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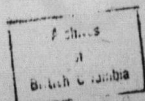
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Vancouver	" Murray Thain	Mrs. Tremble.
Cheam	" J. Ryder	Mrs. A. Gillanders.
Hope	" J. Wardle	Miss A. J. McDougall.

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AT ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER, 1887.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

MRS. M. A. CUNNINGHAM, President.....	New Westminster
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MRS. B. S. McDUGGALL, Corresponding Secretary.....	New Westminster
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MRS. McCUTCHEON, " ".....	Chilliwack
MRS. (REV.) C. M. TATE, " ".....	Chilliwack

DELEGATES.

Miss S. M. Bowes.....	New West'r	Mrs. Luker.....	Victoria
Miss M. L. DeBeck.....	"	Mrs. Burkholder.....	"
Miss Campbell.....	"	Mrs. Hendrie.....	"
Mrs. French.....	"	Mrs. Evans.....	Chilliwack
Mrs. Wm. Rae.....	"	Mrs. Dunville.....	"
Miss M. Williams.....	"	Mrs. Geo. Chadsey.....	"
Mrs. Jenkins.....	Victoria	Mrs. J. Ryder.....	Cheam
Mrs. Bone.....	"	Miss Kipp.....	"

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SABBATH SERVICES.

In the early part of the day the W. C. T. U. representatives attended the regular church services, some going to Henderson Hall, used by the Presbyterians while their church is being built, and others to the Methodist Churches at Centreville and Sumas.

In the evening Mr. Patterson, the Presbyterian minister, very kindly suspended his usual service, thus making it possible for the W. C. T. U. to hold a Gospel Temperance meeting in the hall. The large audience room was well filled, the people coming from far and near to listen to the stirring addresses delivered by Rev. T. W. Hall, the Methodist minister, and Rev. Mr. Patterson. The temperance women of the settlement have great cause for thankfulness that in all their undertakings they have the sympathy and co-operation of such earnest Christian ministers.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE.

CHILLIWHACK, September 3rd, 1887.

The Executive Committee of the British Columbia W. C. T. U. met in the Centreville Methodist Church, upon the arrival of the delegates. The President, Mrs. Cunningham, in the chair.

The meeting opened with singing and prayer. The minutes of an executive meeting held in New Westminster not being available, Mrs. Cunningham stated that the only business done at that meeting was to fix the date of convention for September 3rd, and to make partial arrangements for three evening meetings, viz: Band of Hope entertainment, lecture by Mrs. Bowes, and general mass meeting. It was resolved that the evening meetings be as follows:—

Sunday, September 4th, a Union Gospel Temperance meeting.
Monday, September 5th, entertainment by Bands of Hope.
Tuesday, September 6th, lecture by Miss Bowes.
Wednesday, Sept. 7th, mass meeting addressed by ministers.

Miss Bowes stated that the I. O. G. T. of Chilliwhack wished to send a fraternal delegation to the convention.

It was resolved that the delegation be received on Tuesday at 3 P. M.

It was resolved that the time for daily sessions be from 10 to 12 A. M. and 1 to 5 P. M.

On motion Mrs. Major was appointed to lead the devotional exercises on Monday morning, and Mrs. Spafford in the afternoon.

It was resolved that the order of business for Monday morning be Nos. 1 to 9, inclusive of revised Rules of Order II, omitting Nos. 5, 6 and 7; and for Monday afternoon Nos. 7 and 10, with election of committee on resolutions and special business.

Resolved that the address of welcome and response be heard on Monday evening before the programme.

On motion the meeting adjourned.



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MINUTES

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FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S * CHRISTIAN * TEMPERANCE * UNION

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

CHILLIWHACK, September 5th, 1887.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia met in Henderson Hall at 10 A. M.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Major, of New Westminster. At 10.30 Mrs. Cunningham, President of the Provincial Union took the chair. The roll of officers and delegates was then called, very few being found absent. The following is a list of all in attendance :—

From NEW WESTMINSTER :—

Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, President.	
Mrs. C. L. Street, Recording Secretary.	
Mrs. B. S. McDougall, Corresponding Secretary.	
Mrs. C. G. Major, Supt. of Department	
Miss S. M. Bowes,	} Delegates.
Miss M. L. DeBeck,	
Miss Campbell,	
Mrs. French,	
Mrs. Wm. Rae,	
Miss M. Williams.	

From VICTORIA :—

Mrs. W. H. Spafford, 1st Vice-President.

Mrs. G. A. Sargison, Supt. of Department.

Mrs. Jenkins,

Mrs. Bone,

Mrs. Luker,

Mrs. Burkholder,

Mrs. Hendrie.

} Delegates.

From CHILLIWHACK :—

Mrs. A. C. Wells,

Mrs. McCutcheon,

Mrs. (Rev.) C. M. Tate,

Mrs. Evans,

Mrs. Dunville,

Mrs. Geo. Chadsey.

} Supts. of Departments.

} Delegates.

From CHEAM :—

Mrs. J. Ryder,

Miss Kipp,

} Delegates.

It was resolved "That the duties of committees on Credentials and Courtesies be performed by one committee."

Mrs. Hendrie, Miss Williams and Mrs. Tate were appointed on that committee and retired to frame report.

Committee returned and presented report which was received.

Mrs. Tate was appointed reporter for the press, with Miss Bowes as assistant.

Rules of Order were read by President.

Mesdames Spafford, French, Jenkins, Major and McCutcheon were nominated from the Chair as Committee on Nominations.

On motion it was resolved "That the minutes of executive meeting which had been omitted be called for after the Committee on Nominations had reported."

Committee nominated as follows :—

On resolutions, Mesdames, Wells, Sargison, French, G. Chadsey and Jenkins.

On opening public meetings, Mesdames Evans and Major.

On preparing constitution for local unions, the President of Provincial and all Presidents of local unions present.

On motion these nominations were confirmed.

Minutes of executive meeting were called for and read.

Moved and seconded "That the minutes be adopted as read."

Moved and seconded in amendment, "That the convention accept the verbal report of the President in reference to the executive meeting held in New Westminster, and that the Secretary be instructed to embody the same in the minutes of meeting held September 3rd."

Amendment carried, and the motion was adopted as amended.

The noontide prayer was observed and convention adjourned till 1.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. French, of New Westminster.

Minutes of morning session read.

On motion it was resolved "That names of Superintendents of Departments be added to list of officers."

Minutes adopted as amended.

Mrs. Rae was appointed auditor for Provincial Treasurer's books, and retired to prepare report.

Report of Corresponding Secretary was read.

Moved and seconded that report be adopted.

Mrs. Tate, President of Chilliwack Union, stated that the report of Cheam Union being omitted made Chilliwack Union appear small, as the members of Cheam Union had formerly belonged to Chilliwack. It was therefore moved in amendment,

"That the report be laid over until report of Cheam Union should be incorporated in it."

Amendment carried and original motion withdrawn.

Reports from departments were then called for.

SCIENTIFIC INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Superintendent of this department did not report, but a communication from the Hon. J. Robson, Provincial Secretary, was read stating that Physiology and Hygiene had been added to the subjects required for teachers' examinations. The subject was discussed at some length by Miss Bowes, Mrs. Spafford and others.

The auditor having returned reported the funds 55 cents short, and read the report of the Treasurer, who was not present.

With a slight correction in regard to Victoria affiliation fees, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Jenkins was appointed Treasurer pro tem., to act until election of officers.

Reports of Superintendents were then continued.

LITERATURE AND WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

The Superintendent reported verbally that the local Unions so far as heard from patronize the "Woman's Journal" very well. She also reported \$5.00 remaining in her hands.

On motion it was resolved that the Superintendent of Literature be instructed to send at once for \$3.00 worth of the Fair number of "Union Signal" for distribution at various fairs throughout the Province.

The duties of Superintendent of Literature were discussed and the report adopted.

At this stage a committee to draw out blank forms for statistical reports from local Unions was appointed, consisting of Mesdames Street, Jenkins and Sargison.

