sole right to serve refreshments on the Fair grounds; had an attractive lunch counter, at which meals were served; cleared \$42; also prevented the sale of intoxicants on the grounds, and distributed literature. Petrolia had a large tent, and furnished tea, cake, coffee and warm meals at a low price. Here comfortable seats for tired ladies were provided; 1,200 temperance leaflets given out, and \$21.30 raised. Wyoming obtained the loan of a tent, which not only proved a cosy shelter but was liberally patronized in its sale of tea, coffee, sandwiches and fruit; 712 pages of temperance literature, neatly tied in little parcels with white ribbon, were sent out into many of the Lambton homes. Forest, in a large tent on the Fair grounds, sold lunches, hot

tea and coffee; and at a fruit counter, besides fruits, candy, etc., many button-hole bouquets. A large amount of literature was distributed during the Fair. After paying all expenses a balance of \$12.48 remained.

*Lanark*—Has a Superintendent, but sent no report.

*Leeds*—Has a Superintendent, but sent no report.

*Lincoln*—Has no Superintendent, yet the St. Catharines Union and the "Y's" distributed between 3,000 and 4,000 pages at their own Fair.

*Middlesex*—Glencoe reports \$29.40 made in the lunch booth at the Fair, and the distribution of about 350 temperance leaflets. Strathroy has a dining hall on the Fair grounds, all paid for; all worked harmoniously; the receipts were \$56.00. London showed its usual activity and enterprise by securing donations to beautify their hall on the Fair grounds. At the very opening of the Fair this building had a narrow and providential escape from fire, which did only \$50.00 damage to the hall but completely destroyed the building next to it. Much work was done during the Fair, and the pleasing total of \$909.82 was reached. Elderton could not make arrangements with the Fair board of directors and hence was unable to take up Fair Work extensively this year, yet the Union scattered broadcast anti-tobacco and temperance literature. Mt. Brydges reports no Fair Work. Napier and Parkhill were not heard from.

*Northumberland*—Reports dinner, lunches, tea and coffee served during two days of the Fair.

*Oxford*—Has a Superintendent, but no report. Otterville did Fair Work.

*Prince Edward*—Union re-organized too late to do much Fair Work, but the ladies served meals at the Fair.

*Renfrew*—Reports Fairs held at two places only, Renfrew and Beachburg. At Renfrew, the Union served dinner and tea during both days of the Fair, with their usual financial success. Their neat and attractive dining-hall proved very comfortable and convenient, and they confidently trust to have it soon free of debt. The desirability of Unions, in the county and elsewhere, undertaking refreshment booths and the distribution of literature at any local celebration, is a point earnestly urged by the county Superintendent of Renfrew.

*Simcoe*—Orillia decided to have a tent cosily fitted up as a resting-place for tired mothers and other ladies, and good use was made of it for the dissemination of temperance literature.

*Stormont*—Reports a luncheon-booth open during both days of the Exhibition at Cornwall. Hot meals were served, and several hundred copies of literature distributed in the form of tiny packages tied with white ribbon. No liquor was sold on the grounds, and no fakirs allowed at all. Receipts \$80. At the Wales Fair the Union secured the services of a constable, and thereby succeeded in preventing gambling. The Corresponding Secretary of Stormont suggests, in the interest of Fair Work generally, that a copy of the Provincial Union report on Fair Work be sent to each Union in the province.

*Toronto*—The refreshment tent at the Industrial Exhibition, although larger than the one used last year, proved altogether inadequate to meet the demands made on it, and every attempt will be made to secure a building next year. The tent was

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prettily decorated with bunting, flags, mottoes, Chinese lanterns, plants, cut flowers, etc., and a more inviting, attractive spot could scarcely be found anywhere on the grounds. Each Union took charge of a table, and warm appreciation is due them and all others who retreated not, even in the hottest of the surge of thronging customers. An average of 23 ladies was on duty each day. A prayer and praise service was held each morning under the leadership of the President; it proved an inspiration to the busy toilers throughout the day. Several ladies acted as a reception committee to welcome visitors to the W. C. T. U. tent. There were registered many from England, from the United States, and from every quarter of the Dominion. Distributed 8,805 pages of literature, tied with white ribbon. The ladies paid \$75 for the privilege of serving tea, coffee, milk, ice cream, sandwiches, cake and pies. A grand total of \$1,400 was taken in this year, and after expenses were paid, left a neat balance of \$636. Both socially and financially, this year's Fair Work was the most successful.

*Waterloo*—Has a Superintendent, but sent no report.

*Welland*—Reports nothing done in Fair Work.

*Wellington*—Has a Superintendent, but reports no Fair Work undertaken.

*York*—Has a Superintendent, but sent no report.

With the experience gained in past years, let us determinedly crowd on to achieve much in this corner of our Heavenly Father's great field of labor, where "the harvest is truly great."

## SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

(MRS. G. BIGELOW, Superintendent.)

The record of the year just past conclusively proves that again true earnest Christian women, bent on saving our Canadian childhood and youth from the destruction wrought by alcohol, have been giving faithful service in this Department. Only a brief summary may be given here, but the communications received have in so many instances rejoiced the heart of your Superintendent, breathing as they have done so much of the spirit of determined, aggressive effort, combined with strong faith in Him who alone giveth victory, that we feel we can truly "thank God and take courage."

The weak points in the regulations of the Education Department, viz.: the defective programme of studies, and the defective examinations, having been so often pointed out, and their consequences so keenly felt by our workers; in accordance with the resolution passed at the last convention, the following letter was written to the inspector's department of the Educational Association of Ontario, urging them to do their part towards removing this barrier to the success of our work. Copies of the letter were sent to the Secretary, Chairman, and others interested.

"To the Inspector's Department of the Ontario Educational Association:

Gentlemen,—We, the women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, deeply deploring the fact, only too well known, that in many instances the benefits of the education acquired in the public schools of our land are lost, not only to the individual but to the world, because of the seductive and destructive power of alcohol and narcotics; and believing that a correct and careful course of instruction beginning with the very first lessons at school, and extending over all the subsequent years of study, as to the deleterious effects of intoxicants upon the human system, would so fortify the minds of our youth that they would not so easily be victimized and poisoned as so many of them now are, to our sorrow and their destruction; would respectfully ask you, upon whom devolves the preparation of the promotion examination papers, to see that in your respective counties, the pupils in every class are examined in the subject of Scientific Temperance, and required to make just as high a percentage of marks preparatory to passing to the next higher class as they are expected to do in any other subject. We regret to find that while the regulations provide that Scientific Temperance be taught to all the pupils in the public schools, in the junior classes the required instruction is either neglected altogether, or but indifferently given; presumably because examinations are not expected along the line of such instructions until the pupils prepare for high school entrance; and as you are aware, by far the larger proportion of public school pupils never prepare for high school, so for this larger proportion the regulation re Scientific Temperance fails of its purpose, so we appeal to you in their behalf, earnestly entreating that in all the promotion examinations of the future you will give Scientific Temperance the place that its importance demands. Any assurance to this effect will be gladly received and reciprocated by the heartfelt gratitude of the Christian motherhood of Ontario."

In response to this letter the following communication was received:

"OFFICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL INSPECTOR,

Orangeville, Ont., May 4th, 1895.

MRS. G. BIGELOW,

*Supt. Scientific Temperance Instruction Dept. of W. C. T. U. of Ontario:*

Dear Madam,—I am instructed by the Inspectors to forward to you the enclosed resolution which was passed after the reading of your communication to their section, at the meeting of the Ontario Educational Association, held on the 17th, 18th and 19th inst., in the city of Toronto.

Respectfully yours,

N. GORDON.

Moved by J. S. Deacon, seconded by A. McNaughton, that the Secretary acknowledge the receipt of the communication from the W. C. T. U., stating our sympathy therewith, and that we are doing, and will do, all that we can to further the teaching of Physiology and Temperance, in accordance with the programme for public schools.

The circular of this Department was sent out in March, and to new Unions during the year. Many communications, evincing a strong desire to know and do, have been received and replied to.

In September, the following questions were forwarded:

1. How many schools in your county?
2. Were they divided among the Unions of the county for convenient visitation and oversight, according to the suggestion of the circular sent out in March?

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3. How many were visited or teachers interviewed by W. C. T. U. workers in the interest of this Department?

4. In how many of the schools in your county is Scientific Temperance taught to the whole school one hour per week, according to the regulations?

5. Are questions on Temperance set for pupils at the promotion examinations in your county? If not, have you requested your County Inspector to see that it is done? If you have not preferred such request will you do so immediately, and report as to the answer received?

6. Has any work been done in your county in connection with the teachers' conventions or model school? If so, in what way?

We would summarize replies as follows:

*Brant*—Paris held an "At Home," where the Union met the school board and the teachers. An account of the meeting was given by the local press, and the papers read were printed in full, so the occasion was made a help and inspiration to the workers all over the province. St. George visited adjacent schools, and offered prizes for best papers on temperance.

*Bruce*—Circulated literature.

*Essex*—We mention some items in this report, hoping that others may be incited thereby "to go and do likewise," the study of the text book by members of the Union, the visitation of schools by the mothers, the furnishing school *Physiology Journal* to Superintendent, etc. All honor to the Inspector in this county who sent a circular to his teachers, urging the importance of this subject upon them.

*Glengarry*—Is organized and equipped for the work of the incoming year.

*Grey*—Reports some school visitation by Unions, and Owen Sound did good work in the model school, such as receptions, addresses, and the presentation of helpful literature.

*Haldimand*—Has temperance taught in all its schools. Unions give prizes for proficiency.

*Hallon*—Reports the subject taught so far as ascertained, in all but junior Departments. Milton did the usual work among the teachers in training.

*Kent*—Mrs. Newson presents a model report. The county has been well worked up, but the same difficulty exists here as elsewhere—the neglect of the juniors.

*Lambton*—Forest gave a teachers' tea, for the purpose of bringing this matter before them.

*Lincoln*—Mrs. Currie, the energetic Superintendent, tells of thorough work in this county. A card containing some very pertinent questions was mailed to every teacher, and replies solicited. We commend Mrs. Currie's idea.

*Middlesex*—Reports 215 schools in the county, but they are not divided among the Unions for convenient visitation. Five Unions, however, interviewed the teachers, and visited the schools in their respective towns. Scientific Temperance is taught in these schools one hour per week, according to the regulations. Those in the lowest

classes receiving it in a general way. Examinations are not held prior to the entrance examination thus far, but the Superintendent has requested the County Inspector to see that it is done. She has also asked that a paper on Scientific Temperance be read at the next meeting of Teachers' Association, and the request was granted.

*Ontario*—Reports all the suggestions of the circular acted upon with gratifying results.

*Perth*—Tells of some earnest effort, but not so extensive as we could wish.

*Peterboro*—Reports the subject taught in all its schools. Prizes offered by Lakefield and Peterboro Unions, for the best papers prepared by pupils on temperance and hygiene.

*Prince Edward*—From Picton comes an account of a very successful reception given the teachers, with addresses by Mrs. Platt and others.

*Renfrew*—Sends a very gratifying account of the work done in its schools, except where the little ones are concerned. Neither do they forget the teachers and modelites.

*Simcoe*—Nearly all the Unions have been at work along all the various lines practicable.

*Stormont*—Schools divided among the Unions and visited. Teachers interviewed. Inspector requested to set papers on temperance for examination. Convention to be visited and addresses given.

*Toronto*—Reports that progress has been made during the year. Two Unions have fallen into line, appointed Superintendents, and done efficient work. Scientific Temperance Instruction is well given in most of the city schools and in all the Bands of Hope. Miss Wills, Superintendent of Central "Y's," gave weekly lessons in Miss How's division of Elizabeth School (truant and news boys' school), from October to the end of May; an examination was given at the close of the season with gratifying results, prizes being awarded to the successful competitors. A library was established by Miss Wills in connection with this school in 1892, and still continues, much appreciated. Miss How, who rarely loses sight of one who has been her pupil, testifies that not one boy who has been a member of this class has fallen into drinking habits after leaving school. The annual teachers' social was held in February. Though the attendance was not as large as hoped for a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. Refreshments were served and addresses given by Hon. G. W. Ross; J. L. Hughes, P. S. Inspector; our President, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, and others.

*Wentworth*—Tells us of temperance taught in every school, but not in every grade. Hamilton and Dundas gave medals for best papers on temperance.

The other counties have not reported. Doubtless much has been done of which we have not heard. We trust there has been an increase in interest and effort, and an improvement in methods and conditions during the year; but we still hope and pray for more perfect work.

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(MRS. ISA GILCHRIST, Superintendent.)

The gathering up of the year's work in this Department has not been as successful as your Superintendent could wish, owing, no doubt, to my being so late in taking up the work. The season was far advanced before the County Superintendents were notified and many of the reports never reached me. Some came through Mrs. Wiley, some by Mrs. Thornley.

Reports received were very encouraging. There does seem to be an awakening among Christian people along this line, and we can only trust, and pray, and work, that the time may not be far distant when every church in our province will use the pure juice of the grape at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Much can be done by individual effort. When a Local Union has appointed a Superintendent many seem to think they have done all that was needed, when really they have only taken the first step. Assist your Superintendent in every way possible; also use your influence with your clergymen and church officers, and everyone with whom you come in contact.

It is very important that we should shield our young people from the use of the wine of commerce; many, perhaps, receive it for the first time at the Lord's Supper. I would here urge the sisters to redouble their efforts in this Department.

Many of the reports are the same as last year. I will, therefore, only give those counties which report progress or which did not report last year.

*Bruce*—Chesley—three churches use unfermented wine, two fermented. Lucknow—four churches use unfermented wine. Kincardine—all the churches use unfermented wine. Walkerton—three churches use unfermented wine, three fermented. Teeswater—four churches use unfermented wine. Paisley—three churches use unfermented wine.

*Kent*—Reports six Unions this year, with thirty-five churches; twenty-three use unfermented wine; a gain of five over last year, very encouraging.

*Oxford*—Have not heard from all the Unions, but reports a gain of two over last year.

*York*—Reports having written to the Royal Templars of Temperance in places where there is no Union, and in that way heard from some thirty churches, twenty of which use unfermented wine.

This I think is quite encouraging. The other counties heard from stand the same as last year.

Could not some of the sisters communicate with the Royal Templars, and interest them in this Department of Work, and in this way succeed in getting fuller reports of work.

## NARCOTICS.

(MRS. M. E. COLE, Superintendent.)

"The noble twelve." We will present these *wide awake* counties in alphabetical order.

*Brant*—In Scotland there are no ministers who defile the flesh with the filthy weed; two sermons were preached on this subject. There are no Superintendents nor teachers in public schools who smoke. One church member sells the poison, and one woman, on principle, has discontinued the sale of tobacco. The Band of Hope is faithfully drilled on the subject.

*Bruce*—At Chesley 200 leaflets were circulated. The local papers were regularly supplied with suitable cuttings. The public school teachers are non-smokers. No report for ministers and Sunday school superintendents. Girls, in some cases, as well as boys, are addicted to cigarettes.

*Grenville*—In Spencerville there are no ministers, Sunday school superintendents or public school teachers who use tobacco. Four church members sell tobacco; they have been requested to discontinue the sale. This is the only section where it is reported that the W. C. T. U. interviewed the church-member sellers of tobacco. Fifty pages of literature were distributed. One address from a minister. Interest increasing.

*Haldimand*—Reports ten subscribers for *Anti-Tobacco Gem*. Circulation of 100 copies of Tobacco Act. Liberal distribution of literature, and one address by public school teacher.

