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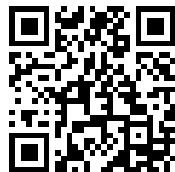
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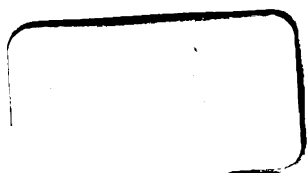
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FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1890

—HELD IN—

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***PORTLAND**

“For God, and Home, and Native Land.”

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1890.

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FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 7.

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Maine W. C. T. U. assembled in the Payson Memorial Church, Portland, opening with a Devotional Meeting, led by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow. At its close Convention was called to order by Mrs. Stevens, State President.

Roll Call revealed the presence of all the General Officers, four Organizers, and nine of the sixteen Vice Presidents and eleven of the twenty-seven State Superintendents.

The following committees were then selected, viz. :

On Credentials—Miss L. F. Runnals, Mrs. Abbie C. Peaslee.

On Courtesies—Mrs. Whitman Sawyer, Mrs. J. E. McDowell, Mrs. Nellie Pierce.

Address of Welcome was then given by Miss C. M. Dow, followed by Response read by Mrs. Hubbard of So. Berwick in the absence of Mrs. I. Luce.

A quartette composed of Rev. B. C. Wentworth, presiding elder of the Bangor district, Rev. A. A. Lewis of Bath, Rev. J. R. Clifford, Dexter, and Rev. H. E. Frohock, of Houlton, then rendered a beautiful hymn.

Report of Work Among Soldiers and Sailors by Mrs. Hannah T. Jenkins followed. Accepted. Remarks made on this work by Mrs. Stevens and others.

Voted, That Miss Evelyn Simmonds be made chairman of the messengers with power to add to the list.

Rev. D. B. Randall was then introduced favoring the convention with remarks.

Report of Work Among Lumbermen, by Mrs. E. Merritt. Accepted.

Remarks of cheer and encouragement then made by Rev. Mr. Wentworth.

Flower Mission Work reported by Miss Simmonds. Accepted.

Introduction of Rev. Mr. Parsons, and remarks by the same followed.

Moved that telegrams of greeting be sent by our Cor. Sec. to the Kentucky and Tennessee State Conventions now in session. Carried.

Mrs. Cram then read a letter of welcome from Mrs. G. S. Hunt, President of Portland Union.

Moved by Miss Yates that a vote of thanks be returned to Mrs. Hunt from this Convention expressing our sympathy with her ill-health and regret at her absence.

Report of Co-operative Work sent by Mrs. Sprague, read by Cor. Secretary. Same accepted after some discussion.

Mrs. Stevens then calling Mrs. Cram to the chair, gave her report on Legislative Work. Adopted.

The noon hour having arrived, was observed by a moment of silent prayer, followed by a short vocal prayer by Mrs. Wright of Caribou.

Announcements were made, the Crusade Hymn sang and morning session closed with benediction by Rev. D. B. Randall.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened with devotional service conducted by Mrs. H. F. Crocker. At its close Convention was called to order.

Music.

Morning minutes read and accepted as now recorded.

Moved to reconsider the vote whereby the report of Co-operative Work was accepted. Carried.

Voted to accept the same after correction.

Miss Lucia E. F. Kimball and Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, National Superintendents, were introduced, each offering a few words of greeting.

Corresponding Secretary reported. Accepted.

Music.

Rev. Messrs. Whittaker and Hamilton were introduced, also Mr. Taggart, National Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Mrs. Thorp and Mrs. Shapleigh of Cambridge Union. Remarks offered by each.

Juvenile Work reported by Mrs. Frances M. Chandler.
Adopted.

Department of Suppression of Impure Literature reported
by Mrs. Hill. Adopted.

Rev. Mr. Collins and Mr. McDonald, Secretary Portland
Y. M. C. A., were introduced and remarks were offered by
each.

Voted, That Mrs. Barstow of Bangor Crusade who is to
attend the Grand Lodge of Good Templars at Rockland,
Oct. 8th, be instructed to bear fraternal greetings to that body
from this convention.

Mrs. Barstow was then introduced and reported briefly the
work of the Bangor Crusade.

Evangelistic Work reported by Mrs. Snow. Adopted.

Music.

Sabbath Observance reported by Mrs. Bailey. Adopted.

Selection of Committee on Resolutions reported: Mrs. B.
Minard, Mrs. V. Wheatley, Mrs. M. D. Lander, Mrs. A. F.
Greeley, Mrs. J. F. Wood, Mrs. S. S. Johnson, Mrs. Helen
Daggett, Mrs. Wm. Davis, Mrs. J. B. Hill, Mrs. Kate Spin-
ney, Mrs. M. F. Bunker, Miss Emily Miller, Mrs. Bernard
Rogers, Mrs. A. O. Kimball, Mrs. A. C. Peaslee.

Voted to send telegram of love and sympathy to Mrs. Helen
B. C. Beedy by Corresponding Secretary.

Miss E. U. Yates of Round Pond was introduced; Mrs.
Martin, Mrs. McDowell and Miss Patten, members of Payson
Memorial Church, were also introduced.

Telegrams reported as sent by Mrs. Cram :

To Mrs. N. A. MUNNELL,
Richmond, Ky.,

Maine W. C. T. U. in convention send greeting. Ps. 20, 7.

L. M. N. STEVENS.

To Mrs. LOUISE S. ROUNDS,
Rockford, Ill.,

Greetings from Maine W. C. T. U. in convention. Ps. 126, 3.

L. M. N. STEVENS.

Introduction of Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt by request.

Announcements.

Adjourned with singing, and benediction by Rev. Mr. Frohock.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Evening meeting opened by singing.

Scripture reading by Mrs. Shapleigh.

Prayer by Mrs. Crocker.

Song by quartette.

Rev. Dr. Merrill, pastor Payson Memorial Church, gave an address of welcome.

Music.

President's annual address given.

Music.

Miss E. U. Yates gave such effective remarks that the results were nearly \$60.

Music by the quartette.

Address by Mrs. Frances W. Harper.

The congregation sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," led by the quartette.

Benediction.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 8.

Services opened by devotional meeting led by Miss Abbie C. Leavitt.

Notice was given that Mrs. Cram would take orders for engagements for Mrs. Harper.

Department of Social Purity reported by its Superintendent, Mrs. Margaret T. W. Merrill. Adopted.

Messrs. Sidelinger and Perry were introduced.

Miss Yates of New Jersey was introduced, who brought greetings from Miss Charlotte M. Gray of Norway.

Memorial Service, opened by rendering of hymn, "I Can Not Always Trace the Way," by quartette. Followed by a tender tribute from Mrs. Stevens in memory of Mrs. Pauline Osgood, Newcastle; Miss Kate Scales, Portland; Mrs. Davis, Ellsworth; Mrs. McDonald, Stroudwater; Mrs. Merrill, Bluehill; Mrs. Ann Covell, Bath; Miss C. E. Brown, E.

Machias; Mrs. Marcia Dyer, Strong; Mrs. Sophia Reed, Hampden; Mrs. Mary A. Hamor, Bar Harbor; Mrs. C. Patterson, Belfast; Mrs. McKenney, Belfast; Mrs. Chapman, Damariscotta; Mrs. Carrie E. Libby, Rockport. Closing with prayer by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, and singing by quartette, "Good Night, Beloved, Good Night."

Sunday School Work reported by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney. Adopted.

Miss Kimball by a rising assent was made a member of this Convention.

Miss Kimball made a cheering report of the National progress of the Sunday School Department.

Treasurer's and Auditor's report offered and accepted.

Observance of our noon hour by silent prayer, vocalized by Mrs. Ricker.

Introduction of Mrs. Johnston, Secretary of Entertainment Committee.

Mrs. Harper introduced her little book for sale.

Adjourned with Doxology.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Opened with devotional meeting led by Mrs. F. M. Wright. Convention called to order.

Music.

Morning minutes read, corrected and accepted.

Report of Credential Committee read and returned for corrections and additions.

Press Work reported by Miss Mary L. French. Accepted.

Voted that the special work of to-morrow's program at 10.30 be to consider the needs of Star in the East.

Voted to suspend the By-Law stipulating that Election of Officers be the work of the morning of the last day and the order of the program be carried out.

Miss Dow called to the chair during election.

Four tellers were appointed, viz.: Mrs. French, of Portland; Mrs. Johnston, of Portland; Mrs. Bunker, of North Anson; Mrs. Martin, of Foxcroft.

The result of the election was the unanimous choice of Mrs.

L. M. N. Stevens for President. Mrs. Stevens was escorted to her place by Mrs. Humphrey of Portland and Mrs. Delano of Bath. A few words of presentation by Mrs. Humphrey were responded to by the entire Convention rising and the white wave of the Chautauqua salute. Mrs. Stevens responded to this greeting in a few earnest and well chosen words, followed by prayer from Mrs. Merrill and song by the quartette.

The other officers chosen were: Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, Cor. Sec.; Miss Clara M. Farwell, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Treasurer.

By nomination from Miss Farwell, Mrs. A. S. Johnston was chosen Asst. Rec. Sec.

Rev. Mr. Bayley, of State St. church, Rev. Mr. Frost of the Congress St. church, and Rev. T. F. Jones of South Portland were introduced and made brief remarks.

By vote the election of Delegates to National Convention was made the special order of business for 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

A message was received from the Lewiston District Ministerial Association of the Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session at Gorham, N. H.

Mrs. H. J. Bailey appointed to frame a suitable response.

Fraternal greetings received from Grand Lodge of Good Templars assembled at Rockland.

Introduction of Mrs. Sara C. Bull, widow of Ole Bull, who responded by playing a Norwegian National air.

Introduction of Mr. Baker of Portland.

Address of Mrs. Thorp, President of Cambridge W. C. T. U., who expressed exactly the opinion of the Maine W. C. T. U., judging by the frequent applause and rapt attention of her audience.

Mrs. H. F. Crocker reported on Department of Unfermented Wine. Accepted.

Introduction of and remarks by Rev. H. E. Frohock of the ministerial quartette.

Scientific Temperance Instruction reported by Mrs. George F. French. Accepted.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Opened with music.

Scripture reading by Mrs. H. J. Bailey.

Prayer by Mrs. Abbie C. Peaslee.

Music.

Address by Miss E. U. Yates.

Piano Solo by Mrs. Sara C. Bull.

Recitation and remarks by Mrs. Harper to the value of \$46.

Address by Miss Lillian Phelps of St. Catharines, Ontario.

Music—"Are You That Man."

Benediction by Rev. Dr. Blanchard.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 9.

Opened by devotional meeting led by Mrs. M. F. Bunker.

Convention called to order.

A beautiful basket of flowers sent from George S. Hunt, Esq., of Portland, with his greetings, was received by the president with a few graceful remarks and the convention gave a rising vote of thanks.

Reading and acceptance of minutes of Wednesday afternoon and evening session.

Mrs. Merrill, Superintendent of Social Purity, tendered her resignation, which was accepted with great reluctance.

Moved that Mrs. Merrill be made a life long member of the W. C. T. U. with authority to do whatever work she chooses. Carried.

Requested Hymn rendered by quartette.

Decided to place Mrs. W. C. Spaulding as Associate Superintendent with Mrs. Crocker on Department of Unfermented Wine.

Minutes of Wednesday evening Executive Meeting read and adopted.

Pledges from County Presidents of subscriptions to Star in the East taken, giving a total of 1,430.

Mrs. Denny, Supt. of Literature and Union Signal asked

to be excused from reading her report as it would be fully printed in our minutes. Granted.

Rev. Messrs. Wilson, Hayden and Patterson introduced, also Mr. E. H. Walsh.

Mrs. Raymond introduced.

Mrs. H. J. Bailey gave notice that she or some one in her place would next year move an amendment to Art. 3 of the Constitution—whereby the Constitution should include in its membership the Secretary and Treasurer of each County Organization.

National Delegates then chosen viz.: Mrs. B. Minard, Houlton; Mrs. H. F. Crocker, Pembroke; Miss Alida Mehan, Thomaston; Mrs. M. F. Bunker, No. Anson; Mrs. Abbie J. Benner, Auburn; Mrs. S. D. Moulton, Old Orchard; Miss C. M. Dow Portland. Alternates, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; Mrs. Ann F. Greeley, Ellsworth; Miss A. A. Hicks, Belfast; Mrs. Florence Wood, Winthrop; Mrs. Ruth A. Bray, Auburn; Mrs. Snow, Cornish; Miss A. F. Quimby, Stroudwater.

Mrs. B. Minard, Secretary of the Resolution Committee, reported. Resolutions were first read collectively, afterward read and adopted *seriatim*:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we do rely more fully on the aid of our heavenly Father for success in our work and we take courage because of the favorable reports of our corresponding secretary and superintendents of departments and in the fact that forty new unions have been organized and our membership increased by more than 600 during the year:

Whereas, We learned with regret that base ball playing, excursions, visiting, etc., on the Sabbath are practiced to a great extent in certain localities in our State; therefore

Resolved, That all members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union co-operate with the superintendents of the department of Sabbath Observance in discouraging these practices and insist on the enforcement of our Sabbath laws.

Resolved, That we have reason to rejoice in the peace treaty of Central and South America and the United States, and the adoption of the Sherman Arbitration resolution by our government; with the Universal Peace Congress held in London; with the friendly visit made by the Emperor of Germany to the courts of Europe; with the efforts of our Minister of Peace, Conrad Stollmanger, in Europe, and with the pacific labors of the Secretary of State of the United States; that peace work is a part of the temperance cause and intemperance and war are twin relics of an unenlightened age, and that we urge all interested in juvenile work to introduce principles of peace, and organize Peace Bands wherever advisable.

Whereas, The work of the White Cross and Shield is one of the most vital importance, and knowing that God requires of us purity in thought, word and deed;

Resolved, That we will work more earnestly and prayerfully along the line of Social Purity.

Whereas, It is the duty of each White Ribboner to fit herself for the best possible work along the Woman's Christian Temperance Union lines; therefore,

Resolved, That we use our utmost endeavors to increase the circulation of the Union Signal, Star in the East, and all Women's Temperance Peace Association publications, and that we extend a vote of thanks to the Portland Herald and all other State papers that grant us space in their columns.

Resolved, That we are heartily and forever opposed to the use of tobacco in all its forms, and that as white ribbon women we will, by every means in our power, discourage and discountenance its use; also that we will diligently and faithfully warn the young of the baneful effects of all narcotics.

Resolved, That we commend the enterprise of the Temperance Temple to local unions and other organizations interested in temperance work, and we heartily thank the ladies of Payson Memorial church for their proposed gift of one hundred dollars toward its erection.

Resolved, That in view of the grand results accruing from the observation of Sept 28, Miss Frances E. Willard's birthday, as our membership crusade day, we would recommend that each year we spend this day in prayer and efforts to increase our membership, as an expression of our love and regard to our national president.

Resolved, That we heartily rejoice in the gain that has come in the line of temperance lessons as the result of the memorial to the International Sunday-school Convention, and that we will work more earnestly to secure in every Sunday-school of our state the thorough education of our children and young people upon this important subject.

Resolved, That the liquor traffic should no longer be trifled with, but should be absolutely suppressed. It should be eliminated from our foreign commerce, prohibited in our inter-state trade, and no longer tolerated in our home enterprise. Then would be removed the deepest, direst, most widespread and most persistent curse in the world.

Resolved, That we recognize in the thorough enforcement of our Scientific Temperance law an agency that will train for intelligent total abstinence the children of today, who will soon constitute the citizens of this state, and we pledge ourselves to make the thorough enforcement of this law our leading line of work, until every child in all our public schools is being faithfully taught the truth against alcoholic drinks, tobacco and other narcotics as the law demands.

Resolved, That we recognize with sincere gratitude the practical sympathy with the best enforcements and aims of this law, as shown by the leading educators of the state, Hon. N. A. Luce and others.

Resolved, That all forms of license, high or low, are vicious in principle, pernicious in practice and valueless as an expedient, and consequently all revenue derived from such a source is the price of blood and of sin, making those who sustain the license system or vote with license parties, helpers and abettors of iniquity, and morally accountable before God and man for all the evil and crime resulting therefrom.

Resolved, That we reiterate our intention to be as we have always been, neither a partisan nor a sectarian organization, but this shall not prevent us from the frank declaration that we will lend our influence, express our gratitude and good will, and offer our prayers for any society, association or movement, in church or state, that has for its watchword, "The saloon must go."

Resolved, That we realize more than ever before, the growing need of a reformatory prison for women in our state, and we request our women of the white ribbon throughout the state to exert an influence over voters and especially members of the legislature representing the district in which they reside, in favor of this humane measure asked for by our committee.

Believing that the ballot in the hand of women is the most efficient weapon we can use against the rum power, therefore

Resolved, That we pledge our support to the Maine Suffrage Association in its efforts for the enfranchisement of women.

Resolved, That we recommend every member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to wear the recognized badge of our organization on all occasions.

Whereas, The United States mail and Post Offices are in many instances used to spread impure literature and obscene pictures, therefore

Resolved, That we will use all our powers by petition and other proper measures to have this great evil abolished.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Payson Memorial Society for the use of their church, to the pastor for his kind expressions of confidence in the success of our cause, and to the Portland Unions, and to the citizens for their bountiful hospitality, to the Portland Y. W. C. T. U. for courtesies received—to the East Maine Quartette for their inspiring songs. To the Railroad Companies, to the Press and all others who have contributed to make our Convention a success.

Miss Phelps made a member of this convention with all its rights and privileges.

Noontide hour observed by silent prayer ; also vocal prayer by Miss Yates.

Song by quartette.

Announcements.

Voted to open devotional meeting of afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Adjourned with song and benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Exercises opened with a Bible Reading given by Mrs. Barney.

Convention called to order.

Music.

Morning minutes read and accepted.

Mrs. Hanson moved a message of love and recognition be sent to Miss Margaret B. Davis at Berlin. Carried.

Report of Mrs. Susan French Superintendent of Fairs. Adopted.

Report of Mrs. I. S. Wentworth Superintendent of Narcotics. Adopted.

Master Burt Kimball aged 3 1-2 years, adopted son of Miss Lucia E. F. Kimball introduced.

Miss Clara Kimball was introduced as among the first crusaders, who gave interesting reminiscences of that time.

Mrs. A. F. Greeley, Superintendent of Franchise reported. Accepted.

Rev. Mr. Clymer introduced Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Superintendent of Department to Secure Reformatory Prison for Women, reported. Accepted.

Gen. Neal Dow, the father of prohibition, was then introduced and made a short address, giving a brief account of the origin and some of the workings of the United Kingdom Alliance, which, with the exception of possibly the W. C. T. U., is the largest and most influential temperance organization in the world. He told of some districts in Great Britain where prohibition meant prohibition, for in Great Britain the laws, whether right or wrong, are faithfully administered.

Song by quartette, "Over for Prohibition."

Introduction of Rev. Dr. Small of Portland.

Report of Y. W. C. T. U. by Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt. Adopted.

Miss Angie Brooks recommended as Superintendent of Y. work, confirmed.

Report of Prison and Jail Work by Mrs. Harriet M. Philbrick. Adopted.

Presentation of and remarks by Mrs. J. K. Barney, National Superintendent of Prison and Jail Work.

Introduction of Rev. Mr. Billings of Portland.

Morning minutes read and accepted.

Minutes of Executive Meeting read. The part referring to financial management of Star in the East referred to Executive Committee for amendment. Minutes then accepted. Remaining reports referred to Executive Committee.

The following places extended invitations for next State Convention, viz.: Auburn, Lewiston, Houlton, some place in Washington County, either Eastport or Cherryfield, Augusta, Rockland.

Above referred to Executive Committee.

Reading of resolutions referred to committee for re-construction. Accepted.

Crusade Hymn by quartette.

All unfinished business referred to Executive Committee.

Adjourned, with benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The meeting began with singing by the congregation lead by the quartette, of the hymn, "Rock of Ages."

Mrs. Thorp, President of Cambridge W. C. T. U., introduced as presiding officer of the evening.

Scripture reading by Mrs. Shapleigh.

Prayer by Mrs. H. J. Bailey.

Collection speech by Miss Phelps.

Piano solo by Mrs. Sara C. Bull.

Song by quartette.

Address by Mrs. J. K. Barney.

On motion of Miss Cornelia M. Dow it was voted that this 16th annual convention of the W. C. T. U. be adjourned.

Parting Hymn, "God be With You Till We Meet Again," sung.

Benediction by Mrs. J. K. Barney.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MONDAY EVENING, OCT. 6.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Philbrick.

Arrangements were made for seating the delegates.

Moved that the Executive Committee recommend to the State Superintendent of Literature to make arrangements, if possible, to have our literature for sale on railroad trains. Carried.

The Committee rose.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 8.

Opened by prayer.

A list of State Superintendents was made out and recommended to the convention.

Voted to continue our state paper, Star in the East.

Voted, That Mrs. Cram, Miss Dow and Mrs. Johnston be a committee to make arrangements for the management of the paper.

Voted to resume Free Will Offerings this year under direction of the Treasurer.

In view of the fact that Piscataquis County has held no convention and Miss Jackson the president, now present in state convention, requests her name to be replaced by that of Mrs. E. D. Wade, it was so recommended.

The Committee rose.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 9.

Opened with prayer.

Recommended that names of suitable persons for Superintendency of Prison and Jail Work be written and handed to the platform for the Executive Committee to make a selection from.

Recommended to approve such selection for the Superintendency of Y work as shall be chosen at the Y meeting of this afternoon.

Recommended to have our state paper, Star in the East, issued from state headquarters under the editorial charge of Miss Mary L. French, the subject matter to be under the approval of one or more of the general officers, \$60 being allowed her to procure needed assistance. Mrs. Blanchard to remain financial manager, and to secure advertisements, the Executive Committee pledging to aid in the same.

The Executive Committee also recommend that Mrs. Blanchard in procuring a place of printing consult the convenience of Miss French, no additional expense being incurred thereby.

The Committee rose to meet at state headquarters Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCT. 10.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Mabry.

Mrs. F. A. Wright appointed as principal of Department of Social Purity in place of Mrs. M. T. W. Merrill, resigned.

Moved, Miss Emma Trowbridge be made Superintendent of the Department of Prison and Jail Work. Carried.

Moved that the reports of Superintendents not read in convention be accepted and appear in printed minutes.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon session given verbally and accepted.

Mrs. Blanchard offered the following amendment to the report concerning the financial management of the Star in the East, referred to Executive Committee for revision, viz. :

That Miss French have charge of the advertising, to be assisted by the members of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer is authorized to turn over to her the outstanding bills for advertisements for collection, the money to be turned over to the Treasurer. Miss French is authorized to arrange for the printing of the paper to suit her convenience. Accepted with the following proviso by Executive Committee, viz. : That no exchange in printing place shall be made to incur additional expense.

Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Mrs. A. S. Johnston, appointed a committee to formulate plans and devise ways and means whereby a beginning may be made toward controlling a building that shall be state headquarters and contain rentals to increase our funds.

Voted that all unfinished business be left in the hands of the General Officers.

The Committee rose.

CLARA M. FARWELL,

Recording Secretary.

President's Annual Address.

Beloved Comrades:

I am glad to meet you here tonight. I have been cheered and strengthened today as I have looked into your earnest faces, and read there the purpose of your hearts. Some of the faces are old familiar ones; others there are who lately have come into the ranks—and yet I see in all the same holy desire—saying as it were, “The Lord has not given me the spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

During the last few days my thoughts have been much with you. I have thought of you as you have been adjusting the household affairs for the comfort of the home in your absence. Some of you have had to plan for months in order to be here. Some have made sacrifices that they might come. Does any ask why after all have you come? It is because with eyes trained to see we have looked out upon humanity's suffering—and with ears trained to hear we can detect the tramp of one million hopeless, helpless drunkards in this country, while other millions of tipplers and moderate drinkers are hurrying on to join their procession. We realize the poverty, misery, degradation, shame, and woe, growing out of the liquor traffic, and we are here as a part of a great organized force to review what we have done and to plan for what we hope to do toward blotting it and its attendant evils out of existence.

Let us therefore now take a back look and an outlook, but first of all let us take an up look to God, thanking Him for the prosperity of our society during the year just closed—by far the best in its history, spiritually, numerically and financially. “Through wars and clouds and storms He's gently cleared the way,” and let us to-night re-consecrate ourselves anew to work for Him, for home and for humanity.

Looking back over the sixteen years of our work we cannot estimate what our Unions have done in developing moral and spiritual truths—those things will never be known

“Until the sun is cold, and the stars are old,
And the leaves of the judgment book unfold,”

but I will refer to some of the things which *may* be seen as the outcome of the work of the W. C. T. U. in Maine. In regard to influencing legislation I will first speak of those things which make directly for the benefit of the young, for after all that is the central point of our interest. In response to our petition, Feb. 1885, a law was enacted requiring temperance instruction in all schools supported by public money, and because of our petitions and pleadings the age of protection for girls has been raised from ten to fourteen years. It is not yet what it should be and there is need of reconstruction of all the laws bearing upon the question of social purity, and the movement now making for a commission to be appointed by the National Congress to investigate this question is sure to result in good.

I would like just here to tell you something of the work of the State Superintendent of this department, in this city and other cities and towns of our state, but for her sake I forbear. Her works show blessed results growing out of that “charity which suffereth long and is kind.”

It was through our efforts that the law was enacted last winter prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors under sixteen. It is not all we asked for, but it is a step in the right direction, and the agitation of the question caused an arrest of thought which has resulted in often inviting through our State Supt., Mrs. Gleason to our state to speak upon the question which is her specialty.

For several years we have been considering the subject of a Reformatory Prison for Women. We do not so much wonder that our legislators “make haste slowly” in regard to it. It involves quite an outlay of money, it involves a change in the prison and jail methods now in operation, and the average legislator, however kind hearted he may be, is not supposed

to be a specialist on prison reform. We have not yet been asking as long as Massachusetts did before securing the woman's prison at Sherburn which is an acknowledged great success. Our last legislature was naturally more favorable than any preceding one. The Judiciary Committee were evenly divided for and against, and we have every reason to go on in our endeavors counting upon the aid of such influential men as those who voted for it last year, among them Joseph Manly, Herbert Heath, Lewis Stearns and Judge Wiswell.

What has been done along legislative lines is small indeed compared with our other work—at the Headquarters, at the Temperance Homes, the Homes and Nurseries for Children, in various missionary lines, and by individual effort of hundreds, yes, thousands who try to be true to the meaning of the white ribbon they wear.

A few weeks ago I clipped from one of our leading state journals the following :

Baby Jones of the W. C. T. U. Home and Nursery was the center of attraction at the Union Station, Portland, Thursday afternoon, as the President of the Lewiston W. C. T. U. turned him over to his new found parents. In spite of the efforts of the father to remain incog, Portland society had somehow learned his official position and title, and several persons were present who had heard the story of his search for a baby boy. The little fellow received a loving welcome from the older children and servants, while the mother's tears fell fast as she clasped him to her bosom. Then there was the signing of necessary papers, a blessing on W. C. T. U. work and the Lewiston Nursery in particular, and the little one was borne away in the arms of the glad father to catch the outgoing train for their distant English home.

I desire to emphasize the desirability of removing from institutional life as early as possible, the little children who have become inmates therein. In order to do this we must have the co-operation of friends who are willing or desirous of taking the little ones into their own hearts and homes. In the case just alluded to our English sister (for sister indeed she was, a member of the W. C. T. U.) and her husband, a nobleman by birth and disposition, sought a little one to put in the place made vacant by death. And it is a pleasant and interesting fact that the baby they found in the W. C. T. U. Nursery wore that day a frock of the same color and texture as theirs

wore the last day he played, and the day they took the little waif for their own he was to a day exactly as old as their own child was on the day when God took him away. So often in our work are we reminded that "Truth is indeed stranger than fiction."

Will you bear with me while I give another instance showing the pathetic side of our works. One day there came into our headquarters a gentle, sweet faced woman. She asked if we could assist her in finding a place for a young woman in consumption who might live for months, and for whom she wished to provide every kindly care and comfort. It is quite a long story she said. A few years ago she was the wife of my son, although what people called below him in the social scale. She was pretty and lovable. A child came to unite and make happy their lives, but soon we found she had the appetite for drink, and after the child died it seemed to grow upon her, and she would desert her home for days, and weeks even. A separation between her and my son followed; no one could blame him, but I never could forsake her. I have followed her in her wanderings, I have provided for her as best I could in her intervals of sober life, and she then always turns to me. This summer she came to me unexpectedly at the summer resort where I was. She has been with me there for weeks now, but the time draws near when I must return to my home in a western city. I can not take her, I can not leave her unprovided for.

We made conditional plans for her future care, but what I will now read from a letter received from this noble mother ten days after our interview tells the rest of the sad story. This is what she wrote:

"I am very grateful to you for the home you found for poor Hattie, but she will need no earthly home, since the heavenly has taken her in. She passed away suddenly last Thursday morning. She was conscious and willing to die. She was beautiful in death with a look of peace and rest upon her face, and no suggestion of anything but innocence and purity. I made her casket beautiful with the flowers she loved the best,

and the hymn she used often to sing and asked us to sing to her just before she died was sung at her funeral. The dear Lord is very merciful and I believe she is forgiven and saved. No more temptations for her, no more sorrow and pain and shame. But oh, how much longer will this terrible curse of strong drink blight and blast before God's fierce breath will come down. As I looked at that poor broken lily and thought of the indifference of christian men and women I cried aloud 'How long, oh Lord, how long?' I thank God for our noble Woman's Christian Temperance Union and for the little I am enabled to do as I strive to be true to its high and heavenly meaning."

This, dear friends, is but one of the many, many stories which come into our lives, showing the heart side of the question.

To-night I purpose to speak only of a few departments of our work because they are all to be presented by their superintendents, and opportunity for discussion afforded. The National W. C. T. U. has thirty departments but no state is obliged to take up all of them, and neither is any local union obliged to take up all the departments of the state union. Maine takes up twenty-seven, among them one in which some of the local unions and some of the individuals in local unions take no active part. I refer to the Department of Franchise. "With the women of Wyoming casting a full ballot, the women of Kansas making their influence felt in every municipality for law and order; women in more than a dozen states exercising partial suffrage, women appointed on the boards of hospitals, and all sorts of beneficent institutions, stepping out from all our colleges with the very highest diplomas of scholarship, efficient in every conceivable avenue of industry, practising medicine in nearly every town, entering the courts of all states and the Supreme Court of the United States, women pushing the conquests of the gospel to the darkest parts of the earth, with all *this done*, and 'still more to follow,'" it is not strange that we in Maine take some interest in the question of equal suffrage. The cause is making rapid strides in these

late days. In August last the United States Senate Committee on Woman's Suffrage sent in a majority report in favor of a constitutional amendment granting the ballot to women. And the House Judiciary Committee known as one of the most conservative committees of Congress sent in a report favoring a national amendment for the same purpose. This is a great advance step.

This year we are invited to co-operate with the Maine Woman's Suffrage Association in trying to secure in Maine the municipal ballot for woman with an educational test. I hope the invitation will be accepted by this convention. Should it be, it will bind no woman who dissents, neither will it make her a disloyal member, for the only test of loyal membership is—as it has ever been—signing the total abstinence pledge and paying a small membership fee. Our society is to-day in its fundamental law (its constitution) the same as it was at its birth, neither sectarian nor partisan. There is but one Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the world, and that is the society, a part of which we rejoice in being, under the leadership of Frances Willard, President of the World's and National W. C. T. U., "and we believe the truest hearts of the nation beat in harmony with the W. C. T. U. when we declare in the name of Christ and His gospel for no sectarianism in religion, no sectionalism in politics, no sex in citizenship, but total prohibition of the liquor traffic by state and national law."

Beloved, there are misrepresentations and misunderstandings of us which I will not take the time to talk about. We have no time to waste. Our work and principles are becoming better and better understood and as a rule pulpit and press are friends of the Union.

Witness the earnest brotherly words of the pastor of this great and prosperous church, and the following editorial words clipped from a leading Republican journal in the state of recent date:

The progress of this age will be largely due to the self-sacrificing, far-reaching labors of the W. C. T. U. They are doing much to usher in that ideal condition in human affairs toward which the world is slowly but surely advancing.

And yet there often comes to us a time when it may be well for us to repeat in our hearts the resolution written by Miss Willard at the birth of our society 16 years ago.

Resolved, That, recognizing that our cause is, and will be, combated by mighty, determined and relentless forces, we will, trusting in Him, who is the Prince of Peace, meet argument with argument, misjudgment with patience, denunciation with kindness, and all our dangers and difficulties with prayer.

Amid our rejoicings to-night there comes a feeling of sadness as we remember that what we call death has visited our ranks since last we met in annual convention. Our beloved sister, Mrs. Pauline Osgood, President of Lincoln Co., has been "called up higher." Mrs. Davis, of Ellsworth, that gentle devoted woman; and another whose life was one long hymn of consecration to God, Miss Kate Scales of Portland. Their names among others will be spoken to-morrow in the precious memorial service and some of us will wonder if they are not rejoicing with us over the encouraging aspect of our work; for after all

"There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread.
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them dead.
And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread;
For all the boundless universe
Is life—There is no dead "

I would mention also our friend and brother Gen. Clinton B. Fisk. Every one knows that when he was called from earth the cause of temperance lost a noble leader, humanity a generous friend, the church a devout and faithful adherent, the nation an able and upright citizen. I may say nothing more appropriate of him than to quote the lines some of us have heard him quote on the platform, and which he recited on the last evening of his noble life.

"High hopes that burned like stars sublime
Go down the heights of Freedom,
And true hearts perish in the time
We bitterliest need 'em.
But never sit we down and say
There's nothing left but sorrow;
We walk the wilderness to-day,
The promised land to-morrow."

Again, beloved, let us at the beginning of this new year of our blessed work dedicate ourselves anew body, soul and spirit to Christ, and may we go on with less of self and more of His spirit than ever before. And if sometimes up out of the darkness which exists because of the great evils around us, there comes the cry "Watchman, what of the night," may we because of the faith within us, even that faith that inspired the first crusaders to answer clear and strong "The Morning Cometh." Do any of you feel that "Justice is long delayed," that God is long in granting your prayers, that the nation be delivered from the bondage of the drink curse and humanity turned Heavenward?

"Unanswered yet? nay do not say ungranted;
 Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done;
 The work began when first your prayer was uttered,
 And God will finish what he has begun.
 If you will keep the incense burning there,
 His glory you will see sometime, somewhere.

Unanswered yet? faith cannot be unanswered,
 Her feet were firmly planted on the rock;
 Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted,
 Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock,
 She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer,
 And cries, It shall be done sometime, somewhere."

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Again it is my privilege to review with you the work of our unions for the past year. The first thing that impressed me as I looked over the reports was our condition of prosperity. We have organized 45 unions since last October and in all the eight years that I have had the honor to serve you as secretary I have never known a time when the unions generally have done so much work or have manifested so much interest.

There is such an abundance of material to be presented that it seems best to adopt the plan of secretaries in other states and give you only the main and most important facts of the past year's record. All the rest will be presented in tabulated form and you will hear again from the unions through the reports of the State Superintendents as each one brings to you the gathered harvest from her own especial field. The Young Woman's Unions will be reported by their superintendent.

Androscoggin County has ten unions, the largest being the society at Lewiston which numbers 125 and has done a remarkably successful work. Last November the plan of a Day Nursery was proposed, a suitable place and a matron was secured, but the work grew rapidly and the first quarters became too limited. A larger house was obtained and the interest continues to grow. Lewiston has raised more money even than Portland. During the winter very interesting meetings were held for the purpose of studying American History.

Auburn stands next to Lewiston in membership. Their method of doing Social Purity work is good. They established a Young Woman's Christian Home and the superintendent of the Social Purity Department is matron. She continues her work in that line in a faithful and zealous manner. The Lewiston and Auburn unions had restaurants for the sale

of refreshments and distribution of literature at the Western Maine Fair. Mechanic Falls comes within seven of Auburn's membership, numbering 71. The union at East Auburn offered four prizes in the schools for the best essays on "Tobacco and Alcohol."

Turner union has secured separate recesses for boys and girls in all the schools and has aided the Day Nursery at Lewiston by sending articles of clothing, etc. There are also auxiliaries at Greene, Lisbon, Lisbon Falls, Livermore Falls and a "Y." at Auburn, all making their influence felt along our lines of work. Twenty-one public lectures have been given in this county and 44 copies of the Union Signal are taken.

Aroostook, as usual, stands foremost among the counties in the number and enterprise of its auxiliaries. Its roll call embraces nineteen (19) unions, and this year it has given us Amity to head the list. I think it is a happy omen. We will make Amity first, not only on the list of Aroostook unions but first in the state.

Caribou and Fort Fairfield almost tie as to membership, the former having 64. In the department of Narcotics this union reports that one firm in the village has given up the tobacco trade, partly influenced thereto by an address on that subject. The Loyal Temperance Legion in the town numbers 110 and there are two in outlying districts of about 40 members each. Fort Fairfield considers that its most successful work has been in the Juvenile Department. There is a fine degree of interest. Temperance instruction in the public schools has been an especial work with this union. Fort Fairfield has sent a pledge for \$100 to the Temperance Temple; \$50 has already been paid. Houlton comes near the two unions just mentioned in membership. Since their county convention they have been doing missionary work visiting unions in the outlying sections. In the spring the town was districted and two ladies assigned to each district, making a house to house visit, distributing literature and securing members to the union and the L. T. L. The Presque Isle union is doing well. Twelve gospel tem-

perance meetings have been held; a visit was made to Easton in August and a meeting and lawn party held.

Amity has had ten public meetings, very interesting. Hodgdon, Linneus, Littleton, Mapleton, Monticello, New Limerick, Sprague's Mills and Washburn are all helping in various lines of work. Limestone was so faithful on Crusade Membership Day, that there was a result of twelve working members and three honorary. Still other unions recently organized are Ashland, Blaine, Bridgewater, and there are twelve Loyal Legions in this county. The largest and best convention ever held met at Houlton in June. Forty-seven public addresses have been given in this county and 170 copies of the Union Signal are taken.

In Cumberland County, Portland takes the lead as it does in the state. The work to which the attention of the public has been chiefly called is the Day Nursery opened in April. A house centrally located, bright and sunny and in every way suitable was given them for their use by a gentleman in the city. Here they have room not only for the nursery but can lodge strangers as well. The public generously donated money and household goods to furnish the home. The report from the department of Soldiers and Sailors is very encouraging. Over 50,000 pages of literature have been distributed to sailors going out of port; tracts, books and papers have been given to children about the wharves. The library of this department, numbering 29 volumes, is loaned to vessels going out on voyages. Work has been done during the year among the sick at the Marine Hospital. Calls are daily made at headquarters for help in various lines. All must be investigated, and if worthy, relief in some way given. In comparatively few of these cases is the call for charitable aid, but all demand time, travel and advice. Four girls have been sent to the Industrial School and three to the Temporary Home.

The Saccarappa union is doing well. It has made a specialty of public meetings. The "Y." at Saccarappa has a large membership. Monthly socials or entertainments have been held throughout the year to which the public have been invited.

At most of these gatherings the pledge has been circulated and temperance literature distributed. The money receipts were used toward establishing a reading room in the village. A flourishing Loyal Legion is under the charge of this society.

7 Windham Centre union has succeeded in getting a woman appointed on the school board. Cumberland Mills is working very efficiently in several departments. At So. Bridgton the work is principally looking after the needy. Several missionary boxes have been sent out.

The auxiliaries at Peak's Island and So. Windham are both in excellent condition, and we have besides these, Knightville, No. Gorham, So. Portland, Stroudwater, Webb's Mills, Woodford's and Portland Y. Eighty-seven copies of the Union Signal are taken and thirty-seven public addresses have been given.

Franklin County has five unions. Stratton organized last June, leads as to membership, numbering 53. Farmington held four very fine public meetings during the winter; the pledge was circulated at each. Kingfield is a strong union; it has made a specialty of Gospel Temperance meetings. Phillips has done practical and lasting work in raising money to establish and carry on a Library and Reading Room. The annual convention of this county met at Strong and was by far the most successful ever held. The county president says: "The outlook for work is very encouraging. The W. C. T. U. is recognized as a power and is accorded an increasing deference and respect."

In Hancock County are six unions. From Bluehill the secretary writes that they have Scientific Temperance Instruction in all the schools. Ellsworth is the largest in membership; since June this union has devoted the first and second Monday evening of each month exclusively to franchise talk and reading. The secretary writes: "The result is good, an interest in the reform has been awakened, and many have come to believe not only that woman *should* have the ballot but that woman *must* have the ballot before *we have National Prohibition*." The women of this union have, through sunshine and

storm visited the prisoners in the jail every Sunday for many years and held services there. The prisoners as a rule seem glad to take part in the exercises and there have been many touching incidents in connection with this work. There are unions also in Bar Harbor, So. Hancock, Sullivan and Surry.

Kennebec County is well organized. It has now eleven unions. Of these Winthrop Centre is the largest and most influential and with the Y and Loyal Legion, a great deal of admirable work has been done. This union is fortunate in many respects: Several fine addresses have been given under its auspices. A public meeting was held on Peace Sabbath and one on the anniversary of the Crusade. Hallowell is making its good influence felt in the line of gospel temperance meetings; they have been held weekly. The number of subscribers to the Union Signal is large. The Y in Hallowell is doing well. The union at China is stronger and its membership larger than last year. The county convention was held here and was eminently successful. Monmouth is a new society, only organized a few months, but gospel temperance meetings have been held once a month and a Loyal Legion has been formed. The new union at Gardiner numbers forty and the outlook is very hopeful. The auxiliary at Augusta is prospering, it has a good membership and the interest seems to be increasing. Albion, Oakland and Vassalboro are also carrying on W. C. T. U. work in various lines. There have been twenty-one public addresses given in this county.

Knox County has eight unions. Rockland and Union each have 60 members. The former is a generous subscriber to the Union Signal and carries on a number of lines of work in a thorough manner. Rockland Y is a helper in every sense; its membership is 50. Union has, as usual, a good report to make; fifty gospel temperance meetings have been held. The secretary says: "We have done more work this year than any other; we have raised more money and we sent \$50 to the Temperance Temple." Thomaston makes prison visitation its especial care. The good that has been done by the women of this union along this line cannot be estimated. Camden,

Rockport, Thomaston Y, and the new union at Warren have each made a good record according to their respective opportunities.

Lincoln County has eight unions. Round Pond, organized in July, leads in membership, numbering 51. Waldoboro stands next and has under its care a flourishing Loyal Legion. A notable convention was held here in the summer. The union at Bremen was organized in May last, but already the public schools have felt its influence and the proper text books have been adopted throughout the town. There are also auxiliaries at Dresden Mills, Newcastle, Wiscasset, Jefferson and Nobleboro.

There are four unions in Oxford County. The union at Kezar Falls has disbanded, but the ladies still carry on the Loyal Legion. The society at East Hiram, though small numerically, has done some excellent work and still maintains its children's society. Brownfield and Denmark each keep on the even tenor of their way, aiding and promoting the cause of the W. C. T. U. as far as they are able. The new society at Norway is very promising; there is earnestness and enthusiasm there. So far they have made work among the children a specialty. A convention successful in every respect was held here.

Penobscot County records its very best year. Bangor union sends in the largest membership but reports little done. The Crusade has conducted work at the jail with more than usual success. Their children's Christmas tree is always a source of great pleasure and enjoyment. The work of Gospel Temperance and Social Purity has been carried on with good results. Dexter is making its influence felt in many ways. Prizes for the best essays on Narcotics were offered in the schools and a large number of scholars competed. Orono, in connection with other good work, keeps two wall-pockets at the station filled with temperance reading matter and has sent some to lumber camps and on Crusade Membership Day 17 new members were added to the union.

The new union at Plymouth has a Loyal Legion under its

care and in the line of its work sent an unfortunate girl to the Temporary Home. Shawmut is a new union doing splendid work. Hampden and Upper Stillwater send excellent reports and the unions at Brewer, Corinna, Oldtown and Veazie are also doing well. Nineteen public addresses were given in this county.

Piscataquis County is not organized, the union at Foxcroft being the only one. There is need of work here and we hope to report a better condition next year.

In Sagadahoc are four auxiliaries. Bath has 50 members and there is a Loyal Legion of 200 or more. This union has done some exceptionally good work the past year in the line of Press, Scientific Temperance and Flower Mission work. Bath Y has been active in Juvenile work. Public meetings for children are held once or twice a month. Reading matter has been distributed to the sick, poor and needy. Phippsburg and Popham Beach are unions very recently organized. They are full of promise. The county convention was held with the former and was conceded to be successful in every particular.

Somerset County has seven auxiliaries. Four of them, No. Anson, No. Anson Y, No. New Portland and St. Albans make a specialty of work among the children. St. Albans has a Loyal Legion numbering 115 and takes nine copies of the Union Signal. The county convention held here was most interesting and gave fresh impetus to the work. At the Eastern Educational Association a member of St Albans' union presented a paper on "The Best Method of Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools." West New Portland sends a good account of work done. Pittsfield and Hartland do not report.

The unions in Waldo County number four. Burnham, recently organized, has already a Loyal Legion and some charitable work has been done. Searsmont Union has very few members yet but sends a report which shows that the few have not been idle. Belfast has done a good deal of work, well worth mention. A number of interesting public meetings have been held and several fine addresses given. Not the least of the

union's effort has been in the department of charity. At Christmas the poor were remembered with suitable gifts, 326 articles of clothing were distributed, and in various ways the union has exerted a beneficial influence in the community.

Washington County has now eleven auxiliaries, nearly all very prosperous, some exceedingly so. Cherryfield has under its care a L. T. L. of 96 members. Their special work for the summer has been to build a pretty and substantial cottage on the Fair Grounds, in which to sell refreshments and give away ice-water and temperance literature. The Y is still in advance as to number, having 80 members. A fine county convention was held in Cherryfield in June. There are seven Loyal Legions in this county each having a large membership. Eastport has charge of one which numbers 98 and it is regarded as the most successful work of the union. A number of public addresses have been given and where the mass of the people could not be reached at the hall or church, open-air meetings have been held. Machias has a small membership but has accomplished a fair share of work. The ladies have made jail visiting an especial duty. East Machias has been exceedingly active. Public meetings, juvenile concerts and medal contests have been held. A Y composed of earnest workers was organized in June. Pembroke union has sent literature to the lumbering camps and has made a special effort to have the Temperance Educational Law enforced.

There has been work done in Washington County in the line of co-operation with other societies. There were resolutions passed at the Cong. Conference held in Cherryfield in June, at the Ministerial Association held in Machias in August and at the Baptist Association in Cherryfield in September. I think the County Supt. has failed in this instance to call for report from the local unions.

There are also auxiliaries at Danforth, Red Beach and Harrington recently organized which promise well for the future. Fourteen public addresses were given in this county during the year.

York County has nine unions. Of these Saco organized in

June is the largest. It has a membership of 52 and a L. T. L. of 60—the only one in the county. This new union is extending its influence grandly; several interesting public meetings have been held. Biddeford has perhaps made a little advance since last year. The most important work was the recent circulation of a petition for Police Matron which was presented to the City Government and referred to the Committee on Police. Some Sunday School and Press work has been done, and a sewing class carried on during the winter. Cornish union has been engaged in several departments of work with good results. Press work has received especial attention, as have also Sunday School work and the enforcement of the Temperance Educational Law. Kennebunk has faithfully attended to Press work and has carried on a large sewing school with marked success. Old Orchard, with exemplary enterprise, has erected Willard Hall, a fine building which represents a great deal of work and self-denial on the part of the members. The hall is excellently planned and will not only be home and headquarters for the union but a source of revenue as well. There is a Y. at Old Orchard which has assisted the union in all its work.

The society at So. Berwick is in fine condition. The secretary writes: "We depend largely on public meetings to awaken and sustain an interest in the cause. They are held bi-monthly and are well attended. The Union Signal is placed in the barber's shop, in the Academy Reading Room and in the station. One of our members canvasses for the W. T. P. A. publications from house to house. We carried Christmas presents to the inmates of the almshouse. Have circulated French leaflets among the Canadians and have had prize medal contests in the schools."

East Parsonsfield and West Lebanon are new unions from which we expect excellent reports next year.

In all, the unions report 639 copies of the Union Signal taken and but 88 subscribers to the Young Crusader. Mrs. Smith's Bible Readings or the Monthly Readings are used in 42 unions, 54 make the circulation of literature a part of their

work, 36 furnish temperance news to the local papers, 59 answer "yes" to the question, "Is temperance instruction given in your schools?" Thirty-five unions have held gospel temperance meetings throughout the year, 20 have held mothers' meetings. In answer to the question, "Has sentiment in your town advanced this year?" 67 unions reply in the affirmative.

All the counties have held conventions except Piscataquis; most of them have been exceedingly successful. We have had a W. C. T. U. Day at Old Orchard, Ocean Park, Richmond, Sebago, Fryeburg and at the Aroostook camp meetings. There have been 239 public meetings held or addresses given in the state by the best speakers at home and from abroad. We are indebted to Mrs. H. J. Bailey for 12 addresses from Mrs. Mary Woodbridge of Ohio. Mrs. Mary Lathrap of Michigan spent a month with us. Rev. Sam Small has been employed by a number of our unions. Mrs. Burlingame of Rhode Island, Mrs. Perkins of Ohio, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Fessenden, Mrs. Rice and Miss Tobey of Massachusetts have all been heard at our summer meetings or in public addresses.

The value of the services rendered us by our beloved State President cannot be too highly estimated. She has always been ready to attend conventions, organize unions or deliver addresses in response to calls from the unions. With such a leader in our state, and Frances Willard in the nation, how can our work but prosper?

All through the past year, hundreds of loving hearts, busy brains and willing hands have been helping to build up the W. C. T. U. and I cannot tell you half the worth of it all. Let us believe that as we have been prospered in the year now closing, so the coming year holds for us a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH L. CRAM,

Corresponding Secretary.

TABULATED REPORT OF UNIONS.

UNIONS.	Date of Organization.	Number of Members in L. T. L.	In how many schools is Temperance taught?	Number of Public Lectures given this year.	Do you furnish temperance news to local paper?	Have you had Gospel Temperance Meetings this year?	Have you conducted religious services at Prison, jail or Almshouse?	Do you use the Monthly Readings or Mrs. Smith's Bible Readings?	Do you hold Mothers' Meetings?	Do you make the Circulation of Literature a part of your work?	Has Sentiment in your Town advanced this year?	How many of the Unions known?
ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.												
Auburn,	Sept. 1886,		Nearly all	4	yes		jail	yes	yes	yes		over 25
Auburn V.,	June 1889,		1	4				yes		yes	yes	1
East Auburn,	Jan. 1889,											
Greene,	1879,		all	4	yes		jail and almshouse		yes	yes		10
Lewiston,	1889,											
Lisbon,	1889,											
Lisbon Falls,	Mar. 1890,		4	1	yes			yes			yes	2
Livermore Falls,	Aug. 1889,		6	3		12			yes	yes	yes	6
Mechanic Falls,	June 1888,	48	all	1		2	almshouse occasionally	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Turner,												
AROOSTOOK COUNTY.												
Amity,	May 1890,	18	4	1	yes	10					yes	7
Ashland,	1890,											
Blaine,	Mar 1889,											
Bridgewater,	1890,											
Caribou,	Mar. 1881,	110	all	6	yes	10		yes	yes	yes	yes	32

Fort Fairfield,	Sept. 1886,	100	all	7				yes	yes	yes	yes	40
Hodgdon,	June, 1889,	65		5					yes	yes	yes	1
Houlton,	Jan. 1884,	76	all	6	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	49
Linestone,	Dec. 1888,	45	1	3				yes	yes	yes	yes	3
Linneus,	Feb. 1889,	40	9	3				yes	yes	yes	yes	28
Littleton,	June 1890,	45		2				yes	yes	yes	yes	1
Mapleton,	July, 1889,	50		1				yes	yes	yes	yes	2
Monticello,	June 1889,	31	all	5	2			yes	yes	no	yes	11
New Limerick,	Jan. 1888,	22		3	1			yes	yes	yes	yes	3
Patten,	Sept. 1890,							yes				
Presque Isle,	April 1889,							yes	yes	yes	yes	5
Sprague's Mills,	Dec. 1888,	30						yes	yes	yes	yes	2
Washburn,	Feb. 1884,	45		2				yes	yes			
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.												
Cumberland Mills,	Oct. 1887,		all	5							yes	6
Knightville,	1888,											
North Gorham,	June 1890,											
Peak's Island,	July 1889,	35	3	4	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	15
Portland,				11								30
Portland Y,	Jan. 1885,											
Saccarappa,	Mar. 1889,			3							yes	1
Saccarappa Y,	Aug. 1889,			1							yes	11
South Bridgton,	Sept. 1889,	64	all					yes	yes	yes	yes	
South Portland,			all									
South Windham,	Oct. 1876,		1	5					yes	yes	yes	8
Stroudwater,	Sept. 1875,		1								yes	9
Webb's Mills,	Nov. 1887,							yes	yes	yes	yes	
Windham Centre,	Apr. 1889,			2								
Woodford's,	Jan. 1890,		1	1							yes	1
FRANKLIN COUNTY.												
Farmington,	June 1886,		all	3	1			yes	yes	yes	yes	11
Kingfield,	Jan. 1889,			2	1							

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Phillips, Stratton, Strong,	Nov. 1887, June 1890, June 1889.	33	all	2	1			yes yes	yes	yes	yes	2
HANCOCK COUNTY.												
Bar Harbor,	1887,											
Bluehill,	May 1889,		all	1		4	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	1
Ellsworth,	1875,		all	4		24						20
South Hancock,	Dec. 1889,		1	4				yes	yes	yes	yes	3
Sullivan,	Sept. 1890,		9			1		yes		yes	yes	2
Surry,				2								
KENNEBEC COUNTY.												
Albion,	Jan. 1876,			3								10
Augusta,	Oct. 1888,			3	1			yes	yes	yes	yes	6
China,	1890,											
Gardner,	1887,			2	1	52						7
Hallowell,	June 1890,					yes						
Monmouth,												
Oakland,				4				yes		yes	yes	2
Vassalboro,		35	8									8
Winthrop,												

Hallowell Y, Winthrop Y,	Dec. 1887, Aug. 1888,	35	8	2	2	1	52				yes	5
KNOX COUNTY.												
Camden,	Feb. 1882,						yes					2
Rockland,	Sept. 1877,	75	all	1	yes					yes		2c
Rockport,	June 1890,									yes		
Thomaston,		100	all	3				yes			yes	4
Union,	Mar. 1884,			1	yes		50			yes	yes	15
Warren,	1890,											
Rockland Y,	June 1888,	75	all								yes	
Thomaston Y,		100	all									
LINCOLN COUNTY.												
Bremen,	May 1890,		all	2						yes		1
Dresden Mills,	Oct. 1886,						4					
Jefferson,	Feb. 1890,		all	1	1						yes	
Newcastle & Damariscotta,	1883		all	2						yes		16
Nobleboro,	1889											
Round Pond,	July 1890,			2						yes		
Waldoboro,	April 1887,	80		3							yes	5
Wiscasset,												
OXFORD COUNTY.												
Denmark,	May 1888,											
East Brownfield,	Sept. 1879,		10					yes		yes		4
East Hiram,	June 1879,	30	all					yes		yes		4
Norway,	April 1890,	65		3						yes		1
PENOBSCOT COUNTY.												
Bangor Union,				2							yes	4
Bangor Crusade,	1874			3	yes		104			yes		15
Corinna,	1890											
Dexter,	May 1885,		15	4							yes	10

UNIONS.	Date of Organization.	Number of Members in L. T. L.	In how many Schools is Temperance taught?	Number of Public Lec- tures given this year.	Do you furnish temper- ance news to local paper?	Have you had Gospel Temperance Meetings this year?	Have you conducted re- ligious services at Prison, Jail or Almshouse?	Do you use the Monthly Readings or Mrs. Smith's Bible Readings?	Do you hold Mothers' Meetings?	Do you make the Circula- tion of Literature a part of your work?	Has Sentiment in your Town advanced this year?	How many copies of the Union Signal are taken?
Hampden, Oldtown, Orono, Plymouth, So. Brewer, Upper Stillwater, Vezie,	Sept. 1887, 1890			1				yes		yes		6
	Nov. 1889,		all	6				yes		yes	yes	19
	April 1890,	19	4	2		3						
	Mar. 1889,								yes		yes	1
	Dec. 1889, 1890			3								
PISCATAQUIS COUNTY. Dover and Foxcroft,	Aug. 1884,		3	2								7
SAGadahoc COUNTY. Bath, Bath V., Phippsburg, Popham Beach,	Mar. 1881, Sept. 1887, Sept. 1890, Sept. 1890,	200 200	all all	4	3	yes yes	yes	yes yes		yes	yes yes	8
SOMERSET COUNTY. Hartland, North Anson, North Anson V., North New Portland,	1885 Oct. 1883, July 1889, June 1890,	46 46 27	all all		yes yes					yes yes	yes yes	

Pittsfield, Shawmut, St. Albans, W. New Portland,	1890 1890 June 1886, Aug. 1889,	115	all	1 3 1	yes							4 9 2
WALDO COUNTY												
Belfast, Burnham, Y, Burnham Y, No. Searsmont,	Mar. 1874, Mar. 1890, 1890 Jan. 1883,	40	3	2 2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	20 3
WASHINGTON COUNTY.												
Cherryfield, Danforth, Harrington, East Machias, Eastport, Machias, Pembroke, Red Beach, Y, Cherryfield Y, East Machias Y, Eastport Y, Pembroke Y,	Oct. 1887, Oct. 1890, Sept. 1890, Feb. 1886, 1887 Jan. 1883, Mar. 1885, 1890 Nov. 1887, June 1890, 1890 1890	96 57 4 48 98	all 7 2 9 all all	3 2 1 1 2 2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12 2 5 3 12
YORK COUNTY.												
Biddeford, Cornish, East Parsonsfield, Kennebunk, Old Orchard, Saco, South Berwick, West Lebanon, Old Orchard Y,	July 1879, Dec. 1885, May 1890, June 1879, Feb. 1883, June 1890, April 1884, Sept. 1890,	65	all all	2 1 1 5	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	6 2 3 20

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	Mar. 1889, Dec. 1889, 1890		4	2					yes		yes	1	
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PISCATAQUIS COUNTY. Dover and Foxcroft,			3	2								7	
SAGADAHOE COUNTY. Bath, Bath V., Phippsburg, Popham Beach,	Mar. 1881, Sept. 1887, Sept. 1890, Sept. 1890,	200 200	all all	4	3	yes yes	yes yes	yes yes		yes	yes yes	8	
SOMERSET COUNTY. Hartland, North Anson, North Anson V., North New Portland,		1885	all all all		yes yes					yes yes	yes yes		

OCTOBER 8, 1890.
ANNUAL REPORT OF (MRS.) E. M. BLANCHARD, TREASURER
MAINE W. C. T. U.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Stock in the W. T. P. A., 4 shares,	\$100 00	Sent Miss Willard amt. held in trust,	\$107 00
By cash balance, Oct. 1889,	408 73	Expenses Bar Harbor Con.,	168 55
In trust for Miss Willard,	106 00	Printing and mailing Minutes,	128 00
Collections Bar Harbor Con.,	82 45	Postage for State Pres.'88-'89,	200 00
" Lewiston for state work,	8 29	Desk and chair for Headquarters,	55 00
Received for Miss Willard,	1 00	Rent for Headquarters,	100 00
Dividends on stock,	7 00	Telegrams, gas and sundry expenses for Headquarters,	46 17
Sale of cook books,	2 20	Stationery and printing,	56 77
" Photogravures,	1 50	Express on State banner to and from Chicago,	2 45
" Minutes,	90	Literature for organizing purposes,	10 00
From Mrs. Chant's lectures by Mary Crosby, Bangor,	40 00	Expense of four summer meetings,	68 22
From Miss Quimby, Stroudwater,	20 00	Sent to Mrs. E. M. Brown, Old Orchard, by vote of general officers,	20 00
From Mrs. S. L. Lewis, Boothbay,	7 00	Flowers sent to funeral of Storer Knight,	5 00
Free Will Offering:		Expenses of Cor. Sec.,	20 12
Winthrop W. C. T. U.,	38 50	Department of organization,	33 40
Bath " " "	18 25	S. S. Work, Mrs. Stickney, Supt.,	5 00
Kingfield " " "	8 00	Expense of Supt. Mrs. Geo. F. French to Teachers' Institute at Bangor,	5 00
Cumberland Mills "	5 00	Copies of law (printing),	1 00
Waldoboro " "	3 00	Press Work, Mary L. French, Supt.,	5 00
Collections at summer meetings,	42 75	Narcotics, Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Supt.,	5 00
From Caribou for state paper,	2 35	Suppression of Impure Lit.,	
" So. Berwick " "	2 70	Mrs. J. B. Hill, Supt.,	3 75
" Kennebunk " "	2 50	Toward treasurer's expenses,	21 40
" Old Orchard " "	1 00	Printing and small envelopes, "Free Will Offering,"	6 50
" Mrs. Merrill and Miss Roberts,	1 00	Stationery, express, mailing packages, etc.,	11 73
From subscriptions to state paper,	169 30	Photogravures, frames, etc., for premiums for "Star,"	2 50
From sale of state papers,	5 24	Expense of state paper, 10 numbers,	236 00
From "ads." in state paper (collected to date),	55 75	Dues to National Treasurer,	302 90
Dues from local unions,	908 70		
	<u>\$2049 11</u>		<u>\$1626 46</u>
		To balance stock in the W. T. P. A., 4 shares,	\$100 00
		To balance cash on hand,	322 65
			<u>\$2049 11</u>

*Also due for advertisements, Oct. 8th, \$34.75.

LEWISTON, Oct. 6th, 1890.

I have examined the books of the State Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, and find them correct.

MRS. W. S. MCINTIRE, Auditor.

DUES FROM LOCAL UNIONS FOR '88-'89.

Greene, \$4.80; Winthrop Y., \$3.00; Lisbon Falls, \$3.90; So. Berwick, \$3.50; China, \$1.80; Saccarappa Y., \$11.40; one member at large, .50. \$ 28 90

FOR '89-'90.

Androscoggin County: Lewiston, \$37.50; Auburn, \$24.00; Turner, \$7.65; Mechanic Falls, \$14.40; Greene, \$5.55; Lisbon Falls, \$5; Lisbon, \$5.40; East Auburn, \$3; Livermore Falls, \$9.00. 111 50

Aroostook County: Fort Fairfield, \$18.00; Caribou, \$16.50; Houlton, \$15.00; Presque Isle, \$12.60; Washburn, \$4.20; Sprague's Mills, Easton, \$5.70; Hodgdon, \$8.40; Limestone, \$5.00; New Limerick, \$6.45; Blaine, \$4.50; Linneus, \$6.00; Monticello, \$3.60; Ashland, \$4.00; Mapleton, \$6.00; Amity, \$7.20; Littleton, \$5.40; Bridgewater, \$4.80; Houlton Y., \$5. 138 35

Cumberland County: Portland, \$60; Portland Y., \$7.50; Stroudwater, \$8.10; Saccarappa, \$3.00; Cumberland Mills, \$11.20; Saccarappa Y., \$4.50; So. Windham, \$9. Windham Center, \$7.50; So. Bridgton, \$3.60; Webb's Mills, .60; Peak's Island, \$5.85; Cape Elizabeth, \$3.25; North Gorham, \$5.70; So. Portland, \$5.10; Woodfords, \$3.90. 138 80

Franklin County: Farmington, \$8.10; Phillips, \$5.40; Kingfield, \$8.70; Strong, \$7.20; Stratton, \$9.30. 38 70

Hancock County: Bar Harbor, \$7.50; Ellsworth, \$5.50; Blue Hill, \$3.30; Surry, \$2.25; So. Hancock, \$3.30. 21 85

Kennebec County: Augusta, \$15; Winthrop, \$15; Winthrop Y., \$7.50; Hallowell, \$4; Hallowell Y., \$2.50; Vassalboro, \$3.30; China, \$9; Monmouth, \$6; Oakland, \$3.60; Gardiner, \$11.10. 77 00

Knox County: Rockland, \$18.00; Rockland Y., \$18.00; Union, \$16.80; Thomaston, \$7.50; Camden, \$2.20; Warren, \$6.90; Rockport, \$3.00. 72 40

Lincoln County: Dresden, \$1.12; Newcastle, \$3.00; Waldoboro, \$16.80; Round Pond, \$15; E. Jefferson, \$4; Bremen, \$4.10. 44 02

Oxford County: East Brownfield, \$3.00; East Hiram, \$3.60; Norway, \$9.00. 15 60

Penobscot County: Bangor Crusade, \$7.50; Bangor, \$12.00; Dexter, \$9.30; Hampden, \$4.35; Brewer, \$4.50; Orono, \$10.20; Plymouth, \$8.30; Corinna, \$3.00; Stillwater, \$6.00. 65 15

Piscataquis County: Foxcroft and Dover, 5 40

Sagadahoc County: Bath, \$15.00; Bath Y., .90; Popham Beach, \$8.10. 24 00

Somerset County: St. Albans, \$5.10; North Anson, \$4.50; New Portland, \$3.90; North New Portland, \$3.00; Shawmut, \$2.70; Pittsfield, \$1.20. 20 40

Waldo County: Belfast, \$9.00; Searsmont, \$1.50; Burnham, \$2.40. 12 90

Washington County: Eastport, \$6.00; Cherryfield, \$7.50; Machias, \$1.80; East Machias, \$6.00; Pembroke, \$4.80; Red Beach, \$2.00; Danforth, \$2.10; Cherryfield Y., \$5.03; Harrington, \$10.00. 45 23

York County: Biddeford, \$7.05; Kennebunk, \$8.40; Cornish, \$6.00; So. Berwick, \$4.65; Old Orchard, \$5.00; East Parsonsfield, \$3.60; Saco, \$13.80. 48 50

\$908 70

Report of Supt. of Temperance Literature.

Again I am obliged to apologize for the meagerness of the report I have to offer.

Only one county and four unions have sent me any report, but I have gleaned some information from conversation with members during convention and incorporated it with the few facts in my possession. I am confident much more work has been done than ever before, but for want of accurate information, am unable to report it. About 50,000 pages of literature have been sent out from State Headquarters, bearing on all the phases of temperance work.

The very excellent report from Androscoggin County is encouraging. The superintendent writes: "Since last December, nine barber shops have been supplied with literature. We have distributed eight hundred Beer Series and two hundred Thrift Series leaflets besides several copies of the Union Signal and Star in the East. We placed a wall pocket in the Maine Central and Grand Trunk depots and kept them filled with temperance papers and leaflets. Our state paper has been sent monthly to the jail, the Union Signal sent weekly and Star in the East monthly to the Y. M. C. A. Reading Room, besides five hundred temperance leaflets. Secretary Wilson said they were eagerly read every week. We were always kindly received and if the work has been done in the spirit of the Master, we trust good results will attend our efforts." In addition to the above there were distributed at the fair ground by Lewiston and Auburn W. C. T. U. six hundred state papers, Star in the East, one hundred Youth's Temperance Banners, besides thousands of leaflets. Three hundred copies state paper and two hundred leaflets were distributed by the Livermore Falls union.

Aroostook has done more than ever before. A small fund was voted for the use of the County President and from this

fund literature has been purchased and sent to all the smaller unions. Many thousands of pages were distributed of which no accurate account has been kept.

Fort Fairfield union sends copies of Union Signal to unions where none are taken. A copy is also sent to each clergyman in the town.

Presque Isle reports five thousand pages literature and three hundred leaflets distributed the past year. Eighteen copies Star in the East taken.

Cumberland County has no superintendent and consequently no report has been received.

Miss Hicks reported for Waldo County: "We spent \$6.50 for White Cross literature, \$6.75 for general literature, and for Mothers' Meetings, Sabbath Observance, Narcotics, etc., \$7. I have not remembered all of course."

Bath union reports no literature distributed.

Belfast union has done very little in this line.

Cherryfield union has distributed one hundred copies Union Signal, one hundred sixty copies children's papers, 1000 pages general literature, ten copies Star in the East, five copies Water Lily, fifty Temperance Banners, three hundred Timely Talks and about sixty Loyal Leaflets.

East Machias distributed two hundred fifty pages temperance literature besides forty copies Star in the East.

East Jefferson union reports as follows: "Our union is small and its members twelve in number are widely scattered. We have attempted some work in the lines of Suppression of Impure Literature and Social Purity and hope for better results the coming year."

Hiram has a wall pocket at the depot kept filled with literature. Have distributed literature among the children at Sunday School. They have a Loyal Legion of twenty members and use the Temperance Lesson Manual.

N. Searsmont has expended \$3 for literature. One copy Star in the East taken.

Norway union has sent out three hundred copies Star in the East and two hundred leaflets.

West Cherryfield distributed 1000 copies Union Signal.

Mrs Emmons sends a most cheering account of work done by the Saco union : 88 pages Timely Talks, 76 pages to boys and girls, 41 Signal Lights, 14 pages Gospel Lights, 40 National leaflets, 18 Temperance Pledge cards, 40 Mrs. Boardman's leaflets, 12 Social Purity leaflets, 24 tracts on Temperance, besides a goodly number of temperance papers and other literature.

Winthrop, 12 copies Star in the East ; has distributed a large amount of literature, 20,000 pages.

In counties where no superintendent has reported to me, there may be unions which expected to hear directly from me. To such I will say that I endeavored to reach them through their vice president. If any county remains unorganized I would suggest that the vice president at once appoint a superintendent in my department that the work may begin with the year.

I would strongly urge upon new unions to use Bible Readings or Monthly Readings at their meetings, and would recommend all our unions to take up the readings on beer, cider and wine. The fact is, "Knowledge is power," and just so far as we understand the natural effects of alcohol, the ways in which it is manufactured, and the signs by which to detect its presence, the better prepared we shall be to answer all the arguments in favor of even its moderate use, in the shape of wine, beer and cider. We can easily see what a difference liking the drink makes with any executive officer called to enforce the law, and so we all can fight the evil more effectively if we hate it intelligently. These readings cost but a trifle and are thus within reach of all. Their distribution at public meetings helps on the work.

I trust my successor will accomplish a greater work for good than I have been able to do with my limited opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH R. DENNY.

Report of Sunday School Work.

The year now closing has been an important one in this department of our work, and of its results, we can not now determine but are sure they are far-reaching, and the patient, prayerful work of our National Superintendent in the cause of Gospel Temperance will reap a rich harvest.

The resolution referred to in the last annual report, asking for the temperance lesson on some other than the Review Sunday, was presented to the International S. S. Convention which met at Pittsburg in June, and while all asked was not granted there was a great gain in that the Review was placed upon the 12th Sunday, thus avoiding the complication of the temperance lesson with the regular work of the Sunday School.

For 1892 we have two Sundays wholly given to temperance, and two optional—temperance or missions. We are assured that the same course shall be pursued hereafter.

Publishers of lesson helps are asked to treat as fully the temperance lesson as any other, and in addition to the four lessons recommend that the subject be taught when it can be found in any lesson.

Considering the strong opposition of some of the leading Sunday School men and the apathy of others, there is great cause for thankfulness for this result and it places us all under greater obligation to faithfulness in improving the larger, grander opportunities for teaching Gospel Temperance.

There were sent out in our state by your superintendent 500 postal cards with the resolution and a request for voting printed on them; these were sent to pastors and S. S. Superintendents. The per cent of those returned was 95 with some very emphatic affirmatives and hearty endorsements. The calling of the attention of Sunday School workers to this matter has served to arouse an interest.

The National Superintendent was invited to speak at the State Sunday School convention held in Augusta very soon

after our last convention. She has also spoken in other places in the state, and while here will be glad to assist in the work wherever it is desired.

I wish to call attention to the lesson sheets now prepared which are suitable for the Quarterly Sunday at any time, or for a concert exercise; charts, pictures in outline, accompany the manual and they are the most helpful of anything yet prepared. Several calls have been received for them and the coming year I hope many will be used.

The county superintendents have reported local superintendents so far, that I am sure many more have been appointed than before, and the many letters give great encouragement, especially in Somerset County, but the statistics were meager.

I will again urge the county superintendents to perseverance in the matter of using the blanks and of keeping a supply to distribute to the various Sunday Schools.

In Androscoggin County the report closes earlier than usual and yet the blanks are better filled than ever before.

The better way will be in the future to end the year in June, then the state report will be ready for the national. Let the use of the temperance lesson be faithfully urged and the pledging of the children also, remembering we are working for the future. Temperance papers and books should be carefully selected and libraries replenished often, getting the best.

It is hoped each county superintendent will keep a full list of local superintendents so that she can communicate with them often if need be. The state superintendent is always pleased to hear from any local superintendent and give any help in her power.

Let us all be much in prayer for our work, "Sowing beside all waters." Let love for the cause and faith in God inspire us to greater earnestness, that each year may find us as it surely will, if faithful, near the glorious time when the "Whole earth shall be filled with His glory."

Statistics as follows: Quarterly lessons, 694; concerts, 117; meetings, 600; children pledged, 4,038; leaflets, papers, etc.,

35,343; books, 3,584; entire number members, 5,684; interested, 84.