Committee on opening public meetings reported as follows:—

Evening meetings to be conducted by the President. Devotional exercises on Tuesday A. M. to be conducted by Mrs. Spafford, Tuesday P. M. by Mrs. G. Chadsey, Wednesday A. M. by Mrs. Burkholder, and Wednesday P. M. by Mrs. Jenkins.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion it was resolved, "That this convention send fraternal greetings to convention of Dominion Alliance, and also to conventions of Ontario and Quebec W. C. T. Unions."

Also, "That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send papers containing report of the convention to "Woman's Journal," and "Canada Citizen."

Convention then adjourned till 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION

In the evening the hall could scarcely contain the audience who assembled to listen to an entertainment given by the united Bands of Hope of Cheam, Chilliwack, Centreville and Sumas. More than one hundred children marched in with flags and banners and took seats on or near the platform. Dialogues, recitations, character songs and choruses were rendered with a correctness and earnestness which gave great promise for the future of the temperance cause in that locality.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Spafford, of Victoria.

Minutes of former session read and approved.

Committee on Blank Forms submitted a report which was adopted.

Reports from departments were then continued.

At the request of the President, Mrs. Jenkins gave a brief summary of the duties of Superintendent of Literature.

INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

Superintendent presented no report.

Miss Bowes inquired if the Victoria press was still used by the W. C. T. U. as formerly. Mrs. Sargison stated that the plan referred to did not work satisfactorily, the press taking no interest in temperance work.

Discussion followed upon the best methods for enlisting the public press upon the side of temperance.

WORK AMONG SAILORS AND LUMBERMEN.

Report from the Superintendent was read by the Secretary and received.

RAILROAD WORK.

Superintendent sent no report. The work of the department was briefly discussed.

UNFERMENTED WINE AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

A verbal report was given by the Superintendent, and on motion was received.

LEGISLATION AND PETITION, HEREDITY AND HYGIENE.

The Superintendents of both these departments had left the country, and the President stated that it had seemed impossible to fill their places.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Superintendent presented no report, but sent letters from Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo and Chilliwack, which were read. Discussion followed, and some additional information was given.

On motion it was resolved, "That from these letters and any other information she might be able to obtain, the Recording Secretary be instructed to frame a brief report."

JAIL WORK.

No report being presented by the Superintendent, Mrs. Cunningham gave a very encouraging verbal report from New Westminster.

Moved and seconded that the Doxology be sung.

After a short verbal report from Victoria by Mrs. Spafford, this was accordingly done.

HOSPITAL WORK.

A very satisfactory report was read from the Superintendent of this department and partially discussed. On motion the remainder of the discussion was postponed till the afternoon session.

Noontide prayer was observed, and the convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Geo. Chadsey, of Sumas.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Discussion on Hospital Work was then resumed.

On motion the question of endowment of beds in the new Jubilee Hospital was referred to Committee on Resolutions. Report was then adopted.

At the request of Rev. Mr. Hall, the time for receiving the delegates from I. O. G. T. was changed to 10.30 A.M. Wednesday.

YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

Superintendent did not report, and Mrs. Spafford briefly explained the reasons for the omission.

FRANCHISE.

Superintendent did not report. A motion to unite this department with that of Legislation and Petition was ruled out of order, and the matter was relegated to Committee on Resolutions.

INDIAN WORK.

Report was presented by Mrs. Tate. The work of the department was discussed and report received.

The Mainland Organizer stated that her work for the year had been taken by Miss Bowes, who was accordingly called upon to report.

Miss Bowe reported two new unions at Hope and Cheam.

On motion report was received.

The following resolution was then moved by Mrs. Spafford, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and carried :—

"That this convention heartily welcome the Unions of Hope and Cheam, lately organized, they having affiliated with the Provincial W. C. T. U. That we extend to them our sympathies, remembering them in prayer, that they may be strengthened and be successful in accomplishing much work."

Report of the Island Organizer was then read and received.

REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS.

New Westminster Union was reported by Mrs. Major. On motion the report was received.

Report from Burrard Inlet was read by the Secretary.

The convention discussed means for assisting this Union, which, ever since the destruction of Vancouver by fire, has worked at great disadvantage. Report was received.

A private letter from Maple Ridge was read and accepted by the convention as a report of that Union, unless a fuller report should be forthcoming.

Report from Hope Union was read and received.

Report from Victoria Union was read by Mrs. Hendrie and adopted with the addition of a few items which had been omitted.

Chilliwack Union was reported by Mrs. G. Chadsey.

It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted, the mover, Mrs. Jenkins, remarking that reports from this Union are always encouraging. Carried.

The President's address was now read.

Mrs. Bowes requested the convention to rise, and moved, "That this most beautiful and excellent address be printed in sheet form for distribution throughout the Province and elsewhere."

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Spafford, put by the Vice-President, and carried unanimously.

It was decided to proceed at once with reports of standing committees.

Report of committee on framing a constitution for local unions was read by Mrs. Spafford, discussed clause by clause and adopted as per appendix.

It was resolved "That the President's address be referred to Committee on Resolutions, who should bring before the convention important suggestions contained in it."

On motion the election of officers was appointed to take place on Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

Convention then adjourned, Mrs. Jenkins pronouncing the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening a large audience was again present to listen to an interesting and instructive lecture by Miss Bowes upon "The Juggernaut of Christendom." After the lecture an opportunity was given to any who might wish to sign the pledge. The meeting closed with the Doxology.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. Burkholder, of Victoria.

The Secretary being absent, the Corresponding Secretary was requested to take her place, reading of the minutes being postponed till the arrival of the Secretary.

A fraternal delegation from Peerless Lodge, No. 11, I. O. G. T. of Chilliwhack, was introduced to the convention by Mrs. Hendrie, chairman of Committee on Courtesies, and received with the Chatauqua salute. An address on behalf of the I. O. G. T. was read by Rev. Mr. Hall, and responded to on behalf of the convention by Mrs. Jenkins.

On motion the delegation were invited to seats in the convention and to take part in the discussions.

The following were then brought forward by the Committee on Resolutions and adopted :

1. Resolved, That we offer our gratitude to Almighty God for the kind providence that has been over us during the year that is past, and that we meet again under such favorable circumstances.

2. Resolved, That this Convention tender its heartiest thanks to Miss Bowes, for her arduous toil in visiting not only the cities of our province, but also many of our outlying settlements hitherto unreached by temperance lecturers.

3. Resolved, What we recommend each Local Union to procure as many subscribers as possible for our official organ, the *Woman's Journal* ; also that the claims of the *Union Signal* as a leading temperance paper be placed before the several Unions.

4. Resolved, That this Convention recommend the Local Unions to bring all pressure to bear upon School Trustees, in their several committees, so as to secure as far as possible Teachers of sound temperance principles ; also, that our Provincial Legislature be petitioned to make physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcohol upon the human system, a branch of study, to be taught in all our public schools.

5. Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to endow a bed in the jubilee hospital, on condition that the Government provide a ward for women ; also that the Local Unions pledge themselves to bear a proportionate share of the expenses attached to such, the arrangements to be entrusted to the Provincial Executive.

6. Resolved, That Local Unions be invited to give one entertainment a year, the proceeds of which shall be devoted to replenishing the Provincial Treasury of the W. C. T. U.

7. Resolved, That in order to facilitate business at the Annual Convention, all Local Unions be requested to close their yearly accounts at the same time, or not later than the last of July ; also that the Provincial Corresponding Secretary forward the statistical blank forms to them before June 30th, and that they be filed and returned to the Secretary not later than July 31st.

8. Resolved, That as the World's Christian Temperance Union have determined to petition the Governments of the world against the existing moral evils, particularly intemperance, tobacco and opium, this Convention recommend the circulation of this petition throughout our province to be signed as nearly as possible by every woman above the age of 16.

9. Resolved, That in response to a call made by Miss Frances E. Willard, through the *Union Signal*, we set apart the 13th and 14th November as days of prayers for the growth and universal diffusion of all forms of temperance work; that the ministers be invited to preach one temperance sermon on Sunday 13th, and that Sunday School Superintendents be asked to pray, on that day, for the same cause, and to bring it before their scholars.