*Lambton*—Wide awake, especially at Forest, where there are sixty members of the Anti-Tobacco League. Grand record. Seven ministers, all non-smokers, but no sermons reported by them. Two Superintendents of Sunday schools who defile the temple of the Holy Ghost, and are, as one evangelist says, "dirty Christians." The public school teachers set the worthy example of abstinence from all Narcotics. Four members of the church gather in filthy lucre from its sale. Several sermons preached by Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, and a generous seeding of anti-tobacco literature.

*Lincoln*—In St. Catherine's the Local Superintendent gave two addresses on the evils of opium. In this city, its evils are all too evident.

*Middlesex*—Literature distribution at Melbourne, also at Longwood, where one public address was given. Glencoe supplied suitable cuttings for the local papers, and with Woodgreen as well, gave away literature. London, aggressive of old, now educationally to the fore. One stirring address was delivered by Mrs. Wright, the Dominion Superintendent of Narcotics.

*Ontario*—Literature distributed, talks and increased interest in Prince Albert and Port Perry.

*Oxford*—Has a faithful Superintendent. Triple pledge circulated at Verschoyle. No smokers here among ministers or teachers. One church member sells tobacco. In Salford the Band of Hope received careful attention. At Burgessville one public

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school teacher smokes. Ministers and Sunday school superintendents are abstainers. No church member sells tobacco, and *no woman* loves the smell of a good cigar.

*Renfrew*—Advancing. Interest increasing at Pembroke, Renfrew and Arnprior.

*Toronto*—The Y. W. C. T. U. this year formed an Anti-Tobacco League with eighty two boys as members. Eighty-two boys pledged against tobacco until they are twenty-one. Who says interest in Narcotics is dying out? This is a ringing note of advancement, and a splendid record for the "Y's" young women of the west. Mr. J. L. Hughes, Public School Inspector, has generously supplied every member with a badge, in the form of a pretty button, bearing the device of a maple branch and beaver, also the inscription, A. T. L., Toronto.

*Wentworth*—In Hamilton the work is reported as increased in interest. Men are waking up to the evils of tobacco. In some factories it was found that liquor is poured over chewing gum, to preserve it from becoming musty. Three papers were read at parlor meetings, and an excellent leaflet was prepared by the literature committee. One young man in Hamilton, who gave up the use of tobacco, said it was like giving up life itself.

## SUGGESTIONS.

The suggestion for the coming year, is that you elect a strong Superintendent who can give the *sleepers* a thorough shaking, and succeed in getting replies to the following fifteen questions:

1. Have you a Superintendent of Narcotics? Give name and address.
2. Have you an anti-tobacco league?
3. How many are pledged?
4. How many of your ministers smoke tobacco?
5. How many of your superintendents of Sunday schools smoke tobacco?
6. How many of your public school teachers use tobacco?
7. Have you waited on every meeting of Christian workers, requesting them to pass a resolution condemning tobacco, opium, and the sale of tobacco by Christian merchants, and the use by Christians?
8. How many church members in your vicinity sell tobacco?
9. Have you requested them to discontinue the sale?
10. What quantity of anti-narcotic literature have you circulated?
11. Will you request your druggists to give you an idea of the number of opium victims in your city, town or neighborhood? And give number.
12. Have you kindly requested women who like the smell of a good cigar, not to mention the fact, for silence in this case is golden, and influence is a mighty weapon?
13. Have you had a lecture on narcotics?
14. How many sermons have been preached?
15. Is there an increased interest in your circle on this subject?

## PRESS.

(MRS. B. D. LIVINGSTONE, Superintendent.)

As a member of this Department, and in behalf of the Superintendents throughout the province, I wish to submit a tribute of grateful recognition to the newspaper men in Ontario, for the liberal and courteous way in which the Superintendents including myself have been treated.

It is true there are a few editors who have refused us an entrance to their columns, but they do not belong to the advanced fraternity of the pen. They are evidently rather antiquated. Let us do our part well, and not send items, notices and articles thrown together so carelessly that they do not contain one germ of information. Our organization is in existence because of a great evil, which requires great truths to crush down the powerful strongholds of the enemy. Then let us write terse practical articles, and no editor will refuse to accept the same. Our work has always been, and still is, to educate the people, to interest and stimulate the mind to see the necessity of working for the protection and uplifting of humanity.

I have a most encouraging report, showing a vast amount of work accomplished by Superintendents. While there has been a little dropping off in the number reporting, I am happy to say I have received reports of better work, and more of it, than last year.

I would like to call attention to this fact, that in making out my report, I have noticed that the Unions who are the most aggressive, are those whose members are well supplied with the *Woman's Journal* and Provincial Reports, and make good use of the newspapers by keeping something healthful, purifying and instructive before the public. They are like the wise virgins, have their lamps trimmed and burning; or in other words, they are well supplied with ammunition, and know how to use it to good advantage.

Dear sisters, let me urge you if possible to influence our editors to refrain from publishing seduction trials, prize fights and things of like character, which have a vitiating and demoralizing effect. Let us send them bright and racy articles. Take some Department of Work, or question of moral reform of the present day. Our great purpose is the betterment of the race, this should be the object of every good citizen. Then, dear women, with this object before us—of uplifting the individual, and consequently the nation—let us enter upon the new year with faces set toward our industrial Zion, and as co-workers with the Master, let us go about His work fully assured that victory is ours.

*Algoma*—Has 1 Superintendent, located in Fort William; the general work has been kept before the Union; 15 selections have been published in papers; 20 copies of *Woman's Journal* are taken.

*Brant*—Has 1 Superintendent, located in Paris; 2 papers in town supplied with items and original articles, also *Union Signal*; 8 *Journals*, 3 *Union Signals* and 1 *Templar* taken.

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*Bruce*—Superintendents located in Chesley, Walkerton, Kincardine, Teeswater and Paisley; 5 papers supplied with items and 22 original articles; the work has been kept before the Union; reports have been given; 43 *Journals*, 1 *Union Signal*, 1 *Woman's Column* and 20 other temperance papers are taken. Considerable work has been done for which we have no figures.

*Carleton*—Ottawa has a Superintendent; 3 papers are supplied with selections, and 12 *Journals* are taken.

*Dundas*—Iroquois has a Superintendent; 1 paper supplied with selections, and 18 *Journals* taken.

*Durham*—Orono, Port Hope and Bowmanville have Superintendents; 5 papers are supplied with items; 1 *Union Signal* and 45 *Journals* are taken.

*Elgin*—St. Thomas has a Superintendent; 1 paper is supplied with selections; 3 *Union Signals* are taken.

*Glengarry*—Superintendents in Maxville, St. Elmo and Lancaster; 10 newspapers supplied with selections and 12 original articles; in St. Elmo 27 *Journals* taken.

*Grey*—Owen Sound has a Superintendent; 1 paper was supplied with selections and 2 original articles; no record of papers taken.

*Haldimand*—Caledonia has a Superintendent; supplied 1 newspaper 20 original articles, and 30 selections have been published; 5 *Journals*, 2 *Union Signals* and 9 *Templars* are taken.

*Hastings*—Trenton and Belleville each has a Superintendent; 4 newspapers are supplied with selections; 41 *Journals* are taken.

*Huron*—Seaforth has a Superintendent; 2 papers supplied with 52 selections; 5 *Journals* taken.

*Lambton*—A Superintendent has been appointed in six Unions; 7 newspapers have been regularly supplied with items but no record kept; 37 *Journals*, 2 *Union Signals* and 1 *Templar* taken.

*Lanark*—Smith's Falls has a Superintendent; a large number of temperance papers are taken.

*Leeds*—Athens has a Superintendent; good work has been done but no figures reported; 1 *Union Signal* and 7 *Journals* are taken.

*Lincoln*—Superintendents in St. Catharines, Rockaway and Grimsby; 6 papers have been supplied 33 original articles, and 20 selections published; 3 *Journals* and a few other temperance papers are taken.

*Middlesex*—A Superintendent has been appointed in six Unions; 10 newspaper have been regularly supplied; extensive work has been done but no figures given; 91 *Journals* and 28 other temperance papers are taken.

*Ontario*—Whitby and Prince Albert have a Superintendent; 2 papers supplied.

*Oxford*—Five Superintendents reported; supplied 6 newspapers 63 original articles, and 422 selections published; 37 *Journals* taken.

*Perth*—Newspapers will not accept; 2 *Journals* taken.

*Peterboro*—Peterboro has a Superintendent; 3 newspapers supplied, but no record kept; 1 *Journal* taken.

*Prince Edward*—Victoria occasionally supplies 2 papers.

*Renfrew*—Renfrew, Pembroke and Lindsay supply their town papers with selections, amounting to 156; 84 *Journals* and several other temperance papers are taken.

*Stormont*—Cornwall has a Superintendent; 2 papers have been supplied 45 original articles and occasional selections; 43 *Journals*, 38 copies of *Camp-Fire*, and 10 other temperance papers are taken.

*Toronto*—Three Superintendents have reported; a large amount of work done, only partial account of which was given; 10 *Journals*, 3 *Union Signals* and 1 *Home Guard* taken.

*Wellington*—Guelph, Rockwood and Mt. Forest have Superintendents; 4 papers supplied; 20 *Journals*, 7 *Templars*, 3 *Union Signals*, and 10 copies of *Anti-tobacco Gem* taken.

*Wentworth*—Hamilton has a Superintendent; 18 original articles published; 22 *Journals* taken.

*York*—Four Superintendents reported; supplied 3 newspapers 118 original articles and 52 selections published; 8 *Journals*, 3 *Union Signals* and 12 *Templars* taken.

## SUMMARY.

906 original items, reports and articles reported. Many Unions reported much work done, but no record kept.

1734 selected items, reports and articles were reported.

864 columns filled by Superintendents during the year.

## PERSONAL.

In the early part of the year I sent out 250 circular letters. In September, 270 printed postal cards, and received 103 replies. I have written a good many letters in answer to enquires relating to this Department. Have written 59 original articles, and supplied 400 selected articles. Gave 5 talks on the work, and prepared 3 papers for Convention.

## SUGGESTIONS.

1. Would recommend that each Press Superintendent secure once a quarter short reports from Superintendents of other Departments, and also from Corresponding Secretary for insertions in the W. C. T. U. column, besides contributing freely herself.
2. That Red Letter days be written up.
3. That articles be secured from ministers, physicians, teachers, and others of intelligence, on the effect of alcohol on the system, or any other phase of our many-sided reform.
4. That each Superintendent keep a Press letter book, that her report may be made definite.
5. That she be well supplied with suitable papers and help.

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## WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

(MISS MARY MCKAY SCOTT, Superintendent.)

The *Woman's Journal* is now in its twelfth year as the monthly organ of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Among its friends it owes much to the efforts of a life member of the W. C. T. U., Mr. J. Hale Ramsay, who has kindly offered a prize for the largest list of new subscribers, to be sent in before January 1st, 1896. The circulation is 3,000, and an improvement is noticed in the number taken in Toronto and London. Carleton county heads the list with the largest number of subscribers.

In March, the *Woman's Journal* lost two of its best friends—Mrs. Williams, who was President of the Dominion Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who brightened its columns with her loving and helpful suggestions; and Miss Emma Thomson, who has been its advertising agent since its first issue in 1884.

The circulation of the *Journal* in the counties of Ontario is as follows:

Algoma .....	22	Huron .....	2	Perth .....	15
Addington .....	1	Kent .....	73	Peterboro .....	8
Bruce .....	18	Lanark .....	22	Renfrew .....	59
Carleton .....	164	Leeds .....	41	Russell .....	1
Durham .....	40	Lincoln .....	15	Stormont .....	32
Dundas .....	20	Lambton .....	33	Simcoe .....	65
Essex .....	24	Middlesex .....	87	Toronto .....	65
Elgin .....	21	Muskoka .....	26	Waterloo .....	53
Frontenac .....	2	Norfolk .....	25	Welland .....	5
Grenville .....	24	Northumberland .....	7	Wellington .....	24
Grey .....	24	Nipissing .....	4	Wentworth .....	36
Glengarry .....	9	Ontario .....	15	York .....	17
Hastings .....	48	Oxford .....	30		
Halton .....	8	Prescott .....	21	Total .....	1,216
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## LITERATURE.

(MISS MARY MCKAY SCOTT, Superintendent.)

The report of this Department is but a partial one, as on March 1st, 1895, the stock was bought by the Dominion W. C. T. U. The stock was valued by Miss MacArthur, Provincial Treasurer, on behalf of the Ontario W. C. T. U., and Mr.

Ogilvie, of Durie & Sons, Ottawa, on behalf of the Dominion W. C. T. U., who pronounced the stock in first-class order. On March 1st, the stock was valued at \$432.80.

Cash sales from October, 1894, to March 1st, 1895,	\$151 55
Expenses October, 1894, to March 1st, 1895,	129 38
Balance,	\$22 17
Amounts owing Literature Department to March, 1895,	\$110 31
Liabilities for stock,	52 65
Carleton county has bought the largest amount of literature,	31 30
Kent county next,	24 25
Waterloo next,	21 48

## SCHOOL OF METHOD.

(MRS. MAY R. THORNLEY, Superintendent.)

The measure of the value of any life is the measure of the value of its service for the King of Kings.

Love lies at the base of the monument of Christ like deeds that each soul should rear, but the structure must be laid, stone on stone, with a practical and skillful hand, else it will soon drop out of plumb, and fall, through its own weight. Much work is like the harmless puff of smoke that follows the discharge of the powder-loaded gun. The practical bullet being left out, there is not even a dint on the target to mark the effort.

Every year I am more strongly impressed with the need for trained workers. The unspeakable waste of time and talent and opportunity that, in our department lines alone, is the result of "not knowing how" would be depressing, were it not for the sunrise of hope to be seen in the evidences of an appreciation of present conditions and the means of their betterment.

In response to the question, "Do you take the *Journal*, and have you supplied yourself with the helps recommended for the use of a County President," the replies were with few exceptions in the affirmative. This is most encouraging, for the well informed County President will soon gather about her workers of like calibre.

The following is the briefest possible synopsis of the reports received.

*Brant*—Superintendent, Mrs. Cohoe, Scotland. Held two partial schools; 5 subjects; question box.

*Bruce*—Superintendent, Miss Fisher, Paisley. Held one full school; 10 subjects; parliamentary drill and question box. The Superintendent is of the opinion that the attendance at Convention, and the interest taken through the year in the Departments, has much increased since schools have been held in the county.

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*Carlton*—Superintendent, Mrs. Donaldson, Ottawa. One partial school ; 2 subjects ; question box.

*Durham*—Superintendent, Mrs. Momet, Orono. Held a partial school with the fall Convention ; 2 subjects ; had a parliamentary drill.

*Essex*—Superintendent, Mrs. Maxwell, Amherstburg. One full school ; subjects, 5 ; had parliamentary drill and question box. Superintendent says, in response to question 7, "Decidedly. Different women have spoken of being strengthened, or set thinking on new lines. A physician who attended said the value of the W. C. T. U. aims impressed him as never before."

*Glengarry*—Superintendent, Mrs. (Rev.) Macallum, Maxville. Has only organized the county since last Provincial and so has not yet attempted a school.

*Grenville*—Superintendent, Mrs. M. A. Bennett, Spencerville. One partial school ; 3 subjects.

*Grey*—Superintendent, Mrs. (Rev.) Rogers, Owen Sound. Had one partial school, particulars not given.

*Kent*—Superintendent, Mrs. R. P. Wright, Dresden. Has held one full school and one partial school ; 14 subjects ; had a parliamentary drill and question box. The Superintendent says, "The school has been a great help in educating us in Department lines."

