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CONVENTION SPEAKER.

MISS F. J. A. MURCUTT.....	Australia
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Interim Executive Meeting.

The Recording Secretary being over from Victoria the Vancouver and Westminster members of the Provincial Executive were called to meet together in the home of the Corresponding Secretary. The President, Mrs. Lamb, in the chair.

Mrs. Lamb read several communications which she had received from the Dominion W. C. T. U. officers, re Dominion Convention, etc., which were discussed and voted upon.

An order was drawn on the Treasury, to pay the Literature Depository for Plebiscite Prohibition buttons for school children.

The general work of the Union was reviewed and suggestions given in reference to employing talent from other national organizations of the W. C. T. U. Some letters being read from lecturers desiring to visit this Province, the meeting then adjourned.

MARIA GRANT,

Rec. Secretary.

New Westminster Section of Pro. W. C. T. U. Executive met July 17th, 1899, in the home of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jas. Cunningham, at the call of the President, to consider the necessity of postponing our Pro. Convention till the time of the Agricultural Fair. Mrs. Lamb in the chair. Meeting opened with prayer, the Cor. Sec. acting as Secretary.

It was moved by Mrs. C. G. Major, seconded by Mrs. J. B. Kennedy, and carried:

"That, owing to the fact that most of our W. C. T. U. women will be out of town during the month of August, the regular Convention month, we recommend to the other members of the Executive, residing in Victoria and Vancouver, that we postpone the date of Convention till after the Agricultural Fair, bringing it on directly at its close, Oct. 7th, 8th, 9th,

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and 10th. Making Sunday night, the 8th, the date of our big mass meeting."

It was decided that the Cor. Sec. ask the Victoria and Vancouver women to state if these dates suit them.
Meeting adjourned.

M. A. CUNNINGHAM,

Secretary pro tem.

P. S.—Victoria and Vancouver sections of Pro. Executive agreeing Convention dates were fixed as above.

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Sixteenth Annual Convention
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Provincial Woman's Christian Temperance Union
New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 7th to 10th, 1899.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Convention was formally opened at 10:30 a. m. by Provincial President Mrs. Alex. Lamb. After a very impressive devotional service, led by Miss Bowes, the Convention entered at once upon the regular business of the day.

Roll call showed fourteen officers and superintendents of departments present.

Committees appointed as follows :

Credentials—Mrs. S. H. Brown, Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, Mrs. L. A. Clark.

Nominating Committee—The Presidents of Local Unions or their representatives. The Vancouver president to be convener.

Press Committee—Vancouver, Mrs. Geo. E. McDonald; Victoria, Mrs. Sherwood; New Westminster, Mrs. (Rev.) J. F. Betts, Mrs. M. Carscallon; Vernon, Mrs. L. A. Clark; Chilliwack, Mrs. Geo. Chadsey; Nanaimo, Mrs. E. S. Wellwood; Comox, Mrs. J. A. Halliday.

Auditor—Mrs. Geo. E. McDonald.

The minutes of the Executive meetings held since

the last Convention were read and approved.

The Organizer's report not having been received, the President stated that two new Unions had been organized during the year: One at Rossland and one at Revelstoke.

By vote of Convention, Mrs. G. Grant, Superintendent of Legislation, Petition, and Franchise, gave her report, which was highly appreciated, and showed excellent work to have been done by this department during the Plebiscite and throughout the year.

The report was adopted.

Moved and carried, that as the affiliation fees of the Y's. of Victoria had not reached the Treasurer, on account of their being sent to the wrong address, the Y. representatives be allowed to sit in Convention with full powers.

Miss F. J. A. Murcutt, of Australia, sister of Miss A. L. A. Murcutt, W. C. T. U. Lecturer, in Australia, was introduced and given a seat with full privileges of the Convention, except a vote.

After observing noontide prayer, Convention adjourned, to meet at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention opened by singing. Miss Murcutt, of Australia, conducted the devotional exercises, after which, the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported thirty-seven delegates present. Report adopted.

The President then called for amendments to the Constitution, notices of which had been given at the last Convention.

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Mrs. D. Robson moved that Article V. of the Constitution be altered by changing the word "fifty" to "twenty." The motion was lost by a vote of 4—14.

Mrs. S. H. Brown moved that Article III. of the Constitution be amended by inserting the word "vice-president" after the word "president." Motion was lost by a vote of 3—22.

Notices of motion to amend were then called for.

Miss Bowes gave notice that at the next Convention she would move to amend Article VIII. of the Constitution by striking out the words "last week in August" and inserting therein "first week in March."

Mrs. Cunningham gave notice that she or someone else would move that the date of Convention be left to the Sub-Executive to decide.

Mrs. Cunningham gave notice that at the next Convention she or someone else would move to amend Article VIII. of the Constitution by striking out the words "August 5th" and inserting in place thereof "two weeks previous to Convention."

An interesting and exhaustive report of the year's work was then given by the Corresponding Secretary, and adopted.

The Nominating Committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, Miss S. Bowes, Mrs. L. A. Clark, Mrs. H. Benson, Mrs. S. H. Brown, Mrs. V. A. Gleason.

Finance—Mrs. Geo. E. McDonald, Mrs. French, of Vernon.

Courtesies—Mrs. D. Robson, Mrs. C. G. Major.

Memorial—Mrs. Barkholder, Mrs. E. S. Wellwood.

Evening Meetings—Mrs. Joseph Brown, Mrs. C. G. Major.

The President placed the following names in nomination as

Committee on Refuge Home—Mesdames J. Flett, Wm. Grant, W. H. Barkholder, M. Humber, C. Hayward, J. Welsh, Neah Shakespeare, (Rev.) Sweet, John Robson, McDonald, G. Grant, Miss E. Perrin.

Committee was elected as proposed.

Report on Juvenile Work was called for, but no report was made on account of the Superintendent having left the Province, and no one having been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Treasurer's and Auditor's reports were received and adopted.

Mrs. G. Crant moved that the President's annual address be the first order of business on Monday afternoon. Carried.

Election of officers for the ensuing year being the next order of business, the roll of officers, superintendents and delegates was called, and the chair appointed as tellers Mrs. (Rev.) T. Scouler and Miss S. Bowes.

The election resulted as follows :

President—Mrs. G. Grant, Victoria.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Geo. E. McDonald, Vancouver.

Treasurer—Mrs. K. E. Schooley, Vancouver.

Announcements were made, and, after singing and prayer, Convention adjourned.

MONDAY MORNING.

In the absence of the retiring President, the Convention was called to order by the President-elect, Mrs. G. Grant.

Mrs. S. H. Brown conducting the devotions.

Minutes were read and approved.

On motion of Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. M. G. MacKenzie was appointed to fill vacancy on Finance Committee, Mrs. French, of Vernon, being obliged to return home.

Mrs. (Rev.) Betts was appointed press reporter for Vancouver, Mrs. McDonald, former appointee, having been made secretary of Convention.

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Mrs. M. Spain, of Victoria, read a most unique and highly interesting paper on the Franchise. Mrs. S. H. Brown moved the reception of the paper and that it be printed in the minutes of the Convention. Carried. Moved by Mrs. V. A. Gleason, seconded by Mrs. W. Tufts, that the Convention recommend this paper to Local Unions for use in public meetings. Carried.

Mrs. S. H. Brown, Superintendent of Work Among Railroad Employees, made a concise, though necessarily short, report, owing to the fact that local superintendents had not forwarded full reports to her. The report was adopted, after discussion of the use of literature boxes. Miss Bowes suggested that literature for use of this department be placed in the hands of someone in touch with the R. R. employees, for personal distribution, instead of being left in the boxes.

Report of Mrs. E. A. Perry, Superintendent of Unfermented Wine at the Lord's Table, showed much work to have been done in the interests of this department. Mrs. Perry stated that unfermented wine is used in the majority of the churches of the Province, with the exception of the Anglicans and Romans. Report was adopted.

Miss Perrin, of Victoria, gave the report of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Provincial Refuge Home, making an earnest appeal for suitable buildings for the Home. Miss Bowes moved the reception of the report, and that a committee be formed to enquire into the needs of the Home, the committee to report at the afternoon session. Carried.

The President appointed as such committee, the Presidents of Local Unions and representatives of the Y's.

Rev. Mr. McEwen, pastor of the Baptist Church of the city, was introduced and favored the Convention with a few remarks, which were greatly appreciated.

The hour of noontide prayer having arrived, Mrs. Cunningham was called to the platform and conducted the exercises. Adjournment was then taken to 2 p. m.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. Silva White, rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, led the devotional exercises. Minutes of morning session were read approved.

Convention was then favored with a very strong and beautifully written paper on "Heredity," by Mrs. (Rev.) Forster, of New Westminster. Miss Bowes moved the reception of the paper, and that it be referred to the Printing Committee. Carried.

Mrs. J. A. Halliday, Superintendent of Heredity, spoke on her line of work and recommended to mothers and any others interested in the study of Heredity, the paper known as "The New Crusade."

Mrs. Alex. Lamb, retiring president, then delivered the annual address, which was accepted with thanks and many expressions of hearty appreciation.

Mrs. Priestly, Superintendent of Work Among Lumbermen, Sailors, and Miners, reported the distribution of much literature, holding of religious services and the furnishing and maintaining of reading rooms. The report was adopted.

The President being convener of the Plan of Work Committee, called Mrs. Robson, President of New Westminster Union, to the chair, while she read her report. Recommendations of the committee were accepted.

Mrs. (Rev.) Betts and Mrs. Geo. E. McDonald were made a committee of enquiry re sending delegates to the Dominion W. C. T. U. Convention, at Halifax.

The Secretary read a letter of greeting from Miss A. L. A. Murcutt, W. C. T. U. Lecturer, of Australia,

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TUESDAY MORNING.

Convention called to order by the President.

Mrs. Willamar was invited to the platform, and
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Minutes were then read and adopted.

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Temperance and religious literature, and, it was believed, much good would result from it. Report was adopted.

The report of Miss McDougal, Superintendent of Fair Work, was received and adopted.

The Sub-Executive brought in their nominations for Superintendents of Departments, and their nominations were confirmed.

The Secretary read a letter of greeting and recommendations from Dominion President, Mrs. Rutherford, which was received with applause, and a motion that, as far as possible, all the recommendations therein be carried out, prevailed.

After prayer, Convention adjourned to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Thos. Kerr, of Ladner, led the devotional exercises.

Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Mrs. M. A. Cunningham read an excellent paper on Schools' Savings Banks. This paper was greatly appreciated, and, on motion, was received and referred to Printing Committee.

Mrs. M. A. Kennedy, Superintendent of Conference with Influential Bodies, gave a report which showed good work to have been done in this department by the various Unions. Report was adopted.

Mrs. (Rev.) Thos. Scouler, Superintendent of Department of Systematic Giving, gave a very interesting report, which was adopted.

A thoughtful and instructive paper on "Individual Responsibility Towards Society" was given by Miss

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Perrin, of Victoria, and drew out much favorable discussion. On motion of Miss Bowes, the paper was received and referred to Printing Committee.

The report of World's Missionary Work was given by Miss Bowes. The report showed that \$18.25 had been raised by four Unions. Of this amount, Nanaimo sent the largest contribution. Report adopted.

The report of Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools was then read and adopted.

Mrs. Muir, of Vernon, Superintendent of Parlor Meetings, not being in Convention, her report was read, discussed, and adopted.

Mrs. C. G. Major, Superintendent of Literature and Woman's Journal, read her report. Report was adopted.

The Superintendents of the following Departments: Juvenile Work, Evangelistic Work, Sabbath Observance, Parliamentary Usage and School of Methods, Soldiers and Volunteers, Food Reform, and Prison Work, having failed to send reports to Convention, local workers spoke on the work done in these departments by their respective Unions.

The report of Mrs. McNaughton, Superintendent of Hospital Work, was then read and adopted.

Report was then received from Special Committee on Refuge Home Building Fund. Report, with commendations, was adopted.

Mrs. Cunningham, convener of Resolutions Committee, reported, and the resolutions, as drafted, were adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows :

Collections taken at evening meetings.....	\$41 90
Expenses of Convention.....	31 00

Upon motion, the Sub-Executive was empowered to procure copies of departmental leaflets for each Local Union.

An invitation to the National W. C. T. U. Convention, meeting in Seattle, Wash., Oct. 20-25, sent to Dominion President, by Cor. Secretary of the National W. C. T. U., and forwarded by Dominion President to the B. C. Convention with request that fraternal delegates be sent to represent Canada, was read, and a motion by Mrs. S. H. Brown, that all members of the Provincial Union who could attend the National be credentialed as B. C. Fraternal Delegates, carried.

Upon motion, Mrs. G. Grant, Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, Miss S. Bowes, Mrs. Geo. E. McDonald, were elected Dominion Delegates; Miss F. J. A. Murcutt representing Australia.

Resolved that Miss Murcutt's lecture campaign be left to Sub-Executive.

Invitations for the next Provincial Convention were received from Victoria and Chilliwack Unions.

Mrs. T. Scouler moved the acceptance of the Chilliwack Union. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Betts that, for the coming year, the Convention be held as provided for by the Constitution. Mrs. Lamb moved as an amendment that the Convention meet the first week in September. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. G. E. McDonald, that Mrs. C. C. Eldridge be appointed Superintendent of the Department of City Missionary Work. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Lamb that all unfinished business be left to the Sub-Executive. Carried.

The Question Box was opened and presided over by Miss Murcutt in her very happy manner.

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Motion to adjourn carried. The President called the retiring President to the platform to conduct the closing exercises. The members of Convention, joining hands, formed a circle, singing "Blessed be the Tie."

Convention then joined in the Mizpah Benediction, Miss Murcutt, of Australia, led in prayer, and Mrs. Lamb, retiring President, declared the Sixteenth Annual Convention closed.