10. Resolved, That as in the Eastern Provinces, Loyal Legions are superseding Bands of Hope, we re-organize the latter under the name of "Loyal Legions," numbering them according to the order of their organization; also, that, in order to stimulate the children to increased activity in the cause, we invite, through the Y. W. C. T. U. of Victoria, the young women of the province to provide a banner which shall be awarded to the Loyal Legion that has been most successful during the year in augmenting their numbers, most regular in attendance, and greatest interest shown in the work, local circumstances to be taken into consideration. The Legion in highest standing to hold the banner.

11. Resolved, That the minutes of the Convention be printed within sixty days from the date of closing; that tenders be called for the printing of the same, to be awarded to the lowest tenderer; also that the Local Unions shall assist in the expense of printing in proportion to their members.

12. Resolved, That as far as practicable we recommend all members of the W. C. T. U. to withdraw their support from grocers who hold liquor licenses.

13. Resolved, That as the aim of the W. C. T. U. is to keep the home pure, we add to the list of our departments of work that of "Social Purity."

14. Resolved, That in the departments of work known as legislation and petitions, we add that of franchise.

15. Resolved, That as the organization of the Dominion W. C. T. U. will be completed during the Convention to be held in Montreal, we forward our affiliation dues to the treasury, and, if practicable, appoint a delegate.

16. Resolved, That the most cordial thanks of this Convention be tendered the ladies of Chilliwack, Cheam and Sumas, who have so hospitably entertained the delegates during their stay; also to those gentlemen who, with so much courtesy, have placed their carriages at the disposal of the ladies for the purpose of conveying them to and from the place of meeting.

17. Resolved, That we acknowledge with grateful appreciation the assistance given the W. C. T. U. by the ministers of the province, who have so ably and willingly at all times aided us both by their counsel and presence at our meetings and on other occasions.

18. Resolved, That the sympathy of the sisterhood of the W. C. T. U. of this province be conveyed to our sister Mrs. Howison, of Maple Ridge, in her bereavement and affliction, assuring her that our prayers will ascend to our Heavenly Father that he will give her all needful grace to comfort and sustain her; also that we extend our sympathy to the President of the Burrard Inlet Union whose home has been destroyed by fire.

19. Resolved, That, as during the year the home has been broken and several of our members passed from the earthly to the heavenly home, we take this occasion to express our sympathy with the surviving relatives, commending them to our loving Father who alone can soften all grief and heal every wound.

20. Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to the C. P. N. Co. for the reduced rates of travel granted to our delegates.

On motion the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial Union and the President of Chilliwack local Union were made a committee on convention expenses.

Report of Committee on amending the Provincial Constitution was read, discussed clause by clause, and adopted as per appendix.

Noontide prayer was observed, and convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Session opened with devotional exercises led by Mrs. (Rev.) Hall of Chilliwack.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Convention proceeded to the election of officers.

Resolved, That both nomination and election be by ballot.

Moved by Mrs. Jenkins and seconded: That the sub-committee of the executive be all chosen from one locality.

After some discussion the convention knelt in prayer for divine guidance, led by Miss Bowes.

It was then moved in amendment by Mrs. Street and seconded: That in electing officers, we consider solely their suitability for the position, and not the locality in which they reside.

The amendment was adopted.

Mrs. Jenkins and Miss McDougall were nominated by the chair as tellers for the election.

Ballots were then cast with the following result :—

President :—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham, New Westminster.

1st Vice-President :—Mrs. Jenkins, Victoria.

2nd “ “ Mrs. (Rev.) Tate, Chilliwack.

Corresponding Secretary :—Miss B. S. McDougall, New Westminster.

Recording Secretary :—Mrs. W. H. Spafford, Victoria.

Treasurer :—Mrs. (Rev.) Hemlaw, Maple Ridge.

The following were then nominated by the executive as Superintendents of departments, and the nominations confirmed :

Scientific Instruction :—Mrs. (Rev.) Hall, Nanaimo.

Literature and “Woman's Journal” :—Mrs. C. G. Major, New Westminster.

Influencing the Press :—Mrs. Sargison, Victoria.

Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners :—Mrs. M. Thain, Moodyville.

Railroad Employees :—Mrs. (Rev.) Seccombe, Ladner's.

Unfermented Wine :—Mrs. A. C. Wells, Chilliwack.

Legislation, Petition and Franchise :—Mrs. H. G. Hall and Mrs. G. Grant, Victoria.

Heredity and Hygiene :—Mrs. (Rev.) Scoullar, New West'r.

Evangelistic Work :—Mrs. (Rev.) Hall, Chilliwack.

Prison Work :—Mrs. McCutcheon, Chilliwack.

Hospital Work :—Mrs. D. McNaughten, Victoria.

Young Women's Work :—Mrs. A. J. Clyde, Kamloops.

Indian Work :—Mrs. (Rev.) Crosby, Port Simpson, Mrs. (Rev.) Tate, Chilliwack.

White Cross :—Mrs. McLennan, Victoria.

Juvenile Work :—Mrs. W. H. Spafford.

Mainland Organizer :—Mrs. M. A. Cunningham.

Island Organizer :—Mrs. Spafford.

Mrs. Sargison was appointed chairman of committee on finance with power to choose her own committee.

Mrs. Major was appointed chairman of committee on plan of work with the same privilege.

Mrs. French was appointed chairman of committee on declaration of principles with the same privilege.

The committee on courtesies then introduced to the convention a delegation of ministers consisting of Rev. R. B. Hemlaw of Maple Ridge, Rev. J. H. White of New Westminster, Rev. W. B. Seccombe of Ladner's, and Rev. Mr. Patterson of Mt. Lehman.

The convention received them by rising.

An invitation to hold the next convention in Victoria was accepted with thanks.

A statement was made by the Treasurer pro. tem., who reported \$40.60 in the treasury.

Mrs. Jenkins was appointed private correspondent for local unions.

Minutes of the session were read and approved.

A few words of advice were given by the President.

Convention united in singing the Hymn beginning, "Blest be the tie which binds," after which the word 'Mizpah' was given as the watchword until next meeting, its signification being repeated by each member of the convention.

The benediction was then pronounced.

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EVENING MEETING.

In the evening a mass temperance meeting was held in the Hall, addressed by Rev. J. H. White of New Westminster and Rev. E. Robson of Vancouver. Appropriate music was rendered between the addresses. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. B. Hemlaw of Maple Ridge.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

BELOVED SISTERS,—There is a sweet strain in one of Longfellow's verses which says: "To stay, home is best," and doubtless some of us have frequently, during the year, echoed the thought, if we have not put it into words, when the responsibility of working outside of the enclosure called *home* was pressing heavily upon us. Our tired souls have often wearied in the conflict and we have been tempted to withdraw, at least in a measure, from active public service and indulge our tastes for music, literature and art.

We cannot hide from ourselves the fact, that, as true women, we are placed at a disadvantage in public life. So all engrossing and endless are the demands upon a mother's hands and heart and brain that whatever takes her outside her home must necessarily fare but second best in her hands. Yet we would not have it otherwise. As Christian Temperance women we decree that our homes shall forever stand first and foremost in our affections and efforts, and we deem it but another way of serving our loved ones, when we attempt to extend our sacred-home influence so far that they may never be able to get beyond its protection and blessing. It has been well written: "The cry of the world to-day is that it may be made *homelike*, a pleasant and a safe place in which to learn God's laws and to carry out His plans for the highest development. This is woman's work, to do it she must share her own home with the suffering world outside, she must radiate its beams not only from her safe vantage ground, but she must go forth into the dark places and the habitations of cruelty, carrying its loaned lamp trimmed and burning. Its sweet atmosphere must go with her into the reeking hollows of the lower human experiences, and its glad sunshine be poured out over wastes of shadow and misery. She must do for the waiting, suffering humanity outside her home, just what she has done for the loved humanity inside its walls, brood over and nurse its weakness and sickness; train and curb and mould its exuberant life; be its conscience in the formative years; instruct, inform, protect and guide its thought and act till character is made and of its own free choice it yields submission to the world's Redeemer. Is not this blessed work, whether it be beneath the shelter of the roof, or of the skies."