*Lambton*—Superintendent, Mrs. (Dr.) Ovens, Forest. Had one partial school, particulars not given.

*Lanark*—Superintendent, Mrs. W. C. Caldwell, Lanark. Has not yet done any active work in this Department.

*Leeds*—Superintendent, Miss M. E. Stone, Athens. Held one partial school ; 2 subjects ; had a question box.

*Lincoln and Welland*—Superintendents, Mrs. Forbes, Grimsby, and Miss Phelps, St. Catherines. Held a partial school between the two counties ; 2 subjects ; had a question box.

*Middlesex*—Superintendent, Miss Cora Calvert, Napier. Had one partial school ; 4 subjects ; had a question box.

*Northumberland*—Superintendent, Mrs. McMaster, Campbellford. Held two partial schools ; 9 subjects ; had a parliamentary drill and a question box.

*Ontario*—Superintendent, Mrs. Grace Wakely, Port Perry. One partial school ; 4 subjects ; parliamentary drill and question box.

*Oxford*—Superintendent, Mrs. E. D. Livingstone, Tilsonburg. Held two full schools ; 10 subjects ; parliamentary drill and question box. Superintendent says, "She can see the improvements made by the schools. When first held it was with difficulty that papers or suggestions for Methods of Work could be secured, but there is a great change in this respect and the Departments of Work are better understood."

*Perth*—Superintendent, Mrs. Flagg, Mitchell. Nothing done.

*Renfrew*—Superintendent, Mrs. Agnes Hunter, Pembroke. The county is so large, and the Unions so scattered that a school has not yet been considered feasible.

*Simcoe*—Superintendent, Mrs. McKee, Barrie. One partial school; 4 subjects; had a parliamentary drill and question box.

*Stormont*—Superintendent, Miss Jennie MacArthur, Cornwall. Held a partial school; 4 subjects; closed the day with a question box.

*Toronto*—Superintendent, Mrs. Annie Rutherford, Toronto. Held one full school; 6 subjects; parliamentary drill and question box. The Superintendent speaks most favorably of the influence of this first school and hopes to hold another soon.

*Waterloo*—Superintendent, Mrs. Jennie Cavers, Galt. One partial school; 6 subjects; parliamentary drill and question box. The Superintendent says in response to the question, "Has the school helped your work?" "Yes, the general opinion is that it was the best Convention we ever had."

*Wellington*—Superintendent, Mrs. Maddock, Guelph. No response to communications sent.

*York*—Superintendent, Mrs. Gilchrist, Toronto Junction. One full school; 5 subjects; parliamentary drill and question box.

## SUMMARY.

The total number of organized counties is now 26, two more than we could report last year. In these there have been held 24 full or partial schools—7 full and 17 partial.

At these institutes there have been 97 papers or talks on departmental and general lines of work, with the number of subjects from two schools unsurpassed; 11 parliamentary drills, and 16 question boxes. As compared with last year's report we have the same number of full schools, but one less partial school, reducing our total by that number. But as over against this small decrease we must place the increase of topics discussed, and, by implication, time allotted to the work. There were 6 more subjects considered this year than last.

As an indication of the trend of thought, it may be interesting to note the general make up of these school programmes. Of the papers reported to me, the "Duties of officers or Superintendents," and "Juvenile Work," take the lead, 9 papers each having been devoted to them. Evangelistic Work, Scientific Temperance, Narcotics, Franchise and Hygiene (including dress reform), come next, having a total of 6 papers devoted to each. Flower Mission Work and Parlor Meetings were set forth in 4 papers each; while Press Work, Purity in Literature, Art and Fashion, and Lumbermen's Work were treated of in 3 papers each. Social Purity, the *Journal*, Fairs, "Y" Work, Mothers' Meetings, Unfermented Wine and other general subjects filled out the list.

## PROVINCIAL.

In pursuance of my duties as Provincial Superintendent, the usual half-day school was arranged and conducted, in connection with the Provincial Convention, at Cornwall. Six papers were presented and discussed, and the afternoon closed with a parliamentary drill and question box.

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duties of Local and County Union officers, and the first of these, "The Local President, her Duties and Responsibilities," was published last May and has been partially distributed; but as I long ago took for my motto that old saying, "Do ye nexte thyng," and the "nexte thyng" never seemed to be the remaining leaflets, the year rolled round without their taking shape. During the summer the manuscript of the second, "The Local Corresponding Secretary," was prepared; and through the kind assistance of Miss Cosford and Miss MacArthur the manuscript of "The Local Recording Secretary, and her Opportunities," and "The Local Treasurer, and her Books," were furnished me. Last week all three manuscripts were printed, and opportunity will be afforded during the Convention for their distribution.

## SUGGESTIONS.

1st. That whatever the conductor of the school may consider the most important subject on her programme shall be taken up by two or three workers in five-minute papers or talks (by the bell), instead of being presented at more length by one person. The diversity of view thus brought out will be found of great value.

Take, for instance, the subject of Parlor or Mothers' Meetings. The threefold picture of what may be done under such Departments will give a variety of methods that will probably cover the peculiarities and opportunities of every locality represented at the school, and so will meet the wants of all.

2nd. That more time be devoted to discussion, after the introduction by paper or talk, of each subject. To make this possible the programme will need to be less crowded. Where schools are held in connection with County Conventions the usual mistake is that of allotting too little space to the election of officers, the reports of committees, and the transaction of general county business. A properly conducted election will cover at least an hour, the discussion of the Resolution and Plan of Work Committees' reports will run from thirty minutes to an hour, etc. All this must be taken into account else the School of Method programme will have to be gone through with like that of a public entertainment, and the inspiring discussion that adds emphasis to the points made in the papers, and suggests new ones, will be ruled out for lack of time.

3rd. Give greater prominence to the question box. Several Superintendents write, "We intended to have a question box, but the time was too short," or "We had a question box, but no time to answer the questions."

A school can only take up, with profit, a limited number of subjects. There may be present workers interested in ten or twelve different Departments. Perhaps half of these will get no help from the programme because their subjects are not touched upon. To include all in the benefits of the education the school provides, the question box is a necessity, and so I say give it a chance. Let the prepared slips of paper and pencils be distributed as soon as the school opens; call frequent attention to the use you hope the delegates will make of them; send pages around to collect the slips, and allow plenty of time for their consideration.

The year's work in this Department is done, and, on the whole, well done, and in closing I feel like saying, after the manner of our clerical friends, "May the Lord add his blessing thereto."

## FRANCHISE.

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

During the past year there has not been any great achievement in the work with which this Department is specially charged. There has been, however, a great deal of quiet, persistent effort by many Unions; and, it is believed, a steady growth of public opinion in favor of the enfranchisement of women. Our prospects on this line are certainly to-day brighter than ever before. A general and prudent exercise of the voting power already possessed by women, and judicious, persistent advocacy of this reform on every available opportunity, will be found the best methods of helping forward this great reform, unequalled in the possibilities it opens up for the attainment of other good.

Early in the year there was sent to every Union a printed letter, suggesting various methods of work, urging energetic action, and advising workers how to meet objections and difficulties. Subsequently the petitions prepared by the Dominion Union, praying for the full enfranchisement of women, were sent out for signatures. Later on post cards were written to all the Unions again appealing for definite work, and asking for information of what was being done. Recently again every Union has been communicated with and asked for a report of the year's efforts and results.

Subjoined will be found a summary of the reports that have been sent me. They show, in many cases, commendable zeal and tell of wise work. In others they manifest rather a lack of interest. Some Unions have entirely failed to state what has been done. This has doubtless been mainly because Superintendents for this Department have not been appointed.

Patiently, determinedly, and prudently, we must press this great question until the present unjust discrimination of Franchise legislation is abolished, and women are given the power to use a citizen's full right for the suppression of evil, and the enthronement in law of righteousness, temperance, protection for the innocent and weak, and hostility to all that is degrading and sinful.

*Algoma*—Fort William has not taken up Franchise Work yet.

*Brant*—No Superintendent appointed, no work done.

*Bruce*—The Dominion petitions have been circulated but results of the canvass not yet reported.

*Carleton*—Ottawa and Kinburn have circulated the petitions.

*Durham*—Bowmanville reports petition work. Port Hope says, no Franchise Superintendent.

*Glengarry*—A paper on Franchise was read at the County Convention. Maxville reports petitions circulated, discussion at a social meeting, and literature distribution. St. Elmo circulated petitions and literature, had a public meeting addressed upon the subject, and an article published in the local paper.

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*Grenville*—Petitions placed in the hands of all Local Unions; reports from these not yet received.

*Grey*—The petitions are being circulated in the towns of Meaford, Thornbury, Owen Sound, the village of Marsdale, and the township of Sarawak. In the two or three other small towns where there are no Unions, the Superintendent has written the Royal Templars to assist. The petition has been well received in Meaford and Owen Sound. Four hundred woman's suffrage leaflets were distributed by the Owen Sound Union, and Dr. Anna Shaw's services secured for a lecture, which it is believed did a great deal of good. There was some canvassing among the women voters for the municipal elections, but not much, as there were so few good men in the field. The temperance men took very little interest in the affair. There were about \$60.00 spent in Franchise Work.

*Haldimand*—Caledonia distributed literature; had papers read before the Union and discussed the question, and pronounced itself in favor of woman's Franchise. Hagersville did no Franchise Work this year.

*Lambton*—Alvinston had an open meeting and a debate on Franchise. Forest circulated petitions. Sarnia arranged with Dr. Anna Shaw to give a lecture, hoping thereby to awaken interest in the matter. The Superintendent expects to do much more next year. Watford has no Superintendent. Wyoming has done nothing in Franchise Work.

*Lincoln*—St. Catherines W. and "Y," Grimsby, Beamsville and Rockaway all report good work in circulation of literature and petitions. They are all trying to educate sentiment along this line and are talking to the women voters about their high privilege.

*Middlesex*—Sent petitions to the eleven Unions. London canvassed every woman voter before January local elections in behalf of a prohibition mayor and aldermen. Held three public meetings, one of which was addressed by Dr. Anna Shaw. The subject was kept before the public through the press, the Superintendent supplying the papers with articles. At regular meetings the subject was dealt with frequently. Napier held one public meeting, and three parlor meetings; discussed the subject at two regular meetings. Glencoe circulated the petitions and met with success. Mt. Brydges held two public meetings, and devoted one meeting a month to the subject. Melbourne had the question discussed at two public meetings, also circulated petitions. Woodgreen circulated literature.

*Norfolk*—Regrets that no Franchise Work has been done this year, but is very anxious that it should be a live Department, and promises to do everything possible to push it next year.

*Northumberland*—Has no County Superintendent, but Campbellford reports having helped to elect temperance men to the council, and are circulating the petitions.

*Ontario*—Had written two of the Unions, but had not heard what they had done. Prince Albert had obtained about fifty signatures to the petitions.

*Oxford*—Brownsville circulated petition for woman's Franchise. Otterville circulated petitions for woman's Franchise. Norwich has done Franchise Work, but

does not specify. Verschoyle circulated petition for woman's Franchise. The Woodstock Union makes this Department prominent, and at present considers it the most important. Approves heartily of securing men's signatures to the Franchise petition. Urges renewed zeal in the work, always remembering from Whom cometh our strength.

*Peel*—Port Credit and Streetsville declared themselves in favor of woman suffrage, but did not circulate the petitions. Brampton fully discussed the subject, but after a close vote decided against circulating the petition.

*Peterboro*—Has circulated the petitions.

*Prince Edward*—Picton assisted in the election of several temperance men to the town council, and held a mock parliament at which temperance and woman suffrage were discussed.

*Renfrew*—Nothing done in Franchise Work.

*Simcoe and Muskoka*—The Superintendent wrote to all the Unions in Simcoe and Muskoka, urging them to make Franchise Work a live issue, and to be instant in season and out of season. Sent the petitions and literature, asking them to circulate them; also to hold public meetings, lectures, debates, and try every way to convince the public of the desirability of giving women the Franchise, and to go from house to house asking the co-operation of women. Where there were no Unions, sent to women interested in the matter.

*Stormont*—The petitions were sent to all the Unions. Cornwall has threshed the question quite often, and has found it difficult to secure canvassers, but expect to take up the work shortly.

*Toronto*—Sends a full and interesting report of work done at last municipal and school board elections. Two ladies were supported or the position of school trustee, and polled large votes. Interesting public meetings were held, and aldermanic candidates were committed to important steps of advance legislation relating to matters in which women are specially interested. The Franchise petitions were sent to all the Unions, but have not yet been returned. Willard revised the voters' list for their district.

*Victoria*—Lindsay made great efforts to secure temperance candidates for the last municipal election, and canvassed the women voters. Circulated the Franchise petitions.

*Waterloo*—Nothing done in Franchise Work.

*Wentworth*—Hamilton helped to elect temperance alderman; circulated a large quantity of temperance literature, also the Franchise petitions.

*York*—No report received of work done.

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## PARLIAMENTARY USAGES.

(MISS LILLIAN PHELPS, Superintendent.)

*"Let everything be done decently and in order."*

Order is heaven's first law. As in social and home life, so in moral life. The reformer who would succeed must have "method in his madness." It is this method that has made the successes of the W. C. T. U. a veritable fact, and not only a fact but a terror to evil doers. To this end the Department of Parliamentary Usages has been one of the mediums of successful warfare.

During the year it has been my impression, from the returns received and the counties visited, that more Unions are interesting themselves in this Department than in any previous year, and that the suggestions of the Provincial Superintendent of last year has been partially accomplished in the quickened perceptions and practical housekeeping of the local and County Unions.

No one can accomplish work of any kind unless he or she has the instruments to work with—and in this case it is Roberts' Rules of Order—and to this end I have tried to find out from the County Presidents how many local Unions have provided themselves with this weapon of warfare. To this end I sent out post cards, to all of the County Presidents and many of the Unions, with the following questions:

- 1st. Have you a County Superintendent of Parliamentary Usages? Give name.
- 2nd. How many local Unions have taken up this Department? What has been the result?
- 3rd. How many have provided themselves with Roberts' Rules of Order, and followed the suggestions of last year—had the fifteen minutes drill?

To the above questions I have had the following replies:

*Brant*—Mrs. D. B. Cohoes, Scotland, thinks there is a County Superintendent of this Department, and that there has been a great improvement in the business meetings, and that each year there is a marked improvement in Convention.

*Bruce*—Mrs. A. B. Reede, Teeswater, Superintendent, writes she has urged every local Union to appoint local Superintendent, but received no reply. The Teeswater Union devoted one evening to the subject, and had a paper read by the Superintendent of that Department. Had a drill at Convention, but find it very hard to make the ladies understand the necessity of rules for doing business.

*Durham*—No Superintendent. No Unions taken up this Department, but had at the County Convention a parliamentary drill, conducted by the Provincial Superintendent, at which they seemed interested and hopeful for better business methods in the future.

*Essex*—Had drill at School of Method, conducted by Provincial President. Local Unions orderly in work. Mrs. Benjamin's card, and Mrs. L. Cole, Bethel, compendium used. One Union has Roberts' Rules of Order.

*Glengarry*—Has no Superintendent, but had a discussion at County Convention, and questions on this subject. Hope for something better in the future.

*Grey*—No Superintendent. Had a School of Method and drill. Owen Sound had a drill, given by Mrs. Hinks; has Roberts' Rules of Order. This Department has aroused more interest in the subject and made the routine of business easier.

*Haldimand*—None of the Unions taken up this Department. The county is unorganized.