Respectfully submitted,
E. A. G. STICKNEY,
State Supt. of S. S. Work.

Report of Juvenile Work.

Our present juvenile force comprises 55 companies. Of this number a few are inactive for want of a suitable leader, but the great majority are very much alive and doing effective work. Twenty-three have been organized during the year. Many of the new unions have not been organized long enough yet to get to work in this department. A few of the older unions have so far as I know never tasted the joy and reaped the benefit of mothering a wide awake company of boys and girls.

Aroostook County reports 14 companies; 7 have been organized during the year with a membership of 740. The Caribou union have organized juvenile work in two school districts; the superintendent writes the children are very much interested and are entirely self supporting. The children in the various companies do very many helpful things. In Amity help in the receptions held by the union; one Legion help in gospel temperance work. Limestone provided an evening's entertainment for the Good Templars. Picnics and concerts have been held to the great pleasure of the children and their friends. The children with their banners were represented at the County Convention. The Young Crusader, Youth's Temperance Banner and Water Lily are the papers taken; Lesson Manuals are very generally used.

The juvenile work in Androscoggin County is done mostly by the Good Templars and very good work is reported.

Mechanic Falls has a juvenile society auxiliary to the union ; reports 70 members.

Knox County reports 3 companies ; 2 have been organized during the year ; they number 153. The Rockland Legion among the many good things they are doing are collecting pieces for a quilt to send to the hospital. In Thomaston they are collecting school books for the prisoners. The Thomaston Legion united with the Juvenile Temple in a convention and held a very interesting meeting.

Sagadahock County : Bath has 200 members ; have Bands of Mercy and Little Girls' Social Purity Club ; use mite boxes for the Temple. The Acorn is read quite generally.

Penobscot County is doing good work in its two companies, one at Brewer and at Plymouth ; using the Manuals for instruction ; take several copies of the Water Lily. The Good Templars are doing good work in this county, and the members of the W. C. T. U. do not think it wise to organize auxiliary children's societies.

The five unions in Washington County report five juvenile societies with a membership of 375. Medal contests have been successfully held at East Machias. The superintendent reports excellent success in holding the older boys and girls by giving them responsibility ; much interest is taken in readings and recitations. The superintendent at Pembroke has secured the names of 200 children in the different Sunday Schools.

Somerset County shows its appreciation of the children's work by three new organizations ; total five in the county. Special mention should be made of the Legion at North Anson, which is conducted by the Y's. Quarterly entertainments are given when the parents are specially invited and much good is being accomplished. Grand work is being done at Moose River by the efficient superintendent, Miss Holden ; a company of 40 is sending out its light that is being felt in the town. The Legion at St. Albans is taking up Band of Mercy work with general temperance teaching ; it is giving fresh interest to the members. Legion numbers 115.

The new company at Pittsfield report good work. At their

last meeting the superintendent was absent on account of illness; the lady who went in to assist knew nothing of the work and called upon their president, a little girl of twelve years, who presided and conducted the opening exercises, and then separated into classes. The lady says she was delighted and did not know before what a grand work the children's work was. North New Portland has a flourishing Legion of 25 members recently organized. On Crusade Day a successful public meeting was held.

Peak's Island, in Cumberland County is a new company of 36 members; reports good interest manifested.

Kennebec County has added two new societies. Good work is reported from all the Legions; four active companies.

Franklin County has two societies. On account of the illness of the superintendent I have no special report.

A marked feature in the work in Waldo County in Lincoln County is the presence of one of the pastors at each meeting. He impresses the lesson of the day upon the members.

Hiram, in Oxford County, has a Legion of 20 members, use the Manuals, have a Band of Mercy. By way of variety the superintendent is teaching the members music, and they have given a successful concert. The Temperance Banner is taken. A foundation is laid for a loan library. Norway has a company. The superintendent writes the children are full of enthusiasm; the work is so new no special mention is made of methods.

Waldo County reports one society at Burnham of 40 members; using the Lesson Manuals and take the Water Lily.

Saco, in York County, has recently organized a Legion of 18; after holding four meetings, increased to 78. Have held one public meeting; great interest was manifested. The children are very eager for work. The superintendent writes: "Very bright outlook."

As nearly as I have been able to estimate, the total membership is 3,000 in the state.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CHANDLER,

State Supt. Juvenile Work.

Report of Legislative Work.

As we had no session of the Legislature last winter I have nothing to report of work done there, but it will be profitable and interesting to review the national work.

Early in the year the National Superintendent of this department, Mrs. Ada M. Bittenbender, a lawyer who has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the U. S., sent out her plan of work and an amendment guide to every local union in Maine. I hope that all have become acquainted with her plan and are ready to help forward it.

June 14, 1890, at Washington, D. C., there was a joint hearing of the two committees of the House and Senate, who had jurisdiction of the bills on the liquor traffic, and the following resolution was considered :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be, and hereby is, proposed to the States, to become valid when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States as provided in the Constitution :

ARTICLE —.

SECTION 1. The manufacture, importation, exportation, transportation and sale of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage shall be, and hereby is, forever prohibited in the United States and in every place subject to their jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Congress shall enforce this article by all needful legislation.

Senator Blair was chairman of the committee and called on Mrs. Bittenbender to take charge of the presentation and introduction of the speakers, herself to first address the committee, which she did in a manner to reflect great credit upon the W. C. T. U., whose legal adviser and National Superintendent she is. There were several eminent speakers for the resolution, and Louis Schade, representing the liquor interest, appeared against it. The report of this hearing

covers 52 pages in the printed reports of the last Congress, and is full of encouragement. In the course of the discussion Representative Pickler said, "The Republican party in South Dakota adopted prohibition in its platform, State and National, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union joined in very heartily in carrying it through, and I believe that they had more to do with carrying the amendment than all the political parties together." Such expressions as these should be an incentive to us to go on in this line of work.

Sept. 12, 1890, by request of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was introduced a bill to prohibit the importation, exportation and interstate transportation of alcoholic beverages. It was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mrs. McClees, National Superintendent of Work for Soldiers and Sailors, has also spent some time in Washington in the interest of her department with good results. The usual amount of *local* petitioning has been done this year. I recommend this mode of action. I hope that the different State Superintendents will have your hearty co-operation whenever their plan involves the circulation of petitions. It is a good method of education and enlightenment—hence if nothing else comes of it—*it will* pay.

L. M. N. STEVENS.

Scientific Temperance Instruction in Schools.

Madam President, Delegates and Friends of the Convention :

In bringing this, my first annual report to your attention, I shall ask you to note briefly the report of work in each county. Every county, except Piscataquis has a county superintendent and several local superintendents. We number one hundred and twenty-eight superintendents in this department of work.

In Androscoggin County, Mrs. Ella T. Mabry reports ten local superintendents and good oral work being done in nearly all schools. In Lewiston and Auburn they have examinations in this study and diplomas are given for essays on "Harmful Effects of Alcohol," etc.

Aroostook County : Miss J. B. Ward reports thirteen superintendents many of whom she has visited, and explained the work. Good oral instruction is quite generally given, and as a result teachers and scholars are joining temperance societies and becoming interested in temperance movements.

Mrs. H. L. Berry reports nineteen superintendents in Cumberland County. In many of the schools good oral instruction is given, while in many others the subject is only mentioned occasionally. At Cumberland Mills the school-officers are in sympathy with temperance work. The text books are in the hands of the pupils, and good results are obtained. Less smoking among school boys is noticed.

Franklin Co. : Mrs. L. M. Ames reports six local superintendents. In many towns the subject is made a feature of teachers' examinations and good oral instruction is given. At Kingfield, Mrs. H. P. Lander, the local superintendent, is also supervisor of public schools, and this year she has put the indorsed books into the hands of all children old enough to

read; and also put Julia McNair Wight's temperance arithmetic into the intermediate and primary grades.

For Hancock County, Mrs. E. L. Peckham reports five superintendents and a little work done, but hopes to accomplish more another year.

Mrs. E. S. Fogg reports for Kennebec County nine local superintendents. Good oral work in some schools, and in others very little attention is given to temperance instruction. Parents are becoming interested and may insist that the law be enforced.

Knox County has six superintendents. In many of the schools the subject is taught orally. Mr. Levi Turner, Jr., supervisor of Rockland schools has adopted the course of study arranged by the National W. C. T. U. and prints it with the course of study. The Supervisor of the Thomaston schools, Miss Alida M. Mehan, is in hearty sympathy with the work.

Miss Addie C. Ames reports five superintendents in Lincoln County. Several towns have the endorsed text books, and good results are obtained. She says: "All will take up the work soon. Good impressions have been made, especially in regard to tobacco."

For Oxford County Miss Addie L. Allard reports four superintendents and thinks the subject is generally ignored, or only occasional lessons given except in towns where there is a W. C. T. U.

Mrs. A. B. Crockett reports eight superintendents in Penobscot County. Good work is being done in the schools, and good results have followed the teaching.

There is no county superintendent in Piscataquis County but Foxcroft has a good local superintendent, an earnest temperance woman, who will do all she can.

Miss Lucy Rogers reports for Sagadahoc. Subject taught orally about 15 minutes a day. A strong impression has been made against stimulants and narcotics.

Mrs. N. H. Vining reports six local superintendents in Somerset Co. Teachers doing good oral work. Supervisors say they cannot change the books as they were put in for five years.

Waldo County, Miss A. A. Hicks, county superintendent. No report received.

Mrs. Emily Harris reports five superintendents in Washington County. Teachers interested and good oral instruction given.

For York County Mrs. S. W. Ricker reports twenty-one superintendents. In nearly all schools thorough oral instruction is given from the endorsed text books. Pupils acquire a good knowledge and are growing up to be total abstainers.

In addition to these reports I wish to emphasize the importance of this work among the children, and urge you to greater diligence and more united effort. If the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union will make this department the leading line of work for the coming year great good can be accomplished. The late Dr. C. R. Agnew said, "If the children can be taught what alcohol is, the next generation will see a load lifted from our race the weight of which exceeds the power of the imagination." We live in a country where the majority rules, and where public opinion lays the foundation of law, and to educate the mind and awaken the conscience upon any subject is equivalent to enacting laws upon that subject. Our aim is total abstinence for the person and prohibition for the state and nation, and no method of obtaining this result commends itself to the practical worker like an appeal to reason through the education of all pupils in our schools. Nothing can prevail against a righteous cause upon which the people are educated.

Dear sisters, I trust you have already determined to have the scientific reasons for total abstinence and other laws of health more thoroughly taught in your county. Each union must appoint a superintendent, and in a town where there is no union the county superintendent should appoint a christian woman in sympathy with our work. Such a worker to be auxiliary to the county superintendent, and to hold office only until a union is organized in her town. We must have more workers and more work. The results obtained are in direct proportion to the personal effort made. We have a

definite object in view and the work well planned. Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, the National Superintendent, has anticipated every need of the local worker in her Plan of Work and other literature, and she is glad to answer your questions and give you aid. If you wish to obtain copies of the revised text books notify her what books, if any, you have in your schools, and which series of books you prefer, and she will send you sample copies free.

During the year I have sent literature to the county and local superintendents, school officers and teachers; having distributed 7,360 pages of literature. I have written 147 letters and 310 postal cards; also read a paper at Bangor before the Maine Pedagogical Society, and have been present and spoken in five conventions of the W. C. T. U.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. F. FRENCH,

State Supt. S. T. I.



Report of Supt. of Evangelistic Work.

Circulars from our National Superintendent of Evangelistic work have been sent to each local union, and the following returns have been received :

Androscoggin County sends full and excellent reports from nearly all her local unions. In one, Bible readings every alternate Wednesday through the winter ; one reports the first half hour of each local meeting devoted to prayer and praise ; one has Bible readings the first Wednesday in each month, using Hannah W. Smith's Bible leaflets ; sick and dying visited and gospel meetings held in the different churches and participated in by pastors, much prayerful effort made to abolish the cider habit. The whole report from this county is delightful reading and rings like a clarion call for the reign of truth and righteousness.

Aroostook County shows increased interest in the work, especially in two of its unions. Gospel meetings are held monthly, alternating in the different churches. One union reports ten gospel temperance meetings held through the winter, also lectures by five different clergymen.

Cumberland County reports lectures by Rev. Leroy Bean, Mrs. Chant, Mrs. Woodbridge, Sam Small and others. Reading meetings held in different homes cordially opened to the unions. Prison, jail and almshouse work receiving some attention and more than a thousand pages of evangelistic literature distributed among unions heard from.

Franklin County reports from one union where much personal work is done, meetings held at the house of one drinking man and several members of this class brought to Christ. O ! Stars to shine forever in some humble worker's crown ; surely she "that winneth souls is wise." There are also devotional meetings held by this union every two weeks.

Hancock County reports some interest in gospel temperance work. Pastors in one locality pray often for temperance and seem interested for the cause. On Crusade Day an effective sermon was preached by one of them. This union alternates its meetings with the Y. P. S. C. E.

Kennebec County reports good work done. Gospel peace meeting by Mrs. Woodbridge; gospel politics by Mrs. Lathrap. Meetings held in halls and churches. Peace day and Crusade Day observed. In one union work done in jail, evangelistic literature distributed and unusual signs of life and activity manifested.

Knox County sends reports from but two unions. One has held fifty meetings in the past year, observed Crusade Day, greatly blessed therein, visited jails, prisons, and from house to house, also holds weekly meetings for conference and prayer. The other holds a Bible Reading every alternate meeting of the union.

Lincoln County reports renewed interest in Bible study and renewed consecration for work. One union holds meetings every two weeks for conference, prayer and temperance enthusiasm. H. W. Smith's Bible Readings used, five hundred or more pages literature distributed. We unite with its earnest superintendent in believing that the harvest must mean grain. One union reports in a minor strain. Let us pray for these weak unions that God will inspire them with more faith.

Oxford County reports very little work done. One member is taking the Evangelistic Course under Dean Wright.

Penobscot County has several new unions who have superintendents for this department who will doubtless be heard from another year.

Piscataquis County manifests some interest and hopes to do more another year.

Sagadahoc County sends report from one devoted worker who visits the sick, distributes literature and otherwise does what she can. "Fields white" and "Laborers few." O blessed Holy Ghost! Constrain the laborers to thy work.

Somerset County: In some parts of this county excellent

work is being done. Two Gospel Temperance Sabbath Schools in out-of-the-way places, and literature distributed; while in others there are those who have put their hand to the plow and are looking backward.

Waldo County reports from one union where work has been done to make angels glad. Open air meetings every Sabbath through hot weather, and now overflowing meetings in churches. Old and hardened sinners brought to Christ, who has power to destroy the appetite for strong drink.

Washington County reports some prison and jail work done but feels the paralyzing effect of discouragement in some of its unions. If we could only realize "the battle is not ours but God's," how strong and restful we could be even in apparent defeat.

York County sends most cheering reports from all along the line. In its large places gospel meetings every week, homes opened for social meetings, deep religious interest manifested, families visited, in several places Crusade Day observed, city missionary helped with books, papers, etc.

This closes the list.

I would now call attention to the Evangelistic Course of Instruction under Dean Wright recommended by our National Superintendent. I think we can hardly estimate the importance of this help thus brought within our reach. It is also to be hoped that each union will use Hannah W. Smith's Bible Readings. Never was anything at the same time so helpful at so little cost.

Dear sisters, the doors are opening of their own accord to consecrated women everywhere. The sacred desk itself is hers if she have ears to hear the call to the ministry of the Word and so hasten the day foretold when the "women who publish good tidings" shall be a "great host."

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. SNOW,
State Supt. Evangelistic Work.

Report of Supt. of White Shield Work.

From the details furnished your superintendent, it is a satisfaction to report that this department has shared in some degree the unprecedented growth of the general work of the State Union, during the year. But these details cannot be reported here. From the beginning of our organization, we have been instructed that its work must be conducted in a more interior way than that which can be adopted in the work of the other departments. Therefore the outlines given below will very imperfectly demonstrate the amount of prayerful thought and earnest effort bestowed upon the work for the promotion of social purity.

Under some one of its three divisions, Preventive, Reformatory and Legal, special work has been taken up by nearly one hundred of our unions, reformatory being often nearest at hand, while preventive systematic work is already begun.

The work of organization goes slowly but surely forward. County superintendents have increased from seven to eleven, local from twenty-four to thirty-eight, over the preceding year. Nine of the eleven have reported, leaving the rest of the work to be reported by local superintendents or the presidents of the unions.

The call for department literature has increased and been greatly enriched by two recent publications, both by Miss Willard, the Manual of Social Purity and the "White Life for Two." Another is to be ready in a few weeks, condensed from Miss Willard's address at St. Paul, "The Sanctity of the Home." The three series of G. P. Leaflets have been repeatedly called for, some demands for the White Cross, and the Philanthropist series widely circulated. This series is justly becoming a favorite with the superintendents. The work of your superintendent has been mainly conducted by correspondence and the circulation of literature.

Your state president has been the real superintendent of this department work, everywhere throughout her organizing trips leaving the gospel messages of temperance, purity and peace. One of old England's gifted women gave several public addresses and parlor lectures in the interest of this work, reviving the impressions made by the National Evangelist of this department, the preceding year, and arousing the interest of hundreds who had hitherto been indifferent to, or unaware of, the need of such work. It cannot be that all the thought and feeling awakened by these leaders shall remain disembodied. God helping, they shall be clothed upon with well-directed effort the year to come.

Here your superintendent must remind you that the organization of this department has often been impeded by illness on the part of superintendents, by bereavements, by removals to other localities, by resignations, and the difficulty of obtaining those fitted for the work who are willing to assume its responsibilities.

It is only by perfecting this department organization, in harmony with the general state work, that individual effort can be made efficient. The following is an example of the orderly work reported by one of the county superintendents.

Mothers' meetings held monthly. Parlor meetings conducted for those who cannot attend regular meetings. Mothers sought out by house to house visitation, and addresses prepared on the different divisions, Legislation, Prevention and Reformation.

The work and its need presented at the Gospel Temperance meetings in district schoolhouses. Serious consideration given to the condition of our schools, and great interest awakened for the welfare of the youth of both sexes.

Department literature to the number of eighteen hundred and fifty-six pages distributed among the county unions, twelve of which have superintendents.

What then is the purpose of our organization? None other than to bring heaven down to earth. Let us help each other to be faithful to this supreme endeavor. If we ourselves prac-

tice and help others to practice that religion of the body which alone prepares it to be a fit dwelling place for the Spirit, we shall be granted foregleams of that condition of society, seen in vision and portrayed with prophetic pen, when the Lord shall descend and dwell with us, and we shall indeed be his people.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET T. W. MERRILL,
*State Supt. of White Shield Work for
 Promotion of Social Purity.*

Department of Press Work.

Madame President and Sisters of the Convention:

When Martin Luther, while secreted in the gloomy German castle, fancied that he saw the powers of darkness assume a tangible form, he seized his ink bottle and hurled it with such violence at the unwelcome apparition that the stain of the ink upon the castle wall is still pointed out to tourists. And to-day, we of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, who must encounter the demons of ignorance and prejudice which beset the path of the temperance movement, can find no mightier weapon than printer's ink, and this weapon it is the special function of the press department to wield.

We are pre-eminently a newspaper reading people. In our own state no less than one hundred and twenty-five papers and periodicals of various kinds are published, and there are very few homes into which none of these find entrance. Hence the great importance of securing the publication of temperance in as many of them as possible. To this end there should be a bright, capable press superintendent in every local union, who

shall study the needs and interests of her community and provide what is best adapted to them.

Forty-one of the local superintendents have reported to me this season, nineteen of them having been appointed during the present year. They have furnished W. C. T. U. and general temperance news for about eighty-five papers, and note an increasing readiness on the part of editors to publish it. Thirteen papers are reported as having a W. C. T. U. column. Nearly two hundred special articles, most of them bearing on the different departments of our work have been printed, and about three hundred columns of selected matter, beside many notices and short items which can not be classified.

One rather curious fact in connection with the work in this state is noted. As a rule, editors of religious papers are less inclined to publish matter directly bearing upon the temperance question than those of secular ones.

It is the duty of county superintendents to secure the appointment of local workers in every union within their jurisdiction, and most of them have, I think, tried to do their best in this direction. The best organized county is York, where Mrs. S. P. Smith, my predecessor in state work, has secured such an appointment in every union.

Next in thoroughness of organization ranks Aroostook, Kennebec and Androscoggin. In some counties very few papers are published, while in others the unions and papers are not located in the same places. Several superintendents have done excellent work by soliciting space in papers in towns where no unions yet exist, and regularly supplying them with suitable material. Among these are Mrs. Minard of Houlton and Miss Jenkins of East Vassalboro.

It would be pleasant to mention more of these faithful ones, but lack of time forbids. One, however, I can not forbear to name, Miss Cora Loring of Rockland; though for the last three years one of the shut-ins, she has this year sent to the three Rockland papers eight hundred and seventy items, a large number of which have been printed.

Just now the most urgent need of this department is com-

petent superintendents in all the cities, and I appeal to each local president to place this work in charge of some woman who is both prompt and accurate. While the town and county unions continue in their well doing, the city papers with their wide circulation should not be neglected. By supplying interesting temperance news we cultivate the public demand for it.

The personal work of your state superintendent has, as you know, been largely done on your state paper, *Star in the East*, ten numbers of which have already appeared. The need of a state organ had long been felt, both as a medium of communication between the unions and as a means of correcting such misapprehensions of us and of our work as occasionally appear, and of giving our own members—especially the new ones—a clearer conception of our aims and methods. But, as such a paper is seldom the first year entirely self-supporting, the financial condition of the state union did not warrant the venture at an earlier date.

When your superintendent was notified of her appointment at the Bar Harbor Convention, she supposed she was simply to direct the work of securing the publication of temperance matter in the various papers of the state and was not aware that she was destined also to serve in the capacity of editor, the plans for a paper of our own not then having materialized. She therefore trusts that the sisters will overlook all imperfections in the work thus unexpectedly placed in her hands, for the burden, though sometimes a little heavy, has at least been cheerfully borne.

The kind words which have come from all parts of the state have been a great encouragement. Those just received from a good Houlton sister contain the same sentiment which many others have expressed: "When you first wrote me that a state paper was to be started, I felt sad. I was so jealous for the wider circulation of the *Union Signal* that I feared a state paper would divide the interest and that less good would be done. But when the first copy came into my home, all jealousy vanished and I felt it was exactly what we needed to tell us what

is being done along the different W. C. T. U. lines all over our state. It seems like a letter from our dear sisters every month." The fear of decreasing the circulation of our noble national organ has, I think, proved entirely groundless, the brief extracts from it given in the Star serving rather as an advertisement. Thus our Auburn union which subscribed for eighty copies of the Star, has during the year nearly doubled its subscription list to the Signal.

We have since May mailed the paper to most of the clergymen of the state; unions and individuals have paid for copies to be sent into many homes not presided over by W. C. T. U. women, while some who are not members of the union have subscribed for it.

Much credit is due to those who have contributed articles and reports of local work, without which such a paper would be of comparatively little value. It is evident that there is a veritable gold mine of talent in our state union, amply sufficient to supply a paper much larger than our little Star.

No work is more laborious than ours, neither is any more delightful, and the fact that Miss Henry, our National Superintendent, has just become assistant editor of the Chautauquan, indicates that it is sometimes in the line of promotion.

Let us remember that through the press we have our great opportunity to interest those who are not of us and to overcome that opposition to our work which usually arises from ignorance of it; and above all else let us not forget that it is our high calling to be co-workers with Him who shall bring forth "His righteousness as the light and His judgment as the noonday."

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. FRENCH.

Report of Supt. on Unfermented Wine.

Madam President and Sisters of the W. C. T. U.:

There has been no year of my work in this department that I have felt more the need of Divine direction than during the year just closed.

In seeking to present the subject of unfermented wine at the sacrament to a church whose leaders affirm, and no doubt conscientiously, that "*fermented* wine is the only and right kind to use," it has been a question how best to do it so that new light and conviction might be the result, and not wounds and offense. No better plan seemed to present itself than the sending of our literature on the subject to every church and parish in the state.

Accordingly I sent a postal to each union where there is an Episcopal membership asking the name of some lady who would receive and circulate these leaflets among the members of that church. One-half of the unions responded and the leaflets were sent at once. But the failure of the other unions to reply did not deter me from sending to each corresponding secretary a package with a request to circulate it. Several have acknowledged the receipt of them and expressed a readiness to perform the duty; so that every church and parish except two have been reached through this avenue.

I also sent Miss West's and Dr. Wells' tracts on communion wine to every rector in the state except two. One lady sent for a second package of leaflets and one asked me to send some reading on the subject to a rector who was an interested inquirer.

I learn that the Episcopal church in Houlton has used unfermented wine the past year and that the change was the result of the conviction produced on the mind of the rector through the reading of the Union Signal and other temperance

literature furnished him by the union of Houlton. The Episcopal church in Rockland also uses unfermented wine.

I regret to have to report again that the High St. church in Portland still uses fermented wine. It stands alone among all the Congregational churches in the state and in fact the only one of any denomination except the Episcopal. In reviewing the nine years of my work I can but thank God for so much of progress in this reform which removes temptation from our weak brother for whom Christ died: For we have known in past years repeated instances where reformed men have relapsed into their old habits from tasting of that which can intoxicate at the Lord's table, and thus the cup which should have been a blessing has been a curse. And to-day we know of a church where such reformed persons are not permitted to receive this emblem of Christ's shed blood because of the poison therein and the danger to the communicant. But we are looking forward with faith and hope to a better day. The little leaven is at work which will leaven the whole.

In reviewing the nine years of my work I can but thank God for so much of progress in this reform, not that it is so much the result of my labors, as it has been the blessing of God on the efforts of the several unions in localities where fermented wine was formerly used. I would that I could report the number of churches that have made this change during these years, but I am sure it has been large.

I close by giving thanks to God, who while He has helped us to sow the seed, has alone caused it to grow and yield as a rich harvest.

Respectfully submitted,
 HANNAH F. CROCKER,
Superintendent.

Report of Y. W. C. T. U. Work.

Almost without our realizing it, another year has gone, and again it is time to render an account of our year's work. It is with a feeling almost akin to sadness, that in our grand old Prohibition State of Maine with its thousands of young men and women, so little has been accomplished, but still the prospect is far from discouraging. New Y unions have been organized and not one discontinued as far as can be learned. County superintendents for the young people's work have been appointed and without one exception seem thoroughly awake and interested, so much so that they wished to be informed in any way and by all ways that would promote their work.

The local unions have generally throughout the state held monthly business meetings. In some instances they have alternated business and parlor meetings as would best suit their members.

Flower Mission Day was observed right royally, the bright faces of our Y sisters with their dainty bouquets of flowers and text cards carrying sunshine to many lonely hearts. Press work is somewhat engaged in, but not as extensively as we would like. Good work has been accomplished at fairs in the distribution of literature, and individual work. The Loyal Temperance Legions under the supervision of the Y's are in a flourishing condition. Lectures, lawn parties, concerts, etc., have been held and done much good socially. Mrs. Leavitt, the former superintendent of this department writes the Portland Y's have been greatly blessed by some of their members entertaining those less fortunate than themselves, with choice reading for a certain time each week. Mrs. Leavitt also spoke at the Reform School assuring the inmates of the interest and friendship of the W. C. T. U's and Y's. As was urged last year by our superintendent, I would repeat again, let all our

young people do their part to help swell the subscription list of the Oak and Ivy Leaf, and in so doing not forget our own "Star in the East" for the time has already come when mankind believes that too much cannot be done to win and assist fellow beings to right living and right thinking. There cannot be too many thinkers nor can there be too many laborers in the cause of liberty, temperance, and real progression.

"Still with honest purpose toil we on;
And if our steps be upward, straight, and true;
Far in the east a golden day shall dawn,
And the bright smile of God come bursting through."

CORA L. PULLEN,
State Supt. Y. W. C. T. U. Work.

Prison, Jail, Police and Almshouse Work.

OUR MOTTO—"Not willing that any should perish."

Again I come before you to report the work of another year, but feel that I can hardly do justice to the earnest, faithful workers in the space allowed for our report. Good work has been done all along the lines.

Androscoggin County: Mrs. Wagg gives a good report of work done at Auburn jail. She says: "We work for the salvation of the souls of these lost ones. Many have given proof of reformed lives for which we thank God and take courage."

Mrs. E. E. Knowlton is doing grand work as police matron at Lewiston caring for women prisoners, many of whom she has influenced to lead better lives. Many young girls who are allowed to spend much of their time on the streets, have been induced to pass their idle time in the "Young Ladies' Reading

Room." Homes have been found for young girls, and little unfortunate children cared for. Many calls have been made on destitute families and their needs supplied.

Aroostook County also reports good work done there by earnest, consecrated workers, and much good resulting therefrom. One prisoner in for three years is taking up the Home Course of Sabbath School lessons. The superintendent says, "I *do* feel that our work is not without profit in the Lord."

Cumberland County: Good work is still being done in Cumberland County. Services held in jail chapel, prisoners supplied with helpful literature, Flower Mission Day observed, and much personal work done. The Friendly Inn is still sending out its uplifting, life-giving influence, as is also the Temporary Home for unfortunate women and children. The State Reform School is still reaching out a "helping hand" to the boys of our state, "seeking to save." Miss Leavitt says of jail work: "We have had a large number of women prisoners all the year who have been cared for by our faithful matron. We have also had the hearty co-operation of the sheriff and officers. Do a large amount of visiting the families of prisoners, ministering to their necessities.

No report from Franklin County.

Mrs. L. L. Phelps gives a very interesting report of work done at Ellsworth jail in Hancock County. Services held every Sabbath. A short practical explanation of Bible-lesson, singing, in which the prisoners take part. Out of eighteen men, seven have signed the pledge and been given pledge cards as reminders of their promise. Christmas and Easter happily observed with cards and flowers. The superintendent assisted by children from the "Pansy Band." A permanent library for the jail is an advance step. Correspondence is kept up with the men going from here to Thomaston.

Kennebec County: Mrs. C. T. Allen writes that at the time she visited the jail at Augusta there were thirty-five inmates all in for drunkenness or selling liquor. There was no religious service held from Dec. to May, the sheriff for some

reason thinking it best to dispense with visitors for a season. Good literature was sent to the prisoners.

Knox County: Mrs. A. C. Crosby reports good work done at our State Prison by the W. C. T. U. ladies who go by two's as did the early disciples of our Lord. Each Sabbath finds them at their post with the women in prison, breaking to them the "bread of life" and with good results. One professes to have entered the "better way." Religious and temperance literature is eagerly sought after and supplied as far as possible. More literature could be profitably used if it could be obtained. Is there not much "and to spare" in many Christian homes in our state that might be sent to our sisters to be used in their work? The inmates of almshouse well cared for.

Lincoln County: Mrs. Hilton writes of efforts being made to carry the gospel message to "those in bonds." She reports but one woman arrested in the last ten years and this case was for drunkenness. Prisoners supplied with suitable reading.

Oxford County: The jail is visited by W. C. T. U. ladies. Flower Mission Day observed and prisoners supplied with literature. Mrs. Stickney says: "I write to one of the prisoners occasionally and send literature to all. It is but little, but 'what we can.'"

Penobscot County: Mrs. Pickard gives an excellent report of work done in Bangor jail. Religious services held each Sabbath; a large amount of literature supplied and gladly received by the prisoners; homes made wretched by the drink curse transformed into homes of comfort, and the inmates rescued and saved. Flower Sabbath was observed with happiest results.

Somerset County: I have heard that the inmates of the county jail have been cared for by ladies interested in the welfare of those who have gone astray through the influence of strong drink. Almshouses in this county have been looked after as much as possible.

Waldo County: Miss Hicks reports the usual amount of reformatory work done in her county. But few inmates in jail.

I am aware that I have not done all that should have been

done in this most important department. The state superintendent should be one who can visit our institutions and come in contact with the unfortunate ones for whom we work and pray. I have done what I could under existing circumstances. As the years go by and eternity draws near, it is to me an increasingly important and serious thought, what part of my life-work will stand that day when "every one's work shall be tried of what sort it is." To each worker in the Master's vineyard this is a momentous question. *What* is the work or service that will stand down through the eternities as a memorial of life work? In our department, dear superintendents, there is much to do to carry out the Spirit of our Motto, "Not willing that any should perish."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. M. PHILBRICK,

State Supt. Prison, Jail, Police and Almshouse Work.

Report of Hygienic Reform and Heredity.

Madam President and Ladies of the Convention:

Your superintendent could wish that this department had been in abler and more efficient hands during the past year since it is of so great importance. There has been but very little done the past year, there being but seven superintendents in the state. I have written to every county in the state and urged them to appoint superintendents of this department; but seven have responded, viz.: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Hancock, Kennebec, Oxford, Sagadahoc and Waldo.

Androscoggin County: Aurelia Springer, M. D., Lewiston, superintendent, reports no other line of work has done so much

towards building up and sustaining the interest in the meetings. Dr. Elizabeth Horr and different members with herself have read papers and discussed ways and means of reaching the people. She has also visited Turner, Greene and Lisbon and spoken in behalf of the department. Local superintendents have been appointed in all of the above unions, and our ladies seem fully awakened to the importance of the subject.

Aroostook County : Mrs. M. E. Luce, Caribou, superintendent, reports all the unions in the county have been written to ; but four responded. Ashland and Caribou promised to appoint superintendents. Three new superintendents have been gained this year. Some literature has been distributed by Presque Isle union, also the two last meetings have been devoted to hygiene, with quite a discussion. Mrs. Luce is going to prepare herself to give short talks to the unions on this department of work as soon as possible.

Hancock County : Mrs. A. F. Greely, Ellsworth, superintendent, reports we have not organized for any special work in these reforms, but at all our regular meetings the subjects have been introduced with excellent effect. At the county convention held in Surry, May 29th, papers on these subjects were prepared and read by the superintendent, which were well received and brought up quite a discussion. At the Washington county convention she had quite an opportunity to talk on the subject.

Kennebec County : Superintendent only.

Oxford County : Superintendent only.

Sagadahoc County : No report.

Waldo County : Has had no superintendent until last June ; consequently no work done.

In conclusion let me say, when I was appointed to this department of our state work, knowing my inability, I very much regretted the appointment, but as I have become more acquainted with the work, and more interested in it, I have come to see and believe in its importance. And while I do not think our unions will rapidly take up this department, yet

throughout the season on every Saturday; the hospitals, Temporary Home and private individuals being remembered.

Franklin County: Mrs. Beedy is having a practical illustration of the work in her sick room at Farmington now. She reports, Christmas the Band of Hope of Farmington prepared and carried wreaths to the sick and "shut-ins." The union observed Miss Casseday's birthday by going to the jail with bouquets. The flowers were thankfully received. Devotional exercises were held. At the county convention good work was reported from the unions at Phillips, Strong and Kingfield, but I have no further report from them.

Hancock County: Miss Suminsby sent out letters to all local unions but received no reports.

Kennebec County: Flower Mission Day was generally observed in the county. Over two hundred (200) calls have been made by the W's and Y's at Winthrop Centre. Flowers and literature distributed. The almshouse has been the especial care of the Y's.

Knox County: The unions of this county furnished flowers for the observance of Prison Day at Thomaston; text cards were used. Mrs. Lathrap spoke in a most acceptable manner. The members of the union at Thomaston handed each man a bouquet as he passed out. The Y's have taken charge of this department in Rockland. Number of bouquets distributed forty-three (43), with text cards attached, to private individuals and the Marine Hospital. The children of the Loyal Legion have helped very faithfully.

Lincoln County: The union at Jefferson has done some work. Waldoboro union observed August 4th as Floral Day, distributing fifty (50) bouquets among the sick, aged and "shut-ins," and remembering their editor who is an advocate of our beloved cause and ready to aid the union in every possible way. They also lay a floral piece on the casket of a dead citizen tied with the white ribbon, and the initials W. C. T. U. stamped thereon.

Oxford County: Mrs. Dow reports, June 18th delegates from the Brownfield union visited the jail, carrying flowers

and papers. They also send flowers to the sick and visit the almshouse. The children of the L. T. L. at Hiram furnished bouquets for the churches and Sabbath Schools, afterwards taking them to the sick.

Penobscot County: Mrs. Pickard says, June 8th was observed; bouquets were distributed to forty (40) prisoners, text cards were attached. Each prisoner selects his bouquet from the baskets. The flowers were beautiful and plentiful. Religious exercises were held.

Piscataquis County: No prison in this county.

Somerset County: Mrs. Philbrick reports, no union near the county jail, but there are friends who look after the inmates of jail and almshouse, supplying them with flowers, literature, scripture cards, etc.

Sagadahoc County: Mrs. Bruce reports, in June members of the Bath union visited the almshouse. The Y's have done good work in making calls with bouquets, text cards and cheering words. The members of the L. T. L. have also done good work carrying flowers and cards to the poor and sick. Some have signed the pledge.

Waldo County: Work reported fully by Miss A. A. Hicks of the Belfast union. Bouquets were carried, with the text cards attached by white ribbon, to the county jail, almshouse, "shut-ins" and to the sick. Religious services were held. Searsmont and Burnham unions have done a little.

Washington County: No report.

York County: Miss Kimball reports the county not very well organized. She has carried flowers and sometimes fruit to the sick and "shut-ins" in Kennebunk. Cornish union has done a little.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN T. SIMMONDS,

State Supt. Flower Mission.

Report of Dept. of Impure Literature.

On looking over the material at hand, from which I have to make my report, this thought came to me: Do the results pay for the labor expended? But when we realize the importance of the work, we thank God and take courage, for "greater is He that is for us than He that is against us."

We commenced our work this year with the determination that we would have a county superintendent in every county. We have not been able to fully carry out this desire, but we have doubled our number of county superintendents. These have looked after the local superintendents so that the number of such is greatly increased. Some of the unions are small and have not the same opportunities to work as in larger towns, but all have done something toward lessening this great evil which floods our land. We have used the press exposing the terrible dangers menacing our young people from the immoral books sent through the mails. During the past year we have stopped the sale of Police News in Bangor and other towns, and here we would say to the superintendents, whenever you see the Police News in a store window, lose no time in calling the attention of the proprietor to the evils arising from the circulation of this paper. Give him a copy of our State Law, and tell him of the dislike the respectable public have to this vile paper with its obscene pictures.

Bangor Crusade has not been idle in this work. One member of the Crusade has found in visiting the jails that many of the youthful prisoners trace their downward career from the time they began to read dime novels or such papers as Police News.

Kingfield superintendent posted State Laws in postoffice and other public places, talked with teachers bidding them warn

their scholars of the impure literature sent through the mails.

Bath has done some work.

East Machias found no impure literature or obscene pictures there.

Machias uses the press on this subject. St. Albans has posted copies of State Law, held Mother's meetings, talked with the parents in regard to the demoralizing influences that are desecrating so many homes and leading our sons and daughters astray. Dexter has also done some work in this direction.

Orono has had papers on impure literature read at Sunday evening public temperance meeting. Spoken to scholars in Sunday School. Spoken to mothers and teachers on this subject, used the press and in other ways sought to warn the young against the unwholesome reading of the day.

When we contemplate the difficulties in our department of work we do not wonder that superintendents ask us, what can we do in this matter? We say in reply, see what has been done within the last ten years by persistent individual effort. We cannot, perhaps, do great things, such as Anthony Comstock, who seizes immoral books by the thousands, who destroys indecent pictures and photographs in the same ratio, but in the smallest towns and villages we can speak to the mothers, asking them to superintend the literature that their children read. We can tell the teachers of village schools to look after their scholars lest anything impure be sent through the mails to them. And if the Police News or other papers made of criminal news be sold or received into the homes of any, a judicious and kindly word may stop it. Do not let us rest here. The work is difficult, but by "pegging away" we will succeed. And never forget that we are working for the best good of humanity and the glory of our God.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. B. HILL,
Orono.

Report of Temperance Work at Fairs.

Madam President and Dear Sisters:

Mrs. Josephine Nichols, our able National Superintendent of Temperance Work at Fairs, in reporting the World's W. C. T. U. Exhibit at the Paris Exposition, says: "There were so many obstacles to be overcome, that it needed all the faith and courage which even a W. C. T. U. woman could command, to push the work forward."

It would seem that in our prohibitory state there should be nothing to prevent us from accomplishing temperance work at every fair and other holiday gathering, and since our last report we gladly note an increasing interest in many districts and counties. The state is now well organized, and many unions, this season for the first time, have entered heartily into the work which, we trust, will result in building up the cause of temperance and imparting knowledge concerning our organization.

The Lewiston and Auburn unions enlarged their restaurant at the State Fair ground and tastefully decorated it; they also rented the adjoining restaurant, thus securing seating capacity for one hundred and sixty-two. Mr. Ricker, proprietor of Poland Spring house, gratuitously furnished the Spring water for the four days of the fair; and the good people of the two cities generously responded to our solicitations for food. The Agricultural Board gave us forty-seven free passes to the ground, also a pass to your superintendent for the purpose of distributing temperance literature, the unions appropriating five dollars for the purchase of the same. About six hundred copies of the *Star in the East* and one hundred *Youth's Temperance Banners*, with a large number of leaflets folded inside the papers, were freely distributed. Several ladies promised to join the unions in the localities from which they came. We served three hot meals each day, and, considering the inclemency

of the weather, were well patronized. Our net proceeds amounted to one hundred and fifty dollars, which are to go toward the "Lewiston Nursery" and the "Young Woman's Home" at Auburn. One young man signed the pledge.

Fifty Union Signals (Fair number), one hundred "Timely Talks," fifty "Signal Lights," forty "Oak and Ivy Leaf," seventy-five "National Leaflets" and sixty "Loyal Leaflets" were distributed at the Androscoggin County Fair at Livermore Falls, by the union in that place.

Kennebec County superintendent (Miss Brainerd) has manifested much interest in her department, and has secured the appointment of a superintendent from every union in localities where fairs are held, also giving plans for the work.

Three hundred copies of *Star in the East* and some two hundred and fifty leaflets were distributed at the Oxford County Fair, by the new union at Norway.

Mrs. Knowles of Corinna, Penobscot County, although prevented by illness from attending their fair, did good work by sending copies of the *Star* to ladies through the town, enclosing leaflets and written invitations to each lady to subscribe for the paper, and to become a member of the union.

Mrs. Philbrick and Mrs. Chandler had arranged to be present at the Somerset County Fair; but on account of rainy weather it was postponed until this week. Like many other fairs it occurs too late to be reported this season.

Mrs. Hanscom, president of East Machias union, says she and her secretary had a tent on the Fair ground at Machias, distributed leaflets and several copies of the *Star*, and sold refreshments.

Mrs. E. C. Small, of Cherryfield, in reporting the West Washington County Fair, writes: "For ten years we have pitched our tent, and done what we could in the temperance line; but this year, with the help of the citizens, we have finished a beautiful building on the Fair ground at Cherryfield, and made it as attractive as possible with mottoes, flags, placards, etc. Sold lunches and hot coffee, and gave away ice water. We distributed fifty copies of the Fair number of

the Union Signal, fifty copies of other Union Signals, fifty Young Crusaders and about the same number of Water Lilies and Temperance Banners, and also three hundred 'Timely Talks' and the 'Work of the W. C. T. U.' We added several names to our subscription list for all the different publications, beside several new names as members of our union."

It will be seen, even in this meagre report, that more than a thousand copies of Star in the East and other publications, beside thousands of temperance leaflets, have gone into families which would not otherwise have been reached, thus giving information concerning our work and creating a temperance sentiment. We are more and more convinced that we can reach the masses in this line of work, as we can in no other. There are forty-six District and County Fairs in our state; superintendents have been appointed from thirteen counties and from many local unions; and I trust that next year we shall increase our efforts and improve the golden opportunity for temperance work at every fair, promptly reporting to the state superintendent. How little the exertion required compared with the grand results which are sure to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SUSAN FRENCH.

Report of Supt. of Sabbath Observance.

Dear Sisters and Co-workers:

Let each of us insist that the wholesome Sabbath laws of our state be enforced in the locality where we have a home.

We find, by reports received from local unions, that there is a tendency in some places, especially in cities and in country towns where there are public resorts opened only in the summer time to excursionists, to pay no attention to Sabbath laws nor christian practices in regard to them; but to desecrate the day by congregating people together to "have a good time," as

they say, it is doubtful if such good times are ever experienced without leaving a sting which more than counteracts the, so called, good in it.

The desire to avail themselves of the opportunity to travel cheaply is an inducement held out by railroads and steamboat companies, and multitudes are caught thereby.

It is estimated that about 200,000 employes in these christian United States are reduced to a state of slavery, having to work nearly or quite all of every Sabbath day in the year, because so many choose to run after miscalled pleasure on that sacred day. Then let me ask, "Where are we drifting?"

I hope the National Superintendent of this department will soon put us in a way to get out a giant petition to send to those who shall have the management of the World's Exposition to be held in Chicago, (that Sabbath breaking city) in 1892, requesting that the Exposition buildings and grounds be closed to all visitors on Sabbath days.

By the report from Mrs. Snow, superintendent of Cumberland County union, we find that in Portland, literature has been distributed and pastors requested to preach, each, a sermon on the Sabbath question, to which they responded generally. In Brunswick literature has been distributed. South Bridgton reported one sermon, literature circulated and a public meeting held in the interests of the department, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

Cumberland Mills is looking after its Sabbath interests but is troubled by the newspaper man from outside and some carelessness in other directions. One able sermon preached on the fourth commandment.

Peak's Island: One sermon preached, one public meeting held and literature distributed. 100 signatures to petitions.

Cape Elizabeth: A sermon preached, literature circulated and some other influences exerted.

Saccarappa has taken a fine stand against Sabbath entertainments and gratefully acknowledges aid and sympathy from some of her pastors.

Stroudwater has done some good work in Sabbath Schools.

Is troubled by the foreign population of adjoining towns who go to the Beach Saturday nights and return Sunday nights, thus breaking the day at both ends by their songs and other demonstrations.

South Windham : One sermon, literature distributed, some citizens induced to abandon the practice of going to Old Orchard Beach on Sundays.

Windham Centre reports two sermons, six hundred pages of literature circulated.

The superintendent for Knox County, Miss Crie, reports that in Rockland all the pastors were asked to preach from the fourth commandment on the Sunday in April appointed by our National Superintendent. She thinks they all complied with the request. Miss Crie has requested the churches to take action upon the Sabbath question as it relates to the World's Fair in 1892. The county superintendent has been prevented by protracted sickness from doing as much as she wished to. She says there is a crying need of reform all about her and she earnestly desires that God's name and day may be honored in this fair land of ours.

Mrs. Pierce, vice president, reports for Oxford County. Sabbath observance sermons were preached, April 13th, in Hiram and Brownfield; also literature distributed and the Sabbath subject given for a prayer meeting topic in the evening. No work reported from other places in the county.

In Aroostook County, Mrs. Knight is the efficient superintendent, and reports that in Caribou two sermons were preached and two public meetings held in the interests of the cause, also one parlor meeting.

In Presque Isle, Monticello and Limestone, one sermon preached and in each place literature given out.

New Limerick reports one sermon; literature distributed; and says, "There is, by this influence, a great change in popular sentiment in regard to a right observance of the Sabbath."

In Fort Fairfield fourteen earnest helpful sermons preached; three public meetings held; 3,000 pages of literature distributed.

Two churches devoted the entire day, April 13th, to the subject; morning sermon, Sabbath School and prayer meeting, taking up the topic. Boxes in the railroad station are kept supplied with leaflets on the subject. Copies of our State Sunday laws are kept posted in public places. Three week day evening prayer meetings have taken up the topic by request of the local superintendent. Press used to some extent. Public sentiment much improved of late.

In Bangor the Crusade is holding gospel meetings every Sabbath evening, as in past years, and are wide awake on the subject of Sabbath observance, teaching it by example and precept. The topic is frequently introduced in their jail work.

Waldoboro reports eight sermons preached; three prayer meetings accepted the topic; six hundred leaflets distributed.

East Machias has posted copies of Sabbath laws in stores and mills. Three sermons preached. Nearly two hundred signatures secured to the petition to congress. Has used the local press to influence the public, and endeavored to enforce Sabbath laws.

Belfast: Three hundred pages literature; four sermons.

North Anson: Three sermons, some literature; about four hundred signatures to petition. Public sentiment good.

Kennebunk: One hundred pages literature; eight sermons; children induced to attend the Sabbath School; moral sentiment good.

Winthrop: There is a healthy sentiment in favor of Sabbath observance. Some desecration of the day by foreigners. 2,000 pages of literature distributed. Pulpit teaching aids in the work.

China: Twelve hundred pages literature distributed; two sermons; two prayer meetings used the topic.

Surry reports two sermons and public sentiment generally good.

Dexter: 300 pages literature. Local press used to some extent. Public sentiment far behind the standard. Base ball playing and pleasure seeking excursionists desecrate the Sabbath.

Farmington : Three sermons ; one prayer meeting and one public meeting held in the interests of the work. The press is utilized. Public sentiment fair.

Orono : Three sermons ; 150 pages literature ; 12 copies of Sabbath Laws posted. Nearly every one signed the petition and several signed the Sabbath Observance pledge. Public sentiment not as good as desired.

Camden : Three sermons, two public meetings.

Corinna : Union recently organized. 200 pages of literature distributed.

East Jefferson : One sermon preached with good results ; 150 leaflets circulated.

Shawmut union reports some literature sent out and one Sabbath School used one of Mrs. Bateham's Concert Exercises.

Union : 450 pages literature distributed. One sermon preached ; two Concert Exercises used in juvenile work ; two prayer meetings in April. Much gospel work done Sundays. Public moral sentiment good.

Turner : Sent literature and copies of Sabbath Laws to all heads of families in the neighborhood. Some other work done and sustained by the community.

Since coming to the state convention we have been informed by an honored delegate from Mechanic Falls, that much good work had been done in that place. Several sermons preached on fourth commandment, literature circulated, etc.

Some of our new unions have not yet taken up the work of this department and others have not reported. We hope all will have something to report next year. There is certainly need of it in many places, and where healthy sentiment prevails it should be encouraged and sustained, which can only be done by effort. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" is just as obligatory throughout all Christendom now, in the nineteenth century of the Christian era, as it was upon the early Jewish church when it came, through Moses, fresh from the hand of God, and engraved on a tablet of stone.

The liquor power is an anti-Sabbath power in the body-politic. They clamor for "personal liberty" and threaten all

parties that will not comply with their demands, which are among the tokens of evil that confront our nation. But the Sabbath sign, like the rainbow, will not be destroyed though a deluge of wickedness and judgments should burst upon our earth.

Among the lessons which every bible teacher should endeavor, at each suitable opportunity, to impress upon the minds and consciences of his pupils, and which the times, as never before, it seems to us, demand, is that of Sabbath observance.

By the tests of both science and experience the Sabbath carries throughout its history proofs of the Infinite wisdom that instituted it, and of man's absolute need of its temporal as well as its spiritual blessings.

Let us each resolve that we will not patronize excursions, papers, postoffice or railroad on the Sabbath.

Christians have need to watch lest the secular reading, the social call, the afternoon drive, the worldly spirit, the demands of anti-christian thought, steal from us, before we are aware, the sanctity of that day which gives it peculiar significance. May the "Lord of the Sabbath" strengthen every effort to redeem it. Let every man take his oar (his vote) and stem the current, and if woman, his helpmate, can get hold of an oar also, they, pulling together, will bring the old ship of State safely to harbor, where no storms shall molest her nor sever her from the sure anchor which "Holds within the vale."

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,

Supt.

Report of Work Among Lumbermen.

In reviewing the work of this department for the past year I find there has been more literature distributed than in any previous year.

There seems to be more lumbering done in Aroostook and Somerset Counties than in any of the others, or at least we are so situated that we can, and do furnish more camps with literature in these two counties.

Somerset County has supplied 53 camps with 4,353 pages, 3,410 papers and 11 peace calendars.

I do not know how many camps were supplied in Aroostook County, but there was a large amount of literature sent. Houlton union sent nearly 700 papers and magazines.

Franklin County reports all camps supplied, but there were not as many as usual.

Hancock County reports 1000 pages sent to the camps and 500 to mill men.

Dover and Foxcroft union sent 4,200 pages. Dexter union sent several packages of papers.

A number of local unions reported that besides furnishing the camps, they had sent literature to families living in back settlements, where it was highly appreciated.

Unions in Cumberland, York and Kennebec counties have kindly contributed literature to unions where it was most needed for this work. Kennebunk union furnished a barrel of valuable papers and magazines and Oakland union 6,365 pages.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. S. MERRITT.

Houlton, Oct. 1, 1890.

Report on Co-operation with Other Societies.

The brevity of my report on Co-operative Work may well compare with the smallness of results attained. Unforeseen obstacles interposed to prevent giving that personal attention to the cause which might have given larger returns in an increased knowledge of, and a deeper sympathy in our work. The importance of the work and the necessity for a superintendent thereof was urged upon each of the county organizations and instructions were given where required. Five, only, reported the appointment of such officer, namely, Aroostook, Kennebec, Somerset, Waldo and Washington—the last, however, failing to submit any report of work done. Others were designated for the position, but their declining the office left vacancies which it was found impracticable to fill. Lack of knowledge of the nature and needs of this work and want of time to devote to it, operate against its successful prosecution. Most of us have household cares that will not “down at our bidding,” and what labor is assumed in these efforts must be additional. One sister declined a superintendency because she already held “an office in four societies and had a family of six to plan and provide for.” God honors those who are faithful to their trusts, but He does not call *idlers* to work in His vineyard, and the busiest people are oftentimes found most useful in any reformatory enterprise. The work undertaken the past year has been largely in the line of temperance. Mrs. Frances A. Park, of Presque Isle, who was our successful superintendent last year, has been active again this year in presenting the claims and aims of our order to various religious bodies, “who have expressed themselves in full accord with the advancing temperance sentiment of the present time and in sympathy with our work.”

A gospel temperance meeting was held at Hodgdon by the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Angeline McPherson, of Winthrop Center,

also reports work done in the same line by herself and local superintendents and had been cordially received.

Miss A. A. Hicks, of Belfast, presented our cause to the Teachers' Institute. To have the sympathy and help of the educators of our youth, is a long step in the right direction.

Mrs. M. F. Bunker, of North Anson, found all societies "ready to co-operate in our general work."

Thus is presented the work done in the year now closed. It is less than we hoped. The fruitage may be more than we expect. It is essentially a seed sowing department. Is there cause for discouragement? Education is a slow process. Now, as ever, it is "Line upon line—precept upon precept—here a little and there a little." The mighty enginery of the law that can make the liquor traffic *unprofitable* is not in our hands, but to make it *unpopular* is both our duty and our privilege. We have entered the fight against this enemy of our homes, to win. Shall we bemoan our weakness? Remember that the "Race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong." Relying upon the Lord of Sabaoth victory *must* be ours.

"For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win.
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. NELLIE R. SPRAGUE.

Report of Supt. of Franchise.

Mrs. President and Members of the Convention:

It affords me much pleasure at the close of my first year as your Superintendent of Franchise to report, the seed sown by my predecessor, Dr. Aurelia Springer, is bringing forth an abundant harvest ; but though the fields are white for the harvest, the laborers are few. In my experience of more than thirty years' labor in the cause of Equal Rights, I have never known the reform to make the progress in *ten years* that it has in the past *twelve months*. I wish your superintendent could claim a fair share of the credit for the progress that has been made in her department, but she has been singularly unfortunate in her efforts to interest the unions in our state in the enfranchisement of women. I have written more than twenty letters and distributed over two thousand pages of literature to the unions, and have received responses but from six. Mrs. DeWitt of Presque Isle, superintendent for Aroostook County, and Miss Titcomb of Stroudwater, superintendent for Cumberland County, have sent very encouraging and interesting reports ; others have merely acknowledged the receipt of my letters and leaflets but made no report of their work, and some have taken no notice of my letters nor the leaflets. This lack of interest on the part of the unions would have been very disheartening had I not realized the cause was gaining in every direction without my aid, and that the hand of our Heavenly Father was leading us out of the wilderness of ignorance and prejudice, into the promised land.

June 19, at the Washington County Convention held in Cherryfield, I spoke to a good audience, the first words in the cause of Equal Rights ever presented to the people of that town, and I was much pleased with the reception they received.

May 29, at the Hancock County Convention held in Surry, I spoke again on the Enfranchisement of Women, and although it was the first public address on the subject ever given in that place, it was well received. Circumstances have compelled me to decline speaking in East Bluehill and in Hancock, where I have been invited. Five years ago it would have been impossible to have secured a hearing on the subject of the Enfranchisement of Women in either of these towns.

So marked has been the change in the sentiment of the Ellsworth union within the past year in regard to the cause of Equal Rights, and so successful the efforts that have been made to accomplish the change, I will record it, with the hope that the unions that have neglected the Franchise department of the W. C. T. U., will profit by the experience of the Ellsworth union and do likewise. Three years ago your superintendent was the only pronounced suffragist in our local union ; so averse were the members to listening to that subject, I have been told many times if I persisted in talking on that reform I should break up the union ; but Prohibition and Equal Rights were so interwoven in my mind, I could not disconnect them, and in every meeting where I had a chance to speak I endeavored to prove to our people that all efforts in the cause of Prohibition were abortive without the ballot and that the Enfranchisement of Women is the right arm of the W. C. T. U. At last their ears becoming accustomed to the sound of my pleading for Equal Rights, light dawned upon them, and we are now a unit on the subject, and last June our union voted unanimously to devote the first and fourth evening of every month to the cause of Equal Rights, and as we have not the means to hire lecturers, we read selections from the Woman's Journal and Woman's Column, edited by Miss Alice Blackwell, and close the evening's exercises by discussions suggested by the reading. This, we find has led to a study of the Declaration of Independence, the basis upon which our Government was established. An invitation has been given to all women who wish to inform themselves on the subject, to attend the meetings, and our efforts have been so successful in

disarming prejudice and opening the eyes of the blind, we trust we are helping hasten the day when our Government in its administrations will recognize *no sex*, and our country will be in truth as in name the "Land of the free," and mankind will learn to practice as well as preach: "Whatsoever ye would men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

ANN F. GREELY,
State Supt. of Franchise.

Department of Narcotics.

Madam President, and Sisters of the Convention:

Another year with its opportunities either neglected or improved has rolled into eternity, and again we come together for our annual review of work performed, and fruit gathered, and while we never expect in any department of work results fully equal to our desires, yet, in view of the fact that the Department of Narcotics is but three years old in our state, we feel that our advance has been quite commendable, and that "Our labor is not in vain in the Lord." So far as reported, we have thirteen county, and thirty-four local superintendents.

Aroostook County has a deeply interested superintendent, and while deterred by other cares from doing all that her heart prompts her to do in this department, yet she has been faithful in doing what she could.

In the summer your superintendent was through some parts of the county, and wherever possible visited the unions and sought to awaken more interest in the work of this department; wherever the *unions* could not be visited and individual members could be found, I have tried to faithfully present my

department to them. At a public meeting of the W. C. T. U. held on Hodgdon camp-ground a paper on Narcotics was read and as a result two new superintendents were appointed, one at Cary and one at New Limerick.

Houlton has a superintendent who has distributed thousands of pages of literature and done a great deal of personal work. Later on this union intends to offer prizes in the schools for the best essays on the Effects of Narcotics on the System. Rev. Mr. Frohock has done us good service here by his vigorous denunciation of "That which is neither food, drink nor clothing." After his lecture at the Opera House upon this subject, one christian man went home but got no sleep until he settled the matter by giving up the habit. He said he could stand it to be told that tobacco using was a *filthy* habit and an *expensive* habit, but when it was presented to him as a *sinful* habit, he felt that he must give it up.

Monticello though a small union has a superintendent and has done good work by distributing literature. They also bought "The Tobacco Problem" and loaned it to tobacco users with the result that four *inveterate* users of the weed have given it up. We wish that all the unions would try "The Tobacco Problem" as an antidote to the tobacco habit.

Presque Isle has a superintendent lately appointed. Fort Fairfield also has a superintendent.

At the County Convention held at Caribou, Rev. Mr. Frohock delivered the aforementioned lecture on tobacco, which we know caused one man to give up its use and one firm to give up its sale.

The superintendent for Androscoggin County writes: "The superintendent at Mechanic Falls is a faithful worker, has distributed literature and done much personal work in Sunday School and elsewhere." In Auburn the superintendent has not been idle; has been constant *in* season and *out* of season and much good seed has been sown. Papers have been read and discussed at the meetings of the union which have had a helpful influence and have served to arouse some slumbering mothers. Some of the pastors have helped the work by pro-

claiming from the pulpit the disastrous effects of the Narcotic habit upon soul and body. Much literature has been distributed and talks to the prisoners in the jail have been given. At an association of one of the religious bodies in the county the county superintendent of Narcotics read a paper on Sunday School work in which this subject among others was mentioned. It created a lively discussion among the ministers, occupying nearly the whole afternoon, and awakened a great deal of interest. One young man who has been a member of legislature, a dealer in tobacco, went home and went out of the business. Another prominent man took the trouble to make an estimate of the money spent in the city of Auburn for tobacco, and, before he had got through the city, found that much more was expended for tobacco than for all its churches, its schools, and all its benevolent objects.

Cumberland County superintendent writes that five unions in the county have superintendents—Cumberland Mills, Saccarappa, South Windham, North Gorham and Portland, each of these are doing what they can by way of distributing literature, and doing personal work. Portland was favored with one of Mrs. Gleason's strong and convincing lectures.

The superintendent of Franklin County is also local superintendent of Farmington union. She is said to have delivered a very able lecture upon Narcotics at the county convention in June, which by request she repeated at a public meeting held by the Farmington union in July. At Kingfield, leaflets on Narcotics have been read in the public schools, much personal work has been done among the children, tracts distributed, and triple pledge circulated in Sunday Schools. In the union extracts relating to the subject have been read.

Hancock County sends no report.

Kennebec County has a superintendent, but she thinks not much has been done in that department. Augusta had a lecture from Mrs. Gleason.

Knox County has a superintendent who has distributed a large packet of literature.

Lincoln County superintendent reports good work done in

Loyal Legion. Boothbay union is interested. Round Pond has a new union and has appointed a superintendent of Narcotics. Newcastle has distributed literature on the subject.

Oxford County superintendent has distributed 300 pages of anti-Narcotic literature. East Brownfield union has but eight members, but they are doing what they can. Denmark union reports some work done. One woman has induced her husband to quit smoking, and her son to sign the triple pledge; but the union has met but twice during the year. Hiram union reports work done among the children.

Penobscot County has a superintendent appointed at the last county convention. Corinna union has distributed literature, and put it in wall pocket at depot. Hampden union is doing some work in this direction.

Dexter has done grandly in this department. Some of the ministers have been faithful in proclaiming the sin of indulgence in these habits. Last winter the union offered prizes in the High and Grammar schools for the best essays on "The Effects of Tobacco upon the System." This called forth twenty-seven essays upon the subject, many of them very meritorious. The four prize essays were printed in one of the local papers.

In March Mrs. Gleason gave us a very able and interesting lecture upon Narcotics. One young man was heard to say as he went home that he would never smoke again. Mrs. Gleason is thoroughly posted in regard to this subject, is a student, and fully up with the times. She is also very pleasing as a speaker. In *all* the schools here the evils of Narcotics are quite faithfully taught we think, and the supervisor and teachers seem very glad to render us any aid possible.

Somerset County superintendent has gone out from us and her place is not yet filled, but the faithful county president is doing her best to fill vacancies and we trust will soon find the right woman for this place. The St. Albans union has had papers upon this subject read and discussed, beside this I think the work is mostly done through the L. T. L.

Sagadahoc County has no superintendent. Bath has one,

lately appointed, who gives promise of being faithful in the work. In March the union there invited Mrs. Gleason to lecture and address the children. She spoke in the afternoon to the children in City Hall which was well filled, and in the evening gave an address to those of "larger growth." She was well received and is earnestly desired for a second lecture.

Waldo County superintendent is also local superintendent at Belfast. She has distributed considerable literature and done much personal work. Has bought "The Tobacco Problem" and is lending it among tobacco users with good results and intends to present it to the public library. She has had the cigarette law printed in the local paper and has sent literature into the schools. At the county convention she read a paper upon the subject.

Washington County has a superintendent but lately appointed who we feel assured will do good work. At the last county convention an excellent paper on this theme was read by one of the local superintendents.

York County sends no report.

This department was presented to several Sabbath School conventions and ministerial associations, and they passed resolutions condemning the use of tobacco and pledging their influence against it.

So much for work done as reported to your superintendent, or as observed by her, but we feel confident that much is done which is only kept account of by the recording angel, by whom all our work will be reported before a higher tribunal than this, and then shall we all receive our "own reward according to our own labor." In the Sunday Schools, in the public schools, and in the L. T. L's the effects of Narcotics upon the system are being taught, and this work among the young *must inevitably* bring about a different order of things; we cannot fail to have a purer generation in the future, for the prospect of which we devoutly thank God. Mrs. Gleason rendered us good service by her convincing lectures, not only in the places named, but at our summer meetings at Sebago Lake, Richmond and Old Orchard. Our ministers in many places are grandly

helping us by ringing out from their pulpits God's protest against all uncleanness, and christians are understanding, as some of them have not in the past, that *clean* hearts can not well abide in *unclean* bodies, and that if our motto is to be "Holiness unto the Lord," we must be freed from all slavish appetites.

I wish to urge upon all unions represented here to take up the work in this department at once. This is a work which can be done everywhere, for no spot in our land is so favored as to be free from this foul thing—tobacco. We greatly desire a superintendent in every union. In conclusion I would say "Be not weary in well doing," for in due season we "shall reap if we faint not." "Behold the husbandman hath long patience as he waiteth for the precious fruits of the earth." Let us also

"Toil on, faint not, keep watch and pray,
Be wise, the erring soul to win,
Go forth into the world's highway,
Compel the wanderer to come in."

And may the Lord of the harvest send forth more laborers into His vineyard.

I. S. WENTWORTH.

Department of Peace and Arbitration.

Dear Sisters:

I regret not being able to give a report of vigorous work and long steps forward in the department of W. C. T. U. under my care. What I have done has been amid much care and many pressing duties. I have sent out bundles of Peace literature, tracts, leaflets, copies of Pacific Banner and Acorn to many local unions. Observance of the first Sabbath in June as General Peace Day was urged upon local unions, some of whom responded.

Fourteen public meetings in the interests of this department have been held, and twelve lectures given. The cause of Peace is steadily gaining ground, but not claiming as much attention

in our state as we wish it did. Mothers and sisters need to be aroused to a sense of the dangers that would come to them and their loved ones if war, which is the twin evil of alcohol, should again prevail in our country.

During the month of September I received reports from nine unions in answer to fifty asked to report.

Windham Centre reports one sermon bearing on Peace preached during the year.

Bath reports five hundred pages of Peace literature distributed; one copy of Banner taken, and ten copies of the Acorn. It also reports three Juvenile Peace Bands, one at the Soldiers' and Orphans' Home. The subject of Peace has held a prominent place in the W. C. T. U. meetings at two different times.

Winthrop Centre reports five thousand pages of literature distributed; twenty copies of Pacific Banner taken, also twenty-five copies of Acorn. Peace principles are instilled in Sabbath School and Band of Hope. General Peace Day was observed. Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge gave a lecture on Peace. In five or six meetings of W. C. T. U. Peace has held a prominent place.

One union reports three sermons bearing on Peace preached during the year, with a good degree of attention paid to this subject in the regular W. C. T. U. meetings.

Vassalboro reports observance of General Peace Day and distribution of six hundred pages of literature.

Although the work done may seem small, let us take courage when we read of so many of our great and wise brothers and sisters who have met so lately in London to consider this great question, and who feel that the work is steadily striding forward. Let us join with them in a hand to hand effort to hasten the day

"When the war drum throbs no longer
And the battle flags are furled
In the Parliament of man,
The Federation of the world."

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH H. C. JONES,
Supt.

CONSTITUTION OF Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union

PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of this State, alarmed at the danger and tendencies of intemperance and kindred evils, believe it to be our duty, under the providence of God, to unite our efforts for their extinction. That we may the more successfully prosecute this work, we adopt the following pledge and constitution.

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented, and malt liquors, including wine and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The organization shall be known as the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Its object shall be to enlist the women of this state in the promotion of the cause of temperance, and of the various branches of work recommended by the National Union; to make permanent the work already accomplished and to secure the organization of a local Union in every place in the state where it is practicable.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Union shall be a President, one Vice-President from each county (the President of each being *ex-officio* Vice President of the State Union), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee, of whom seven shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, State Superintendents of Departments, State Organizers, the President and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every twenty-five paying members of each auxiliary Union.

ARTICLE IV.—AUXILIARIES.

Any society of women, regularly organized under the supervision or approval of the State officers, and adopting the Constitution of this organization, including a total abstinence pledge, and a paying fee of thirty cents per member annually to State Treasurer (ten cents of which shall be paid by her to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union) is auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held at some time within September or October, in such place as may be decided by a vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

The constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at the annual meeting, provided notice has been given at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

President.

Sec. 1. In case of the illness or death of the President, the duties of her office shall devolve upon the General Officers in the order of their election.

Sec. 2. The President may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when she may deem it necessary, or in response to the written request of any seven members of the Executive Committee, in which case the topics to be considered at the meeting shall be stated, and she shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

Vice-President.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to aid and foster the work of the Union in her County, and to arrange for and preside at conventions in her County, co-operating with the general officers of the State in carrying out their plans for the prosecution of the work, making a report semi-annually to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Union.

Corresponding Secretary.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the organization and to perform all duties usual to such office. She shall also send to the Secretary of each local Union at least twice a year a blank similar to those used by Nat. W. C. T. U. Cor. Sec., to be filled as a semi-annual report. From these reports she shall collate her own report for the annual meeting.

Recording Secretary.

Sec. 5. The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Union, the Executive Committee and the General Officers, and shall keep correct record of their proceedings. She shall send to each member of the Executive

Committee a notice of such meetings. She shall apprise members o committees of their appointment. At the first meeting of each annual session she shall read in their order, for action by said meeting, the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Committee since the last annual meeting, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to such office.

Treasurer.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all 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. The fiscal year shall terminate one week previous to the annual meeting, and the books shall then be closed. At the annual meeting she shall give to the Corresponding Secretary the whole number of delegates to which each local Union is entitled according to the amount of dues paid, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office.

Superintendents.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Superintendents to originate, to advise, and to direct plans of work relating to their several departments; to correspond and to co-operate with County Superintendents, and to report to the annual meeting work proposed and work accomplished. They shall be required to give an itemized account of their receipts and expenditures in department work.

ARTICLE II.—ELECTION.

Sec. 1. The officers, with the exception of the Vice-Presidents, and Assistant Recording Secretary (the latter shall be nominated by the Recording Secretary and elected by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered) shall be elected by ballot on the morning of the last day of the annual meeting.

Vacancies in Delegations.

Sec. 2. Each delegation may fill its quota by visiting members from its own auxiliary; if any Vice-President is absent, said county may be represented on the Executive Committee by a member of its delegation.

Voting.

Sec. 3. General Officers, Superintendents of Departments, State Organizers and *ex-officio* members shall vote in person.

Tellers.

Sec. 4. Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the persons thus nominated.

Superintendents.

Sec. 5. Superintendents shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

Vacancies.

Sec. 6. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of annual meetings.

ARTICLE III.—COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. The following committees shall be chosen on the first day of the annual meeting: On Credentials, on Business, on Resolutions. The last shall consist of one delegate from each county, chosen by the delegation of her county.

Sec. 2. An Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the General Officers in the interim of the annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV.—INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. Any pledged woman in a community where there is no local Union may become a member-at-large of the State Union by the payment of an annual fee of fifty cents, ten cents of which shall be paid to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Sec. 2. Any woman may become a life member by signing the pledge, and paying ten dollars at one time to the State Treasury; and any man may become an Honorary Member by signing the pledge and by the payment of one dollar annually.

ARTICLE V.—DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION.

The Department of Organization shall be in charge of the general officers, and organizers appointed by them shall be reported to the convention and entitled to a seat.

ARTICLE VI.

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

COUNTY CONSTITUTION

AUXILIARY TO THE MAINE W. C. T. U.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the _____ Co. Woman's Christian Temperance Union auxiliary to the Maine W. C. T. U.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

It shall be the object of this Union to unite the local Unions of the county for the purpose of strengthening the temperance sentiment, advancing the objects of the W. C. T. U. and for the more thorough organization of the county.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Union shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, to be chosen at annual meeting by ballot unless otherwise ordered and the Presidents of each auxiliary local Union (who are *ex-officio* Vice Presidents of the county Union.)

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

The Union shall hold an annual convention which shall be composed of the General Officers, State Presidents, Superintendents of Departments, Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries and Treasurers of local Unions and three delegates from each auxiliary. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES.

The duties of the President shall be (under the general supervision of the State President) to advance the interests of the W. C. T. U. in her county; to keep the State President informed of the condition of the work, and to maintain close communication with her local Unions, to work up and preside at her county W. C. T. U. conventions, which shall be held at the time suggested by the best interests of the work.

The duties of the Vice Presidents shall be to prosecute the work in their several towns.

The duties of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be those usual to these offices.