Dear Sisters, this is the special work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. That talented lady evangelist Mrs. Hampson-Hemus, when in New Westminster, gave a most excellent temperance address, in which she described the future flag pole of prohibition, upheld, first by the hands of little children, "The bands of Hope," next by the lily white hands of our young girls, "The bands of Beauty," next by the mother hands, "The bands of Love," and above them all she placed the muscular hands of our husbands, fathers and brothers "The bands of Strength." Sisters, can you trace a resemblance here to our W. C. T. U.? Our dear Sister Hemus could not, because she has never seen the original. She has been kept so busy pointing sinners to Christ that she has found no time to read or have explained to her the methods of our organization, and she looks into the future for that which is surrounding her on every hand. Even among our own members I fear there is in some places a degree of misconception regard-

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ing our actual importance as a moral factor in the world's destiny. I have heard the opinion expressed that the Y. M. C. A. is doing what our society is designed to accomplish, and in this way some excuse themselves from personal aggressive effort. But is not this, too, the result of want of study and thought? The Y. M. C. A. as an association takes for its motto "Young men for young men," its object being to watch over and guard the innocent and inexperienced youths deprived by distance of home protection; and the uplifting and restoration of those who have been led from the paths of virtue. We admit none can be better qualified or suited for this work than earnest, Christian young men, because they can best understand the temptations to be resisted, and follow the subjects of their solicitude into the hidden paths of vice; therefore we extend to the Y. M. C. A. our deserved confidence and co-operation and say, God bless them and make them a blessing. Yet we must see at a glance that their very best work can begin only after our boys have left the shelter of a mother's care, while ours reaches back to the earliest period of life, and says, As far as lies within our power to prevent, our children shall never have to contend with an inherited appetite for intoxicating liquors and narcotics, and by precept and example they shall be taught the injurious effects of their use. Our homes shall be purged from their presence; we will drive the bottle not only from our dining tables, but also from our kitchen cupboards and medicine chests, and we will do all that in us lies to hasten the time when it shall be punishable by law for any one outside to destroy or attempt to destroy the holy influence and teaching of our homes.

Our mission is emphatically one of prevention as well as of cure. We seek to persuade every woman, as Mrs. Jennie Bland Beauchamp teaches in her Parliamentary Manual, that she has a duty to perform, that every department of life needs reform, that humanity is in a state of demoralization, that reform can be effected only by concentrating the influence of the good, that in our separate individualities we are as a rope of sand, but united we are a cable "Mighty to the pulling down of strong holds." Therefore, we are organized. In Union there is strength, and we believe no earthly power can long withstand the accumulated momentum of a universally organized womanhood, intent upon the overthrow of that direst foe of our race, the liquor traffic. This being so, how heavy becomes our responsibility, how imperative our immediate action. Some women decline to join our Union, although fully agreeing with our sentiments, because their husbands either use alcoholics themselves or are in some way associated with the trade, and they ask, Should a woman publicly differ from her husband? We reply, every woman should have the courage of her convictions. If she conscientiously believes that he is wrong, she should not be afraid to let him know the truth. It is only a mockery of freedom that does not permit a wife the utterance of her views. Lovingly and gently she should declare her principles and take her stand. Peaceable she should be, certainly, but first she should be pure. Few husbands are impervious to the influence of a true wife's steady adherence to right and duty when they know how it grieves her to be compelled to take another path from the one pursued by them.

To those timid women who hesitate and shrink, asking, What can I do? I would say could I gain their ear, join the great army of White Ribbon Women (200,000 strong in the United States alone), throw the weight of your example on the right side, let your own family and friends understand that *your* mind is made upon this vexed question, and you will be doing a grand work though you may not be able to spend much time or money for the cause. If you sincerely desire to do something, tell God so and He will teach you what to do and how to do it. But if you remain indifferent, be assured the time will come when you shall be held answerable in some degree for the shortened lives and desolated homes of the tens of thousands of drunkards who sink into the grave every year through the sale and use of strong drink. Mrs. L. D. Burnett Cowan, writes thus of such indifference:

"If I and mine are safe at home,
It matters not what wolves go by,
Nor that my neighbor's children roam,
Nor that I hear them loudly cry
Help! help! help! help!

If mine are safe and undefiled,
It matters not what woe betide,
Nor who beguiled my neighbor's child,
Nor that by ruthless hand it died,
Calling for help.

I've taught my own and made them wise;
I've watched them well and kept them pure;
My care the greed of wolves defies;
My walls are high, my gates secure,
I need no help.

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Alas! my child has *climbed the wall*,
Is out among the wolves so fierce,
(I dreamed no harm could him befall.)
But now their fangs his flesh will pierce—
Help! help! help! help!

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Think not the Lord will spare thy child,
If thou hast seen the wolves go by,
Nor warned thy neighbor's son, beguiled
To pitfalls, where he sure must die
For want of help.

Or here, or there, the Lord will mete
To thee the measure of thy deeds;
Works make the prayer of faith complete,
To help thy neighbor in his needs,
God doth of thee require."

Our W. C. T. U. is reaching out to save the helpless of other lands as well as our own from the curse of drink. The World's W. C. T. U. is enlarging the circle of its influence and taking in the women of all races and climes. The world's petition is still being circulated and prepared for presentation to the Governments of the world, collectively and severally.

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Through some misunderstanding the Ontario Provincial Union sent to us a number of their petitions asking us to secure signatures and return to them within a given period. A hurried and unsatisfactory canvass was made accordingly. Since then the Ontario Superintendent of this department has written offering to return our list of names if we desire to undertake the work under the auspices of our own Provincial Union. This will be a subject for your deliberation.

In the "Union Signal" of August 11th, will be found an official communication from their National President, calling for a world's day of prayer. The time fixed is the 12th and 13th of November next. She says: "From the first the woman's temperance work has been one of prayer. The little praying bands in the United States and Canada have many times appointed special days of prayer. And now when this heaven born movement has expanded into the World's W. C. T. U. the same spirit leads to the same methods, and from many hearts comes the cry for a world embracing prayer day, wide as the circuit of the sun. It will unify the thoughts of the White Ribbon Women all around the globe, strengthen their purpose, and make their hand-clasp firmer, as together they bear onward the white flag inscribed "For God and Home and Every land." It is suggested that Saturday morning be devoted to a woman's temperance prayer meeting, asking for light upon the question "What is my personal duty in this matter?" and Saturday afternoon or evening to a meeting of the children and young people, at which the reasons for total abstinence should be clearly set forth. On Sunday, Pastors are respectfully and earnestly asked "To pray especially for the temperance cause, to preach about it and to take a collection for the World's W. C. T. U. Sunday School Superintendents are also asked to pray for the same cause, and bring it before their schools." Although we do not as Canadians receive our orders from the American national headquarters, it may be well for us to consider the advisability of, in this instance, taking note of the opportunity presented of joining in this blessed service. We may possibly have instructions from our Dominion President to that effect.

In the July number of the "Woman's Journal," you will have observed, Mrs. Youmans requests the Presidents of Provincial Unions to appoint delegates at their next annual meetings to attend a Dominion W. C. T. U. Convention, to be held shortly. A communication has also reached me, stating that the Convention will meet in Montreal, and promising that due notice of date shall be forwarded as soon as it is fixed. At the Convention of 1885, we adopted the Constitution of the Dominion Union, therefore, we will be expected this year to pay into their treasury the customary auxiliary fees.

Article 6 of the Dominion Constitution reads thus: "Each Provincial Union shall pay annually to the funds of the Dominion Union, an amount equal to five cents per paying member of each auxiliary Local Union."