*Lanark*—No Superintendent, but had a drill at the County Convention, by Provincial Superintendent.

*Leeds*—At the School of Method the drill was crowded out. Athens has Roberts' Rules of Order, but has not had the drill as suggested.

*Lincoln*—Nearly every Union has done something in this Department. Had the subject up at County Convention. Several of the Unions have Roberts' Rules of Order.

*Middlesex*—Has no Superintendent. Two Unions taken up the subject, London and Napier.

*Muskoka*—Nothing has been done in this Department.

*Nipissing*—Nothing has been done in this Department.

*Norfolk*—Have not done anything.

*Northumberland*—No Superintendent. Had a drill at County Convention. Two Unions, Cobourg and Campbellford have taken up the work. Have been provided with W. C. T. U. hand book and helping hand.

*Ontario*—Has no Superintendent, but had a drill at County Convention by Mrs. Thornley. Port Perry has provided itself with Roberts' Rules of Order; they also have hand books, and are getting into line; are willing workers, which overcomes a few of their failings.

*Oxford*—Mrs. B. D. Livingstone, Superintendent. Had a drill at County Convention. Tilsonburg, Brownsville, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Norwich and Otterville have taken up this Department. Several of the Unions have Roberts' Rules of Order, and Otterville, especially, has had a drill.

*Perth*—Nothing has been done; had a drill at County Convention by Provincial Superintendent of this Department.

*Peterboro*—County not organized.

*Prescott*—Only one Union in this county. This Department not taken up.

*Prince Edward*—No Superintendent, county not organized, but had a drill in Picton that the women have not yet gotten over, yet it awakened them up wonderfully.

*Renfrew*—No Superintendent; no drill; nothing done.

*Stormont*—No Superintendent of this Department, but a general improvement in the business meetings.

*Toronto*—Has a Superintendent. One Union has taken up Department, Parkdale; had a drill at School of Method, very good; one Roberts' Rules of Order known of; also Mrs. Benjamin's cards used.

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*Waterloo*—Has no Superintendent. Had a drill, conducted by Mrs. Thornley, at County Convention.

*Welland*—No Superintendent, but a general bettering of the business meetings. The question was discussed at the joint meeting of the counties of Lincoln and Welland.

*Wentworth*—Had a School of Method along with the Central Union. Think six or eight of the ladies have Roberts' Rules of Order.

*York*—Had a drill at County Convention, conducted by Provincial Superintendent.

## PARLOR MEETINGS.

(MRS. EMMA A. WHEELER, Superintendent.)

I feel very grateful that this Department of Parlor Meetings is becoming firmly established as one of our lines of work, and only awaits the interest and enthusiasm which our women are wont to put into every effort when they are convinced it will build up the temperance cause in their community. Perhaps, your Union has never succeeded in enlisting the society women of your town, and you feel positive that in your quest for members it would be worse than useless to touch the electric bell of the handsome new house you are about to pass unvisited. She of the rugs, and hard-wood floors, and art furnishings would feel disdainful, you think, to be invited to become a member of the Temperance Union; but I assure you, in nine cases out of ten you misjudge her. It is true that not *many* rich or noble are called, but some are. Her social influence is one of the talents the Master expects returned to Him with usury. Do not you become responsible for the disuse by not asking her to take service? To advance the temperance sentiment in those classes, which, by the use of their influence and wealth, can do more than any other to spread that sentiment throughout the world, is a work second to none in importance and is the object of the Parlor Meeting Department. It may be made effectual also in binding more closely, by bringing together socially, our own members. As our Superintendent wrote, Parlor Meetings are good for insiders and outsiders.

Reports were received from fifteen counties, and Toronto district.

*Brant*—No report except from Paris. A reception to teachers and the Board of Education, awakened much interest. Mrs. Jones favors a fee of five or ten cents.

*Bruce*—Parlor Meetings held: Lucknow 10, Teeswater 4, Paisley 3, Kincardine 1. Found them both interesting and profitable.

*Essex*—Three Parlor Meetings held; 7 members secured; \$34.90 received. Collections are thought best. Parlor Meetings in this county are considered a good way to interest outsiders.

*Glengarry*—Maxville has held five Parlor Meetings. One Union, St. Elmo, was organized as a result of these meetings. Think it a most effectual way to interest women in W. C. T. U. work.

*Grenville*—Spencerville held two meetings; gained 5 honorary and 2 active members. Prescott held two Parlor Meetings. Both Unions favor collection.

*Haldimand*—Caledonia held two Parlor Meetings, and a lawn social, at which they made about \$20, by selling ice cream and cake. Two of the meetings were addressed by our own provincial workers, Mrs. Carson, of London, and Mrs. Day Smith, of Hamilton. Gained 12 active and 3 honorary members. Hagersville held six Parlor Meetings, and raised about \$5. They favor collection.

*Kent*—Chatham held three Parlor Meetings, and raised \$11.95. Favor an admission fee of 10 cents. Ridgetown held one meeting, gained 2 honorary members, and raised \$5, but do not think it wise to charge, or take collections, where guests are invited to our home. Blenheim held one tea and one ice cream social, raised \$41, with which they bought a pump for the market place. Dresden held two Parlor Meetings, gained 3 members, and raised \$25.80. White ribbon cards and temperance leaflets were given out. Wallaceburg held one Parlor Meeting, gained 5 active and 2 honorary members, also secured 14 names to the pledge. Think it wise and right to take a collection. Consider Parlor Meetings one of the very best ways to interest people in our work.

*Lambton*—Mrs. Macken presented a paper on Parlor Meetings, at the County Convention. Alvinston held an At Home, which was very successful. Forest has held what they term a Teacher's Tea, for the purpose of educating young teachers along the line of temperance; also held a reception and social evening for receiving new members; 50 new names have been added to their list.

*Lincoln*—St. Catherines "Y" held four parlor socials, about all their money for work is raised in that way. Consider it a helpful way to gain new members.

*Middlesex*—Napier held seven meetings; gained 1 member. Glencoe held three meetings; gained 3 members; raised \$4.25 at one meeting; think a collection wise, but do not favor a set fee. London held four meetings; raised about \$20.00. Strathroy held two meetings; gained 11 members; collection or fee not thought advisable.

*Ontario*—Port Perry held six Parlor Meetings; gained 4 active and 2 honorary members, raised about \$10. The Corresponding Secretary adds: "If for a special object, an admission fee; but if of a purely social nature, in trying to secure new members, or in any way to advance the cause, no collection or fee."

*Oxford*—Salford one, Woodstock three, Otterville two, and Tilsonburg several At Homes.

*Peterboro*—Peterboro held three Parlor Meetings.

*Prince Edward*—Picton gave a reception to the class of Model School students, at which a temperance address and papers were given.

*Simcoe*—Barrie held six Parlor Meetings; gained 4 members; raised \$10.00. Gravenhurst held one Parlor Meeting; gained 3 members. Orillia held one Parlor Meeting; gained 1 member.

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*Stormont*—Cornwall held three Parlor Meetings; gained 8 members. All other Unions in the county have signified their intention to take up this line of work the coming winter.

*Toronto*—Reports not as much work done in the line of Parlor Meetings as last year. The District Union, Parkdale, North Toronto, and Gordon Unions held each one or two Parlor Meetings, and the latter a garden party. No statistics are given, but quite a sum was realized, and some members secured.

*Waterloo*—Berlin held two Parlor Meetings—one an entertainment, the other an address on "How to Conduct a Mothers' Meeting." Galt held an At Home for the Model School students, addressed by Mr. Falconer, Principal of a ward school, Mrs. Cavers, Mrs. Graham, and Mrs. (Dr.) Cameron.

*Wentworth*—Hamilton reported twelve Parlor Meetings held by three branches. No. 7 held 7 meetings; raised \$50.00. Branch No. 1 held 4 Parlor Meetings, raised \$29.07; papers or talks upon some of our Departments were given; also prohibition recitations. Branch No. 3 held 1 Parlor Meeting; raised \$9.00. No admission fee was charged at these meetings, but contributions, which were generous, were placed on a plate or in a basket near the front door. Four gentlemen are known to have been converted on the tobacco question by these Parlor Meetings. Hamilton Central holds Parlor Meetings once a month, and have found them very helpful. Papers dealing with our important Department work are presented and discussed. No fee is charged, but a plate at the door received voluntary offerings.

## SUMMARY.

- 14 Counties reported.
  - 5 Superintendents.
  - 124 Parlor Meetings held (an increase of 64, over last year).
  - 102 Active members secured (increase 74).
  - 11 Honorary members (increase 8).
- Total amount raised, \$275.97.

## SUGGESTIONS.

1. That all organized counties appoint a Superintendent of Parlor Meetings.
2. That every County Superintendent try to interest her Unions to take up this work.
3. Each Union might hold a birthday party. Have invitations written or printed; make silk or satin bags about two inches long, by one inch and a half wide, and with each invitation send a bag and a card, with the following written or printed:

"Here is a little purse about as big as a minute,  
 And this is the kind of a coin we ask you to put in it;  
 A penny for each of the birthdays through all your happy years,  
 The most have been bright with blessings, if a few have been stained with tears.  
 The silver of kindly words, the gold of your heart's love true,  
 We know we shall find among them, for the W. C. T. U."

Have the reception arranged for the afternoon and evening, to accommodate all, old and young. Have music, vocal and instrumental, at brief intervals; and have at least one paper or address, afternoon and evening, upon some Departments of our work. One or two recitations of a temperance character would add to the interest. Serve light refreshments throughout the entire reception hours.

## FLOWER MISSION.

(MISS EDITH A. ANNING, Superintendent.)

The Flower Mission sent out forty-five circulars, fourteen to County Superintendents and the remainder to W. C. T. Unions and "Y" Unions in unorganized counties.

Reports have been received as follows:

*Bruce*—Walkerton—50 bouquets and cards, 50 visits paid, a large quantity of clothing and many dainties sent to the needy and sick. Kincardine paid 24 visits, and did much work not reported. Teeswater—93 bouquets and text cards, 20 visits to the sick, 2 chickens; 2 boxes of wild flowers were sent, one to Children's Hospital in Toronto, the other to Home for Incurables in London, 56 floral texts accompanied them. Chesley—40 bouquets with text cards, 50 sick visits, 12 wreaths for funerals, dainties to the sick \$3.00. Lucknow—286 sick visits, 45 bouquets and text cards, 137 scripture cards, accompanied by fruits, jellies, and other comforts, to those who required aid, money and bread as well. Paisley—292 sick visits, 115 bouquets and text cards, clothing valued at \$8.00 to the poor, 50 cents worth of fruit, 1 signature received to the pledge.

*Carleton*—Ottawa "Y"—11 pints of canned fruit, 5 dozen eggs, 16 visits to private homes, 50 or 60 articles of clothing, 4 large baskets of flowers were taken to the hospital, and about 1 dozen bouquets to private homes.

*Durham*—Port Hope—40 bouquets, 20 text cards, 40 visits to private homes.

*Grey*—Meaford distributed 96 bouquets with 26 cards, 10 quarts of canned fruit, 4 dozen oranges, 3 hats, 4 coats, 2 dresses, 2 waists, 1 pair of gloves, and 1 pair of boots; paid 30 visits to private homes, and secured 6 pledges. Markdale is only organized and sends no reports.

*Kent*—Chatham—104 bouquets, 2 books, 9 quarts canned fruit, 12 jars of jelly, 4 pecks fruit, 15 parcels of cotton, 4 roasts, 11 pies, 4 baskets provisions, 1 cake, visited hospitals. Dresden distributed bouquets and sent flowers to the funeral of a member's child. Blenheim—100 bouquets, 12 quarts fruit, 10 quarts jelly. Ridgetown—30 bouquets with texts, 3 pecks of fruit; 7 baskets provisions, including pies, cakes and jellies. Wallaceburg—50 bouquets, 8 texts, 15 quarts canned fruits, visited 11 private homes, gave 2 chickens, jellies, 2 lemon jellies, receipts \$13.38, expenditure \$9.80.

*Lambton*—Wyoming—191 bouquets, 13 funeral wreaths, 179 text cards, 11 cans of fruit, \$6.00 for a poor family. Alvinston—30 bouquets, supplied boxes in railway station with literature; kept one family in wood, tea, flour and work; aided others with clothes and work, gave bread, pies, cakes, lemons, etc. Copleston—40 bouquets, 18 glasses of jelly and honey, 1 quilt, clothing valued at \$7.00, eggs \$1.75, cash \$1.25. Forest made and sold 100 bouquets containing text cards, visited the sick and took them flowers.

*Leeds*—Athens—75 bouquets, with text cards, 450 pages of literature, and 1 blanket.

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*Lincoln*—St. Catharines "Y's"—128 bouquets, 15 text cards, 2,550 pages of literature, 21 visits to hospital, 43 Christmas letters, clothing worth \$89.00. Grimsby—10 baskets of flowers with texts, 5 visits to hospital. Homer—5 bouquets, 5 visits to private homes.

*Middlesex*—Ilderton reports 62 bouquets with texts, 10 quarts canned fruit, 2½ dozen oranges, and 25 visits paid to private homes. Napier—50 bouquets with texts, and 50 visits. Glencoe—20 bouquets with texts, and 20 visits. Parkhill—48 bouquets with texts, and as many visits. Strathroy—40 bouquets with texts, 5 quarts canned fruit, and 2 dozen oranges.

*Oxford*—755 bouquets, 278 visits paid, flowers furnished for 8 funerals and 4 churches during the summer, a quantity of ripe fruit, some jars of jelly, text cards, pages of literature were distributed, of which there is no account; \$3.50 were secured by raising potatoes.

*Peterboro*—Peterboro reports 90 bouquets with texts, visits paid to jail, hospital and Protestant home, and \$2.00 expended.

*Perth*—Stratford—13 bouquets, 6 text cards, 4,379 pages of literature at the station, 6 dozen oranges, 83 visits to institutions, 222 to private homes, receipts \$4.20, expenditure \$10.50, 60 articles of clothing; clothed a young woman and her baby and secured her a pass to Buffalo, also gave her money; disposed of 32 aprons at 30 cents, for the benefit of Mrs. Paul, of Toronto; clothed 4 poor children, and got them to attend Sabbath school regularly.

*Renfrew*—Renfrew—95 bouquets, 60 texts, 2 bottles unfermented wine, soups, cheese, jellies, and some dozens of rolls. Greenwood—6 bouquets, 12 cards, 76 private visits, a quantity of fruit, and some vegetables.

*Toronto*—Northern Union—31 quarts of delicacies, 5½ dozen eggs, 1 dozen oranges, 2 cakes, 1 pound of barley, 4 beef shanks, 1 package of cornstarch, 36 articles of clothing, 5 packages of magazines, 2 books, 24 texts of scripture. Dovercourt Union has done good work distributing a large number of bouquets and delicacies of all kinds, which were greatly appreciated by the suffering. Dovercourt "Y" distributed 10,000 bouquets with scripture texts attached, 102 quarts of delicacies, 18 dozen eggs, 15 dozen oranges, 6 cakes, 15 large baskets of ripe fruit, 2,000 pages of literature, clothing to 50 families, 1 ton of coal, 2 pounds of tea, 1 table spread, 5 pairs of pillow shams, 3 mattresses, and many other things. Christmas dinners, or their materials, were supplied to 50 families in their own homes. The average number of visits per week in private homes has been 35, and the average number of workers for the same time was 8. The donations in money are, from the "Y's," \$2.00, and from other sources, \$94.60. Visits have been paid regularly to the General Home for Incurables, Old Folks' Home, Hayter Street Orphanage, and occasionally to the Hospital for Sick Children, and Girls' Home. Flowers are supplied to the nursing-at-home mission. A branch of this mission does good work in Grace Hospital, where they hold a service every Monday morning. They also visit in private homes, and sometimes St. John Hospital and Hillcrest Home. This mission adds to our report 534 bouquets and 16 glasses of jelly.