It shall be the duty of the Superintendents of Departments, who shall be chosen at the annual meeting, to see that local Superintendents of Departments are appointed, collect reports from the same, report a digest of these to the county convention and to the State Superintendents as required by the State Constitution.

ARTICLE VI.—FINANCE.

County organizations shall provide for their own expenses as they see fit.

LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ——— Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine W. C. T. U.

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including Wine, Beer and Cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate, and aim to secure the complete banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the constitution (including the pledge) and by the payment of — per year into the Treasury, 30 cents of which shall be paid the State Union. Ten cents of that amount the State Treasurer sends to the National W. C. T. U.

Where it is deemed necessary the following article may be substituted:

Any woman may become a member of this organization by a two-thirds vote at any legal meeting and by signing the constitution and pledge and paying the regular dues and continuing to do so annually.

Gentlemen may become Honorary members by signing the pledge and the payment of one dollar a year, all of which shall be retained for home work.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, one from each church, when practicable; a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer who shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. President to call to order and open the meetings.

To announce the business before the meeting in the order in which it is to be acted upon.

To put to vote all questions which have been regularly moved and seconded, and to announce the result.

To preserve order, and to decide, when referred to, all questions of order or practise which may arise.

To append her signature when necessary to all orders and proceedings of the Union.

To have a general oversight of the Union, and, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to plan for its best interests and the good of the cause.

To call special meetings when deemed advisable by herself and any three members of the Union, due notice being given to all the members.

Sec. 2. Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union.

To report to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Union as required by the State Constitution (having first submitted her report to the Union) giving such facts and items of general interest as will enable the State Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union and the progress of the work.

Sec. 3. Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Union; to notify the public of its meetings.

To read all papers, etc., which may be required.

To notify Committees of their appointments, and of business referred to them.

To take charge of all papers and documents of the Union.

To make reports at each meeting of the preceding meeting.

Sec. 4. Treasurer to collect the membership dues, and to devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Union. To forward to State Treasurer the dues for each member as required by the State Constitution (namely 30 cents per member) two weeks previous to State Convention. Old Unions and those organized early in the year shall make part payment of dues previous to March first, the remainder two weeks before State Convention. To hold all money collected for the use of the Union, paying bills on order of the President and Secretary, keeping an exact book account and making a report of the same at each regular business meeting.

Sec. 5. Vice-Presidents to preside, in their order, at meetings in the absence of the President, and to perform all duties of the President in case of absence on any account from her office. To interest the women of their respective churches in the work of the Union, and to canvass for members. To assist the President in arranging and carrying out plans for the benefit of the Union. To endeavor to secure special recognition of the temperance cause in the church prayer-meeting quarterly, and also by a sermon from the pastor at least once a year.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Union shall be held —— at which time Superintendent shall report.

Public Prayer and Conference meetings shall be held as often as the interest of the work demands, and if possible, mass meetings quarterly.

The Executive and other Committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE VII.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the —— day of —— month, at which time the officers shall be elected for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

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

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1. *Departments of Work.* Superintendents shall be appointed for such of the following departmentments, as local needs seem to call for: 1. Heredity. 2. Hygiene. 3. Scientific Instruction. 4. Sunday School Work. 5. Juvenile Work. 6. Temperance Literature. 7. Influencing the Press. 8. Evangelistic Work. 9. Prisons and Police Stations. 10. Railroad Work. 11. Soldiers and Sailors. 12. Unfermented Wine. 13. Young Women's Work. 14. Parlor Meetings. 15. Flower Missions. 16. State and County Fairs. 17. Legislations and Petitions. 18. Work among Foreigners. 19. Work among Colored People. 20. Impure Literature. 21. White Shield.

Sec. 2. All meetings of the Union shall be opened by reading of Scripture and prayer.

Sec. 3. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting, and the same rule may apply to all other Committees.

Sec. 4. Officers shall remain such till their successors are elected.

Sec. 5. All members of the Union shall be entitled to vote.

Sec. 6. *Order of Business.*—

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Report of Recording Secretary.
3. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Report of Chairman of Executive Committee.
6. Reports of Superintendents.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Course of Reading.
11. Discussion.

Sec. 7. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Union, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Union.

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PLAN OF WORK.

The following plan of work is recommended by the corresponding secretary to local unions for their consideration and adoption as far as practicable:

1. Appoint a visiting committee to arouse and interest Christian women in the temperance cause, and secure them as members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
 2. Endeavor to increase the circulation of the *Union Signal*, the *Star in the East*, the *Oak and Ivy Leaf*, and the *Young Crusader*.
 3. Secure space for temperance matter in the local papers.
 4. Procure temperance literature and have it judiciously distributed.
 5. Hang up temperance hand-bills in churches, school-houses, town halls, public libraries, railroad stations, engine houses, factories, horse cars,—in short, wherever permission to do so can be obtained.
 6. Establish a loan library; buy suitable temperance books and place them in the Sunday School libraries. Furnish tracts to put into Sunday School books.
 7. Hold gospel temperance meetings and distribute tracts on some topic suitable for each occasion.
 8. Circulate the pledge in the Sunday Schools and throughout the place.
 9. Urge the use of the "Temperance Lesson" once a quarter in the Sunday Schools; also, advocate the introduction of temperance as a feature into Sunday School concerts.
 10. Request the pastors to preach a temperance sermon to the children as often as practicable.
 11. Secure the use of unfermented wine at the communion service.
 12. Form children's temperance societies.
 13. Urge the enforcement of the law providing for scientific temperance instruction in the public schools.
 14. Institute parlor meetings to be held once a month, if practicable.
 15. Hold meetings at almshouse, jail, and other charitable institutions, and distribute temperance and religious papers.
- "Praying always with all prayer and supplication" unto Him who "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

NATIONAL AND WORLD'S PRESIDENT:
MISS FRANCES E. WILLARD.

STATE OFFICERS FOR 1892-93.

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 Hancock—Mrs. R. P. Grindle, Bluehill.
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 Knox—Mrs. R. C. Hall, Rockland.
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 Oxford—Mrs. Ellen Pierce, Hiram, and Mrs. Minnie Robinson, S. Paris.
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 Somerset—Mrs. M. F. Bunker, North Anson.
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Corresponding Secretary.

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SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS FOR 1892-93.

I. ORGANIZATION.

Work Among Foreign Speaking People—Mrs. G. M. Howe, Lewiston.
 Young Woman's Work—Miss Luville Patrick, Groverville.
 Juvenile Work—Miss Annie C. Bagley, Springvale.
 Kindergartens—Miss Florence Scales, Portland.

II. PREVENTIVE.

Hygienic Reform and Heredity—Mrs. E. E. Pinkham, Woodford's.

III. EDUCATIONAL.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. G. F. French, Portland.
 Sunday School Work—Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, Brownfield.
 Temperance Literature—Mrs. Alice L. Raymond, Portland, Mrs. N. S. Fernald, Portland.
 School Savings Banks—Mrs. Charlotte A. Ricker, Cherryfield.
 Influencing the Press, and Reporter for Union Signal—Miss Mary L. French, Auburn.
 Narcotics—Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Dexter.

IV. EVANGELISTIC.

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 LIVERMORE FALLS—Mrs. Phosia Loring, Mrs. Mary Allan, Mrs. Dora Alden, Mrs. R. A. Springer.
 MECHANIC FALLS—Miss Mary E. Perkins, Mrs. C. M. Hutchins, Mrs. L. W. Clark, Mrs. O. W. Clark.
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 SOUTH DURHAM—Miss Jennie P. Douglass, Mrs. Emma M. Newell, Miss Mary H. Robinson.
 TURNER—Mrs. H. N. Jones, Mrs. H. M. Wilder.
 LISBON—Mrs. V. J. White.
 SABBATUS—Mrs. M. T. Newton.
 NEW GLOUCESTER—Miss E. J. Jordan.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

CARIBOU—Miss L. F. Runnels.
 FORT FAIRFIELD—Mrs. L. S. Robbins.
 HOULTON—Mrs. E. Merritt, Mrs. William Kinney, Mrs. Charles Merritt.
 HODGDON—Miss Hattie T. Mayo.
 NEW LIMERICK—Miss Isabella James, Miss Annie E. Estabrook.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

BRUNSWICK—Miss Ellen Wyman, Mrs. Ellen J. S. Latimore, Miss M. J. Noyes. (Pres.)
 CUMBERLAND MILLS—Mrs. L. M. Steres, Mrs. D. N. Abbott, Mrs. L. E. Graham, Mrs. W. H. Duran.
 DEERING (Woodford's)—Mrs. Julia A. Blackstone, Mrs. Lizzie M. Blackstone, Mrs. F. E. C. Robbins.
 NORTH GORHAM—Mrs. Cora E. Aikins, Mrs. A. D. P. Moses, Mrs. Ann M. Wescott.

PORTLAND—Mrs. N. S. Fernald, Mrs. A. B. Cole, Mrs. J. E. McDowell, Mrs. Emily Stevens, Mrs. C. H. McClinstock, Mrs. E. E. Thompson, Mrs. S. M. Field, Mrs. N. C. Roberts, Mrs. H. M. Humphrey, Mrs. I. Luce, Mrs. George S. Hunt.
 PEAK'S ISLAND—Mrs. E. E. York, Miss Myrtie York, Miss Nellie Lane.
 STROUDWATER—Mrs. Olive S. Hanson, Mrs. Walter Fickett.
 WESTBROOK—Mrs. W. H. Duran, Mrs. S. H. Mayberry, Mrs. A. E. Wright.
 WINDHAM CENTER—Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Mrs. Katie S. Hawkes, Mrs. Nettie F. Lowell.
 SOUTH WINDHAM—Mrs. M. M. Bodge, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, Mrs. L. M. Little, Mrs. S. W. J. McClellan.
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 RANGELY—Mrs. L. J. Hempton.
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MINUTES.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 26, P. M.

Executive meeting on Monday evening opened with prayer by Mrs. Beedy, of Farmington. Mrs. Spaulding, of Caribou, recommended that the Department of Unfermented Wine at Sacrament be discontinued.

The question was asked as to the advisability of County Treasurers collecting State dues in their Counties, and forwarding them in bulk to State Treasurer.

After some little discussion the following motion was carried, viz : Moved, that it is the sense of this Committee that whenever the Executive Committee of any County shall consider their County organization so perfected as to be able to collect its State dues, that said County Executive Committee shall instruct County Treasurer to so do, and remit said dues to State Treasurer at such time as she may direct. Any County deciding to take this step shall immediately inform State Treasurer of the same.

Decided that the State Executive Committee recommend that each member of the Convention shall do all in her power to impress upon every W. C. T. U. woman the importance of wearing the white ribbon at all times.

Voted, that Mrs. Spaulding and Miss Dow attend to seating of delegates.

Voted, that Executive Committee hold next meeting at 1.30, P. M., Tuesday.

The Committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27, A. M.

The Eighteenth Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened at the Pine Street Congregational Church, Lewiston, Tuesday, September 27, 1892. The church presented a very attractive appear-

ance. The pulpit was covered with the stars and stripes, while the banners of the various Counties, and the banner of the State organization were upon the platform. The prize banner, offered by Miss Willard to the New England State making the greatest proportionate gain in membership, was at the right of the platform. It has been twice gained by Maine, first at Atlanta in 1890, and in 1891 at Boston.

A fine portrait of Miss Willard rested upon a handsome easel. A card was attached to it bearing Whittier's beautiful lines written for the Willard bust for the Temperance Temple:

"She felt the power of banded ill,
But knew that love was stronger still,
And organized for doing good,
The world's united womanhood."

Great interest was felt in these lines as they were among the last utterances from the pen of the venerable poet.

A quartet consisting of Rev. A. A. Lewis, of Bath, Rev. T. F. Jones, South Portland, Rev. B. C. Wentworth, Dexter, and Rev. J. R. Clifford, Farmington, furnished most delightful music during the Convention.

The President called the Convention to order at 10.30. Music by the quartet. Prayer by Mrs. A. C. Peaslee. Roll call, to which the General Officers and many of the Presidents and Superintendents responded. The following Committees were appointed:

On Credentials—Mrs. H. B. C. Beedy, Franklin, Miss A. C. Bagley, York, Mrs. A. B. Cole, Cumberland.

On Greetings—Mrs. A. C. Peaslee, Auburn, Mrs. O. Newman, Lewiston. Power was also conferred upon them to increase their Committee if found necessary.

Reading of Executive minutes of Monday evening followed. Voted to continue the department of Unfermented Wine at Sacramento. In all other respects the minutes were accepted.

Decided to accept program as prepared by Executive Committee exchanging the places given to the reports of Miss Seales, of Portland, and Mrs. Bunker, of North Anson.

Miss Ida Bolster and Miss Pearl Robbins were appointed pages during Convention.

Voted, that Corresponding Secretary send telegram of greeting to Mrs. Margaret T. W. Merrill.

Selection by quartet. Introduction and remarks of Mr. Perrigo, of Hodgdon, and Rev. Mr. French, of Turner, followed.

Moved by Mrs. Snow that the remainder of morning session be given to a brief Bible reading, followed by a prayer meeting. Carried.

The noon hour prayer was offered by Mrs. F. A. Wright.

Benediction by Rev. A. A. Lewis.

Adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27, P. M.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Wyman.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Minutes of Executive meeting read and accepted with slight corrections.

Music by quartet.

Introduction and remarks by Rev. Mr. Gwilym.

Presentation of bouquet from Sabattus of white, yellow and purple, emblematical of the colors of the W. C. T. U., Franchise and King's Daughters.

Reading and accepting of Corresponding Secretary's report.

Report of Credentials Committee read, and accepted as in progress. A second report to be called for Wednesday morning.

Selection by quartet.

The Superintendents of the Departments of Narcotics, Sabbath Observance and Flower Mission reported. Same accepted.

Mrs. Knowlton and Mrs. Odlin, President and Secretary of Committee on Entertainment, were introduced.

Committee on Resolutions, consisting of one from each County, were appointed: Mrs. O. W. Hawkes, Mrs. E. Merritt, Mrs. A. M. Westcott, Mrs. C. M. Keyes, Miss S. W. Treworgy, Mrs. S. A. Baker, Mrs. S. C. Brastow, Mrs. Minnie Robinson, Mrs. A. L. Abbott, Mrs. Sarah A. Martin, Mrs. N. H. Vining, Mrs. N. B. Jordan, Mrs. Fannie Frost, Mrs. E. M. Vose, Mrs. W. S. McIntire.

Miss Patrick appointed page. Announcements were made for meetings of Resolutions Committee and State Superintendents.

Doxology sung, and Aaronite benediction by Mrs. Stevens.

Adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27, EVENING.

Music—"There are Bands of Ribbon White," by quartet.
 Scripture Reading and Prayer, by Mrs. A. L. Page. Music.
 Addresses of welcome by Rev. G. M. Howe, Pastor of Pine Street
 Congregational Church and Mrs. Ida B. M. Wyman, Lewiston.
 Response by Miss Hattie T. Mayo, Hodgdon. Music.
 Annual address by State President.
 Address by Mrs. Dr. Cheney.
 Collection. Music.
 Benediction by Rev. B. C. Wentworth.
 Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 28, A. M.

Opened with prayer.
 Decided to recommend that the unions at Danforth and Vanceboro in
 Washington County, and the union at Patten in Penobscot County be
 allowed to remain auxiliary to Aroostook County union, independent of
 geographical lines, in the interests of these unions.
 The Committee rose.

CONVENTION Sept. 28, A. M.

Wednesday morning opened with prayer and selection by quartet.
 Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
 Rev. Mr. Talbot, French missionary in the city of Lewiston, intro-
 duced. Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Treasurer, reported. Report pronounced
 correct by auditor. Same accepted by a rising vote.
 Over one hundred women pledged \$1.00 each toward meeting the
 mortgage on the New Headquarters.
 A large package of flowers received from Miss Alice Suminsby, of
 Bar Harbor, for officers and friends in Convention.
 Secretary directed to send letter of thanks and appreciation to Miss
 Suminsby.
 Temperance song written for the Convention by Mrs. Caroline W. D.
 Rich, was accepted with thanks.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Singing by quartet.

The Corresponding Secretary read the names of those who have passed away since we last met in Convention.

Mrs. W. G. Sargent, Sargentville; Mrs. Nathan Woods, Ellsworth; Mrs. N. G. Adams, Ellsworth; Mrs. Mary R. Dinsmore, Mrs. Dr. Fillbrown, Mrs. Christian Washburn, Caribou; Mrs. Julia Field, Miss Mary Bryant, Biddeford; Mrs. J. B. Stanton, Mrs. M. A. Dearborn, West Caribou; Miss J. Datman, Mrs. A. W. Backus, Bath; Mrs. Lavinia Briggs, Winthrop Center; Mrs. Frances Lyford, Augusta; Mrs. Martha O'Brien, Miss Louise L. Maxwell, Mrs. Sarah Watkins, Cumberland County; Miss Sarah E. Norcross, Union; Mrs. Marcia E. Ellem, Greene; Mrs. Cynthia Verrill, Auburn; Mrs. Mary S. Parker, Mrs. George Webb, Mrs. George Metcalf, Mrs. Dr. Burrell, Mrs. W. R. Laughton, Lewiston; Mrs. Harrison Fuller, North Jay; Mrs. Annie Hodge, Mrs. Henkley, Kingfield; Mrs. Andrew Bonney, Miss Maria Merrill, Farmington; Mrs. C. N. Veazie, Mrs. Charlotte Burkett, Miss E. M. Emery, Miss M. A. Trussel, Belfast; Mrs. G. E. Harding, Waldo; Miss H. A. Murray, Burnham; Miss Lucy Goodrich, Greenville. Honorary members: Mr. Wright, Caribou; Rev. N. D. Osgood, Turner; Mr. Parker Oliver, Popham Beach.

Prayer by Mrs. Humphrey, of Portland. Music.

Tender and loving words were spoken of our promoted comrades, and a few comforting words of scripture repeated by Mrs. Stevens. Noon-tide prayer by Mrs. Humphrey. Music.

Doxology and benediction. Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 28, P. M.

Prayer by Mrs. R. A. Springer.

The Corresponding Secretary expressed her wish that, in future, County Presidents might report for their Counties to her.

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to confer with a Committee of three from the Superintendents, concerning a change in printing of State minutes.

Mrs. Blaisdell, Mrs. Bunker, Mrs. Springer and Mrs. Spaulding appointed as that committee. Committee rose.

CONVENTION, SEPT. 28, P. M.

Convention opened with music by quartet.

Bible reading by Mrs. Barney.

Reading of the minutes of morning session followed. Same accepted.

Reading of minutes of Executive meeting of Wednesday, 1.30 P. M., read and accepted.

Rev. Mr. Hinckley, of Good Will Farm, introduced.

Reports from the Departments of Fairs and Purity in Literature and Arts read and accepted.

Department of Reformatory Prison for Women reported by Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey. Supplemented by remarks from Mrs. Geo. S. Hunt. Accepted and referred to General Officers.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Cheney introduced.

Revs. Fair, Corey and Thayer introduced, the last named gentleman calling the attention of the Convention, as had Rev. Mr. Talbot in the morning session, to the need of our work in this State among foreigners.

Mrs. Hunt, of Portland, moved that this matter be referred to Executive Committee for action. This move receiving a second was unanimously carried.

The hour for electing officers having arrived, Mrs. R. P. Grindle, of Hancock County, was called to preside.

Mrs. Rogers, of Washington; Mrs. Brastow, of Knox; Mrs. Fuller, of Franklin; Mrs. Robinson, of Oxford, were appointed tellers.

Then followed distribution of ballots, resulting in a total of 176 votes, all for Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens for State President.

Upon the motion of Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, the informal ballot was made formal by a vote cast by the Recording Secretary. Mrs. Delano and Mrs. Daggett escorted Mrs. Stevens to the chair. Mrs. Stevens was received with the Chautauqua salute, and every expression of love and confidence, as for the fifteenth time she with tender and heart-felt words accepted the position as President of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Richardson, of Lewiston, followed in prayer, the quartet also giving a selection in music.

Moved by Mrs. George S. Hunt, and seconded by Mrs. H. J. Bailey, that the remaining officers be elected by acclamation. Carried.

The following were elected: Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Sarah L.

Cram ; Recording Secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell ; Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard.

Each of these were introduced and briefly responded.

Miss Farwell named Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston as Assistant Recording Secretary, which was confirmed by the Convention.

Voted that the selection of delegates for National Convention be deferred until Thursday morning.

Miss Scales, of Portland, then reported on Kindergarten work. This report, upon motion of Mrs. G. S. Hunt, was accepted by a rising vote of thanks. Mrs. F. A. Wright was introduced, who read, in part, a letter from Mrs. Margaret T. W. Merrill, alluding to the fact that we were in session upon the birthday of our National President, and at Mrs. Merrill's request, the letter received from Miss Willard at the Maine Convention a year ago was again read.

Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey moved, seconded by Miss Cornelia M. Dow, that a cablegram of remembrance and sympathy be sent by Corresponding Secretary to Miss Willard.

Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt called attention to a non-alcoholic preparation of Jamaica Ginger, prepared by the Baker Extract Company, called crystalline ginger.

A motion to adjourn carried.

Closed with Doxology and Aaronite benediction.

CONVENTION Sept 28, EVENING.

Music by quartet.

Scripture reading by Mrs. Barney.

Prayer by Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey.

Music by quartet.

Address by Mrs. Barney—"The World's Bondage."

Collection. Music.

Benediction by Rev. A. A. Lewis.

Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 29, A. M.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Wyman.

Voted that in accordance with national plan the Department of Work Among Foreign Speaking People be added to our state work. Superintendents of Departments were recommended as follows :

Work Among Foreign Speaking People, Mrs. G. M. Howe, Lewiston; Young Woman's Work, Miss Luville Patrick, Groverville; Juvenile Work, Miss Annie C. Bagley, Springvale; Kindergartens, Miss Florence Scales, Portland; Hygienic Reform and Heredity, Mrs. E. E. Pinkham, Woodford's; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. G. F. French, Portland; Sunday School Work, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, Brownfield; Temperance Literature, Mrs. Alice L. Raymond, Mrs. N. S. Fernald, Portland; School Savings Banks, Mrs. Charlotte A. Ricker, Cherryfield; Influencing the Press, and Reporter for Union Signal, Miss Mary L. French, Auburn; Narcotics, Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Dexter; Bible Reading and Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center; Unfermented Wine at Sacrament, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; Systematic Giving, Mrs. Anna M. Hussey North Berwick; Prison Jail and Alms House Work, Mrs. B. Minard, Houlton; Reformatory Prison for Women, Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Mrs. G. S. Hunt, Portland, Miss Clara M. Farwell, Rockland; Securing Homes for Homeless Children, Mrs. Ida M. B. Wyman, Lewiston; Work Among Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. F. C. Johnston, Portland; Work Among Lumbermen, Mrs. A. L. Harvey, Orono; Sabbath Observance, Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Winthrop Center; Purity, to be supplied; Purity in Literature and Art, Mrs. A. L. Page, Houlton; Mercy, Mrs. Clara W. Mumford, Winthrop Center; Flower Mission, Miss Edith Libby, Portland; State and County Fairs, Mrs. Susan French, Auburn; Legislation and Petition, Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Auburn; Franchise, Mrs. A. F. Greely, Ellsworth; Peace and Arbitration, Miss Alice M. Douglass, Bath.

The Department of Co-operation with other Societies was discontinued as a separate department, but the Executive Committee recommended that the general officers of local societies carefully attend to this work.

Recommended that every Union having no "Y" should have a department of Young Woman's Work, standing in the same relation to the community as a "Y" would.

The Committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 29, A. M.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Springer and selection by quartet.

Reading and acceptance of the minutes of Wednesday, P. M.

By vote of yesterday the selection of National Delegates became the order of the day.

Delegates were chosen as follows : Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Mrs. W. S. Spaulding, Mrs. M. F. Bunker, Mrs. Abbie Peaslee, Mrs. Anna Hussey, Mrs. Abbie Campbell, Mrs. Elizabeth Hibbard, Mrs. Almira Bowler, Mrs. G. S. Hunt.

Alternates : Miss Almira Quimby, Mrs. H. M. Robbins, Mrs. Dr. Newton, Mrs. Alice Raymond, Mrs. John E. Parker.

Consent was given to listen to suggestions from State Superintendents, presented by Mrs. Geo. S. Hunt :

Suggestion 1. That hereafter in arranging the programs for State Conventions the departments be grouped in the same manner as at the National Convention, under the five heads ; Evangelistic, Educational, Legal, Preventive and Social.

Sug. 2. That we recommend that the year for ending County reports close immediately after the County Conventions.

Sug. 3. That we recommend Directory of County Officers and Superintendents be published in the *Star in the East* immediately after State Convention and that County Secretaries report all changes.

Sug. 4. Voted that the Committee be instructed to request that the reports of Superintendents be published in the Minutes, the Superintendents agreeing to condense these reports as much as is consistently practicable.

Voted, that the first three of these suggestions be accepted. The fourth was left to the Executive Committee, as it had been previously so left.

Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Chase, of Fairfield, Miss Noyes, of Brunswick, introduced.

Selection by quartet.

Report of State Superintendent of Systematic Giving, Mrs. Hussey, read and accepted.

Report of Peace and Arbitration by Miss Douglass accepted.

Prison, Jail and Alms House presented by Mrs. Minard. Accepted.

Moved that Mrs. Williams, of Augusta, write out the work done in Kennebec County and add to this report.

Introduction of Mrs. Caroline Rich.

Introduction of Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Auburn.

Report of Lumbermen's Work, by Mrs. Harvey, of Orono. Accepted. Followed by remarks.

Introduction of Mrs. Keyes, who had just arrived from G. A. R. reunion at Washington, who gave us a most interesting talk.

Report of Miss Mary L. French on Press Department. Accepted.

Rev. Mr. Blaisdell introduced.

Then followed the introduction of Miss Treworgy, who led the devotional meeting, closing with a prayer offered by her at the noon hour.

Report of Evangelistic Department by Mrs. Snow. Accepted.

Announcements.

Voted, that the report of the Resolutions Committee be made the order of the day directly after the reading of the Minutes at the afternoon session.

Adjourned.

Benediction by Miss Treworgy.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 29, P. M.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Pierce, of Hiram.

Voted, that the Minutes be printed as heretofore.

Moved, that an effort be made to raise the money to pay for the Minutes by accepting pledges from individuals for themselves or for their constituency. Carried.

Ordered, that *Star in the East* be continued under sole management of Mrs. Blanchard.

CONVENTION, Sept. 29, P. M.

Prayer by Mrs. R. A. Springer.

Minutes of morning Executive Committee read and approved.

Committee on Resolutions reported. Report accepted, resolutions taken up seriatim, discussed and adopted as now recorded.

Hon. Nelson Dingley Jr. was presented to the Convention and remarked that he was sure that there is no good citizen who does not thank the Lord for the work in which the Union is engaged.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of our Heavenly Father in all our past work and that during the coming year we will continue to trust in His leading guidance.

Resolved, That we deplore the prevalence of Sabbath desecrations and protest against the Sunday excursions, and also the opening of the Columbian exposition on the Sabbath.

Whereas, The fact is apparent that the use of tobacco and opium is steadily increasing among our American people, and, that because of the demand for opium a poppy ranch has been started in California, and in view of the immense loss of money, health, life and *human souls* caused by these habits, therefore,

Resolved, That we will be more earnest in warning the young, in spreading knowledge on these points, and in using our influence *always* and *everywhere* for pure habits among all people.

Resolved, That we have noted with great gratification the remarkable work of the Keeley cure in renovating men and women degenerate in appetite and desires, restoring them to society in a condition to become a blessing to the world. In view of this we earnestly recommend the Keeley cure to the attention of the local Unions as one of the best lines of charitable work in reforming those brought low by the drink or morphine habit, the money so furnished held as legal loan to be refunded when the patient is able to earn and save.

Whereas, We view with alarm the evident sympathy of the judiciary of our State with the liquor traffic, therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union are due to Judge Foster for his clear and able charge to the jury on the liquor cases.

Resolved, That our influence be brought to bear on all social evils, especially among the young; that we continue to ask for better legal protection for girls, and that we claim equal standards of purity for men and women.

Resolved, That we recommend that more attention be given to our new departments, Homes for Homeless Children, School Savings Banks, Systematic Giving and Work Among Foreign Speaking People.

Resolved, That we give increased attention to the Department for Influencing the Press, as the most direct means of bringing the temperance question and the work of our society before the people; we gratefully recognize the many courtesies we have received from the editors of the State during the past year.

Resolved, That the best interest of humanity, the basis upon which our republic is founded, the demands of justice and the command embodied in the golden rule demand the enfranchisement of women.

Resolved, That local Unions be urged to appoint superintendents who will endeavor to secure the enforcement of the scientific temperance law, recommending the use of the approved text books; also to organize Loyal Temperance Legions in every Union in our State.

Resolved, That we strive most earnestly to improve the larger opportunity for thorough temperance education in our Sunday Schools through the quarterly temperance lessons in the regular course of the International series.

Whereas, Sheriff Cram by his faithful and efficient enforcement of the prohibition law, has closed the saloons in Cumberland county, and has demonstrated to the world that prohibition will prohibit when faithfully enforced, therefore,

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to him for his faithful enforcement of the law, and congratulate him on his re-election.

Resolved, That we extend the hearty thanks of this assembly to the pastor and committee of the Pine street Congregational church, to the entertainment committee of the Lewiston Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and to those who have so kindly opened their homes to us; to the railroad officials for reduced rates; to the Lewiston *Journal* and Auburn *Gazette* for reports of the Convention, and to all who have in any way contributed to make the Convention a success.

Report of Sunday School Work read and accepted, after which it was supplemented by remarks from Miss Lucia E. F. Kimball, National and World's Superintendent of Sunday School Work.

Singing by the quartet.

Report of Superintendent of Department for Securing Homes for Homeless Children read and accepted.

Mrs. Johnson made a plea for money to print the Minutes, and pledges were taken for this purpose.

Report of Mrs. F. A. Wright, Superintendent of Department of Purity, was accepted by a rising vote.

Rev. A. S. Ladd, of Auburn, introduced.

Reports of Departments of Legislation and Petitions, Juvenile Work, Mercy, Hygiene and Heredity, Soldiers and Sailors, Scientific Temperance Instruction read and accepted.

Report of Mrs. Alice L. Raymond, Superintendent of Temperance Literature, detained in Denver by ill health, was read by Mrs. N. S. Fernald and accepted.

The Recording Secretary was instructed to send a letter of cordial sympathy and love to Mrs. Raymond.

Mr. Randall, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Haskell introduced.

Invitations were received from Rockland and Houlton for next Convention. Referred to Executive Committee.

Voted to refer all unfinished business to Executive Committee. Announcements.

Doxology. Adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 29, EVENING.

Music.

Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Mary G. Richardson, of Lewiston. Music.

Address by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, "The New Aristocracy."

Song by the quartet with special reference to Mrs. Livermore.

Moved by Mrs. H. J. Bailey, and seconded by Miss Cornelia M. Dow, that the Eighteenth Annual Convention do now adjourn.

Benediction hymn.

Prayer by Miss S. W. Treworgy. Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 30, A. M.

Prayer by Mrs. Wade.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon and evening meetings read and approved.

Mrs. Norton declined to accept the position of Superintendent of Purity Department. Mrs. Oscar Holway was chosen to fill that position.

The Department of Mercy was taken from the Juvenile Work and made a department by itself. Mrs. Clara W. Mumford was continued as Superintendent of that department and Miss A. C. Bagley chosen to take charge of the Juvenile work.

Voted, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay Mrs. Stevens \$200 to be used by her according to her best judgment for the interest of the work.

The Committee rose.

~~MISS~~ CLARA M. FARWELL,
Recording Secretary.

By especial request of the State President her annual address is omitted, to give more room for the reports of the Superintendents of Departments.



Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Madam President and Co-workers :

Our organization is growing. The Unions are broadening their work and you will be glad to know that this year I have been *overwhelmed* with reports. What you do not find in this review will be presented either in the tabulated statement or in the reports of Superintendents. I shall use as far as possible the words of the County Presidents and Secretaries, as they have kept me informed of the work.

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

Androscoggin County has eight Unions. Auburn has a large membership. The special lines taken up have been Social Purity, Homes for Homeless Children and Benevolent Work. The restaurant at the State Fair had even more than its usual amount of patronage, as did that one run by the Lewiston Union.

The society organized at South Durham in August has made a good beginning.

At Greene more real work has been accomplished the past year than in any previous one. A neat hall has been secured and fitted up for Headquarters, and during the last few months the President has met every week with the young people, giving them their temperance instruction and persuading nearly all of them to sign the pledge.

The work of the Lewiston Union has been, as for two years past, chiefly for needy children. In all thirty-four little ones have been admitted to the Home. The average number cared for at one time has been ten. Over one thousand dollars has been expended on this work; several children have been placed in homes by adoption. A parlor entertainment and a lawn party were among the encouraging helps received during the year. An Easter sale was held, and 5,000 copies of an "Easter Bulletin," were published by the President for free distribution, the receipts from advertisements largely increasing the profits.

At Lisbon work has revived with promise of substantial results this year.

Livermore Falls opened a Reading Room early in the year, to which the public had access every evening except Sunday, from December 1st to May. The Gospel Temperance Meetings held by this Union were most helpful.

The society at Mechanic Falls has distributed 400 copies of Miss Willard's address at the last National Convention, and reorganized the Loyal Temperance Legion. The department of Flower Mission has been successfully carried on and clothing supplied to the poor.

At Turner the members of the Union, though widely scattered, meet regularly and take a course of reading. They have made a specialty of Temperance Instruction and Sabbath Observance.

AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

Aroostook County is prospering in all particulars. There are twenty-two Unions doing very good work with one or two exceptions.

Caribou has taken up Work among Lumbermen, Temperance Instruction, Juvenile Work, Franchise, and Social Purity Departments with success. A petition remonstrating against the licensing of a pool room by the town was presented with favorable results.

Fort Fairfield devotes the social hour of its meeting to parliamentary drills, discussions, bringing in of temperance sentiments, etc. Several of the ladies have spent an hour or more weekly giving temperance instruction in the village schools and in this way a large number of children can be reached.

Hodgdon held a medal contest with success, and has secured most of the children in the Sunday School to sign pledge cards.

The Union at Houlton is strong in membership and influence. The County Convention held here was the largest ever assembled and helped to create new interest in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. A great deal of literature has been sent out and Demorest Medal work taken up with very flattering results.

Presque Isle stands among the first as to membership and work. It is the special aim of this society to elevate motherhood by personal effort and Mother's Meetings.

Aroostook is laying a good foundation for the future in the work being done among children. At Limestone, Blaine, Linneus, Littleton, Monticello,

New Limerick, North Amity, Sprague Mills and Washburn, there are prosperous Loyal Legions.

These societies are also doing work along other lines as are Ashland, Bridgewater and Crystal, the new Union at Haynesville, and others. Danforth and Vanceboro report to Aroostook, although situated in Washington County, as does also Patten. They are all active societies.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

In Cumberland County among the seventeen old Unions there has been no falling off; all have done good work and in all ways held their own. Portland has 250 members. Among special lines of work the Free Kindergarten and Day Nursery has been particularly encouraging as to results. The meetings at the jail are still kept up and literature has been sent out through many avenues.

The society at South Portland has been greatly revived. A strong Loyal Legion has been organized and the Union is pushing other departments as never before. Admirable work among the children is also being done at Cumberland's Mills, Peak's Island, South Windham and and Stroudwater.

At Westbrook both the Union and Young Woman's Branch have done benevolent work in clothing needy children and teaching a sewing class.

Windham Center has made the Evangelistic Department its chief concern. The County Convention held here was the largest ever called together; it was royally entertained and has proved a help to the local and neighboring Unions.

At Woodford's the Mother's Meetings seem to be the best work done.

A "pound party," in aid of the Temporary Home, brought in over 200 pounds of groceries and considerable clothing. This Union has an original way of circulating literature—a leaflet is placed in each book sent out from the public library. The ministers of the place are furnished with the *Union Signal*.

North Gorham celebrated its first anniversary by inviting the Unions in the vicinity to meet with it. In this way the new Unions at White Rock and North Windham were greatly strengthened through a better knowledge of methods of work and acquaintance with the workers. There are also active auxiliaries at Cape Elizabeth and South Bridgton. The Union at Brunswick has been reorganized and one formed at New Gloucester.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Franklin County has given no uncertain sound in regard to Women's Christian Temperance Union Work. A new Union has been organized at Allen's Mills, another at Rangely, making the entire number nine. The older societies have increased in membership and enthusiasm, owing in part to the fact that every Union in the County was represented at the great Convention in Boston last fall.

The County Convention at Wilton in June was characterized by a devout earnestness and harmony. Every Union reported marked progress in all the lines of work. A semi-annual re-union was held in September on the camp-ground at Strong. The County President has given six public addresses and conducts the press work for the County.

The Union at Farmington placed barrels of ice-water on the streets the Fourth of July and thereby greatly lessened intemperance. It has found a new field in connection with the Keeley Institute, recently located there, and has raised a fund of \$200 for the purpose of lending to persons who wish to take the treatment and have no means. All the Unions in the County are interested in helping the Institute.

Kingfield has sent out a large amount of literature, especially to lumber camps. It carries on a Loyal Legion, as do also Phillips and Wilton. The society at Stratton suffers many difficulties in holding regular meetings as some of the members are fourteen miles away, but the fire of enthusiasm burns and they are not daunted. Strong has been doing exceedingly well in the line of sustaining a reading room, and at Phillips the ladies still keep up their interest in a similar enterprise.

HANCOCK COUNTY.

Hancock County claims six auxiliaries. There is a large society at Southwest Harbor in the town of Tremont and the County Convention was entertained here in the very best manner. Not the least of this Union's work is the care of the Loyal Legion. There are large numbers of men engaged in the numerous quarries in this County and a great deal of liquor is sold and consumed. So the Union has supplied temperance reading matter to the men, and by search and seizure warrants has had some of the sellers brought before the court.

Ellsworth has a Band of Mercy numbering ninety. This society subscribes liberally to the *Signal* and *Star* and in several departments is.

doing exceptionally good work. They have an opportunity which few women of the State have, the right of school suffrage. At Bar Harbor, Bluehill, Hancock and Surry there are also societies carrying on various lines of work in an acceptable manner.

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Kennebec County has at present nine Unions, nearly all prosperous—some exceedingly so. At Augusta the special work has been Evangelistic. The meetings held at the jail and almshouse have been attended with most gratifying results. Twice the Union has been to Togus to hold services there. The two Loyal Legions, junior and senior, are under the care of this Union and the Young Woman's Branch.

Gardiner has done excellently in the line of sending out literature and keeping wall pockets in public places well supplied. An interesting Demorest contest was held. In the line of Juvenile Work also this Union is active, as is the Hallowell Union. There is a flourishing Young Woman's Branch here. Every year a Christmas dinner is given to the needy in the city.

The society at Monmouth is very energetic. Gospel Temperance meetings have been held every month. A sufficient amount of money was raised and a man who wished to reform was sent to the Keeley Institute at Farmington.

Winthrop carries on work in twenty-two departments. There are two Loyal Legions here, one at the Center, the other at the village.

The Union has endeavored to have the Sabbath laws enforced. The Unions at China, South China, Vassalboro and North Vassalboro are doing well. There is a new Union at Clinton.

KNOX COUNTY.

Knox County has a list of eight auxiliaries. At Rockland the elder Union and the Young Woman's Branch are both strong. Special lines of work have been engaged in with most satisfactory results, particularly that of Temperance Instruction in Schools.

Thomaston conducts helpful services at the prison and has in charge a fine Loyal Legion.

The Union at Spruce Head also takes up Juvenile work with success. Union and Warren seem to have made public temperance meetings the chief feature of work. The former held one every Sunday of the year.

Union also entertained the County Convention in a most hospitable manner. The reports from Camden and Rockport show that the women have not been idle there.

LINCOLN COUNTY.

Lincoln County has six auxiliaries. The society at Waldoboro is large and meets at headquarters nicely located and furnished. One of the best managed Loyal Legions in the State is in charge of this Union. The County Convention was held here and a review showed that much had been done. The aim of the County President is to establish reading rooms, loan libraries and Loyal Legions in every Union, in order to lay a strong foundation stone in educating young people.

The society at Bremen has a good juvenile band, and there are auxiliaries at Round Pond, East Jefferson and Dresden Mills working in lines adapted to their respective needs.

OXFORD COUNTY.

Oxford County has seven Unions, most of them small as to numbers, but doing each its part to help make the grand total of membership and work. The principal branches carried on by the societies at Brownfield, Hiram and West Paris are Sabbath School, Sabbath Observance, Temperance Instruction in Schools, and Narcotics.

Norway has raised a good sum of money to expend in work and has furnished the public with excellent lectures and sent out a quantity of literature. Oxford is an active society; it has put most of its energy into charitable work. Mothers' Meetings are held with profit.

The Union at South Paris does not report, but the Young Woman's Branch does and shows an encouraging condition of affairs. They have a Loyal Legion of which they may well be proud.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

Penobscot County has nineteen auxiliaries, having organized nine the past year. Some of these new Unions though in the country with members living many miles apart, have done good work, and give promise of great usefulness.

Bangor Union rejoices in new members and a good year's work. Besides a series of ten meetings held by John Wooley, parlor meetings and three Demorest contests have been held and much literature distributed.

Bangor Crusade holds gospel meetings every Sabbath afternoon and services of great interest are held at the jail. A Christmas tree with

gifts for one hundred children is provided each year, often opening the way to reach the parents' hearts. Dexter has received a welcome increase in membership during the year, and has done good work in Temperance Instruction, Literature and other Departments. Orono has had two Demorest contests, put temperance text-books into the schools, and is about to open a free library.

Plymouth has helped poor families, sent out reading matter to sailors, and been active in several other lines of good work.

Hampden has done alms-house visiting, sent clothing to a southern school, aided the poor at home and in many ways lent a helping hand.

Corinna has grown in numbers and strength, has held three Demorest contests.

Stillwater has supplied lumber camps and wall pockets with temperance reading matter.

Kenduskeag has doubled its membership since organizing, less than a year ago.

The Unions at Dixmont, Winn and Mattawamkeag, though recently formed, have begun work with much earnestness. The latter is specially interested in the Good Will Farm. There are also auxiliaries at Charleston, East Corinth, Medway, Lincoln, Patten, Springfield and Veazie.

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

There are six Unions in Piscataquis County, no new ones having been organized the last year; but as five of these were formed the previous year they are new in the work. They have all increased in numbers and taken up new departments. All have had one or more lectures, besides temperance concerts. Literature is circulated quite generally from the Unions, especially at Greenville, Dover and Foxcroft to lumber camps. Greenville has a Loyal Temperance Legion. Shirley also is doing Juvenile Work. The Guilford Union secured a W. C. T. U. column in the paper published there and keeps it well filled. Four Unions on the line of the railroad have wall pockets in stations. Milo and Brownville carry on several departments. The work of the Dover and Foxcroft Union has been chiefly to push County work, using the funds in the treasury for that purpose. So while no new societies have been formed this year the seed has been planted which will perhaps in the future bear fruit in new Unions and much good.

SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

In Sagadahoc County there are auxiliaries at Bath and Popham Beach. Bath has assisted the Law and Order League in its efforts to enforce law and has united with them in securing four of the best Women's Christian Temperance Union lecturers for the bi-monthly mass meetings. In July our President of the State Union attended the annual County Convention held here, it being the last one of fifteen at which she had been present since the year began. Though no new departments have been taken up there has been more thorough work done than ever before, and the Union has gained in membership. A large amount of literature was distributed at the County Fair and at other places. In August a successful lawn party was given, and the 19th of this month a silver medal contest was held, which was another success. The Loyal Legion meets regularly in the different churches and in mass meetings.

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Shawmut,	2 00	" Telegrams and express,	95
Rockland,	10 75	" State Superintendents,	69 55
Orono,	3 00	" Literature Department,	28 25
Bangor,	6 00	" Appropriation for State work,	200 00
Bath,	15 75	" Meeting at Fryeburg,	14 25
Popham Beach,	6 00	" Miss Kimball at Togus,	9 00
" Minutes sold,	21 84	" Mrs. Barney at Thomaston,	15 90
" Cook books and photogravures,	60	" W. C. T. U. day at Ocean Park,	16 30
" School of Methods,	101 35	" School of Methods,	98 35
" Collection Ocean Park,	11 87	" Expenses Corresponding Secretary,	29 51
" Self denial fund,	3 00	" Toward Treasurer's postage,	20 00
" World's " "	4 25	" Due Auburn printer on "Star,"	
" For Temperance Temple,	3 00	Oct. 21, 1891,	32 48
" Dues from local Unions,	1,241 05	" Advertising Lady Somerset's lect-	
	\$2,996 66	ure, Lewiston,	4 50
		" Legal papers, insurance and interest	
		on New Headquarters, 150	
		Free street,	229 65
		" Running expenses New Headquar-	
		ters,	141 57
		" Paid for furniture and repairs,	589 40
		" Sent World's W. C. T. U. fund,	4 25
		" Temperance Temple	3 00
		" Dues to National Treasurer, 1891,	9 20
		" " " " 1892,	413 68
			\$2,627 19
		" Balance stock in W. T. P. A.,	100 00
		" Cash on hand,	269 47
			\$2,996 66

STAR IN THE EAST.

From October 21, 1891, to September 28, 1892.

	CR.		DR.
By 1100 subscriptions at 25 cts. each	\$277 50	" Paper printing and mailing 49,500	
" Advertisements and copies sold,	409 12	papers, and 22,500 supplements,	\$479 37
" By stock on hand,	13 00	" Cash to balance,	220 25
	\$699 62		\$699 62
		NET CASH ON HAND.	
		From "Star in the East,"	\$220 25
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I have examined the above report and find it correct. '

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DUES FROM LOCAL UNIONS.

Androscoggin County: Auburn, \$30.00; Greene, \$8.10; Lewiston, \$30.30; Livermore Falls, 15.00; Lisbon, \$6.00; Mechanic Falls, \$16.50; Sabattus, \$6.00; South Durham, 8.10; Turner, \$8.10	\$128 10
Aroostook County: Amity, \$4.50; Ashland, \$3.60; Blaine, \$14.40; Bridgewater, \$7.80; Caribou, \$15.00; Crystal, \$3.00; Dyer Brook, \$3.60; Fort Fairfield, \$18.00; Houlton, \$22.50; Hodgdon, \$7.80; Haynesville, \$5.10; Linneus, \$3.60; Littleton, \$9.00; Monticello, \$4.80; New Limerick, \$9.30; Presque Isle, \$21.60; Sprague's Mills, \$9.00; Sherman's Mills, \$7.50; Washburn, \$7.50.	177 60
Cumberland County: Cumberland Mills, \$10.80; Cape Elizabeth, \$5.00; Brunswick, \$9.00; Deering, Woodford's, \$11.40; Portland, \$75.00; Portland Y., \$3.90; Peak's Island, \$7.05; Stroudwater, \$8.10; South Bridgton, \$3.00; South Windham, \$7.50; North Windham, \$9.00; North Gorham, \$10.20; New Gloucester, \$3.30; Westbrook, \$3.00; Westbrook Y., \$11.10; Windham Center, \$11.40; White Rock, \$1.50.	190 25
Franklin County: Allen's Mills, \$3.30; Farmington, \$9.00; Kingfield, \$12.00; North Jay, \$4.00; Phillips, \$5.70; Rangeley, \$4.20; Strong, \$5.40; Stratton, \$5.10; Wilton, \$7.50.	56 20
Hancock County: Bar Harbor, \$7.00; Ellsworth, \$5.50; Franklin, \$2.50; South Hancock, \$4.20; South West Harbor, \$21.00; Surry, \$2.70.	42 90
Kennebec County: Augusta, \$15.00; Augusta Y., \$15.00; China, \$6.60; Clinton, \$3.60; Hallowell, \$5.00; Monmouth, \$7.20; North Vassalboro, \$2.40; South Gardiner, \$6.00; South China, \$7.20; Vassalboro, \$3.30; Winthrop Centre, \$15.00.	86 30
Knox County: Rockland, \$23.00; Rockland Y., \$6.50; Rockport, \$4.80; Spruce Head, \$4.80; Thomaston, \$12.00; Union, \$18.00; Warren, \$7.80.	76 90
Lincoln County: Bremen, \$3.30; Dresden Mills, \$2.40; East Jefferson, \$4.50; Newcastle, \$3.00; Round Pond, \$9.60; Waldoboro, \$22.50.	45 30
Oxford County: East Brownfield, \$3.00; East Hiram, \$4.80; Norway, \$6.30; Oxford, \$7.50; South Paris, \$7.50; South Paris Y., \$1.80; West Paris, \$3.90.	34 80
Penobscot County: Bangor, \$13.20; Bangor Crusade, \$11.90; Corinna, \$3.60; Charleston, \$5.10; Dexter, \$13.20; Dixmont, \$5.10; East Corinth, \$6.30; Hampden Corner, \$3.30; Kenduskeag, \$8.10; Lincoln, \$5.10; Mattawamkeag, \$8.70; Patten, \$7.50; Plymouth, \$9.60; Stillwater, \$4.80; Winn, \$3.30.	108 80
Piscataquis County: Brownville, \$4.50; Dover and Foxcroft, \$7.80; Greenville, \$3.00; Milo, \$3.30; Shirley, \$5.40.	24 00
Somerset County: East St. Albans, \$6.60; Fairfield, \$11.40; Madison, \$13.80; North Anson, \$4.80; New Portland, \$2.70; North New Portland, \$3.60; Pittsfield, \$7.50; St. Albans, \$3.90; Shawmut, \$3.90; Ripley, \$3.30.	60 70
Sagadahoc County: Bath, \$16.20; Popham Beach, \$7.50.	23 70
Waldo County: Belfast, \$12.30; North Searsmont, \$2.10; Waldo, \$3.00.	17 40
Washington County: Addison Point, \$6.00; Cherryfield, \$16.80; Columbia Falls, \$8.25; Calais, \$12.90; Danforth, \$6.30; Eastport, \$6.00; East Machias, \$2.40; Harrington, \$16.50; Jonesport, \$2.40; Lubec, \$2.40; Pembroke, \$4.50; Steuben, \$3.00; Vanceboro, \$6.00.	93 45
York County: Biddeford, \$8.10; Cornish, \$7.50; Groveville, \$2.40; East Parsonsfield, \$2.70; Kennebunk, \$8.40; Old Orchard, \$3.15; Saco, \$11.40; South Berwick, \$8.40; Y. Branch, South Berwick, \$3.90; Springvale, \$13.50; West Lebanon, \$4.20.	73 65
Two members at large,	1 00

 \$1,241 05

TABULATED REPORT OF UNIONS.

UNIONS.

	Date of Organization.	How often does your Union meet?	Number of Members.	Amount of money raised by dues.	Whole amount raised.	How many copies of the Union Signal taken?	How many copies of the Star in the East?	Do you furnish newspapers temperance items?	Has much literature been circulated?	No. Public Lectures.	Number of Gospel Temperance Meetings.	Do you use a course of Reading?	Do you hold meetings for Mothers?	Is the Temperance Instruction Law enforced?	Is the Prohibitory Law enforced?	Do you impress upon the women the importance of wearing the white ribbon?
ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.																
Auburn	1886	fortnightly	100	\$50 00	\$1254 00	50	25	no	yes		2	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Greene	1889	monthly	31	14 00	35 00	5	16	no	yes					yes	yes	yes
Lewiston	1879	fortnightly	16			6		yes	yes	3	2			yes	yes	yes
Lisbon	1890	fortnightly	50	28 50	60 65	12	22	yes	yes	5	12	no	no	no	no	no
Livernore Falls	1888	fortnightly	58	29 00	50 00	18	7	yes	yes		10	no	no	yes	no	yes
Mechanic Falls	1892	monthly	27	13 00		1	8	no	yes	1				no	yes	yes
South Durham	1887	fortnightly	34					yes	yes		1	yes		yes	yes	yes
Turner																
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Ashland	1889	fortnightly	21	4 90	1 00	3	13		yes			yes	no	yes	no	yes
Blaine	1889	weekly	37	10 80	48 95	4	9	yes	yes	7		yes	no	no	no	yes
Bridgewater	1890	weekly	18	9 00		8		no	yes	2	2	no	no	no	no	yes
Crystal	1891	fortnightly	7	5 00		1	2	no	yes					yes	yes	yes
Caribou	1881	fortnightly	75	28 50	50 00	30	20	no	yes	3	9	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fort Fairfield	1886	weekly	60	18 75	147 50			yes	yes	6		yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Haynesville	1892	fortnightly	22	10 50								yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Hodgdon	1889	fortnightly	26	13 00	3 96	2	9	no	yes	1		yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Houlton	1885	weekly	75	30 75	265 90	46	30	yes	yes	7	8	yes	no	no	no	yes
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" Lady Somerset's lecture,	317 99	" Redeem pledges to National W. C. T. U.,	30 00
" Rent of rooms at New Headquarters, 150 Free St.,	435 62	" Lettering banner,	1 00
" Freewill offerings:		" Telegrams and express,	95
Shawmut,	2 00	" State Superintendents,	69 55
Rockland,	10 75	" Literature Department,	28 25
Orono,	3 00	" Appropriation for State work,	200 00
Bangor,	6 00	" Meeting at Fryeburg,	14 25
Bath,	15 75	" Miss Kimball at Togus,	9 00
Popham Beach,	6 00	" Mrs. Barney at Thomaston,	15 90
" Minutes sold,	21 84	" W. C. T. U. day at Ocean Park,	16 30
" Cook books and photogravures,	60	" School of Methods,	98 35
" School of Methods,	101 35	" Expenses Corresponding Secretary,	29 51
" Collection Ocean Park,	11 87	" Toward Treasurer's postage,	20 00
" Self denial fund,	3 00	" Due Auburn printer on "Star," Oct. 21, 1891,	32 48
" World's " " "	4 25	" Advertising Lady Somerset's lecture, Lewiston,	4 50
" For Temperance Temple,	3 00	" Legal papers, insurance and interest on New Headquarters, 150 Free street,	229 65
" Dues from local Unions,	1,241 05	" Running expenses New Headquarters,	141 57
	\$2,996 66	" Paid for furniture and repairs,	589 40
		" Sent World's W. C. T. U. fund,	4 25
		" Temperance Temple " "	3 00
		" Dues to National Treasurer, 1891,	9 20
		" " " " 1892,	413 68
			\$2,627 19
		" Balance stock in W. T. P. A.,	100 00
		" Cash on hand,	269 47
			\$2,996 66

STAR IN THE EAST.

From October 21, 1891, to September 28, 1892.

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By 1100 subscriptions at 25 cts. each	\$277 50	" Paper printing and mailing 49,500 papers, and 22,500 supplements,	\$479 37
" Advertisements and copies sold,	409 12	" Cash to balance,	220 25
" By stock on hand,	13 00		\$699 62
	\$699 62		
		NET CASH ON HAND.	
		From "Star in the East,"	\$220 25
		" General treasury,	269 47
		Total cash balance,	\$489 72

E. M. BLANCHARD, *Treasurer.*

September 28, 1892.

I have examined the above report and find it correct. "

S. P. SMITH, *Auditor.*

DUES FROM LOCAL UNIONS.

Androscoggin County: Auburn, \$30.00; Greene, \$8.10; Lewiston, \$30.30; Livermore Falls, 15.00; Lisbon, \$6.00; Mechanic Falls, \$16.50; Sabattus, \$6.00; South Durham, 8.10; Turner, \$8.10	\$128 10
Aroostook County: Amity, \$4.50; Ashland, \$3.60; Blaine, \$14.40; Bridgewater, \$7.80; Caribou, \$15.00; Crystal, \$3.00; Dyer Brook, \$3.60; Fort Fairfield, \$18.00; Houlton, \$22.50; Hodgdon, \$7.80; Haynesville, \$5.10; Linneus, \$3.60; Littleton, \$9.00; Monticello, \$4.80; New Limerick, \$9.30; Presque Isle, \$21.60; Sprague's Mills, \$9.00; Sherman's Mills, \$7.50; Washburn, \$7.50	177 60
Cumberland County: Cumberland Mills, \$10.80; Cape Elizabeth, \$5.00; Brunswick, \$9.00; Deering, Woodford's, \$11.40; Portland, \$75.00; Portland Y., \$3.90; Peak's Island, \$7.05; Stroudwater, \$8.10; South Bridgton, \$3.00; South Windham, \$7.50; North Windham, \$9.00; North Gorham, \$10.20; New Gloucester, \$3.30; Westbrook, \$3.00; Westbrook Y., \$11.10; Windham Center, \$11.40; White Rock, \$1.50	190 25
Franklin County: Allen's Mills, \$3.30; Farmington, \$9.00; Kingfield, \$12.00; North Jay, \$4.00; Phillips, \$5.70; Rangeley, \$4.20; Strong, \$5.40; Stratton, \$5.10; Wilton, \$7.50	56 20
Hancock County: Bar Harbor, \$7.00; Ellsworth, \$5.50; Franklin, \$2.50; South Hancock, \$4.20; South West Harbor, \$21.00; Surry, \$2.70	42 90
Kennebec County: Augusta, \$15.00; Augusta Y., \$15.00; China, \$6.60; Clinton, \$3.60; Hallowell, \$5.00; Monmouth, \$7.20; North Vassalboro, \$2.40; South Gardiner, \$6.00; South China, \$7.20; Vassalboro, \$3.30; Winthrop Centre, \$15.00	86 30
Knox County: Rockland, \$23.00; Rockland Y., \$6.50; Rockport, \$4.80; Spruce Head, \$4.80; Thomaston, \$12.00; Union, \$18.00; Warren, \$7.80	76 90
Lincoln County: Bremen, \$3.30; Dresden Mills, \$2.40; East Jefferson, \$4.50; Newcastle, \$3.00; Round Pond, \$9.60; Waldoboro, \$22.50	45 30
Oxford County: East Brownfield, \$3.00; East Hiram, \$4.80; Norway, \$6.30; Oxford, \$7.50; South Paris, \$7.50; South Paris Y., \$1.80; West Paris, \$3.90	34 80
Penobscot County: Bangor, \$13.20; Bangor Crusade, \$11.90; Corinna, \$3.60; Charleston, \$5.10; Dexter, \$13.20; Dixmont, \$5.10; East Corinth, \$6.30; Hampden Corner, \$3.30; Kenduskeag, \$8.10; Lincoln, \$5.10; Mattawamkeag, \$8.70; Patten, \$7.50; Plymouth, \$9.60; Stillwater, \$4.80; Winn, \$3.30	108 80
Piscataquis County: Brownville, \$4.50; Dover and Foxcroft, \$7.80; Greenville, \$3.00; Milo, \$3.30; Shirley, \$5.40	24 00
Somerset County: East St. Albans, \$6.60; Fairfield, \$11.40; Madison, \$13.80; North Anson, \$4.80; New Portland, \$2.70; North New Portland, \$3.60; Pittsfield, \$7.50; St. Albans, \$3.90; Shawmut, \$3.90; Ripley, \$3.30	60 70
Sagadahoc County: Bath, \$16.20; Popham Beach, \$7.50	23 70
Waldo County: Belfast, \$12.30; North Searsmont, \$2.10; Waldo, \$3.00	17 40
Washington County: Addison Point, \$6.00; Cherryfield, \$16.80; Columbia Falls, \$8.25; Calais, \$12.90; Danforth, \$6.30; Eastport, \$6.00; East Machias, \$2.40; Harrington, \$16.50; Jonesport, \$2.40; Lubec, \$2.40; Pembroke, \$4.50; Steuben, \$3.00; Vanceboro, \$6.00	93 45
York County: Biddeford, \$8.10; Cornish, \$7.50; Groveville, \$2.40; East Parsonsfield, \$2.70; Kennebunk, \$8.40; Old Orchard, \$3.15; Saco, \$11.40; South Berwick, \$8.40; Y. Branch, South Berwick, \$3.90; Springvale, \$13.50; West Lebanon, \$4.20	73 65
Two members at large,	1 00

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TABULATED REPORT OF UNIONS.

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ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.																	
Auburn	1886	fortnightly	100	\$50 00	\$1254 00	50	25	no	yes		2	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Greene	1889	monthly	31	14 00	35 00	5	16										
Lewiston	1879	fortnightly	16			6											
Lisbon	1890	fortnightly	50	28 50	60 65	12	22	yes	yes	3	2	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Livermore Falls	1888	fortnightly	58	29 00	50 00	18	7	yes	yes	5	12	no	no	no	no	no	yes
Mechanic Falls	1892	monthly	27	13 00		1	8	no	yes	1		no	no	yes	no	no	yes
South Durham	1887	fortnightly	34					yes	yes		1	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Turner																	
AROOSTOOK COUNTY.																	
Ashland	1889	fortnightly	21	4 90	1 00	3	13		yes			yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes
Blaine	1889	weekly	37	10 80	48 95	4	9	yes	yes	7		yes	no	no	no	yes	yes
Bridgewater	1890	weekly	18	9 00		8		no	yes	2	2	no	no	no	no	yes	yes
Crystal	1891	fortnightly	7	5 00		1	2	no	yes								yes
Caribou	1881	fortnightly	75	28 50	50 00			no	yes	3	9	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fort Fairfield	1886	weekly	60	18 75	147 50	30	20	yes		6		yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
Haynesville	1892	fortnightly	22	10 50					yes			yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
Hodgdon	1889	fortnightly	26	13 00	3 96	2	9	no	yes	1	8	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
Houlton	1885	weekly	75	30 75	265 90	46	30	yes	yes	7	1	yes	no	yes	no	no	yes
Limestone	1888	fortnightly	13	4 45		3	8	no	yes			yes	no	yes	no	no	yes
Linneus	1889	fortnightly	12	2 40		6	4	no	yes	3		yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Littleton	1890	weekly	30	15 00	5 00	4	14	no	yes	4	5	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes

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1889	fortnightly	10			1			yes			no	no			yes
1888	weekly	16	\$ 8 00		2	5	yes	yes	2		no	no	yes		yes
1889	weekly	32	13 25	\$ 13 00	5	4	no	yes	3	1	no	yes	no	yes	yes
1890	fortnightly	15	12 50	171 74	7	10		yes	3	5	yes	no	yes		yes
1879	weekly	72	36 00	201 07			yes	yes	2	2	no	yes	yes		yes
1888	fortnightly	30	10 50	10 50	2	1	no	yes	2		no	no	yes	yes	yes
1884	fortnightly	25	12 50	13 80	3	12	yes	yes		4	no	yes	no	yes	yes
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.															
1887	monthly	16	8 00		4	4	no	yes	1		no	no	no	yes	yes
1887	fortnightly	30	18 00		8	8	yes	yes	7		no	no	yes	yes	yes
1890	fortnightly	34	17 00	7 57	3	8	no	yes	9	50	no	no	no	yes	yes
1891	weekly	24	12 50			1	yes		1		no	no	yes	no	yes
1889	fortnightly	23	15 50	5 47	6	3	yes	yes		2	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
1880	weekly	250	150 00	1453 00	20		no	yes	9		no	yes	yes	yes	yes
1882	fortnightly	10	3 00	12 00	3	3	yes	yes		4	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
1890	fortnightly	4			1	2	yes	yes	4		no	no	yes	yes	no
1876	fortnightly	25	12 50		2	16	yes	yes			yes	no	yes	yes	yes
1875	fortnightly	16	9 00		5						no	no	yes	yes	yes
1888	fortnightly	22	9 00		3	6	no	yes	3		no	yes	yes	yes	yes
1889	fortnightly	12	33 00	123 86			yes	yes	4		no	no	yes	yes	yes
1891	fortnightly	15	2 50		1	1	yes	yes			no	no	yes	yes	yes
1889	fortnightly	38	20 50		3	12	yes	yes	1	2		no	no	yes	yes
1890	fortnightly	38	15 75	4 08	7	8	yes	yes	2		no	yes			yes

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Allen's Mills	1892	fortnightly	11	6 50	1	no	yes	2	no	yes	no	yes	yes
Farmington	1886	monthly	31	15 50	3	8	yes	yes	6	no	yes	no	no
Kingfield	1889	fortnightly	45	22 50	6	15	yes	yes	4	no	yes	yes	yes
North Jay	1890	fortnightly	22	8 75	3	3	yes	yes	7	no	yes	no	yes
Phillips	1888	monthly	19	9 50	2	12	yes	yes	1	no	yes	no	no
Stratton	1890	fortnightly	18	9 00	10	10	yes	yes	2	no	yes	no	yes
Strong	1889	fortnightly	25	12 50	4	11	yes	no	2	no	yes	no	no
Wilton	1890	fortnightly	10	1 75	2	2	yes	yes	10	no	yes	yes	yes

HANCOCK COUNTY.

Bluehill	1875	weekly	22	7 00	14	19	no	yes	2	no	no	yes	yes
Ellsworth	1889	fortnightly	4	4 50	1	4	no	yes	1	no	no	no	yes
Hancock	1889	fortnightly	72	53 50	8	5	yes	yes	4	yes	yes	yes	yes
Surry	1891	fortnightly	50	20 06	20	37	yes	yes	2	no	yes	no	yes
Tremont	1888	weekly	56	28 00	6	12	yes	yes	1	yes	yes	yes	yes

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Augusta	1876	weekly	50	20 06	20	37	yes	yes	2	42	no	yes	no	yes
China	1888	fortnightly	22	11 00	6	12	yes	yes	1	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Gardiner	1890	weekly	56	28 00	24	95	yes	yes	4	no	no	no	no	yes
Hallowell	1887	fortnightly	24	7 20	6	8	no	yes	1	yes	no	no	no	yes
Hallowell V.	1887	monthly	31	15 00	1	no	no	yes	1	yes	no	no	no	yes
Monmouth	1890	fortnightly	24	12 00	4	5	yes	yes	7	10	no	yes	no	yes
North Vassalboro	1891	fortnightly	18	18 00	4	5	yes	yes	2	1	no	yes	yes	yes
South China	1891	fortnightly	27	8 10	4	5	yes	yes	4	3	no	yes	yes	yes
Vassalboro	1884	weekly	11	5 50	2	2	no	yes	1	no	no	no	yes	yes
Winthrop	1885	monthly	50	25 00	4	2	yes	yes	4	1	no	no	yes	yes

KNOX COUNTY.

Camden	1882	fortnightly	10	5 00	2	4	no	yes	1	no	no	yes	no	no
Rockland	1877	fortnightly	77	46 50	16	11	yes	yes	1	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Rockland V.	1888	fortnightly	43	200 00	1	no	no	no	1	no	no	yes	no	no
Rockport	1890	fortnightly	18	8 00	3	6	yes	yes	2	yes	no	yes	yes	yes
Spruce Head	1891	fortnightly	16	14 00	6	20	no	yes	1	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Thomaston	1884	fortnightly	66	37 25	12	12	yes	yes	2	53	yes	yes	yes	yes
Union	1889	fortnightly	20	17 30	4	12	yes	yes	2	12	yes	yes	yes	yes
Warren		fortnightly	20	17 30	4	12	yes	yes	2	12	yes	yes	yes	yes

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LINCOLN COUNTY.																
Bremen	1889	fortnightly	11	\$3 30		1	2	no	yes	1		yes	yes	no	yes	yes
Dresden Mills	1886			8 2 80			5	no	yes			no	no	yes	yes	yes
East Jefferson	1800	monthly	15	7 50		1	2	yes	yes	1				no	yes	
Newcastle	1883										3					
Round Pond	1890	monthly	32	16 00	\$19 64	12	37	yes	yes	3	6	no	yes	yes	no	yes
Waldoboro	1889	fortnightly	75	60 00				yes	yes	4	1	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
(OXFORD COUNTY.																
East Brownfield	1879	monthly	10	3 00		2	8		yes					yes	yes	yes
East Hiram	1879	monthly	16	7 50		3	6		yes	1		no	no	yes	yes	yes
Norway	1890	fortnightly	32	7 00	115 00	2			yes	5		yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Oxford	1891	fortnightly	25	15 00	3 82	1	6	no	yes	1		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
South Paris V.	1890	weekly	11	3 30				yes	yes					yes	yes	no
West Paris	1890	monthly	15	11 50			1	yes	yes			no	no	yes	yes	no
PENOBSCOT COUNTY.																
Bangor	1876	fortnightly	44	13 20	219 28	15	11	yes	yes	3	11	no	no	no	no	yes
Bangor Crusade	1874	weekly	30	15 00	250 00	6	8	yes	yes		98			no	no	yes
Charleston	1892	monthly	30	13 00		1	1		yes					yes	yes	yes
Cornina	1890	monthly	20	6 60	7 00	2		yes	yes	1			no	no	yes	yes
Dexter	1885	monthly	51	29 00	12 48	15	20		yes		6			yes	yes	yes
Dixmont	1892	fortnightly	22	12 50				yes	yes	2		yes		no	yes	no
Hampden Corner	1887	fortnightly	7	5 50		5	4	no	no			yes	no	no	yes	yes
Kenduskeag	1892	fortnightly	29	15 30	12 60	1	2	yes	yes		1	no	no	yes	yes	yes

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Cherryfield	1887	fortnightly	56	\$33 00	\$156 00	11	25	yes	yes	2	2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Columbia Falls	1890	fortnightly	25	13 50	10 75	3	2	no	yes	1	4	no	no	yes	no	yes
Danforth	1889	fortnightly	19		11 00	4	17	yes	yes	3		no	yes	yes	no	yes
Eastport	1878	fortnightly	30	11 50	16 08		14	yes	yes		1	no	no	yes	no	yes
East Machias	1889	fortnightly	17					yes	yes			no	yes	yes	no	no
Harrington	1891	fortnightly	55	27 50	30 98	5	18	no	yes			no	no	yes	yes	yes
Steuben	1891	fortnightly	25		7 22	1	9	yes	yes	3	52	no	yes		yes	yes
Vanceboro	1892	fortnightly	20	10 00	6 75	5		yes	yes	3	4	no		yes	yes	yes
West Pembroke	1885	fortnightly	15	7 50		4	11	yes	yes	1	2		yes	yes	yes	yes
YORK COUNTY.																
Biddeford	1879	fortnightly	30	15 00	20 00	4	15	yes	yes			no	no	no	no	no
Cornish	1885															
East Parsonsfield	1890		11			1	3	no	yes		2	no	no	no		yes
Kennebunk	1879	monthly	28	14 00	25 00	3	28	yes	yes	1		yes	no	yes	yes	yes
Lebanon	1890		34		10 20	4		no	yes			no	no	yes	yes	yes
Saco	1890	fortnightly	38	19 00	11 40	30	30	yes	yes	2		no	no	yes	yes	yes
South Berwick	1884	fortnightly	28	15 00	57 11	18	15	yes	yes	7		no	no	yes	no	yes
South Berwick Y.	1892	fortnightly	15					yes	yes	3			no	yes	no	yes
Springvale	1892	fortnightly	45	23 00	42 44	8		no	yes	2	1	no	no	yes	no	yes

SARAH L. CRAM.

Systematic Giving.

As this movement has been but recently introduced into the Union, the work is still in its infancy and largely initiatory in its character. The absence also of the Superintendent of the department during a part of the Autumn and Winter months tended to delay the work for a time.

Distribution of literature pertaining to systematic giving has been an important feature in the work thus far. In addition to this we wish to bring the subject more generally before the people through sermons, addresses, talks, etc. Through the co-operation of County Superintendents I am confident much blessing will result from this effort, although the good work may seem to progress but slowly at first.

Androscoggin—Miss Mary E. Perkins, Superintendent, reports that the subject has been faithfully kept before all the Unions of this county. Literature has been distributed and letters occasionally sent, urging the importance of the work. Department leaflets by Esther Tuttle Pritchard, our National Superintendent of Systematic Giving, have been sent out to all locals. These leaflets have also been given to pastors with the request that they would speak upon the subject. Three Unions in this county have Superintendents and are prepared to go forward in the work.

These Unions represent one hundred and twenty nine families; eighty of them have been supplied with literature. Quite a number of their members practice this method in giving; returns do not state how many. The Superintendent writes: "I intend to push this work more vigorously another year. I have suggested that we make each of our departments more prominent in our Union meetings, bringing out all the information respecting its work that we can. I know He wants this work to prosper so I keep on praying and working as opportunity offers. I do not confine myself to the Union but try to reach all wherever I go." We want to say, work on, faithful sister; the Lord bless thee and crown all thy labor with His blessing.

Aroostook—Miss Hattie Mayo is Superintendent. During the County Convention held in Houlton in June, a special meeting was appointed to consider the work of this department. Literature was dispensed to Superintendents, and information, together with printed helps given to those who desired to become better informed, and an appeal was made that they take up the work in earnest the coming year. Thus through the timely activity of their Superintendent, the work was brought prominently before those attending the Convention, and much help and encouragement were given to the workers. Eight Unions in this County are organized for the work. Six of these report one hundred and sixty-four families; one hundred and five supplied with literature. The Superintendent writes: "I am sure much more literature has been distributed than stated, but I can only give the figures given me." Thirty-eight persons practice proportionate giving. Seven meetings have been held in the interest of the department, and eight sermons and addresses delivered on the subject.

Similar reports from other counties, where the work has already been taken up, show that the subject has been faithfully presented to local Unions, and in each of these counties a number of Unions are doing good work.