During the year upon which we are now entering, may we not take more active measures to introduce into all our Local Unions the "White Cross," or "Social Purity" department, appoint a Superintendent and procure suitable literature? Miss Willard says, in the preface to her Manual upon this subject:

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"The White Cross" never was a name more fortunate or purpose loftier than that indicated by this new combination of letters, happily grown already familiar to our ears. Although but three years have passed since the White Cross Movement became a spell to conjure by in England, it has spread to Australia, India and America, finding everywhere a kind reception when its plans are understood. Fathers and mothers can give its pledge and literature to their sons in the home, Sunday School and other teachers, can wisely circulate the same, Pastors, more than any other class of Christians, can declare the blessed Gospel of a Christ-like purity, and thus the forces that make for righteousness can outbid those of sin and save youth from their most subtle enemy. "Keep thyself pure," was Paul's best advice to Timothy, and the White Cross Pledge promises "By the help of God," to work that young disciple's motto into the daily life of modern manhood, even in the bewildering years of the second decade. Sacred and beautiful is the mission of the White Cross. The fullness of time has come; the world is ready for it, and the twentieth century shall lift it to the sky, the Cross of Him we love, no longer red with tinge of war and carnage, but White with promise of a manhood that bears forever in its breast the lily of a spotless life, while, as of old, its gleaming legend still shall be, "By this sign we conquer." The White-Cross movement was commenced by the Rev. Dr. Lightfoot, Bishop of Durham, at Bishop-Auckland, in the Diocese of Durham, early in 1883. Though originating in the Church of England, the work is undenominational."

The White Cross League is composed of men only, their pledge is, in its entirety, five fold, but is summed up thus: "I will maintain the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women; I will endeavor to spread these principles among my companions and try to help my younger brothers, and will use every means to fulfill the sacred command, "Keep thyself pure!" The W. C. T. U., though not the originators of this movement, have by adoption made it their own, and have framed a corresponding pledge for the use of women and girls, which takes the name of the "White Crown Pledge." In British Columbia this work for the cause of Social Purity is sadly needed. Let us, my Sisters, unfurl the banner of the White Cross and gather around this standard an army loyal and true. I am glad to observe that the Royal Templars of Ontario are enthusiastically engaged in the same blessed work. Temperance and purity must ever go hand in hand.

Throughout the United States and Canada "Loyal Temperance Legion," is becoming the popular name for the Bands of Hope. For the sake of uniformity, and to give a fresh impetus to the work, may it not be wise to re-organize our young people upon the same line, naming each company according to its order?

In the department of Sacramental Wine there is room for more aggressive effort. Probably if our women belonging to churches still using the intoxicating cup at the Lord's table would provide their pastors with the pure grape juice, so easily preserved in small self-sealing fruit bottles, they would in most cases gladly give it the place so long usurped by the fermented wine of commerce. While believing that fermentation is not necessary in the manufacture of honest wine, nevertheless, as our Saviour did not use the word *wine* when He instituted the

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Christian Sacrament, but gave to his disciples the "Cup" and the "Fruit of the vine," we think we are correct in the choice of the unfermented juice of the fresh grape when we "remember" Him. To illustrate how prejudice and early education can blind the minds of otherwise intelligent Christian men, I will read to you an extract from a report of the last Provincial Synod of the Church of England, which met in Montreal, taken from the *Witness*:

The afternoon session of the Provincial Synod of the Church of England was opened at 2 30 p.m. yesterday afternoon, the Rev. John Langtry, Professor, presiding. The debate was resumed on the following resolution moved by Rev. Dr. Carry:

That whereas, of late years, in different quarters, and under various pleas, other liquids than wine have been employed in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and the lawfulness of wine, as usually understood, denied for the same, thereby affecting the reality of the Sacrament, and greatly endangering the peace of the Church, this Provincial Synod feels bound to express its strongest disapprobation of such unauthorized acts, and does hereby admonish the clergy of this ecclesiastical province to make no innovation in so sacred a matter as the elements divinely ordained in this Holy Sacrament, and to adhere faithfully to the customs and tradition of the Catholic Church in the same.

Rev. Mr. Van Iffland spoke in favor of the young men only making a spiritual communion until such time as they felt they had strength enough to approach the holy table and partake of the elements.

Rev. George Armstrong supported the motion.

Rev. Mr. Dixon, though a total abstainer, had no hesitation in drinking ordinary wine when partaking of the Sacrament.

Mr. Hodgson held that the unfermented juice of the grape was not wine.

Archdeacon Dixon took the same ground.

The other speakers were Rev. Canon Mills, Rev. Mr. Dymond, Brantford, Mr. R. B. Stevenson, Rev. Dr. Roe, Rev. Dean Carmichael, and Dr. Carry. The resolution was carried almost unanimously.

Dear Sister workers, we have had cause to feel somewhat discouraged at times during the past convention year. It has seemed to be a year of comparative inaction, we may perhaps say retrogression in some localities. British Columbia has been brought into intimate relationship with the Eastern Provinces by means of the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and as a consequence our Coast has been visited by a host of lecturers and adventurers, evangelistic, scientific, temperance and political, engaging the attention of the public almost every evening of every week. The sympathies of our Unions have frequently been drawn upon and their assistance given, preventing them from concentrating their energies upon purely W. C. T. U. work. And just here let me urge upon you the importance of undertaking, as individuals, only the amount of service that you may safely suppose it possible for you to successfully accomplish. If that proves to be little, do that little well. Throw into it all the enthusiasm of which you are capable. Strive to make the Union of which you are a member the most popular institution of your locality. Let the Vice-Presidents for the Churches thoroughly canvass their own, inviting every lady attending it to become a W. C. T. U. woman, and let those of us who have families obtain, if possible, at least

one gentleman belonging to us for our list of honorary members. Let us resolve to double our present membership and bring to our next Convention a report of progress which will gladden all our hearts, ever remembering that the Provincial Union depends upon the Local Unions for its very existence. If *they* are few and weak, it cannot be strong financially or otherwise.

As we enter upon a new year, we know not what may befall us; who of our number may be removed by death, or who among us may be called upon to pass through deep waters of affliction. Our Heavenly Father has tenderly and mercifully watched over us during the year which is gone. No one of our Provincial Union is missing to day. Some of our Local Unions have gathered around the open coffin and paid the last tribute of loving regard to those who can never again return their greetings here, but whom they hope to meet among the blood washed host above.

Dear Sisters, our work links us to the skies. We are not seeking earthly honors or an earthly fame. Our White Ribbon tells of peace and purity. May it be emblematical of the "White Stone" and the "New Name," which shall by and by become the badge of our eternal union with the purified around the throne of God.

In conclusion I will give you a few sentences from Miss Willard's last annual address, containing "A new pledge," the keeping of which cannot but prove beneficial to us all.

A NEW PLEDGE.

There is a pledge I wish we might take. It would be the very best stroke of work done at this Convention. I need it, you do, the work does. In some Local Unions I have suggested it, and they found it of invaluable help. The pledge is this:

"I promise by God's grace, to say nothing discouraging about the work and nothing disparaging about the workers."

Under this rule we may frankly avow our difference of opinion from other men and women in the great army, but always without questioning *their motives*. Thus only, as I believe, can we "Minister grace in them that hear us." Can we not rise to this level of a practical, everyday Christian charity and maintain it throughout the year to come?

One of America's wisest and gentlest writers has said:

"As we refine, our checks grow finer. At first we are anxious lest somebody should cheat us. Later on we are anxious most of all lest we should cheat somebody else. When that time comes, we have exchanged our market cart for a chariot of the sun."

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Corresponding Secretary's Report for the Provincial W. C. T. U. for the year ending August 31st, 1887.

At the close of another year, as we gather together to discuss plans for the future, and to look back on the past, we would offer praise and thanks to the Giver of all good, for his guidance and protection in times of trial and success, and would still wish to commit our way to Him, believing that in His own good time and way He will crown our efforts with success.

During the past year our progress has not been so rapid as we would wish, but we did progress, and are pleased to report the organization of two new Unions, Hope and Cheam by Miss Rowes, who never seems to tire working for the cause and the Master whom she loves. I would take this opportunity of expressing a hope that in the future when new Unions are organized, a list of the principal officers be sent at once to the Provincial Corresponding Secretary, as it is sometimes very difficult to learn the name or address of the officers with whom to correspond.