*Wellington*—Mount Forest—39 bouquets with cards, 15 visits to private homes, some pots of jelly. Mount Forest reports much appreciation of work done.

*York*—Newmarket—250 bouquets, 180 cards, 3,000 pages of literature, 28 quarts of canned fruit, 18 pecks of fruit, 4 dozen eggs, 9 dozen oranges, visited 2 institutions and 28 private homes, receipts \$10.00, expenditure \$10.00, 85 articles of clothing, 35 yards of carpet, 22 baskets of provisions, 7 cakes, 4 pounds of candy, meals and texts to tramps. *Richmond Hill*—25 texts, 52 quarts of canned fruit, 8 pecks of fruit, 30 dozen eggs, 2½ dozen oranges, 1 box of clothing, 75 books, 50 toys, dolls, etc., 5 pounds of butter, and an Easter offering for Children's Hospital. *Toronto Junction*—656 bouquets, 56 text cards, 150 pages of literature, 3 quarts of canned fruit, 54 visits to private homes, 3 custards, 4 junkets, 23 cups, 4 glasses of honey, 1 basket of provisions. *Stouffville*—16 quarts of canned fruit, many articles of clothing to Children's Hospital and poor at home. *Weston*—15 bouquets, 50 cards, 24 pages of literature, 28 quarts of canned fruit, 2 dozen eggs, 6½ dozen oranges, 120 visits to private homes, receipts \$101.82, expenditure \$101.82, 40 articles of clothing, 350 baskets of provisions, 12 books, 6 roasts of beef, 2 pairs of chickens, 9 quarts of fruit to nursing-at-home mission, and other expenditures to poor. *Woodbridge*—130 bouquets, 89 text cards, 42 quarts of canned fruit, 2 dozen eggs, 4 dozen oranges, 3 visits to institutions, 16 to private homes, fruit to Children's Hospital. *Malvern*—10 quarts of canned fruit, 9 pairs of boots to Children's Hospital. *Aurora*—40 quarts of canned fruit. *Pansy Band*—5,242 bouquets, 4,126 text cards, 3,000 pages of literature, 65 quarts of canned fruit, 8 pecks of fruit, 5 dozen eggs, 7 dozen oranges, 138 visits to institutions, 147 to private homes, receipts \$20.38, expenditure \$20.28, 188 articles of clothing, lent wall-scroll 8 times, gave Caxton's School Chart (which cost \$35.00) to Children's Hospital; 3 Hebrew Testaments, and 66 pages of Jewish literature.

## SUMMARY:

Complete report, as received, stands thus:

19,312 bouquets.

15,842 text cards.

12,379 pages of literature, besides books and magazines.

536 quarts of fruit and jellies.

7 pledges.

41 pecks of fresh fruit.

71½ dozen eggs.

59½ dozen oranges.

548 articles of clothing.

248 visits to institutions. Many visits were made and numbers not given.

1,928 visits to homes.

\$276.78 were received, and, as nearly as can be ascertained, \$309.40 were expended.

The report shows a falling off, year after year, in the number of pledges, in comparison with earlier records.

## SUGGESTIONS.

The following suggestions for work are culled from reports:

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## WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

(MRS. ALICE P. MORRISON, Superintendent.)

The word "report" grows very monotonous before the close of a Convention like this. We naturally associate it with dry statistics, columns of figures, etc., and we rather dread the thought of listening to another.

*Lambton*—Sarnia has supplied the brackets at the tunnel station with temperance and religious literature every week - 7,793 pages during the year.

*Leeds*—Gananoque has kept boxes at station filled at times, and has given a number of papers, etc., to the Railroad Employees. Brockville supplies a box with gospel literature; distributes also. Lyn also keeps brackets at station supplied. Lansdowne has kept a box filled during the year; using about 300 copies of various periodicals in this way. Delta and Athens also report having distributed literature, but no definite amount.

*Lincoln*—St. Catherines "Y" has placed 775 pages of literature in box at the railway station during the year.

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*Peterboro*—Reports as follows: Papers distributed in railway conductors' vans, 989; pages put in racks at two stations, 8,390. This Union also provided a Christmas cake for each station and 34 Christmas cards, which were much appreciated.

*York*—Parkdale station has been supplied weekly with literature. Western has distributed 11,340 pages at the C. P. R. and G. T. R. stations during the year. Deer Park supplied street railway. Gordon has distributed 15,000 pages in the hospital and at Union station.

This concludes the report as far as received. Could we follow up the scattered leaflets, look into the hearts of the chance reader, see the effect of the earnest words of warning and invitation, we might feel more encouraged. But His plan for us is to be faithful, not seeing the reward, to go on "not knowing," and some day we shall hear His "well done," which will more than repay us for our small efforts in His service.

## WORK AMONG SOLDIERS.

(MRS. E. E. STARR, Superintendent.)

In submitting the annual report of this Department, your Superintendent feels that she not only has not a full report, but that she has not done her full duty as Superintendent, owing not to unwillingness, but want of knowledge of the work and how best to do it, but trusts that some little good has been accomplished, if it be only that others have been urged to do their duty along this very important line of work.

*Brant*—Brantford reports no Superintendent; no work done; no military camp or college in our limits. We would be at a loss to know how to go to work. The 38th Battalion drill weekly, and attend church during these drills.

*Grenville*—Spencerville reports no Superintendent, no work done. Intend having a Superintendent appointed for next year.

*Grey*—Owen Sound reports no Superintendent; no work done; we do Sailors' Work.

*Leeds*—Brockville reports the Y. M. C. A. do Soldiers' Work here. Gananoque reports no Superintendent; no need of one; 42nd Battalion drilled here for ten days; they attended church in a body.

*Middlesex*—London reports a quantity of literature distributed at the military encampment; no account kept of same; trust next year to do better.

*Ontario*—Whitby reports 8 visits made to camp of 34th Battalion; 300 tracts and 140 periodicals distributed; they had 11 sick in hospital camp; 6 bouquets of flowers, with text cards, were taken to this hospital and gladly received. The Superintendent, Mrs. Henderson, was most kindly received by officers.

*Renfrew*—Arnprior reports no work, no soldiers near. Their reply came promptly.

*Simcoe*—Collingwood reports no Superintendent, as there is nothing for us to do. Barrie reports that Orillia provided literature and writing material; also temperance meetings, and the provision for same is always arranged for at County Convention.

*Stormont*—Cornwall reports no military camp this year, therefore no work done. However, Superintendent was appointed.

*Toronto*—Reports the *Christian Guardian* sent regularly to Stanley barracks, also 2,000 pages of literature (temperance and religious). We would not be allowed to hold meetings, but have done what we could to supply good reading matter.

*Waterloo*—Galt reports no Superintendent, as camp is rarely here. Sometimes we have sent literature to the Unions who supply the camps, but not this year.

Last year only one report was presented. This year four counties have done work. Two camps have been supplied with literature; one camp hospital provided with flowers and text cards; one camp supplied with writing material. Two military colleges supplied with temperance literature or religious papers. Known number of tracts, papers and periodicals distributed, 2,492.

May I urge this Convention to consider the interests of this branch of work. I found no foundation upon which to build up the work.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

I would suggest that Superintendent be supplied with suitable literature.

That each Local Union appoint a Superintendent, and help County Superintendent to provide for the nearest camp.

It has been thought we cannot reach the military men. That is a mistake. Might I here suggest work for Toronto District and Local Unions: There will be a general parade of the active militia on Sunday, November 3rd, to Massey Hall. Literature might be distributed through the seats on Saturday. How many like opportunities we let pass unnoticed.

We have three military colleges, and over fifty battalions; is there not work for all? Can we not help to surround these men, and especially the young men, with helps to enable them to resist temptation? They are there, away from home and womanly influence. Had I time, I might tell you of a young man in one of these colleges wholly dependent on his life there for all good influences. He has no mother nor sisters to guide him in the right.

These military men enjoy our attentions at camp—the comforts we furnish. I heard this year of a camp where there was no reading or writing tent because the women who usually furnished it had not done so. One company enjoyed a W. C. T. U. garden party, and kindly furnished band music for same. They look for entertainment. Often these men are young and unaccustomed to temptation, without the restraining influence of home, and when thus free are led astray.

Dear sisters, let us throw around them the influence they require to keep them true to God and the right. Perhaps we think we have no need of soldiers. How better can we help to proclaim peace in the world than by aiding all men to become Soldiers of the Cross.

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## WORK AMONG SAILORS.

(MRS. J. H. DAVIS, Superintendent.)

My first work in the spring was to send out about forty letters to Unions where work might be done in this line, urging them to appoint a Superintendent of this Department. Later I wrote each Union having a Superintendent asking for a report of work done.

*Bruce*—Reports that out of the fourteen Unions in the county but three have Superintendents of Sailors' Work, those are at the lake ports, namely, Warton, Southampton and Kincardine. I wrote to nearly all the Unions asking them to help by sending reading matter and comfort bags. Teeswater, Chesley and Lucknow replied. Lucknow came as usual to the front by sending a nicely assorted box of literature, the others have the matter under consideration. I hope they will not rest satisfied with considering but follow the good example of the Lucknow sisters, by sending something for the comfort of the sailors and fishermen.

*Essex*—Windsor regrets having no Superintendent, as they feel that this is a field for work in this line, and think much good might be done if they had more willing workers. Let us hope that they will be able to do good work next year.

*Lambton*—Forest reports making bags and sending them to Dr. Moffat, in Toronto, who fills them and gives them to sailors. The Band of Hope made some bags and sent them, with a box of literature, to him also. We have a committee to collect the Sunday school papers; sent those also to Dr. Moffat to be used as he thought best. As we are doing the sailors good, or trying to do so, does it matter through what channel it is done.

*Leeds*—Gananoque reports having visited all boats calling there, and distributing about 6,000 pages of literature, besides twenty magazines. One sailor, who is known to be quite indifferent as to his personal appearance, on nearing Gananoque asked to borrow a comb that he might get his unruly locks in order, as he expected to see those W. C. T. ladies at this port.

*Peterboro*—Peterboro reports having sent 7 comfort bags full of useful articles to Richie Bell's Seamen's Home, Montreal. Received reply, thanking them for such nice bags.

I am very glad that we have such an improvement in this Department of the work over last year.

## SUGGESTION.

That all Superintendents be urged to send in their report early in October, not waiting to be written to, as by so doing much valuable time and expense might be saved.

## WORK AMONG COLORED PEOPLE.

(MISS LILLIAN M. PHELPS, Superintendent.)

Immediately upon my appointment as Superintendent of this Department, I wrote to every County President, and to many of the Unions where colored people live. I also sent for and received a list of the colored preachers in Ontario; published the list in *Woman's Journal* with my letter to the W. C. T. U's, in the hope that some of the Unions might enter into this work with some degree of enthusiasm.

The replies have been as varied as the localities and personalities of these various places. But two counties have as yet done anything in this Department, Lincoln and Welland, others have made some effort, but there is still a great degree of race and face prejudice to overcome—if you do not think so, let some one try to work up a colored Union, and find how many-sided are the objections.

Welland W. C. T. U. has a Mission for the few colored people living in that town, and frequently the pastor of the B. M. E. Church of St. Catherine's, goes there to preach. The St. Catherine's Union is still in service, and at the last County Convention of the united counties of Lincoln and Welland did good work in more than one way.

In nearly every locality where the colored people have settled, I find a W. C. T. U. in existence, but as yet nothing has been done in the western part of the province. It must be borne in mind, however, that in many counties in this province, there is not a colored man or woman; but along the frontiers, there is and has always been a large colored population, brought here by the protection that the Canadian flag offered to that race from the chains of human bondage.

What this Department hopes to do, and has for its aims, is to strike off the chains of a worse than African slavery, and to throw the protection of the Union Jack around the negro cabin and white man's home, by the education of both black and white, in the lives of total abstinence for the individual, and prohibition for the State.

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## WORK AMONG INDIANS.

(MRS. TENNANT, Superintendent.)

I cannot report as fully of the work amongst the Indians, as I desired, owing to the fact that only one response has been received from missionaries written to.

Early in the year I wrote fourteen letters to different missions, telling something of our work, and enclosing pledges, asking that all the signatures possible be obtained. As I received no replies, I wrote postal cards about a month ago, reminding them of the matter.

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Since that time I have heard from Mount Elgin Industrial Institution, that about one-half the boys and girls attending the Institution have signed the total abstinence pledge during the past year.

Eighteen names were secured on Cornwall Island, about one-half the church members.

The great difficulty in the way of getting Indians to sign a pledge, is their great fondness for cider; and then, too, it requires so much talking to make them understand the reason for, and the value to be derived from, taking the pledge. But by appealing to them often, and freely circulating the pledge amongst them, I have no doubt that much good can be done.

## JUVENILE.

(MRS. T. H. PRATT, Superintendent.)

This is a vast field—"White unto the Harvest." In summarizing the reports sent in, I find a great deal of energy has been used in the Sunday School Department; also more interest taken in the practical teaching of temperance; therefore, the outlook seems encouraging for the future of our cause:

Eight thousand pledged boys and girls, a strong army to overcome evil! In this work we are giving the children a chance to help beautify the earth, by acts of mercy, resistance from evil, and faith in God.

As the law is love, so the limit of our love must be the measure of our service. We are more than ever impressed with the necessity of commencing early in the matter of character building, and a child of five years is not too young to understand the problem of evil, nor too inexperienced to help on the fulfilment—"Thy Kingdom come;" and, "a little child shall lead them."

This Department sent out 325 postal cards, 300 letters and 300 booklets.

Wrote personal letters to County Superintendents of this Department, hoping for good results. Expenses, \$17.36.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

*Bruce*—Reports Sunday school work done by pledges in Cedar Grove, Chesley, Lucknow, Paisley, and in Walkerton the scholars are pledged every three months by a standing vote.

*Grey*—Thornbury reports Sunday school work done, and 30 pledged.

*Halton*—Oakville reports pledge and temperance Sunday in Sunday schools.

*Hastings*—Belleville, good work done.

*Kent*—Ridgetown reports 200 pledged in Sunday school. Teeswater circulated pledges in Sunday school.

*Middlesex*—Melbourne, a temperance address was given, and work done in both Sunday schools. Strathroy, 3 schools have taken the pledge. Mount Brydges,

schools all teach lesson, and 1 public meeting held. London, 3 schools wholly given to temperance, offered speakers to 24 schools, and to supply with temperance book catalogues. Have supplied from 10 to 12 schools with speakers each temperance Sunday. Parkhill, 4 teach lesson, and mostly all signed the pledge, temperance teachers are provided from one Methodist Sunday school, having a membership of 250, all are total abstainers and only one a user of tobacco. Glencoe has 3 Sunday schools teaching temperance. Napier has 8 teachers and 7 classes pledged. Mrs. Thomas, County Superintendent, gave an instructive address to Epworth League, and sent petition to Hon. G. W. Ross, and Sir Oliver Mowat, asking for support against street cars running on Sunday.

*Norfolk*—Simcoe reports good work done in Sunday schools.

*Ontario*—Reports Sunday school work done in Whitby, 4 addresses given of special work done, also Port Perry.

*Oxford*—Reports good work done in Sunday schools.