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Report of Evening Meetings.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The chair was taken by the newly elected president, Mrs. G. Grant of Victoria.

Mrs. J. F. Betts, of the city Union, welcomed the Convention delegates to New Westminster and the hospitality of its homes.

Miss S. Bowes, of Vancouver Union, responded in a very happy manner on behalf of the Convention, after which, Mrs. G. E. McDonald, of Vancouver, the newly elected Pro. Recording Secretary, rendered Bryant's gem, "Robert of Lincoln"; responding to an encore with the "Tell Tale," another piece of bird impersonation.

The address of the evening was given by Mr. J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, on "Christian Citizenship." Mr. Brown has advanced and well studied thoughts on this subject, and he expressed the hope that, before long, the educated women of the homes might enjoy equal rights to citizenship with the men. Sunday afternoon, the city Sunday Schools opened their doors to Convention speakers, who availed themselves of the opportunity to address the young people.

SUNDAY EVENING.

At the close of the church services, a temperance mass meeting was held in the Convention church, which was well filled. The chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. T. B. Reynolds. Miss Edytha Cartier, of Victoria, delighted the audience by singing Topliff's "Consider the Lilies." Miss Cartier possesses a voice of remarkable sweetness, a strikingly prepossessing stage presence, and a technic thoroughly professional.

The speaker of the evening was Miss F. J. A. Murcutt, one of Australia's W. C. T. U. lecturers. She took for her subject "Our Girls," dwelling upon the necessity of guarding them from temptation, and providing for them home amusements and proper companionships.

MONDAY EVENING.

Another full house greeted the speaker, who had made preparations for a Stereopticon Lantern Lecture, illustrating the evil effects of the drink traffic as it relates to the home: The title, "For Mother's Sake."

Mrs. C. H. Watson, one of New Westminster's sweetest singers, added very much to the evening's enjoyment by rendering, in good voice, the solo "Eternal Rest," and Mrs. G. E. McDonald recited Longfellow's "Legend Beautiful."

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TUESDAY EVENING.

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Mrs. J. F. Betts, on behalf of the Convention, presented the Provincial Banner to the Willard Y. W. C. T. U., of Chilliwack, that Union having obtained the largest number of new members during the year; and Mrs. C. Rose accepted it for her Union with a few well chosen words of thanks.

Miss Murcutt then gave her Stereopticon Lantern Lecture, "Australia, Its Inhabitants, Their Customs, and Wigwams." This lecture was greatly appreciated. At its close, the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung, and the 16th Annual Convention of the B. C. W. C. T. U. came to a close with the Benediction.

It was generally conceded that this was, throughout, one of the most enjoyable, profitable, and harmonious Conventions ever held.

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President's Address.

BARBARA S. LAMB.

DEAR SISTERS:

It seems hard to realize that almost fourteen months have elapsed since we last met in Convention, and yet, in that time, which seems so short to look back upon, how much has happened to influence and shape our future lives!

This has been a most eventful year, not only for our own Dominion but for our Empire, and, I might add, for all nations. Yet, in spite of the wars and rumors of wars that have occupied the attention of the statesmen of the world, have we not great reason for thankfulness that the nations found time to hold a Peace Conference, sending to it men fully alive to the responsibilities of the work undertaken. The result of that Conference is encouraging to all lovers of peace, and cannot but be the means of hastening the time when war shall be no more. This, to an organization like ours, should form one subject for a Praise service, as surely we can recognize in the movement the hand of our God upon the nations.

In our own Dominion this has been an unexampled year in its history. At our last Convention we looked forward to the Plebiscite vote, now we look back at the result. Although we have not received from it what we were led to expect, we are not discouraged, nor do we consider ourselves "beaten," as the Licensed Victuallers are pleased to term the issue of the hard fought battle of Sept. 29th, 1898. Would they consider themselves beaten if seven Provinces had returned as large majorities in favor of license as they did in favor of Prohibition? The most important detail of the vote, I consider, was given in the review of the question by Mr. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance. He says, "Nearly every constituency in the Dominion that had not a large French or German vote, declared in favor of Prohibition."

The following item, copied from a French paper published in Quebec, has a strange sound coming from such a priest-ridden Province: "The enormous vote of all the other Provinces is held in check by the Province of Quebec alone. The prohibitionist majorities have been reduced fifty per cent. in the other Provinces, and will have disappeared altogether when their populations shall have resumed possession of their senses and got rid of the effect produced by hundreds of preachers."

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the smallness of the vote is disappointing. The Liberal party went into power on a vote showing a smaller percentage of votes recorded than was given in favor of Prohibition, yet none questioned their right to assume control of the affairs of our country, for, if all did not vote, all had the opportunity to do so and must abide by the result of their neglect or indifference. What made the disappointment more keen was remembering Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply to the Winnipeg prohibitionists, before the last general election. He is reported as follows; "He would pledge his honor that, as soon as the Liberals came into power at Ottawa, they would take a plebiscite of the Dominion, by which the party would stand, and the will of the people would be carried out, even if it cost power forever to the Liberal party." We still hope Sir Wilfrid may see his way clear to redeem this pledge, and that one and all, Liberal and Conservative, may continue to regard him as a man of high principle and sterling honor, who makes his pledges to be kept and not to be broken.

We are gratified to know our own Province gave such a large majority in favor of Prohibition. We feel that, as our wonderful resources are developed, the energy, skill, and perseverance that bring the hidden treasures to light, will also lead to victory the more important issues of the Province, and its moral and financial position become such that of it we shall be justly proud.

If we look for all this, we cannot afford to be idle, and leave the execution of such work entirely to others. The W. C. T. U must be up and doing, especially in the interior of our Province, where the population is increasing so rapidly. That we have now three Unions in that section, those of Vernon, Revelstoke, and Rossland, is most encouraging. But there must have others. While we know other organizations are at work, there are many things that we, as a Union, can do which will remain undone if we are not prepared to follow up the openings made for us, and so work for God, and Home, and Humanity.

During the coming year we should work more earnestly for preserving the sanctity of the Sabbath. Why should we, as a Christian community, tolerate Sunday street cars, steamboat excursions, and newspapers? If we have no law to bear on these at present, let us never relax until we get one, and then have it enforced. I believe in the old proverb, "Constant dropping wears a stone," and if we keep at it long enough and hard enough we shall be granted what we ask.

The reports of the Superintendents of Departments will cover the work of the year, so I need not take up your time with a review. Permit me to say, however, that almost without exception the complaint of our Provincial Superintendents is the difficulty of getting a reply from Local Unions to which they have written. If the Secretaries of Local Unions would, after the annual election of Superintendents, drop a card to the Provincial Superintendents giving name and address of the Superintendent desired for their department it would simplify matters very much, as more letters remain unanswered through being sent to an already overburdened officer than from any other reason. But what are your Provincial Secretaries to do except write your President or Secretary, whose address can be found in the Provincial Directory published with the minutes.

While speaking of department work, I think some recognition should be made by this Convention of the kindness of Mrs. Thornley, President of the Ontario W. C. T. U., in supplying us with copies of all reports of work for the different departments during the past year. The reports of these have been sent forward to the Local Unions, so that all have

had the benefit of the wisdom and greater experience of our sisters who are older in the work, and who have given freely with only a desire to help. I would suggest that a suitable acknowledgment be prepared by this Convention, and forwarded to Mrs. Thornley, accompanied by a small donation from our treasury, as it costs money to prepare and publish such helps as have been sent us.

I would also recommend, in accordance with a request from our Dominion President, that at least a few minutes be given to the discussion of the "Woman's Journal," and how best to increase its circulation. It is only by increased circulation that added helpfulness can be given, and improvement expected. We must not forget that it costs money to publish a Temperance paper.

We are within a few days' time of the meeting of our Dominion Convention, at Halifax, and also of the National Convention to be held this year, at Seattle. Let us be much in prayer for these meetings of our co-workers, that all their deliberations may be guided in the right channels, and that the advancement of Christ's Kingdom and the uplifting of humanity may be their watchword.

I still hope we may have a representative at the Dominion Convention, this year, and that many of our number shall be privileged to visit our sisters across the line, during their annual meeting, and learn much from them of their methods and plans that may be helpful to our work.

And now allow me a personal word to every worker here, to-day. Try to be the efficient worker the Lord meant you to be. The first requirement is a consecration of ourselves to the Master's service. Then we need information, and it is within the reach of all, if we only take advantage of the opportunities offered. Unless our minds are filled with the needs of the work and the best means for its accomplishment, we cannot hope to render acceptable service. I believe our Master expects conscientious work from us in this organization as He does in His church, and that this is one of the instances in which the command, " whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might," is intended to be applied.

I would ask you to pray, not only at Convention time, but during the entire year, at the noontide hour, for your President, that she may have wisdom and strength given for the many duties and cares devolving upon her. It may seem to some as if, at the close of Convention, her work is practically done for the year, but not so. Letters are constantly received on all subjects. There are letters, always a pleasure to receive, from the Dominion and Local Unions, and letters from all parts of the Dominion and sometimes from much farther away. Parents asking about lost sisters about brothers, from lawyers trying to trace those whom it would be to their advantage to find, and saddest of all, and hardest to answer, letters asking for lost girls. To answer all these, and that so as not to do any an injustice, to be always as hopeful as one could wish is no light task, nor does it always mean merely the writing of the letters. There are cases in which days must be spent in careful inquiry, and letters written to various localities before an answer can be sent, and sometimes it takes almost as much time to decide if an answer be sent at all. I merely mention these things, that those of you who have not yet occupied such a position, may realize somewhat of the responsibility you have laid upon the shoulders of one frail little woman, who is human and liable to err like the rest of us, and so may better understand the need of strengthening her hands by your prayers.

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Let me again ask you to urge upon all our members the necessity of wearing our little badge of white on all occasions. It often directs some wandering soul to help, who otherwise would never have the courage to speak to strangers.

And now, dear sisters, on behalf of the officers and myself, let me thank you for your loyalty and help. While we may not at all times have seen matters in the same light, yet all have been truly anxious to advance the best interests of the work, and so hasten the coming of our Lord's Kingdom.

Let us take for our watchword, during the coming year, the words of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," and if we work in that spirit and with that object in view, we can expect the fulfilment of the promise, "In due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

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Corresponding Secretary's Annual Report.

Madame President and Sisters:

We find ourselves, in this, our 16th Annual Convention, standing as it were in the parting of the ways, looking backward over the road we have travelled, and taking a pre-view into the bright new century, across the threshold of which we are hopefully expecting so soon to pass.

It seems a solemn privilege to be living in the dawn of the twentieth century, after having had an humble share in the shaping and reforming of the last decades of old Nineteen hundred.

As prohibitionists we have worked hard to make it possible for our beloved Dominion to enter the new century under legal prohibitory enactment which would have placed ours head and shoulders above any other national Government on the face of the globe, but the powers that be failed to realize their opportunity of possible triumph, and thus threw us back into the thick of the battle, to again contend with that enemy of our race, the legalized liquor traffic.

We meet, to-day, to report upon the efforts made by our own organization during the last year of the century, and to strengthen our forces in anticipation of the victories yet to be won.

We rejoice to discover signs of progress throughout our ranks, and again we can report new Local Unions organized since last Convention, viz.: Revelstoke and Keesland, not through the special efforts of an official organizer, but as the outcome of a strong desire on the part of a few faithful women, residing in these localities, who have nobly undertaken the work and carried it to a successful issue.

Last Convention we counted a total of fourteen affiliated Unions, now we gratefully number sixteen, and it will be our pleasant duty a little later on to welcome these new Unions into our charmed circle and extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

VICTORIA UNION.

Victoria Union was organized by Miss F. E. Willard, in 1883, and affiliated with the Provincial Union the same year. It has one hundred active and six honorary members, with an average attendance of seven-teen. Eighteen new members have joined during the year. One member has been removed by death. They meet regularly each week, at 108 Cormorant street. The members worked faithfully during the Plebiscite campaign, and, although the city did not give a majority on the right side, it did wonderfully better than had been expected, and the workers are not in the least discouraged.

In the election for School Trustees, the W. C. T. U. succeeded in getting three of its ticket elected, two ladies and one gentleman.

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Cru-ade Day and Day of Prayer were observed. Other work will be reported by the Superintendents of Departments. Sixty pledges were given during the year. Total receipts amounted to \$256.20, of which \$166.75 was sent to Refuge Home and \$25.00 to Pro. Treasury. Victoria has 63 places where liquor is sold.

VICTORIA Y. W. C. T. U.

Victoria Y. W. C. T. U. has fifteen active and ten honorary members, and meets the second Wednesday of each month, in the home of Mrs. Jas. Forman, 4 Stanley avenue. They have a committee for Jail and Hospital visiting and Old Ladies' Home. They also have a Superintendent for Work Among Sailors. They held a sale of work in November last, the proceeds of which went to the Orphans' Home. They hold a parlor social one afternoon in each month. They worked faithfully during Plebiscite campaign, distributing literature. Total money raised, \$13.50. Sent to Pro Treasury, \$3.75.

NANAIMO UNION.

Nanaimo Union was organized by Miss Bowes, April 4th, 1894, has twenty-one active and three honorary members, meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month, in the High School building, and has held eight public meetings during the year. It has a Loyal Legion with twenty-four members. Mrs. Manson, the President, holds services in the Jail, on Sunday, and the sick are visited in the Hospital. Over 25,000 pages of literature has been distributed. Ten departments are worked by superintendents. Four new members have been received and four W. C. T. U. women enjoy the municipal franchise. Nanaimo contains twenty-one licensed places, one less than last year. Total money raised, \$56.25, of which \$12.50 was sent to Pro. Treasury and \$9.00 subscribed for the Plebiscite campaign. This Union has also spent considerable money in fitting up a comfortable parlor with carpet, blinds, and curtains. Until the Y. M. C. A. closed, the W. C. T. U. held Gospel Temperance meetings in their rooms, but have found it impossible to do so since. In some other respects, likewise, the members have labored under great difficulties, but notwithstanding they can say "the Lord is with us and we are not discouraged, but trust that with His blessing much will be done for Him this coming year."