I regret very much not having been able to send the necessary forms for reports to the Cheam Union, and Victoria Y. W. C. T. U., not knowing the address of any of the officers or even members in those Unions. However, I can report the organization of Cheam Union and say that we heartily welcome our new sister amongst us and hope to hear of good work being done by her during the coming year.

The Victoria Y. W. C. T. U. have been organized for about three years and have done much good work, but during the last year or more, have had a great deal of discouragement, not being able to obtain permanent officers, and thus being left for some length of time without even a President; but we congratulate our Young Woman's Union on working so well and keeping together, until now. I believe they have their reward in seeing their Union in a fairly prosperous condition, and with a competent staff of officers.

The following reports have been received from Local Unions:

Victoria :—Original membership, 36 active, and 11 honorary; present membership, 43 active and 33 honorary; number of meetings held during the year, regular, 48; public, 7; lectures, 9; for all purposes, 56; receipts, membership fees, \$70; from all sources, \$385.25; disbursements, \$361.60; meetings held weekly, Band of Hope with an average attendance of 33; departments of work, juvenile, hospital, literature, and petitions; names of principal officers: President, Mrs. Spafford; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bone; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hendry; Treasurer, Mrs. Humber; Superintendent of Band of Hope, Mrs. Grant.

New Westminster :—Original membership, 18 active and 1 honorary; present membership, 50 active and 14 honorary; number of regular meetings, 12; public, 2; lectures, 3; for all purposes, 17; receipts, membership fees, \$55.50; from all sources, \$219.68; disbursements, \$199.08; meetings held monthly;

a Band of Hope with an average attendance of 35; departments of work, jail, hospital, juvenile, literature, social and petitions; names of principal officers: President, Mrs. J. Cunningham; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. G. Major; Recording Secretary, Miss DeBeck; Treasurer, Miss Campbell; Superintendent Band of Hope, Mrs. J. Cunningham.

Chilliwhack:—Original membership, 12 active and 15 honorary; present membership, 21 active and 16 honorary; number of regular meetings held, 11; public, 1; lectures, 1; for all purposes 13; receipts, membership fees, \$28; from all sources, \$53; disbursements, \$53.68; departments of work, Band of Hope, literature, endeavors to keep all licensed houses out of the municipality and suppress illegal sale; names of principal officers: President, Mrs. C. M. Tate; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. McCutcheon; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. Chadsey; Treasurer, Miss N. Evans; Superintendents of Bands of Hope, Mrs. McCutcheon, Mrs. McGillivray and Mrs. Lapum; there are three Bands of Hope in connection with this Union, with an average attendance of 65.

Burrard Inlet:—Original membership, 12 active and 2 honorary; departments of work, Band of Hope and literature; names of principal officers: President, Mrs. M. Thain; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Trimble; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Abrams; Treasurer, Mrs. McPhadden; Superintendents of Bands of Hope, Mrs. Middlebrook and Miss Charlton.

Hope:—Original membership, 6 active; present membership 6 active; receipts, membership fees, \$6; disbursements, \$6; number of meetings, regular, 3; for all purposes, 3; departments of work, Loyal Legion; names of principal officers: President, Mrs. Wardle; Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Miss A. J. McDugall; Treasurer, Mrs. Laffdvoight; Superintendent of Loyal Legion, Mrs. Wardle.

Maple Ridge:—Not heard from.

Reports have been received from three Unions, that either have or will be obliged to disband, but let us hope and pray that they may yet see their way clear to make a united stand for God and Home and Native land. Number of letters and postals written during the years, 99; received, 78. Although in looking over our previous reports we notice a decrease in the membership of some of our Unions, still we ought not to feel discouraged as others have increased their membership, and new Unions have been organized, and we feel that now we are getting the working, praying, mothers and sisters of our province, and those who join our ranks from time to time are additional soldiers of the cross coming to do battle against the great foe of intemperance, that is a curse to our province and a blight on our whole fair Dominion. As we hear of work accomplished and victories won, by our White Ribbon Army, not only in our own land, but all around the world, should it not stimulate us to greater effort in thinking that we, too, are to have a share in the harvest of blessings that come in answer to prayer and earnest faithful work for the Master. Let us remember during the coming year that our Lord has said: "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." May we feel His presence more as we try humbly to do the work which

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BARBARA S. McDOUGALL,
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TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

1887.	RECEIPTS.	1887.	EXPENDITURE.
	To cash brought forward.....\$ 75 55	May 12th, Printing Minutes of	
	To fees—Victoria Union..... 11 75	Convention.....	50 00
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	For Convention Minutes,	Sept. 6th, Rent of drill shed ..	3 00
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JESSIE RAE, Auditor.

Report of the New Westminster W. C. T. U.

The present membership of this Union is 50, together with 14 honorary members. Meetings have been held regularly every month during the past year with an average attendance of 15.

At the last Convention, Mrs. Youmans gave an address on a Sabbath evening ; on New Years night, Miss Bowes, our well known Ontario organizer, lectured ; and Dr. Williams, whilst visiting in this province, gave us a lecture,

making three lectures for the year. In March a Temperance Mass Meeting was held, the Ministers of the different denominations addressing the meeting. Large audiences attended all these meetings, and we feel sure the interest in the temperance cause is advancing. On New Years day the ladies of our Union held a reception in the Drill Shed, which was well attended by all classes. Refreshments were served by the ladies to all visitors, while music attracted; altogether a very profitable and enjoyable time was passed, and the ladies felt amply repaid for their trouble.

Eleven names were added to the honorary list during the day, while others took the pledge.

In February our Union gave a reception to the Y. M. C. A., in the Skating Rink; a bountiful repast was provided by the ladies, for which the young men expressed their thanks, through their Secretary. A few days later a W. C. T. U. Social was held, at which there was refreshments and a short programme. An admission fee of 10 cents was charged, thus bringing \$10.65 to our treasury. Our Union has provided itself with the *Monthly Readings*, published in Chicago, for the past two years. The different subjects taken up each month prove very instructive and interesting, and our Union has not regretted taking them. The *Woman's Journal* is also taken by most of our members.

Our Union purchased 50 copies of Convention Reports, each member receiving one, the rest being distributed for literature. In connection with the other temperance bodies of this place, the W. C. T. U. has a share in a column of the *Columbian*, which appears every Saturday, and is devoted exclusively to temperance, and we hope to accomplish something in this way by educating the people in temperance reform.

In the jail and hospital our Union has been doing good work. In the former the Y. M. C. A. co-operate with us, a committee of three being appointed by us for this work. Services are held every Sabbath and visits paid during the week. Many of the prisoners have professed conversion during the past few months. The members of the W. C. T. U. supply them with suitable literature, through the committee. The hospital is also provided with literature in the same way. A committee of three of our members visit the hospital and distribute the literature, the patients all seeming well pleased to have an interest taken in them in reading to, and visiting them. The Superintendent of "unfermented wine at the Lord's table" asked for a report from our Union in reference to the wine used by our churches. In accordance with her request a committee was appointed to wait on the ministers of the different denominations. They report the Methodist and Baptist Churches using the unfermented wine; the Presbyterian minister willing to, as soon as any of the ladies of his congregation will provide him with it; but no satisfactory answer could be obtained from the Reformed Episcopal clergyman. Our Union has been working vigorously during the past year in opposition to the granting of liquor licenses in this city. Upon the first occasion of this kind the temperance cause was successful and no licenses were granted. but since then it has suffered defeat. Petitions were handed in to the magistrates and the ladies

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During the past year our Union has suffered a loss by the death of Mrs. Wm. Preston, the first of our number to be called to her reward. Our members were all present at the funeral, and as a last tribute a wreath of white flowers was laid upon her coffin.

At our following business meeting a resolution of sympathy with the bereaved husband and children was passed, and a copy sent to Mr. Preston.

The total receipts of our Union for the year has been \$219.68, expenditure \$199.08.

The Band of Hope still flourishes under the management of Mrs. J. Cunningham. Miss Maud Williams has been a great aid as organist, and by her faithful attendance at these meetings, has shown her interest in the work. Membership, 60, with an average attendance of 35.