*Toronto*—Central reports three Sunday schools addressed. Wesley reports 1,100 pledged, and temperance lessons taught quarterly. Parkdale all children in Methodist Sunday school pledged. Deer Park, besides the regular lessons, addresses were frequently given. Dovercourt reports 560 children pledged.

*Waterloo*—Sabbath school scholars pledged, 903; children pledged (in all) 2,372.

*Wellington*—Reports good work in Sunday schools.

*Wentworth*—Hamilton Union reports 12 Sunday schools have taken the pledge, and are agitating for a joint Union meeting.

All the Unions reporting Bands of Hope also report temperance taught in Sunday school and children pledged.

#### BANDS OF HOPE.

*Brant*—Burford has made special effort in raising money to furnish Mechanics' Institute.

*Bruce*—Teeswater reports examinations in the Band of Hope, also edits a monthly paper; addresses by clergymen and medical students; honorary members are also a feature of their work. A flower contest was held, a prize being given for the best plant started from a slip; some of the children take slips, keep them all winter, and sell the plant in the spring for the benefit of the society; also gathered wild flowers, and sent them in large quantities to the hospitals in Toronto and London, texts and bows of white ribbon accompanied them, flowers were also sent to the sick and elderly people of the village. An anti-tobacco league was formed, numbering 60.

*Durham*—Bowmanville reported had a mass meeting of children Crusade day; 800 in procession.

*Glengarry*—Martintown has a birthday box, for benefit of lumbermen; and makes scrap books for the children's hospital.

*Haldimand*—Hagersville gave prizes in public schools.

*Hastings*—Belleville Union presents prizes to day schools.

*Lambton*—Forest reports a successful Crusade day, 40 new members added. Wyoming Band made scrap books for lumber camp and children's hospitals.

*Lincoln*—Rockaway celebrated Neal Dow's birthday. Crusade day was held by many Unions with good results.

*Middlesex*—London East has club rooms for young men (divided into boys and young men's work), a reading-room where young men can read and play games, talks by doctors, prizes and a closing tea. The greatest evil is tobacco and cigarette smoking. Napier reported crusade day.

*Ontario*—Port Perry flower mission. Prince Albert also had flower competitions. *Oxford*—Ingersoll has a flourishing kitchen garden.

*Simcoe*—Three Bands and a medal contest held.

*Toronto*—Dovercourt had a very successful entertainment and tea to 100 children. The leader is going to China as a missionary. Central "Y's," Toronto, have 3, and had a very successful closing exhibition in the Pavilion; 60 members.

*Wentworth*—Central "Y's," Hamilton, News-boys' Club, with a membership of 200.

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<i>Algoma</i> —			<i>Muskoka</i> —		
Ft. William . . . . .	1	40	Huntsville . . . . .	3	60
<i>Brant</i> —			<i>Ontario</i> —		
Burford . . . . .	1	40	Port Perry . . . . .	1	73
Scotland . . . . .	1	100	Prince Albert . . . . .	1	53
St. George . . . . .	1	24	<i>Toronto</i> —		
<i>Bruce</i> —			Central . . . . .	1	40
Kincardine . . . . .	1	120	Central "Y's" . . . . .	7	120
Mildmay . . . . .	1	60	Dovercourt . . . . .	1	84
Lucknow . . . . .	1	156	Western . . . . .	2	300
Hepworth . . . . .	1	53	Campbellford . . . . .	1	120
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Teeswater . . . . .	1		Galt . . . . .	7	507
<i>Kent</i> —			Sprague Road . . . . .	1	33
Thamesville . . . . .	1	86	Oakwood . . . . .	1	48
Wallaceburg . . . . .	1	90	New Hamburg . . . . .	1	50
<i>Lambton</i> —			Berlin . . . . .	1	300
Alvinston . . . . .	1	40	Hespeler . . . . .	1	140
Copleston . . . . .	1	47	Ayr . . . . .	1	172
Forest . . . . .	1	180	Waterloo . . . . .	1	106
Petrollea . . . . .	1	138	Zion . . . . .	1	45
Sarnia (new) . . . . .	1	148	<i>Wellington</i> . . . . .	3	435
Watford . . . . .	1	30	<i>Wentworth</i> —		
Wyoming . . . . .	1	56	Hamilton . . . . .	1	30
Wroxeter . . . . .	1	18	Central "Y's" . . . . .	7	1390
<i>Lincoln</i> —			Dundas . . . . .	1	104
Fulton . . . . .	1	64	<i>Not Organized</i> —		
Homer . . . . .	1	30	Dresden . . . . .	1	150
Rockaway . . . . .	1	41	Fairfield . . . . .	1	45
Pelham . . . . .	1	40	Preston . . . . .	1	45
Clinton . . . . .	1	40	Greenfield . . . . .	1	21
<i>Middlesex</i> —			Trenton . . . . .	1	200
Central . . . . .	1	40	Lancaster . . . . .	1	50
London East . . . . .	1	50	Martintown . . . . .	1	40
London West . . . . .	1	80	Playfair . . . . .	1	33
London City . . . . .	1	150	Selkirk . . . . .	1	100
Seaforth . . . . .	1	111	Thornbury . . . . .	1	40
Strathroy . . . . .	1	100			
Napier . . . . .	1	35	Total . . . . .	90	7542
Woodgreen . . . . .	1	25			
Mt. Brydges . . . . .	1	40			

## MEDAL CONTESTS.

Teeswater has had 6 medal contests and are now preparing for a gold medal.  
Otterville 2, Mount Forest 1, Petrolia 1, Simcoe county 1, Ottawa 1.

## SEWING SCHOOLS.

London 1, 80 members, also cooking lessons.  
Hamilton 1, 70 members.  
Central "Y" 2, 200 members.

## COOKING SCHOOLS.

London 1.

## SUGGESTIONS.

By Mrs. Caine, Newmarket :

That County Superintendents having done so well, still do better by urging on this children's work.

That we do not lose the idea of a child's temperance paper, but act at once, as the need is great.

## CURFEW BELL.

(MRS. S. G. E. MCKEE, Superintendent.)

This Department is largely indebted to Mr. Kelso, superintendent of neglected and dependent children, for valuable help. A copy of the Gibson Act was sent to each Union in Ontario by Mr. Kelso, while our circular with accompanying slip for reply did not cost us anything. Just how much this was appreciated will appear later on.

Owing to a misunderstanding, it was the month of March before the circulars with slips for reply were sent to the Unions, some of them were like the cat that never came back, others came, filled and put in an envelope with a one cent stamp and sealed, of course for these we pay four cents. When asked for information, I sometimes enquired if they had read the law, and was told they never got any. I advised them to look in the bottom of the stocking basket, or in the drawer of the sewing machine.

Of the 220 circulars sent out, 43 replies were received, these may be classed as follows: towns having by-law, 13; towns not having by-law, 26; of the latter 11 have petitioned, or will petition. The London Children's Aid Society is moving. Ottawa W. C. T. U. is moving, and the subject has been discussed in the Toronto city council. I may say just here that these returns though meagre are from places where there are Unions, but do not represent the total bell ringing municipalities, for

there are over 30 in Ontario, but these are all I have heard from. All who have the by-law testify to its good effects on the community, believing it to be a step in the right direction.

Many complaints are made as to the enforcement of the law, but the remedy is in the hands of any man or woman who chooses to make complaint, and give the names of the parents. To be fined once or twice would be a wholesome deterrent, and we deprecate the idea of locking up the children, the law provides a wiser course, first to warn the parent, then on second offence fining; but in some places we advise that the W. C. T. U. see to it that notices be put in the local papers calling the attention of the public to clause 3 of section 31 of the Children's Protection Act; that the teachers in public schools be asked to remind the children of the law; that Sunday school teachers allude to the necessity of obedience to the laws of the land when speaking of the sin of disobedience. In all possible ways to let them know you are looking after them; I would advise each Union to appoint a member to look after this branch of our work, which though among the last appointed, is not the least important by any means, but should be a help in any community to prevent the spread of evil and save the children from the consequences of a street education.

## YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

(MISS ZILLAH RAE, Superintendent.)

Our hearts are full of gladness at the successful close of another year. While there are many things to regret, there are many, many to be grateful for.

During the year two "Y" Unions have been formed, with a bright outlook for each. We would again ask that County Superintendents be appointed, and that they endeavor to bring the importance of our work before the young people. The hearty sympathy and advice of the women will greatly encourage and help the girls. They need your help. In small Unions especially. Within the last two years several Unions have disbanded, and I feel confident that if these had received a little, very little, attention from the women they might have brightened up and done good work. The excuse is, there are so many societies. Why can the King's Daughters not go one step further and become actively engaged in the temperance work? How many Unions would be formed within a year, and what a glorious work would be accomplished?

From letters received, we have been cheered and encouraged with the evident interest in our Department, and we know that this Department will grow and flourish if there are a few more gleams of sunshine thrown upon it.

There have been 97 letters and 11 postals written, and 607 pages of literature distributed.

*Bruce*—Teeswater "Y" Committee doing a grand work with the Loyal Temper-

ance Legion, and have 100 members (senior and junior). They have taken up the Temperance Lesson Manual. A monthly paper is edited by members, and is quite interesting. Addresses have been given at different times by clergymen and medical students. Six Demorest silver medal contests have been held, and one gold medal contest. During the winter an Anti-Tobacco League was started in the public schools, and now numbers 60. Distributed 140 copies of the *Citizen and Home Guard*, besides other literature; 4 parlor meetings, 4 mothers' meetings, 1 lawn social, 93 bouquets carried to sick, 20 visits reported, 13 bouquets and wreaths for caskets. Chickens, jelly, fruit, and different delicacies for the sick, kindly donated by our members. Two large boxes of wild flowers, with 45 floral texts and ribbon, and 11 mission cards, were packed and sent to the Children's Hospital, Toronto, and the Home for Incurables, London. Made 12 comfort bags for lumbermen. On the 22nd of October a "Y" Union was formed with 21 active and 7 honorary members.

*Carleton*—Ottawa "Y" was re-organized 1892. Has a membership of 200. Departments taken up—Flower Mission, Press, Narcotics, Band of Hope, Parlor Meetings, News-boys' Club. Several very successful, bright "at homes" were held during the winter, which were thoroughly appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present. A number of the girls went each day to the News-boys' Club, assisting the "W's" dispense cheer and comfort to the many who came to be warmed and fed. The beaming countenances and satisfied expression of the little faces fully repaid all for their care and trouble. The girls also assisted at the Bands of Hope and the fall fair. Some most satisfactory medal contests were held. Amount of money received, \$229.00.

*Essex*—Amherstburg "Y" Committee has 11 members; chief work, Band of Hope.

*Kent*—Wallaceburg "Y" Committee just formed.

*Lincoln*—Rockaway "Y" Committee prepared programmes for the "W's." St. Catharines "Y" Union have a membership of 25 active and 10 honorary members in good standing. They have held during the year, ending September, 1895, 10 regular and 3 special meetings, with an average attendance of 8. The Departments of Work taken up are 9 in number; they are as follows: Hospital and Flower Mission, Relief, Lumbermen's, Railroad, Christmas Letter Mission, Parlor Meetings, Press Work, Fair Work, and Narcotics. There have been distributed 164 bouquets, 23 cards, 43 Christmas letters, 3,066 pages of literature, besides about 100 pounds of literature sent to the lumber camp, with 4 comfort bags and 1 scrap album; then there was a quantity of literature distributed at the fair. Six insertions were put in the "Y's" Corner. Five parlor socials were given. The "Y's" united with the "W's" in giving topic meetings to the public; 8 were held in all, 5 of which the "Y's" furnished the programme and the topics. Relief has been given to the needy to the value of \$80.00. The amount of money raised during the year was \$44.38, expenses \$30.26.

*Middlesex*—London "Y" was organized May, 1889. Has 12 active members. Departments—Young Women's Christian Association, Juvenile, Pledge, Press, Scientific Temperance. Signatures to pledge, 45. Amount of money raised, \$450.00; money expended, \$450.00. Twelve comfort bags were made for the lumbermen. Had a tent at fall fair, and sold fruits, confectionery, coffee and hot lemonade. Many

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hundreds of pages of literature were distributed. Demorest contests have been taken up during the year. Four parlor meetings were held; new members were received at each one. The Flower Mission sent many bouquets, and cheer and comfort to the needy. The management of the Young Women's Christian Association is our principal work. This Department has grown from small beginnings to number over two hundred members. We rent rooms for which we pay \$20.00 a month. Our library contains 360 volumes, and our magazine table is well furnished with the current magazines and literature of the day. The total attendance at the rooms for the last year has been 14,500, of which 8,823 attended during the day, 5,677 in the evening, and 4,189 were present at the lunch hour. The latter is a most encouraging phase of our work, and was one of the chief incentives, among others, which impelled us to open our rooms in the daytime, viz.: that young women engaged in various occupations in the city might eat their lunch and enjoy cups of hot tea or other beverage in our pleasant apartments. Over one thousand more young women this year than the previous one have availed themselves of this privilege. We have a Bible class, Physical Culture class, Choral, Art and Shorthand classes, as well as Educational classes, for the members of our Y. W. C. A. Cooking lessons were also given last year. Social and literary evenings are held monthly, and bright and instructive talks are given to our members during the winter months. We are the happy possessors of a summer-outing home, at New Orchard Beach, Port Stanley, where our members may enjoy a rest and change of scene during the summer months; eighty-five young women were resident members under "Summerholm's" hospitable roof during the past season. Temperance evenings are also held, when, by reading along temperance lines, and earnest addresses from temperance workers, we seek to imbue our members with a true conception of the evils of intemperance. We aim, in every possible way, to develop the physical, social, moral and spiritual natures of the young womanhood of our city. Juvenile and Scientific Temperance Departments:—A temperance band was held during the winter season, when by means of temperance songs and readings, the children were trained along temperance lines; nearly all of them signed the pledge, 20 in all. The Press Department sent reports of our meetings, and the work accomplished semi-monthly to the daily and weekly papers. The news from the field culled interesting articles from temperance magazines and papers, and read them at our meetings. The Pledge Department sought to get members of the association and others to sign the pledge, 45 in all.

*Oxford*—Brownsville "Y" Committee has 8 active and 6 honorary members; Departments taken up, Flower Mission and Juvenile; 100 pages of literature were distributed; 100 signatures to the pledge.

*Prince Edward*—Picton "Y" was organized 1892. Chief branches of work—Band of Hope and Flower Mission.

*Toronto*—Toronto "Y" was organized 1884. Has 37 active and 15 honorary members. Departments—Evangelistic, Flower Mission, Kitchen Garden, Golden League, Work Among Colored People, Band of Hope, Anti-Tobacco League, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Lumbermen's Work, Parlor Meetings, Press. Number of pages of literature, 12,253. Have 3 kitchen garden classes, with an attendance of 65. Press did good work, supplying two papers, other than the *Journal*. Sabbath morning services were commenced this year in our Hospital. The Anti-Tobacco

League has the honor of being No. 1 of Toronto; it was begun under most favorable circumstances; the chairman of the public school board presented each with the A. T. L. Button, which he provided for the society. Amount of money raised \$221.43. Dovercourt Road "Y"—Flower Mission is the chief work done in this Union.

*Wellington*—Guelph "Y" was re-organized June 7th, 1893. Has 18 active and 3 honorary members. Departments taken up—Press Work, Flower Mission, Sewing School and Poor Relief. Amount of money raised, \$24.12; money expended, \$10.75.