We have County Superintendents in Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Sagadahoc, Somerset and York. Some other counties are prepared to choose Superintendents. Others have the subject under favorable consideration. We rejoice in the belief that this cause is claiming the earnest attention of our women in Maine as never before and that soon our entire State will be organized for the work.

In attempting to present the work of this newly-created Department I am forcibly reminded of the words expressed years ago by the noted Dr. Bushnell, who declared: "The great problem now on hand is the Christianizing of the money power of the world. What we wait for and look hopefully to see is the consecration of the vast money power of the world to the cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ."

Do we not all heartily re-echo his words to-day? And what a thrilling inspiration it should be to every White Ribboner to realize that in accepting and advocating the claims of proportionate giving she practically aids in the accomplishment of this grand purpose—the consecration of the world's vast money power to Christ. God has wonderfully blessed the Christian nations of the world. With the gift of the Gospel

He has also bestowed upon them resources of immense wealth. Even to Christ's avowed followers alone He has entrusted, in the aggregate, vast treasure. And yet the one great hindrance in carrying forward His own work to-day is the lack of consecrated means—means set apart unto the Lord.

We are told that there are forty billions of dollars in the coffers of American and British Christians alone, who are giving annually only about twelve millions to carry the Gospel to one thousand millions of people. In this great financial failure on the part of Christ's church to meet her indebtedness to His cause, while the coffers of christendom are full, we realize how sadly God is robbed—robbed “in tithes and offerings,” which, if faithfully rendered unto Him, would supply His treasury with abundant means to carry on His own great work.

Throughout the Bible we are taught the principle of Divine ownership and human stewardship, and that therefore the money we possess is not to be spent wholly in selfish interests. We hold it only in trust for Him who has said “The silver is mine and the gold is mine.” If we accept the teaching of Scripture in relation to the use of money, and honor God's method of rendering unto Him, we shall surely be led into proportionate giving,—laying by us in store for the Lord continually according as He hath prospered us. And the blessing which invariably follows obedience to His will is always sure to follow. Thousands of Christians are able to testify that in the practice of systematic or proportionate giving they find great peace and delight and an increase of spiritual and temporal prosperity.

In conclusion, dear sisters, I would affectionately ask that this important subject of world-wide interest continue to receive your honest and most prayerful consideration. And may the constraining love of Christ so fill our hearts that ere long the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Maine shall present one solid phalanx battling for this great reform upon which so largely depends the success of all other reforms and all Christian enterprise.

“Sits He not against the treasury?
Open! Open hearts and hands!
And as surely His best blessings
Will o'erflow all hearts, all lands.”

ANNA M. HUSSEY,
State Supt. Dept. of Systematic Giving.

Peace and Arbitration.

Literature has been distributed at several conventions. Tracts have been sent to the Maine General Hospital. A letter, showing the evil influences resulting from Boys' Brigades was sent to a clergyman in one of our cities who, in one of his sermons, spoke in praise of the Boys' Brigade in connection with Sabbath School work. A letter was sent by our National Superintendent to the chairman of the Board of Education of Portland, asking that board to give a negative answer to the petition of the girls of the High School, asking permission to be formed into a ladies' military company. Their petition was not granted.

Articles have been written for the press. One hundred addresses of clergymen, local Peace Superintendents and others have been sent to the editor of the *Advocate of Peace*, who has sent that excellent paper to these addresses. Easter souvenirs given by Mrs. H. J. Bailey, the World's Superintendent of this department, have been sent to local Superintendents and others.

North Anson reports literature distributed, two sermons preached and one lecture delivered. Literature has been distributed at Cumberland Mills. Mechanic Falls reports one copy of the *Acorn* taken. A peace petition has been circulated. North Searsmont reports no direct work. Literature has been given out, and the subject has received attention from the pulpit, the press, and in ordinary conversation. Broad Cove reports literature distributed. At Green's Corner literature has been distributed and six sermons preached in the interest of peace. At Plymouth a few pages of peace tracts have been distributed.

Waldoboro reports fifty leaves of literature distributed. The peace petition sent out by the American Peace Society has been circulated. The press has been utilized for the cause in a general way. In answer to the question "Has your Union subscribed to the *Pacific Banner* for its own use or for any clergyman, reading room, library or railroad station?" the Superintendent reports "fifty copies." Vassalboro has placed peace literature in the railroad depot.

One copy of the *Pacific Banner* is taken at Machias. One peace sermon has been preached, and a few articles sent to the Machias *Union* for publication. Tracts have been distributed. St. Albans reports a "goodly number" of peace tracts given away. Twelve copies of the *Acorn* are taken at Turner. The Superintendent writes: "The Haddock's Testimony is still being passed from house to house." A paper covered book that can stand a constant circulation for over a year is certainly a commendable missionary. South Windham has accomplished a little work in this department, and is planning work for the future.

China has introduced the *Acorn* into school. Fifty pages of tracts have been distributed. One public peace meeting has been held. One sermon has been preached in the interest of the department. Cherryfield has just appointed a new superintendent. She writes: "I am very much interested and willing to do all I can." Popham Beach has introduced the *Acorn* into Sunday School. Five copies of the *Banner* are taken. Two hundred leaves of peace tracts have been distributed. Three peace sermons have been preached. South China reports 1,500 pages of peace tracts distributed. One copy of the *Banner* is taken. One peace sermon has been preached, and the *Acorn* has been introduced into the Sunday School.

The report of the North New Portland Union has been sent by the Superintendent of Somerset County, who has secured seven local Superintendents out of the ten Unions. She says: "There has been some literature circulated. The first Sabbath in June was observed as general Peace Day by a public meeting in our church by the Loyal Temperance Legion, nearly every child taking part in the exercises; also public readings on this subject have been given."

Shawmut has distributed 544 pages of department literature, and circulated "Haddock's Testimony." One Bible Reading, also one concert has been held. Bath has a Peace Band. One sermon has been preached on peace. The *Banner* and *Acorn* have been distributed. About 2,000 pages of peace literature have been distributed. Considerable was placed on out-going vessels. The local Superintendent, Miss Susan Cary, makes it a custom to place one of our tracts within a religious paper and send a bundle of such to vessels lying near her home.

Peak's Island has a Peace Band of twelve members in connection with the Loyal Temperance Legion. Peace tracts have been distributed among the children.

At Augusta the Superintendent reports as follows: "More than one thousand pages of peace literature have been distributed the past year. Peace items have been sent to four local newspapers. Forty children have signed the peacemakers pledge and a peace meeting is held with them once a month. The first Sabbath in June was observed as peace day. A meeting was held which was a success. The 20th of December was observed as peace day and three sermons were preached on the subject of peace by the pastors. The peace petition was circulated, signed and sent to Congress. We have a number of subscribers to the *Pacific Banner* and *Acorn*."

Winthrop has distributed four thousand pages of literature. Thirty copies of the *Acorn* and ten of the *Banner* are taken. Two public peace meetings have been held and addresses have been given by Revs. John F. Hansen of South Dakota and B. F. Trueblood, the Secretary of the American Peace Society.

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS,

Superintendent of Peace and Arbitration.

Franchise.

Madam President and Members of the Convention:

In reviewing the past twelve months I note marked progress in the cause of equal rights, but if asked what work had been done in that department your Superintendent could make but a feeble response. What then has produced this wonderful change in public sentiment? I answer, the increase of intelligence and Christianity among the masses, for as the light of Christianity dawns upon a people they realize more fully the truth contained in the Golden Rule, "Whatsoever ye would men should do to you do ye even so to them" and unconsciously men and women are learning to practise it. During the past year I have distributed about fifteen hundred suffrage leaflets, have sent forty suffrage petitions to Unions in this state, several of whom had a suffrage department, with the request that they should be circulated for the signature of men and women and

then sent to Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby of Washington, D. C., editor of the *Woman's Tribune*. I am sorry to say from Mrs. Colby's report but few of the Unions responded to my request, but I am not discouraged, for I remember the promise of Him who will never fail us, that "The blind shall receive their sight and the lepers shall be healed," and so there is hope even for those who are indifferent to the sufferings of those less fortunate than themselves. I have also circulated many copies of the *Woman's Column* and the *Woman's Tribune* and spoken once in Harrington and once at Southwest Harbor, in both places to good sized audiences. At our local weekly meetings I have made it a rule to read or talk on the subject a portion of the hour of the meeting and it has awakened much interest in the cause. Miss E. U. Yates writes me that "Soon after the State convention last year, I was appointed National Franchise Lecturer and the demand upon my time in other states has been so great I have been able to give but little time to the cause in Maine." Only six Unions have sent in their reports, but from all the Unions, even where there is no Franchise department, comes the good word that the cause of equal rights is growing in favor, and that people who a year ago would not listen to it, are now discussing the question.

Under date of Sept. 27th Mrs. DeWitt of Presque Isle writes that although but few of the Unions in Aroostook County have organized suffrage departments, all the older Unions are strongly in favor of equal rights, and that some of the Unions that were very indifferent last year are now in favor.

From Mrs. Lamb of Androscoggin County I get encouraging reports of awakened interest in the enfranchisement of women, although but few of the Unions have organized that department.

Miss Emily Miller of North Searsmont, Superintendent of Franchise for Waldo County writes, "I have distributed about seventy-five leaflets and twenty-five *Woman's Journals* and I have frequently touched on the subject incidentally but no aggressive work has been done." I am glad to learn from Miss Miller that she wears the yellow ribbon (the suffrage badge) and I wish more of the white ribbon women would follow her example. The value of the significance of the colors entwined would be of great assistance to the cause.

Mrs. L. B. Crocker of St. Albans writes under date of Sept. 9th, that although there has been but two Unions organized for Franchise work,

here has been some work done in many of the Unions. She has distributed two packages of leaflets and other literature and has circulated the *Woman's Column*, and there has been a great change in public sentiment in regard to woman suffrage since the Unions have been reading the literature and discussing the subject."

Miss Louisa Titcomb, Superintendent Franchise for Cumberland County reports, "Our cause is surely gaining, but in so many unforeseen and various directions it is very difficult to reduce them to facts. For instance, woman's late splendid work in Great Britain is telling on our people here and the World's Fair is building better than they know for woman's ability, success and final liberty to do what she will. Every day she is steadily gaining in the most difficult departments of art, learning and science. Our last county convention showed great unanimity on the suffrage cause. We have a new suffrage club in Portland under the leadership of Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey that is increasing in numbers and interest."

Mrs. Ruth A. Hanson of East Machias, Washington County, writes, "All of our members are in favor of equal rights. I have circulated leaflets and am confident the cause is gaining although none of our Unions have organized suffrage departments."

And so from every quarter comes the good word. The light is surely breaking, "they who were once blind now see," and as the masses become informed in regard to the claims of women, prejudice born of ignorance, will vanish like mist before the sun. During the present month our country has lost by death two of its noblest and in the cause of equal rights, fearless and outspoken champions, George William Curtis and John G. Whittier. Thank Heaven, they left many testimonials of their love for our cause. Mr. Curtis said in his splendid address entitled "Fair Play for Women," "I say the movement is a plea for justice, and I assert that the rights of women, not as citizens, but as human beings, have never been acknowledged. There is no audacity so insolent, no tyranny so wanton, no inhumanity so revolting, as the spirit that says to any human being, you shall be developed just as far as we choose, and your mental and moral life be subjected to our pleasure, and if women do not care about the question of suffrage, it is high time they should, both for themselves and for men. The spirit of society cannot be just nor the laws equitable so long as half of the population are politically paralyzed." Mr. Whittier said "For over forty years, I have not hesitated to declare my

convictions that justice, fair dealing and the democratic principles of our government demand equal rights of citizenship irrespective of sex. I have not been able to see any good reason why the ballot should be denied to women." And so, my sisters, let us take courage, the day is surely coming when every fetter shall be broken, and we shall march shoulder to shoulder with our brothers in the battle against wrong, and our government shall recognize no sex in citizenship, then, and not until then, will the true republic be born, and the dreams of your forefathers be realized.

ANN F. GREELY,

State Superintendent Department of Franchise.

Narcotics.

Madame President, Sisters of the Convention, and Friends :

"There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun." It is a *monster* evil. It is an evil which has sent thousands to our lunatic asylums, which takes every year 30,000 people to their graves, and makes semi-invalids of thousands more. It is an *omnipresent* evil. You meet it *everywhere*. You can hardly step from the protecting shelter of your own home without meeting it ; and *sometimes*—oh, dreadful fact !—it is found right in the *midst* of home. But for *my own* part I fully sympathize with the little boy who wrote and put up over the door of his home the following notice : "No *swearness*, no *drunkenness*, no *smokeness* allowed here." I think it ought to be an understood thing that this motto is in the creed of every woman's home, but in order to do this, she must begin away back in her girlhood, and she must say, as a little girl in my home says, "*I'll* never marry a man that drinks liquor or uses tobacco ; I'll be an old maid first."

We have many reasons for encouragement in this department. One is in the fact that our ministers are grandly coming to the rescue, and, true to their convictions, are declaring the whole counsel of God in relation to this matter, and as a consequence the church is, to some extent, purifying itself from this abomination. We note with pleasure the fact that our

Methodist brethren gave the trumpet no uncertain sound in their resolutions at the last session of the Maine and Eastern Maine Conferences, also at the General Conference at Omaha. We presume other denominations are equally outspoken. Yet we long for the time to come when in America church law will be as strict as in some heathen countries, where no convert from heathenism is admitted to the Christian church until he renounces opium and tobacco. Many of the new Unions are adopting this department at their organization, and I am very glad to say that no department can boast of better county and local superintendents than this.

The Superintendent for Androscoggin County reports that there has been more good work done the past year than ever before, and that the sentiment against the use of narcotics never was so great. The ministers are helping grandly. Most of the Unions have circulated our department literature and cigarette petition. Auburn has posted the cigarette law in many places, and much personal good has been done. Mechanic Falls is alive, and does good work in the Sunday Schools. At Turner the teacher's are all interested in the work. Places where cigarettes are sold have been closed on the Sabbath, and the law posted. Green's Superintendent is active. Public meetings have been held, with talks on narcotics. At Lewiston the sentiment is much changed since the cigarette law has been enforced in some places in the city. The Superintendent for Aroostook County says the interest in this department is slowly but steadily increasing. We can see that during the past year there has been a decided improvement in the sentiment of the Unions regarding it. Nearly every Union has distributed literature on this subject, and many have circulated the cigarette petition.

In Amity ten copies of the Anti-Tobacco Gem are taken and distributed. Several men have given up the use of tobacco. Caribou supplies wall pockets at the station, in the post-office, and stores, with our department literature. The Superintendent is helping this department by teaching the boys in the Sabbath School class to hate the filthy weed. In Danforth Union an interesting paper upon narcotics was read by the Superintendent. Easton has had one sermon, and the Superintendent keeps the department well agitated. At Hodgdon the subject of narcotics was taken up at a recent meeting of the Union.

Limestone keeps a wall pocket in the principal store in the village constantly supplied with our literature ; circulated 500 pages literature, also

"The Tobacco Problem"; has had one sermon on the subject. Linneus, Littleton, and Monticello have each had one lecture. New Limerick circulated literature and petition, also Presque Isle Superintendent, and requested pastors to preach on the subject. Patten's Superintendent distributed literature in the schools. Houlton Union offered prizes in schools for best essays on the effects of narcotics. This called forth a large number of excellent essays, several of which were printed in the local paper.

At the County Convention, held here in June, Mrs. Gleason gave an address on narcotics, which greatly delighted everybody not addicted to their use.

Cumberland County has done good work in this department. Most of the Unions have distributed our department literature and circulated the cigarette petition. The triple pledge has also been circulated; two men are reported as having given up the use of tobacco. In So. Windham the law has been carried to dealers in tobacco. In Westbrook one sermon has been preached on the sin of using narcotics. In the same place prizes were offered by the Union to the High School for best essays on the effects of narcotics on the system. The result was one hundred essays. We wish all Unions would "go and do likewise." Mrs. Gleason spoke in Westbrook and Cumberland, giving evening addresses, and also short talks in several Sabbath Schools.

Franklin County is the banner county in that it is fully organized, every Union in the county having a Superintendent of Narcotics. We wish this might be said of *every* county in the State.

Wilton has circulated the triple pledge cards in the Sabbath Schools; its local paper has published clippings on narcotics. They have also circulated the petition. North Jay has supplied itself with literature, Tobacco Problem, Prize Essays, &c., and has distributed many leaflets on narcotics. Stratton Union and its Eustis branch are active in this department. Kingfield and Phillips do this work mostly through their L. T. L.'s. Strong has had one lecture. Other Superintendents have been too recently appointed to send a report. Hancock has a new Superintendent, but she has been at work. At Ellsworth items showing the evil effects of narcotics have been printed in the local paper. At Bluehill they have circulated literature, have had two sermons on the subject, one man has given up the sale of tobacco.

The schools are teaching the effects of narcotics on the system. The petition has been circulated, also the triple pledge. At Tremont twenty

copies of the Anti-Tobacco Gem are circulated each month. Articles relating to the subject have been read at the public meetings. The clergymen have all taken up the subject, though no entire sermon has been preached. Three merchants have given up the sale of cigarettes. Many of the triple pledge cards have been signed. Items have been printed in the papers. The cigarette law has been posted in public places. The County Superintendent says: "We hope soon to have a Superintendent in each Union. We thoroughly hate tobacco, and think it should be classed with rum, and both driven from civilized society."

Kennebec County has an official Superintendent, who is also local Superintendent at Augusta. Here she is doing good work for the department through the L. T. L.; has distributed literature and circulated petition. One sermon has been preached. They take twenty copies of the Anti-Tobacco Gem for distribution. They expect soon to offer prizes in schools for best essays on effects of narcotics. So. China has had one public address on the subject; literature and triple pledge have been circulated in the schools; 35 names secured for the pledge. Gardiner does its work through its L. T. L. Hallowell circulated petition. Vassalboro is circulating a petition to abolish smoking in their grocery store. Winthrop has distributed literature, invited ministers to preach on the subject, circulated petition, 35 children signed triple pledge.

Knox County has a Superintendent recently appointed who will do good work. Our only report from that county comes from Mrs. Hall, of Rockland. She says: "When we circulated the triple pledge in the Sabbath School there were so many of the boys who would not sign because lots of *good men* used tobacco, and they *might want to some time*, that I was filled with indignation, not against the boys, but against the *good men* who use it." Soon after she read a paper on tobacco at a young people's temperance meeting, the pastor supplementing her paper with a strong talk on the same subject. As a result, one young man gave up the habit, and others are troubled.

Lincoln County sends reports from four Unions, each of which have circulated some literature. In addition to this, Bremen has had items relating to effects of narcotics printed in local papers, and obtained the names of 35 children to the triple pledge. Good work is done in schools. Waldoboro has circulated petition, and had one lecture. One man gave up the sale of tobacco.

Round Pond offered prizes in the schools for best essays on effects of narcotics on the system. This brought out 17 essays, all of which were so good that it was difficult to decide to whom the prize should be given.

No report comes from Oxford County. Penobscot County has a new Superintendent, who is taking hold of the work in earnest. She has made an effort to get a Superintendent in each local Union. Bangor has put leaflets into papers sent into the wards, circulated cigarette petition, put 900 pledge cards into the Sabbath Schools.

Bangor Crusade has distributed literature. Corinna has sent out 60 leaflets, clergymen have been invited to preach on the subject, cigarette petition has been circulated, four children have signed the pledge. E. Corinth has distributed 100 pages literature, had one lecture on alcohol and tobacco. Some of the schools are teaching quite thoroughly the effects of narcotics. The autograph pledge cards have been given out in Sabbath Schools. Stillwater puts anti-narcotic literature in W. C. T. U. wall pockets. Public school teachers are doing a good work in this line. The triple pledges were introduced into the Sabbath School, and about 80 willingly signed. Dixmont has had one lecture and one sermon. One copy of Anti-Tobacco Gem taken. At Kenduskeag two clergymen were invited to preach on the evils of narcotics; one complied. The effects of narcotics are taught in the schools, 31 have signed the triple pledge; have induced one store to give up the sale of cigarettes. Lincoln has had one lecture; 63 signers to triple pledge.

Plymouth has distributed 200 pages literature. One sermon was preached on the subject, and one lecture has been given; 26 children signed the pledge.

Dexter, last May, invested \$6.00 in 50 copies of the Anti-Tobacco Gem, which were distributed in the Sabbath Schools and public schools throughout the town. Some of our public school teachers are literally doing all they can to impress upon the children's minds the truth about stimulants and narcotics. Their temperance exercises at the closing of their schools, in June, were worthy of unlimited praise. Some of our pastors are very out-spoken in regard to this matter, and as a consequence some are giving up the tobacco habit. One man has used the Keeley cure for tobacco, but the most of them are taking the *Divine* cure, and find it a success.

Mattawamkeag has had one lecture. Greenville is doing some work through its L. T. L.—one lecture.

Sagadahoc County. Bath has distributed much literature, circulated cigarette petition, had one lecture, four of the pastors have preached on the sin of tobacco using. Mrs. Purington obtained the signatures of seven physicians to the cigarette petition.

Somerset County has an earnest Superintendent. In Madison the cigarette law has been sent to the barber-shops and stores where tobacco was sold, 225 pages of literature distributed, and three sermons preached. Waldo County Superintendent reports 2,000 pages of literature distributed in the county. Belfast and Searsmont have circulated the cigarette petition. In Belfast literature has been sent to the school teachers, and placed in wall pockets. Pledge cards distributed. The cigarette law has been posted in conspicuous places. Letters have been written to railroad and steamboat companies asking them to prohibit the use of tobacco on those parts of steamers and trains occupied by lady passengers. At Searsmont one man has given up the use of tobacco. Most of the Unions in Washington County have circulated the petition. Danforth and Vanceboro have had lectures on the subject of narcotics. Pembroke has circulated literature; had two sermons. At Harrington the members of L. T. L. are taught to step on all cigar stubs they see.

Your Superintendent has sent out nearly 1,800 pages of literature, written 110 letters and postals, and given 11 public addresses; have sent out through the State 140 copies of cigarette petition. More than 1,200 signatures have been sent to me, probably many more have been sent directly to Mrs. Ingalls. I suppose many are interested to know the result of our petitioning. Our bill was introduced into Congress and referred to the Committee on *Epidemic Diseases*. Further than that I have no knowledge of it.

Sisters, let us push the battle to the gates. Let us resolve the coming year to do more, if possible, for the extermination of this great evil.

Respectfully submitted,

IANTHA S. C. WENTWORTH,

State Superintendent Narcotics.

Work Among Lumbermen.

Madam President and Members of this Convention:

In spite of the fact that a new superintendent was being broken in, the work has gained in interest during the last year. More reading matter sent, more camps supplied and more local superintendents appointed.

There has been an earnest effort made to interest the County Superintendents that they in turn might enthuse their local superintendents. The County Superintendents are earnest, interested workers. We would urge that each Superintendent take a new interest and put forth greater effort in the coming year.

In no department of W. C. T. U. work can greater or better work be done than in supplying lumber camps with wholesome reading matter, especially as there is so much impure literature distributed among them. We can scarcely realize to what an extent they are a community by themselves, at some distance from civilization and its restraints. The Sabbath is only a day when work ceases. How much the majority of these men need wholesome influences, and in no other way can this be accomplished at present, save by distributing among them plenty of attractive, wholesome reading matter. We have found no trouble in procuring plenty of most excellent literature, as many outside of our white ribboners are glad to contribute reading matter.

The greatest need at present is a camp missionary, one who is willing for the sake of God and humanity to consecrate himself to this work. Untold good would be accomplished for temperance and morality and we hope the time is not far distant when our treasury will admit of our putting a good man in the field from fall until spring. The possibilities of this work are unlimited. Can we not come nearer the hearts of those men when they are surrounded only by the natural "Temples of God" than when at home under the evil influences of the saloon, where so much of their time and money is spent. We would like to especially call the attention of the executive committee to this great need. There are ten County

Superintendents. We have written to each one urging a full report. The reports that have been received are very good, yet we again urge a renewed zeal during the next few months which are our harvest time. The reports in detail are as follows:

Penobscot County, Mrs. S. J. Pickard, Stillwater. Mrs. J. V. Tucker filled wall pockets of mill boarding house, distributed papers, leaflets, *Union Signals*, *Star in the East*, *Youth's Companion*. Bangor Crusade, Mrs. S. J. Pickard sent a large number of papers and books into needy homes. Bangor Union, Mrs. Whitman sent 1500 papers and magazines into lumber camps, with tobacco leaflets in each package. Orono, Mrs. A. J. Gordon, eight large packages of journals, magazines and leaflets, 3 volumes of *Black Beauty*, eight camps supplied. Waldo County, Mrs. Eliza Hunnewell, report no lumber camps in their vicinity. They sent a large lot of books, magazines, papers and leaflets to distribute.

Cumberland County, Mrs. S. W. McLellan. The locals reported very generally that much good work was done. The report after being written, was misplaced by County Superintendent so no detailed report can be given. Franklin County, Miss Edith Church, Kingfield. Mrs. Louisa Gilbert sent literature and a small number of books. Twenty-three camps were looked after. Sent reading to families. Stratton, Mrs. Standish sent literature to camps in vicinity. Largely foreigners, cannot read English. Phillips, Literature sent. Men do not seem to care for it.

Somerset County, S. M. Boothby. Not reported by Unions. Have sent literature when opportunity offered. Am much interested in the work.

Hancock County, Mrs. Dr. Neal. One Local Superintendent. Tremont Union supplies camps at Seal Cove. Mrs. Robbins reports visiting camps and found the men eager for reading matter. Sent about 15,000 pages to camps. Supplied Blue Ribbon Temperance club with what they needed, amounting to 500 pages. Sent 1000 pages to families where needed. Demands have been made for more. Collecting a few books for circulating library.

Washington County, reported by Mrs. Abbie Nash, Cherryfield. Has five Unions who take this work. Calais reports 11 camps supplied with books, magazines and 10,000 pages of good reading, all stamped Women's Christian Temperance Union. Cherryfield. Ten camps supplied with literature and magazines. A large number of leaflets sent. East Machias. Good work done by Superintendent and members of Union,

but no record kept. Steuben. New Union, but accomplished some work. Vanceborough and Danforth, report working with Aroostook County. County Superintendent writes that some 500 men are employed in that County during the winter months, and urges that, as a company, a greater effort be made to reach them.

Piscataquis County, Mrs. Rogers, Greenville. Have had eighteen camps to supply, distributed over 20,000 pages literature. Many juvenile papers have been sent to lumbermen's families. Have had the promise of a good man to go to some of the camps and speak to the men. They will be glad to get reading matter from any Union. Freight should always be prepaid.

Aroostook, Mrs. E. F. Morrill. Thirteen Unions reported as follows: Amity, Sent literature every week. Blaine, did much good work, no record kept. Caribou, *Union Signals* and leaflets sent to camps. Danforth, reading. Fort Fairfield, a large amount of papers. Hodgdon, papers. Houlton, Temperance papers and leaflets. Littleton, sent literature, visited lumber camps, read and prayed with the men. Linneus, sent papers. Monticello, tracts and papers. New Limerick, papers. Presque Isle, papers and prohibition address by V. Cushing. Vanceboro, did some work. Lewiston and Mapleton failed to report work done.

Aroostook has done nobly. We hope each County Superintendent here will resolve that every local Union must have a Superintendent of this work. Of course this would only apply to those Counties where opportunity for this work is offered. There are several Counties where the work is not taken up. I have had returns from all County Superintendents save Sagadahoc. We hope next year will show a great gain in the work over this year. May God help us to do the very best we can for God, home and dear old Maine.

MRS. A. L. HARVEY,
State Supt. Dept. Work Among Lumbermen..

Soldiers and Sailors.

In presenting my second annual report of this department of the work, the sixth year since its adoption by the State, I rejoice in the steady growth and increasing interest manifested.

Of the sixteen counties, three did not appoint Superintendents; three appointed Superintendents, but reported no work; the remaining nine appointed Superintendents, and sent reports of work done.

Androscoggin County, Mrs. L. A. Foster, Superintendent, reports each veteran in the G. A. R. Posts supplied with button-hole bouquets for Memorial Day; some literature collected for sailors.

Cumberland County Superintendent reports 8 barrels of literature sent to sailors, including eight years Youths' Companions, fifteen years Harper's and Century Magazines, and many years of the Portland Transcript and miscellaneous papers. Three years illustrated papers, beside leaflets and letters, sent to the Marine Hospital.

Our Loan Library numbers 118 books, all in good condition—so much appreciated by the captains that twice money has been sent to help the work along. Some literature has been sent from this county to Monhegan Light, also, by the kindness of the captains of the Maine Steamship Line, to lighthouses between New York and Portland.

Four Unions in this county have local Superintendents, and have contributed generously to the supply. Peak's Island has done considerable work, but no report received. Three years magazines have been placed in G. A. R. Post rooms. Mrs. McClees, of Brooklyn, National Superintendent of this department, spoke at Fort Preble Sunday, Sept. 18, and in Portland the evening of the same day. The addresses were full of interest, and the work received an uplift. She also spoke at Westbrook.

Franklin County. No Superintendent.

Hancock County. Mrs. E. W. Neal, Superintendent, includes in her report work done for lighthouses, life-saving stations, and the homes of the fishermen. In three lighthouses white ribboners dwell, and were of

great assistance in the work. Three barrels of literature have been distributed, one barrel containing choice books, which are used as a loan library. The Y. M. C. A. of Bangor sent a box of 900 papers and ten pamphlets. Forty thousand pages of literature have been distributed on the islands, on board vessels, for fishermen, lighthouses, and families. Many signers to the pledge have been obtained. Mrs. McClees gave an address at Bass Harbor, which gave satisfaction and resulted in pledges, new and renewed, and strong additions to Union membership.

Kennebec County. Mrs. M. H. Wyman, Superintendent, reports her first work done on Memorial Day, when she gave to each veteran memorial letters, in white envelopes, with a card on which an appropriate verse had been printed. On June 3 the first temperance meeting was held at Togus. The Y.'s had previously held a Demorest contest there, which was successful, and at which time a few words were said to prepare the men for the meeting that was to follow.

At this meeting (June 3) addresses were given by Miss Lucia E. F. Kimball and Mrs. H. J. Bailey, and were listened to with great interest. At the close six men signed the pledge, a number came forward to receive literature, and many expressed their appreciation of the effort. The surgeon, a Christian man, does not advise personal work at present, but is heartily in sympathy with the public meetings. Gen. Stevenson has been exceptionally courteous and kind, has taken great care and interest in arranging for meetings, has furnished conveyance to and from the Home, and at the more recent meetings bore all the expenses. He has made arrangements whereby the men can avail themselves of the Keeley cure, at reduced rates, if a sufficient number will form a class.

The last meeting was held Sept. 18, and addressed by Mrs. McClees. A trio of accomplished singers were present, and the meeting was pronounced by one of the officers as the "best one yet." At its close a number signed the pledge and came forward to speak to Mrs. McClees.

Knox County. Mrs. S. B. Young, Superintendent. The Union at Spruce Head has put up two wall pockets and filled them with temperance literature, and made some comfort bags for the sailors.

Rockport distributed some literature. Union has sent 6,000 pages of literature. Lincoln and Oxford Counties. No Superintendents.

Penobscot and Piscataquis. Superintendents appointed. No work reported. Somerset County. No superintendent.

Sagadahoc. Mrs. Vesta Jones, Superintendent. Bath has sent 1,100 pages of literature to out-going vessels. Popham Beach, 2,000 pages literature sent to life-saving stations, 3,000 pages literature put upon out-going vessels. Miscellaneous literature distributed to quite an amount. Mrs. McClees was engaged for a lecture at Popham Beach, but the rain prevented the meeting.

Waldo County. Mrs. H. W. Pitcher, Superintendent, reports: The wall pocket at Memorial Hall has been kept supplied with good reading. 550 pages of literature, 132 religious papers, especially adapted to sailors, have been put upon out-going vessels, 1,200 pages, written by the National Superintendent, have been placed in G. A. R. Post rooms, and distributed in the most important places. Mrs. S. A. McClees gave an address at Belfast. More white ribboners have participated in the soldiers' reunions, taking part in the social life of the veteran.

Washington County. Mrs. Rumball, Superintendent. Have distributed 1,600 papers, 16 magazines, 150 temperance leaflets, 25 religious books, 25 Bibles, 50 memorial letters, and 150 miscellaneous books. Have visited 160 vessels in port, called on sick soldiers and presented fruit and flowers, which were in every case gratefully received.

York County. Mrs. Rand, Superintendent, reports working under some discouragements on account of the sickness of members, but two barrels of literature distributed.

In closing I would say I think this department of work is better understood than one year ago. We more thoroughly realize that when the sailor comes to port, so many are already to invite him to the saloon, where he not only loses his money, but his manhood. Sisters let us work earnestly that places may be provided and people ready to unite and welcome him to better things. Let us pray earnestly to God who is on sea as on land, that we may successfully work for his salvation. A deeper spiritual life is everywhere manifest among workers in the Department of Soldiers and Sailors. The object is not alone to induce men to sign the pledge but to lead them to Christ, in whose Almighty strength they may find grace to resist the tempter and overcome their slavish appetites. God grant we may faithfully bear our part in the great work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. C. JOHNSTON,

State Supt. Dept. of Soldiers and Sailors.

Sabbath Observance.

Dr. Lockville says, "God's church, God's book, and God's day, are three pillars of American society. Without them it must go the way of all flesh, and God will raise up some other nation or continent to carry out His designs; but with them it will continue to prosper, notwithstanding all hindrances from without and within." Dr. Mark Hopkins once said, "A nation that does not observe the Sabbath will not endure, if for no other reason than because God will not let it."

The most characteristically American institution we have is the Sabbath, and yet, in many localities in our good state of Maine, it is sadly desecrated and the Christian conscience seems to be growing less responsive to its demands.

According to reports received from the different Counties more than 15,000 pages of Sabbath Observance literature have been distributed and hundreds of copies of our state Sunday laws posted in public or conspicuous places, fifty-seven sermons preached, four articles sent to the press, nearly three thousand signatures obtained to the petition for closing the Columbian Exposition on the Sabbath, and the endorsement of six churches and the Salvation Army obtained. The petition was well circulated in our state last year.

Resolutions have been successfully presented at several religious Conventions. Two public meetings were held in the interest of Sabbath observance at Bar Harbor while the crowds of summer visitors were there, several prayer meetings had the 4th commandment for a topic, three lectures given, five places of business have been closed that were wont to keep open on the Sabbath, one Sunday base ball game broken up and discontinued. One local Union sent a protest against Sunday excursions, to a railroad company. One Union appealed to Postmaster General Wanamaker to have the post-office closed during the entire Sabbath day, as confectionery, cigars, etc., were sold there, and he ordered it closed which was done.

The moral sentiment in the state is generally good, but there is open violation of the law in some places and officers refuse to enforce it. Steamboats and excursion trains are run on the Sabbath at special summer resorts and even some of our Women's Christian Temperance Union women are not as strict in observing the day, and having their families do so, as should be expected. One Superintendent says the members of our local Unions need the benefit of Conventions to enthuse them.

Some of our County Superintendents hold meetings of local Superintendents to instruct and interest them, so they will push the work. This is a very important method for Superintendents of superior Unions to use. There is much good home influence exerted. One local Superintendent reported that there was but little need of effort in the line of Sabbath observance in her locality.

It is cause for rejoicing that the mammoth petitions sent to Congress and to the Commissioners of the Columbian Exposition from the good people of our land and many in other countries, have had due weight and influence, so that the World's Fair will probably be closed on the Sabbath if past action is not rescinded.

The constitution of the United States guarantees to the President of the United States one day's rest each week. Every citizen should be protected in this right to a weekly day of rest as well as the President. The Sunday newspaper is, as Horace Greely said, "A social demon." It invades the people's homes and their opportunities for worship. I hope that no Women's Christian Temperance Union woman will ever patronize it, or allow her family to do so.

"There remaineth, therefore, a Sabbath rest for the people of God." The people that are not "of God" living in Sabbath keeping countries, are greatly debtors to this rest day; but it is the Christian who gathers the ripest, fattest clusters from this vine of blessing. Do not permit it to be destroyed. Since the beginning of Christianity no graver responsibility has been laid upon the discipleship than rests upon it at this hour, and in this particular.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,

State Superintendent Department Sabbath Observance.

Temperance Work at Fairs.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:

After so many years of rich experience at State and County fairs, we trust that every Woman's Christian Temperance woman in our state has become convinced of the feasibility of this department of work; our presence not only has an influence for temperance and sobriety on the fair ground, but the country towns are reached by the literature that is given to the people, especially the women, who take it to their homes, where they with their children, can read and perhaps for the first time realize the dangerous results from the beer, cider and tobacco habit; also through this source many women have become interested in our organization and have been led to join our ranks.

The Auburn and Lewiston Unions, after many days of careful planning for work at the State Fair, were amply rewarded by greater success than ever. The restaurants were made as attractive as possible, by large and small flags, Chinese lanterns, clematis, potted plants, and cut flowers; the two, having a seating capacity of one hundred and sixty, were well patronized during the four days of fair. The State department furnished 100 State papers, the Auburn Union several hundred cider leaflets, some of which were folded inside of papers. Others without papers were distributed and eagerly received. Spring water was free for the thirsty. The Auburn Union employed a young man who had been addicted to drink, in their restaurant; he said it was the first State Fair week for many years that he had not been drunk when out of jail. Last fourth of July the same young man came at early morn and offered his services for the day at the Union's lawn party at the Court House, saying he knew he should be safe there from temptation to drink.

The Presque Isle Union distributed 2594 pages of temperance literature at the fair held at that place, also the Houlton Union gave away several hundred pages at the fair at Houlton. The Norway Union furnished and distributed at the Oxford County fair 500 beer series, 500 cider series,

350 social purity leaflets and 300 copies of the *Star*; the leaflets were folded inside of the papers. The Norway Union has never failed to do faithful work at their County fair.

For the first time Cumberland County established head-quarters on the fair ground at Gorham. Mrs. Little, the local Superintendent of South Windham, with the assistance of other ladies, distributed several hundred pages of temperance literature. She succeeded in some measure in attracting the young from the beer and cider stands.

It is impossible to report the usual number of fairs this year, as our Convention was held at such an early date, but I think we have reason to thank God, and take courage that there are so many faithful Superintendents and good Unions, which have furnished literature and done all in their power to help on the work. Among the many interesting letters which I have received giving outlines of plans of work at fairs, which will be held later in the season, are those from Cherryfield, Madison, Round Pond. They doubtless will come into the next year's report.

It is important that the Unions heartily co-operate with our State Board of Women Commissioners for the World's Fair. I rejoice in the fact that there is a growing interest in this department of work, and trust that it will be better farther on.

SUSAN FRENCH,
State Superintendent Department Fairs.

Purity in Literature and Art.

This was formerly a branch of the social purity work, but at the great Convention in Boston last Autumn it was made a separate department and now embraces what has been known as "suppression of impure literature." Its object is the protection of the moral purity of children and youth of our nation.

The National Superintendent says: "When we consider that twenty millions of the population of the United States are under twenty-one years of age we can see the importance of this department. This work is patriotic

and Christ-like. In the purity of the youth of our beloved land lies the only hope for the preservation of our republic." Here is the portrait of the woman she desired for State and local Superintendent: "A woman of rarest good judgment and one who will delight in this work of trying to suppress all that is obscene and indecent in books, newspapers, posters and in the so called works of art that are often exhibited in public places and art galleries." If the importance of the work has led Miss Willard and the national executive to make this a separate and distinct department surely it ought to commend itself to every local Union in our State.

The first duty of all concerned in the training of children is to see to it that none of this obscene, vile trash—which seems so well nigh omnipresent—ever reaches them; its very touch is contamination and death. Protect the children then, against the vicious influences that come through the printing press. "Look out for obscene matter sent by criminals through the mails, and help bring the evil doers to justice." Is it too much to ask that in every local Union in our state, the coming year, a brave, true, pure woman shall be appointed for "picket duty" in this department?

Out of the thirteen Counties that have appointed County Superintendents of this department only seven have sent in reports, viz., Cumberland, Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo and York. In some of these Counties good work has been done but in most of them there seems to exist the feeling that they have not the women or the time to take up any more departments. Cumberland has seventeen or more Unions and the County Superintendent writes that she has heard from only four, though she has written to them all. Some have Superintendents for the suppression of impure literature, but give no report. (Now just here let me repeat for the benefit of the local Unions, that that department is merged in this.)

Kennebec County reports good work done by five local Superintendents in posting the state law in school houses and other public places, distributing literature for the promotion of purity in literature and art, also by the removal of immoral papers and pictures and by personal talks with mothers and teachers.

Sagadahoc County has an efficient Superintendent, yet she has failed to awaken an interest in this work, but seems determined to do so. Mrs. B. F. Viles, Superintendent of Somerset County, says: "There is work

done in six or seven of the Unions of the County." Madison has shown some interest in the work, has a ladies' meeting, had an essay on social purity and a sermon. Shawmut Union has distributed literature on the subject. St. Albans also distributed literature. East St. Albans has circulated nearly one thousand pages of literature.

York County Superintendent reports that "every Union has been notified that they are expected to appoint a local Superintendent for this work and only one responded that they had a person named for this department. Others thought that they could not attend to any more than they already had."

Waldo County has done some work. One evening eleven of us went to the grange hall, taking literature on our several departments and spoke of our work. The hall was full of grangers, many of them young men and women. I left copies of the law and literature and may God bless the words spoken. One of the old farmers said: "I have been to hear several of the political speakers this fall but this is the best of all. I did not know you were doing such a work—it beats anything I ever heard of yet."

Lincoln County reports some interest in this work and something done by circulating literature and posting up state law and hopes to do better another year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. L. PAGE,

State Superintendent Purity in Literature and Art.

Flower Mission Work.

Madam President and Members of the Convention :

From fifteen counties which have taken up the Flower Mission work nine have reported. There have been a number of new superintendents appointed this year, many Unions, however, taking up the work so late that they were unable to do as much as they intend to do next season. Following is the summary of the work done, as far as reported :

Aroostook County.—Nine Unions have taken up the Flower Mission work, but only a few have kept records. The reported number of bouquets distributed was eighty-eight, although many more were sent to the poor and sick.

Kennebec County.—Augusta reports distributed twenty-six bouquets at the jail, twenty-two at the almshouse, and twenty at the Old Ladies Home. Hallowell reports no Superintendent, but work done at the almshouse, carrying flowers and literature to the inmates. South China has carried twenty-seven bouquets to the sick and aged. Monmouth has done some work and Vassalboro has distributed forty-five bouquets to the sick and "shut ins." On prison day twenty-five bouquets together with copies of the *Union Signal* and scripture cards were given to the prisoners. China, since May, has distributed fifty bouquets with text cards and also boxes of flowers. On Memorial day flowers have been furnished and also on funeral occasions.

Knox County.—Warren has furnished the required number of bouquets on prison day, and a delegation of four visited the prisoners on the same day. Flowers with cards attached have also been sent to the sick. On flower mission day the Unions of Rockland, Warren, Union and Waldoboro united with the Thomaston Union in contributing bouquets for the prisons. To each prisoner there was also given the flower mission number of the *Union Signal*. Rockland has done much work in this line.

Lincoln County.—Jefferson reports that flowers have been furnished for the church and those who needed such ministry. Broad Cove and Damariscotta have also carried on the work. Waldoboro has sent more than a hundred bouquets with text cards attached, to the sick and those in prisons, and has contributed flowers for memorial day and a number of funerals.

Piscataquis County.—As there are no prisons or reformatories in this county the work of the flower mission has been to furnish flowers for funerals and to send them to the poor, sick and "shut ins." At Greenville, the Union held a very successful flower mission concert near Jennie Casse-day's birthday. They have also sent wreaths or bouquets in every instance of death, with a text card and white ribbon attached. Guilford has furnished flowers for all funerals, and has sent them to the neighboring towns. Dover sent flowers to "shut ins" and sick friends.

Waldo County.—Belfast reports that on flower mission day a large delegation visited the county jail and also the alms-house, carrying litera-

ture and bouquets tied with white ribbon having a scripture text card attached to each. Searsmont distributed twenty bouquets to sick and aged people, having no jails or special places to visit.

Washington County.—Harrington has endeavored to carry to all "shut ins" bouquets and text cards tied with white ribbon. They also furnished floral pieces for the dead and helped to decorate the church. Steuben has furnished flowers for the church and Sabbath school every week and floral decorations for Sabbath school concerts and W. C. T. U. lectures and entertainments, also sent flowers to a Sabbath school in a distant part of the town, every week, and after the services these have been sent to the sick or those who cannot have flowers of their own. At West Jonesport the Sabbath school has been supplied with flowers and the sick have had their share.

At Cherryfield flower mission day was generally observed. The almshouse was visited and sick people were supplied with flowers. The work has been continued since then, fifty bouquets having been sent, fruit, jelly and other delicacies sometimes being added. In this Union several members are past eighty years old and these they were very particular to visit in their mission of love. At Machias flower mission day was observed. Bouquets were carried to the jail by a number of little girls. West Pembroke has sent a number of bouquets to the sick and "shut ins".

York County.—The Superintendent writes that the Unions have failed to send their reports. Biddeford and Saco have done some work but have not reported. Kennebec has carried on the work as different occasions have arisen.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH E. LIBBY,

State Superintendent Flower Mission Work.

Reformatory Prison for Women.

As this has been the "off year" for the Legislature, there has not been much opportunity for advantageous effort to promote this much needed work of securing a reformatory institution for women who are, under our present system of punishment, incarcerated in jails and prisons where male criminals are also imprisoned. It is impossible to do much to elevate either sex, under such circumstances.

Outside of Maine, all the New England prisons where females are incarcerated have matrons to take care of them. We believe the law of Maine ought to provide for a matron in this State. We think there ought to be a woman (one, at least,) on the State Board of Prison Inspectors, in order that an influence may be exerted to have female prisoners properly cared for and punished.

Preliminary steps have been taken to, if possible, secure this if we fail to succeed in getting a prison for women, officered by women, very soon. We expect to renew our efforts to convince the next Legislature which will convene early in 1893, of the wisdom and necessity (for society's sake,) of instituting a reformatory prison where women criminals may be taught better ways of living and doing and where they may be won by love and kindness from motherly-hearted officers, to step upon a higher plane and adopt higher aims, and teach them to their children, in order that succeeding generations may be benefited by such an institution as we hope to secure.

The States of Indiana and Massachusetts have tested the experiment of instituting such a place with marked success. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore has visited both of those institutions and she gives glowing reports of them. Speaking of the one in Indianapolis, which one member of your committee also has visited, she says: "I discovered that even the hardened criminals, in the technical sense of the word, women who had been guilty of the most terrible crimes in the calendar, were, nevertheless, under the excellent protective system, developing the latent good within them, so that they could now be trusted to act like honorable beings."

We trust that every Woman's Christian Temperance Union woman in our State will strive to exert an influence for this object for which we are working. Let those who have friends or acquaintances in the Legislature speak or write to each of these and try to secure their vote in favor of the measure. Let us not be "weary in well doing" but keep on, assured that no effort rightly put forth, is in vain. Success is sure if we falter not but persevere. Let us, at least, sow seed for others to reap if we do not.

"Watch not the clouds above thee,
Let the wild winds round thee sweep;
God may the *seed time* give thee,
Another's hand may *reap*."

But we expect to reap if we faint not.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,
MRS. GEO. S. HUNT,
CLARA M. FARWELL,

Committee.

Hygiene and Heredity.

This department has not received the attention the past year which its importance demands, but slowly and surely thought is being aroused, and interest shown not only among the women of our Unions, but we now find instruction given on the laws of hygiene by maps, charts and text books in most of our schools. The children can tell that the poison of alcohol lurks in every glass of beer or cider, and these lessons are followed by practical studies on narcotics, physical culture, etc.

Ought not the inflexible laws of heredity, which will bring surely either joy or sorrow, to be studied and taught also, in our homes and schools? Is it not the duty of this enlightened age to transmit to future generations strong muscles, healthy nerves and vigorous brains? It is required of parents and governments to make the environments of the young such as will elevate, and suppress such as will deteriorate. I am glad that our white ribboners are waking up to the need of active work along these lines.

I will not give details, but many Unions are doing efficient work. This department has been presented at most of the County Conventions by papers and discussions that have caused increased interest, especially in Mothers' Meetings.

Considerable literature has been circulated, some lectures given, and the subject brought before teachers and supervisors, urging the need of having women on school boards and boards of health. These topics should be brought before grangers and medical associations, requesting them to discuss "The Effects of Physical, Mental and Moral Inheritance from Parents Addicted to the Use of Alcoholic Drinks and Narcotics."

Since environment is so important a factor in causing intemperance, let us, my sisters, be active in organized, persistent work, which is as much needed in this as any of our departments, sowing patiently the good seed for future generations to reap.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. F. BUNKER,

State Supt. Dept. Hygiene and Heredity.

Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work.

Madam President and Co-workers of the W. C. T. U. :

Warren F. Spaulding, Secretary of the Massachusetts Prison Association, says, "Nothing surprises me more than the indifference of many thoroughly good people to the work of helping those who have committed crime. Many whose hands and hearts are always open to every other form of charity have no interest in the kind of people for whom we are working." The blessed Christ was not unmindful of those who were sick and in prison, and when He was questioned by those to whom He was talking He answered "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." God is no respecter of persons, and each soul is alike precious to Him. The interest in our prison and almshouse work in the State is deepening and widening, but I feel that we might all be more interested. Dear sisters, let us work as if some of our dear ones were shut in from the sunlight, bird music and freedom. Would

we not then be more in earnest? Remember, each one is some mother's child, once just as pure as are the dear ones in your home or mine.

In a report like this, only a faint idea can be given of the work accomplished, but good seed has been sown and we are willing to leave the results with God.

Mrs. Wagg, Superintendent of Androscoggin County, says, "Our jail is one of the three that has a workshop attached, so that criminals of other counties who are sentenced for any length of time are brought here. During the year we have had a very large number, sometimes as many as one hundred at a time. There are meetings held every Sabbath in the year at 9 o'clock in the morning. Each month we hold a Gospel Temperance meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. There have been real conversions among the prisoners, and after they have been released from the prison they have come into the meetings to labor for the conversion of those remaining.

At the Aroostook County jail, located at Houlton, faithful work has been done. Religious services have been held the second Sabbath in each month during the year. At Christmas there were ten prisoners. A treat of fruit and confectionery was given each. Two hundred newspapers have been passed in and exchanged among the prisoners. We take *Youths' Companion*, *Signal*, *Voice*, *Star in the East*, *Sunday School Times*, and many religious papers. The prison number of the *Signal* was also given each inmate.

Cumberland County.—In August I had a very helpful letter from Miss Abbie Leavitt of Portland, who was then in England for her health. She said that most blessed work was being done in her county.

Miss Scales of Franklin County writes, "Our jail has been empty a good part of the time during the year. At present there are three inmates, only one from our own county, a young man of an exceptionally idle and ignorant family. The other two are swindlers from away. Since the close of the liquor agency here crime has been on the decrease. We have a very active sheriff and there is very little law breaking.

Mrs. M. W. Cook of Hancock County, reports, "It is the rule of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ellsworth to appoint some of its members to visit the jail every Sunday and hold a Gospel Temperance meeting, and during the summer with the exception of a few Sundays, the jail has been visited. Ten men have signed the pledge. Over two hun-

dred papers, both religious and secular, have been given out. Books have been loaned often from the Sunday School library. Four women have been imprisoned at different times during the year.

The following good report comes from the local Superintendent at Augusta. Mrs. M. C. Haskell says, "I can say that our jail work has been more encouraging this year than in any of the past sixteen years in which we have labored. Formerly we held religious services every Sunday but since Mr. Stevens' administration we have been restricted to one service a month. Since Mr. Stevens has had an opportunity of judging our work by its results, which before he evidently did not understand or appreciate, he has given us aid and encouragement in all ways in his power. We have been permitted to carry religious and temperance literature every Sunday afternoon, and a committee from our Union carry from thirty to forty papers to the prisoners each week. More than one has given evidence of a regenerated life.

Miss Mehan of Knox County, says, "The ladies of our Union have taken turns in going to the prison Sunday mornings to hold a service with the women convicts, and I think they have done a great deal of good. There are five women in the prison. The warden is anxious to find some good, faithful woman to act as matron, and I sincerely hope he will be successful, for they need a woman's care and instruction. This year a chaplain has been appointed who devotes all his time to the good of the prisoners, teaching and helping them. He is an excellent man, a Methodist minister, and is well suited to his position.

Lincoln County.—Miss Emma Trowbridge, Superintendent, says, "Four Unions have taken up almshouse work. In Round Pond only is there an almshouse, and the Superintendent of that department has the work in charge. The town's poor in our other towns are boarded in different families, and wherever a Union has been organized the members have always thought of these unfortunate ones by sending good literature, flowers and remembering the sick ones by sending some delicacy to tempt their appetites. Mrs. Prichard reports that the Crusade has charge of the devotional service every other Sunday at the jail. They have given clothes to many of the prisoners, so that they might look respectable on leaving the jail. They have secured employment for several, which is the hardest work of all, as so few are willing to employ men who have been in jail.

Piscataquis County.—Mrs. Addie Chamberlain, Superintendent, says, "There are only a few lock-ups where those arrested are held until they

can be sent to the Bangor jail. Most of the towns have an almshouse or poor farm, but there are few inmates, and most of these have very little intellect. I think they are generally well cared for.

Miss Hicks of Waldo County, has taken prison work in charge along with her many other duties. The Belfast Union visited the jail and almshouse on Flower Mission Day.

A few words in regard to our prisoners. Men, and women too, commit crimes and are shut away from the world—from God's sunshine, and from the voices of loved ones at home. In the great majority of instances these crimes have been committed while under the influence of liquor—and the poor victim would not have done such a thing in a sober moment any more quickly than you or I. I hope for the coming of the time when it will be clearly understood that all who commit crimes are not criminals at heart; that the act a man commits is not necessarily an index of his real character; that the worst men and women have, at times, aspirations for better things; that a "jail bird" is not always to be shunned or distrusted or shut out from all hope. Let us thank God that we were not exposed to similar temptations.

Dear sisters, during the coming year let us petition for a charity fund toward providing a home for those who have been discharged from prison, where they can be cared for until they can secure employment. May the dear Lord help us to help others to heaven and to God.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. MINARD,

State Supt. Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work.

Influencing the Press.

Madam President and Co-Workers:

"As a man readeth in his newspaper, so is he," is a saying evidently believed by the founders of our society, for the department for influencing the press was one of the five original lines of work adopted at the formation of the national Union. As our own State President was its first Superintendent, all press workers may feel that they are following her by direct apostolic succession. And of what could a Maine woman be prouder?

The session of the World's and National convention so near us, gave this department a wonderful impetus at the beginning of the year. The State Superintendent urged every Maine white ribboner she met there to liberally supply her local editor with reports of that great gathering, herself undertaking to send suitable notes to the religious press in addition to her local papers. The numerous papers sent me indicate that faithful work was done, and that the doings of the convention were well aired in all parts of the state.

The County reports this year are far superior to any previously received and show a marked gain, both in the number of press workers and the amount of temperance matter published. Seventy-three local Superintendents are reported against fifty-six last year. At least thirty-five papers grant us a column more or less, per week, while about eighty-five publish occasional articles and about one thousand columns of selected matter, touching every phase of the temperance movement and every branch of our work, have been published through the enterprise of our Superintendents.

Androscoggin County.—All the papers publish temperance matter contributed by the local Superintendents, though only two run regular columns. The *Lewiston Journal* and *Auburn Gazette* have, during the year, published many columns consisting chiefly of short newsy paragraphs and reports of meetings.

Aroostook County.—Excellent work done in this County; Houlton, Fort Fairfield, Caribou, Danforth, Blaine and Presque Isle all have competent Superintendents. Several papers run regular temperance columns. At Presque Isle, Mrs. Tarbell secured the publication of a temperance sermon by Dr. Merrill of Portland and a letter from Superintendent Luce, on temperance teaching in schools.

Cumberland.—The Superintendent says: "The Republican papers have been forced to take a stand for temperance and the enforcement of the prohibitory law by Democratic opposition."

Franklin. Every paper in the Country kindly offers its columns to our work. The column in the *Farmington Chronicle*, reopened in June, is proving very helpful. Even those not of our order have sent kindly messages concerning it.

Kennebec's report contains many good points. A discussion of Sabbath observance by Augusta clergymen filled many columns. At Winthrop, the President's annual address was printed in full. A Gardiner paper has devoted a column to items of special interest to women. China's Superintendent has contributed fifty-one columns to her local newspaper, sent items to others in the County and secured a temperance column from the friendly editor of the *Kennebec Valley News*.

Several Knox Superintendents have done good work, notably Rockland, who has sent in 276 items, 112 of which have appeared. Lincoln has but three Superintendents. The Round Pond Union has regularly contributed a column or more to the *Pemaquid Messenger*. Waldoboro and Jefferson have found a helper in the *Lincoln County News*.

Piscataquis.—So many of the Unions are new that there are as yet few press workers. Mrs. Mar. in of Foxcroft furnishes temperance matter for the *Piscataquis Observer* and other papers. Guilford Union conducts a weekly column in the *Guilford Citizen*, while several others send occasional items.

Sagadahoc.—Twelve articles sent the Bath paper, three reports of sermons. Application made for space in the *Richmond Bee*. Somerset is the Banner County. Mrs. Lawrence writes: "There are ten Unions in the County eight of which have press Superintendents. Nine papers are published, seven containing Women's Christian Temperance Union columns, and I hope soon to have a column filled in the *Pittsfield Advertiser*. I sent Mrs. Stickney's article on Sunday schools and the World's Fair to every paper in the County and think it was published in all.

Waldo —The two papers usually published items and articles by request. About twelve columns printed during the year. Washington. Mrs. Drisko, wife of the editor of the *Machias Union*, sends an excellent report. Of the six papers, four give space to the Unions and show a growing interest in the temperance cause. Mrs. Drisko averages about two columns a week, besides sometimes selecting a temperance story. Subjects oftenest treated, liquor drinking, tobacco using, social purity and woman suffrage. At Eastport articles have been freely inserted and a definite space is now promised. Calais has just taken up the department. Cherryfield has no local paper, but Mrs Silsby has sent communications to other towns.

In Hancock, Oxford and York good local work, but no County reports. By an oversight Penobscot failed to appoint a County Superintendent at its last convention, though local Unions have continued the department with good success. Perhaps the greatest need at present is more attention to some of the city dailies, but let every Union, whether in city or country, aid its press Superintendent by hearty encouragement and the small amount of money required in the successful prosecution of this, the most wide-reaching of all our departments.

AS STATE REPORTER TO UNION SIGNAL.

I have sent eleven letters and I desire to thank all who have supplied me with news either of their own department or of local Unions and to solicit yet more assistance of this kind the coming year, since without it I am compelled to make "bricks without straw."

MARY L. FRENCH.

State Superintendent Department Influencing the Press.

Social Purity.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." With this incentive to cheer us on and as the years are quickly passing by, we feel these golden opportunities as they are improved or neglected will all appear to us again some day, so if we would wear the crown let us bear the cross. We have only to do the work that comes to our hands, carefully and prayerfully, leaving the result with Him who said "your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

The year now closing has been full of changes to this department, which has hindered the work very much. Many new superintendents have been appointed to the county work as well as local, thus the work and the workers both being new, the work has been retarded not a little. Your State Superintendent's removal to another state has also hindered the work, but amid all this there has been more and better work than ever before, and with such seed sowing we may look for an abundant harvest "some sweet day bye and bye."

There has been very much work done that cannot be reported here. As you are aware this department differs from all others, therefore the reports to which you listen will but imperfectly record the amount of prayerful and earnest personal effort that has been done in a silent way and must only await the ingathering of the final harvest when even the cup of cold water is not forgotten if given in His name. My heart is made to rejoice that so many mothers are being awakened to the great truths of this subject. Public sentiment has been advanced, and in many ways we *know* the standard has been *raised* to higher ideals of purity. Thus the work is reaching out from our white ribbon homes to influence other homes, and so the good work goes on.

Androscoggin.—Mrs. C. D. Parsons has made 2,005 calls, written 168 letters outside her county work, 105 people helped directly, 834 articles of clothing given away. Other Unions have done similar work, and as a whole this county seems to be the banner county for the great amount of

work done. Lewiston has done grand work through the police matron who is employed by the city and is also the Purity Superintendent.

Aroostook County.—Mrs. L. A. Smart, Superintendent. Eleven lectures were given in the county on "Social Evils," and many Mothers' Meetings held. Each member of one Union pledges herself to pray and work for some person one year that he or she may be reformed. I trust all Unions will adopt this method of work.

Cumberland County.—Mrs. G. E. Morrill, Superintendent. Separate recesses have been secured in four primary schools and good work done with the purity pledges. Portland holds Mothers' Meetings, has public lectures, also has one regular meeting devoted to purity work. We know much good work has been done by our beloved Mrs. T. W. Merrill, who was our State Superintendent for many years and is still local Superintendent of Portland. Mrs. Berry of New Gloucester, has a lecture for young girls—very helpful; hope Unions will remember this and employ her.

Franklin County.—Mrs. Imogene F. Norton, Superintendent. Mothers' Meetings held which have been very beneficial, 1,457 pages of literature distributed, books in circulation, and a growing interest in this line of work; three new Superintendents.

Hancock County.—Mrs. L. B. Peckham, Superintendent. A large amount of literature distributed and several books loaned. Kennebec County.—Mrs. J. A. Jenkins, Superintendent. New Superintendents have been appointed, thousands of pages of literature distributed, Mothers' Meetings held, many pledges signed; lectures have been given; five Unions have taken up the work. Two thousand pages of literature cannot fail to bring forth fruit for higher ideals of purity.

Oxford County.—Mrs. Benj. Swett, Superintendent, feels pleased to report three new local Superintendents. Three Unions hold Mothers' Meetings. One Union spent \$5.00 for literature. A large amount of pledge cards signed. Another Union has distributed 2,773 pages of literature, with 80 pledge cards signed.

Penobscot County.—Mrs. U. S. Mathews, Superintendent. The Unions make Mothers' Meetings a special feature; afternoon meeting and lecture in the evening by the State Superintendent at Plymouth, annual subscriber to the Temporary Home at Portland, earnest work done among the girls which has been wonderfully blessed, school premises cleaned from all impure markings, and the teachers are enlisted to keep things pure. This all is the outcome of Mothers' Meetings.

Piscataquis County.—Mrs. C. M. Young, Superintendent. This county keeps its record good by appointing new Purity Superintendents as fast as there are new Unions formed; 426 pages of literature distributed and 100 pledge cards signed.

Washington County.—Mrs. Abby A. Campbell, Superintendent. Have sent two girls to the Temporary Home in Portland, and two others who were fatherless and worse than motherless have been cared for. Pledges have been signed both in the mission schools and sewing school and Loyal Temperance Legions, also a poor, lame, sick boy has been cared for by the dear sisters. This county is noted especially for its care for the homeless children, putting them in homes where they will have pure influences.

Knox County.—Mrs. M. H. Mallett, Superintendent. Most of the Unions have Superintendents. Work has been done in public schools, and one lecture given; a few Mothers' Meetings held.

York County.—Mrs. Sarah A. Weymouth, Superintendent. The Unions are slow to take up the work in this department. Only two Unions have Superintendents, and they have sent in no report.

Sagadahoc County.—Mrs. Nancy J. Clark, Superintendent, reports one thousand pages of literature distributed and some three hundred pages of a sermon on "Evil Speaking," by Rev. H. G. Spaulding of Boston. It not being convenient to hold Mothers' Meetings the Superintendent of Purity Work was given twenty minutes at each meeting to present her department. The work has been blessed throughout the county.

Waldo County.—Mrs. E. A. Piper, Superintendent. She has had five silver medal contests, the proceeds to go to buy her purity literature, and now has another in readiness for the gold medal contest. She has been enabled to distribute thousands of pages of literature, and has a large amount of pledge cards signed. She has taught it in her Sabbath School class, talked at society sociables, and in fact everywhere and in every place where she could. Mrs. Merrill recommends the Free Kindergarten School as one of the best means of regenerating the homes of the poor and the homes of the community generally.

Your Superintendent would urge all Unions to take the magazine recommended so highly by Miss Willard, which comes monthly, \$1.25 per year, called the *Home Guardian*. It is devoted to moral education and moral reform, and is very helpful in Mothers' Meetings. In this year before us let us all remember that "she that goeth forth and weepeth,

bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing her sheaves with her."

In conclusion, your Superintendent feels that she has been remiss in many ways the past year, hindered by over-work, removal from the state and other circumstances over which she had no control, and to-day gladly resigns her work into other hands which can better carry on this important work.

"Others shall sing the song;
Others shall right the wrong;
Finish what I begin,
And all I fail to win.

What matter, I or they,
Mine or another's day,—
So the right word be said,
And life the sweeter made."

FLORA A. WRIGHT,
State Supt. Dept. Purity.

Evangelistic Work.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :

I come before you to-day realizing that the work of this department has fallen far short of what should have been accomplished in the past year. It is still the old story of our Saviour's day, fields white and laborers few, and the need of the same command to his workers, "pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest that he would send forth more laborers." Myself unfitted by illness even from much writing through a large part of the winter, yet never were so many calls for tender ministration to the sick and dying, the bereaved and sorrowing, a part of our work peculiarly blessed and honored of God. Many of our county and local Superintendents were held back from the same cause, yet the reports give touching evidence of a deepening sympathy and enlarged spiritual life on the part of those who have put themselves into the Master's hands to be used for His work.

Androscoggin County has sent its usual excellent reports of work in different Unions: children gathered into Sabbath School, parents into the church, Mothers' Meetings held, kept in sympathy with the Y.'s, and are very helpful to them, are at the front in Gospel and jail work, where they have headquarters especially; and more and more the blessed spirit of self-denial and persevering faith is apparent.

Aroostook County is waking up in this direction. In Caribou there have been seventeen Gospel Temperance Meetings held, literature distributed and eight Mothers' Meetings and Cottage Meetings. Other Unions report Mothers' Meetings, visiting sick, distributing literature and more hopeful signs for the future.

Cumberland County has sent no report, but we know that good work has been done in many places. Franklin County has sent no report of work done except through some of the local Unions. Some Gospel Temperance Meetings have been held, literature distributed, and some sick visited.

Hancock County has sent excellent reports from some of its local Unions, notably Southwest Harbor, where Gospel Meetings in the form of Bible readings have been held; social meetings and other work in that direction.

Kennebec County reports live Gospel Temperance Meetings held at the Augusta headquarters, aggressive missionary work in the city—literature distributed, etc., some Mothers' Meetings held. In many instances the Unions of this county have sent delegates to School of Methods, grove meetings, etc.

China has been active in spiritual work. In Winthrop Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey makes the local press and the literature sent out from thence a power for good throughout not only our state but the nation and world as well.

Knox County reports very little work done—and that through her local Unions. Lincoln County reports its Unions growing in spirituality and in interest in evangelistic lines of work, many of its Unions observing the trysting time of prayer. A number of meetings for Bible exposition have been held, sixty-one Gospel Temperance Meetings, ten in churches, ten Mothers' and Cottage Meetings, delegates sent to School of Methods, 1,000 pages of literature distributed, 300 leaflets suggested by National Superintendent, and some new names enrolled for a course of study under Dean Wright, Gospel institutes held conducted by Superintendent of Co-operative Work. Altogether the report from this county is most hopeful.

Oxford County has reported only through some of its local Unions. Good work has been done, delegates sent to School of Methods at Old Orchard, poor families clothed so they could attend church and Sunday School, Gospel Meetings held, sick visited, etc.

Penobscot County has reported, some of its Unions showing renewed interest in this department. Meetings have been held in some places under the care of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, children gathered into its Sabbath Schools, church privileges provided, and we look for better days for this county.

Piscataquis County sends no report. Sagadahoc County reports work done of inestimable value to themselves as well as a precedent to others. One Union has held meetings every Sunday the past year with three exceptions, which were very stormy. They have employed a minister the past year and have engaged him for another year; have had three temperance sermons, one peace sermon. Through the efforts of the pastor a church has been organized; one baptism; quite an interest among the young; hope another year to distribute more literature and to build a chapel for the worship of God. May a wonderful blessing come down on that Union and they realize that "them that honor me I will honor."

Somerset County reports some good work, some interest in work among the fallen of our own sex, and is learning the secret we are all so slow at finding out, that we can do no one any permanent good unless we truly love them. A new Union has been organized at Ripley, where the evangelistic element seems strong, and the pastor is in thorough sympathy with our work in all its phases.

Waldo County sends a most thrilling and tender report from its Superintendent, who has passed her allotted threescore and ten: Distributing literature broadcast, trying to impress the Sabbath Schools with the importance of temperance teaching, gathering in the unchurched where possible, and again holding open air meetings by the sea shore.

York County reports through its Superintendent that one of its workers has visited 334 families of the sick, aged and afflicted, attended 117 religious meetings, a few cottage meetings, also prayer and mission meetings, and church services, besides temperance meetings; has also continued prison work, corresponding with converted prisoners, some of whom are Christian workers among their fellow prisoners trying to lead them also to Christ, thus cheering their solitude, encouraging them in their Christian

life and work for Jesus ; has sent several thousand pages of religious literature to these prisoners and has had many evidences that God has used them for His glory.

This closes the list. I hope I may do more another year in visiting and laboring personally among the Unions as I have in a few of the counties this year, and I greatly hope also to have reports from each County Superintendent of work done in each local Union in her county as it makes the work of the State Superintendent much simpler and more comprehensive. Let us press on, dear sisters, with renewed ardor toward that glad day of blessed consummation when "they that sow and they that reap shall rejoice together."

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. SNOW,

State Supt. Dept. Evangelistic Work.

Temperance Instruction.

Dear Co-workers:

In presenting this, my third annual report, I would like to tell you that all the schools in the state are meeting the requirements of the temperance education law; that the children are receiving good oral instruction the first year they are in school, and after the fourth year that they are well supplied with text books and that every teacher is giving the importance to the study which it demands.

I cannot bring the report I would. We are not doing ideal work, far from that, but there is something doing in all of our schools, and the work is more encouraging than ever before. Every County in the State is organized, and all but two are doing active work. The work is intelligently carried forward with a fixed purpose. There are two hundred and twelve Superintendents of temperance teaching in the State. They have each received an outfit from our National Superintendent, Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, and many of them have received help from the State Superintendent.

The reports received from County and local Superintendents are more encouraging than ever before. One County Superintendent writes: "Good reports come from all of my local Superintendents, and also from many towns where there are no Women's Christian Temperance Union workers. It seems as though the supervisors of schools were trying to outdo the towns where there are Women's Christian Temperance workers." Another County Superintendent writes: "Let us thank God and take courage. In one of my towns nothing could be done last year because the school Supervisor was so indifferent. Last spring another took his place and now more than a thousand children in that town will receive temperance instruction."

Very many Superintendents report teachers and scholars interested and good work being done. A strong temperance sentiment, and much discussion among the boys. Think along this line a little farther, please. Some one has said "Law is the thermometer of public sentiment." In ten years the eleven year old boy of to-day will be a voter, a little later a law-maker and man of affairs. Let us educate him before appetite warps or controls his intellect, and when he makes laws to protect the homes of his children, and his children's children, he will know what to do with one American industry, that is the American liquor traffic. He will firmly stand for no manufacture, importation or sale of alcoholics in any form, and have the scientific reasons for his belief within himself. Then will National prohibition help those who are incapacitated to resist temptation. Men thus trained would no more think of applying any system of license or local option to the liquor traffic than they would think of licensing or granting local option for murder, theft and wife-beating, these natural fruits of the saloon.

Friends, it does mean something that thirteen million school children in the United States are being taught the reasons for total abstinence, as they exist in the nature of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics. This is the greatest temperance movement of the times, and the educational department the most important and hopeful branch of the Women's Christian Temperance work. No seed is so sure to yield an increase, as that sown in the heads and hearts of children. The soil is good and the increase an hundred fold.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. F. FRENCH,
State Supt. Dept. Temperance Instruction.

Legislative Work.

Madam President, Sisters of the Convention:

In presenting to you this report we would like to be able to tell of more work done. Last winter as we had no session of the Legislature, there is nothing to report of work there. In this state it has been demonstrated that a prohibitory law, even if imperfectly enforced, is the best law to enforce the liquor traffic. We have learned that the law must be the foundation upon which a pure republic can stand, so its powers have been called forth, and that one of the foundation principles of our government is that government exists for the welfare of the governed.

Let us white ribbon women use our influence to secure just and pure legislation. I would ask, nay, I will urge all to give more earnest thought along this line, and I would recommend as our State Superintendent did last year that every Union have a copy of our Maine Prohibitory law as it now stands, and that it be studied and understood by all.

We think good work has been done in most of the counties. In Androscoggin the world's petition and suffrage leaflets have been sent to every Union. We cannot ascertain how many names have been secured on the petition as they have not all been returned and many have been sent direct to headquarters. In Cumberland County the Superintendent, Mrs. Grant has been at work. She writes if Unions answered as promptly as usual we might get our reports next year at this time.