WELLINGTON UNION.

Wellington Union was organized by Mrs. T. W. Hall, April 14th, 1898, and became auxiliary to the Provincial the following June. At that time everything was at its best in Wellington. There were six coal mines in operation and plenty of money in circulation. It was decided to make the membership fee \$1.00 per year, instead of fifty cents as in other Unions. But since then circumstances have altered, and only one mine is being worked, which has necessitated a large number of families leaving the place, removing from the Union many of its best and most faithful workers. This year, only ten active and three honorary members have renewed their fees, which seems rather discouraging to themselves, nevertheless, they are courageously hoping for better times. They meet the second and fourth Friday of each month, in Nicholson's Hall. They

conduct a Juvenile Temperance Society jointly with two other Temperance organizations which has a membership of forty-eight children. They also distribute considerable literature. Total money raised, \$60.25. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$9.75. Sent to Refuge Home, \$5.00. They circulated petitions in the interests of Sabbath observance, and against licensing saloons. Forty-eight pledges have been given to Loyal Legion members and sailors. There are ten licensed places between Wellington and suburbs. Eight departments of work have been taken up. Only one parlor meeting has been held during the past year.

COMOX UNION.

Comox Union was organized by Mrs. Spofford, of Victoria, October, 1894, and became auxiliary to the Pro. Union the same year. It has twenty-one members, who hold their meetings at Sandwick the third Thursday of each month. One social and one magic lantern entertainment was given during the year and two sermons preached, one by Mr. Willamar and one by Mr. Tait. The "Northern Messenger" and "Sabbath Reading" are distributed from the literature box, also \$1.00 worth of Temperance literature was distributed at Fair time. Total money raised, \$197.26. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$15.85. \$15.00 was sent to Refuge Home, Victoria; and \$132.75 was collected in the settlement for the Westminster Relief Fund.

COMOX Y. W. C. T. U.

Comox Y. W. C. T. U. was organized by Mrs. Dingwall, in 1896. It has thirteen active and twenty-one honorary members. They meet in Sandwick Hall every other Thursday. They conduct a Band of Hope and distribute literature. Total money raised, \$35.00, of which \$8.50 was sent to Pro. Treasury.

VANCOUVER UNION.

Vancouver Union was first organized by Miss Henrietta Moore, of the National W. C. T. U., in 1884, and reorganized by Miss S. Bowes, in October, 1888. It has now eighty active members, average attendance twelve, and seventeen honorary members. The meetings are held the first and third Friday of each month. Eight public meetings have been held, also services in the Jail every Sabbath, with good results. For the last six months, the Union has employed a city missionary, Miss S. Bowes, whose chief occupation is that of visiting in the homes, especially those of new comers; encouraging and inspiring mothers, urging upon the families a faithful attendance on the services of the churches to which they owe allegiance; finding out the needy, and reporting such cases to those who can render relief. Twelve departments of work are taken up, the majority of the members wear the white ribbon. Six active members use the municipal franchise. The Society meetings are well reported in the daily newspapers. Total money raised, \$156.10. Sent to Provincial Treasury, \$20.00, and to Refuge Home, \$25.00. The annual report of this Union was published in the local papers and gave a splendid showing of work done, which will, doubtless, be given during Convention by the different Superintendents.

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active and forty honorary members. Meetings are held twice a month from house to house. Two Gospel Temperance meetings have been held, a large number of visits made to the Hospital and considerable Temperance literature distributed. Three departments are being worked, viz.: Hospital, Flower, and Literature. Total money raised, \$27.55. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$3.00. The sum of \$10.50 was awarded for prizes to the school children for compositions, the subject being "Alcohol, the Deadly Foe of Mankind."

NEW WESTMINSTER UNION.

New Westminster Union was organized by Mrs. McNaughton, in 1883, and affiliated with the Pro. Union the same year. It has seventy active members and holds its meetings the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from house to house. Regular services are held in the Jail Chapel every Sunday afternoon. The Dominion Day of Prayer was observed in January when short addresses on suggested subjects in the "Woman's Journal," and "Union Signal" were given, and prayer offered for the success of the work. A memorial service for Miss Willard, and also of Crusade days, was held in Mission Hall, on February 17th, when interesting readings were given recalling the beautiful life of our promoted leader, and the wonderful growth of our organization. This Union worked vigorously during Plebiscite campaign, and had the satisfaction of seeing our city vote rise to a good majority. There are about twenty licensed places in the city, and drinking has seemed on the increase since the fire, a year ago. Eighteen departments of work are taken up. Total money raised, \$58.11. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$28 10.

RICHMOND UNION

Richmond Union was organized October, 1887, by Miss Jessie A. Ackermann, and affiliated with the Pro. Union the same year. It reports fourteen active and one honorary member. The Society meets the first Wednesday of each month, usually in the home of Mrs. J. W. Sexsmith. Two of the members use the municipal franchise. There are five licensed places in Steveston, which is in the Richmond Municipality. This Union worked hard in conjunction with the Dominion Alliance, in the interests of the Plebiscite campaign, during which time several public meetings were held, also a tea meeting, the proceeds of which amounted to about \$25.00, which was sent to the campaign fund together with a donation of \$10.00 from the W. C. T. U. Total money raised, \$42 50. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$3.50.

LADNER UNION.

The Ladner "Murcutt" Union was organized April 25th, 1898, by Miss A. L. A. Murcutt and Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, and was affiliated with the Pro. Union the following June. It now has fourteen active members and meets the first Tuesday of each month, alternating between the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. From the time of organization till after the Plebiscite vote they devoted most of their time to campaign work and succeeded in getting many names on the voters' lists of parties interested in the success of the campaign. Miss Murcutt's very convincing addresses did a very great deal to get the splendid majority vote obtained. They had special Prohibition addresses every week during campaign to create sentiment. Six thousand pages of literature were distributed, besides leaflets in the schools and a goodly number of scholars signed the pledge. Three departments, Literature, Franchise, and Loyal

Legion, are worked. The members all wear the white ribbon badge, and have their names on the municipal voters' list. Three members have moved away. The Thanksgiving envelopes sent out from the Dominion Superintendent of Systematic Giving were distributed, and \$2.25 raised. A memorial service for Miss Willard was held in the Methodist Church, February 17th, which proved very interesting. Total money raised, \$22.85. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$5.75. There are two licensed places in the place, which the Union has been striving to remove. To this end they have proposed some very excellent amendments to the present law regarding retail liquor licenses, which it is to be hoped will meet with the support of all the rural Unions.

CHILLIWACK UNION.

Chilliwack Union was organized, in 1884, by Mrs. M. A. Cunningham. It has eighteen active members, who meet the first and third Thursday of each month, in Headquarters, at Centreville. Four sermons were preached for the memorial of Miss Willard, in February, and seven on other occasions: \$3.00 worth of literature was distributed. Four reception services were held. One member, Mrs. McLen, was removed by death. Total money raised, \$58.00. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$4.00.

CHILLIWACK Y. W. C. T. U.

Chilliwack "Willard" Y. W. C. T. U. were organized, July 21st, 1898, by Mrs. M. A. Cunningham. They have eleven active members, and meet every alternate Thursday with the W. C. T. U., in their hall, at Centreville. They have given three entertainments during the year, viz.: One garden party, one concert, and one parlor social. A box in the postoffice is kept well filled with Temperance literature. At Fair time, last year, they held two ice cream stands, and also assisted the older Union at their refreshment tent. They have bought an organ for their hall, and paid for it \$59.00, besides paying the rent of the hall. They have started an autograph quilt, which is expected to be completed this fall. They have found their regular meetings seasons of spiritual uplift, and, quoting their own words, "When we lift our voices in prayer and praise to Him who giveth all things for our happiness and comfort, we are drawn together in a manner that those who do not meet with us cannot understand." Total money raised, \$91.25. Sent to Provincial Treasury, \$2.75. Total raised since organization, \$134.40.

VERNON UNION.

Vernon Union was organized by Mrs. (Rev.) S. J. Thompson, February 10th, 1898. It has twelve active and nine honorary members. They meet the last Thursday of each month, in the homes of the members. On the first of January they gave a reception, when several gentlemen gave short addresses. They have conducted a Band of Hope, containing sixty-three members, to whom they gave a picnic, this summer. The Hospital is supplied with flowers and literature, and about 300 pages of literature is distributed from the W. C. T. U. box in the R. R. Station. Dominion W. C. T. U. Day of Prayer, January 3rd, was observed. Twenty-one pledges have been given to Union members and sixty-three to the children. One parlor social was held in the home of Mrs. Muir, July 21st. There are four hotel licenses in Vernon. Total money raised, \$10.50. Sent to Pro. Treasury, \$3.00.

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Revelstoke Union was organized in the Presbyterian Church, Aug. 31st, 1898, by Mrs. (Rev.) S. J. Thompson. Addresses given by Rev. T. Menzies and Rev. S. J. Thompson. They now have twenty active and three honorary members. The meetings are held fortnightly, alternating between the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. Their first work undertaken was to circulate a petition against a license being granted for the sale of liquor, but it proved unsuccessful owing to the fact that the saloon was outside the city limits. Though somewhat cast down they braced themselves for future work on other lines, and turned their attention to the distribution of literature and Refuge work. One morphine fiend of twelve years' standing, a poor fallen woman, was rescued, and is now earning a comfortable living at laundry work. Another one is still being cared for in the hope that she may be restored, and a third returned to her former life. This spring, they again circulated a petition and secured more than two-thirds of the names of the householders within the specified limits, in the city, against a license being granted to a certain hotel, but the License Commissions cast aside the petition as not being up to the requirement of the law. On the 14th of January, they opened a Reading Room in the Taylor block, McKenzie Avenue. It was run very successfully till the end of April, when the W. C. T. U. thought best to close it for the summer months, while the days were long. Over a thousand pages of literature have been given out among the people of the city, and flowers have been furnished liberally to the sick ones. One parlor meeting has been held. Three women use the municipal franchise. There are nine licensed places in Revelstoke, one less than last year. \$101.30 have been raised by the Union, \$5.75 of which was sent to Pro. Treasury. \$86.75 was raised for the Reading Room. A remarkably good showing for so young a Union.

ROSSLAND UNION.

Rossland Union was organized, August 8th, 1899, by Mrs. Jessie E. Hay. There were eleven ladies present and they all joined. Mrs. Hay says: "I am sure you would be surprised how many W. C. T. U. women are here. I thought I was the only white ribboner in the place until I began talking the work up. I find four members in our own church (Presbyterian), and several in the Methodist Church, and some in the Baptist. We put white ribbons on all of them, I hope they will wear them." The newly elected Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dora Adams, writes: "We propose to do something for the struggling humanity around us, to arrest their downward steps, and once more let them know that God cares for the least of them." These up country cities are calling out for sympathy and help from the coast. Vernon and Revelstoke are sending delegates for the Convention who will voice their desires. It is to be hoped a lecturer can go up to cheer them on.

I had hoped to be able to report another new Union for Convention, viz: Port Kells. August 17th a faithful white ribboner, who used to belong to Westminster W. C. T. U., wrote for instructions reorganizing. They had fixed a day for meeting, with organization as their object, but the day proved very stormy, and the Rev. Mr. Hall, of Langley, was prevented from coming to help them, so they decided to postpone the work for a more favorable occasion. Since then, Mrs. Gordon, my correspondent, has been ill, and unable to get around to see the different women, so, although she received from me full instructions, they have

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In counting up the membership of the last year, and comparing it with this, I find that, although such excellent work has been done during the year, we have to acknowledge a decrease of 139 active members, many of them, no doubt, names secured in Crusade canvass of persons who have never become really interested. On the other hand, we find an increase of seventy honorary members over last year. There is plenty of room for continuous effort all along the line.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. CUNNINGHAM,

Pro. Corresponding Secretary.

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Treasurer's Report of the W. C. T. U.

For the Year Ending September 15th, 1899.

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RECEIPTS.

Aug.	12.	To Cash, Balance from last year.....	\$85 03
"	12	" " Convention Collections	19 86
Sept.	22.	" " Westminster Union for Papers.....	55
Dec.	16.	" " North Arm Union, 15 Convention Reports	75
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Jan.	20.	" " Revelstoke Union, Application Fees.....	3 75
Feb.	13.	" " Wellington Union, Convention Reports...	75
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Feb.		To Cash received from Mrs. Schooley.....	\$24 30
Mar.	10.	To Cash, Wellington Union, Miss. Fund for Late Dom. President.....	2 50
Mar.	10.	To Cash, Westminster Union, Thank Offering.....	8 30
"	23.	" " " " Miss. Collection.....	1 75
"	29.	" " Comox Union, Distribution of Literature	7 25
April	7.	" " Vernon Union, Application Fees.....	3 00
"	17.	" " Ladner Union, Thank Offering.....	2 00
"	7.	" " Vernon Union, Convention Reports.....	75
"	20.	" " Eburne Union, Thank Offering.....	3 00
May	18.	" " Victoria Union, Application Fees.....	25 00
June	2.	" " Nanaimo Union, Application Fees.....	4 00
July	17.	" " Comox Union, Application Fees.....	3 50
"	17.	" " " " World's Miss. Fund.....	5 00
"	17.	" " Chilliwack Union, Application Fees.....	4 00
"	17.	" " " " Y. U., Application Fees.....	2 75
"	28.	" " Vancouver Y's., Application Fees.....	3 00
"	31.	" " " " Union, Missionary Fund (W.)	5 00
"	31.	" " Comox Y. U., Application Fees.....	8 50
Aug.	3.	" " Vancouver Union, Application Fees.....	20 00
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"	8.	" " Ladner " " " "	3 25
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"	14.	" " " " Miss. Fund (World's)	6 50
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" "	" " " "	7, Mrs. Wellwood, Carriage Hire.....	4 00
" "	" " " "	8, Mrs. Lamb, Postage.....	3 50
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Oct. 6.	" Order No. 9.	Van. World, Papers and Leaflets.....	10 00
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Feb.	Cash paid to Mrs. Schooley.....		24 30
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Feb. 10.	Receipt Book for Miss Breeze.....		40
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

W. C. T. U. REFUGE HOME,

Victoria, B. C., August 31h, 1899.