The membership of our Union is steadily increasing; new members added to our number at almost every meeting. The meetings never lack interest; and with our good President at our head, in whom we all have perfect confidence, we feel encouraged to go on with this great work, knowing that God will bless us.

EDITH E. PEARSON,

Secretary.

Report of the Victoria W. C. T. U.

It is with a feeling of mingled thankfulness and regret, that we present our report for the past year—thankfulness for the work we have accomplished, and regret that so little has been done of the work around us.

The departments of work are, Hospital, Band of Hope, Loyal Legion, Press, Petitions, and Literature.

The hospital work has been most assiduously carried on by our Superintendent, Mrs. Burkholder. Every Sabbath, divine service has been held, and the wards visited, literature, both religious and temperance, distributed to the poor sufferers, who generally seem thankful for words of comfort and sympathy, and for any little kindness shown them by our ladies. They all seem thankful when any of our Ministers visit them and point them to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." Our Superintendent of Band of Hope, with the assistance of Mrs. Grant, has most successfully conducted that branch of work. The attend-

ance ranges from 25 to 60. A Loyal Legion, at Spring Ridge, under the management of Mrs. Spafford, is doing good work.

Our Superintendent of the Press has done what she could in influencing the local papers for the cause of temperance. Literature has been scattered far and wide, being distributed by our Superintendents in Saloons, Steamers, Post-office, Agricultural Fair, etc.

Much credit is due Miss Bowes, who worked with untiring energy while here. Besides donating literature, she succeeded in obtaining 25 new subscribers for the *Woman's Journal*. During the year two W. C. T. U. lecturers have visited our city, Mrs. Yeomans, who delivered four lectures, and Miss Bowes two. Hon. Geo. Foster, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, gave a very eloquent and instructive lecture; also Dr. Williams favored us with a grand address. Three Mass meetings, two Socials, one reunion and one *Special* Gospel Temperance meeting, were held during the year, making in all fifteen public meetings. Owing to the removal of the jail to the suburbs of the city, that work was transferred by the W. C. T. U. to the Y. M. C. A.

Three out of the five Protestant Churches of this city use unfermented wine at the Lord's table. Although unsuccessful in keeping liquor off the grounds, during the last Agricultural Fair (the directors having refused the offer of \$100 for that purpose), we had a refreshment tent which proved a success, and we think kept at least *some* from the bar. Our present membership is 76, 33 of whom are honorary members. The majority of our members do not seem to feel the importance of attending regularly the weekly meetings. Many are not able to do so, owing to the multitudinous cares and home duties devolving upon them, yet they are ever ready to assist in any special undertaking. This was shown by the circulation of petitions to close saloons on the Lord's day, and having obtained 906 signatures from citizens. Trusting that in the coming year our work may be more extensive than in the past, and that we shall all be enabled to do something for the Master.

C. HENDRY,

Rec. Secretary.

Report of the Burrard Inlet W. C. T. U.

MY DEAR SISTER PRESIDENT,—As there will not be a delegate from Burrard Inlet this year, I am going to do my best to inform you of the sad state our Union is now in.

Before the fire we were in a favorable way to grow into a working body. We met regularly and held a most successful Mass meeting. We made arrangements toward a reading-room, and amongst our friends, had quite a number of books; but unfortunately for us, the fire swept all, and the members were scattered so much that from that time we have never been able to properly organize again. Our President (Mrs. J. Hall), called meeting after meeting, but only three or four

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would attend, and very often none of the officers would be present, excepting the President. It was then thought best to re-organize, or at least have a new election, and so try to awaken an interest in the work; but this was not successful. No one in Vancouver seemed willing to take the place of Mrs. Hall, and your correspondent was elected, although under protest, as living at Moo-lyville, and the only means of crossing the ferry, and that not to be depended on, it seemed quite a barrier to accepting the office. Yet when they did me the honor to elect me, I tried my very best, not only in personal effort, but also by prayer. Like our former President, I called meetings from time to time, paid for public notices, and then only two or three members would be present besides the Treasurer and myself; then much could not be done, as our Secretaries would be absent, and not enough present to form the necessary working majority; and as our home duties were so pressing, and living so far from the Union, much work that might have been done, had to be left untouched.

At our last meeting, we managed to pay Mrs. Hall what she had so kindly paid out for our Union from time to time, and when our debts were paid our treasury was empty. We also concluded not to give up, but to suspend the meetings for a few months, hoping new members might enlist; and since May our Union has had no meeting. I have laid the matter before you as plainly as I can, hoping that during your Convention debates, you will be able to devise some means of answering our Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." My term of office ended in July, and having lost my home by fire in that month, and cannot say where I will be for some time, I feel that I could not accept the office again, as it would only be a hindrance to the cause, as I realize more keenly all the time the disadvantage to the Union in having its President so far away, and we all only wish for success in the Temperance work in this place too much to wish to stand the least in the way of its advancement. We have two good Bands of Hope in connection with our Union, and will do all in our power for them under any circumstances. Hoping that you will accept this report in the spirit in which it is sent by our Union.

M. THAIN,

President.

Report of the Chilliwack W. C. T. U.

During the past year the meetings of the Union have been held regularly, and were conducted in a spirit worthy of the cause. Eleven new members were added during the year. The annual meeting for election of officers was held at the Camp Ground. The Ontario organizer, Miss Bowes, was present, and delivered a most instructive address; she also attended many of our regular meetings, and kindly assisted us in various ways.

We are happy to say the fair name of Chilliwack has not yet been sullied by the presence of a licensed house; still the presence of intoxicants is not unknown here. We are working patiently and steadily, and have no doubt that we shall

reap a glorious reward. Many who sneered at our Union when organized are now forced to admit its usefulness. Our work is in the cause of humanity, and we appeal to a father's and a mother's love and ask: Is it wrong for children to try to avoid temptation? No matter how depraved parents may be, the thought of having a drunken child is sufficient to fan the parental spark, and rouse them to a sense of their duty. We are encouraged in our work by knowing that we have the sympathy of a very large majority of this community, and although sometimes made the object of ungenerous remarks, yet we cannot say we are met by direct opposition; therefore, we shall proceed hopefully and say: "Those who are not against us, are for us." All great reforms are of slow growth, but we feel the strength of our cause, and shall not be discouraged by obstacles that may arise. In God we trust for guidance in our deliberations.

CAROLINE McCUTCHEON,

Corresponding Secretary.

Annual Report of Hope W. C. T. U.

As our Union was only formed in June, I have very little to report at present.

We number but six working members, with little hope of an increase.

The only work we have attempted is the formation of a Loyal Legion. It numbers 19 members, with an average attendance of 10, and meets weekly for instruction.

Our Union has held three meetings, the members attending punctually.

We take this opportunity of publicly recognizing our indebtedness to Miss Bowes, who organized our Union, and has ably assisted us with advice and help. That we form a branch, a weak one it may be, of this great work, is wholly due to her untiring zeal and efforts.

A. J. McDOUGALL,

Cor. Secretary *pro. tem.*

Report of the Superintendent of Hospital Work.

Dear Sisters and Christian Workers in this great moral reform, accept greeting from your humble Superintendent of Hospital Work.

I regret very deeply not being able to be with you during convention, but earnestly pray that the God of all grace will fill your hearts and strengthen your faith, that you may realize more fully the great love of our Heavenly Father towards fallen humanity, so that each worker may go from this convention with a thorough determination to rescue the perishing and care for the dying, and to set their faces as flint against all the current evils of the day, standing more firmly

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With regard to the hospital work assigned me at last convention, I would state, that in Victoria there are three hospitals, the Royal, Marine and French; in one only, the Royal, has work been carried on by us. The Marine Hospital, situated across the harbor, has but seldom any patients, and is very difficult to visit on account of its situation. The French hospital is supported by private subscription, and has but few patients, and very often none. The difficulty of access to these hospitals and the scarcity of labors suitable for this department of work, will explain why no work has been done in these institutions. The work in the Royal hospital has been carried on by our faithful local superintendent, Mrs. Burkholder. Regular services have been held on the Lord's day by ministers and brethren of the different denominations; the wards have been visited and tracts distributed, and we rejoice to know that our labor has not been in vain. Some peaceful and happy deaths are reported, while others are looking forward to a release from suffering, simply trusting in the blood of Jesus Christ, which cleanseeth from all sin; others again are dying as they have lived, without God and without hope in the world.