*Wentworth*—Hamilton "Y" was organized 1882. Has 62 active and 20 honorary members. Departments taken up—Band of Hope, Sewing School, Dorcas News-boys' Club. Devotional meetings were held at the News-boys' Club every night. Number of signatures to the pledge, 3,900. Amount of money raised, \$490.05. Money expended, \$461.28.

## SUGGESTIONS.

1. Form "Y" Unions, as soon as practicable, from "Y" Committees.
2. Be sure and appoint a "Y" Superintendent in every county.
3. Have a live, bright Press Superintendent in each Union or Committee, and have her send items monthly to the *Woman's Journal*.

## CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

(MRS. MARY WILEY, Corresponding Secretary.)

During the year greetings were sent to the conventions of the Sons of Temperance, Royal Templars of Temperance, Independent Order of Good Templars, Epworth League, Society of Christian Endeavor, Ontario Sabbath School Association, and others. We believe that the President and Vice-President personally greeted the church conferences and Woman's Missionary Society.

It is very encouraging to find that the liquor traffic is falling into disrepute with those societies not professedly temperance societies. We find the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows at its last session adopted the following resolution: Resolved, that article 16 of our Constitution be amended by adding the following: "No saloon keeper, bartender, or professional gambler, shall be eligible to membership in this Order." The Knights of Pythias, another great organization, refuses to admit those engaged in the traffic to membership. Indeed, we find nearly all the secret societies falling into line and placing a ban upon those engaged in the liquor business.

The Roman Catholic Church of the United States urges its members to come out of the vile business and to unite with their Protestant neighbors in fighting the evil, and also requested Catholic papers to refuse liquor advertisements.

From Switzerland, from Norway, from Belgium, even from Russia, comes the word of temperance reform. In the last named, saloon keeping, as a private business, is to be entirely abolished. Then look at New York city, the wonderful reform at work there. Let us then thank God for the progress our cause is making, and take courage for the future.

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## REPORTS OF COUNTY PRESIDENTS.

(Compiled by Mrs. RUTHERFORD.)

In presenting this tabulated statement this year, I wish to say there has been a marked improvement in replies received. The answers were prompt and to the point, and only seven not heard from, some of these no doubt have miscarried in the mails. Not one minor key has been struck, but all are hopeful for a prosperous year.

*Algoma*—Mrs. M. Morrison, President—Had 2 Unions at the beginning of the year, none organized since. Have not visited any. Expect to organize a Band of Hope in a few weeks. Did not send a round-robin letter.

*Brant*—Mrs. Cohoe, President—Had 6 Unions at beginning of year. Wrote 21 letters and 20 cards. Held two conventions.

*Bruce*—Miss Fisher, President—Had 12 Unions at beginning of the year; one organized since at Purple Valley; visited one old one—an empty county treasury prevented more. Wrote 126 letters and cards. Held a most successful convention two days, one of which was a School of Method, with Demorest medal contest one evening. One Band of Hope has been organized. Sent round-robin letter which was much appreciated.

*Carleton*—Mrs. Donaldson, President—Had 7 Unions at the beginning of the year; one organized since; visited all the old ones six times. Wrote 30 letters. Held one convention. Have organized 2 Bands of Hope.

*Durham*—Mrs. Moment, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of the year; no new ones, but have tried; visited 2. Wrote several letters. Held one convention, with Miss Phelps for the speaker at evening meeting.

*Essex*—Mrs. Maxwell, President—Had 5 Unions at beginning of the year; no new ones; visited 3 Unions. Wrote 57 letters and 61 post cards. Held one-day School of Method in May, and convention in the fall. The "Y" Committee are to assist Juvenile Superintendent in securing teachers, physicians and ministers to give ten-minute talks throughout the winter to the Band of Hope. Two round-robin letters sent out, of which Mrs. Maxwell says: "Earnestly carried out it must prove a bond of union and increased strength."

*Glengarry*—Mrs. Macallum, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of the year; one new one; visited all the old ones. Wrote 32 letters and 32 post cards. Held one convention for organization. One Band of Hope organized. Sent round-robin letters; result, they did not come back to me. However, Mrs. Macallum thinks it a capital idea, and hopes to make more use of it in the future.

*Grenville*—Mrs. M. A. Bennett, President—Had 5 Unions at beginning of the year; re-organized Kemptville; visited one of the old ones. Wrote 20 letters and a number of cards. Held one convention. Did not send a round-robin letter, but think it a good plan.

*Grey*—Mrs. Rogers, President—Had 3 Unions at the beginning of the year; one new one; visited one of the old ones. Wrote 36 letters and 45 post cards. Held one convention and hoping for more Unions this year. Organized 1 Band of Hope.

*Haldimand*—Miss McKinnon, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of the year ; visited 2. Wrote 19 letters and 25 post cards. Not organized.

*Halton*—Mrs. J. Harrison, President—Not heard from.

*Hastings*—Mrs. Curlett, President—Had 5 Unions at beginning of the year. A few letters written.

*Huron*—Mrs. H. B. Smith, President—Not heard from.

*Kent*—Mrs. R. P. Wright, President—Had 6 Unions at beginning of the year ; visited 3. Wrote 13 letters and 33 post cards. Held two conventions. One new Band of Hope. Sent round-robin letter with good results.

*Lambton*—Mrs. Ovens, President—Had 8 Unions at beginning of the year ; one new one ; did not visit any. Held one convention. Two Bands of Hope organized.

*Lanark*—Mrs. Caldwell, President—Not heard from.

*Leeds*—Miss Stone, President—Had 7 Unions at beginning of the year ; visited one. Wrote 13 letters and 14 cards. Held one convention. One new Band of Hope. Sent round-robin letter with good results.

*Lincoln*—Mrs. Forbes, President—Had 8 Unions at beginning of the year ; one has since become extinct ; visited 4. Wrote 29 letters and 48 cards. Held one convention. Think the round-robin letter good ; am just trying it now.

*Middlesex*—Mrs. C. Calvert, President—Had 8 Unions at beginning of year ; one new one ; visited 4. Wrote 51 letters and 28 post cards. One convention. Two new Bands of Hope. Sent one round-robin letter, but it never returned.

*Muskoka*—Mrs. Hutchinson, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of year ; one new one at Rovar. Wrote 30 letters and 15 post cards.

*Norfolk*—Miss I. Templeton Armstrong, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of year ; 2 new ones. Not organized, and no prospect.

*Northumberland*—Mrs. McMaster, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of year ; visited one. Wrote 53 letters and cards. Held one convention. Sent round-robin letter, did good work to one Union in particular.

*Ontario*—Mrs. Wakely, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of year ; one in progress of organization.

*Oxford*—Mrs. Livingston, President—Had 13 Unions at beginning of year ; one new one ; visited 8. Wrote 123 letters and 158 post cards. Held one School of Method and one midsummer rally of same plan, and the annual convention. Sent round-robin letter.

*Peel*—Mrs. Stonehouse, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of year ; visited all. Wrote 18 cards and 6 letters. Intend to organize next May.

*Perth*—Mrs. Flagg, President—Had 5 Unions at beginning of year ; visited 2. Wrote 19 letters and 60 cards. Held one convention.

*Peterboro*—Mrs. Paton, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of year. Wrote 50 letters and 28 cards. One new Band of Hope.

*Prescott*—Mrs. Keough, President—Vankleek Hill has joined the county.

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*Prince Edward*—Mrs. Rockwell, President—Had no Union at beginning of the year. Re-organized Picton and Picton "Y's." Visited 2. Prospects for organization fair. One Band of Hope.

*Renfrew*—Mrs. Hunter, President—Had 6 Unions at beginning of year; visited 3. Held one convention. Corresponded regularly, and the workers from each Union visited the President.

*Russell*—Mrs. Scott, President—No Union at beginning of the year; one organized by Mrs. Donaldson, of Ottawa; hope to organize three or four next year. Wrote 8 letters.

*Simcoe*—Mrs. McKee, President—Had 5 Unions at beginning of year; visited all. Wrote 31 letters. Held one convention. Am visiting or writing to some of the Unions all the time. Stayner has work done under W. C. T. U. auspices.

*Stormont*—Miss MacArthur, President—Had 7 Unions at beginning of year; visited 2, and the Vice-President visited 2. Held one convention. One new Band of Hope.

*Toronto*—Mrs. Rutherford, President—Had 12 Unions at beginning of year, one of which has become extinct; 2 new ones, Dovercourt "Y" and Creighton Union; visited 8. Wrote a great many letters and cards, and made 176 street car trips. Held one School of Method and one annual meeting.

*Waterloo*—Mrs. Cavers, President—Had 12 Unions at beginning of year; visited 4. Wrote 58 letters and 75 post cards. Held convention and School of Method in June. Three new Bands of Hope.

*Welland*—Miss Phelps, President—Had 3 Unions at beginning of year; visited 2. Held one convention. Two new Bands of Hope.

*Wellington*—Mrs. Maddock, President—Not heard from.

*York*—Mrs. Gilchrist, President—Had 7 Unions at beginning of year; visited 5. Wrote 34 post cards and 22 letters. Held two most successful conventions.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

### APPROPRIATION.

Your committee recommends :

- 1st. That the President be allowed the sum of \$125.00, for a stenographer.
- 2nd. That the Vice-President be allowed \$10.00.
- 3rd. That the Corresponding Secretary be granted \$100.00.
- 4th. That an allowance of \$20.00 each be made the Recording Secretary and Treasurer.
- 5th. That the Recording Secretary receive \$20.00 for preparing the annual report.
- 6th. That the Provincial Union unite with the London Union in providing a telephone for the use of the Recording Secretary.
- 7th. That the "Y" Superintendents' expenses do not exceed \$30.00.
- 8th. That the County Presidents in organized counties be allowed the actual expenses incurred in organizing Unions.

*Miss Sproule Algoma*  
\$100.00

MRS. WHEELER,  
MRS. J. R. CAVERS,  
MISS SCOTT,  
MISS MACARTHUR.

} Committee.

Hamilton, October 31st, 1895.

### RESOLUTIONS

*Resolved*.—That now, as always, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this province is a unit in its opposition to the liquor traffic, and will use every legitimate means for its overthrow.

#### POLITICAL.

*Resolved*.—That, as we believe the temperance question to-day to be God's issue in Canadian politics, we pledge ourselves to support, for municipal and other offices, only those candidates who will bind themselves to stand by prohibition without respect to party.

#### PRIVY COUNCIL DECISION.

WHEREAS: The long looked for Privy Council decision must be delivered within a short time, and, whatever its expression, will bring us, as temperance people, to the most important period in the history of our movement in this province;

*Resolved*,—That we would first express our confidence that when opportunity is given the Government will speedily fulfil the promises made in February of 1894.

*Further Resolved*,—That should the power of total prohibition be vested in the Dominion Government; we call on our temperance leaders, backed up by the tens of thousands of their faithful followers, to formulate radical and aggressive demands, within the known powers of our Provincial Legislature, and present at once to the Government and

## TEMPERANCE OFFICIALS.

WHEREAS: In this country the right of the majority to rule is a fundamental principle of government;

*Resolved*,—That one of the first and most urgent of these demands shall be that the officials appointed by Government to control the traffic shall be in sympathy with Government enactments and shall represent the majority.

*Further Resolved*,—That when the convention to consider the Privy Council's decision is called, we will endeavor to make the W. C. T. U. section of that conference truly representative by sending as many delegates as possible.

## INDEPENDENT ACTION.

WHEREAS: We believe that the greatest obstacle to the immediate passage of a prohibitory law is not so much the liquor trader as the politician who bids for his influence;

*Resolved*,—That we hail with joy the evident growth of our people towards a spirit of political independence, believing that *conscience issues* are seen with clearer eyes in proportion to the freedom from party influence.

## THE PATRONS.

WHEREAS: Our dominant issue is the overthrow, by every legitimate means, of the liquor traffic;

*Resolved*,—That we view with pleasure the declaration of principles made by the Patrons of Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario upon the prohibition question, believing that from even an economic standpoint they are wise in recognizing this greatest of modern reforms.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS: There is a growing tendency to disregard the sanctity of the Lord's day, not only by the utterly careless but also by professing Christians; therefore,

*Resolved*,—That we, as W. C. T. U. workers, will endeavor, by example and precept, to preserve its sacredness in our homes; making it a day of rest from household cares as far as possible, and teaching our children to observe it according to God's Word; and that we will unite with other societies in every effort to procure proper legislation regarding it.

## CANALS OPEN ON THE SABBATH.

WHEREAS: Vessel owners and forwarders are petitioning the Dominion Government to keep the canals open on Sunday in future, so as to facilitate business;

*Resolved*,—That we, as an organization, protest against the granting of such petition, as an infringement upon the rights of the employed; and as being opposed to the proper observance of the Lord's day.

#### JUDGE MCDUGAL ON GOLF.

*Resolved*,—That we read with sorrow the decision of Judge McDougal, in the *Globe*, of Thursday, October 31st, in the Golf case, believing that the loop-hole the law allows is unworthy the notice of the learned council, whose position should make him a preserver of the laws of God, in preference to the laws of man.

#### REGINA FAIR.

*Resolved*,—That we, as Christian women, record our disapproval of the action of the managers of the Regina Fair, in opening it on the Sabbath.

#### LORD'S DAY ACT.

*Resolved*,—That the thanks of this convention are due, and should be heartily tendered, to Mr. John Charlton, M.P., for his continued advocacy in Parliament of the Lord's Day Act.

#### AGE OF CONSENT.

*Resolved*,—That if the Press reports of the Dominion House discussion on the Age of Consent Bill at all correctly represented the proceedings, we would express our indignation that men, commissioned to represent the homes of the nation, should treat the subject in so trifling a manner.

#### CHILDREN'S ACT.

Realizing that a nation's most valuable asset is its children; and that no questions of trade or policy can be compared with those that affect childhood;

*Resolved*,—That we are in hearty sympathy with the work of Mr. J. J. Kelso, provincial superintendent of the government department for neglected and dependent children, and will co-operate with every effort made to perfect the Children's Protective Act, under which he is operating.

#### FACTORY ACT.

WHEREAS: The amendments to the Factory and Mercantile House Acts, passed by the Local Legislature last winter, are sure to be productive of great relief and blessing to our sisters, who earn a livelihood in shop or factory;

*Resolved*, That we, in their name, and our own, tender to the Government our most sincere thanks, for this effort to surround with better and more healthful conditions so large a section of the womanhood of this province.

#### TOBACCO.

*Resolved*,—That we view with alarm the danger to the future health of the nation's children, through the rapidly increasing use of tobacco in its various forms. The voice of science is raised in warning words against this baneful evil, and should be heeded by all who have the welfare of our youth at heart.

*Further*,—That we protest against the smoking of cigars, cigarettes and pipes

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upon the street, as being offensive to the general public; and that we regret that the minors' anti-tobacco law is not strictly enforced, and recommend an effort to secure an amendment by which the law shall become operative, and which shall render it possible to secure convictions for illegal sales.

#### OPIUM.

WHEREAS: The use amongst the women of this country of opium and other narcotics is increasing;

*Resolved*,—That, as a Provincial Union, we call the attention of physicians and druggists to the serious consequences that are the well known results of the indiscriminate prescription and sale of these deadly drugs.

#### COURTESIES.

*Resolved*,—That we acknowledge with gratitude the courtesies of the *Toronto Globe, Mail and Empire, the Hamilton Times, Spectator, and Templar* in publishing the proceedings of our Convention.