Knox County.—Superintendent, Mrs. Bradford, has written to every Union, requesting local Superintendents to be appointed. Rockland has a Superintendent and they have circulated the world's petition. Spruce Head has circulated a petition to stop sending liquors to Africa—thirty-eight signed; petition on cigarettes, 21; the world's petition, 30.

Kennebec County.—Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Superintendent, reports that much planning has been done, which if successfully carried out must rid the county of the traffic in intoxicants, except on the very smallest scale. There was a liquor nuisance in the town of Winthrop last winter, and the

Woman's Christian Temperance Union by its efforts closed that. The world's petition has been circulated and presented to assemblies of representative bodies and she thinks five hundred names have been obtained, perhaps more.

Waldo County.—Mrs. Miller, Superintendent, reports good work all over the county. Piscataquis County.—Mrs. E. D. Straws is unable to make a full report. About three hundred names on the world's petition. Penobscot County.—Mrs. Horton, Superintendent, cannot give any report of department work.

Washington County.—Mrs. Crandon, Superintendent, is doing efficient work. Eastport sends 109 names on the world's petition, that great petition that is to go before all of the governments of the world in 1893, after the petition shall have been exhibited at the World's Fair. We already have one or two million names, and we want one million more. There have been over 1,700 names secured in Maine the past year, and very many are sent direct to headquarters.

The other evening, in reading the *Lewiston Journal* I found the following: "The current question heard in the talk through Maine just now is, 'What will the Legislature find to do?' Beyond a few changes in the election law, to give greater safeguards, there is scarcely a subject of needed legislation suggested." But as the boy said, "Oh, my!" Just wait till the Solons get warm in their seats, and then see what a lot of tinkering they have on hand.

We would recommend, believing it to be our duty to protect our homes and our loved ones from intemperance and other evils, and feeling that we cannot hope to successfully do this unless our powers be felt at the ballot box, we, maintaining that woman has equal rights with man in this respect, that a petition be presented to our Legislature this coming winter, that it be accompanied by a tangible proof of the earnest feeling which fills woman's heart to-day. When our last efforts failed, gentlemen of the press said, the women do not themselves want this measure or they would show more earnestness. Let two hundred earnest women present themselves before the Governor and Council and they would prevail. We would also suggest if it would not be well to ask the Legislature to so amend the statutes, especially in regard to taking bail by bail commissioners, municipal, supreme and trial justices, courts of our state. There is too much "straw bail," so called, found in enforcing the prohibitory

law. The bondsmen can sell their personal property, convey their real estate to other parties and nothing can be taken but their bodies, and thirty days in jail with a worthless note given to the county will release them. Should not parties offering themselves as bondsmen be required if they do not have real estate to deposit the amount of bail with the county treasurer or clerk of courts, to be returned to the bondsmen if the defendant appears at the time and place named in the recognizance and abide the order of the court; and if real estate is offered the description thereof shall be returned to the register of deeds office in the county and it shall be an attachment on the same until discharged by the appearance of the defendant and abide the order of the court as above stated. Now if this could be done it would do much towards stopping the sale of intoxicating liquors; it would not be so easy to secure bail as at present. It would mean that the offender would have to appear and answer or forfeit his bail, which would be within reach of the prosecuting officer and could be secured with very little expense to the county.

As there has been no Legislature to report, we would like to call your attention to the work done in some of the states. In the *Union Signal* of September 15th, is the following: There have been eighteen state campaigns for constitutional prohibition, of which seven have been *acknowledged* successful. Thirty-four states have passed scientific temperance instruction laws. There have been hundreds of minor triumphs in legislatures, thousands in town councils, and although there have been many defeats yet these victories give us hope and faith and courage.

“ And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.”

Dear sisters, may we often be found as petitioners at the throne of the Great Lawgiver. Let us ask great things of God and expect great things from God.

L. C. LAMB,
State Supt. Dept. Legislative Petition.

Juvenile Work.

No one of our departments exceeds in importance the juvenile work. With our national motto from Mrs. Rice before us, "Expect great things from God attempt great things for God," earnest workers have pushed forward, making "attempts" the greatness of which God only can measure.

The requests and suggestions of our national Superintendent have been carried out as far as has been possible. Autograph pledge cards have been circulated and generous contributions sent to the sale-tables and for the Willard Fountain. The lesson manuals of the Women's Temperance Publication Association are largely in use. Five hundred and eleven copies of *The Young Crusader* are taken. We think it much improved in its new form. Many successful entertainments have been given and have helped largely to maintain the interest and increase the funds. We have fifty-eight active companies with a pledged membership of about three thousand

In Aroostook County are eleven active companies, reporting a membership of four hundred and eighty-four. The pupils are studying for diplomas. In one Union the ladies entertain the children once a month, thus keeping up their own interest in this branch of the work.

Our Superintendent in Androscoggin County is active and earnest, although the Good Templars are carrying on the work with the children very successfully. Cumberland County reports three active companies with a total membership of one hundred and fifty-six. Franklin County sends no report but at last accounts there were four active companies there.

Penobscot County sends report from two companies, one of which has been organized during the past year. Good practical work is being done. The work is carried on bravely in Hancock County in the face of opposition and indifference. One company has reported a membership of fifty.

Knox County reports good work done. There are four active Legions with a membership of two hundred and sixty-six. Fifteen or twenty are

studying for diplomas. One legion reports all the boys but one in the place, in the Loyal Temperance Legion. Lincoln County has two active companies, one organized during the past year. Waldoboro has a membership of one hundred and thirty-two. An earnest, devoted Superintendent, who gives oral teaching with blackboard exercises and Kellogg's charts is doing grand work with the children. This County has no Superintendent.

Kennebec County reports a membership of three hundred and twenty-five besides eleven honorary members. Seven companies are reported. Entertainments, temperance concerts, motion exercises, and in one Loyal Temperance Legion, Swedish gymnastics, taken up this summer, are helping to hold the interest. Oxford County sends no report.

Two Loyal Temperance Legions are reported from Piscataquis County, and a membership of one hundred and twenty-eight. This County has active and earnest workers. One small Legion in Sagadahoc County, at Popham Beach, is doing its best. Bath, through some mistake, has not been heard from. Three active companies in Somerset County are doing good work. In other places temperance is taught in the Sunday and day schools.

Washington County reports eight active companies and a membership of five hundred and eleven, a gain over last year of one hundred and twelve. Two companies have been organized during the past year. One is not under the care of a Union. Cherryfield has formed a class of twelve bright girls and boys who are studying for diplomas. Eastport has two hundred pledged members. The new Loyal Temperance Legion at Calais numbers ninety members. Waldo reports no work in this department. York reports one active company of twenty-seven members. It is impossible to embody in a report the actual work which has been done. The prayers, the sacrifices and the wearisome detail of work in local organizations by faithful Superintendents cannot be reported.

Would that we had more such workers in our state. We shall not be satisfied until we have a Loyal Temperance Legion in every Woman's Christian Temperance Union. When we have done our utmost to save the boys and girls, then may we "Expect great things from God."

CLARA W. MUMFORD.

State Superintendent Juvenile Work

Sunday School Work.

In reviewing the work of the year now closed, the letters indicate an increased interest. Some County Superintendents have been active and the work in their counties better organized. Among these Aroostook, which has twenty-five Unions with a local Superintendent in each, and reports by figures, which are so important. Androscoggin, Piscataquis, Sagadahoe, Washington, York, show increased interest. In the most of the others local Superintendents have reported, and it may be from some cause some reports have not been received.

It seems very important that the work be systematic ; the local report to the county, the county to the state, and that the answers on the blanks be given with as much accuracy as possible. Let me urge this again, as I have so many times, and when any change occurs in the officers, let the state Superintendent be notified.

The Quarterly Lesson we must now take an interest in, not to urge its use for that is assured, but to make the lesson and in fact the day as interesting and profitable as possible. Here the local Superintendents will find work to do. The teachers of the Sunday Schools will need aids to their work. Such helps in the way of leaflets and literature as is suitable they must have. On January 17th the first lesson in the regular course appeared and the leaflet prepared by our National Superintendent for that day was largely used. It would be well to look the lessons over in advance and if we find the lesson in the quarterly is not as well presented as is necessary, some other helps should be secured, either of the National Superintendent or the Woman's Temperance Publication Association.

The circulation of literature has been increased and well reported. That is as it should be and let the good work go on. Let books be secured for the libraries where there are not many, and by all means place our department literature in the children's hands. The pledging of the children has always been urged and the work of the year which has in part created more interest, has been the circulating of the autograph pledge

cards for the Columbian Exposition. This has been the one bright thought which has been so successful in securing such grave results.

The work is not done. There is time yet for wider circulation. In some of our large cities and towns these have not been circulated in the Sunday schools. Will not the County and local Superintendents look after this work at once, that Maine may take the lead as well as look after the children. The National Superintendent offers a banner to the state securing the largest per cent. of these cards signed. May not we be able to take it?

The new World's Sabbath-school pledge cards we now wish to supplement the national cards with. Those the children sign and send away; these we wish to provide them with to keep. Our work has been well represented by Miss Kimball at the summer meetings at Fryeburg, Old Orchard and Sebago. During her summer outing she spoke twice at Upper Gloucester, and organized a Union. She has spoken in the following Counties: Cumberland, York, Sagadahoc and Kennebec, spending one week in the last named.

I would gladly mention all the places where there has been special work done, as in Portland, Bangor, Bath, Saco, Woodford's, Deering, Rockland, Westboro, etc., but it seems much more fitting to report by the Counties, mentioning in each any fact of especial merit. Will not the Vice-President secure in each County an efficient Superintendent, if for any reason the one who holds it does not work or it has become vacant. Figures this year for the first time fail me save in these two items: Literature, more than 50,000 pages; pledge cards sold, 18,780. What can I say more than I have in the matter of reporting? May local, County and State Superintendents be more faithful the coming year.

E. A. G. STICKNEY,
State Superintendent of Sunday School Work.

Temperance Literature.

Dear Friends :

Late last autumn a sentence of exile was pronounced upon me and I was transported to this far distant state, as unlike Maine as can be imagined. On account of this distance I am unable to report anything in detail of the work done in the Literature Department, although I have heard good accounts of your labors.

I am glad to notice that more Superintendents of Literature have been appointed, both in county and local Unions. I hope next year a still larger increase of Superintendents in this important department will be made. Last year I made an attempt to introduce temperance literature on railroads with very slight success. On my way out here I interviewed the newsboys and obtained the addresses of four railroad news agencies. I wrote letters to three of them. Although I enclosed a stamp to insure an answer I received a reply from only one firm, declining my proposition. The newsboy west of Chicago told me as he gave me the address of his employers that correspondence would achieve nothing ; only personal interviews would accomplish my object. So I wrote to Mrs. Rastall and asked her to please send some one to the Chicago news agencies. I have received several cordial letters from her on the subject, but she has not had time to thoroughly test the experiment. But I will not call it a failure.

Now a few words about the *Union Signal*. From the Secretary's report you will see that the number of *Signals* taken is very small compared with the membership of the Unions. This should not be. The *Union Signal* is a necessity to the head of every department and is a source of great pleasure and profit to every woman. Please think of this and before Convention is ended add your name to the subscription list at the literature table. Names will be received at State Headquarters, 150 Free St., Portland, at any time.

Dear friends, I am with you in spirit, during this Convention, but I hope to see you all at the National in Denver next month.

Yours sincerely,

ALICE S. RAYMOND,

State Supt. Dept. Literature.

Homes for Homeless Children.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:

Had I realized all that was involved when appointed to this position, with no one to consult who had held it before me in this, or any other state, I fear I should have hesitated to accept the position, but realizing my own weakness and inability to plan out the work, I have been driven to seek wisdom and guidance from Him who never turns us empty away, and although mistakes have undoubtedly been made, the Lord has wonderfully blest our efforts.

The work was adopted by the National Union at the Convention held in Boston, in November, and Mrs. M. T. W. Merrill of Portland, chosen National Superintendent, and her counsels have proved both wise and helpful. Immediately after my appointment in October, letters were sent to each Vice-President requesting that Superintendents be appointed for this work, and favorable replies were received from nearly all, and now we can report a County Superintendent and one or more local Superintendents in every county.

Aroostook.—Mrs. Fannie A. Forbes, Presque Isle, Superintendent, reports six local Superintendents. One boy of five years has been placed in an excellent home, and others in temporary homes. Although she cannot see results from the eighty-six letters and postals she has written in the interest of the department, she believes “that the seed sown will bear precious fruit.”

Androscoggin.—Mrs. C. D. Parsons, Auburn, Superintendent. Six local Superintendents. One reports two children placed in good homes. Another, four placed in permanent homes and one in a temporary home, and through her own efforts the County Superintendent has found homes for six. Cumberland.—Miss C. M. Dow, Portland, Superintendent. Nine local Superintendents. One Union is seeking homes for two boys. Another reports a girl of sixteen years, who had been motherless and surrounded by sin and suffering for several years, being placed in a good

home. Just here is a point I would like to emphasize. During the interim of finding the child and the home, a period of five or six weeks, the local Superintendent took her to her own home, "not," she says, "as an outcast, but as one conferring a favor on me to come and help me." Let the child gain her own self respect if she can and feel that she is needed somewhere. Still another says "In this Happy Valley there are no homeless children," but "she fails to report if there are any childless homes that might be broadened and brightened by imparting of their joy to some homeless little one." From others two homes are reported as willing to receive children. From her own Union the Superintendent reports three children already provided for and several other cases pending.

Franklin.—Mrs. Frank H. Wilbur, Phillips, Superintendent. A girl of eleven years has been placed in a good home, and another home is ready to receive one of about the same age, which will be supplied very soon. A number of Unions report "much interest in this department."

Hancock.—Mrs. L. J. Call, Ellsworth, Superintendent. Her Union has adopted the work. No reports from the other Unions. Kennebec.—Mrs. Blanche M. Friend, Gardiner, Superintendent. Four homeless little ones have been placed in good homes, two of them taken from the poor farm. Your State Superintendent has sent one beautiful baby to a home in this County.

Knox.—Mrs. C. M. Rice, Union, Superintendent. Some Superintendents appointed. One child has been adopted where the relation is most harmonious. Lincoln.—Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, Waldoboro, Superintendent. The department has been materially aided by a contribution of money from one of the members of her Union. A beautiful babe has been placed in a permanent home in this County by your State Superintendent. Oxford.—Mrs. F. Ella Wilson, East Hiram, Superintendent. One local Superintendent appointed.

Penobscot.—Mrs. S. H. Clark, Bangor, Superintendent. One child has been taken from the Children's Home in Bangor, and placed in a permanent home, and there are four children on a town farm for whom we desire homes. Piscataquis.—Mrs. Addie L. Chamberlain, Superintendent. Three local Superintendents. A boy thirteen years of age has been taken from one of the town farms and placed in a good home, where he is giving the best of satisfaction, and they are seeking a home for another boy of about the same age. A home is ready to welcome a child which we

hope to supply at the close of this Convention. Somerset.—Mrs. H. F. Evans, Madison, Superintendent. Five Unions have taken up the work. One Superintendent immediately found a home for a beautiful boy whose home was ruined by the fearful curse of rum. Another made inquiries of the selectmen regarding the children at the poor farm, and was informed that they were not such children as we would want in our society. The Superintendent asks, "What are we to do with such children? What would we want done with them if they were ours?" and adds, "God help us to look into the work as never before, with the Golden Rule ever before us, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." She writes of another sad case where there are two interesting little girls whose parents receive help from the town. They are both young and healthy, but wickedly neglecting their children, and yet, unwilling to give them away. She asks, "How can we make these people see the sinfulness of sin, and the beauty of holiness." I only know of one answer, "And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, this kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

Sagadahoc.—Miss E. S. Trott, Bath, Superintendent, reports: One child sent to the Day Nursery, Lewiston; three to the Temporary Home, Portland; one to the Orphan Asylum, Portland; two to the Industrial School, Hallowell; two to the Little Wanderer's Home, Boston. Waldo.—Miss A. A. Hicks, Belfast, Superintendent, reports that she has secured a home for a girl of twelve years, where she is happy and contented.

Washington.—Mrs. Nellie Ward, Cherryfield, Superintendent, reports: A home has been found a boy of eleven years where he is contented and happy. Two children placed in the Industrial School. Two mothers and three babies sent to the Temporary Home, and three other children provided with good homes. The Cherryfield Union has been boarding a poor boy where he could receive medical treatment. The Union has paid over fifty dollars towards his support, also two little girls were taken from the poor farm and placed in the Orphan Asylum at Portland. Many poor children have received clothing and been gathered into the Sunday Schools.

York.—Mrs. I. W. Haley, Biddeford, Superintendent. One Union has taken up the work. Your State Superintendent has placed one girl of eleven years in a good home in this County. During the year eighty-one children have been found who were sadly in need of homes. Thirty-

five of them have been placed in permanent homes and seventeen in temporary homes. Twenty-nine are still waiting on town farms, and other places, for us to provide the homes. In view of the great work accomplished and what might be accomplished, if we had a local Superintendent in every Union, will you not see to it that this department is added to the work of your Union, and have a part in taking little helpless children from scenes of misfortune, and placing them in good Christian homes? I would like to suggest to all who live in those favored localities where there are no homeless and neglected children, that such localities are just where we would like to place these children, and that it is just as important to find the homes as the children, therefore there is need of this work in your Union. And to all local Superintendents, that when you desire a home for a child, or a child for a home, you will immediately notify your County Superintendent, who will notify me. In this way alone can the work be effectually done. Your State Superintendent must know of the homes and the needy children all over the State, and then when the need is made known from your County, she can, with comparative ease, point your Superintendent to the child, or home, desired. Let each County Superintendent, with renewed energy, seek to fully organize her County for this work. And to those who have placed children in temporary homes, do not feel that your work is done for them, but find permanent homes as fast as you can, to which they can be taken.

"Give thy mite, give golden treasure,
 Freely as to child thine own;
 Give thy heart in loving measure,
 Help a child to find a home."

Respectfully submitted,

IDA M. B. WYMAN,

State Supt. Dept. for Securing Homes for Homeless Children.

Kindergartens.

It is now generally conceded by philanthropists that the most effective method of suppressing an evil is the preventive rather than the reformatory method. That education is an important factor in our great social problems. It is also granted that education must begin at the earliest period possible, as early impressions are so much more lasting than later ones, and because in the little child the power of resistance is so much less. With a true appreciation of the best and most advanced lines of philanthropic work, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has, among its varied departments, wisely introduced that of the kindergarten, feeling sure that the hope of the country lies in the right training of the children. But what is a kindergarten, and how does the training it gives especially recommend itself to us in its relation to the temperance work?

Let me take you for a few moments into our Women's Christian Temperance Union Kindergarten in Portland, that you may see for yourselves what a kindergarten is. We are ushered into a bright, sunny room, with pictures and flowers and twenty little ones, all under five years of age, gathered in it. The room is swept clean, in direct contrast to the homes from which many of the children have come. Chairs and tables are adapted to childish bodies; comfortable closets with hooks low enough for tiny hands to hang small jackets and caps upon are waiting, and a refined and loving kindergartener greets each child with a pleasant good morning and a shake of the hand. Can you not see that this first introduction into the kindergarten is a revelation to many a child, a revelation of cleanliness, order and beauty, before undreamed of? The kindergartener, seated with her little flock about her in a circle, leads their thoughts away from themselves, out into God's beautiful world, and with talk of sunshine and flowers, rain and clouds, fruits and harvesting, of home and family, she brings them gently to a reverent thought of the Father who watches and cares for them all so lovingly. With rhythmic music she arouses the inborn, but often undeveloped and therefore latent

talent of music, in the little heart, and leads him to pour out his soul in song. But recognizing that active little brains need rest and change, and active little bodies need motion and exercise, the kindergartner soon has the little ones standing in a ring and merry games are being played, in which mind and body are being developed in a most natural way, for play is the natural expression of the child's inner nature. Then comes work at table or sand-box, where all the varied industries of life, weaving, sewing, building, modelling, planting and harvesting may be worked out by the child, he, for the time, identifying himself with the particular branch of work which he is representing and thus coming in touch with the labor questions of the day, and acquiring a wholesome respect for work. As he works he is led to see the interdependence of all things, to see how much each one has to do in order that all may be happy and receive the most good.

Can you not see that he is learning in play, to be sure, life's great lessons of the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God? Lessons, too, of obedience, for obedience is absolute; not obedience to the arbitrary wish of one person, but obedience to the law of the little community, an obedience that insures freedom to each individual in so far as he does not infringe upon the rights of others. Lessons of self-control, as each defers to the other and waits patiently to be served; lessons in unselfishness, as one shares his lunch or patiently untangles the work of a younger laborer. So with song and game, with work of hand and brain, with plenty of physical exercise in march and movement, with order in everything, the minutes pass all too quickly. The good-bye song is sung and the children reluctantly leave the pleasant room, and what have they learned? Not printed words surely, but they have read God's Book of Nature. They have studied social life as they builded together the village in which lived the blacksmith, the shoe-maker, the grocer, and all the people who furnish our homes with their necessities if not their comforts. They have been introduced to the arts of weaving and modelling, they have learned to respect our country's flag, and best of all, they have learned to live happily together, each conceding a little to the other, in order that all may achieve the highest good. Has not a good foundation been laid for a strong character in after life? Will not this introduction into the miniature world and the life that is lived there, serve as a model for the living in after years? Will not those children grow into nobler,

purser, more considerate men and women, as a result of these early impressions? And not alone are the children reached, but through the children, a door is opened into the home, and the fathers and mothers, the brothers and sisters are brought under the beneficent influence of the kindergarten. From a recent number of the *Christian Union*, devoted especially to the interests of the kindergarten, I clip the following: "Every kindergarten established in a crowded tenement district, is a glimpse of purity and order, cleanliness and nature, to children who have never known these things. It is a gospel of service and intelligence to the whole neighborhood, for it presents a daily illustration of a beauty and interest in life unknown to the unfortunates in many a neglected corner."

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Will not the women of these various Unions look carefully into this general department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and lend a helping hand to the children of our state?

FLORENCE M. SCALES,

State Superintendent Department Kindergartens.

Mercy.

Since cruelty is an effect of the drink vice, it is fitting that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have a department for the development of mercy, the Christ virtue. On the hearts of some of God's grand women, he has placed the burden and the grief of the world's wrongs. As we consider this subject for a few moments may a share of the burden touch each one of our hearts. We must acknowledge that the need of such work is very great. We know the terrible heredity of drink. The evil passions which drink excites are often transmitted, also perversity, cruelty, and even a tendency to murder. Through the teachings in our Band of Mercy such children can be saved, and those who do this part of Christ's work, may, in the day of Christ, find that they have turned many to righteousness. The aim of this department is:

1. To secure a more wide-spread knowledge of existing laws against cruelty to children and to animals, and a better enforcement of them.

2. To secure in public schools, Sunday Schools, and in Loyal Temperance Legions, the formation of Bands of Mercy.

3. To secure the co-operation of ministers of the Gospel by requesting them to preach upon the universal duty of mercy to, and consideration towards all God's creatures.

4. To endeavor, by the circulation of literature and by such other means as may be deemed best, to develop public sentiment against the unnecessary, cruel, and demoralizing practice called vivisection, with a view to its total abolition.

5. To discourage any practice, custom or fashion which involves the infliction of unnecessary suffering on any living creature.

But little has been done, as yet, towards a systematic organization in our state. Letters have been sent to some of our County Conventions asking that this work be taken up. Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford and Piscataquis Counties have reported Superintendents appointed. The formation of Bands of Mercy has been requested of the Juvenile Superintendents. In some places good work is being done in this direction, one Band of Mercy numbering ninety members. Where there are no Bands organized, some of our Loyal Temperance Legion Superintendents are faithfully teaching laws of kindness and lessons of mercy.

We hope for great advancement during the coming year. We pray for it because the full and perfect work of the influence of Christianity towards making mankind better, cannot be accomplished until the scriptural doctrine of mercy and consideration for all God's creatures is more universally diffused. "The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his work." "He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry." "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?" "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful." "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Respectfully submitted,

CLARA W. MUMFORD,
State Superintendent Department of Mercy.

CONSTITUTION
OF
MAINE WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of this State, alarmed at the danger and tendencies of intemperance and kindred evils, believe it to be our duty, under the providence of God, to unite our efforts for their extinction. That we may the more successfully prosecute this work, we adopt the following pledge and constitution.

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented, and malt liquors, including wine and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The organization shall be known as the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Its object shall be to enlist the women of this State in the promotion of the cause of temperance, and of the various branches of work recommended by the National Union; to make permanent the work already accomplished and to secure the organization of a local Union in every place in the State where it is practicable.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Union shall be a President, one Vice President from each county (the President of each being *ex-officio* Vice President of the State Union), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee, of whom seven shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, State Superintendents of Departments, State Organizers, Secretaries and Treasurers of County Unions, the President and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every twenty-five paying members of each auxiliary Union.

ARTICLE IV.—AUXILIARIES.

Any society of women, regularly organized under the supervision or approval of the State officers, and adopting the Constitution of this organization, including a total abstinence pledge, and a paying fee of thirty cents per member annually to State Treasurer (ten cents of which shall be paid by her to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union) is auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held at some time within September or October, in such place as may be decided by a vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.—AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at the annual meeting, provided notice has been given at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

President.

Sec. 1. In case of the illness or death of the President, the duties of her office shall devolve upon the General Officers in the order of their election.

Sec. 2. The President may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when she may deem it necessary, or in response to the written request of any seven members of the Executive Committee, in which case the topics to be considered at the meeting shall be stated, and she shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

Vice President.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of each Vice President to aid and foster the work of the Union in her County, and to arrange for and preside at conventions in her County, co-operating with the General Officers of the State in carrying out their plans for the prosecution of the work, making a report semi-annually to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Union.

Corresponding Secretary.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the organization and to perform all duties usual to such office. She shall also send to the Secretary of each local Union at least twice a year a blank similar to those used by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Corresponding Secretary, to be filled as a semi-annual report. From these reports she shall collate her own report for the annual meeting.

Recording Secretary.

Sec. 5. The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Unions, the Executive Committee and the General Officers, and shall keep correct record of their proceedings. She shall send to each member of the Executive Committee a notice of such meetings. She shall apprise members of Committees of their appointment. At the first meeting of each annual session she shall read in their order, for action by said meeting, the minutes of all meetings, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to such office.

Treasurer.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all 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. The fiscal year shall terminate one week previous to the annual meeting, and the books shall then be closed. At the annual meeting she shall give to the Corresponding Secretary the whole number of delegates to which each local Union is entitled according to the amount of dues paid, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to such office.

Superintendents.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the Superintendents to originate, to advise, and to direct plans of work relating to their several departments; to correspond and to cooperate with County Superintendents to report to the annual meeting work proposed and work accomplished. They shall be required to give an itemized account of their receipts and expenditures in department work.

ARTICLE II.—ELECTION.

Sec. 1. The officers, with the exception of the Vice Presidents, and Assistant Recording Secretary (the latter shall be nominated by the Recording Secretary and elected by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered) shall be elected by ballot on the morning of the last day of the annual meeting.

Vacancies in Delegation.

Sec. 2. Each delegation may fill its quota by visiting members from its own auxiliary; if any Vice President is absent, said county may be represented on the Executive Committee by a member of its delegation.

Voting.

Sec. 3. General Officers, Superintendents of Departments, State Organizers and *ex-officio* members shall vote in person.

Tellers.

Sec. 4. Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the person thus nominated.

Superintendents.

Sec. 5. Superintendents shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

Vacancies.

Sec. 6. The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of annual meetings.

ARTICLE III—COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. The following committees shall be chosen on the first day of the annual meeting: On Credentials, on Business, on Resolutions. The last shall consist of one delegate from each county, chosen by the delegation of her county.

Sec. 2. An Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the General Officers in the interim of the annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV.—INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

Sec. 1. Any pledged woman in a community where there is no local Union may become a member-at-large of the State Union by the payment of an annual fee of fifty cents, ten cents of which shall be paid to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Sec. 2. Any woman may become a life member by signing the pledge, and paying ten dollars at one time to the State Treasurer; and any man may become an Honorary Member by signing the pledge and by the payment of one dollar annually.

ARTICLE V.—DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION.

The Department of Organization shall be in charge of the General Officers, and organizers appointed by them shall be reported to the Convention and entitled to a seat.

ARTICLE VI.

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ———— Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including Wine, Beer and Cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate, and aim to secure the complete banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the constitution (including the pledge) and by the payment of — per year into the Treasury, 30 cents of which shall be paid the State Union. Ten cents of that amount the State Treasurer sends to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Where it is deemed necessary the following article may be substituted :

Any woman may become a member of this organization by a two-thirds vote at any legal meeting and by signing the constitution and pledge and paying the regular dues and continuing to do so annually.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and the payment of one dollar a year, all of which shall be retained for home work.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, one from each church, when practicable; a corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. President to call to order and open the meetings.

To announce the business before the meeting in the order in which it is to be acted upon.

To put to vote all questions which have been regularly moved and seconded, and to announce the result.

To preserve order, and to decide, when referred to, all questions of order or practice which may arise.

To append her signature when necessary to all orders and proceedings of the Union.

To have a general oversight of the Union, and, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to plan for its best interests and the good of the cause.

To call special meetings when deemed advisable by herself and any three members of the Union, due notice being given to all the members.

Sec. 2. Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union.

To report to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Union as required by the State Constitution (having first submitted her report to the Union) giving such facts and items of general interest as will enable the State Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union and the progress of the work.

Sec. 3. Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Union.

To notify the public of its meetings.

To read all papers, etc., which may be required.

To notify Committees of their appointments and of business referred to them.

To take charge of all papers and documents of the Union.

To make reports at each meeting of the preceding meeting.

Sec. 4. Treasurer to collect the membership dues, and to devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Union. To forward to State Treasurer the dues for each member as required by the State Constitution (namely 30 cents per member) two weeks previous to State Convention. Old Unions and those organized early in the year shall make part payment of dues previous to March first, the remainder two weeks before State Convention. To hold all money collected for the use of the Union, paying bills on order of the President and Secretary, keeping an exact book account and making a report of the same at each regular business meeting.

Sec. 5. Vice-Presidents to preside, in their order, at meetings in the absence of the President, and to perform all duties of the President in case of absence on any account from her office. To interest the women of their respective churches in the work of the Union, and to canvass for members. To assist the President in arranging and carrying out plans for the benefit of the Union. To endeavor to secure special recognition of the temperance cause in the church prayer-meeting quarterly, and also by a sermon from the pastor at least once a year.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Union shall be held ———, at which time Superintendents shall report.

Public Prayer and Conference meetings shall be held as often as the interest of the work demands, and if possible, mass meetings quarterly.

The Executive and other Committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE VII.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held on the —— day of —— month, at which time the officers shall be elected for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

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

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1. *Departments of Work.* Superintendents shall be appointed for such of the following departments, as local needs seem to call for: 1. Heredity. 2. Hygiene. 3. Scientific Instruction. 4. Sunday School Work. 5. Juvenile Work. 6. Temperance Literature. 7. Influencing the Press. 8. Evangelistic Work. 9. Prisons and Police Stations. 10. Railroad Work. 11. Soldiers and Sailors. 12. Unfermented Wine. 13. Young Women's Work. 14. Parlor Meetings. 15. Flower Missions. 16. State and County Fairs. 17. Legislation and Petitions. 18. Work among Foreigners. 19. Work among Colored People. 20. Impure Literature. 21. White Shield.

Sec. 2. All meetings of the Union shall be opened by reading of Scripture and prayer.

Sec. 3. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting, and the same rule may apply to all other Committees.

Sec. 4. Officers shall remain such till their successors are elected.

Sec. 5. All members of the Union shall be entitled to vote.

Sec. 6. *Order of Business:—*

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Report of Recording Secretary.
3. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Report of Chairman of Executive Committee.
6. Reports of Superintendents.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Course of Reading.
11. Discussion.

Sec. 7. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Union, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Union.

Extracts from the Public Laws.

TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

CHAPTER 267 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

AN ACT relating to Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools.
Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SEC. 1. Provision shall be made by the proper local school authorities for instructing all pupils in all schools supported by public money, or under State control, in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

SEC. 2. No certificate shall be granted any person to teach in the public schools in this state after the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, who has not passed a satisfactory examination in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics upon the human system.

(Approved February 19, 1885.)

EXTRACTS FROM THE SABBATH LAWS.

Whoever, on the Lord's Day, keeps open his shop, workhouse, warehouse, or place of business; travels, or does any work, labor or business on that day, except works of necessity or charity; uses any sport, game or recreation; or is present at any dancing, public diversion, show or entertainment, encouraging the same, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars.—R. S., Chap. 124, Sec. 20.

If any innholder or victualler, on the Lord's Day, suffers any persons except travelers, strangers or lodgers, to abide in his house, yard or field, drinking or spending their time idly, at play or doing any secular business, except works of necessity or charity, he shall be punished by fine not ex-

ceeding four dollars for each person thus suffered to abide; and if after conviction he is again guilty, by fine not exceeding ten dollars for each offence; and upon a third conviction, he shall also be incapable of holding any license; and every person so abiding shall be fined not exceeding four dollars for each offense.—R. S., Chap. 124, Sec. 21.

Sunday is a close time, on which it is not lawful to hunt, kill or destroy game or birds of any kind, under the penalties imposed therefor during other close times; but the penalties already imposed for violations of the Sunday laws are not repealed or diminished.—R. S., Chap. 30, Sec. 27.

The jailer, at the expense of the county, shall furnish to each prisoner who is able to read, a copy of the Bible, and to all on Sunday, such religious instruction as he may be able to obtain without expense, and to such as may be benefited thereby, instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic one hour every evening except Sunday.—R. S., Chap. 80, Sec. 30.

CIGARETTE LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled:

SEC. 1. No person shall sell any cigarette to any person under the age of sixteen years.

SEC. 2. No person other than the minor's parent or guardian, shall give to any person under the age of sixteen years any cigarette, for such minor's personal use.

SEC. 3. Any person violating any of the foregoing provisions, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

IMPURE LITERATURE LAW.

SEC. 13. Whoever imports, prints, publishes, sells, exhibits or distributes any book, pamphlet, ballad, or printed paper, containing obscene language, prints, pictures, or descriptions, manifestly tending to corrupt the morals of youth; or procures, receives, or has any of them in his possession with intent to sell, exhibit or circulate them, shall be punished by imprisonment for less than one year, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.—R. S., Chap. 124.

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1893.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

1875,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	OLD ORCHARD
1876,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	OLD ORCHARD
1877,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	RICHMOND
1878,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	OLD ORCHARD
1879,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BANGOR
1880,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BELFAST
1881,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	LEWISTON
1882,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ROCKLAND
1883,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	KENNEBUNK
1884,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	GARDINER
1885,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PORTLAND
1886,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BANGOR
1887,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AUBURN
1888,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BATH
1889,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BAR HARBOR
1890,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PORTLAND
1891,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AUGUSTA
1892,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	LEWISTON
1893,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ROCKLAND

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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Suggestions to Local Unions.

It is very desirable that our Union should immediately inform the State Corresponding Secretary whenever any changes in their list of officers are made; also that the officers of new Unions be reported promptly.

Each Superintendent of the various departments of work has the privilege of selecting her committee, the number of the latter being limited to five.

Unions are requested to duplicate the State Committees as far as possible.

Since our next State annual meeting is to occur the last week in September, the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Superintendents will be much more complete if the local Unions will change the time of their annual meeting to the first week in September.

For all desired information about the *Union Signal* address the Superintendents of this department, or the *Union Signal*, The Temple, Chicago.

Temperance Text Books and Temperance Literature can be obtained of the Superintendent of Temperance Literature, or at Headquarters, 150 Free Street, Portland.

Copies of the Minutes containing the Constitution will be furnished from Headquarters to Vice-Presidents, or ladies wishing to form a Union.

The Superintendents of the various branches of work will always be ready to assist those who desire information.

SARAH L. CRAM,
State Corresponding Secretary.

Plan of Work.

The following plan of work is recommended by the corresponding secretary to local Unions for their consideration and adoption as far practicable :

1. Appoint a visiting committee to arouse and interest Christian women in the temperance cause, and secure them as members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
2. Endeavor to increase the circulation of the *Union Signal*, the *Star in the East*, the *Oak and Ivy Leaf*, and the *Young Crusader*.
3. Secure space for temperance matter in the local papers.
4. Procure temperance literature and have it judiciously distributed.
5. Hang up temperance hand-bills in churches, school-houses, town halls, public libraries, railroad stations, engine houses, factories, horse cars,—in short, wherever permission to do so can be obtained.
6. Establish a loan library; buy suitable temperance books and place them in the Sunday School libraries; furnish tracts to put into Sunday School books.
7. Hold gospel temperance meetings and distribute tracts on some topic suitable for each occasion.
8. Circulate the pledge in the Sunday Schools and throughout the place.
9. Urge the use of the "Temperance Lesson" once a quarter in the Sunday Schools; also, advocate the introduction of temperance as a feature into Sunday School concerts.
10. Request the pastors to preach a temperance sermon to the children as often as practicable.
11. Secure the use of unfermented wine at the communion service.
12. Form children's temperance societies.
13. Urge the enforcement of the law providing for scientific temperance instruction in the public schools.
14. Institute parlor meetings to be held once a month, if practicable.
15. Hold meetings at almshouse, jail, and other charitable institutions, and distribute temperance and religious papers.

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication" unto Him who "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

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CALAIS—Mrs. Geo. W. Condee.

CHERRYFIELD—Mrs. E. B. Silsby, Mrs. Samuel Ray, Mrs. A. C. Sproul, Mrs. E. L. Nash.

HARRINGTON—Mrs. Mary Nash, Mrs. Bessie Smith, Mrs. G. W. Rumbull.

JONESPORT—Mrs. Elvira B. Ireland, Mrs. Clara Farnsworth, Mrs. E. R. Peaslee

MILLBRIDGE—Mrs. Shear, Mrs. Frances I. Sawyer.

YORK COUNTY.

BIDDEFORD—Mrs. W. S. McIntire.

SANFORD—Mrs. Sherburne.

WEST LEBANON—Mrs. C. C. Foster, Mrs. A. E. Shapleigh.

OLD ORCHARD—Mrs. A. C. Dawley, Mrs. S. D. Moulton.

MINUTES.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 25, EVENING.

Executive meeting on Monday evening opened with prayer by Mrs. Helen B. C. Beedy of Farmington.

Voted, That State Superintendents be given five minutes for presenting their reports either verbally or written, to be followed by discussion not exceeding ten minutes.

Voted, To appoint Mrs. Beedy and Miss Cornelia M. Dow of Portland to confer with Mrs. Cram and Mrs. Blanchard as to the classification for delegates to the World's and National Conventions.

Miss Dow, Mrs. Beedy and Mrs. Bunker of No. Anson appointed a committee to arrange for seating of delegates.

The Committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 26, A. M.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened at the First Baptist Church, Rockland, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 1893.

The pulpit platform was almost hidden by vases of cut flowers, boxes of splendid hydrangeas, and potted plants of various kinds. A magnificent basket of sweet peas, from the Bar Harbor Union, graced the center of the platform. The State Banner and the picture of Miss Willard occupied conspicuous positions. Over the platform hung the motto, "For God and Home and Native Land," at the other end of the audience room, "For God and Home and Every Land." The County Banners were ranged on one side of the auditorium and mottoes of various sorts adorned the other walls.

The National Prize Banner, the third time awarded Maine for the largest proportionate gain in membership, was placed on the wall where it could not fail to be seen.

The music for the Convention was placed in charge of Mr. L. G.

March, assisted by Miss Jessie Bartlett of Fort Fairfield. Their sweet singing gave great pleasure through the entire session.

At 9:30 a devotional meeting was held, led by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow of Windham, Superintendent of Evangelistic Department.

At 10 o'clock Convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens.

"Rock of Ages" sung.

The roll-call revealed the presence of all the general officers except the Treasurer, who arrived an hour later, and eleven of the State superintendents.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Credentials—Mrs. S. L. Cram, Biddeford; Mrs. M. F. Bunker, No. Anson; Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Livermore Falls.

Committee on Courtesies—Mrs. Abbie Hall, Rockland; Mrs. S. C. Brastow, Rockport.

Notice was given to county delegations to choose their representative for Resolutions Committee and hand in at the Secretary's table to be announced later.

Programs as arranged by Executive Committee accepted.

Miss Lubelle Patrick and Miss Ethel Eaton appointed to act as pages.

Moved that the presentation and discussion of Y. work be made the order of the day at 4 P. M. on Wednesday. Carried.

Miss Bagley of Springvale reported on Juvenile Work. Accepted, discussion following.

Mr. H. M. Lord, Editor of *The Courier-Gazette* introduced, who welcomed the delegates in a brief speech.

Song, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Moved that a telegram of love and sympathy be sent from this Convention to the State Convention of Kansas now in session. Carried and Corresponding Secretary instructed to select the same.

Mrs. E. M. Getchell recently elected president of Piscataquis county, and Mrs. Winslow recently elected president of Lincoln county, were introduced.

Miss Scales, Superintendent of Kindergarten Work being absent the work of her department was spoken upon and reported locally by Miss Dow of Portland.

Mrs. Shelburne of Sanford, Mrs. Marston, Mrs. S. S. Freeman of Waldo Union and Mrs. Bowden of Ripley Union, were in turn presented to the Convention.

The departments of work among Foreign Speaking People, Hygiene Reform and Heredity, Scientific Temperance Instruction, Sunday School Work and School Savings Banks were passed over for the time on account of the absence of their superintendents.

The report on Influencing the Press and reporting for *Union Signal* was given by Miss Mary L. French of Auburn. Accepted.

The noon hour was observed by silent prayer, vocalized by Mrs. I. M. B. Wyman of Lewiston.

Executive Committee Meeting for 1.30 announced.

Appointments made, and notices given.

Adjourned with singing.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 26, P. M.

Opened at 1.30 with prayer by Mrs. Springer, president of Androscoggin County.

Moved to consider some plan by which programs for the use of Local Unions, if they choose to use them, may appear in the *Star in the East*. Carried, and Mrs. Beedy of Farmington, Miss Dow of Portland, Mrs. Johnston, Fort Fairfield and Mrs. Silsby of Cherryfield appointed as committee on preparation of programs for one year.

The Committee rose to meet at 8.30 Wednesday A. M.

CONVENTION, Sept. 26, P. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Seamens of Amity. Secretary's minutes read and approved.

Minutes of the Executive meetings of Monday evening and of Tuesday afternoon read and accepted.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams of San Francisco introduced, Mrs. Williams bringing us greetings from our western sisters in the temperance work and giving Maine some very gracious words of com-

mendation for her reputation as leader in the Temperance Reform.

Report of State Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. L. Cram, followed. Accepted.

Song, "We Belong."

Dr. Brown introduced.

Report of Treasurer made the special order of the day for 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mrs. A. S. Johnston appointed Auditor.

Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Superintendent of the Department of Narcotics reported. Accepted.

Announcement of the progress made in selection of Resolutions Committee.

Superintendent of Evangelistic Department, Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, reported. Same accepted.

Corresponding Secretary reported message sent to Kansas Convention as follows:

GREETING FROM MAINE STATE CONVENTION:

Read Isaiah 60, 2d and 3d verses.

Voted, Corresponding Secretary prepare and send greetings to N. H. State Convention now in session.

Announcements.

Adjourned with singing.

CONVENTION, Sept. 26, EVENING.

Singing.

Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. H. J. Bailey.

Mrs. R. C. Hall, president of Knox County Union, made a cordial address of welcome.

Rev. J. H. Parshley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, followed, expressing his cordial endorsement of the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and his fixed belief in the final triumph of the principles for which they are laboring.

Solo, "If I were a Voice," by Miss Bartlett, was most delightfully rendered.

Responses were made by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Robbins of Deering

and Miss Lubelle Patrick, expressing in the choicest manner their appreciation of the cordial and inspiring words of welcome extended to the Convention.

W. O. Fuller, Jr., read a poem written for the occasion, which was received with great applause.

Mrs. Stevens then delivered her annual address.

Collection speech by Mrs. H. B. C. Beedy. Collection.

Music.

Benediction by Rev. J. H. Parshley.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Oct. 27, A. M.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Smith of Cornish.

Representatives from the following counties became responsible for the thorough notification of the County Treasurers of their counties that the State annual dues of Local Unions are to be collected and remitted by County Treasurers to State Treasurer on or before the 1st of September of each year, viz: Aroostook, Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Waldo and York.

Moved that the Executive Committee recommend that the State Treasurer notify the Treasurers of remaining counties not represented in this meeting that the above manner of collecting State dues has become a requirement. Carried.

The Committee rose to meet at 1.30 P. M.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27, A. M.

The devotional exercises of Wednesday morning were led by Mrs. A. S. Johnston of Fort Fairfield.

Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday afternoon and the Executive meeting of 8.30 read, and after some consideration both were accepted.

The names of those selected to serve on Resolutions committee announced and a committee meeting called at close of morning meeting.

Credential committee reported. 131 Delegates announced as in attendance.

Report accepted and it was voted that the names of other delegates who should arrive later be added, also the names of County Superintendents, County Presidents, and General Officers who are "ex-officio" delegates.

Miss Cora Loring, an invalid of many years, and Rockland's Superintendent of Press Work was introduced, her faithful labors and zeal for our work receiving tender words of well deserved recognition from Mrs. Stevens. She was received by the Convention with the Chautauquan salute, as with much feeling they learned of the presence of this devoted friend from the "Shut Ins," present for the first time in six years in any public assemblage, now seated in her wheel chair surrounded by her loving sisters of the White Ribbon band.

Business was resumed by the reading of the Treasurer's, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard's, report.

By vote the Treasurer's report was given by counties instead of by local Unions.

Report of Auditor followed.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Report of Flower Mission made a special order for 4.30 Wednesday afternoon.

The hour having arrived for the Memorial Service for those of our members entering the Higher Life during the year, the opening hymn, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," was sung.

The names of members and honoraries were read.

Mrs. Stevens spoke with tenderness and much feeling of our promoted comrades, of the pleasure we had had in their devoted lives, and our faith in the continuance of love, communion and service in the spiritual life.

Mrs. Abbie Shapleigh followed in a most tender tribute to the memory of her friend and our much esteemed honorary member Mrs. Amelia C. Thorpe of Cambridge, Mass.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Seamens.

Duet, "Sometime We'll Understand," rendered by Miss Bartlett and Mr. March.

Noon tide hour observed.

Announcements.

Benediction. Adjournment.

➤IN MEMORIAM.➤

What comfort, when with clouds of woe
The heart is burdened, and must weep,
To feel that pain must end—to know,
He giveth his beloved sleep."

—*Alice Cary.*

MRS. ALICE L. RAYMOND, Portland.
 MRS. HOSEA REYNOLDS, Biddeford.
 MRS. ABIGAIL P. FRENCH, MRS. CAROLINE R. MARSHALL,
 North Anson.
 MRS. ALLIE KNOWLTON, Camden.
 MRS. LUCY A. SLEEPER, Rockland.
 MRS. CARRIE PHILLIPS, Southwest Harbor.
 MRS. TOOTHAKER, Phillips.
 MRS. MARY J. BLETHEN, Spruce Head.
 MRS. MARTHA J. STACKPOLE, MRS. MARY CREIGHTON,
 Mrs. L. M. LASH, Thomaston.
 MRS. DOBBIN, Jonesport.
 MRS. LIZZIE STANWOOD, Brunswick.
 MRS. BELINDA ANDREWS, Windham Center.
 MRS. KATIE PRESCOTT, South Windham.
 MRS. A. P. WHITE, Lewiston.
 MRS. MARIA P. GETCHELL, MRS. MARY A. BLANCHARD,
 Mrs. ACHSA M. PORTER, Stillwater.
 MRS. SUSAN TIBBETTS, Brooklin.
 MRS. REBECCA S. DUNN, Amity.
 MRS. MARY ESTABROOK, Hodgdon.
 MRS. MARIA L. TRAFTON, Limestone.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

MRS. AMELIA C. THORPE, West Lebanon.
 HON. JOHN C. CHILCOTT, Ellsworth.
 MR. JOHN W. MITCHELL, Rockland.
 DEA. EDWARD MANSFIELD, Orono.
 MR. WESTON McALLISTER, Calais.
 DR. LUCE, Caribou.
 REV. JAMES GRAHAM, Waldoboro.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.—*I Thess. 4:14.*

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Oct. 27, P. M.

Opened with prayer offered by Mrs. Ireland.

Voted, That State Minutes contain names of County secretaries and treasurers as well as presidents.

The Executive Committee recommend that County organizations engage W. C. T. U. Missionaries from time to time as they may be able to do, to visit their Unions, in order to encourage and help in any way and every way possible, and they cheerfully recommend Mrs. F. A. Wright, East Newport, and Mrs. Jennie Seamens of Amity, both of whom have had successful experience.

The Committee rose to meet Sept. 28, A. M.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27, P. M.

Devotional services were led by Mrs. Chase.

Minutes of morning meeting, and of last Executive meeting read and accepted.

Mrs. Watts and Miss Maggie Everett appointed as pages.

Mr. W. O. Fuller, Jr., editor of *Rockland Tribune* was introduced and said that if such women as he saw before him wished to vote, he was convinced they ought to be allowed to do so. Mr. Fuller was at once decorated with a yellow ribbon.

Rev. Mr. Pettengall of Rockland, Mrs. J. R. Nichols of Indianapolis was introduced and made brief remarks.

Mrs. I. M. B. Wyman, Superintendent of Homes for Homeless Children reported. Accepted.

Here occurred the introduction of a month old baby, a charge of the Rockland Union.

The baby was named by Mrs. Stevens, "Frances Willard," and the Aronite benediction was pronounced over the little one by her. Mrs. Stevens then announced the baby as the adopted child of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and a candidate for home and parents. Later on news was received of the adoption of this child into a good home in our state.

Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, chairman of Committee on Reformatory Prison for women, reported.

This report was supplemented by remarks from Mrs. J. R. Nichols. Accepted.

Mrs. R. C. Hall invited to preside during election of officers.

Mrs. Getchell, Mrs. Silsby and Mrs. Delano appointed to serve as tellers.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. C. Dawley of Old Orchard.

A total vote of 165 was cast for President, all for Mrs. Stevens.

By motion of Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, the Recording Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for Mrs. Stevens as President.

Our newly elected and long loved President was introduced to the Convention by Mrs. Pratt of Auburn, and was received by the audience rising and giving the Chautauquan salute, following which the doxology was sung with the heartfelt gratitude of every white ribboner present.

Mrs. H. J. Bailey moved that the remaining officers be chosen by acclamation. A second was received and the motion carried, the result being the re-election of the old officers throughout, viz: Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, Biddeford, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Clara M. Farwell, Rockland, Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Lewiston, Treasurer. Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Fort Fairfield, was nominated by Miss Farwell as Assistant Recording Secretary and confirmed by Convention.

Voted, That Mrs. H. J. Bailey select and send cablegram to Miss Willard our National President.

The message sent and reported later was from II John, 1:13; Joshua, 1:9.

The choice of World's and National delegates deferred till Thursday morning.

Mrs. Cram announced message sent to New Hampshire Convention as found in Ezekiel 34:12,13.

The hour for Y meeting having arrived, Miss Lubelle Patrick, Superintendent of that department, was called to the chair.

Song, "Y Bells," was sung.

Miss Carrie McCann spoke for the Westbrook Y.

Report of State Work by Miss Patrick.

Mrs. Blake of Brooklin spoke for Hancock County.

Miss Alice Fernald read the report of Miss Edith Libby, Superintendent of Flower Mission department. Accepted.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt made closing remarks.

Announcements. Adjournment.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27, EVENING.

Music.

Scripture reading by Mrs. E. B. Silsby.

Prayer by Mrs. F. M. Wright.

Solo, "Behold I Come Quickly," by Mr. March, was received with much pleasure.

Address by Mrs. Josephine R. Nichols, "The Home versus the Saloon." Mrs. Nichols held her large audience with the closest attention and impressed them with the conviction that she is one of the foremost speakers of the present day.

Duet, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," by Mrs. F. M. Shaw and Mr. March was greatly enjoyed by the audience. After a short speech by Miss Cornelia M. Dow a collection was taken.

Benediction by Rev. Mr. Fultz.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 28, A. M.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Luce of Caribou.

Superintendents of departments were nominated for the ensuing year, for names of whom see page 5.

Voted, That the Executive Committee recommend that the superintendents' reports appearing in the State minutes shall not exceed 1000 words, or about two pages of State minutes.

Voted, That Mrs. Blanchard be continued as editor and publisher of *Star in the East*.

The Committee rose to meet at 1.30 P. M.

CONVENTION, Sept. 28, A. M.

Thursday morning's devotional exercises were led by Mrs. E. M. Getchell of Dover. A souvenir token sent to Mrs. Stevens by Lady Henry Somerset, was presented to her by Mrs. Blanchard.

Mrs. Ida M. B. Wyman then introduced a little girl, a child of six years with a lovely, intelligent face and a sweet voice, as evidenced in a little song rendered somewhat later, for whom a good home was desired.

An hour or two later a good mother for this little girl was greeted by the Convention in the person of Mrs. Webb of Windham.

Rev. Mr. Moody of Rockland was introduced, and at the close of a few remarks invited the ladies present to visit the Home of the Good Shepherd, a charitable institution for homeless children in charge of the Episcopal Church of that place.

This invitation was accepted for 5 P. M. by a rising vote of the Convention.

Minutes of Wednesday afternoon read and accepted.

Executive minutes of 8.30 read and accepted, after passing an amendment to the effect that the limit of superintendents' reports be 2000 instead of 1000 words.

Voted, the two State Reports be sent free to each Union, the remainder for sale to any who wish, at ten cents each.

By a rising vote many Unions then pledged themselves to make an effort to hold Free Will Offering meetings in the interest of our State work.

Mrs. Anna M. Hussey of North Berwick reported on department of Systematic Giving. Adopted.

Mrs. G. F. French, Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction reported. Adopted.

Noon-tide prayer observed silently, then vocally by Mrs. Thompson of Newcastle.

Announcements.

Adjournment.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Oct. 28, 1.30.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Johnston.

The Executive Committee recommend that the names of Mrs. Flora A. Wright, East Newport, Mrs. Jennie Seamens, Amity, Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Dexter, be recognized as the beginning of a Maine Lecture Bureau and the committee recommend that counties needing speakers should apply to these ladies.

The Executive Committee suggest that it is the duty of the Corresponding Secretaries to report changes in their County Superintendents at once to the State Superintendents. Also that all official communications during the year shall appear in the *Star in the East*; and urge that superintendents of departments make use of this their only public medium, and by far their cheapest, for communication with County Superintendents, and those interested in the various departments.

The Committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 28, P. M.

Opened by scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. W. S. McIntire of Biddeford.

Minutes of morning and executive meetings read and accepted.

Introduction of Mr. March, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Rockland and leader of the singing of the Convention.

Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Superintendent of Legislation and Petitions reported. Accepted.

Miss Alice M. Douglass, Superintendent of Department of Peace and Arbitration, reported. Adopted.

Sunday School work reported by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, Superintendent. Adopted.

Department of Purity reported by Mrs. Flora A. Wright, Superintendent. Accepted.

Mrs. Jennie Seamens of Amity was introduced.

Department of Sabbath Observance reported by Mrs. H. J. Bailey. Accepted.

A request was made that the Convention unite in prayer for the recovery of Miss Alzira L. Crie, a beloved member of the Rockland Union, County and Local Superintendent of Sabbath Observance, absent from home, to undergo a dangerous surgical operation. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Hall of Rockland, and Mrs. Hunnewell of Belfast.

Report of State and County Fairs read by Mrs. Cram, Mrs. Susan French, Superintendent. being absent.

Moved by Mrs. Blanchard that this report be accepted by a rising vote of thanks and the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mrs. French our regrets at her resignation. A second being received, it was carried.

Fifty-two White Ribbon visitors, upon invitation, arose and were counted.

Voted, by rising, that Mrs. Stickney, Superintendent of Sunday School Work, extend to Mr. B. F. Jacobs and Rev. Wilbur F. Cra s the appreciation and thanks of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union for their active and efficient help in that department at the late International Sunday School Convention.

Voted, That a greeting be sent to Mrs. Margaret T. W. Merrill of Portland from this Convention.

World's and National Delegates were then announced as follows :

Delegates World's Convention, at Chicago, Oct. 16-17— Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Fort Fairfield; Mrs. Susie F. Winslow, Waldoboro; Mrs. Sarah J. McLellan, So. Windham; Mrs. Rob't Lord, Kennebunk.

*Alternates—*Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland; Mrs. Olive Hanson, Stroudwater; Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Lewiston.

*Delegates National Convention, Chicago, Oct. 18-23—*Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; Miss C. M. Dow, Portland; Mrs. E. R. Horton, Dexter; Mrs. I. M. B. Wyman, Lewiston; Mrs. H. B. C. Beedy, Farmington; Mrs. Amanda Bowler, So. Hancock; Mrs. E. O. Hall, Thomaston; Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield; Miss Edith Libby, Portland.

*Alternates—*Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Fort Fairfield; Mrs. Olive Hanson, Woodfords; Mrs. Elizabeth Patten, Bangor; Mrs. Susie Winslow, Waldoboro; Mrs. F. I. Sawyer, Millbridge; Miss Ann M. Robinson, Bath; Mrs. Flora A. Clark, New Portland; Mrs. S. P. Smith, Cornish; Miss Alice Suminsby, Bar Harbor.

Hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Report of Resolutions Committee by Mrs. Helen B. C. Beedy. The report was accepted, the resolutions read and discussed one by one, and adopted as herewith recorded :

Resolved, That as every good and perfect gift comes from our Father in Heaven, we will continue to thank Him for the marvelous results of the great Crusade and the privilege that we have of working in this organized movement for "God and Home and Every Land."

Resolved, That we deplore the non-enforcement of the Prohibitory Law in some localities, but we realize that this is due to the unfaithfulness of officials and not to the inefficiency of the law; and we hereby re-affirm our belief in the wisdom and righteousness of prohibition, and we desire renewedly to express our gratitude to the father of prohibition—Gen. Neal Dow.

WHEREAS, We view with great alarm the growing tendency of our people to dishonor the Sabbath, therefore

Resolved, That with the hourly guidance of our Father we will watch unto prayer and protest everywhere against all amusements which draw from Sabbath keeping, and be more persistent in our efforts to bring under the teaching of the Master those who transgress the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Resolved, That in view of the recent action of the St. Louis International Sunday School Convention whereby the temperance lesson is retained for the remaining six years, that we pledge ourselves to make the Sunday on which it occurs of special interest to our cause and recommend those who use the Blakeslee system to be sure to provide the free temperance lesson for the blank Sunday.

Resolved, That in view of the work accomplished for soldiers and sailors in providing reading matter and proper places for them to pass their leisure time, we will do more in the future and remember them daily in our petitions.

WHEREAS, We have seen with gratification the good results of the Keeley Cure, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend our Unions to assist in this work but not to the exclusion of their more definite lines of work.

Resolved, That we strive more earnestly to have laws enacted forbidding any person to sell cigars or tobacco in any form to minors.

Resolved, That recognizing in the Press one of the most potent agencies for moulding public opinion, we urge upon every Union in Maine the importance of taking up this department as the readiest means of enlisting the sympathy and co-operation of those outside our society.

Resolved, That as our new department, Homes for Homeless Children, has made such wonderful progress, we commend it to the mother-heart of each local Union for special and watchful work.

Resolved, That we believe that the high destiny awaiting the State of Maine as a leader in Temperance Reform will be hastened through the enfranchisement of its women.

Resolved, That we consider the enforcement of the State law requiring scientific temperance instruction in all public schools of great importance and recommend, at the beginning of this school year, that the Unions co-operate with school officers and teachers to secure a better enforcement of this law.

WHEREAS, The hope of the Nation lies in the coming generations, therefore

Resolved, That we will strive the coming year to do more towards educating the children of our State in the true principles of temperance in our Loyal Legions.

Resolved, That we, as a body of christian women, give increased attention to the Department of Purity that our influence be brought to bear on all social evils; that we claim equal standards of purity for all.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the local Union of Rockland and other friends who have given us such cordial welcome to their homes and have made such generous and thoughtful provision for our comfort; to the First Baptist church, its pastor and society for the use of their church; to the lines of travel for the reduced rates; to the Press for kindly notices of our coming; to the committee who have so beautifully decorated the church; to those who by their fine music have added so much to the pleasure of our meetings, and to all who in any way have helped to make this Convention a success.

A cablegram was received from Miss Willard :

"Read II John 1 : 5."

A telegram was also received from the New Hampshire State Convention.

The introduction of Rev. Mr. Fultz of Islesboro and Rev. Mr. Bradlee of Rockland followed. Mrs. R. C. Hall and others of the Rockland Committee on Entertainment then introduced and thanks extended to them for their untiring efforts to make everybody comfortable during the Convention.

Mrs. Lizzie Y. Butler of Rockland introduced as a contributor to the *Union Signal*.

Voted, That all unfinished business be referred to General Officers.

An invitation was extended to hold next State Convention in Houlton, Aroostook County.

Adjourned with song and benediction by Rev. Mr. Fultz of Islesboro.

CONVENTION, Sept. 28, EVENING.

Opened with an anthem, "Consider and Hear Him," by the Congregational choir, who very kindly consented to assist in the services of the evening, and which elicited much applause.

Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Abbie E. Shapleigh.

An address by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore on "The Dangers of the Republic," was listened to with the most profound attention.

Hymn, "Rock of Ages," by the choir.

Collection.

Mrs. E. B. Silsby, said "I move that the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union do now adjourn."

The Convention united in singing "God be with you till we meet again."

Benediction by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow.

CLARA M. FARWELL,
Recording Secretary.

President's Annual Address.

Beloved Comrades:

In the National Conference of Charities and Correction which was held in the Memorial Art Institute, Chicago, last June, representatives of different states told of the progress made along the lines under consideration during the last twenty years. It was very interesting to listen to the comparison between then and now and I was then forcibly reminded and it comes to me even at this hour that the W. C. T. U. is very near the completion of the twentieth year since the crusade of the Ohio women against the dram shops in their midst sounded the trumpet that called us forth to battle. They went out in the power of the spirit and the banner "God gave them hath been displayed because of the truth" all over the world.

I greet you, beloved, to-night as a part of this great army, organized to put down the great evil of intemperance and its attendant vices.

Your record in the past proves that you are indeed worthy to belong, and I believe that no nobler, truer women live than the Maine division of the White Ribbon Army, which has chosen for its motto—"Not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts," and believe the account of the year's work, as it will be presented during these convention days, will prove that His blessed Spirit of Truth has guided you during all the days since last we met.

Very likely some of you have discouragements upon your heart—you are not satisfied with what you have been able to accomplish—but we must never be faint-hearted because we do not see immediate results. We can not always understand why the desire of our hearts for which we work so hard is not sooner revealed—but

"If we could push ajar the gates of life,
And stand within, and all God's workings see,
We could interpret all this doubt and strife,
And for each mystery could find a key.

In 1776, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all the inhabitants thereof," rung out from the liberty bell.

"Peace on earth, good will to men," was added to the peal in the Centennial year 1876.

But in 1893 on the Columbian bell, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another" was added to all the rest.

And upon the shore of Lake Michigan during the last five months many who never met in kindness before have come together in peace and love—and the people of the world have had a banquet of science, art, friendship, humanity, philanthropy and religion. Conspicuous in the World's Columbian Exhibition has been the equal recognition in many ways of woman's work and woman's power. When the proper observance of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America was first discussed, the fact was emphasized as never before that Isabella, who shares with Columbus the discovery of the new world, was one of the most excellent characters of all times. She was humble of heart; simple in her life; she would not drink wine; she did not like jewels; she visited among the poor; was open-hearted, incapable of a secret scheme; was true to her promises as a queen, and was from childhood to death upright and deeply religious.

And then we have also heard if it had not been for "encouragement given to Columbus by his wife, and her paternal charts, her husband would never had the courage to ask the queen to help him—and the fact that we owe our existence as a nation to two women as well as to a man, is a pleasant suggestion."

Perhaps it was in part, because of this that Congress authorized that the Board of Management of the World's Columbian Exposition should consist equally of men and women, with equal power and equal pay, and I can but believe had the example set by Congress been followed, and women given a fair share of appointments on the various important committees—some of the affairs would have been more satisfactorily adjusted than they have been. For instance, the settling of the Sunday Closing question—for it will go down through history to the honor of the Board of Lady Managers that it very early set itself right upon this matter, by a large majority vote in favor of a closed fair on Sunday.

Considering the handicapped way in which women have been obliged to work, I think they have acted well their part in connection with the World's Fair. The Woman's Congress is acknowledged to have been a marvel of success in every respect, and marks a great epoch in the progress of woman. All fair minded people admit that the Woman's Building is being well managed, and temperance people especially ought to rejoice that in its cafe, (said by many to be the best on the ground,) nothing of an intoxicating nature is sold, and yet it is so well patronized that there is always to be found there a waiting crowd, thus proving that it is not necessary, as some said it would be, to furnish intoxicating drinks in order to make a restaurant popular on the Fair Ground. Besides that special ways in which women have had the privilege to prove their ability to carry on *alone*—as well as *men* can—great enterprises. They have had positions of trust and honor on nearly every State Board.

The cause of equality and justice to woman will, I believe, receive a lasting impetus from the developments of the Columbian year; and this leads me to speak directly of the Franchise department of the W. C. T. U. It is stated on good authority that at the beginning, the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair was composed largely of women who were opposed to woman suffrage, but nearly every member has become an enthusiastic suffragist, and among the converts is the gracious, capable and honored President, Mrs. Bertha Honore Palmer. As the wife of a many times millionaire, leading a fashionable life, a great society leader, aiming to do her part of the work, she beautifully represented that class of women (of whom we hear sometimes even in Maine) who "have all the rights they want." But, placed as Mrs. Palmer was, by the action which made her President of the Board of Lady Managers, as a leader among women commissioned to do a *great work*, being obliged to acquaint herself with the *work* of *women* of different classes, and with a heart naturally kind and sympathetic, it was but natural that she should come to see as she does; that society has no right to limit the intelligent efficiency of woman in any direction in which their co-operation is needed, and to acknowledge that the ballot in the hands of women, would help to secure measures in the interest of the home, the neighborhood and the State. To believe in Woman's Suffrage

is by no means a test of membership of the W. C. T. U. And yet I am sure that the great majority of white ribboners, through the logic of events, has come to believe the woman's ballot would be a powerful help towards putting down the liquor traffic. This is one reason why, through our franchise department, petitions to the last legislature were so actively circulated. As you well know, never before have the pleadings of the Maine Woman Suffragists been so kindly listened to and so many strong speeches made in its advocacy, as was the case last winter. And they who watch the signs in our State, and in the Nation, too, may behold the dawn of a new day, distant it may be, but sure to come, when the united throng of men and women will inaugurate a just government, a happy home, a civilization in which ignorance, poverty, intemperance and crime will not be so prevalent as to-day. The opinions of many of the wisest men of the day are favorable to the enfranchisement of woman, the day of argument has passed away; and to prove that women *desire* the ballot is really the necessary thing in order to secure it in our State. To help to this proof is really the chief work of the franchise department. May we be steadfast and true, willing to take any new responsibility if thereby we are climbing towards the heights upon which is the one who represents the Way, the Truth, the Life, as shown to us in Christianity and exemplified in the Golden Rule.

Some who claim to be prophets—but I do not think they are truly so, say that our prohibitory law is in danger; that there are pernicious folks at work to undermine it; and that the action of Kentucky and Iowa is likely to be repeated in Maine. I am such a firm believer that prohibition is the *settled* policy of our State, and that it will not be changed, that I can not entertain the fears which some of you may have. But it can do no harm for us to be on the alert—for the enemy always is. There is no doubt but that the non-enforcement of the law in many of our cities and towns has brought to it disfavor, among some really good people, who have not carefully studied the liquor problem—and yet all *enlightened* total abstainers, so far as I know such, readily allow that even to change poorly enforced prohibition, such as we have in some places, for a license law, would be going from bad to worse. All really good thinking peo-

ple must admit that the principle of prohibiting an evil is right—to license an evil is wrong—then it logically follows, if liquor selling is an evil it should be prohibited by law, not licensed. Again there is ample proof to show that the provisions of a high license law besides being wrong are as hard to enforce as are the provisions of a prohibitory law. So there is no way to reckon, to show that good could come to a place through license; but on the other hand, infinite harm. It is wise for us to be well furnished with facts, to show the reason of the faith within us concerning the righteousness of prohibition laws.

Let us place the blame of non-enforcement of our law where it belongs, on the unfaithfulness of officials, the love of gain and partisan fear, and not upon the inability of prohibition to prohibit, for it will prohibit wherever it has a fair chance.

However dark the day may seem let us never lower our banner, let us never lose faith in God and the right. Let us be true to our motto, total abstinence for the individual, prohibition for the State and Nation.

And while it does sometimes seem :—

“That Right is ever on the scaffold,
Error ever on the throne,”

let us believe

“That scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dark unknown
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above His own.”

I took occasion to say at the Conference of Charities held in connection with the World's Fair that the W. C. T. U. of Maine was the Children's Aid Society of the State, and had been for many years, inasmuch as it aims to improve the condition of the dependent and delinquent classes, as well as to save them, if possible, from becoming such. And no class of dependents appeal so touchingly to the heart as the little children who come from a sin-stricken and a death-stricken parentage. I hope I may not be considered in any degree disloyal to the institutions with which I am connected when I affirm, that while I know they are necessary to the present time, exponents of the better side of society, hopeful harbingers of better things, yet there is a “more excellent way.” Already has the con-

gregate plan of institutions, in our progressive States, become a thing of the past, replaced by institutions on the cottage and family plan, and the smaller the institutional family the better. Even these I believe will, in some glad future day disappear, and instead of these will be a real home for every homeless child. But at present I hardly know how we could get along without the Temporary Home for women and children, the Good Will Home for boys, the Industrial School, which aims to do for girls what Good Will does for boys, the Bangor Children's Home, the Portland Orphan Asylum, and I am told the Home of the Good Shepherd recently established in Rockland is doing an excellent work for the needy little ones. But the W. C. T. U. in its department of securing homes by adoption for homeless children has struck a chord which will yield music full of love to humanity, and to Him who "took the little children in His arms and blessed them." Our efficient State Superintendent will tell you of work accomplished and work planned.

The aim of the department is to bring together the homeless child and the children's home. An institution is not a real home; the almshouse, however well it may be conducted, is not a home. In some of the best children's institutions the aim is to find homes for the inmates as soon as practicable, and in some of our States the law prohibits the placing of any child in the almshouse. I am sorry that Maine is not included in the number, but I ought to say to the credit of our State, that there are not many children in the poor-house; and the W. C. T. U. is rapidly lessening that number, by transplanting these children, caring for them, and placing them in homes by adoption—and let me say, it will be to the shame of the local W. C. T. U. if it allows in its place a child to remain a town or city charge.

A statistical research which I was obliged to make last winter, in preparing Maine's Exhibit of Charities and Corrections for the World's Fair, (and it may be found in the south-west corner of the Anthropological building) revealed the fact that there were 57 towns in Maine with no paupers and almshouse. To be sure there are some feeble-minded children, and in nearly every case they have idiotic mothers and illegitimate fathers. In placing the adjective illegitimate where it belongs, and I never allow myself to place it

before the sweet, innocent name of childhood, I feel that I but feebly express the depravity of the man who forsakes his offspring as so many illegitimate fathers do. The class of feeble-minded children is most pitiful. There is a State provision that some of them, at least, may be cared for in the Massachusetts School for this class. And White Ribboners should see to it that even these shall receive all possible benefits. But to turn from this dark side of the picture to the other side, that of providing homes for the needy, but bright and beautiful little ones, such as have come into some of the homes represented here to-night, bringing love, joy and sunshine and sweet satisfaction.

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There is a line of temperance work which is receiving much attention at the present time, and it may be well for me to speak of it. Whatever our *theories* may be relative to the Keeley Cure, looking at the *results* we must readily and gratefully admit that it is good. I am glad that so many of our Unions have been instrumental in sending many a bewildered one, to find through the Keeley treatment release from the terrible bondage of appetite for alcoholic stimulants. I rejoice in the formation of Keeley Leagues, wherever they are needed—but our Unions should maintain their own distinct organization and be ever ready as an organization to help a man or a woman to secure the benefits of the Keeley Cure. A fund for this purpose can be raised by subscription, many giving to it who would not give to the W. C. T. U. for any other purpose. So that it does not involve drawing upon the membership money of the Union. One of our Unions has enabled sixteen men to become free men through the Keeley Cure and yet it has not neglected any of its departments of work, but comes to this Convention with an increased membership. So many acknowledgements that wine is a mocker and “whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise,” that they are *sick* and desire to be cured, is a great incentive for us to do more than ever in all our preventive lines of work.

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I should be too much out of fashion to pass over altogether the questions of labor and finance. On Labor Day I saw a man wearing the badge of the Labor Union, all covered with mud, into which

he had fallen while intoxicated. And I said in my heart, while there are undoubtedly wrong conditions in a land, where one man can spend several thousand dollars for a supper for his friends, and another man's children go supperless to bed, yet to turn the fourteen hundred million dollars spent annually in this nation for strong drink into right and useful channels, would go a long way towards solving the vexed labor problem.