Dear Sisters and Friends of the Home :

The 12th Annual Report of the W. C. T. U. "Refuge Home" can contain nothing of a new or exciting nature. The number of inmates tells that the work is still as necessary as ever, and the more knowledge that is acquired of the evil that exists in this city, the more helpless do we feel on the one hand, but more determined on the other, to continue the struggle, however full of difficulty and disappointment the work may be.

It is impossible to tell, in a report, of the work that has been done; the bare record of facts chronicled in a book, the minutes of the mouthly meetings contain only externals; the inner workings of the Home must necessarily be kept within the knowledge of the Committee, and only those who are thus acquainted can know of the patience and perseverance that is necessary for the Matrons, who, day after day, are brought into such close contact with suffering, disease, and sin, with coldness, indifference, and obstinacy, and who are often perplexed indeed to know how to deal with the different characters of the inmates; characters too often warped and untrained, and hearts too often caring for nothing but the pleasures of selfishness and sin.

Each year has, doubtless, had its difficulties, but the past twelve months would seem to have especially taxed the judgment and managing powers of both Committee and Matrons. The combining power of evil seems to have shown itself more strongly than ever, and the bad influence at work among the girls has at times seemed to defy all that prayer and work could devise. The Committee feel more assured than ever of the necessity of building a more suitable Home outside the city. At present it is unavoidable that the girls should be thrown together, separate bedrooms are an impossibility, and, as the work is arranged, the inmates must be constantly with each other, without immediate supervision, during the day; and within a stone's throw of the Home there are temptations and dangers innumerable, so that there seems no security, and often, after months of protection and Christian influence, a girl falls away again, the moment she leaves the Home. She is known and watched, and trapped by those who do the Devil's work, in enticing and leading into sin those who are so weak and powerless to resist.

But, given a Home, at some distance from the city, there would not be the same desire to get out, and given better and more suitable accommodation, the work of Rescue and Reform would be easier and more successful.

During the past year, the Home has passed an examination at the hands of the Provincial Government, a special Committee of Investigation being appointed, in consequence of the annual grant of \$1,000, which is

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made to the funds. The Home was visited by five gentlemen, members of the Provincial Parliament, and thoroughly inspected. It is satisfactory to know that the management and work gave entire satisfaction, and should the idea of building be carried out, the Committee have every confidence, that substantial help would be received from the Government of the Province.

The number of those received into the Home in the past twelve months has been seventeen; of these, eight were maternity cases, two still remaining in the Home to await confinement.

One girl has been received into the Indian School at Coqualeltza, after being in the Home for ten months; another, who had been there for nine months, and was, apparently, determined to do well, left the Home to take a situation. She only kept it for one week, and then left. Within a few days she was married, and her life is not likely to be a very happy one. It is good to know that she still looks on the Matron in the light of a friend, and is willing to come and see her, and talk about her present surroundings.

Situations have been found for several of the girls, one or two of whom are giving entire satisfaction, and are doing well, but the sad fact has to be chronicled that three have gone out from the Home, back to their evil life, but the little seed sown in faith may yet bear fruit, and all efforts would indeed be hopeless, if it were not believed that the bread cast upon the waters would be found, though after many days. The work cannot be judged by results; they must be left to Him, Who, knowing all, is able to bring good out of evil, and is willing to seek the lost sheep until He find.

But this home is also for the friendless, and some of those admitted this year have been most grateful for the shelter and care in their times of difficulty and of sickness. Here again the question of inadequate accommodation comes in. There is no way of keeping separate those who are merely friendless, and those who have been in the depths of sin and shame, and anyone can see the danger. In spite of vigilance on the part of the Matrons, conversations take place, and subjects are discussed, that may do untold harm, in poisoning the minds of those who, by God's grace, have been kept from open sin; and the remedy lies in our having another building, where separate bedrooms can be provided, and where more possibility is afforded of keeping the inmates apart.

The Home has been especially fortunate in gaining the help of Mrs. Spofford as Matron. Her ten years' experience of the work on the Committee has made her acquainted with its great difficulties, and her influence, and her tact in dealing with the girls have been an enormous help to the Committee, who must be more or less dependent on the action and advice of the Matron.

During the year, Mrs. McGregor, who had been Treasurer of the Refuge Home since its commencement, eleven years ago, was compelled to relinquish her position in consequence of her appointment as Matron of the Protestant Orphans' Home. To mark their feelings of regret at the severance of the relationship, and in token of their appreciation of her valuable work in the interests of the Home, the Committee presented Mrs. McGregor with an appropriate address and a gold brooch.

Mrs. William Grant kindly consented to fill the vacant office of Treasurer.

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Once more the Committee have to thank the medical men, who have so kindly given their services, whenever they have been needed, especially Doctors Carter, Duncan, Fraser, Ernest Hall, Frank Hall, Mary McNeil, and Robertson.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the "Colonist" and "Times" for the regular supply of the daily paper, and to the President and many kind friends who have assisted by gifts of clothing, furniture, food, etc.

The ever increasing need for the Home presses itself upon the Committee; they feel, also, that the work would be greatly assisted if some organized scheme of definite Rescue work could be carried out. While the present known evils are openly allowed by those in authority, while no help is given in stopping them, there is need of a Band of Women, who would be willing to go down among these fallen Sisters, and strive to bring them out of their present life and lead them to the knowledge of their Saviour. Proof has been given, this year, that there are many in this city, who would appreciate and value the kind word and helping hand, if it were given, and who, for want of it, abandon hope, and continue in sin. Outsiders say, "It is useless, let them alone, you cannot stop the evil," but if some, whose hearts God has touched, would be willing, at all events, to visit these haunts of vice, and thus get to know something of the awful temptations and snares that are set in our midst, they would often be rewarded, by meeting with some willing to receive them, and listen to them, and, if only one here, and another there, could thus be induced to come out, and determine to start again, and do better, surely the work would be worth the doing. No more difficult work exists, but there should be some organized attempt made, here as in other cities, and are not we guilty, if, knowing the evil, and seeing the possibilities, we sit still and do nothing.

So, looking backward, the Committee, while not concealing the difficulties, and failures, thankfully acknowledge that a blessing has attended their efforts, and they commend their past, present, and future work into the hands of Him, Who is able out of weakness to make strong, and to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

E. C. PERRIN,

Corresponding Secretary.

August 8th, 1899.

MONEY RECEIVED.

To Balance from last year.....	\$ 905 17
" Cash for Sewing.....	169 40
" Cash for Board and Nursing.....	96 25
" Provincial Government Grant.....	1,000 00
" Municipal Council, Victoria.....	25 00
" Collected in Victoria.....	166 75
" Collected in Vancouver.....	25 00
" Collected in Comox.....	15 00
" Collected in Wellington.....	5 00
" Rent of Lots.....	3 00
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MONEY PAID OUT.

By Salaries.....	558 00
" Groceries.....	315 90
" Furnishings and Repairs.....	198 10
" Fuel.....	77 25
" Meats.....	67 85
" Drugs.....	37 20
" Milk.....	44 65
" Sundries.....	66 50
" Telephone.....	30 40
" Travelling Expenses.....	7 25
" Taxes and Water Rates.....	56 75
" Shoes.....	4 45
" Affiliation to Woman's Council.....	2 00
" Lawyer's Fee.....	9 00
" Hack Hire.....	3 50
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" Balance in General Fund.....	962 33
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The Special Committee on Refuge Home Building Scheme beg to submit the following report:

Whereas the Refuge Home Committee has already in hand a sum of \$600 for building purposes, and whereas the Local W. C. T. Union has offered to purchase the present building for \$2,500, and whereas the Committee purpose applying to the Government for \$1,000, the Committee recommend to the Convention:

1. That the following Unions be asked to contribute the following amounts, which are based on the rate of \$2 a member:

Chilliwack,	18 members.....	\$ 36 00
Vancouver,	80 ".....	160 00
Victoria,	100 ".....	200 00
New Westminster,	70 ".....	140 00
Rossland,	11 ".....	22 00
Revelstoke,	20 ".....	40 00
Ladner,	14 ".....	28 00
Vernon,	12 ".....	24 00
Nanaimo,	21 ".....	42 00
Wellington,	10 ".....	20 00
Comox,	21 ".....	42 00
Richmond,	14 ".....	28 00
	Total.....	\$782 00

2. That the offer of \$2,500 made to the Refuge Home Committee for the purchase of the building be accepted, and that the building be proceeded with as soon as possible.

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SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE IN SCHOOLS.

Victoria Union reports that Temperance is thoroughly and systematically taught in every division of the Public School, orally in all junior classes under the Second Reader, and by text books from that grade up. Written examinations are given on the subject each month, and all pupils writing for promotion must make the same "pass" percentage on this subject as on History, Geography, etc. During the year Temperance leaflets have been distributed among the children of the schools, and recitations bearing on the same subject are encouraged by the teachers.

Vancouver Union cannot report the systematic teaching of Temperance in the Public Schools as yet, but are hoping the day is not far distant when the city Board of Trustees will insist upon such teaching, as other city boards have done. At a meeting held during the Baptist Convention, in Vancouver, the subject of Scientific Temperance Instruction was discussed by the ministers, laymen, and women present, and a resolution was passed to the effect that action be taken in favor of making Temperance Teaching compulsory in all our Public Schools.

New Westminster Union has the satisfaction of reporting that years ago their city Board of Trustees met a representation from the W. C. T. U. and agreed to make Temperance teaching compulsory in every grade of the Public Schools. The junior classes are taught orally, all others by the authorized text books. Monthly examinations are given on this subject as on all others, and the promotion examination papers are made out by the Government on this also and the same percentage required.

Other Unions have not been heard from, but it is well known that many of the Public School teachers of our Province are in favor of this branch being taught and take advantage of the Provincial law which was passed many years ago making Temperance instruction optional, and authorizing the use of the "Pathfinder Series," to introduce these text books into their respective classes. It is high time our Superintendents of this Department bestir themselves to get a compulsory law enacted.

(Compiled at Convention).

REPORT OF LITERATURE AND WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

In presenting a report of this department it must necessarily be brief, as no reports have reached me from Local Superintendents, but the following items have been gathered from the Pro. Cor. Secretary's report.

Nanaimo Union has distributed 25,000 pages of literature.

Wellington Union a considerable amount.

Comox Union has had literature boxes from which the "Northern Messenger" and "Sabbath Reading" were distributed, also \$1.00 worth of literature was given out at Fair time. The Comox Y.'s also distributed literature.

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Vancouver Union gave out 7,127 pages of literature in the City Jail, and a considerable quantity through brackets and in other ways. The Vancouver Y.'s disposed of many thousands of pages also.

The Chilliwack Y.'s keep a box in the Postoffice supplied with Temperance literature.

The Vernon Union keeps the Hospital supplied, and 300 pages have been distributed from a box in the R. R. Station.

Ravelstoke Union reports a quantity of literature circulated.

Chilliwack Union invested \$3.00 in literature, which was placed in wall pockets in the Postoffice, some was distributed on the Fair ground, and some put into brackets in the Harrison R. R. Station.

New Westminster Union procured \$2.00 worth of literature for "Rest Room," on Fair ground, subscribes for one copy of the "Union Signal," which is used as a circulating paper, and thirteen members subscribe for the "Woman's Journal." Magazines and papers have been sent to the Provincial Jail and Mission Hall, and some have been supplied to the sailors on lumber ships.

Victoria Union distributed literature in Jails and Hospitals, and had the address of Mrs. Cooper to the Local Council of Women printed and distributed, also a large number of leaflets printed, entitled "Franchise Catechism."

I regret the lack of definite information regarding many points that would prove of interest to the Convention, especially in relation to subscriptions to the "Woman's Journal," our Dominion official organ.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. G. MAJOR,

New Westminster.

REPORT OF WORK DONE AMONG LUMBERMEN, SAILORS, AND MINERS.

In the City of Nanaimo ten thousand pages of literature have been distributed among Lumbermen, Sailors, and Miners. Visits have been made to ships while in the harbor, to mines while at work in the mine, and to men at the lumber mill. Your Superintendent believes much good for the "Master," and for the Temperance cause have been achieved.

Wellington Union reports (through Mrs. Perry) work done at Departure Bay among Sailors. The Union rented and furnished a Reading Room for Sailors, where Mrs. McDiarmid met with them and, when practicable, held meetings. She also visited the ships while at anchor in the bay, held a service with them, and invited them to the Reading Room, where literature of a good kind, and writing materials were always available. We regret to say, on account of Mrs. McDiarmid's removal, the work has been at a standstill for a while, but we hope that some one may yet be found to carry on this good work. We sincerely hope that her labors were not in vain, for some of the good seed dropped by her may bring forth fruit somewhere, even though we may never know results.

New Westminster Union reports literature has been taken to one ship. The Sailors and Lumbermen have obtained help and literature.