*Further*,—We would thank the pastor and officers of Knox Presbyterian church for the use of the same; the choirs for furnishing music; the authorities of Centenary and other churches for their cordial reception of members of Convention; friends who opened their homes for our entertainment; those who offered addresses of welcome; the committee on decorations; the pages; and all others who in any way contributed to the success of this eighteenth annual Convention of the Ontario Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

## PLAN OF WORK.

### INSPECTION OF BUSINESS HOUSES.

1st. The amended Mercantile House Act states that "on the petition of fifty electors the council of any municipality must, within ninety days, appoint inspectors of business houses other than manufactories, one of whom must be a woman." As many towns would not require the full time of any one person for this work, we

*Recommend*,—That, where possible, the duties of police matron and mercantile house inspector be combined, and one woman be employed for both. But where the work entailed by both positions would be insufficient to occupy the time of an officer, we

*Further Recommend*,—That if the local health inspector be a man of good repute in the community, and suited to the duties of this position, the council be asked to enlarge his field of work so as to include those places for the inspection of which the new Act makes provision.

### DEFACING OF WALLS AND FENCES.

2nd. *Recommended*,—That local Unions see to it that walls of outbuildings and

fences surrounding churches and public places be kept free from the writing which so often defiles them; also that the Unions endeavor to secure the passage of a By-law making such an indictable offence in municipalities where this has not been done.

#### QUACK MEDICINE ADVERTISEMENTS.

3rd. *Recommended*.—That the Provincial Sub-Executive ascertain whether the clauses of the Criminal Act referring to obscene literature would apply to advertisements of quack medicines and semi-medical pamphlets, which are often scattered through our towns and cities; if not, that they bring the matter before the Dominion Union in order to obtain the necessary legislation.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH.

4th. *WHEREAS*: It has come to our knowledge that in some places in the bakeries, biscuit factories, canning establishments, and other manufactories where food is prepared, persons with infectious diseases are employed;

*Recommended*.—That in the interest of public health the Provincial Sub-Executive petition the provincial Board of Health to so amend or extend the existing laws as to enlarge the powers of the local Boards of Health, to enable them to inspect all places where food is prepared and prevent the employment of persons so infected.

#### PRISONS AND POLICE.

5th. *Recommended*.—That a Superintendent be appointed in each county where jails or other institutions of a reformatory character are located; also that libraries and other suitable literature be provided for the use of prisoners, and that county councils be asked to make a grant for this purpose.

#### WOMAN PHYSICIAN.

6th. *Recommended*.—That some method (to be devised later) be adopted, whereby pressure can be brought to bear on the Government, to appoint a woman physician at the Mercer Reformatory for women.

#### SOCIAL PURITY.

7th. *WHEREAS*: The virtue of a nation's womanhood must ever be the standard of the purity of its social life, and sins against chastity destroy the sanctity of the home; therefore,

*Recommended*.—That as the Bill raising the "age of consent" is to come up in the next Parliament, the Superintendent of this Department instruct local Unions throughout the province, that, by letter, interview, or any other means which may seem to be advisable, they bring influence to bear upon their Dominion M.P., to give the Bill his support.

#### GAMBLING.

8th. *WHEREAS*: Certain gamblers who have been driven out of several States of the U. S., have endeavored to establish themselves in our province; we

*Recommend*.—That our Secretary ask the provincial legislature to take action against the pernicious form of gambling introduced this year on the Windsor race track.

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## NARCOTICS.

9th. *Recommended*,—That the Provincial Union approach the proper authorities with a view to amending the Pharmacy Act, so as to procure more stringent legislation regarding the sale of morphine and other narcotics; also,

*Further Recommended*,—That local Unions take up a course of reading for the purpose of instructing our own women on the dangerous effects of morphine and other narcotics in the form of patent medicines, etc.

10th. *Recommended*,—That the Provincial Sub-Executive respectfully ask the members of the Ontario Medical Council to pledge themselves against prescribing narcotics, except when positively necessary; and if such necessity exists, that they will watch their patients until the need for this form of medication be past.

## SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

11th. *Recommended*,—That the Provincial Superintendent be instructed to send a circular to all public school inspectors, requesting them to set examination papers on Scientific Temperance Instruction for all classes, and thus aid in enforcing the regulation that this subject shall be taught in every department.

## SOCIAL PROHIBITION.

12th. The Ontario Provincial Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union acknowledge with gratitude the stand taken by the Independent Order of Oddfellows at the last meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, when an amendment to the constitution was carried by a vote of 147 to 33, making section 5 of article 16 read, "No saloon keeper, bartender, or professional gambler, shall be eligible to membership in this Order;" and we

*Recommend*,—That the Secretary of this Provincial Union be instructed to convey our appreciation of the advanced stand taken by this great philanthropic society.

We also rejoice to see a growing sentiment in this direction in other similar organizations.

## HOTELS.

13th. WHEREAS: Hotel-keeping is a legitimate and respectable business, and the selling of intoxicating liquors is disgraceful, and should be made by law illegal; we

*Recommend* the local Unions to discuss and agitate this matter, thereby creating a sentiment in favor of disassociating and disconnecting the two kinds of business.

## SOLDIERS.

14th. *Recommended*,—That Unions, wherever camps are held, furnish, at a nominal price to soldiers, tea, coffee, lemonade and chocolate.

## ROOT BEER.

15th. As the best and most successful policy is to attack an evil in its beginning; we

*Recommend*,—That our local and County Unions give attention to the insidious "Root Beer," popularly known as a temperance drink, and by discussion and resolution warn the public of its dangers, and endeavor to promote a better knowledge of the conditions that produce alcoholic fermentation.

## YOU MAN'S BAND.

16th. WHEREAS: The Dominion Convention, when last assembled, appointed a committee to report with regard to a Youman's Band;

*Resolved*,—That we will co-operate in any practicable plan that may be suggested, and as a step in this direction; we

*Recommend*,—County Unions to appoint, in rural districts, where it is not possible to organize a W. C. T. Union, some woman who will affiliate with the County Union, and distribute literature furnished by the county.

17th. *Recommended*,—That local Unions require of each local Superintendent a brief written report at least once in three months, and that after it has been read at a regular meeting it be passed to the Press Superintendent, for publication in the papers.

## MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

18th. *Recommended*,—That local Unions hold mothers' meetings, with talks upon health, heredity, hygiene and social purity, and the laws relating to women and children.

## FINANCES.

19th. As the pocket-book end of the temperance reform has always been held up by the few, and as the constantly increasing need for funds with which to meet the widening opportunities for work is becoming an embarrassment;

*Recommended*,—That we adopt the Department of "Systematic Giving," and endeavor to secure the appointment of local and County Superintendents, whose duty it shall be to educate our workers as to Bible methods of giving, and to help temperance people to see that paying and praying must go together.

## REPORTS.

20th. *Recommended*,—That hereafter no reports from local Unions shall be received, either in the reports of Provincial Superintendents, or from the floor of the Convention.

## PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS.

21st. *Recommended*,—That we take steps to collect all official documents, having reference to our work from the beginning until now, and preserve them for future workers.

## "WOMAN'S JOURNAL."

22nd. *Recommended*,—That we urge the appointment of a Superintendent for the *Woman's Journal* in each county; and, except where the County Superintendent of Press Work has already undertaken such work, that the *Journal* Superintendent collect, condense, and send to the *Journal*, as often as once in three months, reports of work accomplished in the county.

## In Memoriam.

**MRS. DR. TASSIE,**  
PETERBORO.

**MISS M. J. CHAMBERS,**  
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Childrens Morning Hymn

O God I thank Thee for sweet sleep  
and pray Thee now my soul to keep  
In all I think & do & say  
Help me to serve Thee day by day.

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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 dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by the liquor traffic, believe it has become our duty, under the providence of God, to UNITE our efforts for its extermination.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, on this the 24th day of October, 1877, band ourselves together for the following special objects, and to be governed by the following Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.

*Name*—This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the province of Ontario.

*Objects*—To unitedly array the Christian women of Ontario against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

To educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue.

To impress upon the youth of our province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind, or in any form.

To gather statistics, facts and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of temperance.

To labor *individually* for the inebriate, the liquor-seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected masses in our cities and towns, hitherto unreached and uncared for.

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To give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influences with which they are surrounded.

To heartily co-operate with other temperance societies in combating the evils of intemperance, and to unite with any other society or association which is endeavoring justly, appropriately, and guided by Christian principles, to procure total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

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

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

#### ARTICLE II.

*Officers*—The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), together with the County or District Presidents (who shall also be Vice-Presidents of Provincial Union), and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Board, with full power to control and provide for the general interests of the work.

*Election of Officers*—These officers, with the exception of County or District Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected on the third day of the annual meeting and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the greatest number of votes cast; except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

*Superintendents of Departments*—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.

#### 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*—Any person may become a life-member of the Provincial Union by signing the pledge, and the payment of \$25.

*Honorary Members*—Any person may become an honorary member by signing the pledge, and paying the sum of \$4 annually.

## BY-LAWS.

## SECTION I.

*President*—The President shall preside at annual meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee, and perform all duties pertaining to her office.

## SECTION II.

*Vice-President*—The Vice-President, in case of illness or death of the President, shall perform all duties pertaining to her office.

## SECTION III.

*Corresponding Secretary*—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 Union. She shall provide a directory of Unions for Provincial report.

## SECTION IV.

*Recording Secretary*—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.

## SECTION V.

*Treasurer*—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.

## SECTION VI.

*County Presidents*—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.

## SECTION VII.

*Superintendents of Departments*—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 Superintendent.

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.

## SECTION VIII.

*Sub-Committee*—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.

## SECTION IX.

*Rules of Order*—The rules contained in "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall govern the Union in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Union.

## SECTION X.

*Constitution*—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, notice having been given in writing of such change at the previous annual meeting.

## COUNTY OR DISTRICT CONSTITUTION.

## PLEDGE.

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

## ARTICLE I.

*Name*—This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of \_\_\_\_\_ County or District.

*Object*—The object shall be to strengthen the local Unions, and assist them in carrying out the plans of the Provincial Union, and to arouse the women of the county or district to an organized effort for the banishment of the liquor traffic.

## ARTICLE II.

*Officers*—The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (except the Auditor), together with the Presidents of local Unions (who shall also be *ex-officio* Vice-Presidents) and Superintendents of Departments, shall constitute an Executive Committee, with full power to provide for the interests of the work. In District Unions, Secretaries of the local Unions shall be members of the Executive. The officers, with the exception of local Presidents, Superintendents of Departments and Auditor, shall be elected at the annual meeting and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot.

*Superintendents of Departments*—Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the County Sub-Executive and the Presidents of the local Unions, and elected at the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered.

## 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 shall direct.

## ARTICLE IV.

*Annual Meeting*—The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Board and one delegate for every five paying members of each affiliated local Union. This meeting shall be held not later than the 30th September, if possible, in such place as may be determined by the previous annual meeting, or by the Executive.

## ARTICLE V.

*Committee of Arrangements*—The President and the Corresponding Secretary of a County or District Union, with the President of the Union where the meeting is to be held, shall be a Committee of Arrangement, selecting topics for discussion and devising means to make the meetings interesting and profitable.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Affiliation*—Each local Union shall contribute to the funds of the County or District Union at the rate of five cents per paying member yearly, thus becoming auxiliary to the County or District Union.

## BY-LAWS.

## SECTION I.

(a) The President shall preside at annual meeting and meeting of Executive Committee, and may through 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) Vice-President shall preside at meetings in 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 Executive Committee since the last annual meeting. She shall 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 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 by the Recording Secretary of the local Union

## LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I.

*Name*—This organization shall be known as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of—Auxiliary to the Ontario Provincial W. C. T. U.

*Object*—The object of this Union shall be to meet together for prayer and conference, to educate public sentiment to the standard of total abstinence, to train the young, save the inebriate, to secure the complete extinction of the liquor traffic, and to enter into any Christian work to which the Lord may call.

*Pledge*—I hereby promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors (including wine, beer and cider) as a beverage, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

### ARTICLE II.

*Membership*—Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the pledge, and by the payment of sixty cents per year. Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by the payment of the regular fee. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of members except the vote and holding office.

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## ARTICLE III.

*Officers*—The officers shall be a President, Vice-Presidents (one for each church when practicable), a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary Treasurer and Auditor. These officers (excepting the Auditor), with the Superintendents of different Departments, shall constitute the Executive Committee. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting and in the following manner: Tellers having been appointed by the President, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members shall then proceed to vote for the two candidates having the highest number of votes cast, except where one nominee shall receive three-quarters of the ballots cast, when, on motion, the informal may be made the formal ballot. The Superintendents of Departments shall be nominated by the Sub-Executive (including the Vice-Presidents), and elected by the Union. Their election shall be by acclamation unless otherwise ordered.

## ARTICLE IV.

*Auxiliaryship*—Each Union shall pay to the funds of Provincial Union through the County or District Treasurer (in organized counties) the sum of twenty-five cents per paying member, and to the County or District Union the sum of five cents per paying member, yearly. This amount to be taken from the membership fee. In unorganized counties this sum shall be sent direct to the Provincial Treasurer.

## ARTICLE V.

*Annual Meeting*—The annual meeting of local Unions shall be held early in September for the election of officers and Superintendents, also for delegates to County or District Union and Provincial annual meetings. At this meeting reports of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer and Superintendents of Departments shall be read and confirmed before being sent to the County or District Corresponding Secretary and Superintendents.

## BY-LAWS.

## SECTION I.

*President*—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the organization, and to supervise its general interests, and she may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

## SECTION II.

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

## SECTION III.

*Corresponding Secretary*—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, and to report to the Corresponding Secretary of the County or District Union yearly on receipt of blank form (having first submitted her report to the local Union), giving such items of general interest as will enable said Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union. She, with the Recording Secretary, shall also prepare the report for the annual meeting of the local Union. They shall also, in unorganized counties, prepare a condensed report for the Provincial Convention, sending to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary two weeks before the date of Provincial meeting. In small Unions, the work of the Secretaries may be done by the Recording Secretary, if desirable.

## SECTION IV.

*Recording Secretary*—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Union, and notify members of meetings.

## SECTION V.

*Treasurer*—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all membership dues and to devise means to increase the funds of the organization. She shall receive and hold all money collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and making a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and the Recording Secretary. She shall forward regularly, in organized counties, to the County or District Treasurer, the yearly fees for the Provincial and County or District Unions.

## SECTION VI.

*Departments of Work*—If the demands of the work justify it, there shall be Departments of Work to correspond with Provincial Departments, and such others as the needs of the locality seem to call for.

## SECTION VII.

*Duties of Superintendents of Departments*—Each Superintendent of a Department shall avail herself of all opportunities for the furtherance of practical work in her Department, and report to Superintendent of same Department in County or District Union on or before the 17th day of September.

Where no county or district organization exists, the report should be sent to Provincial Superintendent of that Department.

## SECTION VIII.

*Meetings*—The regular meeting of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly, or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting of the month shall be largely a devotional meeting. If possible, mass meetings shall be held quarterly.

The Executive and other committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

## SECTION IX.

*Quorum*—A quorum shall consist of such members as shall be present at a regular or special meeting, due notice of such meeting being given to the members.

## SECTION X.

*Delegates to Provincial Convention*—Delegates to the Provincial Union are received on the following basis: One of each Union and one additional delegate for every twenty paying members of each Union. The expenses of general officers and Superintendents of Departments, for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Travelling expenses of delegates to annual Convention shall, where at all practicable, be borne by the Union sending those delegates.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Devotional Exercises.  
 Reading Minutes of last Meeting.  
 Treasurer's Report.  
 Unfinished Business.  
 Reception of Communications.  
 Reception of New Members and Reading of Constitution.  
 Reports of Committees.  
 Reading of Paper on Temperance Question.  
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