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In many ways this has been a prosperous year for our organization. The Temple,—the W. T. P. A., have weathered the storm of financial difficulties and numerically we are strong and great, our prospects fair and bright. To be sure there have come across the way great shadows. Our precious leader, Miss Willard, has been stricken by disease and her absence from her Native Land in this eventful year, has hindered it from being to us *our* year of jubilee; but we cannot believe it will be God's way to advance the interests of His Kingdom to take from this world one who has done so much to lift it heavenward. And so we confidently believe that the breezes which play around her in the mountains of Switzerland may be laden with healing power from on high and that our beloved chieftain will be permitted to come back to us, and lead us on to the victories promised to them that overcome.

Dear comrades, since last we met in annual meeting, some of ours have been gathered home. Have gone away from us to join the silent majority—Silent did I say? Is it not true that though dead they yet speak us? I mention most lovingly one of our National Superintendents, Mary Allen West of Illinois, whose spirit took its flight to heaven while she was laboring nobly for our cause in Japan. I mention tenderly and reverently the name of Mrs. Amelia C. Thorpe of Massachusetts; sweet, strong, helpful and hopeful she was; and Jennie Cassedy of precious memory—I know you will join with me in placing a garland of immortelles upon her grave. And but a few days ago, Alice Lowell Raymond, one of our State Superintendents, capable and true, closed her eyes in that sleep which He giveth to His beloved. I would not fail to mention the death of Hon. J. C. Chilcott, editor of the Ellsworth American, who has been for years an honorary member of our Union, always

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attending our meetings in his county and with voice and editorial pen doing much to help the work of our organization. And with equal sadness I speak of the going away so suddenly from our midst and from his chosen work, our friend and brother, John W. Mitchell. He was unselfish and heroic, and humanly speaking, we could illy afford to have him go. Hail brothers and farewell! May your noble example be incentives to *other* men, to labor for the banishment of the drink curse, as nobly as did you. I am thinking of others—members of our different local Unions,

"Born into beauty and born into bloom,
Victor immortal o'er death and the tomb."

And to-morrow in our morning service we will record their names, and will sing the hymns they have sung with us in days gone by, and speak of their devotion to our precious cause.

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Beloved comrades in a sacred cause, may you and I, upon whom is shed the white light of that holy crusade fire, kindled by women called by God to lead in this great reform, may we be ever steadfast and true, remembering

We are climbing up the steeps of Time,
For God, and Home and Native Land.
I think I see a dawn sublime,
When not a link of evil's chain
Shall any of his children bind.
Pray God it come, and that right soon,
When body, soul and spirit all
Shall know the ownership divine
And knowing, will not dare defile
The gift that cost so great a price,
For we are truly not our own.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS 1892-93.		DISBURSEMENTS 1892-93.	
	CR.		DR.
By Cash balance, Sept. 28, 1892,	\$269 47	To Expenses of Convention,	\$158 74
Stock in the W. T. P. A.,	100 00	President's postage,	200 00
Dividend on stock,	6 00	Appropriation for State work,	200 00
Collections at Convention,	98 07	Toward Minutes,	56 53
Turner Union for tablet,	1 00	World's Fair exhibit,	10 00
Local Unions for Minutes,	9 80	Monogram electrotyped,	75
Isabel Gibson fund,	4 00	Hotel directory,	3 00
Self-denial fund,	12 35	Lettering banner,	1 00
Freewill Offering Bath,	15 41	Stationery and printing Head-	
For Headquarters :		quarters,	29 89
Hon. W. W. Thomas, \$100 00		State Superintendents,	57 60
A friend,	10 00	Mrs. Gleason, Fryeburg,	15 50
Bangor W. C. T. U.,	15 00	Mrs. Barney, Prison Day,	26 75
Deering W. C. T. U.,	20 00	Printing,	3 00
\$1 collect'ns, Houlton,	15 00	Self-denial fund sent to World's	
From others,	71 75	W. C. T. U.,	9 60
	<u>231 75</u>	Isabel Gibson fund,	4 00
Rent of rooms, Head-		Expenses Cor. Sec'y,	27 46
quarters,	1,072 59	Stationery and postage, Treas,	30 00
Dues from Local Unions,	1,196 80	Dues to National Treas.,	400 00
	<u>\$3,017 24</u>	Interest on Headquarters,	467 80
To balance,	40 19	Insurance "	45 00
	<u>\$3,057 43</u>	Taxes, "	64 35
		Furniture, carpets and repairs	
		(old bills),	652 20
		Help and incidentals,	207 81
		Heat and lights,	256 15
		Water and ice,	30 30
		W. T. P. A. stock on hand,	100 00
			<u>\$3,057 43</u>

STAR IN THE EAST.

	CR.		DR.
Cash on hand Sept. 28, '92,	\$220 25	To stock on hand Sept. '92,	\$13 00
Subscriptions at 25 cts.,	240 65	" Paper, printing and postage,	
Papers sold,	9 27	2500 monthly and 25,000	
Ads. collected,	204 58	extras in March,	471 08
Stock on hand, Sept. '93,	28 00	Cash on hand,	218 67
	<u>\$702 75</u>		<u>\$702 75</u>

(MRS.) E. M. BLANCHARD, *Treasurer.*

Sept. 28, 1893.

I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and find them correct.

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON.

Rockland, Sept. 27, 1893.

DUES FROM LOCAL UNIONS 1892-93.

Androscoggin County: Auburn, \$30.10; Greene, \$9.60; Lewiston, \$26.40; Livermore Falls, \$10.50; Mechanic Falls, \$14.70; Sabattis, \$3.30; So. Durham, \$6; Turner, \$7.50; total, \$108.10.

Aroostook County—Ashland, \$3.60; Blaine, \$7.50; Bridgewater, \$7.20; Caribou, \$16.50; Danforth, \$5.40; Fort Fairfield, \$18.00; Houlton, \$22.50; Hodgdon, \$7.50; Haynesville, \$5.40; Linneus, \$4.80; Limestone, \$7.50; Mapleton, \$6.80; New Limerick, \$9.00; N. Amity, \$4.50; Presque Isle, \$15.30; Patten, \$2.40; Sprague's Mills, \$7.50; Washburn, \$5.10; total, \$156.50.

Cumberland County—Brunswick, \$22.50; Cumberland Mills, \$9.90; Cape Elizabeth, \$5.00; New Gloucester, \$9.30; Newhall, \$4.20; No. Gorham, \$9.00; Portland, \$68.10; Peak's Island, \$7.90; So. Portland, \$3.00; So. Bridgton, \$3.00; So. Windham, \$5.10; Stroudwater, \$7.50; Windham Centre, \$12.60; Westbrook, \$5.00; Westbrook Y., \$13.50; White Rock, \$3.60; Woodfords, Deering, \$15.00; Yarmouthville, \$8.70; total, \$212.90.

Franklin County—Allen's Mills, \$4.80; Farmington, \$9.90; Kingfield, \$12.30; N. Jay, \$5.70; Phillips, \$4.20; Stratton, \$3.90; Strong, \$4.80; Wilton, \$7.50; Rangley, \$8.10; total, \$61.20.

Hancock County—Brooklin, \$16.20; Bar Harbor, \$6.00; Ellsworth, \$6.00; Hancock, \$1.50; Tremont, \$17.40; total, \$47.10.

Kennebec County—Augusta, \$22.50; China, \$4.80; Gardiner, \$4.80; Hallowell, \$5.00; No. Vassalboro, \$3.00; So. China, \$7.50; So. Gardiner, \$6.00; Vassalboro, \$3.00; Winthrop Centre, \$15.00; total, \$71.30.

Knox County—Camden, \$5.10; Rockland, \$22.50; Rockport, \$3.60; Spruce Head, \$6.60; Thomaston, \$12.00; Union, \$19.80; Warren, \$9.00; total, \$78.60.

Lincoln County—Bremen, \$3.60; Dresden Mills, \$2.40; E. Jefferson, \$3.90; New-castle and Damariscotta, \$9.00; Round Pond, \$7.80; Waldoboro, \$11.70; total, \$38.40.

Oxford County—Bethel, \$11.10; E. Brownfield, \$3.00; Norway, \$5.70; Oxford, \$5.70; West Paris, \$2.10; total, \$27.60.

Penobscot County: Bangor, \$14.40; Bangor Crusade, \$9.00; Charleston, \$7.50; Corinna, \$2.70; Dexter, \$15; Dixmont, \$3; Hampden Corner, \$2.40; Lincoln, \$3.60; Mattawamkeag, \$10.20; Medway, \$9.20; Orono for 1892, \$13.50; for 1893, \$15; Patten, \$4.20; Plymouth, \$4.20; Springfield, .60; Stillwater, \$4.80; total, \$129.20.

Piscataquis County—Dover & Foxcroft, \$8.10; Greenville, \$5; total, \$13.10.

Somerset County: East St. Albans, \$4.80; Fairfield, \$3.90; Madison, \$13.20; North Anson, \$3; N. Portland, .90; North New Portland, \$3.30; Pittsfield, \$7.50; Ripley, \$4.20; Shawmut, \$3; St. Albans, \$3.90; total, \$47.70.

Sagadahoc County: Bath, \$12.60; Popham Beach, \$8.10; total, \$20.70.

Washington County: Addison, \$6.30; Calais, \$12.90; Cherryfield, \$14.10; East Machias, \$2.40; Eastport, \$6.00; Harrington, \$15; Jonesport, \$3.90; Mill-bridge, \$12.60; Pembroke, \$3.90; Steuben, \$8.80; Princeton, \$4.50; total, \$90.40.

Waldo County: Belfast, \$12.90; N. Searsmont, \$2.40; Waldo, \$3; total, \$18.30.

York County: Biddeford, \$6; Cornish, \$5.40; Groveville Y., \$1.50; Kennebunk, \$9.60; Old Orchard, \$2.10; Springvale, \$11; South Berwick, \$6.60; South Berwick Branch, \$3.90; Sanford, \$18; West Lebanon, \$8.10; total, \$72.70.

Members at large, \$4.00. In full from membership dues, \$1196.80.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

The following tabulated statement shows in brief the work accomplished by the Maine Unions the past year. A few have failed to report therefore no mention can be made of their work. For information concerning Young Women's Branch, Loyal Legion and other department work see reports of Superintendents.

SARAH L. CRAM.

TABULATED REPORT OF UNIONS.

UNIONS.	Date of Organization.	Number of Members.	No. of Honorary Members.	No. of Members in Loyal Temperance Legion.	Whole amount of money raised by dues, donation, thank-offering or entertainments.	How many copies of the Union Signal taken?	How many copies of the Star in the East?	Do you furnish local paper with temperance items?	Do you have a Loan Library?	Do you circulate Literature?	No. Public Lectures, Medal Contests, Gospel Temperance Meetings this year?	Do you hold meetings in Prison, Jail or Almshouse?	Do you hold Mothers Meetings?	Do you use a course of Reading?	Have you asked for School or Municipal Suffrage?	Is the Sci. Temp. Instruction Law enforced?	Have you circulated petitions sent from H'dq'ts?	Is the Prohibitory Law enforced?	Are your members mindful of wearing our badge?
ANDROSUGGIN COUNTY.																			
Auburn	1886	100	9		\$323 69	15	30	yes	no	yes	3	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Greene	1889	37	5	28	28 55	6	15	yes	no	yes	11	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Lewiston	1879	88			113 50	6	25		yes	yes	2	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Lisbon	1890	35	6			3	2		yes		7	no	no	no	no	no		no	yes
Livermore Falls	1888	51	8		39 00	8	16	yes	no	yes	19	no	yes	no	no	yes			yes
Mechanic Falls	1892	33		90		1	8	no	no	yes	2	no	no	no			yes		yes
Salvatis	1892	32				1	3	yes	yes	yes	2	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
So. Durham	1888	25	3	25															
Turner																			
AROOSTOOK COUNTY.																			
Ashland	1889	18				3	5		no	yes	1		yes	no	no	no	yes	no	yes
Blaine	1889	25	9	46	32 11	2	6	no	no	yes	2	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes
Bridgewater Center	1890	25	8		20 00	5	3	no	no	yes	4	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes
Caribou	1881	75		50	76 95	60			no	yes	13	no	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes
Crystal	1891																		
Dyer Brook																			
Fort Fairfield	1886	60	17		156 95	12	20	yes	yes	yes	4	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Hayesville	1892	26	3	18		2	11	no	no	yes	4	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes
Hodgdon	1889	25			24 00	6	9		no	yes	4	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes
Houlton	1885	75	8			50	35	yes	yes	yes	9	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

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Limestone	1888	19	6			4	2		no	yes	2	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no
Linneus	1889	16	2				4		no		5	no	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Littleton	1890																		
Mapleton	1889																		
Monticello	1888																		
New Limerick	1889	32	6	20	\$55 00	2	4	no	no	yes	3	no	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes
No. Amity	1890	15	5	20	85 00	7	10	no	no	yes	8	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Presque Isle	1879	51	3		205 00	16	15	no	no	yes	3	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Sprague's Mills	1888	25	1	30	20 00	2	2	no	no		7	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Washburn	1884	27	50			2	8			yes	1								yes
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.																			
Brunswick	1892	75	3		845 00	11	8	yes	no	yes	15	no	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Cape Elizabeth	1887	17				4	5	no	yes	yes	5	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Cumberland Mills	1887	40	125		50 00	9	8	yes	yes	yes	3	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Newhall (So. Windham)	1892	14			10 00	2	2	no	no	yes	1	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
New Gloucester	1892	31	12		24 00	3	5		yes	yes	4				no	no	yes	yes	yes
No. Gorham	1890	34	4		25 00	4	3		no	yes	14	no		no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
No. Windham	1891	30	1			1	4	yes	no										
Peaks Island	1889	23	14	15		5	3	yes	yes	yes	2	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes
Portland	1880	214	2		1300 00	42	29	yes	yes	yes	8	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
So. Bridgton	1882	10			30 00	5	12	yes	yes	yes	3		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
So. Windham	1876	17	1			1	14	yes	no	yes	1	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	no
Stroudwater	1875	25								yes					yes	yes	yes	yes	yes

Westbrook	1888	19	6		\$25 00	4	9	yes	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes
White Rock	1892	12			10 00	1		yes									yes
Windham Center	1889	43	1		36 00	3	12	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Woodfords	1890	50			45 00	8	12	yes	no	yes	2			yes	yes	yes	yes
FRANKLIN COUNTY.																	
Allen's Mills	1892	16	1			1	3	no	no	yes				no	no	yes	yes
Farmington	1886	37			100 00	3	12	yes	yes	yes	3			yes	yes	yes	no
Kingfield	1889	41	1	36	50 00	6	15	no	no	yes	10			yes	no	yes	yes
Phillips	1887	14		49	45 00	3	10	yes	yes	yes	6			yes	no	yes	no
No. Jay	1890	20				1	2	yes	yes	yes	2			yes	yes	yes	yes
Stratton	1889	22				6	10	yes	no	yes	1			yes	yes	yes	yes
Strong	1889	18			35 00	2	3	yes	yes	yes	2			no	no	yes	no
Wilton	1890	28		40		3	10	yes	no	no	3			no	yes	yes	yes
Rangeley																	
HANCOCK COUNTY.																	
Bar Harbor	1889	20		40													yes
Bluehill	1889	10	2			2	5	yes	no	yes				no	yes		yes
Brooklin	1893	62	22	35	57 00	1	16	no	no	yes	8			yes	no	yes	yes
Ellsworth	1875		2	120		10	16	yes	no	yes	6			yes	no	yes	yes
Hancock	1889	5															
Surry, So.	1889																
Tremont (So. West Harbor)	1891	58	30	45	50 00	7	8	yes	yes	yes	5			no	yes	no	yes
KENNEBEC COUNTY.																	
Augusta	1876	75	5	35	108 00	20	20	yes	no		51			yes	no	yes	yes
Gardiner	1890																
Hallowell	1886	24		35		5	8	no		yes	2			yes	yes		
Monmouth	1890																
No. Vassalboro	1891	12	1		20 00	2	4	no	no	yes	2			no	no	yes	no
So. China	1891	25	4	50		3	8	yes	no	yes	5			no	no	yes	yes
Vassalboro	1884	10				2	1	no	yes	yes	1			no	no	no	yes
Winthrop Center	1885	50	4		100 00	6		yes	no	yes	13			yes	yes	yes	yes
KNOX COUNTY.																	
Camden	1882	7				1	2	no	no	no				no	no	yes	no
Rockland	1877	75	5	68		16	11	yes	no	yes	1			no	yes	yes	no
Rockport	1888	12	1			1	8	yes	no	yes				no	no	no	yes

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LINCOLN COUNTY.	Spruce Head	22	5	76	\$20 00	3	12	no	no	yes	18	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Thomaston	40		90	25 00	4	15	yes	no	yes	2	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes
	Union	63	5		81 00	16	20	yes		yes	53		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Warren	30		40	30 00	5	9			yes									yes
OXFORD COUNTY.	Bremen	12	35			1	1	no	no	yes	1	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes
	Dresden Mills	10								yes		no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
	E. Jefferson	13				1		no	no			no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Newcastle and Damariscotta	30			35 00	6	2	yes	no	yes	2	no	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no
	Round Pond	1890																	yes
	Waldoboro	60	10	90	150 00	10	10	yes	no	yes	5	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	yes
																			yes
PENOBSCOT COUNTY.	Bethel	1893	4		35 00	2	11	yes	no	yes	1	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes
	E. Brownfield	1879	10		10 00	3	8		no	yes		yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Hiram	1879	21	25		2	7	no	no	yes		no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Norway	1890	36	4	50 00	2	9	yes	yes	yes	7		yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Oxford	1891	19	2	15 00	1	6	yes	no	yes	3	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes
	So. Paris	1890																	yes
	West Paris	1890																	yes
																			yes
																			yes
BANGOR COUNTY.	Bangor	1876	48		150 00	6	4	yes	yes	yes	5	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes
	Bangor Crusade	1874	30					yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes

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WASHINGTON COUNTY.																				
Addison	1892	21	5	40			2	2			yes	2		yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes
Calais	1891	46	9	90	\$50 00	5	13	yes		yes	yes	4		yes	yes		no	yes	yes	yes
Cherryfield	1887	50	7	90	40 00	10	1	yes		yes	yes	6		yes	no		yes	yes	yes	yes
Columbia Falls	1890	22	15	25			7	yes		no	yes	2		yes	no		no	yes	yes	yes
Danforth	1889	20	4	118			19	no		no	yes	3		yes	no		no	yes	no	yes
Eastport	1879	29	120		30 00	5	10	no		no	yes	52	no	yes	no		no	yes	yes	yes
Harrington	1890	33	6	40		7	4	6		no	yes	1	no	yes	no		no	yes	yes	yes
Jonesport	1891	13	3			2	2	yes		no	yes	4		yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes
Millbridge	1893	43	6	100		1	6	yes		no	yes	2		yes	no		yes	yes	no	yes
West Pembroke	1885	30				3					yes	2		yes	yes			yes	yes	yes
Princeton	1893	30	7	33	35 00	1	8	no		no	no	5	no	yes	no		no	yes		no
YORK COUNTY.																				
Biddeford	1879	30	1		300 00	5	13				yes	2				no	yes	no	yes	no
Cornish	1885	32				3	20	yes			yes	1	yes	no		no	yes	yes	yes	yes
Kennebunk	1879	32			140 00	3	20	yes		no	yes	1			no	no	yes		yes	yes
Old Orchard	1877	15	1			4	2			yes	yes	6		no	no				no	yes
Springvale	1802	44	9			8	16			yes	yes	1								
So. Berwick	1884	28	3		60 00	10	10			yes	yes	7		yes	no		yes	yes	yes	yes
Sanford	1892	60	10		65 00	13	11			yes	yes	5				yes	yes	yes	no	yes
West Lebanon	1890	27	5	45	20 00	5	6			no	yes	4	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes

Young Woman's Work.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :

It is my pleasant privilege to present to you to-day, the main points of the work done by the young women of our State during the past year.

The report is not all we could wish, but we have found, nevertheless, the "true and the tried" among the girls of Maine. We have only two new Y Unions, three Branches, and three newly appointed County Superintendents, but we have gleaned even among the sheaves and still pray and work for more recruits in the coming year.

Cumberland County has an efficient Superintendent in the person of Mrs. G. S. Leavitt, Portland. The Portland Y, finding that better work could be done by giving up the separate Y meetings and joining the local W. C. T. U. as a Y Branch, accordingly did so, soon after the State Convention. One of their number is agent for the *Union Signal* and keeps the literature pocket at the Union Station filled. Their most important work is caring for a little sick girl who is at the Hospital. They keep her supplied with clothing and carry her fruit, dainties and toys. At Westbrook is a flourishing Y of over fifty members. They have sent two men to the Keeley Institute and helped two others, clothed several children for school, sent magazines to a lumber camp, and co-operate with the W's in their bi-monthly temperance meetings.

Franklin County, Miss G. V. Wilbur, Superintendent, writes: "Only a few young women relatively are members of our Unions, the King's Daughters taking the members." In some Unions however, the young women do effective work with the W's. There is but one Y in this county, the No. Jay Branch.

Hancock County has this year appointed a Superintendent, Mrs. Belle Blake of Brooklin. She brings to the work a willing heart and ready hand. The new Y at Brooklin of thirty-two members is very promising.

Kennebec County has an excellent Supt., Miss Cora L. Pullen of Winthrop Center. On account of severe illness she has been unable to give a full report of her county, but sends the following: "In Augusta there is a large and flourishing Y numbering sixty. They work harmoniously with the W's, hold entertainments and look well after young girls who come as strangers into the city. Hallowell has a Y and is doing good work."

No Y in Knox County.

Oxford County, Miss Jennie B. Kimball of East Hiram, Supt. She is deep in love with the work, and we hope for an awakening of the young women of her county. Miss Kimball writes of the Hiram Branch which was formed in March: "Our Branch has been quite successful in re-organizing the L. T. L. Much interest is manifested and we hope for good results" South Paris Y reports an active Union. In December they held a successful fair. Needy children have been clothed through their efforts, and a deformed boy was sent by them to the Maine General Hospital.

Piscataquis: Y work has this year been taken up in the Dover and Foxcroft Union.

Somerset: Miss Luetta Blanchard of North Anson was appointed Superintendent during the winter. Pittsfield Y was organized soon after last State Convention and has been doing faithful work, but no report of the work for the last half year has been received.

Washington: Mrs. S. A. Strout of Harrington, Supt. The Y's in this County have disbanded, yet there is great hope of the revival of temperance interest among the young women of this county, for the Superintendent is an earnest and undaunted worker.

York: Though last is not least. Miss Ella W. Ricker of South Berwick is the energetic Supt. Groveville Y organized a year ago is still very few in number. In December we gave a "Crusade Concert" which was a success in spite of the exceeding cold weather. In September a fruit sociable was held with a temperance programme. The autograph pledge cards have been circulated and several parlor meetings held. One member, who is teaching, does not forget Scientific Temperance instruction. The South Berwick Y's give an entertainment of some sort each month, do a great deal in Social and Flower Mission work, have had for a time a class in

physical and local culture, and held three Demorest Medal Contests. Some of the honoraries are constant attendants at the business meetings and manifest much interest.

In summing up we find nine Y Unions, three Branches and eight Counties have Y. Supts. There are about two hundred and fourteen members with sixty-nine honoraries. They have distributed 7,000 pages of literature, raised for all purposes \$276.35, take 11 copies of the *Star*, 10 of the *Union Signal* and 27 of the *Oak and Ivy Leaf*. When the Portland Y disbanded and became a Branch ten dollars from their treasury was put in my hands to use for Y work. I have sent to the National one dollar as Maine's part toward Mrs. Barnes' gavel, and three paid into the Isabel Gibson Fund. Remaining six in my possession.

As we close up this year's work dear Y sisters let us take our stand more firmly than ever for the right. We have not made the gain in membership that we could wish, but we have taken many paces forward nevertheless, we understand each other better and are better prepared to work. Let us feel grateful for the new campfires that are burning and may they be lighted in every county in our broad State.

Dear sisters of the W. C. T. U., the young women need your help, you need the help of the young women. Think of these things seriously and prayerfully, labor to arouse the young women who are indifferent, and "your work shall be rewarded."

Respectfully submitted,

LUBELLE B. PATRICK,
State Supt. Y Work.

Loyal Temperance Legions.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :

Never before in the world's history has so much attention been given to childhood as at the present. The people of to-day are waking up to the fact that the children of this generation are to be the men and women of the next, and that we are responsible for the kind of armor with which they are furnished to go into life's battle. Opportunity stretches out its hands, and childhood's voice calls to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the "Organized Mother Love of the World." Let us heed the call, remembering the words of our blessed Master, "Even so, for it is not the will of your Father which is in Heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."

In presenting to you, this, my first annual report, I am glad to tell of an increased interest in the Juvenile Work. All along the line comes words of cheer. It will be impossible for me in this brief report to do justice to the grand work that is being done by the faithful self-sacrificing superintendents, but He for whose sake the work was undertaken will reward them. The past year, ten new Legions have been organized, seven disbanded re-organized; gain in membership reported 670. But it is safe to say that there is a gain of 100 or more not reported, as two counties have not been heard from, and new Legions have been organized in them. Money has been freely contributed for the Willard Fountain and other objects; each Company has given one or more entertainments, among them quite a number of "medal contests," which were found to be very helpful.

Two Legions, (Waldo and Calais) are reported as taking part in County Conventions, where they did themselves credit. Many copies of different papers are taken by the children. Lesson manuals, and other W. T. P. A. helps are used quite extensively, a large number of children reported as studying for diplomas, two Senior Grade Divisions reported, one at Phillips, and the L. M. N. Stevens Senior Grade at Springvale.

Androscoggin sends no report but at last accounts the good work was going on.

Cumberland County, Mrs. Elsie Cannel, Superintendent. South Windham has an L. T. L., 52 members; meets weekly. Westbrook Y's have an organization called "Loyal Crusaders," 68 members; the same at Cumberland Mills, 124 members, under the leadership of our faithful sister Mrs. Augusta Bragdon; good work is being done. The other fifteen Unions in the County report that no person can be found to take charge of the work. May the Lord send convictions as to duty.

Franklin County, under the faithful and efficient leader Miss G.V. Wilbur, is marching on to victory; two Legions re-organized and one new one the past year. Phillips has a very promising Senior Grade Division.

Lincoln County has no Superintendent. Flourishing L. T. L. reported at Bremen, Round Pond and Waldoboro; in this Company the children are much interested.

Sagadahoc, Mrs. Vesta Jones, Superintendent, reports two active companies, Bath and Popham Beach; at Bath the meetings are held Sunday afternoon. These are addressed by the pastors of the different churches; many new members have been added. Miss Alice Douglass has done all in her power to hold and interest the children. Miss Carey in charge of the Winter Street Division has succeeded in keeping up the interest all the year. Popham Beach has held two "medal contests," sent out "pledge cards," contributed for the Willard Fountain, made useful articles for the annual fair and gave the proceeds to aid in building a chapel there.

Aroostook is the Banner County. Mrs. Vesta Carle, Superintendent, reports eleven Companies with a large membership. One Superintendent writes, "I have more faith in this line of work resulting in good than in any other." Would that we had many more like this dear sister. Washington has added two new Legions and re-organized one; money contributed to Willard Fountain; various kinds of work done by the children; copies of *Advance Sword* and *Young Crusader* taken. Cherryfield Legion is under the care of the faithful and devoted County Superintendent, Mrs. Effie L. Nash, membership 117; meets every Sunday afternoon.

Oxford has no Superintendent, but one new Company organized the past year.

Kennebec no report. One Company has been re-organized, Mrs. Clara Mumford, Superintendent.

In Hancock County practical work has been done, one new Legion formed and one re-organized the past year. One Company held a public meeting and the Superintendent writes, "It was worth as much as a temperance lecture to hear the children that night." Mrs. Maria B. Perry is the County Superintendent.

Waldo has no County Superintendent, but there is a flourishing Legion at Waldo, children very constant in attendance. They took a very important part in the County Convention.

Knox County has for its Superintendent Mrs. Fannie D. Gould of Rockland. Every effort has been put forth by her to make this branch of the W. C. T. U. a success. Since last January 4,693 cigar and cigarette stubs have been trampled under foot. The largest number stepped on by one boy was 1,193. At Spruce Head 31 new members have been gained the past year. During the year they have made a patchwork L. T. L. quilt, each child furnishing a square with name thereon, for Good Will Farm. They have distributed 100 pages of literature, take several copies of different papers and use the lesson manuals. A great deal of credit is due Mrs. Coakley. Thomaston reports a membership of 100, with seven platoons. They hold their meetings regularly every week on Sunday afternoon. Ten new members added during the year.

Piscataquis sends no report. One Legion organized during the year. Miss Lizzie M. Nason, County Superintendent.

Somerset reports one new Legion. Mrs. F. M. Chandler, County Superintendent.

The faithful Superintendent of Penobscot, Mrs. A. L. Abbott, reports one new Legion added.

York County, Miss Annie R. Munger, Supt., two new Legions, Springvale and Groveville. Center Lebanon has a finely organized Company. Platoon No. 3 has been organized in one of the outlying districts a few miles away, by Mrs. Shapleigh, Supt. Children are all much interested, some walking two miles or more to attend meeting every week, and are trying to live by their motto, "We'll

Stand for the Right." West Lebanon has a flourishing Legion. Mrs. Closson the Superintendent reports: Children interested in Temperance and Mission Work. Lesson manuals and marching songs used. They have just held a most successful "medal contest." Springvale Legion organized and carried on in accordance with the plan of work outlined in "Questions Answered." The manuals and song books were paid for by the Y. W. C. T. U., Work, Flower Mission and Band of Mercy. This Company has been recently organized; we hope to have a good report for the coming year.

I would have been glad to mention in this report every Legion in the State and the work done by them the past year, but the items in many reports were so lacking in detail, that it is impossible, some only reporting when organized and number of members.

SOME OF THE WORK DONE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE L. T. L.

Quilt for Good Will Farm; sailor's companions made; temperance concerts; temperance picnics; one bird concert (Bar Harbor); picture books for the Children's Hospital; public meetings, children in charge; literary entertainments; bonnet sociables; money raised by selling ice cream during the summer; fir pillow for the Children's Table at Chicago; clothing sent to Colored School; Flower Mission Work; \$630.00 raised by the L. T. L. at Waldoboro for an organ; \$10.00 sent Good Will Farm by the Southwest Harbor L. T. L.; 120 garments made by the children and given to them; the sewing school in connection with the L. T. L. at Calais—those who made and received the garments were the poor children of the city; money contributed for Willard Fountain, Mission work, churches, for inmates of the Almshouse, poor children on Christmas and Thanksgiving day, and other purposes.

Sisters does it pay to have an L. T. L.? and may we not have one in every Union?

Better to teach one youth the way
To higher life and nobler thought,
Than own the wealth of untold mines
By selfish hands and spirits wrought.

ANNIE C. BAGLEY,
State Supt. Loyal Temperance Legion.

Hygiene and Heredity.

The Superintendent of this department has been prevented by unavoidable circumstances from giving much attention to the work during the past year. She has, however, had the pleasure of hearing from many of the Unions in the State, several of which report that they have had readings, a few lectures, and have distributed literature. Too many report that it is a department for which they cannot procure a Superintendent, or that it is the department which they can best leave out, as they have only force enough to take up a few lines of work. It is evident that the importance of this department of temperance instruction is greatly underestimated. Its purpose is to teach how to eradicate the inherited desire for strong drink, and how to avoid the transmission of this desire. Men, women and children need to be taught the temperate use of proper food and drink, and that high living and gluttony prepare the way for drunkenness. They should also be taught that drunkenness is often a disease rather than a mere habit, and that this disease often results from highly seasoned food, narcotic drinks, and drugs, particularly from *alcoholic medication*. The one effective remedy for intemperance is the one sovereign remedy for sin, the complete consecration of the body and soul to the obedience of Divine laws. "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God."

Whether future generations are to enjoy a complete victory over the sin of intemperance as a habit, and drunkenness as a disease, will depend much upon the knowledge imparted to the present generations upon the subject of Divine law respecting those influences which promote physical health, strength and purity, and those influences which minister to disease, imbecility, and depravity.

Legislation, closing the saloon, enforcing the most stringent prohibitory laws, will not kill this evil. There will still linger in the depraved appetites of the people the same pernicious root, of which

drunkenness is the fruit, and which no legislation *can* destroy, the demands of which will be met by secretly procuring alcoholic drinks, or their place will be supplied by drugs equally pernicious.

I will venture to say that no department in our organization offers a better opportunity to teach the needy, neglected masses the way out of the evil of intemperance than this one which strikes at the root of the whole matter, the eradication of the appetite.

I take this occasion to suggest, that each Union which has not taken up the study of Hygiene and Heredity in its relation to temperance, and to those who may regard this subject as peculiarly difficult, that they send at once to the W. T. P. A. of Chicago or to Julia Colman, 54 Bible House, N. Y., and procure literature upon these subjects. I feel safe in saying that most thoughtful women who will take pains to investigate this interesting subject will find themselves fully persuaded of the importance of making it well understood by others, and that the number of Unions reporting definite work done in this department, will ere long be greatly increased.

EMMA C. PINKHAM,
Supt. of Hygiene and Heredity.

Sunday School Work.

This Columbian year has been one of interest in this department. And first let me mention the late report of the International Sunday School Convention at St. Louis, which is such a victory that we should thank God and take courage.

The temperance lesson is retained for the next six years, and the strong, helpful words of some of the leaders must have its effect. The report is found on page 12, Sept. 17 issue of the *Union Signal*. I hope all who have not read it will do so. I wish an expression of thanks in some form might be sent from this Convention to Rev. W. F. Crafts and those who stood with him, for their action.

May I not urge all to try and make the day of the lesson of

especial interest. To teach the lesson well and impress the truths sweetly and forcibly must be our aim. If the church demands it, the temperance lesson will be provided as long as there is need—the will of the majority must rule.

Not all County Superintendents have reported. Androscoggin sends the best it ever has. Aroostook always has a good report. York, Oxford, Sagadahoc and Piscataquis have sent reports, and some local Superintendents in other counties. The summing up gives better returns than last year and if all the county work had been reported I am sure there would have been shown a great gain. More literature has been distributed; the leaflets prepared by the National Superintendent have had a good effect. Through the kindness of J. M. Libby of Portland who gave \$5.00 for the purpose, the Sunday Schools of that city were supplied with the December leaflet. Westbrook reports much work done. Woodfords also; the Congregationalist Sunday School there of 300 members all signed the triple pledge save six.

Bath sends good reports. Farmington, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. has organized and sustained a Mission Sunday School at the box factory, Mrs. Purington, the local superintendent, giving it her personal supervision. Houlton has had a fine concert. Through the efforts of the local superintendent, Mrs. Ingraham, there was a union of the eight Sunday Schools, Catholic and Protestant, and it was a great success.

Mrs. Getchell of Foxcroft was invited to prepare a paper for the County Sunday School Convention.

Augusta reported in the spring, of work done.

Through the kindness of a friend the Reform School was provided with the autograph pledge cards.

The circulation of the autograph pledge cards for the Exposition has been remarkable. As reported by the Nat'l Sup't there have been sent out by her and the Nat'l Sec'y, 201,971; many have been ordered from the W. T. P. A., and some States printed their own. Could we have the whole number it would be greater. The space in the Woman's building and the Children's were filled and the remainder placed in a glass case. What may we not expect from this seed sowing?

It was impossible for the committee to decide where many came from, whether from the Sunday Schools or L. T. L's. As far as they were able to determine, the Sunday Schools outnumbered the others largely. Maine ordered 24,750; New York, 53,497. These were the most from any of the States. The banner seems to belong to both, but New York ordering so many more—though her Sunday School scholars far outnumber ours—it has been decided to give the banner to New York. The competition was so close that Miss Kimball offered to give one to each, but our President as well as myself consider it an unwise expenditure of money; we are agreed that we have an equal honor with New York and to the children the honor belongs. May the dear Lord help the children to be true to their very best and help us to be true to them.

This has been a very busy year, may the coming be busier.

I will recommend the use of the World's pledge; these the children are to keep.

I would urge all teachers to make the most of the temperance lesson, to have concerts as often as may seem practicable, to distribute temperance literature widely, and whenever possible secure a place on the program of the County S. S. Convention.

I hope to have sixteen County Superintendents this year, may I not?

Reports give 155,785 pages of literature distributed. I have no doubt the amount would be trebled were all reported. With hardly an exception is the regular lesson pronounced a great help. Let us all take courage and work as we never have, and God will surely bless the work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. G. STICKNEY,
State Supt. Sunday School Work.

Temperance Literature.

Madam President and Members of the Convention:

It may not be the fault of the County Superintendents that many of the counties have not reported any work done in the department of Literature during the past year. It may be, had the present State Superintendent written to each one during the year they might have responded. Many thanks to the faithful ones who have reported, for they sent their reports unsolicited. As some who had not the privilege of attending the State Convention may not have learned of the death of our dear Mrs. Alice S. Raymond who has served so faithfully as State Superintendent for several years, I would like to say here, as long as Mrs. Raymond was with us I wanted her name to stand as Superintendent of this department and I did no work which she would have done had she been in health, consequently much has been left undone. I feel this explanation is due the Superintendents who have not reported.

Androscoggin County: The Superintendent of Auburn Union writes: During the year the Union has supplied the wall baskets at the depots with temperance literature from time to time. Many hundred pages have been distributed among the prisoners at the jail, among which have been *Union Signals*. They are eager for reading matter which is carried to them the W. C. T. U. Sunday. Two thousand pages, consisting of beer, cider, tobacco and social purity leaflets were distributed on the grounds during the State Fair. She also reports have visited the several barber shops and have always been received with respect and consideration. The Superintendent of the new Union at South Durham says she has had a box for literature put up in the store and post office and has kept it supplied. Have a large supply of cider, beer and narcotic leaflets on hand ready for distribution at a public temperance meeting soon to be held. Lewiston—A box of literature sent to the logging camps at Dead River. Livermore Falls—The Superintendent writes: have

distributed at gospel temperance meetings 100 *Union Signals* and 600 pages of other temperance literature. 80 of the decorative pledge cards were distributed in our Sunday Schools and most of them signed and sent in. One annual subscription to the *Signal* has been procured and 12 subscribers for one month, which I hope may mean more *Signals* in our Union for the coming year. Have placed in our box at the railroad station at different times 1,000 pages of literature, including many leaflets of different kinds. We have 13 copies of responsive readings which we have used in our meetings, also purchased nine white ribbon hymnals for the use of our temperance choir. Other Unions would find these hymnals very helpful in their meetings.

Aroostook County : A large amount of literature has been distributed, two Unions reporting over 9,000 pages. In many cases good reading matter has been placed in poor families unable to provide it for themselves. Quite a number of wall pockets in railroad stations, stores and other places have been kept filled. A large amount has been sent to lumber camps, and in most cases gratefully received. Our excellent papers, the *Union Signal* and *Star in the East*, have not as many subscribers in our county as their merits deserve, although quite a number are taken by our women. At our County Convention literature to the amount of \$13 was sold from the table. We hope next year to be more systematic in our work and do more in this very important department.

Cumberland County : There has been no report of Superintendent from Cumberland County. The local Superintendent of Portland has kept wall pockets at Union Station filled throughout the year, many thousand pages having been used. There have been 42 subscribers for *Union Signal* and 29 for *Star in the East*, beside a number of *Oak and Ivy Leaf* and *Young Crusader*.

Knox County : Rockport Union reports : have circulated more than 900 pages of literature, most of which was placed in vessels leaving the harbor ; have placed copies of the *Union Signal* and *Star in the East* in the reading room and in restaurants. Spruce Head—We have bought and circulated leaflets, Signal lights, Gospel lights and tracts, 735 pages, 92 scripture cards. We take three copies *Union Signal*, 12 copies of *Star in the East*, 10 copies of

Young Crusader and 10 copies of *Anti-Tobacco Gem*. Union—The Superintendent sends an excellent report. 7,934 pages of temperance literature have been distributed, including copies of *Union Signal*, *Zion's Herald*, *Youth's Companion* and *Star in the East*. This has been distributed at the State prison, Y. M. C. A. rooms and in poor families. We are commanded to sow by all waters, and what fields we have to work in if we will only improve the opportunity. Poor families—how many might have their homes brightened and made happy by good reading if they only had it. Dear sisters, bring out your papers and magazines that you have read and let your poor friends and neighbors have the benefit of them. Restaurants, prison and barber shops—who can tell the results of a few minutes time spent in good reading from a little tract left by loving hands in these places. Thomaston—Have distributed 2,000 pages of literature among sailors, at the Prison and in railroad station. Warren Union—Superintendent has sent to Rockland for soldiers and sailors 3,050 pages of reading; to the depot 1,820 pages of literature and 113 copies of leaflets and distributed leaflets at our Gospel temperance meeting.

Oxford County: Brownfield reports three copies of *Union Signal* taken and eight copies of *Star in the East*. A wall pocket at the railroad station into which at least 600 pages of literature has been placed during the year. One of the ladies sent her *Signal* to a friend, and leaflets are placed in letters of which no record has been made. Hiram—One *Signal* and eight copies of *Star* taken. 1,000 pages of literature distributed by the department Superintendent. Norway—No accurate report can be made as the Superintendent moved away and left no record. Eight copies of *Star* taken and two of *Union Signal*. \$3.75 spent for leaflets, largely the Social Purity series. Distributed at the County Fair 300 copies of the *Star*, 1,000 pages of beer series, 1,000 pages of cider series and fifty dollars were spent for Signal lights and other leaflets. Wes Paris—This Union is small but has willing workers, though not able to do but little. The Superintendent writes: "Any literature suitable for distribution in this department would be gladly received by her." One copy of the *Star in the East* taken.

Somerset County: The County Superintendent reports from the

Unions collectively. There are 10 Unions in the county. Eight have a superintendent of literature. Much literature has been distributed. The Superintendent at Pittsfield writes they have spent thirteen dollars for literature during the year. Papers taken in the county are as follows: *Signals* 36, *Star* 65, *Young Crusader* 47, *Oak and Ivy Leaf* 8, *Woman's Column* 2. Three women send Monthly Advices to the school teachers. Twelve wall pockets are kept filled with good reading.

Waldo County: North Searsmont Union has given out about 200 pages of literature and about 40 papers. County Superintendent has distributed 700 pages. These have touched on nearly every department. Has also distributed six months' numbers of *Woman's Journal* and other papers. Loaned and given some books. Two copies of the *Star* and two of *Union Signal* taken.

SUSAN J. FERNALD,
Supt. Dept. Temperance Literature.

Influencing the Press.

The purpose of the press department is two-fold: 1st, to influence the press; 2d, to influence public sentiment through the press. Though most of our efforts are directed to the latter work, our success must in great measure depend upon the tact with which we accomplish the former, for, after all, an editor is only a man with his likes and dislikes which must to a certain extent determine the character of his paper.

Some very interesting anecdotes have come to me of our Superintendents' efforts in educating editors who are sometimes quite ignorant of the temperance movement, and especially of our part in it, not necessarily because they are hostile, but because their minds are occupied with so many other subjects. Some of our workers have enlisted their interest by loaning copies of our state or national

minutes whose department reports reveal the power and scope of our organization. Several Unions have subscribed for the *Union Signal* and *Woman's Column* for their local editors, and declare it a profitable investment. Most of our newspaper men are friendly and obliging to Superintendents who have sufficient patience to become skillful reporters, often thanking them for their contributions.

Early in the year our National Superintendent, Mrs. Reed, prepared and published a valuable and comprehensive pamphlet on the Press department, copies of which I have distributed throughout the State. Each Superintendent has doubtless found something adapted to her needs. Our department has long been in want of such a plan of work, and nearly every County Superintendent has expressed her appreciation of its helpfulness. Any local press worker who has not received a copy should apply for one without delay.

We have fifteen County Superintendents, most of whom are competent and faithful, though a few have not reported as promptly and definitely as could be desired. Beside these there are sixty-nine local workers. At least 1,000 columns furnished by them have been published, about equally divided between original and selected matter. This includes a great variety of material—reports of meetings, news of World's and National Unions, scientific and statistical facts. In short, there is hardly a phase of the temperance movement and no line of our work to which the Press department has not ministered. The principal sources from which our workers have selected what has not been original are the *Union Signal*, *New York Voice*, *National Temperance Advocate*, *Woman's Column* for suffrage news, and the *Philanthropist* for the purity movement.

If we consider the money value of these thousand columns, allowing 100 lines to a column—a very low estimate—at ten cents a line, we find that the papers of Maine have given us \$10,000 worth of space within the year. About thirty-five papers give us a definite space, but fully ninety are willing to sandwich in our items with the general news. Each method has its advantages.

It would greatly aid all the branches of our work if every Union which has not already done so, would at once appoint a Press Super-

intendent. Appointments should be made even in places where no paper is published, and the press worker should keep correspondents of papers patronized there, informed of what the Union is doing; or if there is no correspondent, she should offer her services in that capacity. She should also send news of her Union to me as *Union Signal* reporter, and to the State paper.

Do not neglect the county papers, for they are more thoroughly read than any others, and if we are to reach the promised land of total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the nation, it looks as if the good farm wagon must take us there.

Each Superintendent is advised to make a scrap-book, clipping whatever she secures published. This will enable her to make a more accurate report, beside being a valuable souvenir. There has been far too much guess work in reporting; let us have facts and figures.

Aroostook County—Mrs. Anna Tarbell, Superintendent. Best prepared county report. Ten local Superintendents; increase during the year, four. Three of the seven county papers give regular space; all publish notices, etc., making a total of 100 columns or more. Fort Fairfield Union has purchased a half-column for a year in the *Northern Leader*. This is, as far as known, the only Union which pays for space except for advertising. Houlton supplies its Press Superintendent with the *Union Signal*, *Voice*, *Woman's Column* and *Portland Herald* in order that she may be well equipped for her work. Other Unions should aid their press workers in a similar manner. Until about the middle of the year Mrs. Tarbell had very successfully conducted a column in the Presque Isle paper. It then changed management and though a democratic organ, is edited by a staunch republican, who, under these trying circumstances, is unequal to the task of publishing a temperance column. Aroostook Unions have been more faithful than any others in sending news for *Union Signal* letters.

Somerset—Mrs. R. E. Lawrence: There is not only a Superintendent in every Union, but each reported to the County Superintendent more or less work done in this department. A column is run in the *Pittsfield Advertiser*, but most of the matter published is mixed with the general news. Mrs. Lawrence is trying the plan

of requesting all her local Superintendents to send her weekly or fortnightly reports of local work, which the Fairfield publishers are very willing to use, her only trouble being to obtain them regularly.

Knox County's Superintendent, Miss Cora Loring, has as usual, looked well to the interests of her department. Among the year's gains may be mentioned a column in the *Union Times*. Beside filling this the local worker as correspondent for another paper, tries to advance temperance ideas. At Rockland Miss Loring has done excellent work, the *Tribune* being especially kind in preparing the way for State Convention by printing articles on the work and personnel of the Union for several weeks prior to the session.

Miss Anna Kimball of York County writes: "Biddeford reports that items of interest and work done, with accounts of temperance meetings, have been furnished. South Berwick has no paper but furnishes items to a neighboring paper. Cornish keeps itself before the public by sending temperance matter to the county papers. Springvale also contributes items of interest. Kennebunk has for many years edited a column in the local paper and furnishes temperance items of local importance.

Kennebec: Mrs. Julia Wood, Augusta's Superintendent, has contributed thirty-six articles, including articles on suffrage, the Keeley cure and reports of temperance meetings at Togus. The *Weekly Kennebec Journal* devotes part of a column to temperance. South China reports a better disposition on the part of editors, both original and selected matter usually accepted. A Winthrop editor recently came out with a decided editorial in favor of woman's suffrage. Considerable miscellaneous matter, including the president's annual address, has appeared, and now a weekly column is at the disposal of the Superintendent.

Androscoggin—State Superintendent: At Mechanic Falls excellent work has been done in the local paper. Greene, Turner and Livermore Falls are often heard from through the dailies of the county. Lewiston has no Superintendent, but items of local work have occasionally appeared. Auburn's Superintendent has furnished many columns, including news of local, State and National Unions, also general matter. The *Lewiston Journal* has been especially ready to publish all she has prepared.

Washington is fortunate in having the wife of an editor, Mrs. E. C. Drisko, in charge. At Machias, Eastport and Cherryfield the most work has been done. Mrs. Drisko is at present editing a column in her husband's paper, the *Machias Union*, but thinks that on the whole our items are more widely read when mixed with the other news.

Franklin—Mrs. Beedy reports: "We have sustained columns in all our county papers and find them always ready to extend any notices we wish. The W. C. T. U column is read by many women who from their remoteness from Unions are unable to attend the meetings, but are in sympathy with the movement and are glad of this medium by which they can keep in touch with their more active sisters."

Mrs. Martin of Piscataquis writes that she has had great difficulty in eliciting reports, though items concerning the Greenville, Guilford and Shirley Unions often appear in the county papers. At Foxcroft Mrs. Martin is successful in getting temperance matter published. She also corresponds with a Dexter paper.

Waldo—Mrs. Emily Miller, Superintendent, weekly sends articles to the *Belfast Age*, averaging about half a column. Nearly all subjects in which the Union is interested are treated. All notices are also cheerfully printed.

Cumberland—Mrs. E. A. Robbins states that a fortnightly column is admirably filled by Woodford's Press worker, and refers to the fact that the Portland papers give place to the Union's work.

All Maine white ribboners sympathize with the Hancock Union, which have lost a steadfast friend and helper by the death of Hon. J. C. Chilcott of the *Ellsworth American*. The State Superintendent will always gratefully remember the unfailing courtesy and encouragement shown her by this genial editor and good man during the four years since her appointment. Mrs. Mason of Southwest Harbor has sent news of the Union, L. T. L. and Good Templars to the *American* and to leading dailies outside the county.

Sagadahoc—Mrs. J. N. Jackson: The two Unions, Bath and Popham Beach, are both fortunate in their Press Superintendents, who have chiefly used the Bath papers as a means of reaching the public.

During the last National Convention Mrs. Stevens forwarded me the Denver dailies, and for several days I did little but prepare reports for our leading papers, sending about twenty-five letters to nearly as many papers. From most of these editors I received marked copies containing my notes. I have also given special attention to the religious press of the State, and have found the *Christian Mirror* and *Zion's Advocate* very obliging, usually including my paragraphs in their editorial notes.

Probably no other organization in Maine has received more favors from the press than has ours, but it is also probable that no other has so many interested friends outside itself, since none touches society at so many points as does ours, the home, the church, the school, the State. Let us therefore enter upon another year with renewed zeal, helping in the fulfillment of the prophecy, "The Lord giveth the word, the women that publish the tidings are a great host."

AS REPORTER OF THE UNION SIGNAL,

I have sent six letters during the year. It depends upon the local Unions and department Superintendents how often Maine shall be heard from in the future. If a sufficient quantity of news is sent me, we can have a column a month. When an event of interest occurs, do not wait for some convenient season which may never come, to write it up in a smooth and elegant manner, but give me the facts without a day's delay.

MARY L. FRENCH,

Supt. Press Dept. and Reporter to Union Signal.

Narcotics.

Madam President and Sisters:

Another year has gone into eternity and we come again with our reports of work done or attempted during its days. In the department of Narcotics more work has been done than we have space to record. Each county has a Superintendent, and we have 105 local Superintendents.

Aroostook County: Ashland has 20 children pledged against tobacco. At Amity, leaflets, pledge cards, etc., have been distributed. Several copies of *Anti-Tobacco Gem* taken, and as a result one merchant gave up using and selling tobacco. At Caribou one lecture was given, 200 pages literature given out, 25 *Anti-Tobacco Gems* circulated. The Superintendent visits schools and speaks on the subject. In one neighborhood in this town where a revival is in progress almost every man and boy has given up the tobacco habit. There's no cure for the tobacco habit like the *gospel* cure. Fort Fairfield has had one lecture, also Houlton, Presque Isle, New Limerick, Sprague's Mills and Limestone. At the latter place 300 pages of literature have been circulated and one sermon preached, which did good execution. Houlton's Superintendent has distributed 1,000 pages of literature. Sprague's Mills does its work in the L. T. L. Some literature given out. Mrs. Seamens of Cary on a missionary tour through this county held 13 parlor meetings and gave 17 public addresses, "in all of which," she says, "I have spoken strongly against the use of opium and tobacco." Hodgdon offered prizes in schools for best essays on effects of narcotics.

Androscoggin County: The County Superintendent says that good work has been done, but largely by the Unions as a whole, rather than by Superintendents. Much literature has been distributed in various places. The Superintendent says she has never seen so little smoking on the streets of Auburn as during the past year. The

clergy of that city are faithful, constantly keeping before the people the evils and sin of using narcotics. Mechanic Falls has distributed literature ; has a goodly number of children pledged against tobacco.

Cumberland County : Portland Superintendent issued a call for all interested in the subject to gather in a public meeting. Not a very large gathering resulted but much interest was manifested. At Westbrook the Superintendent has distributed 1,230 pages of literature and has induced two young men to give up cigarette smoking. One sermon has been preached. At White Rock narcotics has been taken for a subject at three Union meetings. First, they discussed the use and injury of narcotics. Second, learned what they could of their origin, etc. Third, the rights of those who do not use them. Such discussion would be profitable to all Unions. 200 pages of literature distributed. South Bridgton has circulated *Anti-Tobacco Gems* and other literature. Peak's Island Superintendent has circulated leaflets. North Gorham Union last winter offered two prizes for best and second best essays on narcotics by the older pupils. The seven contestants did such commendable work that a part of one day was given up to the reading of the essays in school before visitors. One prize found its way into a family where the father was an inveterate tobacco user. He has partly promised his son, who won the prize, that he will take the tobacco treatment.

Franklin County : Milton has worked through its L. T. L. and has had readings in the Union meetings. North Jay distributed 200 pages of literature ; has had one sermon on the subject. One copy of *Anti-Tobacco Gem* taken. Articles on narcotics have been printed. Several children pledged against tobacco. The *Young Crusader* is furnished to all children in the vicinity. At the County Convention the County Superintendent distributed literature and urged its reading at Union meetings. At Farmington the matter is discussed at the Gospel Temperance meetings.

Hancock County : At Bluehill 80 children have signed the triple pledge, and literature has been distributed. Brooklin W. C. T. U. put temperance physiologies in schools. The minister has given many talks against tobacco. 80 children signed triple pledge. Several men have discarded tobacco. Cigarette laws have been posted. Tremont W. C. T. U. circulates 20 copies of *Anti-Tobacco Gem*.

1000 pages literature distributed. 67 children pledged. Bar Harbor works through its L. T. L., and Ellsworth in its Band of Hope. Surry has distributed Department literature.

Kennebec County: Much instruction regarding the evils of narcotics has been given to members of the L. T. L. at Augusta, literature distributed and petition circulated. At China one smoker has left off the habit. Hallowell works through its L. T. L. The Supt. at So. Gardiner takes ten copies of *Anti-Tobacco Gem* which she circulates among the boys; has sent some of them to the grocery men, also to public school teachers.

Knox County: Union has had two sermons on narcotics. About 30 children signed the triple pledge; 10 adults. In Rockland 300 children pledged against narcotics, give hope for the future. One man has given up tobacco. At Spruce Head 125 pages of literature have gone on their mission of enlightenment. One lecture given, petition circulated, one man given up selling cigarettes. Ten copies of *Anti-Tobacco Gem* taken.

Lincoln County: Supt. of East Jefferson has circulated literature, also pledge cards among children. At Dresden twelve children have signed pledge. Waldoboro does its work through L. T. L. At Round Pond one lecture has been given; prizes for best essays on tobacco have been offered; articles on narcotics have been printed; one merchant given up the sale of tobacco. \$6.00 spent in this Department.

Piscataquis County: Dover had one lecture. Several men have given up tobacco, and as a consequence enjoy more religion. Greenville has over 60 pledged children. 700 pages literature distributed. 10 copies of *Anti-Tobacco Gem* taken. Three merchants stopped selling tobacco to minors. Brownville has had one lecture.

In Penobscot County nearly all the Unions have distributed our Department literature. Hundreds of children have signed the auto-graph pledge cards. Lectures have been given at Corinna, East Corinth, Charleston, Bangor, Orono and N. Stillwater. At the latter place one man has given up tobacco. North Lincoln circulates 18 copies of the *Young Crusader*. Dexter W. C. T. U. takes 30 copies of the *Anti-Tobacco Gem* distributing them in the schools, wall pockets, etc. Talks on tobacco have been given in some of

the schools. Charleston ladies went to the stores and hotel, asking the proprietors to give up selling cigarettes, which they agreed to do, giving the ladies what they had except in one case, where the ladies bought them.

Sagadahoc County : Bath has had two sermons in aid of narcotic work. A large number of children and adults have signed pledge. 200 pages literature given out. At Popham Beach 50 cents worth of literature was distributed. One public discussion of tobacco question.

Somerset County : Literature has gone on its mission. Your Superintendent has given addresses at St. Albans, Pittsfield, North Anson and Madison, which we hope will bear fruit.

Waldo County : 1000 pages of narcotic literature found their way into various homes in Belfast. Many children have signed the pledge cards. One sermon preached. Searsmont and Waldo have done some work. At the latter place the Supt. distributed literature at the Grange, after which they discussed the tobacco question.

In Washington County, Millbridge reports 10 copies of *Gem* circulated and cigarette laws posted. The most of the Unions have circulated petitions to the Pullman and Webb Palace Car Companies asking them to abolish the smoking compartment on their trains.

Your Supt. has travelled more than 600 miles in the interest of this Department on some of the coldest days in winter, and the hottest days of summer. Has given 20 public addresses, which in *some* instances at least, have borne immediate fruit. One man had used tobacco 25 years, been a member of the church several years, and had never been told that tobacco using was wrong, but *at once*, when the light *came* he acted up to it and was greatly blessed in so doing. I wish thus publicly to thank the dear sisters who have so kindly received me, given the "cup of cold water," and bid me God speed. God bless them every one.

(MRS.) I. S. WENTWORTH,
Supt. Dept. Narcotics.

Temperance Education.

In bringing this, my fourth annual report to you, I wish to thank you for the earnestness which has characterized the work throughout the year. There has been a steady increase in interest and improvement in methods of work. More gain has been made during the past year than in the three preceding years. The work should be doubled in the coming year.

We have a good temperance education law, the text-book question settled, (the leading text-book makers having revised their physiologeis until they are up to the standard). The State Supt. of Public Instruction, Hon. N. A. Luce, was asked what the obstacles to the execution of the law is and replied: "To bring this instruction up to the efficiency desired, calls not for law but for labor. Labor with teachers is needed to awaken them to deeper interest and more effort; with school officers to enforce them to full exercise of their authority; and especially with the people to educate them to an intelligent appreciation of the value of the results sought." Work is carried along on each of these lines. The teachers are ready and glad to give this instruction, when given anything to work with. They realize better than ever before that it is not more preachy-preachy talk that is needed, but scientific truths are to be taught—this study is natural science and not moral philosophy.

More text-books in this branch are used, and used as other text-books are. The oral instruction is generally better—classes not being allowed to waste the time in merely talking about what they have seen and know.

Many teachers testify to the helpfulness of the Scientific Temperance Monthly Advices published by Mary H. Hunt. It contains the result of much careful research, and should be in the hands of every teacher in the State.

There is still indifference to this branch of study, but very little direct opposition. Let us double our diligence, become well in-

formed on this question, and by gentle methods, which are ever the best, arouse the indifferent, and overcome the opposition which is usually honest difference of opinion; and argument should be met by argument.

The compulsory temperance education is the greatest temperance movement the world has ever known. The National Woman's Christian Union was certainly ordained of God to take up this department of work.

Friends, it does mean something that in the United States twelve million children are being taught the truth in regard to Alcohol. A boy eleven years old to-day in ten years will be a voter, a little later a law-maker, congressman, lawyer or judge; influencing the lives of individuals and prosperity of the Nation. Having God's law of abstinence written in his very being will he not know how to dispose of one American industry—the saloon!

The influence of this work among the children is far reaching. It not only affects the health and happiness of the individual, but the permanency of the home and Nation. Its ultimate influence reaches the farthest shores of Eternity.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. F. FRENCH,

State Superintendent.

Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

This term, which is now adopted by our National department, expresses more definitely the original idea of this movement than the simple phrase Systematic Giving, which, strictly speaking, may be used to signify giving regularly or at stated periods. If this condition alone were regarded, we might bestow very small sums which in the aggregate would never reach our individual responsibility. Proportionate is used in relation to the *measure* of our offerings—giving in proportion to our means or income. Thus the two acts combined lead us into God's way of giving, unfolded in the Scriptures.

Perhaps some one may say right here, "I have no income beyond what my comfort and my necessities demand." But just at this point the greatest blessing to the giver may come in. If we consider the tithe or the tenth as a *debt* we *owe* to God, the self-denial practiced in promptly, cheerfully, lovingly rendering to our Lord his *due*, "will be precious in his sight," and we find, perhaps to our astonishment, the remaining nine-tenths with his blessing are as ample to supply our need as the whole when selfishly retained.

This experience, with the knowledge that we are doing the Master's will, and the peace that willing obedience surely brings, will cause our cup of blessing to be full. Many with very limited means testify to their great joy in giving to the Lord, and these have always something to bestow, because they have learned to practice the "systematics" of Thanks-giving Ann. How many "lost blessings" dim the pathway of God's dear children because we are afraid simply to trust His word of promise, seeking first the kingdom of heaven in all things and leaving temporal consequences with Him.

During the year now closing the interest in the cause of this department has been steadily, though perhaps in many places, very quietly advancing. Several of the counties unorganized at the time of our Convention last autumn have since adopted this department, and the work is now carried on to a greater or less extent in Aroostook, Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Lincoln, Oxford, Somerset, Sagadahoc, Washington and York. Knox County we trust can soon be counted in. The work will be introduced there when a Supt. of Department is obtained.

We think too, our sisters in Waldo will see it their privilege to adopt this system in connection with their existing Charity department. This method, as we have seen, does not in any wise affect the *appropriation* of benevolent funds. Allow me to repeat, it has only to do with the laying aside a certain portion of our income for the Lord, the sum whether great or small to be considered no longer ours—it is given to the Lord. And from this deposit or Lord's purse we draw the means for all our benevolent and religious purposes.

In this particular instance in Waldo where much beneficence is already practiced, the introduction of this system might not nec-

essarily affect the amount donated or its appropriation, but its adoption there would strengthen and promote the general cause.

Reports show much activity in Aroostook County, Miss Hattie T. Mayo, Superintendent, who has the hearty co-operation of fourteen local Superintendents, and with this band of earnest and devoted helpers grand work is being done. The membership of the W. C. T. U. in this county is 488, nearly all supplied with literature on this subject. Ten meetings have been held in the interest of this department. Fifty persons practice Systematic giving and thirteen sermons and addresses on the subject have been delivered. An original paper on Systematic giving was prepared and read by our Supt. before a large public meeting held in the interest of temperance Feb. 26, bringing the system before this large audience in a very interesting and instructive manner.

Another interesting meeting is noted, held at Amity. Systematic giving was the subject. After remarks by the sisters and reading of leaflets, some of the brothers took part, and expressed a desire to try this method.

We trust meetings like this will be multiplied, instructive to our own members, and influencing those beyond our own borders, touching even the brothers, who so generally hold the purse. The Supt. of this county adds to her report, "I believe the seed sown is taking root and will spring up and bear fruit in due time. I find the pledge cards just what we need."

At the Annual Convention in Androscoggin, May 11th, a paper of much interest on Systematic giving was presented and read by the Supt. of that county, Miss Mary E. Perkins, bringing their work in this department in an appropriate and very interesting way to the special attention of the members of the Convention. Will not other Supts. avail themselves of similar opportunities to increase the interest and encourage activity in this effort?

Returns to some extent have been received from nearly all counties engaged in the work, excepting those where it has been recently assumed. But reports are only partial and very much wanting in figures, so important in satisfactory reports. From what has been reported we gather that our County Supts. have been very faithful in endeavoring to awaken and stimulate interest in their local

Unions. Literature has been extensively distributed, and a large number of pledge cards circulated. Let the number signed be carefully recorded, that accurate returns, in future, may be secured. Sermons and addresses have been delivered to some extent and meetings held in the interest of this department. And here I would appeal to members of local Unions. Will you not, dear sisters, be in earnest to appoint Supts. in your Unions, that they may promptly co-operate with your County Superintendent? And will you not be willing to devote a small fraction of your precious time to this department, which, thoroughly officered, would consume but little time and means and would yield such rich results.

We surely cannot afford to be indifferent to this cause, which is broadening out into wider and wider circles every year, and is among the important subjects claiming the consideration of the world's great Congress of Missions, now convening in the city of Chicago.

"In the voice of a king there is power." We believe the general neglect on the part of Christ's church to heed and obey the royal call issued through the prophet Malachi, "Bring ye all the tithes," has staid the fulfillment of God's word of promise; and "the windows of heaven are waiting to open with the flood-tide of blessing at the touch of consecrated giving." In view of this, dear sisters, shall we not through individual faithfulness and activity, seek to restore the manner of giving which prevailed in the early Christian church, that now, as then, the fullness of God's blessing may rest upon the giver and gift, and world-wide beneficence be no longer hindered for lack of consecrated means.

ANNA M. HUSSEY,

State Supt. Dept. Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work.

Taking a retrospect of the past, we feel that in coming to you with the report of another year's work, that it is almost a repetition of the past. Yet there are many new experiences which have come to each worker, and we wish we were permitted space to tell all the cases of interest which have come under our notice, and that of the many different workers.

Aroostook—Mrs. M. A. Churchill, Supt.: "We hold religious services in the jail the second Sabbath in each month. We have some one talk to the men, and have good singing. The largest number confined at any one time of our visitation was 26. Flowers tied with the white ribbon with scripture texts attached have been given the prisoners several times during the summer. We distribute large numbers of temperance and religious papers, also leaflets, which are gratefully received. Several have taken the pledge during the year. The almshouses have been visited and flowers and literature bestowed; religious services have also been held.

Androscoggin County—Mrs. Geo. W. Wagg, Supt.: We have meetings every Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock, and the last Sabbath in the month we hold a Gospel Temperance meeting under the W. C. T. U. I think we have had three true conversions and others have gone to take the Keeley Cure. There has one child been born and one death occurred in jail. The average number of prisoners for the year has been sixty. Amount of liquor seized between twenty and thirty thousand gallons; also two gambling places raided. Amount paid in fines, \$3,000. There is a library in jail for the prisoners and good reading is furnished by people who carry papers every Sunday. Bibles are given to all those who care to read them."

Cumberland County—Miss A. C. Leavitt, Supt.: "We never mean to have a Sabbath go by without some kind of religious service in the jail. The W. C. T. U. has often the charge. We have

at present the largest number of men in our county jail for a long time—some one hundred and fifty. We have distributed some six thousand papers and tracts, bibles and leaflets. We look after the families of the men who are in prison.

Franklin County—H. M. Scales, Supt : “We have but little to report as we have so *few* poor. There is no rum sold openly in the county so we have a great decrease of criminals and crime by intoxication. We have one cider drinker in jail now. The largest number in at any one time during the year was three. We have carried flowers, and have talked and prayed with those ; have supplied books from the library, have given pledge cards to nearly all, and try to influence them for good.”

Hancock County—From Mrs. A. Greely : “There has been no jail work done by our Union since July—up to that time our jail was visited every Sunday by two or sometimes three members of our Unions. The exercises consisted of scripture reading, singing and prayer by one of the visitors. Our custom has been to distribute in the jail a great deal of our literature which has been well received.”

Kennebec County—Mrs. M. C. Haskell : “Having but one jail in the county, I have but one report to give on jail work, and that is what has been done in our Augusta jail.

We hold our religious meeting in the Augusta jail the second Sabbath of every month. It is the exception when there are not some who make it manifest that they desire to live a better life. We carry flowers on Flower Mission day. I have seen the prisoners carefully tending these flowers long after they were faded and not hardly the semblance of a flower remaining. I cannot say too much in commendation of our faithful Committee who has unweariedly carried the reading matter on Saturdays. She has visited the jail every week with very few exceptions, when she provided a substitute, since last August carrying 1,535 papers, magazines and books and obtained 95 signers to the pledge. Several of the prisoners after their discharge she has helped to clothing and other necessities. The Augusta Almshouse Committee have, since our last report, distributed 615 papers, 135 magazines and 2 books ; their visits have been monthly, sometimes oftener. Flowers are carried and Christ-

mas gifts. Hallowell Union have carried to the almshouse during last summer books, papers and flowers and this winter have sent papers every week, carried fruit, candy, handkerchiefs and cards and on New Years sent them each, fourteen in number, a box which made them very happy. Winthrop Union reports but four inmates. Their committee have made five calls, attended one funeral and distributed reading matter."

Knox County—Mrs. A. T. Crosby, Supt: "In the Thomaston Union the members take turns in going every Sabbath to the prison and holding religious services with the women while the chaplain conducts the services in the Chapel; and we keep them supplied with religious reading. At the almshouse there are only five inmates who are all well cared for. Meetings are held at the almshouse in Rockland."

Lincoln Co.—From Mrs. Daggett: "We have discontinued your department of work. We have no almshouse in our town. The jail at Wiscasset is not easy of access but Mrs. Emma Trowbridg Potter sends literature there."

Oxford County—Miss Mary Deering, Supt., says: "I was notified of my appointment in July but did not understand my duties so have done nothing as yet, but will be glad to do all that is required of a County Superintendent."

Penobscot County—Mrs. S. J. Pickard: "There is a large attendance at our meetings at the Bangor jail from outside, so we reach many in this way who need the instruction quite as much as the prisoners. We have missed no alternate Sabbath during the year. We have distributed a much larger amount of reading matter, indeed we are doing quite an educational work. The prisoners come to us for advice while we are dealing out our papers after the meeting, and I know our influence has worked wonders in some. We help them to clothing and to get employment. Our sheriff seconds all good that we do and is ready to help us in all possible ways."

Piscataquis not heard from.

Somerset—From Mrs. M. F. Bunker: "The Union at Skowhegan (N. P.) being nearest our County Jail has always done this work."

Sagadahoc not heard from.

Waldo—Miss A. A. Hicks writes : “Our work in the jail in my county has been by far the most efficient of any previous year. Services held every Sabbath, literature distributed and very much good done. Many requests for prayers at the close of the meetings, and a goodly number added their testimonies to those given by attendants. At the expiration of their sentence quite a number were assisted by giving money and clothing to help them obtain work. Sometimes there would be forty inmates and sometimes four.”

Washington County—Mrs. Maria B. Hill, Supt. : “There have been seventy prisoners in all during the past year. Five of them women. We take for the prisoners one weekly and one monthly paper, and supply each one with a Testament and books and papers. Our two ministers (Methodist and Congregational) have each held a service in jail once in two months, the Endeavor Society once in the same time, and Mrs. Stone and I the other time. If the prisoners are ill we look after them, and when they go out we sometimes help them to get home. We have but few in the almshouse and hold occasional prayer meetings and carry reading.

York County not heard from.

We do wish to thank the County Superintendents who have reported so promptly and who have done such faithful work. They, under God, have accomplished the work. Most excellent work has been done. I pray the dear Lord to give us wisdom and patience. It is ours to do the work and God will give the increase. We know not the result from a kind word, a sacred song, or humble prayer. Let us remember that however low the man may be fallen, he was once “Some mother’s child.” He has a soul for which the blessed Jesus suffered and died. Let us not think our labor in vain if one soul is saved.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA E. MINARD,

State Supt. Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work.

Reformatory Prison for Women.

Dear Sisters of the Maine W. C. T. U:

Your committee on the subject of a Reformatory Prison for Women, have not found it apparently practicable to do more during the past year, than to agitate the subject and keep the people, especially those in the Legislature and others who have political influence, aware that such an institution is needed and would be a blessing to the State. We felt that we had already petitioned enough for it. The State has been canvassed in previous years and large petitions sent to the Legislature. We do not need to convince the people of the necessity. The only excuse is that the State cannot afford it. We think it cannot afford to do without it.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union petitioned the Legislature last winter to appoint a Matron to care for the women at the State Prison. A hearing was obtained before the Committee on State Prison at which Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Hunt, Warden Allen, Prison Inspector Jones and other friends were present, and advocated the necessity of such an appointment, from a moral, educational, and humanitarian standpoint, but on account of the slight expense which would be necessary, the petition was not granted.

Those states that have institutions of this kind officered by women, have found them to be a great saving of crime and expense. Miss Florence Balgarnie of England, on her recent tour in the United States, visited the Woman's Prison in Indiana and afterwards wrote this to the *Union Signal*: "You cannot even faintly imagine what an eventful day it was for me when I paid my first visit to a prison entirely under the supervision and guidance of women. The fame of the Indianapolis prison for women had reached my ears long ago, it is true, but not until recently did my eyes really behold what they had so long and anxiously ached to see. I discovered there that even the "hardened criminals," in the technical sense of the word, women who had been guilty of the most terrible crimes in the calendar,

were, nevertheless, under the excellent protective system, developing the latent good within them, so that they could now be trusted to act like honorable beings."