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They have also been induced to attend the Mission Hall services on Tenth Street, and have been supplied with good reading matter in the Reading Room of that Mission through the winter evenings. When leaving port they take with them a supply of good literature, and quite a number of them have, no doubt, been converted to God, while in port.

Victoria Union reports regular visits to the Marine Hospital, where there are none but Sailors. These are well supplied with Christian literature, and the Scripture read to those who cannot read it themselves. At Christmas they receive cards and fruit. There have been forty-nine patients during the year. We feel sure that God has been made precious to many souls, and to Him we will give all the praise.

The Vancouver reports are not to hand, as yet.

All of which is submitted for "God and Home and Native Land."

M. A. PRIESTLY,

Superintendent.

WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

The following reports are all your Superintendent has been able to obtain:

Chilliwack Union placed a box in Harrison Station, which was supplied with literature for R. R. men.

Vancouver Union has visited sick R. R. men in the City Hospitals, and has also supplied literature to men employed on the railroads.

We are sorry to report that this Department has not been worked as diligently as we should have liked during the past year. It is surely a very important line of work in the railroad towns and cities where so large numbers of men are constantly employed, many of them being far removed from home influences, and exposed to accidents and death.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. BROWN,

Superintendent,

Vancouver.

UNFERMENTED WINE AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

Having, last year, been appointed Superintendent of Unfermented Wine Department, I now beg leave to forward my report.

I corresponded with a good many Secretaries of our Unions in places where I knew we had local branches. Then, I thought a more direct way would be to get ministers' addresses from the "Blue Book" of last year's General Assembly; and so I communicated with about twenty of these, or more. In every reply I was answered in the affirmative, as, without one exception they wrote that Unfermented Wine was used in their churches.

I also asked them to kindly inform me whether the churches of other denominations in their vicinity used it also, and all seem to have done so, with the exception of the Anglican and Roman Churches. I did not get

replies, however, from all the clergymen to whom I wrote, but think that our W. C. T. U. may safely infer that in the majority of the churches in our Province this branch of Temperance sentiment prevails.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA J. PERRY,

Superintendent.

LEGISLATION, PETITION, AND FRANCHISE.

Madame President and Sisters:

Our organization has been more alive in this department during the past twelve months than in any previous year. The Plebiscite on Prohibition gave British Columbia, as a Province, the first opportunity to express her opinion by the ballot on the liquor question, and we are thankful and glad that by that vote she said, "we want the abolition of the liquor traffic," and she emphasized it by recording a much larger vote than the most sanguine anticipated.

While we are compelled to report that only the men were allowed to record their votes, all appreciate the fact that a great deal of hard work was done and much direct influence exerted by the women of our Province.

In most of the cities and towns, where our Unions are organized, the children were given buttons to wear, with the inscription, "Vote Prohibition for My Sake," and who can tell how many votes these children influenced or how often that prophecy was fulfilled during the campaign: "A little child shall lead them."

In Vernon the ladies wrote to their representative at Ottawa asking him to support Prohibitive Legislation, if any should be introduced, the House of Commons, and they received a promise for its support. In February last your Superintendent, with other ladies, waited on members of the Government and asked for several reform measures, among which were:

The placing upon the Public School curriculum Technical Education and Domestic Science, but we were informed that our children were never educated.

We asked that all possible assistance be given to the medical men in their efforts for the recovery of insane women confined in the Provincial Asylum, and were promised that this should be done, with the consent of the friends who placed them there.

We also asked that the previous financial help given to our Provincial Refuge Home be continued and it was granted.

Your Superintendent learned that the City Council of Victoria was endeavoring to have the Municipality Act amended so that all women who did not own real estate would be disfranchised. After interviewing the Mayor and each Councillor, we found the large majority were determined upon pushing the amendment. We then waited upon the Attorney General and were delighted that he had no sympathy with the amendment because he believed in woman's full enfranchisement. The amendment was not even brought before the House.

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Temperance organizations, we interviewed the President of the Council and asked that several of our present laws might be amended. These were: First—For the better observance of the Sabbath. Second—For several amendments to the Liquor License Law. Third—For the better protection of children, and that the political franchise be extended to all British subjects of twenty-one years, regardless of sex.

In Wellington and Victoria the City Councils were approached and asked to pass a curfew law. Neither Council have listened to the petitions.

In Nanaimo, however, the workers were more successful, and a curfew ordinance was passed many months ago. I have not learned, as yet, with what results.

Wellington W. C. T. U. petitioned their Council to close the fruit, candy, and bicycle stores, they also petitioned the License Commissioners to withhold a license granted to a saloon in their midst which has brought ruin to many of their homes, but in neither case was their request granted.

A strong effort was made during the last session of the Legislative Assembly to secure the political franchise for women, and it would have been secured but for that knotty "previous question" which has altered many a vote through misunderstanding, and so we lost our franchise by one vote. During the coming year we must be careful not to allow our "almost" victory to lead us to too great confidence. Our enemies are alive to the change in public sentiment and will work hard to defeat us. Let us, during the coming year, work harder than ever, and pray more earnestly that ours may be the victory, and "Let us be wise as serpents and harmless as doves" in those efforts. This has been a year of seed sowing; by and by will be the harvest. There is but little fruit as yet. The "wheels of the law move slowly." Our step, however, is forward not backward.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARIA GRANT,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF Y. W. C. T. U. WORK.

Chilliwack Y. reports as follows: The first year of our existence as a Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union has come to a close. We are truly thankful to our Father in Heaven for His protecting care over us during the year. The Willard Y., of Chilliwack, was organized July 31st, 1898, with a membership of seven. At present, we have eleven members. Our numbers are steadily increasing. Our girls deserve great credit. One garden party, one concert, and one parlor social has been held under their auspices. At the time of the Agricultural Fair, the Y., together with the W. C. T. U., had two ice cream stands at their refreshment tent. They have kept one box filled with literature, bought an organ and paid for it, have paid the rent for a hall to meet in, and hope to have a hall of their own before another year is ended. They have started an autograph quilt, to be completed this fall. Total amount raised since organization, \$134.40.

Victoria Y.'s has fifteen active members and ten honorary ones. Total money raised, \$13.50. Departments worked—Sailors, Jail, and Hospital; Old Ladies' Home visited. During the Plebiscite campaign the members worked very faithfully.

Comox Y.'s—Active members, thirteen; honorary, twenty-one. They have one Band of Hope and have distributed some literature. Total money raised, \$35.00.

Vancouver Y. reports thirty active members and forty honorary. They have held two Gospel Temperance meetings, and have made a large number of visits to the Hospital, distributing literature and flowers. Business meetings, twenty. Literary meetings eleven. The sum of \$10.50 was awarded for prizes to the children of the Public Schools, for the best compositions on "Alcohol, the Deadly Foe of Mankind." Total money raised, \$27.55.

I would recommend to the Y. Unions more evangelistic work, more individual work, face to face talks. If young ladies would set a higher value on their time and influence when in the society of other young ladies and young men, especially young men, instead of so much frivolous, empty talk, mutual improvement would result, and great good be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. A. SCHOOLEY,

Supt. of Y. Work,

Vancouver.

REPORT OF PARLOR MEETINGS.

If success was always measured by present results, I should feel this department of our work was less successful than in former years.

I have written to every Union in the Province, but have only heard from six—of these only four reported having held Parlor Meetings during the year.

Sandwich held one, which was well attended, but did not add any to the membership.

Victoria held twelve Parlor Meetings during the past year—eleven regular and one special—with an average attendance of twenty-five.

They speak hopefully and encouragingly of these meetings, which were, evidently, kept up with a great deal of interest, and, it is believed, will be the means of bringing in many new members. The Superintendent gratefully acknowledges the kind assistance received from many friends, which helped greatly to make the meetings more interesting.

Wellington reports much work done in the first of the year, under great difficulties and discouragements. A chief difficulty seems to have been to find a convenient hour to hold a meeting—this, incident to the irregularity of meal hours in a mining camp.

Vancouver reports no Parlor Meetings held during the past year, but hopes to have something better to report at the close of another year.

Vernon held one. Forty were present, and three joined our Union. We have every reason to hope our meeting was not in vain. I believe it will yet bring forth fruit.

Notwithstanding apparent lack of success in our Parlor Meetings during the past year, we still hold with our late lamented leader, Miss

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Frances E. Willard, that Parlor Meetings are a centre of attraction. There is an enjoyable and homelike atmosphere amid the surroundings that women naturally draw about themselves which cannot be equalled in a church vestry, or any other outside rendezvous. We hope the coming year will be more fruitful in this line of work.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE MUIR,

Vernon.

REPORT ON JUVENILE WORK.

Vernon—This Union has a very flourishing Band of Hope, under the superintendence of the President, Mrs. Clark. It contains sixty members, to whom they gave a picnic, which was enjoyed immensely.

Comox Y. conducts a Band of Hope with good results.

Ladner Union carries on a Loyal Legion, has distributed literature in the schools, and a goodly number of the children have signed the pledge.

Victoria Y. has done work among the children in the Orphans' Home.

Vancouver Y can report some work done for the children in the City Hospital. They also gave \$10.50 in prizes, for essays in Public Schools.

Nanaimo Union reports a Loyal Legion with about thirty members. Blackboard Temperance lessons are given every week. The "Northern Messenger" is taken by the members, and very interesting meetings held.

(Compiled from Convention Reports).

REPORT OF CONFERENCE WITH INFLUENTIAL BODIES.

Vancouver—Visited Woman's Branch Missionary Society, Baptist Association, Ministerial Association, Police Commissioners, and did much good work beside, of which I have not the items.

Chilliwack—Interviewed Council against licenses.

Ladner—Interviewed M. P. P.'s regarding franchise.

Wellington—Interviewed Council about curfew law.

Revelstoke—Interviewed Council about licenses and other things.

M. A. KENNEDY,

Pro. Superintendent.

PROVINCIAL PRESS REPORT.

Victoria Union has been keeping its work before the public, by means of the press, regularly, and has been courteously received by both papers published there.

Nanaimo Union reports their meetings regularly, through the daily paper. Also gospel temperance work.

Wellington has reported all their special temperance meetings to the press, also juvenile meetings and special work done in the various departments. They have always been kindly received, the editor being glad to get items. They have a standing notice for regular meetings, paying \$2.50 yearly for this.

Vancouver reports 78 notices of regular meetings inserted in the local papers. Also Gospel Temperance Meetings, 15. City Missionary's quarterly reports, 2. Total, 95.

Westminster Superintendent reports: "This work has been committted for the past year to the Secretary, who can report that the editors of both papers have been uniformly generous in publishing the notices of our regular meetings, together with any other items that we have desired published. Nothing I have ever sent them has been refused. No doubt if I had had time to make selections or articles, I could have had them printed, as, during the plebiscite campaign, and before the Woman's Hospital was handed over to the Woman's Council, we did get several articles into print. We shall soon be required to call upon them to publish reports of our Provincial Convention. At least 'The Columbian,' the only paper surviving at present."

The Chilliwack Union have a column open to them, which has been pretty well filled at times, by reports of regular and special meetings and up-to-date prohibition items. Also numerous items for the local column have been published at a low rate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. HENDERSON,

Chilliwack.

REPORT ON HOSPITAL WORK.

Madame President and Members of Convention:

So far as I have learned, in every town and city in B. C., where there is a Hospital and an organization of the W. O. T. U., the work is done by the members of the Union, either by a Committee appointed for the work or by a Superintendent of that department. I have not received any account of conversions or signatures pledged.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. McNAUGHTON,

Victoria.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The following Unions have replied to cards issued re Systematic Beneficence:

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Chilliwack—Subject discussed when literature was read at one of the regular meetings.

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New Westminster—A Superintendent appointed. Literature read and discussed. Some of the members give one-tenth to religious and benevolent purposes. The recently organized Unions I have not yet inserted in the written to.

The Jews, from whom we take the "tenth" idea, believed that they loved this to God, that it was not a gift at all; their givings began after the tenth was paid.

Let me ask the members of Convention to give this subject their earnest attention. We often hear the widow's mite spoken of, but just as often forget that she gave all she had, which makes one-tenth appear very small indeed. Her unselfish love and devotion were very remarkable, and, I fear, have few imitators in modern days. I think we should know what we give, and, having given what we can, say little or nothing about it, remembering the sacrifice on Calvary, offered once for all. Do we realize what that sacrifice meant?

L. W. SCULER,

Pro. Supt. Systematic Beneficence.

REPORT OF FAIR WORK.

I beg to submit the following report, and to again draw attention to the fact that it is almost impossible to induce Unions to report on this branch of work.

Chilliwack—This Union reports meals served on the grounds and a large amount of literature distributed, both personally and by means of mail pockets.

Chilliwack Y.—The Y.'s of this section joined forces with the older Union, aiding in all work carried forward, and report an addition to their funds, of \$3.00, as the result. We congratulate the Chilliwack Y.'s on their work, and hope great things from them in the future.

Vernon—The only work attempted by this Union was the distribution of literature, including the Journals, but this has borne fruit, as the families of two neighboring towns became so interested in the work that they desire to organize Unions. Vernon may well feel encouraged, seeing so soon the fruit of its labors.

Ladner—There being no Fair held in this section, last year, the plans made by the Union were not put into execution, but that they were ready and willing for the work speaks volumes for the spirit to be found among the members.

Comox—The promptness with which the officers of the Comox Union answer inquiries, and give needed information is not one of the least of their virtues. This Union again reports good work. Refreshments were served, netting \$24.45 free of all expenses, and literature distributed. The honorary members also proved themselves worthy of having their names enrolled by this Union.