The hospital at Esquimalt is in charge of the Church of England, and I understand it is visited by members of that denomination. The W. C. T. U. of Nanaimo having disbanded, I cannot say what is being done for the suffering there. The hospital at New Westminster is under the charge of a committee appointed by the local Union, and is visited semi-weekly by them since last March. Their work consists of Sabbath services, tract distribution and reading the Scriptures; they do not report any conversions, but speak encouragingly of the attention paid by the patients while they read the wonderful words of life. May the hearts of those dear sisters be encouraged by the words of their Master, "My word shall not return unto me void; they that go forth weeping shall doubtless come again bringing their sheaves with them." This, Mrs. President, is the extent of the work being done by our Unions in connection with the hospitals, as far as your superintendent has been able to learn, with the exception of a few visits paid by her to the Royal hospital. I trust that this convention may see its way clear to encourage the local Unions to endow a bed or beds for the use of women in the new Jubilee Hospital that is being erected this year. I mention endowing a bed, as the present state of our finances would not warrant us to endow a ward. If each local Union paid a stated sum yearly, this long felt want would be supplied, and a place where our sick and unfortunate sisters might be cared for without having to seek admission to the Roman Catholic hospital. I am sure if our sisters were only to give this their earnest prayerful consideration they would find some way to meet the requirements of the case, and I ask that you urge upon them during your present session the importance of the matter.

May the Lord guide you in all your deliberations, is the prayer of your sister in the work.

S. L. McNAUGHTON,
Supt. of Hospital Work.

Report of Evangelistic Work.

DEAR SISTERS, Having been appointed by convention to give a statement of the work of this department, in the absence of a report from the Superintendent, I regret that my information is too meagre to admit of a full account being given.

The Superintendent duly wrote to the various local Unions urging them to endeavor to carry out the resolution adopted at last Convention in regard to quarterly Temperance sermons and prayer-meetings.

From some Unions no reply was received and from the reports of the others we may glean the following facts: In New Westminster, Temperance Sunday was observed twice in the Baptist and Methodist Churches, and the subject was referred to in the Presbyterian Church, though on account of ill health the minister did not prepare a special temperance sermon. It was also observed in the Reformed Episcopal Church.

In Victoria, so far as we can learn the plan has not been carried out with any regularity, though one or two Temperance Sermons have been preached.

In Vancouver, owing to the disorganized state of everything, W. C. T. U. included, the matter was not attended to in time, but sermons were preached on one occasion by the Methodist minister at all his appointments.

In Chilliwack and Sumas Temperance Sunday was observed in the Methodist Churches on one or two occasions.

In Nanaimo the W. C. T. U. unhappily appears to have almost died out, but the Methodist minister upon his own responsibility preached Temperance sermons at his various appointments on the next quarterly occasion after word was received from the Superintendent.

The Temperance prayer-meetings do not appear to have been held at all, though ladies from various Unions stated in Convention that the subject of Temperance is frequently brought forward in the regular meetings of the churches. We can only hope that by the blessing of God, and increased efforts of local Unions the coming year may prove a much more successful one in this line of work.

S. W. STREET.

Recording Secretary.

Report of Supt. of Work among Sailors and Lumbermen

I beg to make my statement regarding my office, small as the work has been. The want of Literature has been the great draw-back, yet some work has been done.

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joined our Band of Hope and left a donation of \$2.00 when going to sea. Also Berte and Lennie Barnes, sons of Capt. Barnes, "Pacific Slope" joined the Band and took temperance text cards to distribute among the sailors at sea.

I am very happy to state that Master Fred. Patterson, of our local Band, is invaluable to me in going on board ships with packages of temperance reading.

I feel very much encouraged in our work. Small as it seems, it is genuine.

M. THAIN.

Report of Island Organizer.

Your Organizer regrets to report that no new Unions have been formed on the Island during the year.

The field was thoroughly canvassed by Mrs. Youmans last year and Miss Bowes this. In some localities other temperance orders already exist, and it has not been thought advisable in these sparsely settled places to have the forces too much divided.

We are glad, however, to be able to report the organization of two Loyal Legions, one at Spring Ridge, with the able assistance of Miss Bowes, having a present membership of 40; the other in the vicinity of Gorge Road. These orders have their officers elected from among the young people, with a W. C. T. U. Lady as Superintendent.

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Provincial Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as the PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendent for each department of work.

The Presidents of all local unions shall, by virtue of their office, be Vice-Presidents of this executive, and shall be entitled to a vote.

These 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 III.

The President, 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents, Corresponding, and Recording Secretaries and Treasurer may form a sub-committee of the Executive Board for the transaction of business, five of whom shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

The annual meeting of the Executive Board shall consist of one delegate for each affiliated Union, and one additional delegate for every ten paying members of each Union.

ARTICLE V.

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

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ARTICLE VI.

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

ARTICLE VII.

The annual meeting, at which time the officers shall be elected, shall be held in September, and in such place as shall be appointed at the preceding annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Sub-Committee of the Executive Board shall meet annually, or if necessary oftener, at such time and in such place as the President shall decide.

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 the 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 also 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 annual meeting.



REVISED RULES OF ORDER.

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

II. The order for business shall be as follows :

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.
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14. Report of Committee on Resolutions and special business.
15. Election of officers.
16. New business.
17. Appointment of standing committees.

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

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

V. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave from the convention.

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

VII. 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.

VIII. 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.

IX. 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.

X. All reports offered to the convention shall be written on legal cap paper, on one side of the leaves only.

XI. The names of the President and Corresponding Secretary of each Local Union residing within the limits of this convention, with the post-office address of each, shall be published annually in our minutes.

XII. All new Unions seeking admission to the convention shall send to its annual session with their delegates the records of their organization.

XIII. All committees, except as the convention require, shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the convention.

XIV. In all cases not provided for by these rules, the convention shall be governed by the Parliamentary practices laid down in Roberts' Rules of Order.

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



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CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

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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, save the inebriate, and secure the legal prohibition and complete banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of the association by signing the pledge and constitution, and by the 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.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this association shall be a President, 1st Vice-President, and a Vice-President from each church, when practicable, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor.

These officers (excepting the Auditor) with the Superintendents of departments shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—AUXILIARYSHIP.

Each Local Union shall pay to the funds of 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 of each year, at which reports of all officers and superintendents shall be presented. The report of 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.

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ARTICLE 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 1st 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, 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 also prepare the report for 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 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.

ARTICLE II.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The officers shall be elected by nomination and ballot. Nomination shall be made either by a committee appointed for that purpose, 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.

ARTICLE III.—DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

If the demands of the work justify it there shall be the following departments of work: Juvenile Work, Temperance Literature, Influencing the Press, Evangelistic Work, Parlor Meetings, Heredity and Hygiene, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Kitchen Garden, Flower Mission, Unfermented Wine, Inducing Physicians not to Prescribe Alcoholic Stimulants, Relation of Intemperance to Capital and Labor, Prison and Gaol Work, Young Woman's Work, Work among Railroad Employees, Work among Soldiers, Work among Sailors, Lumbermen and Miners, Legislation Petitions and Franchise, Hospital, Fairs, and such other as the needs of the locality seem to call for and the Provincial Union recommends.

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

The regular meeting of the Union shall be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly, as the Union may decide. The first meeting in the month 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE VI.—DELEGATES TO THE PROVINCIAL UNION.

Delegates to the Provincial Union are received on the following basis: One for each Union, and one additional delegate for every ten paying members for each Union. The expenses of general officers for postage, stationery, &c., 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.

ARTICLE VII.

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting, providing due notice has been given at the meeting previous. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of members present.

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.
Discussion.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.