These methods are, as we know, successful there, and also similar ones as carried out in the Sherborn Prison in Massachusetts. One of us who saw it was impressed with the excellent and unique way in which this institution for incarcerating and reforming criminal women is represented by its exhibit at the World's Fair in Chicago. Each division of prisoners is represented by a large doll dressed in the uniform garb of that division and doing the kind of work assigned to some of the prisoners in it. One is petting and caring for a cow and calf, both of which are there in miniature in a large glass case. In another apartment of the case a woman is feeding little chickens; another is taking care of sheep and lambs; still another is sewing on a machine, and samples of work done by the prisoners in that way are laying near the machine where they can be examined by lookers on, and they are well done. One prisoner is opening cocoons and a card near says: "None but those who have won a reputation to be trusted implicitly are assigned this kind of work." Two women are washing clothes. One woman, wearing clean white apron and cap, is making bread. A nursery woman is caring for children while the mothers are at work elsewhere. One is discharged and starting out to enter a family as domestic. There are four divisions and the prisoners rise to the fourth only by good conduct and credit marks. The woman intrusted with the work on silk always belongs to the fourth and highest division as she has a position of responsibility. The dress of each indicates her division and rank.

The Superintendent keeps a record card for each prisoner, and reports on it credit or loss marks according to her behavior. One card placed with the exhibit reads thus:

"RECORD CARD."

"Mary Smith, No. 4456, Page 315. Entered Division 2, Sept. 12th, 1892. Will be promoted to Division 3 when 160 credit marks are gained. If no marks are lost this will be in 16 weeks, or on the 2nd day of Jan., 1893. For each week of perfect conduct, labor and study, 10 credit marks are allowed. Misconduct or lack of industry in work or study, will cause a loss of credit marks."

This card showed by the marking that Mary Smith had lost no credit marks and had gained 160 by the second day of last January, hence she was, of course, promoted.

It was most interesting to observe and study this peculiar exhibit and also to listen to some of the remarks made by those who were looking at it. Some of them comprehended the meaning of it at once and saw and remarked upon its merits and the valuable illustration it gave of a great work for the uplift of humanity. Others, by their remarks showed that they had no idea of the meaning of it.

The Judiciary Committee of our State Legislature which met in Augusta last winter was reminded at the "Suffrage Hearing" that we still wanted a Reformatory Prison for women, but were expecting to have to be able to vote ourselves first in order to get it. The assembled members of that committee were also informed of our great disappointment in not securing the prison before this late date, after all our efforts. Doubtless the ballot in the hands of woman will bring her more blessings and privileges than have yet been thought of. Even the agitation of the subject has done much already for the sex.

But let us not forget our sisters that are in bonds. Let us agitate, labour and talk for them, remembering that what we do for the least of the created is known, acknowledged, approved and *rewarded* by the Creator.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,
AUGUSTA M. HUNT,
CLARA M. FARWELL,

Committee.

Securing Homes for Homeless Children.

Madam President and Co-Workers:

In reviewing the work accomplished in the department of Securing Homes for Homeless Children during the year, much of the effort made cannot be recorded, but the results will be as far-reaching as eternity.

Aroostook County—Mrs. F. A. Forbes, Presque Isle, Supt., reports: Ten of the Unions have Superintendents. Two little ones have been placed in good christian homes during the year—a three months old baby and a girl of six years. Wretched places *called* "home" have been visited where actual needs have been ministered to and words of cheer given.

Androscoggin—Mrs. C. D. Parsons, Auburn, Supt. for the past year; Mrs. C. T. Newman appointed for the coming year: Fifteen little homeless ones are reported as being placed in permanent homes and seven in temporary homes by the Superintendents of this county. Beside these, thirty-one have been cared for at the Lewiston Day Nursery. The most of these are children of poor people who work, and pay in part for the board of their children. We would be glad if this institution could be placed on such a basis as to enable us to care for more of the *homeless children* of our State who are for adoption, but as it is, the burden has been heavy for the Lewiston Union, although grateful acknowledgement is made of \$500 received from the State, clothing, small sums of money and groceries from sister Unions. Three have had temporary shelter at the Nursery who have been placed in permanent homes by the State Superintendent. Two baby boys are still there waiting for the homes to be provided. Three others have been placed in good homes in this county by your State Superintendent.

Cumberland—Miss C. M. Dow, Portland, Supt., reports: A Superintendent of this department in eleven of the Unions. One

Superintendent reports a mother, four children and a grandmother found in great need, and homes being provided for three of the children, the mother retaining the youngest. Another family of four children were also provided with good homes, and a home is now desired for a girl of ten years. Portland Union reports eight children cared for by this department—one in a temporary home, six adopted, and one sent to a home on trial for adoption.

Franklin—Mrs. F. H. Wilbur, Phillips, Supt., reports: A local Superintendent for every Union in the county save one, and that one does some work in this direction. Two children have been adopted and homes are waiting for five others.

Hancock—Mrs. L. J. Call, Ellsworth, Supt: Four children are reported as being taken from a town farm in the county and provided with permanent homes, and this alone would sufficiently repay us for many hours of labor. Your State Superintendent knows of one boy having found a home in this county and four others still in need of homes.

Kennebec—Mrs. B. M. Friend, Gardiner, Supt: Your State Superintendent has placed three children in fine christian homes and has another home ready to receive one.

Knox—Mrs. M. F. Hanly, Union, Supt. past year; Mrs. John Stetson, Thomaston, coming year: One child placed in a home, and interest when work has not met with the desired results.

Lincoln—Mrs. S. F. Winslow, Waldoboro, Supt., reports: Efforts made but no definite work accomplished.

Oxford—Mrs. F. E. Wilson, East Hiram, Supt. past year; Mrs. L. A. Burr, Bethel, coming year: Interest in the work. One child placed in a home on trial for adoption.

Penobscot—Mrs. S. H. Clark, Bangor, Supt. the year past; Mrs. Etta Fowler, Medway, the year to come: Five children from this county have been placed in good homes, and already the new Supt. has found one in need of a home.

Piscataquis—Mrs. A. L. Chamberlain, Foxcroft, Supt: One child adopted where the relations are most pleasant. A box of clothing and small sum of money sent from the Dover & Foxcroft Union to the Lewiston Nursery.

Sagadahoc—Mrs. L. F. Packard, Bath, Supt: Seven children

have been found in need of homes. Three have been provided with permanent homes and one with a temporary home. Who will receive the others,—a beautiful boy of eight years, a nice girl of five years, and a baby girl?

Somerset—Mrs. H. F. Evans, Madison, Supt. for past year; Mrs. Florence M. A. Hoyt, Ripley, coming year: Only three Unions are reported as actively engaged in the work. The Supt. has had correspondence relative to eleven children. One child has been placed in a permanent home and one in a temporary home; three others to be sent soon to permanent homes. Two homes ready to receive children, and two bright boys, four and seven, waiting for homes to be provided.

Waldo—Miss A. A. Hicks, Belfast, Supt.: Deep interest in the work, and one child adopted into a good W. C. T. U. home.

Washington—Mrs. Nellie Ward, Cherryfield, Supt.: The boy mentioned last year in need of a surgical operation and cared for by the Cherryfield Union is able now to get along without his crutches, but is still supported by them. The Calais Union has sent two colored girls to the Orphan Asylum, Portland, and two little girls, five and six years of age, to the State Superintendent, who provided them both with most excellent christian homes where each is the beloved only daughter in the home. A baby girl has also been adopted in this county.

York—Miss A. C. Bagley, Springvale, Supt., reports: The Cornish Union has found a temporary home for a boy and permanent homes for four girls. A young mother of fifteen with her infant in her arms were fitted out with clothing and sent to the temporary home in Deering, and many poor made comfortable by the help of clothing. Kennebunk Union is doing good work in the Sewing School; about thirty attend and the garments made are given to the children. They have also sent a barrel of clothing and groceries to the Home in Lewiston. Biddeford Union has helped poor children also, by means of the Sewing School and in the home. Sanford Union has also sent contributions of groceries, clothing and a small sum of money to the Lewiston Home, as has also the Springvale Union, and taken two children from the town farm and placed in the temporary home at Deering. Good work done by

West Lebanon Union, and the South Berwick Union has provided a woman and child with a temporary home ; also a sixteen year old girl with a permanent home.

Your State Superintendent has on her record book now twenty-four homes where children will be received, and the names of thirty-eight children in need of homes.

Could these be adjusted without a great deal of prayerful consideration, we might at once place twenty-four children in the twenty-four homes and have only fourteen left ; but great care must be taken to fit the child to the home. Because this has been done, your Superintendent has yet to receive the *first letter* of dissatisfaction from a home where a child has been placed on trial. But instead, such letters as the following are frequent: "We are delighted with the child you sent us ; she grows dearer and dearer every day. We wouldn't know how to live without her now," etc., etc. We look to one who *knows* to direct us in every case, and He never fails those who trust in Him.

The following is as nearly as we can give a summary of the work : During the year one hundred and thirty-one children have been found in need of homes. Sixty-eight have been placed in permanent homes, twenty-five in temporary homes, and thirty-eight remain to be provided for. Dear sister, cannot you, or your friend give one of these needy ones a home? Is there one here who has no child to play around the hearthstone? If so, although you may not realize it, your home is incomplete. We need the child life to mingle with ours to *make* the home complete.

It is simply our aim to carry out the plan of the Father who has placed us in families, by bringing the childless home and the homeless child together. Do not rest, dear Superintendents, till every needy child in our State is provided with a comfortable home. And I would urge the necessity of most careful investigation of every home open to receive one of these needy ones. Get a recommendation from a neighbor whenever possible. Remember, when you place a child in a home, you are, to a great extent, deciding that child's future. When satisfied that the home is a good one, urge the adoption of the child, and do not be satisfied with anything less unless there is an insuperable barrier. Finally, sisters, talk up the

department on every possible occasion. It is worthy of it. We are sure of the Master's smile when trying to save the children.

And now, sisters, it becomes my painful duty to inform you that, should you desire it, I could not accept a re-election to the position of State Superintendent of this department of work. I love the work, and hope to do more or less of it all my life, but my duty for the present has been made very plain.

I bespeak your prayers for, and co-operation with my successor. And as in the past so in the future may the work be abundantly blessed of God.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA M. B. WYMAN.

Work Among Soldiers and Sailors

In presenting the annual report for this department I want to speak of the increasing interest and untiring efforts of the County Superintendents on whom the work has depended for the past year. Through their faithfulness the work has not lagged. While my heart has gone out to those for whom we are interested, circumstances have prevented my hands from doing.

A number of counties have dropped this department, feeling they could do more effectual work in other branches; nine have responded, appointing Superintendents, and report good work.

A large amount of literature has been distributed, the Loan Library increased, wall pockets in sailors' boarding houses kept filled, sailors' families supplied with good reading, and papers and flowers sent to the Marine Hospital. No special Temperance work has been carried on at the Togus Home by the W. C. T. U. as the managers became interested in the Keeley Cure for the inmates and did not think best for meetings to be held. In a letter to Kennebec County Superintendent, Gen. Stevenson says: "Through the Keeley

Cure they are being reclaimed at the rate of one per day." We are glad of results, by whoever the work may be done.

Two counties have sent reading matter to the G. A. R. Post rooms, and in one place taken the whole charge of Decoration Day.

At the last State Convention the work among quarrymen was added to this department. In one county much has been done for these men and their families; good reading placed in their homes, a Sabbath School started for the children by our County Superintendent and good results have followed. We are somewhat crippled in what we would like to do by the lack of sufficient reading matter to distribute, as papers and magazines soon are worn beyond use by the constant handling; but the expressions of gratitude we are constantly receiving from captains of vessels, and the inmates of homes and the Marine Hospital encourages us to use the little we have, and leave the results with Him who knoweth all and *cares* for whatever is done in His name.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. C. JOHNSTON,

State Supt. Dept. Soldiers and Sailors.

Work Among Lumbermen.

Madam President and Members of this Convention :

In looking over the reports of various County Superintendents we feel sure that there has been an increase of interest in this department of work. Some counties have done nobly. There have been many new local Superintendents appointed thus enlarging the working force. I am so glad to learn of the zeal of most of the County Superintendents. We have had many assurances from camps that our work is appreciated and the reading matter gladly received. The work of supplying the camps is much more systematic. This work needs to be done regularly and not in a spasmodic manner. A little each week is much better than a quantity once in one or two months. Let each County Superintendent try to enthuse her local Superintendent to greater efforts than ever before. I wish we might reach every lumber camp in Maine. The State Superintendent would be very glad to have the addresses of any out of the way camps that are not being supplied.

We again urge the need of a camp missionary. We could then win many to Christ and temperance that are now beyond our reach, if we could only bring these men to see the folly and sinfulness of drinking up the money earned by such hard labor and exposure. My dear co-laborers let us work as never before, *this winter*, that we may, with God's help be able to do much good in these camps. There are ten County Superintendents all of whom have been written to urging them to send a report of work done. I would like to urge that the County Superintendent each year send me her report as soon as read at County Convention. The reports received are as follows :

Penobscot County—Mrs. S. J. Pickard, Bangor, Supt: Orono, supplied seven camps regularly, sending 130 papers and magazines, also 130 pages of other literature ; depot wall pocket and barber shop

supplied. Stillwater, sent reading matter to camps and kept mill boarding house supplied. Bangor Crusade, sent reading to camps and Life Saving Station at Islesford, Me. Kenduskeag is just starting the work. Bangor Union sent supplies whenever opportunity offered.

Sagadahoc County—Mrs. H. N. Jackson, Bath: Bath, is ready for work this winter.

Washington County—Mrs. G. H. Condell, Calais, Me: Have written to each Union three times last year. Columbia Falls, report good work done. Work not in detail. East Machias, have done good work but kept no record. Princeton, just organized but is ready for work this winter. Cherryfield, sent 3,228 papers, several personal letters, put a large wall pocket in the post office and kept it well filled with temperance literature. Calais, supplied 18 camps, all matter marked W. C. T. U. Sent 645 papers, 55 temperance leaflets, 22 magazines, 5 religious books. This Superintendent has had word personally that much good was done in the camps by the good reading sent.

Hancock County—Mrs. Evelyn Neal, Tremont, Maine: They are trying to reach all the camps they can, lumbering chiefly done on islands.

Waldo County:—Mrs. Eliza Hunnewell reports no camps near, so have done no work.

Cumberland County—Mrs. S. J. McLellan, South Windham: Stroudwater, furnished Portland Union with reading matter. South Brighton, 630 pages to camps. North Gorham, sent to camp one year of Century magazine, 2,000 pages literature, and circulated in vicinity two years Century, 450 pages literature and four good books. South Portland, 700 pages sent to camps. Westbrook Y's, a large case of books, papers, magazines, singing books, and bibles, sent to Mrs. W. L. Rogers of Greenville for distribution. Woodfords, sent a package once a week to camps; supplied two wall pockets. Newhall, sent to camps 360 pages; supplied wall pocket with 50 pages fresh literature each week. Peaks Island, several bundles of literature and *Signals* sent to Greenville. South Windham sent to camps 3,000 pages. Portland, forwarded a case to North New Portland to be distributed—contents, 153 Harpers and

Frank Leslie's, 40 magazines, 170 other 16 page papers; kept two camps supplied with papers and magazines.

Piscataquis County—Mrs. Rogers, Greenville: Have supplied 20 different camps; send about 5 barrels reading matter, and 4 or 5 dozen comfort bags to men in camps; sent children's literature to lumbermen's families. All sending Mrs. Rogers reading matter must prepay charges.

I regret that I cannot include the three other counties not yet heard from.

May we at this Convention gather more strength for our next year's work. Let us all do something, no matter how small it seems, remembering that God giveth the increase.

Respectfully submitted,

ADDIE LILLIAN HARVEY,

State Supt. of Work Among Lumbermen.

Sabbath Observance.

The Sabbath Observance department aims to arouse the public intellect and conscience by presenting, through leaflets, press articles, teaching in Loyal Temperance Legions, petitions to corporations, etc., the religious, scientific and other reasons for hallowing the Lord's special day. It also urges the examination of our own lives and practices to see whether we ourselves are above reproach in this respect.

We find by the reports received from our county and local Unions that not as much *actual labor* has been done in the interests of this department during the year just closed as in previous years, probably, on account of your State Superintendent not having had so much time to devote to pushing this department of work as was needed; but the few circular letters, copies of Sabbath laws, the literature and petitions sent out have met a kindly response, and

there has been a steady influence exerted in favor of the consecration of the Christian Sabbath, which is encouraging.

Reports have been received from some parts of each county and not so many complaints of Sabbath desecration have been reported as in former years. There seems to have been a steady growth of moral sentiment. We find, in summing up the reports, that nearly 15,000 pages of literature have been circulated, 76 public meetings held in the interests of the Sabbath, 63 sermons preached, 10 lectures or addresses given by Mrs. James H. Earl of Boston and others. Nine public meetings are reported, the public press utilized to some extent and nearly 2,000 signatures obtained to Sabbath Observance petitions.

One hundred and fifty local Unions were asked by your Superintendent to circulate the petition praying Congress not to reconsider the act they passed to enjoin upon the World's Fair Commissioners to close the Fair grounds on Sabbaths. Ninety Unions responded and 3,087 petitioners were represented on the petitions returned to the authorities at Washington. The movement for Sabbath closing, although not as successful as we hoped for, has, we believe, not been made in vain. It caused an agitation of the Sabbath question which awakened some out of lethargy and aroused the indifferent to action in one direction or another, and caused the American people to awaken to the fact that our blessed God-instituted American Sabbath was in danger of being overthrown by the enemy who had been sowing tares while men slept. O how often nothing but his attacks will arouse us to duty! If the efforts that have recently been exerted in our country to reclaim the Sabbath had been put forth in years past to keep it sacred, this precious institution would now be in less danger.

Petitions against Sunday excursions, signed by 12,430 persons were sent to our State Legislature at its last session. This was not done especially under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., but it shows a growth of moral sentiment which is encouraging. It is in violation of nearly every State law that railroads run Sunday trains, yet the States are powerless to prevent it since Congress alone can control inter-state commerce. Congress is composed of the representatives of the people (or at least one-half of the people, the male

voters,) and hence they are responsible. Everything depends on the suffrages of the voting people. "What we want," says Dr. Herrick Johnson, "is a good deal more of the individual conscience."

Many of the exhibits at the World's Fair are closed on Sabbaths. I noticed while there that every Saturday night the custodian of the exhibit of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, would, before leaving his booth, hang a large curtain before it which hid the entire exhibit from Sunday visitors to the Liberal Arts department, and on the white curtain words were printed in large type: "This exhibit is closed out of respect for the law of God and regard for the best interests of man."

In Androscoggin County, 100 pages of literature have been distributed, three sermons preached, and one public meeting held.

Aroostook—Abbie S. Knight, Supt., reports: 6,600 pages literature, 1 Manual, 21 sermons, 7 prayer meetings, 5 public meetings, and 200 signatures to Sabbath Observance petitions. Public press used.

Cumberland—Lucy A. Snow, Supt.: 3,700 pages, 13 sermons, 1 prayer meeting, 4 public meetings, and 800 signatures to petitions. Copies of the Sabbath laws of our State have been posted in public places and good results are known to have been accomplished by them.

Franklin: 466 pages, 2 sermons and 3 public meetings. Sabbath laws posted.

Hancock—Mrs. Caro J. Folsom, Supt.: Four sermons and one public meeting.

Kennebec: 492 pages, 322 petitions, 2 public meetings, 1 lecture. A Sunday concert was prevented and the attention of a City Government called to the fact that several stores were unlawfully kept open on the Sabbath and a request made for the closing of a public park on Sabbaths. The mayor promised to give the matter his careful consideration but neither the stores nor park are closed yet.

One Union sent a letter to Gov. Cleaves asking him to use his influence to have the Maine State building at the Columbian Exposition closed on Sabbath, and received a favorable and courteous reply.

Knox—Miss Alzira L. Crie, Supt.: 100 pages literature distributed, 5 sermons preached, 500 signatures to petitions obtained. A

request was sent from the churches to the proper authorities asking that the Maine building at the Exposition be closed on Sabbaths. The running of Sabbath trains is a cause of much Sabbath desecration. One locality is troubled by Sunday games and the Supt has appealed to the sheriff asking him to stop them and has sent him a copy of our Sunday laws. The press has also been appealed to. City marshals have had copies of the laws sent to them and been asked to close stores kept open on Sabbaths. Manufacturers of lime have been requested to close their kilns on the Sabbath. The employees themselves have been encouraged to petition for a Sabbath rest and have done so, but without satisfactory results thus far.

Lincoln—Mrs. Almada Havener, Supt. : 600 pages and 3 sermons. One Supt. reports that the meetings of the Loyal Temperance Legion are held on Sundays, which habit they think, has a good influence.

Oxford: Two Unions report nothing done, and one of them says no need of anything being done.

Penobscot: 500 pages, 1 sermon, and 60 public meetings held. The Bangor Crusade, reports: "The Gospel temperance meetings held by the Crusade every Sunday evening in their parlors are doing much for keeping the Sabbath pure and holy. We try to impress upon the minds of those who attend what the Sabbath is and what it was made for. The simple testimonies given by these men are most interesting."

Piscataquis County: One local Union reports nothing done. No others heard from.

Somerset—Julia A. Bowdoin, Supt. : One report says, "Some pages of literature distributed."

Sagadahoc—Mrs. H. N. Jackson, Supt. : 916 pages and 3 sermons. Some of the literature was sent to pastors of churches, one of whom said it had been an inspiration to him. Clergymen have written articles for the local press in regard to the opening of the World's Fair on the first day of the week.

Waldo—Mrs. Wm. Conard, Supt. : 40 pages literature distributed and one prayer meeting held.

Washington: Some literature and Sunday laws distributed. Columbia Falls Union has, by proper and cunning effort, succeeded in getting stores closed which were formerly kept open on the Sabbath and the postoffice has been closed Sunday evenings. The press has been utilized to some extent; public sentiment sustained. One Union has by its efforts closed barber shops, a restaurant and a fruit store, and are doing further work on this line. One Sunday School has been established. Wall pockets have been placed in stores and literature kept in them.

York: 980 pages of literature, five sermons.

But few of the county Unions have informed me who their Superintendents of this department are, and most of the reports received are directly from the local Superintendents. As the names and addresses of the Corresponding Secretaries are in the State Minutes, I wrote to them asking for reports from their Superintendents. Many of them kindly responded and my report is largely based upon their reports. "Blessed is the man that keepeth the Sabbath." "It is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations; thus saith the Lord."

HANNAH J. BAILEY,
State Supt. Dept. Sabbath Observance.

Social Purity.

“ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.” How true to life the above seems to be, when we stop to consider how people who ought to be awake and up and doing, when the enemy of all good is so busy sowing the tares among our wheat. Turn where you will and on every side this great problem meets us of how to reach and save the children who are surrounded on every hand with so many temptations, and how shall we raise the standard of purity is the question before us. In the home must first begin the sowing of good seed, and until fathers and mothers wake up to the great responsibility which God has given them through fatherhood and motherhood, what can we expect but an unfailing crop of just such men and women, boys and girls, as we find in every community, which comes from neglect of good seed sowing in the home. I am glad to report from coming in touch with so many Unions who are made up of mothers of this State that there has been an arrest of thought, and public sentiment has been raised still higher to ideals of purity and right living. And after years of experience we trust every white-ribbon woman in our State has become convinced of the *great need of personal effort* along this line.

As one County Superintendent says in her report, so I would repeat it here, “ Hebrew children found it hard to make bricks without straw ” so it is difficult to make a satisfactory and definite report without having reports from each County Superintendent. All counties have a Superintendent, and there has been a great increase of local Superintendents. More Mothers' Meetings are held. This subject is often taken up at regular meetings of the Unions. More literature distributed than any other year and several hundred more pledge cards signed. I have been able to glean these facts from *personal* work with Unions throughout the State, having held

fifty-seven Mothers' Meetings, lectured fifty-four times and traveled over 3,000 miles.

There are constant demands for earnest action. No one not familiar with the burden and duties of white-ribbon women, who have pledged themselves to work for God and Home, can have any conception of the amount of work and thought they are putting forth for humanity; and all this is necessary to keep pace with the evils that are so prevalent among us to ruin our young men and women. The greatest, perhaps, is that of immoral publications which are sown broadcast over our land, and should be dreaded in the community more than the most fearful of contagious diseases, because of the influence upon those who are being brought in contact with it. We are thankful for enlarged efforts for good that have been put forth this year in all great assemblies over our beloved land. It is said education is the solution now being offered for many of our National problems, and we are rapidly awaking to the fact that in the great question of social impurity, ignorance is an enormous factor, which must be eliminated if we would cleanse our land of the dread pestilence. Our hope is in the children, and we believe it is the little ones of this generation and of those to follow, who are to lead this crusade on to final victory. We would recommend that every mother send for a copy of "Teaching Truth," by Dr. Mary Wood Allen, price 25 cents: also that as many Unions as can will take up "White Shield" Work, writing for instructions to Mrs. Lydia A. Prescott, Toledo, Ohio, 1412 Adams St.

And we would urge every Union to hold Mothers' Meetings as often as once a month, sending to Mrs. F. A. Wright, East New-
port, Me., for circulars of instruction.

In conclusion, we beg to say that it would seem to be heartless ingratitude for us to close this report, or indeed any report for any year of our experience, without making especial mention of the blessing of God upon our efforts, and of His faithfulness to His promises, upon which we have leaned for comfort, cheer and support, and to His name we to-day gladly ascribe all praise and honor.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. WRIGHT,
State Supt. Dept. Social Purity.

Purity in Literature and Art.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :

In presenting the annual report of this department, it is with a painful sense of its incompleteness and a serious lack of—something—on the part of its Superintendents. Next to Social Purity this department should commend itself to every true woman, and especially to every mother in the State.

Our aim is to protect the children and youth from the vicious influences that come through the printing press. Every child's mind is a fertile field, ready to receive good or bad seed, and it is of infinite importance to the parent, to society, to the church and the State, what kind of seed shall be sown there. The dissemination of obscene, lewd, and immoral books and pictures is the devil's seed-sowing in the receptive and fertile minds of our children. And let us not forget that the foe works in secret; hence we appeal to parents and teachers to more carefully guard those under their care from a contamination more to be dreaded than the Asiatic cholera. It is passing strange that this department should fail to impress "our women" with its importance and the absolute *need* of "picket duty" all along the line. Vigilance is the price of Purity. Yet many of our Unions fail to see the necessity of this work, while the truth is, the trail of this serpent is seen everywhere, if people will only take the time and the trouble to investigate. All that this secret foe desires is to be let alone, and to persuade the unwary that "these things are not half so bad as they seem to the eyes of the 'fanatics' who are prying into other people's business."

Of the sixteen counties in our State fourteen have County Superintendents who have been doing their best to encourage the Unions to adopt this as one of their lines of work. Some of our County Superintendents report progress in this respect—others feel disheartened that they have tried so often and with such small results, to awaken an interest in the local Unions, in this much-needed department.

Mrs. Sarah A. Brackett of Cumberland County is one of the discouraged ones—listen to what she says: “I have written to all our Unions with this result—I received answers from only four. One reported that their Union was too small to do work in this department; and the others reported that it was not necessary to have a Superintendent of this department, as they already had one in the Suppression of Impure Literature. I haven’t received one word from any one of all the Superintendents in this department in the whole county; so this explains why my report is so meagre. If there are no reports to be made by the Unions, and if it is not necessary to have any local Superintendents, would it not be well to do away with the County Superintendents?” I answer—if we can’t have *local Superintendents* we might as well do away with County, State and National. As a matter of fact the *local Superintendent* is the great wheel in this grand engine of the W. C. T. U. ! When that fails to revolve the work is at a stand-still—there is nothing to report. Would that *all* our local Superintendents realized this. The power to *do* the work is in their hands alone.

Cumberland County has done some good work through the County Superintendent and others.

Miss Kate W. Spinney, Superintendent of Sagadahoc County, reports increasing interest and practical work done in distributing literature, posting State Law, circulating petitions for a pure exhibit at the Columbian Exposition, etc.

Washington County, under the superintendence of Mrs. G. H. Cleaves, reports: “The work of Social Purity is receiving considerable attention, and much has been accomplished in our department the past year. Calais has done positive work in removing impure literature from barber shops and soliciting gentlemen to patronize only such as will be willing to do something in that line.”

York County: Has done a good work in some of her Unions in suppressing objectionable window advertisements, circulating petitions, etc.

Aroostook County: Has done good work in a few of her Unions, though without a County Superintendent, in the suppression of vile advertisements, indecent pictures and show bills, distributing literature, and in toning up public sentiment.

The facts of this report have been largely gleaned from correspondence with local Superintendents who have written me during

the year, only a few of the County Superintendents having reported.

The State Law regarding obscene books, pictures, etc., through the efforts of this department, was amended by our Legislature last winter, increasing its efficiency and penalties. It has been printed and sent to all County Superintendents and by them to the locals, to be posted and kept posted in public places, schoolhouses, post-offices, etc., so that "the people" may know the law regarding indecent papers, pictures, posters, advertisements, etc., etc.

Not less than forty petitions were circulated in the State asking for a pure exhibit at the World's Fair. These were sent to Prof. Ives, president of the Department of Fine Arts in Chicago. All vile advertisements, pictures, etc., that have come into our hands have been sent to Anthony Comstock, to suppress these evils at their source.

Praying that a brave, true, pure woman may be appointed and *do* "picket duty" in this department in every Union of our State, and that more light and love may come to us all,

Yours in the work,

(MRS.) AMELIA L. PAGE,

State Supt. of Purity in Literature and Art.

NOTE.—Every Union having a Superintendent of "Suppression of Impure Literature" should report to the County Superintendent of this Department. *That was merged in this two years ago.*—A. L. P.

Mercy.

In the work of this department during the past year there has been much interest manifested. Our women are quick to feel that this is one with the doctrine of Christianity, and are ready to promote in this way the gospel of Him whose command is, "Be ye therefore merciful as your Father also is merciful."

Letters have been sent to every Union in our State, and to every County Convention, urging the adoption of this department. Every county has a Superintendent, except Androscoggin, Aroostook, Knox, Sagadahoc, Somerset and Washington. Twenty-two local Unions have appointed Superintendents.

Mrs. Maria B. Perry is doing active work in Hancock County. The Band of Mercy at Ellsworth which numbers 133 members is receiving practical instruction, and the boys, especially, are being much benefited. Two other Bands, one numbering 30 members, have been formed in this county.

Mrs. Nellie Wade Whitcomb of Dover gives an encouraging report of the work in Piscataquis County. Nearly every woman at their County Convention signed the pledge against wearing birds on bonnets, and this pledge is now being circulated in all their local Unions. Bird leaflets have also been introduced into the Sunday Schools. We hope the "Appeal" will be circulated freely, and that more effort will be put forth for the protection of these beautiful songsters of the air. Let us think of this, and of the blessings the Creator has given us in them.

"Think of your woods and orchards without birds!
Whose household words are songs in many keys,
Sweeter than instrument of man e'er caught,
Whose habitations in the tree-tops even,
Are half way houses on the road to Heaven.

In Cumberland County the Juvenile and Mercy work is combined. The Superintendent, Mrs. Elsie H. Cannel, has made an effort to awaken an interest in the nineteen Unions of the county, but finds a lack of workers.

There are eleven Bands of Mercy now organized, with a pledged membership of 248. Besides these many have signed the pledge who do not belong to an organization. Waldoboro has a Band of 25 adult members.

North Searsmont has secured 68 names to the pledge against wearing birds, and Augusta, 50.

In Winthrop, through the efforts of your State Superintendent, a man has been arrested and heavily fined for over-driving and cruelly beating his horse.

Our State has laws which will help much in the work if we are active in getting them enforced.

A great deal has been done for this department through the circulation of literature. There are many leaflets now in print which will interest, and attract attention, and we hope that this means of reaching people will not be forgotten.

Let us as members of a Christian organization whose aim is the uplift of humanity, be careful to manifest a kind and merciful spirit, and be on the alert to promote in all ways the happiness of our fellowmen, and the comfort of the noble creatures God has given us to use. Let us be diligent to

"Teach our children gentleness,
And mercy to the weak, and reverence
For life, which, in its weakness or excess,
Is still a gleam of God's Omnipotence."

CLARA W. MUMFORD.

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Evangelistic Work.

Again we gather up the strands of our county reports of Evangelistic Work, finding them composed of the silken threads of local reports, while these in turn are gathered from the finer filaments spun in the experience of individual lives. When we have passed on to our State report it will be twisted into that larger one made up of all the States, this in turn with that of the World's W. C. T. U., proclaiming, like the scarlet cord in Scripture to all the friends and enemies of David's holy son, "Thine are we, David, and on thy side thou son of Jesse."

Androscoggin County: One local Union reports eleven Gospel Temperance meetings held; another, monthly Bible readings help through the summer; still another, fortnightly meetings through the year; an able address delivered by Mrs. Emeline Burlingame Cheney, also one by Mrs. J. T. Ellis of New Jersey. Last spring each Union in the county requested its pastor to preach a temperance sermon, which request was complied with in nearly every instance; pastors all through the county helpful and in sympathy with the work. Much other work done, such as visiting, praying with the sick, etc.

Aroostook County: Eight of the local Unions have appointed Superintendents; Gospel Temperance meetings have been held with good results; sick have been visited, poor cared for, work done in Sunday Schools, religious literature distributed, Bible readings published by W. T. P. A., also other readings by members of Union, and prayer meetings held. So impressive are the closing words of this report your Superintendent feels they have a place in our State minutes, as well as in all our hearts: "There is need of the Unions being aroused to see the importance of having a Superintendent of Evangelistic Work. Much christian work has been done in a general way that could have been done more efficiently had it been made a special department under the care of a

Superintendent. My own conviction is, that just in proportion as our Unions are alive spiritually, so will they be alive and active in all these departments of work."

Cumberland County, reports: Gospel temperance meetings held in many of its Unions; one mass meeting held by four united Unions afternoon and evening, in which several of the pastors and their wives took part and which was addressed by Wm. Y. Hubbard of Ohio, the prohibition publisher, Emeline Tuttle, former missionary among the Modocs, of Dover, N. H., and Elizabeth Tenney Larkin of Peabody, Mass. Almshouses have been visited; more than forty thousand pages of literature distributed. One Union has held Mothers' meetings nearly every Thursday p. m., prayer meetings, and people urged to attend church. This Union is looking for a revival, as they have a right to if they hold to the promises without wavering. "A little more faith in Jesus, is all I want," says Amanda Smith, the colored evangelist.

Franklin County reports: One Sabbath School established at a box factory last January, which has been continued with increasing interest; two open air preaching services; and general work done in various directions with co-operation of pastors.

Kennebec County reports: Bible readings in many of its Unions, temperance meetings in four Unions. In one, three temperance meetings were held, and one on social evils; consecration meetings, large amounts of literature distributed, quite a number of the pastors responded to the invitation of its Evangelistic Superintendent to preach temperance sermons; families, and especially the sick have been visited, the bible read and prayer offered. In one Union in the city of Augusta, twenty-seven drinking houses have been visited, thirty-three places where rum was believed to be sold, six hotels. The inmates of all these have been invited to come to Christ and forsake sin. More than three hundred articles of clothing have also been distributed.

Knox County: We know from personal knowledge that good and efficient work has been done more than appears in the report and that many of its city pastors preach sermons, give addresses, and lend their warmest sympathy.

Lincoln County: Has done much in the way of distribution of

literature, visiting sick, afflicted and poor, pointing them to Christ, and inducing children to attend the Sabbath School, and non-church goers to attend the services of the sanctuary.

Penobscot County : Has a new Superintendent, able and suitable, who will be heard from another year in the work now but well begun.

Piscataquis : Has a Superintendent who has done some work but sends no reports from her different local Unions.

Sagadahoc : Has but two Unions from one of which comes the following resume : Forty-eight Gospel Temperance meetings have been held ; the weekly prayer meeting attended through the year. Public meetings held monthly since January, at which times matters of interest and profit are discussed. In response to invitations to pastors by the Superintendent to preach temperance sermons three out of four responded.

Somerset County : Reports much wayside work and stirs our hearts to pain and our eyes to tears, as she tells us of many places where children grow up without hearing the gospel or entering a church. One dear local Superintendent, a very busy woman, who sometimes leads the prayer meeting, says she has to make what preparation she can as she stands behind her counter selling goods, and thinking and praying as she walks to the meeting. Pray on blessed gleaners ! and the Master will let fall rich handfuls on purpose for you.

Waldo County Superintendent reports she has distributed three hundred pages of literature ; attended meetings at jail during winter and spring in company with white ribbon sisters ; has done more work in season and out of season, and in all ways, than in any year before.

Washington County : Gives most interesting report of work done in the city of Eastport where they have two Superintendents. These devoted sisters have done work angels might covet, the first holding a gospel meeting in the W. C. T. U. hall, supplying leaders or leading herself in the absence of others, and having charge of the singing also. These meetings were held Sunday afternoon and were greatly enjoyed by the people. She also held a series of prayer meetings at her own house on a week night of each week. These meetings have been a great blessing to the neighborhood and

the means of converting some intemperate men who are now earnest christians, one of whom is one of their best workers. During the warm weather these ladies held open air meetings at Fort Sullivan, which were led by the pastors of the different churches or some layman invited by the ladies. These meetings were attended largely by residents who were non-church goers on the ground of having young children, lack of proper clothing and other reasons; the meetings have increased in size and they hope to obtain a hall from the city authorities when it becomes too cold for the open air. This Union has distributed a large amount of literature.

York County: Tells of one Union where its Superintendent has made forty visits, distributed three hundred garments among the poor, fruit and food for the comfort and cheer of the sick and dying. Another whose Superintendent is a city missionary in Saco says that during the year she has led every month from four to eight prayer meetings, visited and read the bible to the sick, clothed the naked, fed the hungry, held many cottage meetings, and that men who have been rescued at these meetings from their cups are pressing on in the better life, and that there is a marked improvement in this city among the women and children. In Saco as in some other places the Salvation Army becomes an efficient ally, through its noble stand for total abstinence and prohibition.

For the first time your Superintendent has reported only as the County Superintendents have reported to her, as they have not hitherto been sufficiently well organized. It will be seen that all but two counties have been heard from.

Your Superintendent would most earnestly recommend more diligent study of God's word, more faithfulness in prayer for each other, remembering that we are living in the last days of which it was prophesied that the spirit should be poured out upon "daughters" and upon "handmaidens" and that "the women who publish the tidings should be a great host." It lies with us dear sisters so to fulfill the divine conditions of our being that when our work is ended here it shall begin in the realm of eternal certainties.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. SNOW,
State Supt. Evangelistic Work.

Flower Mission Work.

Madam President and Members of the Convention :

This year reports have been received from eleven counties, four of which did not send in reports last year. Following is the summary of the work done, as far as reported :

Androscoggin County : At Lewiston the local Superintendent has distributed about 200 bouquets. At Auburn, flowers have been sent to the sick, the Aged Women's Home, and the county jail. At Mechanic Falls, flowers and delicacies have been sent to the sick and "shut-ins." At Greene, bouquets were furnished for the soldiers, and the church decorated for temperance meetings ; also flowers to the sick and sorrowing.

Aroostook County : There are fifteen local Superintendents, six new ones having been added this past year. Eight have sent in reports. The reported number of bouquets distributed were three hundred and thirty-three (333). Delicacies have been carried to the sick and clothing to the poor. The almshouse and jail have been visited.

Cumberland County : Out of twenty-one Unions, fourteen have Flower Mission departments. All carry on an active work.

Franklin County : The ninth of June was observed throughout the county. Flowers were carried to the sick, aged and imprisoned during the season.

Hancock County : Ellsworth Union has sent bouquets to the sick and "shut-ins," and Flower Mission Day was observed by carrying bouquets to the jail. Southwest Harbor reports one hundred and twenty (120) bouquets distributed to the sick, "shut-ins," and funerals.

Knox County : Warren Union has sent fruit and flowers to the sick, collected two packages of literature for the prison and furnished flowers for Prison Day. The Unions united as usual in sending bouquets to the State Prison on Prison Day, at which time Mrs. J. R. Barney made a most touching and helpful address. Thom-

aston Union has taken flowers to the women at other times. Rockland Union has distributed bouquets and delicacies to the sick ; also beautiful floral tributes offered to their promoted members.

Lincoln County : At Damariscotta flowers have been sent to the sick. Much interest has been shown in this work. Waldoboro Union has decorated the church, remembered the sick and sent sweet messages to those in affliction. On Flower Mission Day thirty-five (35) bouquets were given to the sick. Clothing and food have been distributed to the poor.

Oxford County : Norway Union has distributed to the sick bouquets tied with white ribbon with scripture cards attached.

Penobscot County : The Bangor Crusade observed Floral Sunday in Penobscot County jail. Sixty-five bouquets were given out each having a scripture card attached to it by a knot of ribbon. On other days flowers were carried to the sick and into darkened homes.

Waldo County : Belfast Union carried bouquets tied with white ribbon each having a scripture card attached, to the jail, almshouse, sick, and "shut-ins;" they have also distributed literature. Sears-mont Union has done a good work in this department. Waldo Union has carried flowers to the sick, afflicted, and on all funeral occasions.

Washington County : Cherryfield observed Flower Mission Day ; the almshouse was visited by two white-ribboners, carrying bouquets, fruit and jellies ; also all aged and sick were visited. Seventy-eight (78) bouquets were distributed during the summer besides several pieces for funerals. Pembroke observed June 9th by visiting all sick and "shut-ins" with bouquets.

York County : Biddeford reports flowers sent to the sick and "shut-ins." South Berwick Y's have distributed bouquets, furnished potted plants to a sick girl, provided the Grand Army with flowers for Memorial Day. Cornish has distributed flowers in connection with their charitable work. Kennebec distributed fifty (50) bouquets.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH E. LIBBY,
State Supt. Flower Mission Work.

Temperance Work at Fairs.

In presenting my fifth annual report, I cannot tell you that all the Unions in the State have enlisted in temperance work at Fairs, but am rejoiced in the steady growth and increasing interest manifested.

Both County and Local Superintendents have been appointed in all the counties except two, some of whom have never failed to do great credit to the counties which they represent; not only by calling the attention of the Unions to the importance of the work, but by their personal efforts on the Fair-grounds, to create a sentiment for total abstinence and prohibition, and present the W. C. T. U. work to the farmers' wives and daughters, by free distribution of literature.

The Auburn and Lewiston Unions, as for the past seven years, were alert for weeks previous in arranging for work at the State Fair. Competent soliciting committees canvassed both cities for food for their restaurants, and the good citizens responded generously. Each restaurant was prettily decorated, so as to look as attractive as possible. Hot meals were served each day, and lunches at all hours during the Fair. Both restaurants were well patronized. The Agricultural Board were courteous as ever. The Messrs. Ricker kindly furnished Poland Spring Water for the Auburn restaurant, which was free to the thirsty. The State Department furnished 200 copies of the *Star*; the Sabattis, Mechanic Falls, and Auburn Unions furnished *Union Signals* and 3,000 leaflets, which were freely distributed by your Superintendent, and gladly received. I never appreciated the precious opportunity for seed sowing as I did at that Fair. Ladies were eager to ask questions in regard to our department work; one lady who desired to adopt a little girl, sought the address of our State Superintendent of Homes for Homeless Children; another lady said she would have her name proposed for membership at the next local meeting of the W.C.T.U. in her city. The Durham Union intend to be represented at their Fair to be held later.

You will see by the above that Androscoggin County Unions are alive to the good work, an example for those Unions living remote from the Fair-grounds to follow.

Aroostook County reports 2,000 pages of literature beside 150 leaflets distributed at the Fair held at Presque Isle, too late to report last season.

Cumberland County: New Gloucester Union, although in its infancy distributed literature at the Fair held in their town last season.

Kennebec County: The Winthrop Union furnished 8,000 pages of literature and Mrs. Baker, the County Superintendent, distributed it at the Readfield Fair. South China reports some work done. China W. C. T. U. distributed literature at a Fair held by their Union.

At the North Knox Fair which was held at Union the W. C. T. U. of that place furnished meals and took \$28.00, and also distributed 100 copies of the *Union Signal*.

Mrs. Carey, the Sagadahoc County Superintendent, sends a most excellent report. Says that on her arrival at the County Fair at Topsham she was introduced to the one in charge and was given the privilege of selecting her place in the hall, which she made attractive with sea shells and an engraving of Frances Willard. The women in attendance gave her a cordial greeting, said they enjoyed the literature they received last year, and were eager for it this year. Several ladies asked the price, and seemed surprised when told that it was presented by the Bath W. C. T. U. Distributed 100 *Union Signals*, 200 pages Peace Tracts and Leaflets beside 25 *Mission Day Springs* to the children. Some of the children were interested to hear about the Loyal Temperance Legion. Many ladies wished the Woman's Christian Temperance Union "God Speed."

The Superintendent of Washington County writes: "The Cherryfield Union had a Booth opened as usual on the Fair-ground, where we gave cold water and literature. Sold hot coffee and dinners to all who called."

Mrs. Holden, the Oxford County Superintendent, reports the following literature distributed at the County Fair at Norway: 250 copies *Star*; *Timely Talks*, 420; *Signal Lights*, 200; *National Leaflets*, 50; other literature 1,000 pages. East Brownfield distributed 550 pages. Total 3,200 pages.

York County—Mrs. Bagley of Springvale writes: “A Superintendent was appointed by the president of the Union to work on the Fair ground at Springvale, Sept. 20–23. Her name was withheld from even the members of the Union, that blame or praise rest upon the Union as a whole, and not on one member alone. The Union voted to contribute all the money needed for the work, also that the Superintendent use any methods that she thought best; result was, that five gamblers who had started in to do a flourishing business were ordered to leave the ground. They left in a hurry, while the sixth refused to go; he was arrested, locked up over night and the next day was fined \$10.69. The two officers hired by the W. C. T. U. did well. The ground was covered with white-ribboners from Lebanon, Sanford, and Springvale. The officers thought they were all watching them, and so did their duty; they were mistaken, as there was but one member that knew how the work was being carried on until after it was all over. Our town is beginning to understand that the W. C. T. U. is a *live* organization.

Maine W. C. T. U. did its part toward making the National Exhibit at the World's Fair.

Dear sisters, let us take courage, and embrace the opportunities given us to meet the masses at every Fair held in our State, that my successor may see grand results, and that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

MRS. SUSAN FRENCH,

State Supt. of Temperance Work at Fairs.

Legislation and Petition.

In reviewing the work of the past year, we would like very much to say to you, that all of our petitions and efforts were successful. But you well know that the "best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley," and why not woman's occasionally? We have proof of the change in the public opinion in Maine, and we may thank God and take courage, that this first step in political justice passed in the Senate and lacked but nine votes in the Maine House of Representatives of giving municipal suffrage to women. That great petition of the W.C. T. U. in which we are interested, and glad to have our names enrolled with three million of representative women of different nations, with the names pasted on cloth, bound with red and blue and rolled in large bales, attracts more attention than anything else at the World's and National W. C. T. U. exhibit.

Androscoggin County: Some of the Unions report a number of petitions circulated. A number of ladies interested in the suffrage petition were present at the hearing before the Legislature.

Aroostook has not replied.

Cumberland County—Mrs. S. M. Grant, Supt., writes: An immense amount of work has been done. The suffrage petition at So. Portland had 50 signers, all women, 25 of them tax-payers. Behind that petition was a woman with a purpose who will rest not until that purpose is accomplished.

Franklin County: Mrs. Beedy has looked after that department, and we may know work has been done.

Hancock County has a Superintendent, but no report of work done.

Kennebec County—Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Supt., writes: "We have been looking out for opportunities to prevent the introduction of more evils than we now have, as well as to suppress those from which we are now suffering."

Knox County—Mrs. A. E. Bradford: Has not been idle in her department, and some of the Unions have circulated petitions.

Penobscot County—Mrs. E. R. Horton, Supt., says: "Our people are grand in work but poor in reporting. Of 19 Unions to which cards were sent, only seven, including our Union, replied."

Piscataquis County—Mrs. E. D. Straw, Supt., reports: A large number of names secured for municipal suffrage for women; other petitions circulated.

Somerset County: Mrs. M. F. Bunker has attended to petitions and legislative work.

Sagadahoc County reports: No Superintendent.

Waldo County—Mrs. Emily F. Miller, Supt., reports: Five petitions circulated.

Washington County—Mrs. Lizzie Frost, Supt., has no report, but we learn work has been done.

York County, Mrs. S. P. Smith: Is doing good work.

So along the line very much the same work has been done. Thirteen different petitions have been circulated in some counties. We hope to have the National Plan of Work to send to every Union not having a Superintendent of this department, that the importance of the work may be more clearly seen. Through this truly educative division much valuable legislation has been secured, and there is more to follow. Believing firmly in the ballot as a means of protection against the organized saloon powers, we endeavor through various methods to secure that power for women.

"Oh, Sister! Do what you can,
Not what you cannot;
Not what you think might be done,
Not what you would like to do;
Not what you would do if you had more time,
Not what somebody else thinks you ought to do,
But what you can."

For God and home and every land.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) L. C. LAMB,

State Supt. Legislation and Petition.

ERRATA—Mrs. L. C. Lamb's address should be Livermore Falls instead of Auburn as printed in the directory of Superintendents of Departments.

Franchise.

The cause of Equal Rights never looked brighter than this year. Though your Superintendent has received the reports from but four Unions—Presque Isle, Stroudwater, North Searsmont and Machias, all report gains in public sentiment. Many leaflets are being circulated and several lectures have been given on the subject, all of which have been productive of much better feeling in regard to the reform, and indicates that the time is drawing near when the principles imbodyed in the Declaration of Independence shall be applied to all citizens, irrespective of sex.

ANN F. GREELY,
State Supt. of Franchise.

Peace and Arbitration.

During the past year the State Superintendent has sent circulars, leaflets and sample copies of our official papers, *The Pacific Banner* and *The Acorn*, to every Union in the State. Many inquiries concerning the work have been received. The World's Superintendent has sent *The Banner* gratuitously to many clergymen. Interest in the work is increasing.

Winthrop Centre reports: Distribution of 1,700 pages of literature. Mrs. H. J. Bailey has sent 1,200 copies of *The Pacific Banner* and 1,000 copies of *The Acorn*. Dr. B. F. Trueblood, secretary of the *American Peace Society*, through Mrs. Bailey's instrumentality, lectured at Winthrop; also before the schools at Oak Grove and Kent's Hill. One public meeting has been held. A lecture has also been given by John F. Hanson and wife.

At Manchester a vigorous Peace Band has kept the children busy.

Turner reports literature distributed and several copies of *The Acorn* taken. Searsmont also reports the distribution of literature.

Augusta Union, Phebe Wadsworth, Supt. reports: During the past year we have distributed over 500 pages of leaflets in the jail, in the State House, in stores, in cars, in places of worship, etc. Peace items have been occasionally sent to four local newspapers. Seven children have signed the Children's Peacemakers Pledge. All the pastors were invited to preach Peace sermons on Peace Day. On the 25th of December a Peace talk was given by the local Superintendent. Seven copies of *Banner* and eight copies of *Acorn* are taken.

China reports one Peace sermon preached by a local pastor, five subscribers to *The Acorn*, and about 50 pages of literature distributed.

South China reports an excellent Peace lecture by Wm. G. Hubbard, who also did some personal work for the cause; J. H. Hanson and wife also lectured on the subject. About 500 pages of literature have been distributed and a few copies of *The Acorn* taken.

At Monmouth, literature has been distributed, and a wall pocket put in the railroad station.

Popham Beach reports: 400 pages of literature distributed. A debate on the "Peace vs. War" has been held. One sermon has been preached, the pastor remarking that there was no subject he better enjoyed speaking on.

The Superintendent at Cherryfield reports as follows: "Literature pertaining to the subject has been distributed, particularly to the young. As we have no Peace Band in our community, General Peace Day (the third Sabbath in December) was observed by the young of "The Loyal Legion" by carrying out the programme suggested by the World's Superintendent, with a few additions. The exercises were presided over by our W. C. T. U. President, assisted by Superintendents of Loyal Legion and Peace and Arbitration. By request, able and eloquent sermons were preached by the pastors of the Congregational and Methodist churches. The sermons were favorably commented on by the leading men of our town."

Belfast has no Superintendent, but articles in the interest of peace are often read aloud in the regular meetings and *The Acorn* is distributed among the children of the L. T. L.

At Madison, 111 leaflets have been placed in wall pockets.

At Bath, 200 pages of literature were distributed at the County Fair; 300 pages were placed on outgoing vessels, and 500 pages distributed elsewhere. One L. T. L. has taken up as a part of their exercises three of our Bible readings.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS,
State Supt. Peace and Arbitration.



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CONSTITUTION
OF
Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of this State, alarmed at the danger and tendencies of intemperance and kindred evils, believe it to be our duty, under the providence of God, to unite our efforts for their extinction. That we may the more successfully prosecute this work, we adopt the following pledge and constitution.

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented, and malt liquors, including wine and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The organization shall be known as the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Its object shall be to enlist the women of this State in the promotion of the cause of temperance, and of the various branches of work recommended by the National Union; to make permanent the work already accomplished and to secure the organization of a local Union in every place in the State where it is practicable.

ARTICLE II—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Union shall be a President, one Vice-President from each county (the President of each being *ex-officio* Vice-President of the State Union), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee, of whom seven shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Committee, State Superintendents of Departments, State Organizers, Secretaries and Treasurers of County Unions, the President, and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every twenty-five paying members of each auxiliary Union.

ARTICLE IV—AUXILIARIES.

Any society of women, regularly organized under the supervision or approval of the State officers, and adopting the Constitution of this organization, including a total abstinence pledge, and a paying fee of thirty cents per member annually to State Treasurer (ten cents of which shall be paid by her to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union) is auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held at some time within September or October, in such place as may be decided by a vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at the annual meeting, provided notice has been given at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. *President.* In case of the illness or death of the President, the duties of her office shall devolve upon the General Officers in the order of their election.

SEC. 2. The President may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when she may deem it necessary, or in response to the written request of any seven members of the Executive Committee, in which case the topics to be considered at the meeting shall be stated, and she shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

SEC. 3. *Vice-President.* It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to aid and foster the work of the Union in her county, and to arrange for and preside at conventions in her county, co-operating with the General Officers of the State in carrying out their plans for the prosecution of the work, making a report semi-annually to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Union.

SEC. 4. *Corresponding Secretary.* It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the organization and to perform all duties usual to such office. She shall also send to the Secretary of each local Union at least twice a year a blank similar to those used by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Corresponding Secretary, to be filled as a semi-annual report. From these reports she shall collate her own report for the annual meeting.

SEC. 5. *Recording Secretary.* The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Union, the Executive Committee and the General Officers, and shall keep correct record of their proceedings. She shall send to each member of the Executive Committee a notice of such meetings. She shall appraise members of committees of their appointment. At the first meeting of each annual session she shall read in their order, for action by said meeting, the minutes of all meetings and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to such office.

SEC. 6. *Treasurer.* It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all 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. The fiscal year shall terminate one week previous to the annual meeting, and the books shall then be closed. At the annual meeting she shall give to the Corresponding Secretary the whole number of delegates to which each local Union is entitled according to the amount of dues paid, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to such office.

SEC. 7. *Superintendents.* It shall be the duty of the Superintendents to originate, to advise, and to direct plans of work relating to their several departments; to correspond and to co-operate with County Superintendents, and to report to the annual meeting work proposed and work accomplished. They shall be required to give an itemized account of their receipts and expenditures in department work.

ARTICLE II—ELECTION.

SEC. 1. The officers, with the exception of the Vice-Presidents, and Assistant Recording Secretary (the latter shall be nominated by the Recording Secretary and elected by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered) shall be elected by ballot on the morning of the last day of the annual meeting.

SEC. 2. *Vacancies in Delegations.* Each delegation may fill its quota by visiting members from its own auxiliary; if any Vice-President is absent, said county may be represented on the Executive Committee by a member of its delegation.

SEC. 3. *Voting.* General Officers, Superintendents of Departments, State Organizers, and *ex-officio* members shall vote in person.

SEC. 4. *Tellers.* Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the person thus nominated.

SEC. 5. *Superintendents.* Superintendents shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the annual meeting: Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 6. *Vacancies.* The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of annual meetings.

ARTICLE III.—COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The following committees shall be chosen on the first day of the annual meeting: On Credentials, on Business, On Resolutions. The last shall consist of one delegate from each county, chosen by the delegation of her county.

SEC. 2. An Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the General Officers in the interim of the annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV.—INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Any pledged woman in a community where there is no local Union may become a member-at-large of the State Union by the payment of an annual fee of fifty cents, ten cents of which shall be paid to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

SEC. 2. Any woman may become a life member by signing the pledge, and paying ten dollars at one time to the State Treasurer; and any man may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and by the payment of one dollar annually.

ARTICLE V.—DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION.

The Department of Organization shall be in charge of the General Officers, and organizers appointed by them shall be reported to the Convention and entitled to a seat.

ARTICLE VI.

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the —— Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including Wine, Beer and Cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate, and aim to secure the complete banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the constitution (including the pledge) and by the payment of —— per year into the Treasury, 30 cents of which shall be paid the State Union. Ten cents of that amount the State Treasurer sends to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Where it is deemed necessary the following article may be inserted:

Any woman may become a member of this organization by a two-thirds vote at any legal meeting and by signing the constitution and pledge and paying the regular dues and continuing to do so annually.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and the payment of one dollar a year, all of which shall be retained for home work.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, one from each church when practicable, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. President to call to order and open the meetings.

To announce the business before the meeting in the order in which it is to be acted upon.

To put to vote all questions which have been regularly moved and seconded, and to announce the result.

To preserve order, and to decide, when referred to, all questions of order or practice which may arise.

To append her signature when necessary to all orders and proceedings of the Union.

To have a general oversight of the Union, and in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to plan for its best interests and the good of the cause.

To call special meetings when deemed advisable by herself and any three members of the Union, due notice being given to all the members.

SEC. 2. Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union.

To report to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Union as required by the State Constitution (having first submitted her report to the Union) giving such facts and items of general interest as will enable the State Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union and the progress of the work.

SEC. 3. Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Union.

To notify the public of its meetings.

To read all papers, etc., which may be required.

To notify Committees of their appointments and of business referred to them.

To take charge of all papers and documents of the Union.

To make reports at each meeting of the preceding meeting.

SEC. 4. Treasurer to collect the membership dues, and to devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Union. To forward to State Treasurer the dues for each member as required by the State Constitution (namely 30 cents per member) two weeks previous to State Convention. Old Unions and those organized early in the year shall make part payment of dues previous to March first, the remainder two weeks before State Convention. To hold all money collected for the use of the Union, paying bills on order of the President and Secretary, keeping an exact book account and making a report of the same at each regular business meeting.

SEC. 5. Vice-Presidents to preside, in their order, at meetings in the absence of the President and to perform all duties of the President in case of absence on any account from her office. To interest the women of their

respective churches in the work of the Union and to canvass for members. To assist the President in arranging and carrying out plans for the benefit of the Union. To endeavor to secure special recognition of the temperance cause in the church prayer-meeting quarterly, and also by a sermon from the pastor at least once a year.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Union shall be held ———, at which time Superintendents shall report.

Public Prayer and Conference meetings shall be held as often as the interest of the work demands, and if possible, mass meetings quarterly.

The Executive and other Committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE VII.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held on the ——— day of ——— month, at which time the officers shall be elected for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

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

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. *Departments of Work.* Superintendents shall be appointed for such of the following departments, as local needs seem to call for: Work among Foreigners. Young Woman's Work. Juvenile Work. Hygienic Reform and Heredity. Scientific Temperance Instruction. Sunday School Work. Temperance Literature. Influencing the Press. Narcotics. Evangelistic Work. Unfermented Wine. Systematic Giving. Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work. Reformatory Prison for Women. Securing Homes for Homeless Children. Railroad Employes. Soldiers and Sailors. Lumbermen. Sabbath Observance. Purity. Purity in Literature and Art. Mercy. Flower Mission. State and County Fairs. Legislation and Petition. Franchise. Peace and Arbitration.

SEC. 2. All meetings of the Union shall be opened by reading of Scripture and prayer.

SEC. 3. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting, and the same rule may apply to all other Committees.

SEC. 4. Officers shall remain such till their successors are elected.

SEC. 5. All members of the Union shall be entitled to vote.

SEC. 6. *Order of Business :—*

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Report of Recording Secretary.
3. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Report of Chairman of Executive Committee.
6. Reports of Superintendents.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Course of Reading.
11. Discussions.

SEC. 7. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Union, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Union.



Extracts from the Public Laws.

TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

CHAPTER 267 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

AN ACT relating to Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools.
Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SEC. 1. Provision shall be made by the proper local school authorities for instructing all pupils in all schools supported by public money, or under State control, in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

SEC. 2. No certificate shall be granted any person to teach in the public schools in this State after the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, who has not passed a satisfactory examination in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

[Approved February 19, 1885.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE SABBATH LAWS.

Whoever, on the Lord's Day, keeps open his shop, workhouse, warehouse, or place of business; travels, or does any work, labor or business on that day, except works of necessity or charity; uses any sport, game or recreation; or is present at any dancing, public diversion, show or entertainment, encouraging the same, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars.—R. S., Chap. 124, Sec. 20.

If any innholder or victualler, on the Lord's Day, suffers any persons except travelers, strangers or lodgers, to abide in his house, yard or field, drinking or spending their time idly, at play or doing any secular business, except works of necessity or charity, he shall be punished by fine not exceeding four dollars for each person thus suffered to abide; and if after conviction he is again guilty, by fine not exceeding ten dollars for each offence; and upon a third conviction, he shall also be incapable of holding any license; and every person so abiding shall be fined not exceeding four dollars for each offence.—R. S., Chap. 124, Sec. 21.

Sunday is a close time, on which it is not lawful to hunt, kill or destroy game or birds of any kind, under the penalties imposed therefor during other close times; but the penalties already imposed for violations of the Sunday laws are not repealed or diminished.—R. S., Chap 30, Sec. 27.

The jailer, at the expense of the county, shall furnish to each prisoner who is able to read, a copy of the Bible, and to all on Sunday, such religious instruction as he may be able to obtain without expense, and to such as may be benefited thereby, instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic one hour every evening except Sunday.—R. S., Chap. 80, Sec. 30.

CIGARETTE LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled:

SEC. 1. No person shall sell any cigarette to any person under the age of sixteen years.

SEC. 2. No person other than the minor's parent or guardian, shall give to any person under the age of sixteen years any cigarette, for such minor's personal use.

SEC. 3. Any person violating any of the foregoing provisions, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

IMPURE LITERATURE LAW.

[As amended in 1893]

SEC. 13. Whoever imports, prints, publishes, sells or distributes any book, pamphlet, ballad, printed paper, or other thing containing obscene, indecent, or impure language, or manifestly tending to the corruption of the morals of youth, or an obscene, indecent, or impure print, picture, figure or description, manifestly tending to the corruption of the morals of youth, or introduces into a family, school, or place of education, or buys, procures, receives, or has in his possession any such book, pamphlet, ballad, printed paper or other thing, either for the purpose of sale, exhibition, loan or circulation, or with intent to introduce the same into a family, school or place of education, shall be punished by imprisonment in the State prison not exceeding five years, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding two years, and by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars nor less than one hundred dollars.

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"FOR GOD, AND HOME, AND NERVOUS HAND."

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Suggestions to Local Unions.

It is very desirable that our Union should immediately inform the State Corresponding Secretary whenever any changes in their list of officers are made; also that the officers of new Unions be reported promptly.

Each Superintendent of the various departments of work has the privilege of selecting her committee, the number of the latter being limited to five.

Unions are requested to duplicate the State Committees as far as possible.

Since our next State annual meeting is to occur the last week in September, the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Superintendents will be much more complete if the local Unions will change the time of their annual meeting to the first week in September.

For all desired information about the *Union Signal* address the Superintendents of this department, or the *Union Signal*, The Temple Chicago.

Temperance Text Books and Temperance Literature can be obtained of the Superintendent of Temperance Literature, or at Headquarters, 150 Free Street, Portland.

Copies of the Minutes containing the Constitution will be furnished from Headquarters to Vice-Presidents, or ladies wishing to form a Union.

The Superintendents of the various branches of work will always be ready to assist those who desire information.

SARAH L. CRAM,
State Corresponding Secretary.

Plan of Work.

The following plan of work is recommended by the corresponding secretary to local Unions for their consideration and adoption as far as practicable :

1. Appoint a visiting committee to arouse and interest Christian women in the temperance cause, and secure them as members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
 2. Endeavor to increase the circulation of the *Union Signal*, the *Star in the East*, the *Oak and Ivy Leaf*, and the *Young Crusader*.
 3. Secure space for temperance matter in the local papers.
 4. Procure temperance literature and have it judiciously distributed.
 5. Hang up temperance hand-bills in churches, school-houses, town halls, public libraries, railroad stations, engine houses, factories, horse cars,—in short, wherever permission to do so can be obtained.
 6. Establish a loan library ; buy suitable temperance books and place them in the Sunday School libraries ; furnish tracts to put into Sunday School books.
 7. Hold gospel temperance meetings and distribute tracts on some topic suitable for each occasion.
 8. Circulate the pledge in the Sunday Schools and throughout the place.
 9. Urge the use of the "Temperance Lesson" once a quarter in the Sunday Schools ; also, advocate the introduction of temperance as a feature into Sunday School concerts.
 10. Request the pastors to preach a temperance sermon to the children as often as practicable.
 11. Secure the use of unfermented wine at the communion service.
 12. Form children's temperance societies.
 13. Urge the enforcement of the law providing for scientific temperance instruction in the public schools.
 14. Institute parlor meetings to be held once a month, if practicable.
 15. Hold meetings at almshouse, jail, and other charitable institutions, and distribute temperance and religious papers.
- "Praying always with all prayer and supplication" unto Him who "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

**NATIONAL AND WORLD'S PRESIDENT,
MISS FRANCES E. WILLARD.**

State Officers for 1894-'95.

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MINUTES.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 24, EVENING.

Executive meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. R. C. Hall.

Mrs. Blanchard, County Treasurer, explained the difficulty of reporting at Conventions the number of delegates each local Union was entitled to since the adoption of the method of remitting State dues through County Treasurers. This led to a discussion of the matter and resolved itself into this recommendation offered by Miss Dow of Portland, viz: That that part of by-law 6th requiring the Treasurer to report to the Convention the number of delegates to which each local Union is entitled be stricken out. Carried

Moved by Mrs. Blanchard that County Presidents in connection with County Treasurers report to the State Corresponding Secretary the number of delegates to which each local Union is entitled. Carried.

Miss Dow moved a reconsideration of the vote. Carried.

Miss Dow then moved the substitution of county Unions instead of local. Carried.

Voted, To hold an Executive meeting at 8.30 Tuesday morning the first item of business being the seating of delegates.

The Committee rose.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 25, A. M.

Executive meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Beedy. Arrangements were made for seating the delegates.

The Committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 25, A. M.

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union opened at the High St. Congregational Church, Auburn, Sept. 25, 1894.

The decorations of the church were numerous and beautiful. The pictures of Miss Willard and Lady Henry Somerset graced the platform, twined about with American and British flags.

Green vines, beautiful flowering plants, the banners of the various county organizations and mottoes adorned the church. "Welcome" was written across the organ front. Green foliage and bloom fell in the dark place in the recess at the rear of the church. The following are some of the mottoes:

"For God and Home and Every Land."

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

"The Lord giveth the word. The women that publisheth the tidings are a great host."

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."

"Whatever affects humanity is a part of our work."

"The W. C. T. U. stands for no sectarianism in religion, no sectionalism in politics, no sex in citizenship."

At 10 a. m., a devotional service was led by Rev. Sarah K. Taylor of Rockland. At 10.30 the roll was called. The general officers, except Mrs. Cram, and many of the vice presidents and superintendents answered to their names.

Mrs. Stevens said this was the first time since her election twelve years ago, that Mrs. Cram had been absent from the State Convention. She was rejoiced to say it was not sickness or sorrow that detained her, but a great joy; for into the home, two months ago, came a little baby boy, Robert Nathan. By a rising vote a telegram of congratulation was ordered sent to Judge and Mrs. Cram. Report of minutes of Executive Committee accepted.

Committee on Credentials appointed—Mrs. Thompson of Portland; Mrs. Fogg of Augusta; Mrs. Talbot of East Machias.

Committee on Courtesies—Mrs. Dennison of Auburn; Mrs. Hayes of Lewiston.

The badges prepared for the members of the Convention were distributed.

Mrs. Stevens, the president, made a little speech urging the members of the Convention to carry on the business of the session in accordance with parliamentary usage.

Mrs. Dennison was introduced as president of the hostess Union. Misses Theresa and Bertha Ballard were also presented as pages to serve during the first day of the session.

Mrs. Hall moved that the program as arranged by the general officers, be accepted, with such modifications as may be for the interest of the work.

Moved by Mrs. Dennison of Auburn, that the annual address of the State President and the Corresponding Secretary's report be reversed in order of presentation.

Moved by Mrs. Beedy of Farmington that the report of the Superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction be made the order of the day Wednesday at 10 a. m. Motion carried.

Moved by Mrs. Leavitt that the report on Homes for Homeless Children be made the order of the day at 11 o'clock. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Silsby of Washington County that a committee of two be appointed to gather the names of members who have died, for the memorial service. Mrs. Silsby and Mrs. Wilder chosen.

In the absence of the corresponding secretary her report was ably read by Mrs. Johnston. This report was of great interest. It gave a bird's eye view of the whole field, stating many things of special interest. Mrs. Cram's report gave brief reports for each Union, and the general sum of them all was that the work of the W. C. T. U. in Maine was never better than it is today. The report was accepted with instruction to have a fuller notice given of the general observance of Gen. Neal Dow's birthday by the local Unions of the State.

Miss Anna Cummings of South Africa was introduced. She was led to the platform and all hands stood and waved white handkerchiefs at her. Miss Cummings said that she wouldn't "inflict" a speech on them now. "You will hear enough of my voice later on." Then looking over the Convention she said, "But where are the Y's?"

Somebody said that the Y's would be in evidence later on.

Miss Cummings is a representative of the W. C. T. U. of Africa. She is the daughter of a Congregational minister, was educated at Mt. Holyoke and went as a missionary to South Africa. She has been a teacher for seven years in Huguenot Seminary, Latin and botany being her specialties. While thus working as a teacher, Miss

Cummings has devoted her spare time to the temperance cause, having been for five years colonial superintendent of Young Woman's Work in South Africa.

The report of Young Woman's Work was presented by Miss Lubelle Patrick of Groveville.

Mrs. Wyman of Augusta suggested the desirability of Miss Patrick visiting the Y's of the State, which was favorably received.

Miss Yates of New Jersey was presented, and related a very touching story of a little Arab boy who associated the name America with the American strong drink which had ruined his home in Egypt.

Mrs. Allen, a member of the Nebraska Union, was also introduced, and responded, in behalf of her state.

Miss Monroe of Lynn, Mass., was presented.

During the forenoon Mrs. C. F. Allen, honorary president of the State W. C. T. U. came forward and was greeted with applause.

Noon time prayer was offered by Mrs. Lucy Snow.

Mrs. E. B. Cheney, formerly president of the Rhode Island State Union was introduced.

Mrs. Houghton, the newly-elected president of the Somerset County Union, was introduced.

A call was made for Miss Millett. A lady in black arose and walked down the aisle. Approaching the front she was grasped by the hand and, Mrs. Stevens facing the audience, said, "Miss Millett. Miss Millett is the missionary from Bombay, India." Miss Millett bowed low, touching her forehead and saying, 'Peace be with you'—the East Indian form of salutation. She said, "As I entered here, I saw these standards with the names of the counties on them, but I saw no place for me. I saw none with 'Bombay, India' on it. Then I looked up and said 'Under God we are all one.'"

Kennebec County acknowledges a helpful visit from Mrs. Emilie Underhill Burgess.

Announcements were made and notices given. Doxology.
Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 25, P. M.

Prayer by Mrs. M. H. Wyman.

According to program, it is important that every county president respond in person or by substitute.

Moved to recommend that county delegations be filled from visitors from said counties irrespective of local Unions, at the discretion of the regularly chosen delegates.

The Executive Committee recommend that the delegations remain in their seats a few minutes at the close of each adjournment to transact any business that may arise belonging to that delegation, and wait for dismissal by chairman of the delegation.

The Committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 25, P. M.

Devotional meeting at 2.30, led by Mrs. Mary E. Richardson. Minutes of morning meeting read and approved.

Report of Executive Committee read and accepted, after discussion

The president's address was carefully prepared, well presented and enthusiastically received.

The recommendations were as follows :

Take the *Union Signal*.

Take the *Star in the East*. The latter should be most carefully read as it often contains important official notices valuable to local Unions and members.

Observe all the Red Letter Days of the society. They are set forth in the *Union Signal* and should be kept by all.

Each local Union should have a large list of honorary members.

Increase your membership. Hundreds of women in every town and city stand ready to join the W. C. T. U. if it is explained and if they are asked to. How frequently, indeed, do you hear ladies say, "I was asked at such and such a time to join, but I never knew much about the W. C. T. U. I would join it if I had an opportunity."