New Westminster—No formal report has been received from the Union, but, as in former years, the "Rest Room" was in charge of members during the Fair, and was much appreciated, as well as the tea and light refreshments dispensed to all who chose to avail themselves of the hospitality of the Union.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. McDOUGALL,

Superintendent Fair Work.

New Westminster, B. C., Oct. 9th, 1899.

Report of Resolution Committee.

1. Resolved, that we gratefully acknowledge the guiding hand of our God during the 16 years of our existence as an organization.

2. Resolved, that owing to the constant and open violation of the Fourth Commandment manifested by canneries being operated; railways, steamers, and street cars run; fruit and tobacco stores and barber shops kept open, we emphatically urge upon the Local Unions to more persistently agitate for a better observance of the Lord's Day.

3. Resolved, that we urge upon all Local Unions the necessity of making a more determined effort to secure the enforcement of the law prohibiting the use of tobacco or cigarettes by minors.

4. Resolved, that owing to the appalling prevalence of the gambling evil in British Columbia, and the apparent inability or inactivity of the rightful authorities in coping with its suppression, this Convention not only puts itself on record as being opposed to gambling in every form, and in favor of its entire abolition, but also expresses hearty sympathy with the editorials published in "The Daily Columbian," and with the Daily World and other Provincial papers which have vigorously exposed this evil, and are in favor of its complete extermination.

5. Resolved, that while we deeply regret that the Dominion Government has not acceded to the wishes of the people of Canada as expressed by ballot during the plebiscite vote, we devoutly pray that the time is not distant when the Dominion Government will see that its highest financial and moral interests are subserved by the passing of a prohibitory liquor law.

6. Realizing the benefits already received by the rising generation attending the schools in our Province, enjoying the advantages of compulsory instruction, Resolved, that we continue to press the matter upon the Local School Boards, and also upon the Board of Education, until every school in the Province obtains the same advantage.

7. Resolved, that the Provincial Executive memorialize the Government regarding the establishment of a Normal School in connection with our Public School system.

8. Resolved, that whereas many women employed in stores and factories have received serious physical injury as a result of constant

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standing, we petition employers of female labor to provide seats for such employees.

9. Resolved, that the Provincial Executive secure for each Local Union a copy of the Criminal Code Laws for the Dominion and Province, also the Municipal By-laws, affecting the morality of the people.

10. Resolved, that this Convention endorse the recommendations of the Dominion Alliance, in their late Convention, in Toronto, re National Prohibition, and that we endeavor to carry out, in unison with other Temperance Societies, their general campaign work.

11. Resolved, that we urge upon every W. C. T. U. woman the importance of remembering, daily, the noontide prayer; recommending, also, that verbal reports of such individual observance be called for by each Local Union President at stated times during the year.

12. Resolved, that we strongly urge upon the Presidents of Local Unions and Provincial Superintendents the importance of providing themselves with copies of the Dominion W. C. T. U. Annual Report.

13. Resolved, that our warmest thanks are conveyed to Mrs. Thornley and the Ontario W. C. T. U., for their kindness in furnishing valuable departmental literature to our B. C. Local Unions and Superintendents.

14. Resolved, that we return grateful thanks to the Giver of All Good, for the beautiful weather vouchsafed during our Convention, for the sweet spirit of concord manifested among the members, and for the safe arrival and presence with us of our esteemed Convention speaker, Miss F. J. A. Murcutt, of Australia.

15. Resolved, that the thanks of this Convention are heartily tendered to the Ladies of New Westminster for their generous home and luncheon hospitality; to the vestry of the Reformed Episcopal Church for the use of the same; to the soloists, pianists, and organists, who so materially added to the enjoyment of the Convention, and to the Press for so kindly publishing the work of the Convention.

Plan of Work.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Recommended, That where practicable the various Local Unions hold at least one meeting in the interests of this Department, using the programme prepared by the Ontario Superintendent of this work, the same to be arranged by each Local Union, or Superintendent, to suit the requirements of their own locality.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

Recommended, That our Provincial Superintendent be asked to collect abstracts of the several laws or regulations of this Department in the various Provinces of the Dominion, and having made a digest of the salient points, place it before the Minister of Education, with the request that he give to our Province a compulsory law for the study of this subject. Further recommended, That a general effort be made to elect women on our School Boards, when, and wherever practicable, or, failing that, to secure men who are known to be favorable to moral reform along W. C. T. U. lines.

NARCOTICS.

Believing that mothers as well as fathers and young people need educating in this line of work, Recommended, That the leaflet prepared by the Ontario Superintendent of this department be used by our Local Unions, and, if possible, that copies be sent to all Young People's Societies, asking them to devote an evening to this line of study.

CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT.

Whereas the excellent "Children's Protection Act," in force in Ontario, has been found of great service in dealing with the children of depraved parents, and in other ways protecting the child life of that Province; Recommended, That we endeavor to secure a similar enactment for this Province.

LEGISLATION, PETITION, AND FRANCHISE.

Whereas the vote to extend to women the suffrage was a very large one, at the last session of the Legislature in this Province; Recommended, That a petition be prepared and circulated during this winter, and presented to the House at its next session, praying that the franchise may be granted to all British subjects, regardless of sex; also, That a petition be prepared and presented to the Legislature asking that Honorable Body to so amend the Liquor License Law as to make it meet the necessities of the rural districts.

THE WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

Whereas the financial responsibility of the "Woman's Journal" is borne by our Dominion W. C. T. U. President, Mrs. A. O. Rutherford, and is too heavy a burden for us, as an organization, to roll on the shoulders of one woman; Recommended, That in order to sustain our official organ and assist in placing it upon a firm basis, our Local Unions endeavor to double their number of subscriptions to the "Journal" this year. It is further recommended that each Local Union send quarterly reports of work done, to the Provincial Superintendent of the "Woman's Journal" (Mrs. Alex. Lamb, of New Westminster), that she may contribute articles of interest to its pages, relating to our Provincial workers.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE.

Recommended, That a Woman's Exchange be established by Local Unions, wherever they do not exist, and would prove a benefit to the women of a community.

Recommended, That Evangelistic and Social gatherings be held, for the benefit of Sailors, in the various seaport towns and cities of our Province, under the auspices of our Local Unions, thus giving the members an opportunity for personal work and kindly service.

Recommended, That the Local Unions be asked to endeavor to raise an amount equal to 25 cents per member towards sending a B. C. delegate to the Dominion W. C. T. U. Convention.

Recommended, That the Cor. Secretary of each Local Union be urged to send the names of Local Superintendents to the Provincial Superintendents of corresponding departments of work, directly after the Minutes of Convention are printed.

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Greetings From Miss Murcutt.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE W. C. T. U., OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED.

Dear Sisters:

Instead of writing, I should like to greet you all in person, to-day.

Although absent in body I am with you in spirit, for I remember, with deep gratitude, "your work of faith and labor of love."

I am delighted to know that our cause prospers in your beautiful Province, and, indeed, throughout the whole of your fair country.

It has been a sore disappointment to Prohibitionists everywhere that Sir W. Laurier has ignored the expressed wish of the people, but we are hoping that each Province may obtain the power to enact a prohibitory law within its own territory, and then, I doubt not, that British Columbia will be one of the first to wave aloft the banner of "Prohibition, Prosperity, and Protected Homes."

My greeting is found in the 7th verse of the 20th Psalm: "Some trust in chariots, some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

God bless you in all your deliberations; give you wisdom to plan wisely, grace to work patiently, faith to trust unquestioningly, and love to conquer all, for "Fairest Canada shall yet be free."

With love to all,

Yours for "God and Home and Humanity,"

A. L. A. MURCUTT,

Australasian Lecturer, W. C. T. U.

Papers Read in Convention.

HEREDITY.

The law of Heredity has never been more clearly expounded than when, 1,500 years before the Christian era, it, with others, was written on the stone tablet by the hand of God Himself: "I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments."

It is one of the Divine laws which affect everything that possesses life, in both the animal and vegetable kingdoms. It has been seen ever since the Creation, in grain, flower, tree, insect, bird, beast, and human being—everything is produced "after its kind."

It is a law which influences the whole nature—physical, mental, and moral.

That Heredity influences the physical nature is daily, yes, hourly made evident to us, for do we not see in almost everyone we know, striking likenesses in feature, form, or bearing, to some antecedent?

How painfully frequent, too, is the recurrence in the same family of such diseases as Tuberculosis, Epilepsy, Syphilitic troubles, etc.

[Whether the disease itself, or only the tendency to it, is transmitted, it still is following the law of Heredity.]

As to the mental nature and Heredity, who is not acquainted with the fact, that Insanity, Hysteria, and other mental troubles descend from generation to generation, in certain families, or are produced in children of intemperate parents?

The "British Medical Journal" gives this statement of the Superintendent of the Insane Asylum, at Caermarthen, England, that 34 per cent of the cases of Insanity owe their diseased condition to the intemperate habits of parents.

Dr. Edward Mann, President of N. Y. Association of Anthropology affirms that 50 per cent. of the idiots and imbeciles of the United States are the offspring of intemperate parents.

Dr. Reid, Superintendent of the Provincial Hospital for the Insane in Halifax, N. S., traces the course of such diseases thus: "You have, first of all," he says, "a tendency to epilepsy and nervous diseases, as a result of lack of vigor. Take a family with nervous systems easily upset, and their children are predisposed to that condition, though they may pass their lives without difficulty. One of them marries; he has children these children are insane, being thrown off by trifling causes."

Multitudes of similar evidences might be given, but more is unnecessary for the present.

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Now, with reference to the MORAL nature, we can, and do, affirm that the law of Heredity is just as fixed here, as in the two nations named, may, even more so. A child, born with immoral tendencies, is in an infinitely worse condition than one born with physical weakness only. The weakness of the latter evidences itself along one particular line, whereas the morally deficient one is weak on all sides.

We look with pity and sympathy on the child who comes into the world with a physical deformity, or on the young man or young woman who falls prey to inherited Tuberculosis or Insanity, or other disease, but how little sympathy is exhibited toward the poor drunkard or outcast, who, possibly, was born with crippled will power, and uncontrollable tendencies toward evil doing?

A paper, read at a meeting of the American Social Science Association, states that 40 per cent. of drunkards come directly from inebriate ancestry, and 20 per cent. from insane and mentally diseased parentage, so that 60 per cent. of all inebriates are "launched into existence, freighted with diseased tendencies and impulses, which burst into activity from the slightest exciting causes."

Regarding crime, Professor Brower, in a paper on the "Medical Aspect of Crime," read before the Medical Association of Ohio, says: "The two great causative factors of crime are Criminal Parentage (i.e., Heredity) and Environment."

The registers of prisons, jails, and reformatories bear out this statement.

The W. C. T. U. of the U. S., as long ago as 1881, organized a Department of Heredity, for the special purpose of studying the hereditary effects of Alcohol and Tobacco, and very soon enlarged its work to take in the study of all hereditary tendencies—the healthful and pure, as well as evil or diseased tendencies. They had found that 90 out of every 100, rescued from vice, returned to it, after a time.

Since Heredity is a very potent factor for both good and evil, the question is, How can the evil be checked and the good furthered?

Prof. Brower, who was before quoted with reference to crime, says: "We should stop the propagation of crime. There should be no possibility for these people to marry, by law, and propagate their kind."

Many contend that the law should deal similarly with the cases of the physically and mentally diseased. But such questions are very puzzling and difficult to legislate upon. In view of this and the awfully certain results of the law of Heredity, is there not a tremendous responsibility resting on the parents of the land?

Take the case of intemperance again. Even should there be no hereditary appetite to fight against, how much care should be taken to prevent children from acquiring tastes, which, in their turn, they shall transmit to posterity. One of the chief sources of intemperance is unwholesome and insufficient food insufficient in quality, not quantity. *Many a child acquires a craving for strong drink from the foods provided at the home table,* by the very mother who would be horrified at the suggestion of allowing wine or strong drink, or even wine jellies or brandy sauces to appear there, but who, quite unconsciously, perverts her children's appetites, by highly seasoned dishes, until plain, wholesome food has no lish, and stronger and more stimulating articles are being constantly demanded, until, finally, the alcoholic stimulus becomes a necessity.

Another important cause of intemperance is the late hours children are allowed to keep—not only depriving them of the best hours for sleep, but fostering in them a love for excitement that most subtle of stimulants. Late hours at home are bad enough, but when the late hours of the evening are spent on the street, the danger is complicated immeasurably. It is thus our boys and girls usually become contaminated with the impurity which is so prevalent, to-day.

Do let us make home pleasant and attractive for them, as they grow into boyhood and girlhood—so attractive that they will not wish to leave it for the doubtful and so often degrading amusements of the street.

Oh, what sickening stories come to us of the happenings on the streets of every town and city, and if our children are allowed to keep what hours they please, how can we tell what they are seeing, and hearing, and learning?

Then, too, cannot our children be better trained about the uses and abuses of their own bodies?

Would it not be better for a mother to inform her child in a wise and loving way, about such things, which he or she is bound to learn some time or some how, than to leave them to be learned, by stealth, from the coarse talk of some associate?

This is the way in which most children acquire such information, and often incalculable harm is done by their confusing the impure with the pure uses of some of the most sacred functions of that greatest work of their Creator—their own body.

Much might be said about this, but we will pass on, as we wish to refer to the necessity for better training for the grown-up girls of our day.

Some may ask, "What has this to do with the subject of Heredity?" We answer, "Everything," for the daughters of the present are to be the mothers of the future, and will transmit to their children just such physical conditions, and mental and moral impressions as they themselves are possessed of.

Girls should be taught more of the functions and duties which will be required of them, as wives and mothers. In most cases, however, everything of this nature is hidden from them, or else spoken of in such a careless, or too often vulgar, way, that the nice-minded girl recoils and imagines such things should not be listened to or thought of.

Such a girl marries, either in ignorance, or with a half-knowledge she would be better without. By-and-by, a time comes when she realizes she is to be a mother, but, ignorant of her power over her unborn child, the months in which she might be moulding its character to her liking are passed in ways, too often sadly detrimental to the child's welfare. Few women realize that, from the time of conception, they have in their hands the formation of the body and mind of a human being—an immortal soul.

If all mothers did realize and recognize this fact, what a vastly different world ours would be!

This most important calling in life seems to be about the only one to fill which, no training is considered necessary. Girls are supposed to know instinctively how to be good mothers. Happily, in many cases, they do, but the rule is by no means an invariable one.

Fortunately, the day is past when the delicate, languishing type of girl was considered desirable, and Dame Fashion now pronounces the well-

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"The woman's cause is man's; they rise or sink
Together; dwarfed or God-like, bond or free.
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The shining steps of Nature; shares with man
His nights, his days, moves with him to one goal,
Stays all the fair young planet in her hand.
If she be small, slight natured, miserable,
How shall men grow?"

If this be true (and who can contradict it), is it not the bounden duty of every woman to know all she can of her power, that she may make her children such as will make the world better and purer for their having lived in it.

Women are doing much along the line of reform, and the same influence that has led them to endeavor to reform abuses, must, inevitably, make them realize that it would be unspeakably better to prevent them, and this can be done only by mothers knowing how to give the world noble men and women, who, not having desires for evil, will be powers for good.

When woman learns to look upon motherhood as a sacred function, not as a necessary evil, and to understand the high honor God has conferred on her, by placing in her hands the work of forming a human being, then we shall have a race of nobler and purer men and women.

Dr. Sydney B. Elliott, who has devoted a great deal of time to the study of this subject, says: "The process by which man is born into the world, and the circumstances which go to make him what he is, whether it be a theologian or a scapegrace, a mathematician or a fool, concern all. It is a subject of the utmost importance, and how little interest is taken in it, compared with that in the raising of fine horses, fine cattle, in fact, fine stock of every class. The propagation of the human race is a bungle, left to chance conception, alike from the good and the bad, the sound and the unsound, the healthy and the diseased, dependent on the possible ignorance of even those well informed on ordinary subjects. Is it any wonder that the human race is of such poor material that one half die under seven years of age, and that the greater part of the other half are often, in some way, a burden on the remaining few? Surely the propagation of the greatest work of an Almighty God is worthy, at least, of some of the attention given to the lower animals."

If we would do away with a bungling chance procreation, that results in misery and destruction, if we would give the cherished of all we hold dear—our very flesh and blood—the same attention that we give the beasts in our stables, then all who presume to become parents, must know how to have well-born children, and, for this purpose, it is absolutely essential that the practical application of pre-natal influence be thoroughly understood. Then only will we have well-born children, free from contamination of vice, and disease, capable of unlimited attainment, able to follow the dictates of a clear conscience, and with the power to beget a better generation than the world has yet seen.

No matter how great a mother's influence may be in after life, she can never make her child exactly what she would desire. Before its birth she can.

By struggling to overcome her own faults, and acting and thinking in such a way as to counteract such as her child might inherit from his father, she can guard against similar tendencies in him. Then, whatever qualities and faculties she may wish her child to possess, let her cultivate such in herself; use her own reasoning powers, exercise her memory, and, above all, be in earnest, and do everything as heartily as she is capable of doing it.

It is not necessary that the mother herself possess the special talent she may wish her child to have, but she should turn her thoughts as much as possible in that direction.

It is said of Lesh Colborn, a mathematical prodigy, that, before his birth, his mother was much exercised over the problem of how much cloth could be made from a certain amount of yarn. Knowing nothing of mathematical methods, what would have been simple to others, involved quite a complicated mental process to her. For a day and a night she struggled hard to solve her problem, and went so many times along this brain way, that, when her child became able to use his faculties, this road was already well broken, and he could run where his mother had only groped. When six years of age, on being asked, at Harvard University, how many seconds in 1,811 years, he replied in four seconds, three hundred and forty-six million eight hundred and ninety-six thousand!!!

We have another instance of the effect of pre-natal impressions in the case of that late queen amongst women, the prominent promoter of the cause of Temperance, Frances Willard.

Before Miss Willard's birth, her mother had deeply impressed upon her mind the need of definite work being done along the line of Temperance. Her impressions were inherited and developed in her daughter, for she certainly was a born Temperance worker.

Every mother, we hope, desires her child to be honorable, true, and loyal; generous, yet not a spendthrift; sociable, yet not a slave to custom and human usages; of high aspirations, with a heart full of love to his fellows, and a brain full of plans for benefitting them; in short, every woman has her ideal—the better the woman the higher the ideal—and, to produce the ideal child, let the mother live and act, herself, as she would wish her child to live and act in after years. The truly Christian woman, you will see, must certainly make the best mother—the one who, steadily and faithfully, in the small and seemingly trivial things of life, as well as in its so-called "more important" duties, seeks to do the will of God, for she has a Divine and unerring Guide, Whose influence will also be transmitted.

Something must be mentioned here, that one would rather omit, did not conscience demand a reference to it. Many women do not desire to have children, and are annoyed, resentful, angry, during the months of pregnancy, and wonder, in after years, whatever could have made their son or daughter so morose, or sulky, or misanthropic. But, sad to say, some go even farther, and attempt by various means, to destroy the little living being. Sometimes this is accomplished. Sometimes they kill the mother. Often they do neither.

If the child, in spite of these attempts, lives and grows to manhood or womanhood—if he exhibits criminal and murderous proclivities, whose fault is it?

One more thing—Both parents must remember that sensuality may be transmitted to the yet unborn child, by their want of care in this re-

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In dealing with a subject of such importance and such magnitude one scarcely knows where to stop.

Before closing we would urge upon the mothers to see that their daughters, at least, are made acquainted with these intensely important matters, and are prepared for the duties, which God will, probably, lay upon them.

To the girls, let me repeat the advice of our well known Tennyson :

"Girls,
Knowledge is now no longer a fountain sealed,
Drink deep, until the habits of the slave,
The sins of emptiness, gossip, spite and slander die,
Better not be at all than not be noble."

NOTE—The writer wishes to state that much of the information in the latter part of this paper was obtained from a paper entitled "Mother and Child," written by Dr. Susanna P. Boyle, late Professor in "Ontario Medical College for Women," now resident physician in State Asylum, Independence, Iowa.

Home and Politics.

Well Written and Forcible Argument for Woman Suffrage, by a W. C. T. U. Woman.

The following well written and interesting paper on the subject, "Home and Politics," was read at the recent Convention of the Provincial W. C. T. U., at New Westminster, by Mrs. Spain, of Victoria :

It is now more than twenty-five years since I first thought of the importance of women voting. It is a long time in the life of an individual ; it is a very short time in the life a great movement, and, I think, as we look back on those years, those who have devoted themselves to the cause of the enfranchisement of women have good reason to congratulate themselves on the progress which has been made.

We have a direct increase of our strength in Parliament, and we have further cause of congratulation on the general position of women. Their admission to the Municipal and School Board suffrages, their activity in many invaluable efforts of social and moral regeneration, their work as Trustees of Schools, and their success in the higher fields of education.

But, perhaps, more encouraging than any of these direct evidences of the progress of the women's movement is making, is the general feeling that is beginning to prevail, that women's suffrage is a thing that is bound to come. The tendency of public opinion is felt to be set in that direction and even those who oppose us seem to know that they are fighting a lost battle. There is a drift in public opinion ; you cannot, probably, see it move ; but, when you look again, you see it has moved. We have evidences of this on all sides.

With regard to the differences between men and women, those who advocate the enfranchisement of women have no wish to disregard or make little of them. On the contrary, we have our claim to representation, to a large extent, on them. If men and women were exactly alike, the representation of men would represent us; but, not being alike, that wherein we differ is unrepresented under the present system.

The motherhood of women, either actual or potential, is one of those great facts of everyday life which we must never lose sight of. To women, as mothers, is given charge of the home and the care of the children.

Women are, therefore, by nature, as well as by occupation and training, more accustomed than men to concentrate their minds on the home and domestic side of things. But this difference between men and women, instead of being a reason against their enfranchisement, seems to me the strongest possible reason in favor of it. We want the home and the domestic side of things to count for more in politics and in the administration of public affairs than they do at present. We want to know how various kinds of legislative enactments bear on the home and on domestic life, and we want to get our legislators to consider the domestic as well as the political results of any legislation which many of them are advocating. We want to say to our fellow countrywomen, all over the world, whom we hope, some day, to see enfranchised: "Do not give up one jot or tittle of your womanliness, your love for children, your care for the sick, your gentleness, your self control, your obedience to conscience and duty, for all these things are sadly wanted." We want women, with their knowledge of child life, especially to devote themselves to the law as it affects children, to children's training in schools, to the employment of children of tender years, and the bearing of this employment in after life, to the social life of young people, to the example set by the higher and richer classes; to the provision of open spaces and recreation grounds, where young and old take their quiet walk. To the Temperance question, to laws relating to health and morals, and the bearing of all these things, and many others, upon the home, and upon the virtue and the purity of the domestic life of our people.

Depend upon it, the important institution in the country is the home; anything which threatens the purity and stability of the home, threatens the life blood of the country. If the homes of the nation are pure, if the standard of duty and self-restraint, and justice is maintained, such a people have nothing to fear. In this conflict, there can be no danger of a Christian taking the wrong side. Women have more to do in this matter than all others. When we look into the world around, we see a mixture of human motives and passions, giving to life the appearance of confusion. Thus, to an untutored eye, looking up at the midnight heavens, the host of stars appear a confused multitude, scattered at hazard across the sky. Yet we know, in truth, that each has its sphere, and even human knowledge has been able to name them and map them out, and measure their orbits. So it is, in truth, with woman's influence in this world. Hitherto, she has been allotted her place at home; yet we cannot say God only intended her for this sphere. Our dear Lord reproves one woman for being too careful about household affairs, another left her waterpot, after a conversation with her Lord, and went her way into the city and told the men to come and see a man who was able to go back into her past history, and they followed her. Dear friends, she was, probably, no less a womanly woman. Yes, by strengthening the independence of women, I think we shall strengthen their true native womanliness.

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A large amount of opposition to women's suffrage is based on the fact that to women has been given, by nature, the charge of the domestic and home side of things, and there is also the fear that contact with political life would blunt the gentler qualities of women. Let us look at these two objections separately. To women, it is said, quite truly, has been given the charge of the home and the domestic side of things. That is to say, most women's lives are wholly, or almost wholly, devoted to work for their husband and children, within their home. I will apply myself to meet the argument against women's suffrage, based on the fact that the daily business of most women's lives lies in the routine of domestic affairs. For the proper discharge of these duties, many very high and noble qualities are needed, and no insignificant amount of practical knowledge. Women, who are immersed in domestic affairs, should be good economists, knowing how to save and how to spend judiciously; they should know a good deal about the health and training of children, about education, about what influences character and conduct; no quality is more important in the management of servants and children than a strong sense of justice. In proportion as women are good and efficient in what concerns their domestic duties, they will, if they become voters, bring these excellent qualities to bear upon public affairs. Most men are as much taken up by some trade, business, or profession in their every-day life, as women are by their domestic duties, but we do not say that this man is so industrious and experienced in his business that it is a great pity that he should be admitted to the franchise. We rather feel that all that makes him a useful member of society, in his private life, will also make him a good citizen, in his public duties. I am well aware that there are some women who are not good for much in the home, thinking more of dress and amusements than home. Cases have been known, I grieve to say, in all classes, where they have broken up their homes through drunkenness and idleness; though, for one home broken up and destroyed by a drunken woman, there are, probably, three or four broken up and destroyed by drunken men. These women, who are not good for much domestically, will, most likely, not be good for much politically; but, exactly the same thing can be said of the existing male voters. Taking women in the mass, I believe that it can be claimed for them, that they are faithful and conscientious in the fulfilment of the duties already confided to them, and if this is so, it is the best assurance that we can have that they will be faithful and conscientious in the new ones that may be entrusted to them.

I think we may surely claim for women in general, a high standard of goodness and virtue. In so far as conduct is a test of virtue, we have a rough test in the number of men and women, respectively, who are committed for trial. We find, for serious offences against the law, women are less than a fifth the number of men, although women are more numerous than men, by many per cent. I do not stop now to enquire what the causes of this may be, but I think the bare fact is a strong evidence that the admission of women to the suffrage would raise, rather than lower, the average quality as regards conduct. The woman, in Proverbs, is described as maintaining habits of industry, and giving a tone to all her household; with bodily activity, is combined intelligence and practical business life. "She considereth a field and buyeth it, with the fruit of her hands. She planteth a vineyard." So, truly, the beauty of a woman's character is not all tenderness; both are required for the national welfare. Why, then, exclude from the responsibilities of citizenship a large number of women, among whom the standard of duty, as measured by their conduct, is conspicuously high and pure.

Let us now consider the fear that has been expressed, that contact with political life would blunt the gentler qualities of women. We know that a very similar fear has been expressed with regard to the extension of higher education to women. It was thought that, if a woman knew Greek she would not love her children, and that, if she learned mathematics, she would forsake her infant for a quadratic equation. Experience has set these fears at rest, that they are baseless. The alleged blighting effect of political life on womanly graces may prove to be equally unfounded.

It seems to me very inconsistent and illogical to say, with one breath, nature has made women so and so, and, so and so—mentioning all kinds of graceful and delightful qualities—and, then to add, that all these qualities will disappear if a certain alteration takes place in the political constitution of the country. Nature is not so weak and changeable as this. To think that we can upset the solemn edicts of nature by the little laws of human invention, is the greatest nonsense.

I think we can cite the example given us for more than half a century by our beloved Queen. She has been from her early girlhood immersed in a constant succession of political duties and responsibilities, yet no woman has shown herself more in sympathy with all who need it.

When we speak of womanliness, we must be careful not to mistake true for false. Is there anything truly feminine at screaming at a mouse or a black beetle? Fifty years ago, a female of truly delicate susceptibilities was supposed to faint on the slightest provocation. It was merely a fashion, happily, now passed away. Women don't faint now, unless their heart or their digestion is out of order. Merely foolish foibles ought not to be dignified by the name of womanliness.

In conclusion, I shall only add that I shall advocate the extension of the franchise to women, because I wish to strengthen true womanliness in women, and, because I want to see the womanly and domestic side of things weigh more and count for more in all public concerns.

Let no one imagine for a moment that we want women to cease to be womanly. We want, rather, to raise the ideal type of womanhood, and to multiply good women, the way God has made them.

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ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia."

ARTICLE II.

The objects of the Society are to educate public sentiment up to the standard of Total Abstinence, instil Temperance principles into the minds of the young, save the inebriate, and to engage in works of a charitable and philanthropic nature.

ARTICLE III.

The officers shall be a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Superintendent for each department of work. These general officers shall be elected by the members of the Convention at each annual meeting. The President of the Local Union now or hereafter to become auxiliary to this Society, shall, by virtue of their office, be Vice-Presidents to the Executive Board, and shall be entitled to a vote.

These general officers shall constitute an Executive Board to control and provide for the general interests of the work, with power to fill vacancies in its own body. The Superintendents of Departments shall not be expected to sit with the Executive at the meeting where such Superintendents are nominated.

ARTICLE IV.

The President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer may constitute a sub-committee of the Executive Board, three of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of special or important business, except during the general meetings of the Society. They shall have power to call annual and special meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

The Annual Meeting of the Society shall consist of one delegate from each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every ten paying members for the first fifty, after that one for every twenty, and one delegate from the Provincial Refuge Home Committee, the expenses of said delegate to be borne by the Provincial Union.

Delegations may be empowered by their own Union to fill their quota by visiting members of their own Union.

ARTICLE VI.

Each Local Union contributing to the funds of the Provincial Union at the rate of $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents per member, quarterly, shall be auxiliary to the Provincial Union, and shall be entitled to the privilege of sending delegates to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

Each Auxiliary Union shall make to the Corresponding Secretary, yearly, a report as per blank form provided.

ARTICLE VIII.

The fiscal year shall close August 5th, and the general meeting of the Society shall be held annually the last week in August, in such place as shall be appointed at the preceding annual meeting. At each

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of such annual meetings new officers shall be elected to fill the offices of President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents of each department of work, for the ensuing year. Such nomination and election shall be by ballot, and retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE IX.

All documents belonging to the Provincial Union shall be kept in the possession of the Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE X.

Travelling expenses of Officers to the Annual Meeting shall be borne by the Provincial Union.

ARTICLE XI.

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

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW NUMBER I.

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

BY-LAW NUMBER II.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Union, and send to each Auxiliary Union, not later than June 30th, a blank form for the report of that auxiliary for the current year. From

the information thus received she shall prepare her annual report.

BY-LAW NUMBER III.

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

BY-LAW NUMBER IV.

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

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Declaration of Principles.

PREAMBLE.

We, the women of the Province of British Columbia, deeply sensible of the increasing evils, alarmed at the tendencies and dangers of, and commiserating the misery caused by intemperance, believe that it has become our duty, under the Providence of God, to unite our efforts for its extinction.

Therefore, in order to strengthen and encourage each other in the accomplishment of this important end, we do, this 16th day of October, 1883, adopt the following as the objects of our Provincial Union, also the following Constitution and By-laws:

OBJECTS OF THE PROVINCIAL UNION.

To unitedly array the Christian women of the Province of British Columbia against the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

To educate and influence society in favor of sobriety and virtue.

To impress upon the youth of our Province the awful responsibility resting upon those either supporting or engaged in the liquor traffic, and the folly as well as guilt of partaking of intoxicants of any kind or in any form.

To gather statistics, facts, and incidents relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and make use of them in such a way as will best promote the interests of temperance.

To labor individually for the inebriate, the liquor seller, the fallen of our own sex, and for the neglected

masses in our cities and towns hitherto unreached and uncared for.

To give active expression to our sympathy with the family of the inebriate, and to endeavor to elevate his children from the debasing influences with which they are surrounded.

To heartily co-operate with Temperance Societies in combatting 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.

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.

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Pledge of W. C. T. U.

We hereby pledge ourselves to discourage, in all possible ways, the use of anything which can intoxicate; and, in order to strengthen our influence in this regard, we promise not to use any intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor in cooking, and not to furnish them for social entertainment.

White Shield Pledge.

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Promise by the blessing of God

- 1.—To uphold the law of Purity as equally binding on men and women.
- 2.—To be modest in language, behavior, and dress.
- 3.—To avoid all conversation, reading, art, and amusement which may put impure thoughts into my mind.
- 4.—To guard the purity of others, especially my companions and friends.
- 5.—To strive after the special blessing promised to the pure in heart.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

W. C. T. U. Provincial Refuge Home.

I.—This institution shall be known as the W. C. T. U. Refuge Home.

II.—The object of the W. C. T. U. Refuge Home shall be to afford shelter for friendless women, or women desiring to forsake a life of shame, to provide for them, while inmates of the Home, suitable employment, as well as the ministrations of the Gospel, and, on leaving the Home, to put them in the way of securing an honest livelihood.

III.—The management of the Home shall be vested in a Committee of twelve ladies, nominated by the Provincial Superintendent of Social Purity, and elected at the annual meeting of the Provincial W. C. T. U. (notice of whose election shall be forthwith forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Managers). The same to be known as the Board of Managers of the W. C. T. U. Provincial Refuge Home. The Provincial Superintendent of Social Purity to be a member, ex-officio, of the Board of Managers.

IV.—The Board of Managers of the W. C. T. U. Provincial Refuge Home shall have power to appoint an advisory Committee, consisting of the resident pastors of all the Evangelical churches in the city and six laymen elected by the Board of Managers (these last to be total abstainers).

V.—The Board of Management shall hold stated meetings at least once a month.

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VI.—The annual meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held during the third week in the month of August in each year, at which time full and accurate reports shall be presented of the work and proceedings of the previous twelve months, and the same forwarded by the Secretary to the annual meeting of the Provincial W. C. T. U.

VII.—At the regular meeting next following the annual meeting of the Provincial Executive, and up to which time all officers and committees shall hold office and be responsible for the discharge of their duties, the Board of Managers shall elect the officers for the ensuing year, the same to consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. At the same meeting, and thereafter at every monthly meeting of the Board, the Managers shall also elect, from their own number, a Committee of three ladies, to be known as the "Committee of Management." Such Committee, subject to the rules and by-laws enacted by the Board, shall have charge of the internal management of the Home, determine, according to the spirit of this Constitution, the persons to be admitted, and at each monthly meeting present a report of the needs, the work, and the condition of the Home.

VIII.—The Board of Management shall have power, from time to time, to make, vary, and alter by-laws and rules for the government of the Home and for all matters and things relating to the management and conduct of affairs, provided always that the same be consistent with this Constitution, and that one month's notice of any proposed alteration be given at a regular meeting of the Board.

IX.—The Board of Management shall have power to fill vacancies in its own body that occur during the year.

Constitution, By-laws and Rules of Order

OF THE

Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

(LOCAL.)

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be known as "The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of _____, Auxiliary to the W. C. T. U. of the Province of British Columbia."

ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of the Union shall be to meet together for prayer and Conference, to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, and save the inebriate.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of the Association by signing the Pledge and Constitution, and by payment of _____ per year into the treasury.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and by the payment of the regular fee. Honorary members are entitled to all the privileges of members except the vote and holding office.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICE.

The officers of this Association shall be a President, First Vice-President, and a Vice-President for each church (when practicable), a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor.

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Superintendent of Department, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—AUXILIARYSHIP.

Each Local Union shall pay to the funds of the Provincial Union a sum equal to six-and-a-quarter cents per member quarterly, this amount to be taken from the — membership fee.

ARTICLE VI.—ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting shall be held in the month of July each year, at which reports of all officers and superintendents shall be presented. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be published afterwards, if possible, in the daily newspapers.

At this meeting, officers, committees, and superintendents shall be elected for the ensuing year, and such services held as shall tend to promote the objects of the Association.

BY-LAWS.

BY-LAW NO. I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1.—PRESIDENT—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the organization and supervise its general interests, and she may, with any three members, call special meetings, due notice being given to the members.

Sec. 2.—VICE-PRESIDENTS—It shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President, while the Vice-President of each church shall endeavor to enlist women of their own church in the work.

Sec. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding

Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union, including the sending to Provincial officers and superintendents the names and addresses of corresponding local officers, and report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial 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 shall prepare the report of the annual meeting of the Local Union.

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

Sec. 5.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all membership dues, and devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Association. She shall receive and hold all money collected for the use of the Union, keeping an exact book account, and, if practicable, make a monthly report of the same. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President and Recording Secretary. She shall forward the yearly fee to the Treasurer of the Provincial Union.

BY-LAW NO. H.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers shall be elected by ballot. Nomination shall be made either by informal ballot, or on motion of any member. If there be more than one person nominated for any office a ballot shall be taken, tellers having been appointed for that purpose. The one having a full majority of all the ballots cast shall be declared elected.

BY-LAW NO. III.—DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

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BY-LAW NO. IV.—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly, or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting shall be largely a devotional meeting. Mass meetings shall be held as frequently as possible. The Executive and other Committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

BY-LAW NO. V.—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.

BY-LAW NO. VI.—EXPENSES OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

The expenses of general officers for postage, stationery, etc., shall be borne by the Union. Traveling expenses of delegates to annual Convention shall, when at all practicable, be borne by the Union sending those delegates.

BY-LAW NO. VII.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, providing due notice has been given the annual meeting previous. These by-laws may be

altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present.

Rules of Order.

I.—Every session for business shall open and close with prayer.

1. Roll Call of Officers.
2. Appointment of Committee on Credentials and Courtesy.
3. Roll Call of Delegates.
4. Call for New Unions.
5. Address of Welcome to Delegates.
6. Response to Address of Welcome.
7. President's Annual Address.
8. Reading Rules of Order from the Chair.
9. Appointment of Committees on Resolutions and Special Business.
10. Report of Officers.
11. Reports of Superintendents of Departments.
12. Report of Local Unions.
13. Report of Standing Committees—[a] Finance, [b] Plan of Work.
14. Report of Committee on Resolutions and Special Business.
15. Election of Officers.
16. New Business.
17. Appointment of Standing Committees.

II.—No member of this Convention shall absent herself from any session without leave from the President.

III.—No subject shall be discussed except on motion, and no debatable motion shall be entertained until a written copy of it shall be placed upon the table.

IV.—No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave from the Convention.

V.—Any person about to speak shall rise, address the President, confine her remarks to the question, and use courteous and Christian language.

VI.—If any resolution, or motion shall contain two or more parts, it shall be divided, upon the request of any member, and the vote taken upon each part separately.

VII.—The minutes of each day's proceedings shall be read the session following, except those of the last day, which shall be read immediately before adjournment.

VIII.—The Corresponding Secretary shall keep on file all the annual reports of Local Unions, and the business correspondence of the Convention; and the Recording Secretary shall keep six complete files of the Convention's minutes, all of which shall be held with the manuscript record book as the property of the Convention.

IX.—All reports offered to the Convention shall be written on legal cap paper, on one side of the leaves only.

X.—The names of the President and Corresponding Secretary of each Local Union residing within the limits of this Convention, with the Postoffice address of each, shall be published annually in our minutes.

All new Unions seeking admission to the Convention shall send to its annual session with their delegates, the record of their organization.

XII.—All committees, except as the Convention require, shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Convention.

XIII.—In all cases not provided for by these rules, the Convention shall be governed by the parliamentary practices laid down in Robert's Rules of Order.

XIV.—These Rules of Order may be amended at any annual meeting of this body by two-thirds vote of the delegates present at the annual session.

Order of Business.

- Devotional Exercises.
- Reading Minutes of last meeting.
- Treasurer's Report.
- Unfinished business.
- Reception of Communications.
- Report of Committees.
- Reading of Paper on Temperance Question
- Discussion.
- Regular Course of Reading.
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- Miscellaneous Business.
- Adjournment.

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Suggestions to Superintendents.

Pro. Superintendents are expected to correspond with all Local Unions. Immediately upon appointment, a Pro. Supt. should enquire the names and addresses of the Local Supts. with whom she is to correspond. She should then send out a "preliminary letter" to each, announcing the fact of her appointment and her desire to aid and co-operate with the Local Superintendents to the greatest possible extent. She should also ask each one to at once write her, giving a bird's-eye-view of the work done by her Union in that department. This brings them in touch with one another.

Should there be any Local Union, which has not taken up this department as yet, it is the duty of the Pro. Supt. to write the Corresponding Secretary of that Union, setting forth the claims of her department, and, with the utmost tact and courtesy, urging that it be adopted and a Supt. appointed.

Each Pro. Supt. is also urged to keep in touch with her Dom. Supt., procuring from her fresh "plans of work" and suggestions as to literature, with the object of making her department a study, resolving to do her best, and to do all as unto the MASTER whom we serve.

Having mastered her department literature and "plan of work," a Pro. Supt. should cultivate a personal friendship with her Local Supt., and be prepared, in her turn, to furnish a local "plan of work" and recommend the literature best suited to local needs. At the close of the convention year stirring up her fellow workers to prepare a full account of work accomplished in good time for convention.

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