Use the White Ribbon Hymnal at your meetings.

Always wear the White Ribbon. You cannot define the amount of good that it will do. It is hard to tell in a short time all that it means, but always wear it.

I recommend an all-day session at Augusta this winter during the Legislature on the day before the hearing on municipal suffrage for women.

That the State Union pay \$10 a year for five years to Madam Sakarai's School of Christian Education for girls in Japan.

The address was received with thanks, and the recommendations referred to the Executive Committee.

The state treasurer, Mrs. Blanchard, reported for the general treasury and the *Star in the East*. The total receipts for the year are \$3,499.53; total expenditures, \$3,075.35; in the treasury now, \$424.18—of which \$274.30 is to the credit of the *Star*.

Mrs. S. J. Jewett of Mechanic Falls, auditor, reported that she had examined the accounts of the treasurer very carefully, and found them perfectly correct. Accepted. After which the reports of the auditor and of the treasurer were accepted by a rising vote of thanks.

The *Star* Prize Banner offered for the largest number of subscribers according to membership in the local Unions was awarded to Piscataquis County. Mrs. Martin of Foxcroft, county corresponding secretary, received the banner for the county with these words: "We thank you very much for the banner—and we dare you all to get it next year."

The address of Miss Anna Cummings was listened to with the greatest interest and delight.

The names of the committee on resolutions were read as follows: Androscoggin, Miss Mary E. Perkins; Aroostook, Mrs. H. E. Ebbett; Cumberland, Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt; Franklin, Mrs. Marian Knapp; Hancock, Mrs. Geo. G. Winslow; Kennebec, Mrs. M. H. Wyman; Knox, Mrs. A. E. Bradford; Lincoln, Mrs. Emma Potter; Oxford, Miss Bell Shirley; Penobscot, Mrs. W. N. Carr; Piscataquis, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Louise Packard; Somerset, Mrs. Eva Bryant; Waldo, Mrs. C. E. Cottrell; Washington, Mrs. E. A. Holmes; York, Mrs. M. A. Snow.

A meeting of the committee was appointed.

Announcements were made and notices given. Doxology.

Adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 25, EVENING.

The services opened by singing Coronation, Mr. E. W. Hanscom at the organ.

Scripture reading and prayer by Miss Anna Cummings.

Music.

The Convention was then welcomed by Mayor Hillman Smith, in behalf of the city, Rev. Carl S. Patton in behalf of the churches, and by Mrs. Dennison, president of the Auburn Union. Mrs. Hattie C. Keyes eloquently responded to the welcome.

A special feature of the evening was the three-minute speeches by the county presidents, each of whom spoke in a manner fully demonstrating the fact stated by Mrs. Stevens, that our county presidents are "bright women."

Collection.

Doxology.

Benediction by Rev. C. S. Patton.

Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 26, A. M.

Prayer by Mrs. Jewett.

Mrs. Blanchard moved that Miss Emily Miller of No. Seasmont be appointed to take subscriptions for the *Union Signal* and the *Star in the East* at the reduced rates secured by her. Mrs. Blanchard moved that Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, and Mrs. A. S. Johnston be a committee to formulate a plan for county organization.

Recommended, That each local Union shall hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., the last week in August or the first in September.

That the recording secretary of each county Union give notice to each county officer of her election and other information that may be deemed requisite.

That the suggestion by the president that an all day meeting of the state Union be held in Augusta on the day prior to the hearing on the women suffrage question be carried out.

The Committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 26, A. M.

At 9.30 a service of praise and prayer was conducted by Mrs. L. W. Clark. Minutes of afternoon meeting read and approved.

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting read and accepted except the recommendation relating to the annual meeting, which was referred back to the committee.

Mrs. Bailey moved that a letter be sent to Miss Campbell, president of the W. C. T. U. of South Africa, expressing our appreciation of the work of Miss Cummings for the Y's in this country. Carried, and Mrs. Bailey was requested to prepare such a letter.

The order of the day was called for the report of the superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

Mrs. G. F. French made her report, and offered the following resolutions which were adopted :

Resolved, First, That we rejoice that Scientific Temperance is now a mandatory study for all pupils, in all public schools, in thirty-nine States, including our own State of Maine, and in all schools under Federal control, including those in the Territories, the District of Columbia, Indian and colored schools, military and naval academies, comprising more than 13,000,000 of the children and youth of school age in this country.

Resolved, Second, That we believe the thorough enforcement of these laws is the hope of the Temperance Reform ; and that while recognizing with gratitude provision for such enforcement, wherever it has been made, we believe that the carelessness and neglect concerning its enforcement, on the part of many school executors of this law in our State, is not only depriving our public school pupils of this warning instruction, which is their legal right, but also setting before them an example of disregard to law, by school officers and teachers, which is liable to be followed by a spirit of lawlessness on the part of numbers of pupils who witness this neglect ; which lawlessness can illy be afforded under this "government of the people."

We therefore call upon all school boards, officers, and teachers to set before the children of this State, who are soon to be its men and women, an example of loyal obedience to law, by promptly making adequate provision, where such provision is lacking, for the pursuit of the study of Physiological Temperance, by

1st, Selecting or providing a series of well-graded text-books on this topic that contain the truths the law requires taught ; and

2d, By making an adequate place for this branch in the course of study for all pupils in all schools under their control, with the same examinations or tests of the pupils' proficiency as are used in the case of other studies. In short, we ask that they require this compulsory study to be pursued in all respects as thoroughly as other mandatory branches are.

Resolved, Third, That while we appreciate the good school work in Scientific Temperance that some faithful teachers are doing, we believe there is great need of information as to the best methods of teaching this branch.

We therefore respectfully ask The National Education Association (comprised of representative school officers and teachers, legal executors of the school laws of this

country) to make permanent and adequate provision in the programmes of their yearly meetings for consideration of methods of teaching to all pupils in all schools the new mandatory study, viz., The Nature and Effects of Alcoholic Drinks and other Narcotics in connection with Relative Physiology and Hygiene.

Resolved, Fourth, That we advise our local, county, and State Superintendents of Scientific Temperance Instruction to secure the widest possible publication of the three foregoing resolutions in every paper published in this State, and that copies of the same be sent to State, county, and local school officials and teachers. We advise also that copies of our State Temperance Education Law be inserted in the papers with these resolutions.

Mr. Stetson, supervisor of the Auburn schools was introduced, and made some very telling remarks.

Mrs. Helen M. Barker treasurer of the National Union, was introduced and gave the Convention some cheering information regarding the financial status of the Woman's Temperance Publishing Association.

The following telegram from Mrs. Sarah L. Cram of Biddeford, corresponding secretary, was received and read :

Love and greeting to you and this Twentieth Annual Convention. Phil. chap. 1, verses 3, 4, 5 and 6.

A telegram of love and greeting was sent to Miss Frances E. Willard.

The report of Miss Harriet A. Leavitt, Portland, for the department of Securing Homes for Homeless Children was ably presented and listened to with deep interest. She described in an interesting manner the method of locating needy children and the operation of the intelligence bureau in placing children in homes.

The report was accepted by a rising vote.

Voted, To refer the recommendations of the report to Executive Committee, and also to consider some method of raising money for the department.

A telegram was ordered sent to the Convention of the Maritime Provinces in session at Fredericton.

Memorial Services opened by singing Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar" by Miss Rice.

Reading of names of the sisters and honorary members who have died during the year.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. LIZZIE B. WALKER, Mechanic Falls.
MRS. ANN SEDGELEY, Greene.
MRS. CARRIE DAY, Livermore Falls.
MRS. CORA ELLIOT, Livermore Falls.
MRS. MOORE, Livermore Falls.
MRS. H. A. OSGOOD, Lewiston.
MRS. A. P. WHITE, Lewiston.
MRS. FLORA A. RACKLIFF.
MISS MABEL PIERCE.
MRS. K. SMITH.
MRS. R. SMITH.
MRS. H. WARD.
MRS. H. DUNN.
MR. J. WITHEE, Honorary.
MRS. MARY E. LEAVITT, Portland.
MRS. BURNHAM, Portland.
MISS JUDITH HALL, Westbrook Y.
MRS. NELLIE P. PHINNEY, South Windham.
MRS. CAROLINE BICKFORD, South Windham.
MRS. SUSAN HANSON, Cumberland Mills.
MRS. ALBERT COOK, Windham Center.
MRS. MARTHA STANWOOD, Brunswick.
MISS M. J. NOYES, President, Brunswick.
DEA. A. C. CHANDLER, New Gloucester.
MRS. EVA DANFORTH, Farmington.
MRS. LOUISE GILBERT, Kingfield.
MRS. LENA HINDS LUCE, Kingfield.
MRS. MARY ELDRIDGE, Kingfield.
MRS. STELLA KEYES, North Jay.
MRS. MARTHA DASCOMB, Wilton.
MRS. ALASIA HIGGINS, Bar Harbor.

MISS ALICE SUMINSBY, Bar Harbor.
 MRS. AMANDA BOWLER, South Hancock.
 MRS. REBECCA J. STURGIS, Augusta.
 MRS. LUCY BLACKMAN, Augusta.
 MRS. LANE BOARDMAN, Augusta.
 MISS ALICE BLANCHARD, Hallowell Y.
 MRS. RUTH LINCOLN, China.
 MRS. H. H. CRIE, Rockland.
 MRS. KENISTON, Union.
 MRS. PRICILLA BROWN, Broad Cove.
 MRS. CLEMENT, Bangor.
 MRS. S. J. PICKARD, Crusade.
 MRS. A. A. HARVEY, Kenduskeag.
 MRS. J. H. HIGGINS, Charleston.
 MRS. MANSELL, Greenville.
 MRS. MCPHETERS, Guilford.
 MRS. MARY A. BROWN, Fairfield.
 MRS. MARY KNIGHTS.
 MISS FANNIE E. COX, East Machias.
 MRS. CLARA BURNHAM, Cherryfield.
 MRS. E. C. SMALL, Cherryfield.
 MRS. MAGGIE MALLER, Eastport.
 MR. L. T. REYNOLDS, Pembroke.
 MRS. LUELLA F. J. MORTON, Kennebunk.
 MRS. PETTINER, Old Orchard.

Mrs. Stevens followed with words of love and respect for these beloved and faithful comrades who have left us in person but whose gentle and elevating influence abides with us.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Freeman of Bar Harbor.

Miss Willard's poem, "On Heights of Power," was sung by Miss Rice.

The services closed by singing "In the Sweet By and By" led by Miss Rice, and Aaronite Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Stevens.

Mrs. M. H. Wyman was requested to convey a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. Ida M. B. Wyman who is just recovering from a severe illness.

Notices were read, and the Doxology sung.

Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 26, P. M.

Prayer by Mrs. Getchell.

Moved to recommend that Miss Dow and Mrs. Spaulding arrange counties so as to bring the most equitable distribution of national delegates.

Mrs. Annie B. Emerson of Piscataquis County recommended as superintendent of Hygienic Reform.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt recommended as superintendent of Work Among Foreign Speaking People.

Committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 26, P. M.

At 2 o'clock a Bible Reading was conducted by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow.

Minutes of morning meeting read and approved. Minutes of Executive Committee read and accepted.

Mrs. N. S. Fernald reported for the department of Temperance Literature. Good work has been done and a large amount of literature distributed in various ways.

Miss Mary L. French reported for the Press department. 1,000 columns of space has been filled by county superintendents in local newspapers.

Miss Kimball, Kennebunk, has furnished over sixty columns during the year for a York county local weekly.

Mrs. Flora A. Wright, State organizer, read an exhaustive report indicating the growth of the new Unions and the meetings that have been held to promote the extension of the work. Seventy-two meetings have been held, and seven new unions have been organized.

Mrs. Dudley of Pembroke and Mrs. Graffam of Rumford Falls were greeted as presidents of new Unions.

The recording secretary was instructed to write to the mother of Miss Suminsby thanking her for flowers received from her, and expressing our sympathy for her in her great loss, which is also our loss.

The report of the Evangelistic Work was made the order of the day for 11.30 A. M., Thursday.

Miss Annie C. Bagley of Springvale reported for the department of Juvenile Work. The songs, badges, plan of organization and instruction were explained and the rapid growth of the Loyal Temperance Legion discussed.

The Committee on Credentials reported.

Whole number present 252. The Convention therefore is the largest ever held in Maine by about fifty delegates.

The election of officers being the next order of business, Mrs. N. O. Odlin of Androscoggin was called to the chair.

"He Leadeth Me" was sung by the congregation, led by Miss Rice of Portland.

Mrs. B. C. Beedy, Mrs. G. F. French, Mrs. Geo. M. Brainerd and Miss Estelle Brainerd acted as tellers.

After the informal ballot the recording secretary was directed to cast the vote of the convention for Mrs. Stevens for the ensuing year which was done. Mrs. L. J. Spaulding was requested to present Mrs. Stevens to the Convention. Mrs. Stevens was greeted by the rising of the entire audience, the Chautauqua salute and the singing of the Doxology.

Mrs. Stevens responded in a few words of grateful and sincere appreciation. She then referred to the forming of the state organization at Old Orchard twenty years ago, and asked if any other woman present at that time, was present now. Mrs. Oscar Holway of Augusta was, so far as could be ascertained, the only other woman present at that time.

Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, Biddeford, corresponding secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell, Rockland, and Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Lewiston, treasurer, were re-elected. Mrs. A. S. Johnston was nominated as assistant recording secretary by Miss Farwell and confirmed by the Convention.

A telegram was sent to Mrs. Cram announcing to her her re-election.

The following delegates to the National Convention at Cleveland were chosen :

Aroostook—Mrs F. A. Wright ; Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, alternate.

Androscoggin and Waldo—Miss A. A. Hicks, Belfast ; alternate, Mrs. J. T. Dennison, Auburn.

Cumberland—Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland ; alternate, Mrs. Clara T. Shaw, North Gorham.

Oxford, Somerset and York—Mrs. Anna M. Hussey, South Berwick ; alternate, Mrs. M. F. Bunker, North Anson.

Franklin and Hancock—Mrs. Carrie F. Keyes, North Jay ; alternate, Mrs. Ann F. Greely, Ellsworth.

Doxology. Adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 26, EVENING.

The exercises were opened by singing Coronation. Scripture reading by Mrs. H. J. Bailey. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Cole.

Miss Henrietta D. Rice of Portland followed with a solo. Miss Rice has assisted greatly in the musical portion of the Convention, and was publicly thanked by Mrs. Stevens Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Helen M. Barker was then introduced by Mrs. Stevens.

Mrs. Barker made a magnetic and strikingly logical plea for prohibition. She said : "You may regulate a wrong to all eternity and you'll never make it right. There isn't a law laid down in the decalogue that the saloon doesn't violate and defile." * * * "In four-fifths of South Dakota towns," says Mrs. Barker, "prohibition is just as well enforced as any law on our statute books. They say that high license will take the rum business out of the hands of the cheap class and place it with 'respectable' parties. Yes, and thus it is made a hundred times more dangerous and more seductive. Will it mend the breaking hearts of the mothers to know that their boys went to ruin 'respectably?' I am here to assert today that prohibition is the very best plan ever proposed. It is a thousand times better, even poorly enforced, than free rum. In Chicago the curse is rampant and unchecked with our high officials sitting passive in their offices. It's a great national

conspiracy against law that we are struggling against. It is better to send over the water and import a king to rule over us than sit down and supinely allow the saloon keeper to hold his horrid sway in our land."

Music. Collection.

Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 27, A. M.

Prayer by Mrs. Houghton.

Moved that a committee be chosen to raise money for the department of Homes for Homeless Children. Miss Dow, Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. Talbot, and Mrs. Holway appointed as such committee.

Voted, That each state superintendent should have yearly \$5.00 for postage, to be paid just before the Annual Convention.

Moved that Miss Louise Titcomb be appointed as superintendent of department of Franchise, and Mrs. A. F. Greely lecturer for that department.

Moved that the old board of superintendents be re-elected, excepting such changes as have already been made.

The Committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27. A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. F. A. Wright. Minutes read and approved.

Minutes of executive meeting accepted.

Voted, That the time for each superintendent shall not exceed ten minutes and that Mrs. H. J. Bailey be appointed as time keeper.

Mrs. L. J. Spaulding of Caribou for the department on Unfermented Wine at Sacramento, reported that fermented wine had been banished from nearly every church in the state.

Mrs. H. J. Bailey reported for the department of the Reformatory Prison for Women. She said that the project had moved but slowly, and she recommended that the matter be allowed to rest awhile until a sentiment in favor of it has been aroused in our state. Recommendation adopted.

Mrs. Bailey also read the report of Mrs. F. A. Rollins of Winthrop, superintendent of department of Sabbath Observance. That famous Sunday concert affair in Augusta was adduced as a sample of the earnest work performed. The public will recall that the Augusta W. C. T. U. battled most uncompromisingly against the "sacred" concert and the Sunday opening of a local "garden."

Mrs. R. C. Hall of Knox read a note from Miss Alzira L. Crie of Rockland thanking the Convention for prayer offered in her behalf last year and expressing her gratitude for the answered prayer. At the request of Mrs. Stevens Mrs. Hall offered a prayer of thankfulness to God for this great mercy.

For the department of Purity, Mrs. Flora A. Wright of Yarmouthville reported. A large amount of literature has been distributed in all portions of the State.

Mrs. Emma Potter of Lincoln Co. read the report on Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work for the superintendent, Mrs. B. Minard of Lewiston.

Mrs. Abbie J. Benner and Mrs. Mary McCollum, of the committee on entertainment, were introduced to the Convention and complimented for their work.

Rev. Dr. Penny addressed the Convention briefly, also N. F. Woodbury, esq., of Auburn.

Work among railroad employees was reported by Mrs. R. S. Thomas of Greene. This work has been in progress but one year.

Mrs. Helen A. Barker of South Dakota spoke briefly on this subject and emphasized its importance. She said that railroad work in the west, not only among the employees, but visitation among the wives and mothers, was in successful progress.

Moved that we in some way express our disapprobation of the prominence given by the press to reports of prize fights, sparring matches, etc. Referred to committee on resolutions.

The following telegram from Fredericton, N. B., was received and read:

Convention sent greetings through executive. Malachi 3: 16 to 18.

EDITH J. ARCHIBALD, *Pres.*

Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman of Missouri, assistant recording secretary was introduced to the Convention and brought a cheerful and most friendly greeting.

Mrs. M. H. Wyman of Kennebec moved that all White Ribbon women be admitted free to the evening meeting. The motion was laid upon the table until afternoon.

Miss Edith Libby of Portland presented the report of the Flower Mission. All parts of Maine report extensive work in this line.

Mrs. Edith N. Oakes reported for department of State and County Fairs that a large amount of literature has been distributed and missionary work performed at the various fairs.

The order of the day was taken up and Mrs Lucy A. Snow reported for Evangelistic Work. She said that never had the work shown such growth and progress as during the past year, and those who have done the most work under circumstances calling for exceptional self-denial are fullest of courage and inspiration for another year.

Noon-tide prayer by Mrs. Wadsworth of Kennebec.

Announcements. Doxology.

Adjourned.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 27, P. M.

Opened with prayer.

The committee recommend that all arrangements concerning the sale and giving of tickets be left with the committee first selected, namely, Mrs. Blanchard and Mrs. Dennison, assuring the Convention that this matter has been thoroughly discussed by the executive committee, and that arrangements have been made to provide each member of any Union with a ticket.

The committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27, P. M.

Miss Millet read the scriptures and offered prayer, after which she gave a most interesting account of her work in India.

Reading of minutes and executive minutes which were duly accepted.

Lady Henry Somerset introduced, and received with great applause and prolonged waving of handkerchiefs. She made a brief address.

Miss Rice sang most charmingly, "Flee as a Bird."

Mrs. Johnston read the report of Mrs. A. F. Greely on Franchise. Mrs. Greely took an optimistic view of the situation and argued that there had been within the past year a distinct movement in the way of securing the ballot for women.

F. L. Dingley of Auburn, Rev. Mr. Stackpole, Auburn, Rev. H. R. Rose, Auburn, Rev. H. A. Clifford, Richmond, Rev. Mr. Clark, Mechanic Falls, and Rev. Mr. Towne, Auburn, addressed the Convention and endorsed the ballot reform movement.

Mrs. G. F. French reported for the department of Narcotics and recommended more earnest work in behalf of the children.

Mrs. Anna M. Hussey of North Berwick reported on Systematic Giving and urged the great importance of this branch of our work.

The department of Peace and Arbitration reported through Miss Douglass that much work had been done.

Mrs. L. C. Lamb reported for the department of Legislation and Petition, and urged the necessity of much work before the meeting of the Legislature this winter.

Mrs. Ebbett of Houlton read the following letter :

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :

In behalf of the Houlton Union I invite the State Convention to hold its next session at Houlton.

As you are all aware the Convention of 1895 will be the 21st anniversary of the State Convention. Next year will also be the tenth anniversary of the Houlton Union, and it has been suggested that it be made a double celebration. In order to make it a grand success we want the ablest Temperance Speakers obtainable. Miss Willard has been named, and Mrs. Livermore, Rev. Anna Shaw, Miss Clara C. Hoffman, and Mrs. Helen M. Barker ; our hopes are even high enough to include Lady Henry Somerset.

We would respectfully suggest a change in the time of holding the Convention, recommending that the method of the National Convention be followed by having it open Thursday and hold over Sunday. We would also like to have it convene as early as the 12th of September, as the Supreme Judicial Court sits at Houlton the third Tuesday of September, and at that time the Town is usually crowded with visitors, making the entertainment of a large delegation very difficult.

We hope you will favorably consider these points, and give us the great pleasure of entertaining the Convention of 1895.

The invitation was accepted with grateful thanks.

Mrs. Spaulding moved that the reports which have been presented be accepted. Carried.

In addition to the delegates to the National Convention at Cleveland, O., already reported, the following were elected Thursday afternoon :

Kennebec and Sagadahoc—Mrs. M. H. Wyman, Augusta ; Mrs. H. B. Jordan, Bath, alternate.

Piscataquis and Penobscot—Mrs. Mary R. Wade, Dover ; Mrs. Ellen H. McCully, Charleston, alternate.

Washington, Lincoln and Knox—Mrs. Bernard Rogers ; Mrs. Emma T. Potter, alternate.

“Y” delegate, Miss Florence Fuller, Augusta ; alternate, Miss Belle Downs, Houlton.

The committee on resolutions reported through Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt of Portland as follows :

We, members of the Maine W. C. T. U., assembled in this, the twentieth year of our organization, render thanks to the Lord our God for his protecting care and guidance in the years that have passed and pray that more entire consecration may mark our service in the future. We reaffirm our allegiance to the mighty work that has been ours, and that is before us, looking unceasingly to the only source of power—the Lord our Master.

Resolved, That we are deeply grateful for the return and restoration to health of our beloved National President Frances Willard, and desire to express our heartfelt thanks to Lady Henry Somerset for all she has been to and is to Miss Willard and to our cause throughout the world.

Resolved, That we reaffirm our belief in the righteousness of the principal of prohibition, and condemn alike the non-enforcement of the prohibitory law and all systems (including the Gothenburg) which provide for licensing the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That the enfranchisement of women, upon the same basis as men, is not only just but necessary, for the highest interests of our citizens and the republic, and we pledge ourselves to talk, work and pray for this until we obtain it. We will diligently circulate the petitions now ready, asking our next Legislature for municipal suffrage, which we regard as a stepping stone to our full enfranchisement. We will try to influence the newly elected representatives from our respective districts to vote for this measure and will do all in our power to secure this potent means for the protection of our homes and the uplifting of our sex.

Whereas, The White Ribbon is the symbol chosen by the W. C. T. U. to express the principles and loyalty of its organization,

Resolved, That we magnify the importance of wearing the bow of white, not only at home, but in our journeyings, knowing it to be our best introduction to other faithful workers, and a constant silent protest against the legalized liquor traffic.

Resolved, That realizing the mighty influence wielded by the public press we do urge the local Unions to use their most earnest endeavor to secure space in their local papers and see that no opportunity be neglected which will serve to bring this work before the public.

Resolved, That the Maine W. C. T. U., through its superintendents of departments for securing homes for homeless children and legislation and petitions shall endeavor to secure from our next legislature adequate laws for the protection of children.

Resolved, That we deplore the fact that so much space in our newspapers is devoted to prize fights and similar exhibitions.

Resolved, That we use our methods and helps in our juvenile work in preference to those of other organizations.

Whereas, Representations have been made in England by an American that the W. C. T. U. of this country make no protest against the crime of lynching, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Maine W. C. T. U. has only condemnation for this outrage against Christian civilization and demands for every one accused of crime a just and fair trial in courts of the law.

Resolved, That we note with gratification the great interest in the polyglot petition and pledge ourselves to assist all we can in the project of sending it around the world.

Resolved, That as the departments of our work are too many for special mention we would recommend to our Unions the careful consideration of co-operation with all of them as far as possible.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the local Union of Auburn and all other friends who have so cordially welcomed us to their homes and generously provided for our comfort in every way. To the first Congregational church, its pastor, and society, for the use of its church edifice; to the Ricker Brothers for their generous offer to provide Poland Spring water for the delegates and their hostesses; to the press for all courtesies extended by them; to the lines traveled for reduced rates, and to all who have in any way contributed to make this Convention a success, especially to the decorations committee, Mrs. Taylor, chairman, and entertainment committee represented by the chairman and secretary, Mrs. Benner and Mrs. McCollum.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted. Doxology.

Adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27, EVENING.

Mrs. Stevens read a Scripture lesson.

Mrs. H. B. C. Beedy offered prayer.

Miss Rice most beautifully rendered the solo "Hosanna in the Highest."

Mrs. Stevens then introduced Lady Henry Somerset in her own inimitable way.

Lady Henry said, "Not as a stranger do I stand among you here tonight, for what woman could feel as a stranger surrounded by the badges of our society. Among the happiest recollections of my life are those which I have carried away from your country; my finest inspirations have been received from you—and so I have just come over for another refreshing visit to you." * * *
 "I find," she said, "that when any one stands staunchly for a law it is generally difficult to take it away from them. Over here you seem frequently to underestimate what we are accomplishing in

England. The fact that you are in sympathy with us is a great source of inspiration. We have had a more successful year in England than for some time. The battle is hard. Had it not been for some of you who have come over to help us I know not how well we should have succeeded. One reason why we are now succeeding in our temperance work is because one of the leaders of the great parties is pledged to us. I don't know how it is in America, but in England politicians are generally with the sentiments that seem likely to prevail."

Following the address of Lady Somerset Mrs. Hoffman made a spirited and eloquent address on "What hinders the coming of the Lord?" Mrs. Hoffman is a woman of prepossessing appearance—pleasant face, wonderfully sweet voice, and utter candor and fearlessness in her discussions of conditions and institutions. Among her readiest and most effective weapons are wit and sarcasm both of which she uses with the ease of a master. The address was a statesman-like discussion of the stumbling blocks in the Lord's highway. Hard times, intemperance, immigration and other kindred topics were handled strongly and yet in good temper.

At the close of Mrs Hoffman's address brief remarks were made by Mrs. Susan S. Fessenden, President of Massachusetts Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

America was sung with great enthusiasm.

Mrs. R. C. Hall of Knox moved that the Twentieth Annual Convention of Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union now adjourn and the audience joined in singing the hymn "God be with you till we meet again."

Adjourned.

Benediction.

EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 28, A. M.

Prayer by Mrs. Horton.

The unread reports were accepted, and ordered printed in the minutes on the same footing as the others.

The executive committee instructed the recording secretary to write to each state superintendent, suggesting to her that it is desira-

ble that she should present her report extemporaneously, and that five minutes will be given her for such presentation, and five more for discussion.

A telegram came from Miss Willard addressed to the Convention and its president. To the former the Scripture references, Isaiah 9:3, and Psalms 14:7; to the latter, Proverbs 31:25, 29, 31.

"Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy! they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil."

"O that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad."

"Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

The press superintendent was instructed to send Miss Willard a suitable reply for her birthday. The message sent was as follows:

AUBURN, MAINE, Sept. 28, 1894.

To Frances E. Willard, The Temple, Chicago, Ill.:

Congratulations. Thanks for your message enthusiastically received. "Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity, therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

MAINE W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

All unfinished business was referred to the general officers.

The committee rose.

CLARA M. FARWELL,
Recording Secretary.



President's Address.

The president refused to have her address printed preferring to give the space to the superintendents.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Madam President and Comrades:

The work of our Unions is like a beautiful mosaic. The Florentine artist wrought patiently day after day, piecing together the tiny fragments of rainbow glass to fashion delicate leaf and flower and just in this way the faithful women of our white ribbon host are working to perfect each little plan and endeavor to fit each into its own place. Then all these apparently insignificant efforts being brought together make a wonderful result—the great mosaic of the State and National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Each vice president reports a gain in her county and speaks in praise of the work accomplished by the Unions.

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

Mrs. N. O. Odlin writes thus of Androscoggin county: "I have eight (8) Unions to report, all working with earnestness of purpose and increasing interest. The society at Greene is doing well in the departments especially along the line of caring for homeless children and helping the needy. Turner has given attention to temperance teaching and has been active in several lines of work with excellent results. South Durham Union is in good working order and numbers in its membership some earnest workers. Sabattis Union is small but has done grand work among the children. Auburn is large and prosperous. Many departments are taken up, special attention is given to social purity and caring for homeless children. Through the earnest and persistent efforts of this Union a city police

matron was appointed. Livermore Falls reports encouragingly; nine (9) departments are taken up and much good work done. Lewiston is strong in numbers and carries on as heretofore the good work of caring for the homeless little ones. Fourteen (14) departments have received attention with excellent results. Mechanic Falls has experienced an increase in interest and the workers are greatly encouraged."

AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

Mrs. L. J. Spaulding reports Aroostook county as follows: "We have had a successful year; our county missionary, a Christian talented woman, has worked nine weeks visiting every Union and some outlying stations needing temperance work and encouragement. She delivered forty-two addresses, held twenty-two parlor meetings, has added one hundred and fifteen members including the honoraries and the Island Falls Union; has distributed 4025 pages of literature and the collections have nearly paid the bills. Our executive committee think that this is the way to keep in touch with our Unions. I hope each county will try this line of work for I know from our experience that it will make our efforts much more successful."

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Miss Dow thus briefly reviews the work of Cumberland county: "I am sorry not to be able to report any new Unions this year but I feel sure that the work has progressed and the Unions have been strengthened by re-enforcements and activity. There have been held during the year three conference meetings aside from the annual convention in different sections of the county in which the surrounding Unions to the number of five or six have participated. These meetings have awakened interest in several communities where nothing was known of our work and we are sure a great help to the Unions with which they have been held. Some of the Unions have been active in the department of temperance instruction in the public schools, New Gloucester Union having invited the school board to attend a meeting at which this department was ably presented by some of their members. Portland Union has begun a valuable work among the school children addicted to the cigarette habit and has been unusually active in flower mission work to which it has added a

fruit department. I cannot specify particularly the good work of all our Unions, among which that of our only Y. the Westbrook stands out prominently."

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

From Franklin county Mrs. H. B. Beedy sends this report: "From this standpoint as I look back over the year's work I am impressed that there has been a healthful development in all the lines of work taken up in the county. There has been a marked growth of the workers—a spiritual unfolding.

Perhaps the following resolutions express the spirit of our annual meeting better than any extended report :

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of our Heavenly Father in all our work and trust in His Divine guidance.

Resolved, That our influence be brought to bear against all evil and that we claim equal standards of purity for men and women.

We recommend the subject of equal suffrage to the intelligent consideration of all women.

I am very glad to report that our paid up membership exceeds that of any previous year.

A new Union was formed at West's Mills (Industry) Sept. 3, 1894. It is small but made up of excellent material. Our worthy state president Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens has paid the county five visits during the year.

Mrs. Ellen B. Deitrich of Boston addressed the Normal students in June on the subject of Equal Suffrage."

HANCOCK COUNTY.

Good work has been done in Hancock county, especially in the Bar Harbor, Ellsworth and Bluehill Unions. The Unions are small in membership and labor under some disadvantages but the results in some departments of work are very gratifying.

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Mrs. M. H. Wyman, president of Kennebec county has this encouraging word to say : "We are still nine in number. In Augusta efforts have been made by the Union in connection with the pastors in the direction of Sabbath observance. The general work at the jail and in the city has progressed as usual. Crusade Day was fittingly observed in most of the Unions. Gardiner has undertaken

some new departments and has done excellent work in the line of temperance instruction in the public schools; to this end literature was circulated, supervisor interviewed, and a reception held for school officers and teachers. Hallowell has been in obscurity this year. Monmouth and Vassalboro are still living but need encouragement, enthusiasm and strength for greater victories. Winthrop Centre is always active and in earnest as it cannot help being with such a president. The China and South China Unions united July 31st in entertaining the county president and a public meeting was held. The county published a beautiful souvenir and directory which was distributed without expense to the Unions."

KNOX COUNTY.

Knox county is reported by Mrs. R. C. Hall as follows: "I do not hesitate to say that the past year has been the best year our organization has ever known. Our county convention was most helpful. The reports of superintendents show very faithful work done and in many instances gratifying results. Almost every Union reports an increase of membership. One new Union has been organized and is already making its influence felt in the community. Splendid work was done in our county by Mrs. Bullock; she was present at our convention and delivered five addresses in the county. She also spoke at Thomaston, Prison Day. Unusual attention has been given to the legal aspect of the temperance question. In some localities it has been made exceedingly uncomfortable for law-breakers. While we believe that every member of our organization should be free to follow the dictates of her own conscience in these matters, we are glad that there are those among us who have the courage of their convictions and are willing to resist the enemy face to face."

LINCOLN COUNTY.

Mrs. Winslow thus sums up the work in Lincoln county: "It is not necessary to go into details as these come out in the departmental reports. The situation in our county has not materially changed since last year. There have been accessions and some have fallen out. The Unions have done much in the line of benevolent and charitable work but not much in the line of prosecuting liquor

sellers, not from lack of moral courage nor from indifference but simply because we cannot obtain evidence against them, but we are on the watch tower and woe betide the man who can be proven as transgressor in this particular. Our county convention was well attended and Mrs. Bullock proved most helpful in the absence of our state president."

OXFORD COUNTY.

Mrs. Pierce, president of Western Oxford county, says: "Interest in the work has increased and we stand ready to do whatever our hands find to do. Hiram Union has been instrumental in seizing several boxes of liquor, also in sending two girls to the Industrial school, and a child taken from the "Town Farm" and placed in a good permanent home. Sabbath school work has been the chief course of the Brownfield Union." Mrs. Robinson, president at Eastern Oxford county writes: "There has been good work done in my section of the county the past year. Different lines of work have been taken up with good will. No new Unions have yet been organized. Our convention was held with the Bethel Union, one of the smartest in the county, and was a perfect success; our state president was with us, aiding as only she can. In all we have had excellent work done."

PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

Penobscot county is thus encouragingly reported by Mrs. Annie V. Curtis: "We have had more work done than usual the past year. Mrs. Bullock was with us for a week in June, giving us grand help at our county convention. She brought to our county a new inspiration from more aggressive workers. Mrs. Wright has been with us twice during the year giving several lectures on social purity, holding parlor meetings, organizing new and visiting weak Unions, 'Stirring up our pure minds by way of remembrance.' We have increased in members and general interest in the work and we have awakened to a new appreciation of our opportunities and our privileges."

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

Mrs. Ella Getchell, president of Piscataquis county writes: "The work has advanced in our county the past year, old Unions have been revived and reorganized and new Unions formed. Foxcroft

and Dover carry on twenty departments with most excellent results. Guilford, Shirley and Greenville Unions are also active in many lines ; the latter has a Y branch which assists. Sangerville and Sebec are recently organized but are entering the work with zeal and enthusiasm. Milo has revived and is in a healthy condition, the county convention was entertained here. Mrs. Wright has been working in our county and organized recently at Atkinson. The Piscataquis and Penobscot County Unions furnished an evening address on "Responsibilities of Teachers" and two talks on Scientific Temperance at the Piscataquis Teachers' Association at Foxcroft."

SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

Mrs. Delano speaks of the work in Sagadahoc county as follows : "A knowledge of temperance work has been extended in our county by the accession of two new Unions, one at Richmond the other at Georgetown, and the membership of old Unions has been increased by active and honorary members.

Bath Union (as last year) has aided several men to take the "Keeley cure," was instrumental also in the appointment of liquor deputies. Popham Beach Union is ever alive to her opportunities in department and general temperance work and we believe the two new Unions will not fall behind in interest and good results.

The pastors throughout the county have continued to be our true allies. Gen. Neal Dow's anniversary meetings aroused much enthusiasm and interest in the cause."

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Mrs. Bunker, the former president of Somerset county, who has been obliged to resign on account of ill health, gives these facts about her county work : "Somerset county has not retrograded but has rather steadily advanced the past year. The county convention was generously entertained by Pittsfield Union, which is a strong, enthusiastic one. Ripley and the St. Albans Unions deserve much credit for efficient efforts, and all the Unions in the county have worked nobly, especially Madison, whose band of earnest, consecrated women have not only labored faithfully 'all along the line' but achieved a *great victory* over the rumsellers of that town. We are encouraged and hopeful."

WALDO COUNTY.

Miss Hicks writes in this manner of her county, Waldo: "Our work reaches out and broadens and deepens with each year. In the Belfast Union a large amount of charity work has been done and have carried on an evening school which has made us many friends. The county convention was held with the new Union at Swanville and was the best ever convened. Waldo celebrated their anniversary by inviting the Unions in the county to meet with them and much good resulted to the county work from this coming together and exchanging of ideas and plans. North Searsmont is a small society but has a few earnest workers."

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Washington county is reported by Mrs. Rogers as follows: "We have now fifteen Unions; three organized this year and nearly all the old ones have done good work and are growing in numbers and influence. It is impossible to report the exact amount of work accomplished by these Unions in detail. The Cherryfield has followed the programme given in the *Star* and excellent papers have been given and discussed. Eastport and Addison do a good work among the children. The county convention met at Penobscot and a good deal of interest was aroused in W. C. T. U. work in the community. A better sentiment prevails throughout our county, the temperance element is increasing. I visited nearly all the Unions in the county in June in company with the state missionary, Mrs. Wright, and found much to encourage me."

YORK COUNTY.

Mrs. S. P. Smith, president of York county, says: "Our women are all very busy housekeepers but they are more and more consecrated to the work for 'God and home and every land.' One new Union has just been organized at Kittery. A very successful convention was held with the enterprising society at South Berwick and among the many pleasant features of the meeting was the presentation of a county banner. Kennebunk has done a large amount of press work and carried on the sewing school. Springvale showed true grit in stopping the sale of cigarettes to minors. Sanford has

been laboring with some publishers of papers, where a 'house cleaning' is particularly needed. Biddeford has made the Keely treatment its chief effort—has sent twenty-five persons. Cornish is especially interested in social purity work. The Y's at Groverville are a growing influence among the young people in that community and at Old Orchard good work has been done in several departments."

A large number of Unions throughout the state celebrated two red-letter days—the birthday of the "father of prohibition," Gen. Neal Dow, and also Crusade anniversary.

Dear comrades of the white ribbon army, by means of this brief review you will be able to gather some idea of the truly great work accomplished in our state the past year. We have today deep gratitude for the gains of the past year and unbounded courage for what may be our victories in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH L. CRAM,

Cor. Sec. Maine W. C. T. U.



Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS 1893-4.

	CR.
Stock in the W. T. P. A.,	\$100 00
Collections Rockland Convention,	80 50
Freewill Offerings,	144 50
Dow Offerings,	45 89
Headquarters Fund,	3 00
Houlton Dime Offering,	1 75
From Minutes, above expense of mailing,	5 00
Rent of rooms, headquarters,	1,237 92
Dues from local Unions,	1,259 94
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	\$2,878 50

DISBURSEMENTS 1893-94.

	DR.
Dr. Sept. 1893,	\$ 40 19
Expenses Rockland Convention,	110 90
Postage State President,	200 00
Appropriation for State Work,	200 00
Expenses of State Minutes,	133 88
Lettering Banner,	1 50
Telegrams,	1 75
Hotel register,	3 00
Stationary and printing, Head- quarters,	45 76
Expenses of summer meetings,	36 13
Mrs. Bullock at Thomaston,	
Prison Day,	12 00
Literature department,	22 50
National W.C.T.U. from Houlton,	1 75
Dow Offer'gs to Worlds W.C.T.U.,	16 63
Miss Leavitt, State Supt.,	29 50
Other State Superintendents,	40 92
Expenses Cor. Secretary,	30 03
Toward expenses Treasurer,	31 26
Interest, taxes and water rates,	
Headquarters,	562 62
Heating, lighting and service,	551 57
Furniture and repairs,	156 63
Dues to National Treasurer,	400 00
Stock in the W.T.P.A. to bal.,	100 00
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Total,	\$2,728 52
Cash to balance,	149 98
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	\$2,878 50

STAR IN THE EAST.

	CR.
Cash on hand,	\$218 67
Subscriptions,	300 50
Ads and papers sold,	83 86
Stock on hand,	18 00
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	\$621 03

	DR.
Stock on hand, Sept. '93,	\$ 28 00
Paper, printing and mailing,	318 73
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Cash on hand,	\$346 73
	274 30
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	\$621 03
NET CASH ON HAND.	
From general treasury,	\$149 98
" Star in the East,	274 30
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Total cash balance,	\$424 28

Sept. 25, 1894.

(MRS.) E. M. BLANCHARD, *Treasurer.*

I have examined the accounts and vouchers of the State Treasurer carefully and find them correct.

(MRS.) S. I. JEWETT, *Auditor.*

Auburn, Sept. 25, 1894.

DUES BY COUNTIES.—Androscoggin, \$109.50. Aroostook, \$172.10. Cumberland, \$206.28. Franklin, \$63.30. Hancock, 46.30. Kennebec, \$90.35. Knox, \$79.30. Lincoln, \$46.40. Oxford, \$39.79. Penobscot, 89.40. Piscataquis, \$42.20. Somerset, \$61.85. Sagadahoc, \$34.80. Washington, \$90.70. Waldo, 22.20. York, 65.50. Total, \$1259.94.

FREEWILL OFFERINGS.—Bar Harbor, \$5.00. Farmington, \$5.00. Ft. Fairfield, \$5.00. Brooklin, \$5.00. Dexter, \$5.00. Cornish, \$5.00. Winthrop, \$5.00. Biddeford, \$5.00. Kennebunk, \$5.00. Bangor, \$6.00. Houlton, \$15.00. Harrington, \$4.00. Stroudwater, \$3.00. Springvale, \$3.00. Yarmouthville, \$2.00. New Gloucester, \$2.50. Ellsworth Union, \$1.00. Newhall, \$1.00. Miss A. F. Quimby, \$10. Hon. W. W. Thomas, \$50. Total, \$144.50.

DOW OFFERINGS.—Bath, \$8.79. Houlton, \$7.63. So. Berwick, \$3.62. Haynesville, \$4.00. Harrington, \$2.72. Millbridge, \$2.60. Mechanic Falls, \$2.80. Danforth, \$2.00. Hodgdon, \$2.00. Ellsworth, \$1.75. N. Gloucester, \$1.50. Newhall, \$1.03. Spruce Head, \$1.00. Westbrook, \$1.00. E. Brownfield, \$1.00. Total, \$44.89.

HEADQUARTERS FUND.—Mrs. S. P. Smith, \$1.00. Miss Alice M. Douglas, \$1.00. Shawmut, \$1.00. Total, \$3.00.

Young Woman's Work.

Another year has flown quickly by and we find ourselves again on the threshold of a bright new year, but we must pause ere we enter and look over the work we have done. Is the world better, even a little, for our having lived? Have we been faithful to our trust? As the work done this year by the young women of Maine is presented, I am sure you will say it has not been done in vain.

Aroostook county has come nobly into the work. Mrs. Jennie Seamans, one of our state organizers has been appointed county Y superintendent, who soon after county convention, organized a Y at Fort Fairfield. This Y has taken up four departments and is growing in strength and interest.

Cumberland county, Mrs. G. S. Leavitt, Supt. : Portland branch makes a specialty of Flower Mission work. Under the direction of an older member of the W. C. T. U. circulates petitions and works with W's in every way. The Westbrook Y's carry on eight depart-

ments ; have distributed over 6,000 pages of literature ; have partly clothed 35 children, and later opened relief rooms with other young people's societies and W's.

Franklin county, Miss G. V. Wilbur, Supt. : No special report from North Jay branch on account of illness of its superintendent.

Hancock county, Mrs. Belle Blake, Supt. : The L. M. N. Stevens Y of Brooklin hold weekly meetings in the chapel ; have placed a wall pocket on board a steamer ; agitate well the subject of narcotics and raise funds by means of entertainments for benevolent work.

Kennebec county, Miss Cora Pullen, Supt., writes : "There is a decidedly growing interest in Young Women's work and many of the young women do excellent county work. At the convention the county president devoted some time to the Y's and spoke in behalf of the Y superintendent who was absent on account of illness. At Winthrop the young people do good work in connection with the W's. Augusta Y's meet once a week ; have held socials twice a month and given one reception. They make a study of physical culture and have held three Demorest Medal Contests."

Oxford county, Miss Jennie B. Kimball, Supt. : Hiram branch has charge of the L. T. L. and work with the W's in all other departments.

Piscataquis county : Miss Maud Young of Sebec was made superintendent at the county convention. The new Y at Greenville, the Moosehead Y, organized by the county president, has taken up four departments of work.

Somerset county, Miss Luetta Blanchard, Supt. : Pittsfield Y's meet with W's in whose work they are much interested.

Washington county, Mrs. S. A. Strout, Supt. : The new Y at Jonesport makes a specialty of social work and is very successful.

York county, Miss Ella W. Ricker, Supt. : The Grovesville Y reports an increased interest ; holds meetings fortnightly in the church ; is interested in juvenile work and pays special attention to Flower Mission work, having held appropriate exercises at almshouse in June, aside from regular work in that line. South Berwick Y's held monthly socials through the winter, co-operated with C. E.

society in temperance meetings, have a loan library and hold Demorest Medal Contests and do excellent Flower Mission and Press work. Several of our Y unions co-operated with kindred societies or W's in the celebration of Gen. Neal Dow's birthday.

Over 10,000 pages of literature has been distributed by the Y's. After expenses were taken from Y fund last year \$6.00 remained. During the winter \$3.00 were added by one of our Y's; \$1.53 has been expended for Y literature, \$7.47 remaining.

We as young women feel that there is a great work for us to do. Let us take it up with renewed enthusiasm and stronger courage, trusting alone in Him whose promise "faileth never."

Respectfully submitted,

LUBELLE B. PATRICK,

State Supt. Y Work.

Loyal Temperance Legions.

From sixteen counties only seven have reported through county superintendents. The L. T. L. is an established means of gospel temperance education, a training school for future W. C. T. U. workers. Good work has been done by our superintendents and teachers the past year and it ought to be reported. What hinders our progress more than anything else is the indifference of mothers and lack of interest on the part of the W. C. T. U.

Androscoggin, Aroostook, Hancock, Kennebec, Piscataquis, and Waldo send no report. Cumberland county superintendent reports five active Legions. Franklin county, no report from county superintendent. Mrs. H. B. C. Beedy, county president, reports good work done by several Unions for the children.

Knox county, Mrs. E. W. Cobb, Supt.: The superintendent of this county sends a most excellent report; would be glad to give it

in full if space permitted. The Legion at Spruce Head has done a wonderful amount of work the past year, and, says the superintendent, not a boy in the place makes any attempt to smoke or chew tobacco and comparatively no swearing in the place. Great credit is due Mrs. Coakley for the grand work done at Spruce Head. At Warren the interest is on the increase; the children keep up the practice of stepping on cigar stubs—1462 have been stepped on the past year. The superintendent, Mrs. Teague, is one of our most efficient workers. Rockland Legion is in a prosperous condition; they meet every week and are most interested. Mrs. Robbins has been very faithful and earnest in the work the past year, and we expect the Rockland Legion will take up the diploma course of study the coming year and be added to the number of graduates in the State. Thomaston is reported as having a membership of eighty-five children, much interested and doing good work. Along the different lines new members have been added during the year.

York County: May E. Sawyer, Supt.: Four Legions reported, one senior grade, the L. M. N. Stevens, Springvale; lesson manuals used, work done along the different lines, money contributed to various objects; three Legions are taking the diploma course of study.

In Lincoln county only one Legion reported, Waldoboro. This Legion has done noble work the past year. Lincoln county ought to be proud of it. They gave a thanksgiving dinner to five families, sent more money for the Loyal Legion room, Temp. hospital than any other Legion in the State (reported), gave one entertainment for the Keeley fund, celebrated Neal Dow's birthday, and in many ways helped the cause. Mrs. Potter is the right woman for an L. T. L. superintendent and will Lead on to Victory.

Oxford County, Mrs. C. S. Littlehale, Supt.: Norway—work has been done here with pledges, but no organized society as yet for lack of a superintendent. Oxford—work done under the auspices of the I. O. G. T. at close of public school, Wednesday afternoons. Brownfield—work done under auspices of Good Templars; the superintendent is a member of the W. C. T. U. Bethel has an L. T. L. organized and carried on strictly in accordance with the W. C. T. U. plan of work and it is a success. They have had

picnics and sociables, medal contests, concerts, etc. ; the children have worked nobly. The superintendent reports, "we have fine spirited singing, use the lesson manuals and other helps ;" and herein lies the secret of their success.

Sagadahoc county, Mrs. Vesta Jones, Supt: Popham Beach has an L. T. L. organized and carried on as it should be, strictly in accordance with the W. C. T. U. plan of work. They have two grades. The Seniors have taken up the diploma course of study, beginning with the first books of the series ; name of senior grade, Frances E. Willard. Among other grand things done by this Legion, was the holding of a public meeting in which the L. T. L. Company was introduced, and the work explained by the superintendent. This is one of the best organized companies in the state and Miss Kate Spinney the superintendent is a consecrated woman and its inspiration. The membership of the Bath Legion is 200. Some grand work has been done ; the L. T. L. mass meetings have been well attended and much interest manifested ; many clergymen of the city have addressed the children. It has been a most successful year for the L. T. L.'s of this city. Alice May Douglass has charge of the several companies.

Somerset county, no report from county superintendent. Mrs. A. L. Vining reports for St. Albans, meeting held immediately after the close of day school, teacher kindly giving all the time asked for, children much interested, the teachers also assisted in the work. Pledge membership 100. The Union takes a child's paper for many families who otherwise would have no temperance instruction. The Legion in this county has done grand work the past year but no report from them has been received.

Washington county, Mrs. Effie Nash, Supt.: The efficient superintendent of this county always sends a good report ; this is the Banner county. Ten Legions all doing good work. One, (Cherryfield) has six graduates. County membership 600. Cherryfield is the first Legion in the state to call for diplomas. Name of senior grade M. M. C. Hunter.

Penobscot county, Mrs. A. L. Abbott, Supt. : Mrs. Abbott is one we can depend upon at all times for her heart is in the work. She

reports good work done in the county for the children, but in their reports the superintendents failed to give details. Much of the work is done in the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor. Plymouth has an L. T. L., Charleston has an L. T. L. and Juvenile Temple which work together. We hope to have a Loyal Temperance Legion organized in every town and school district in the county the coming year. Fifteen new Legions organized in the state during the year. We have one member-at-large, 40 honorary members (reported), estimated membership 5000, including pledged members under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. in connection with the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor. Let us consider the mighty "Ounce of Prevention" and do more and better work the coming year.

"O, troops of the Legion, O, children a-field
Before your on-coming the foeman shall yield.
Smite down the Oppressors, shame, sorrow and sin,
For the Master's true shrines are the Hearts he would win."

ANNIE CURRIER BAGLEY.

State Supt. Loyal Temperance Legion.

Sunday School Work.

In collecting, condensing and arranging the material sent me by the various county superintendents for my fifteenth annual report, I am led to the inquiry, what gain in these years? it has been little by little that the work has grown.

A little retrospect just here will be pardonable. When the department was adopted by our state, pledging the children in the Sunday School was unknown in general, a distinctive temperance lesson was hardly thought of. There were some temperance books and a few temperance papers; temperance concerts were rare and temperance addresses to the children as a part of Sunday School teaching not expected. Now there is a change surely and we are led to the conclusion that there has been a slow but steady advance along this line.

Encouraged by the past and seeing the need of vigilance to maintain what we have already secured and to make greater advances in the future we reiterate former suggestions to sow beside all waters; having entered open doors, never let them close behind us, but ever advancing help to open more and hasten the good time "When all the children shall be taught of the Lord."

The reports have come from the following counties: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Penobscot, York. Hancock superintendent says no work done strictly confined to this department and no one in any of the Unions in the county think it best to appoint a superintendent. I would recommend that if any of our evangelists or organizers visit Hancock county that they bring this work before the Unions, making especial mention of improving the Quarterly Sunday, pledging the children, distributing temperance literature; all of which is of vital importance if the church of the future is prepared for its mission.

Lincoln county: Superintendent made no report of work done last year, but at the county convention a new one has been appointed, who has been in correspondence with the state superintendent and I doubt not will do the work well this year.

Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo and Washington have sent no reports, at least none have been received.

The report from Aroostook is more general than usual, four Unions only sending statistics, which is quite unusual. The county superintendent writes she has visited and addressed several of the Sunday Schools and the interest is good and much good work is being done; one new feature has been adopted, that of using autograph albums for pledging the children to be kept for future use, an excellent idea worthy to be adopted by other counties.

The reports from Androscoggin are more and fuller than last year; so in Cumberland, and if the city of Portland with all its Sabbath Schools would take more interest in the department what a stimulus it would give the work.

Franklin's is good, but through an oversight of the request of the county superintendent for blanks there was no tabulated report.

Sagadahoc I think sent the largest per cent of reports of any county and encouraging also. There has rarely failed to come a report from Washington county. I hope more interest will be taken in several counties another year.

We must be vigilant, the enemy is on the alert for the children, the forces of evil are combining for their destruction; let us "be strong in the Lord and the power of his might" and work as we never have to counteract the evil abroad.

The Quarterly Sunday must be made interesting. The Sunday previous to Neal Dow's birthday was very generally observed, and each should have some special notice where Unions exist.

Temperance papers must be freely used. The Young Crusader is being made especially helpful under its new management.

The pledge must be kept in mind and attention called to it where the children have previously signed.

Those counties reporting have given so good statistics that I insert what I have received; last year they were so meagre I did not. If those counties who have failed this year, especially Somerset, had reported the statistics would have been much better. Number of children in the Sunday School, 6,896; number of pledges, 4,848; number of pages of literature, 46,068; number temperance books, 1,056; number concerts, 44; number of societies connected with Sunday School, 37; number members, 1,057; number pages of literature used, 22,641; number who express their high appreciation of the Quarterly lesson, 40.

This is but a little of the work done, so let us thank God and take courage, and may the coming year be one of great progress.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. G. STICKNEY,

State Supt. of Sunday School Work.

Influencing the Press.

Madam President and Co-Workers :

It is surely not necessary to emphasize the importance of the department for influencing the press before any gathering of white ribboners. When our national society was organized twenty years ago in the city of Cleveland, but five departments were adopted, and this was one of the five, for it was clearly seen that it would aid every other line of work. And according to scripture that is the greatest, which is the servant of all. At any rate it is certainly true that a live press superintendent and a dead Union cannot long exist in the same community.

We have had this year in Maine fourteen county superintendents, and just one week ago the fourteenth county report reached me. These reports were on the whole the best prepared and most satisfactory ones received during the five years in which I have had the department in charge.

The two counties without superintendents are Penobscot and Lincoln.* Some good local work, however, has been done in these counties. The only daily which, as far as I know, has ever given us regular space, is the *Bangor Commercial*.

There are now about seventy local superintendents, and as we have 160 or more Unions, it will be seen that we average seven-sixteenths of a press superintendent to a Union. Don't you think we need a *whole* woman instead of only a fraction?

The amount of space filled by our workers with temperance and kindred matter, varies little from that of last year—about 1000 col-

*NOTE.—Before the adjournment of the Convention county superintendents for Penobscot and Lincoln were secured.

umns, or if we estimate its money value, \$10,000 worth. Greater definiteness on the part of each county and local worker in stating the number of columns published, would doubtless increase this amount which is probably much too low an estimate.

There is no class of people to whom as an organization we are more indebted than to these editors, and I trust that every press worker will appreciate this fact sufficiently to use the space granted her to the very best of her ability.

It is unwise to offer much reprint, but items of special interest in the *Union Signal* and other temperance papers may often be freshened up by re-writing in one's own words. A superintendent should carefully study the tone of the paper to which she desires to contribute, and should avoid wearying an editor with a large amount of material which it is not probable he will want. Indeed it is almost as important to know what to withhold as what to furnish.

In some of the sparsely settled counties like Franklin and Somerset where few papers are published, the county superintendent conducts a column of county W. C. T. U. news in some leading paper, the local workers supplying her with the necessary material. Mr. Lawrence's column in the *Fairfield Journal* goes into five other papers published at the same office.

In conducting weekly columns the first place should as a rule be given to the work of our own organization, especially at the time of a convention or other event of unusual interest.

So much time is consumed in acquiring the art of a really good press worker, especially for the city dailies, that frequent changes in superintendents are greatly to be deplored.

A growing friendliness to woman's work on the part of the press is one of the most hopeful signs of the times. The theory that a woman must be either an angel or a demon is rapidly exploding, and the number of newspaper men who attempt to keep it alive is fast diminishing, while those who see in her

"A being not too fair nor good
For human nature's daily food—"

A being not too good to help make the world better, is growing larger every year. But I am sorry to be compelled to add that the attitude of many of our leading Maine papers toward the suppres-

sion of the liquor traffic versus its license, is very far from what we as an organization desire it to be.

AS REPORTER FOR THE UNION SIGNAL I trust that this year news may come to me from many more local Unions, also from department superintendents and all others who wish Maine to hold an honorable place among the other states as presented in the organ of the World's and National Union.

MARY L. FRENCH.

Evangelistic Work.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:

I have received the annual reports from most of our counties and deem it best to omit the usual resume of them in detail that I may touch upon some points that may be helpful to us in the future of this department. Never during the years since your superintendent held this place has the work shown such growth and progress, and though through some of the reports there is a minor chord that tells of discouragement it is noticeable that those who have done the most work under circumstances calling for exceptional self-denial and energy are fullest of courage and inspiration to do more and better work another year.

From Aroostook where this department is newly organized I read: "From letters received I find a deepening spiritual interest in the Unions; those that have not grown more spiritual have fallen out by the way, and only one Union that I know of has gone down, and even those two or three are praying daily the work may be again taken up, and as I said before, one of the most hopeful signs is, the Unions feel as never before the need of gathering the Christian efforts that are being made into a special department under the charge of a special superintendent. I trust the time will soon come when every local Union will have this department."

Cumberland, Washington, York and Waldo would each thrill your hearts if they could be read as reported to your superintendent. Washington county makes special mention of one who abundant in good works adds this also: she gathers a class of girls from those deemed incorrigible, has had them at her house once a week, taught them to read, write, sew, to fit and repair their own garments, and helping them by tender advice and counsel in those things that pertain to conduct and character not only but calls on them at their homes Sabbath afternoons where she can see their parents, reads, sings, talks and prays with them, hoping soon to win them to attend church. York county speaks of the great work laid upon the Union through the shutting down of the mills, having many families with want staring them in the face to be relieved through the untiring efforts of our Evangelist and her co-workers. Waldo county reports among other work that its superintendent held 118 social meetings, had 38 converts, distributed leaflets, held mothers' meetings, mass meetings, etc., pastors in full sympathy with the work.

I am often asked what constitutes Evangelistic work and what are the qualifications for it. Webster defines an Evangelist as one who is a preacher or publisher of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Licensed to preach but not having charge of a particular church. With reference to the work in the W. C. T. U., I believe we are called more largely to preach an applied Christianity to the great question of our day—the outlawry and final destruction of that traffic which destroys so many bodies and souls of men and is the great enemy of righteousness in the world. The qualification for this work is found at Calvary and confirmed at Pentecost and every true child of God can have it if he will seek it in humility and prayer till the greatest privilege of his life shall be to tread in the footsteps of his wounded Redeemer who went about doing good.

A dear sister wrote me to ask how best to reach the boys and girls in jails and reformatories. I replied, make them your own dear wandering boy and girl whom you are trying to reclaim and with whom you will acknowledge no such word as "fail" but when you find it needs a stronger than mother's love to reach them will go to Him who seemed to refuse the Syrophenecian woman only that he

might make her faith more conspicuous and its results more animating.

Dear sisters, we are looking for a brighter day for women, we are asking the potential power of a consecrated ballot, and while we wait, are we fitting ourselves not only for this but for higher privileges? As Christian women are we consecrating our daughters as they are given us with as unquestioning faith as we exercise for our sons to the Gospel ministry? When Pundita Ramabai was with us she made us smile as she told how the apostles of Buddah believed a woman could not learn the language of its sacred books and made it a crime in him who should attempt to teach it to her and then added: "I see something like this in the Christian America where woman is not expected to speak the blessed precepts of the bible from the sacred desk or fit herself for the same ministry of the word as men."

Our mothers should give careful thought to the religious atmosphere of the schools where such consecrated child women are sent. We already have many a gifted graduate of Mt. Holyoke and Kent's Hill in our ranks, and I wish there were more White Ribbon girls who were taking a theological course at Bates. For younger students, Oak Grove Seminary is a deeply religious institution where vital piety so permeates its atmosphere as to give one the impression it is a part of its curriculum.

I would especially recommend to our dear Y. sisters and to the superintendents of Loyal Legions social prayer meetings to be led at first by president or superintendent. The practice of reverent but simple vocal extempore prayer and testimony cannot begin too soon when once the child has learned to know and love her Savior.

Let us be thoughtful of and faithful in our noontide hour of prayer, and as we find the world's great despair in every department of life national and personal can be expressed in the one word "Christless" let us meet its great felt want in that supreme word, "Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. SNOW,
State Supt. Evangelistic Work.

Narcotics.

For various reasons your superintendent has been unable to do as much the past year in this department as heretofore, but the work has been going on and we see much to encourage us. There has been special "arousement" on the cigarette question all over the state and much effort to have the law enforced, but none too soon. Last year 3,000,000,000 cigarettes were made in this country, an average of about 50 to each individual. Who shall say how many are in their graves in consequence of these death dealing articles, more to be feared than the Asiatic cholera. We wish we could sound the note of warning loud enough to awaken every living soul to the danger.

No report comes from Aroostook owing to a recent change in county superintendents.

Androscoggin county has done good work the past year. At Lewiston one meeting was devoted to the consideration of this subject when papers were read and a talk was given by the county superintendent. At a later meeting the State President gave suggestions about this department work. This Union has four other ladies associated with the narcotic superintendent. Auburn's superintendent finds the present "hard times" productive of *some* good in that many have been forced to give up cigars and cigarettes and resort to the less harmful clay pipe. She reports a decreased sale of opium and morphine with an increase in lighter drugs. She finds cigarette smoking increasing among women and girls. At Livermore Falls, South Durham, Mechanic Falls and Turner work has been done and literature distributed. At the latter place six boys have given up the use of tobacco.

Cumberland county has 13 superintendents. The Anti-Tobacco Gem has been sent to families where boys are growing up. Pastors have preached on the narcotic evil. At Westbrook a teacher in the

public school had her class of forty boys each write an essay on the subject. Last winter an address was given here by the state superintendent which caused *one* boy to say that he wasn't going to smoke any more cigarettes, "if he knew himself." Superintendents are doing their best to have the cigarette law enforced. The county superintendent is planning to have Anti-Cigarette Leagues formed in the schools.

Franklin county : Superintendent has distributed literature to local superintendents and sent clippings to local papers. She says : "My thinking on these things has stimulated me to work for the introduction of Scientific Temperance Instruction in schools, believing that the Narcotic question is most substantially reached through that means. The Kingfield Union has made a crusade against tobacco and cigarettes, making this the topic at several Gospel Temperance meetings.

Hancock's superintendent is hopeful. At Bar Harbor the superintendent called at shops and drug stores, asking proprietors not to sell tobacco to minors. Ellsworth has tried to prevent the sale of cigarettes. Teachers are instructing the children. At Tremont the Loyal Legion and Juvenile Temple have done good work. Brooklyn Y's have induced several young men to use No-To-Bac.

Kennebec county : The superintendent at Augusta has worked among the children, also Monmouth Union ; superintendent at China talks with the boys warning them about the evil habit. A lecture given here last winter brought forth good fruit. The superintendent at Hallowell distributed 200 copies of the Anti-Tobacco Gem, has visited several stores with some success. One young man has almost decided to give up tobacco through reading this paper. At Winthrop one young man has given up the habit. South China and South Gardiner report some work.

The work of Oxford county's superintendent has re-acted upon her own home her husband having freed himself from tobacco. Brownfield and Norway have sent out cigarette law and other literature. Ten copies of Gem taken at Norway.

Penobscot county : East Corinth take ten copies of Gem, Dexter thirty, Upper Stillwater ten. Two boys given up the habit here.

Superintendent Piscataquis county scattered 150 pages of litera-

ture. At the Teachers' Association at Foxcroft, the state superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, while doing grand work for her own department also dealt skillful blows for the Narcotic department, while she gave to the teachers the scientific facts about the effects of tobacco (especially cigarettes) upon the young, and urged them to vigorous work among their pupils. Mr. Stetson, superintendent of Auburn schools, also showed a deep interest. At a temperance mass meeting here your superintendent gave a fifteen minute talk on tobacco.

Sagadahoc superintendent reports one young man set free from tobacco.

Somerset county: Pittsfield Union has stopped cigarette selling at one store. Many have signed triple pledge. Forty-seven names on Anti-Cigarette pledge. Have had talks on tobacco at public meetings. Shawmut has distributed 280 pages of literature. North Anson reports we have given this department special attention this year. Our State Superintendent sowed good seed in this region.

Waldo County has distributed cigarette law beside 2,000 pages of other literature. Teachers have circulated pledge cards among their pupils.

Washington county: Superintendent has sent out much literature; sent cigarette law to tobacco dealers. Eastport, Cherryfield and Millbridge have had lectures from Mrs. Gleason. At the latter place as a result several gave up tobacco. We wish every Union would have her lecture. Millbridge superintendent posted cigarette laws, put leaflets in pockets of garments made or repaired, gives leaflets to teachers to read to their pupils, converses with tobacco users.

We regret that no more Unions have offered prizes for best essays on effects of Narcotics; this is educational. We recommend the scattering broad-cast our department literature, offering prizes, holding public meetings devoted to this topic, interesting teachers and pastors, distributing Anti-Tobacco Gem, sending articles on Narcotics to papers, posting law, lectures and sermons on this evil, warning young and old, forming Anti-Cigarette Leagues in schools. *Anything* to arouse people.

"Sow beside all waters" and may God "give the increase."

I. S. WENTWORTH,

Supt. Dept. Narcotics.

Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

In presenting our annual report of this department it may not be amiss to consider for a moment the general and broader outlook of this movement. An outlook truly encouraging to all interested in works of beneficence.

Never since the apostacy of the church in the dark ages, or in other words, never during the last 900 years has the plan of Scriptural giving claimed so extensively and effectively the attention of Christ's followers as at the present day.

Aside from the prominence given it in the churches, the pens of many able writers are engaged in aiding the advancement of this reform. It is advocated and practiced by many of our best and noblest men in all positions; is championed by our young people's associations, and woman's organizations are coming nobly to the front in its support. Nine organizations of Christian women have already created this department and are actively engaged in the promotion of Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

Let us therefore, dear sisters, be strong, let not our hands be weak, believing God's promise that our work shall be rewarded.

In regard to the state work of this department I wish to say that many months absence from this land and the pressure of mission interests prevented me from keeping in touch with the work and workers much of the time during the past year. Had we known at the time of this convention last autumn that your superintendent would thus be called away, it would have been wise and best to have placed the care of this department in other hands. Wherever the work was already well begun the superintendents have been faithful and active in carrying it forward. Those who had recently taken it up labored under greater disadvantage, and the absence of state superintendent tended to retard progress.

Much blessing has attended the prayerful efforts of our earnest superintendent in Androscoggin county, Miss Mary E. Perkins. Good interest has been awakened and increasing numbers practice tenth giving. Department literature has been abundantly distributed, meetings have been held in the interest of the cause, eight sermons preached on christian giving and the subject well brought out in many others. The superintendent mentions several interesting incidents connected with the work: One sister testified that she became a convert to this system from reading "Thanksgiving Ann." Another, a noble christian worker, who signed the proportionate giving pledge card on her seventieth birthday, had received more light from the little pamphlet "What we Owe from a Lawyer's Standpoint."

The work in Aroostook county moves steadily onward under the efficient superintendence of Miss Hattie T. Mayo aided by her band of active helpers. In addition to the free literature already widely diffused, many of the Unions now furnish means to purchase other and varied literature pertaining to this department for their own distribution, thus wisely sowing the seed for a harvest that will be garnered by and by.

The report from Cumberland county reveals increasing interest. The superintendent, Miss Almira F. Quimby, writes: "I have no doubt there are many in the different Unions who practice the system but it is difficult to get statistics." She adds, "Stroudwater Union voted, 'We approve the method theoretically and will try to practice it.'"

Good interest is manifested in the Unions organized for this work in Kennebec county and the number who practice the system increasing. Mrs. M. B. Whitehouse, Supt.

The work has also been taken up in Franklin, Hancock, Oxford, Penobscot, Somerset, Sagadahoc, Washington and York counties.

We regret that owing to sickness, change in officers and other causes, reports from some have failed to reach us.

We are glad to know our sisters in Piscataquis county adopted this department at their last convention and chose a superintendent whose whole heart is in the cause. We trust to hear of much interest awakened there.

Doubtless all white ribboners recognize the fact that proportionate and systematic giving is simply the real outgrowth of the great truth taught throughout the Bible, that is, God's ownership and man's stewardship, and is we believe God's appointed way to secure abundant and constant means for his people to carry on his work. All beneficent enterprise must rest on a financial basis. And has not God ordained that through faithful stewardship ceaseless streams of bounty should flow into his treasury? It has been well said, "Our benevolent societies are toilfully letting down buckets into shallow wells, wells easily drawn dry and slow to fill up. Far down below is a vast reservoir of unconsecrated wealth in christian hands. Let the idea of Christian Stewardship prevail and it will sink artesian wells into this reservoir and set money flowing of its own free consent."

As faithful stewards we learn how true the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We learn for ourselves that "giving is our need"—the outflow must be proportionate to the income of blessing. And thus too we find it is possible to put our money into "bags which wax not old."

Let us remember, dear sisters, the tithe is the Lord's and after rendering the tithe let us give joyfully according as God hath prospered us, for "God loveth a cheerful giver."

And let us trust and pray that ere the close of another year, the few remaining counties in our grand old state, not yet enlisted, will all without one exception have fallen into line, and all be found laboring together for the establishment of a pure and abundant treasury—one upon which our Lord's benediction will be sure to rest.

ANNA M. HUSSEY,

Supt. Dept. Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

Reformatory Prison for Women.

Dear Sisters:

It is hard and somewhat discouraging to bring to you a report of unsuccessful or unfinished work after all these years of effort put forth for the worthy object of securing in our state that much needed institution, a special Prison for women that shall be reformatory in its management and be officered by women properly and regularly appointed.

We do not feel that we are actually defeated in our attempt but we believe that it will be best to suspend the effort for awhile and then renew it with enhanced vigor. There is probably no subject upon which the public mind moves more leisurely than upon questions of prison reform. Our legislators are very slow to see the advantages that a prison such as we want, would be to the state. The two states that have tried the experiment, viz.: Massachusetts and Indiana, have found it abundantly satisfactory.

We have no doubt that if the proper building and its needed appurtenances for such an institution could be obtained and donated to the state our Legislature would vote to try the experiment but it does not feel willing at present to utilize any part of the public funds in this way. Doubtless it costs more to support the criminal sons and daughters of criminal women, now and heretofore incarcerated in our common jails and prisons. than it would to institute a place where the mothers would be reformed in time to save their children; but, from any but a woman's standpoint, this is not seen. There are men and women whose first breath was drawn in a polluted atmosphere, and who have been witnesses of immorality from infancy. It is hard for such to struggle against their natural inborn impulses. O that they might be helped, and also be prevented from bequeathing their inheritance with two-fold measure to their innocent offspring.

Let us hope that when women have a voice and vote in electing to office those who wield the sceptre of state there will be an improvement in our prisons, and the male and female prisoners be kept in entirely separate institutions and the management of both be reformatory rather than arbitrary. Then there will be fewer criminals and consequently fewer crimes, and society will be better protected than at present.

We are united in asking that this work for a reformatory prison for women be suspended for the present, which request we respectfully submit for your consideration.

HANNAH J. BAILEY.
AUGUSTA M. HUNT.
CLARA M. FARWELL.

Securing Homes for Homeless Children.

Dear Sisters:

Most of us have never met before, but I am not looking upon strangers. Only your faces are unfamiliar, truly "I know thy works and where thou dwellest," and a multitude of pleasant thoughts come rushing upon me. Somerset county suggests a beautiful home just opened to some child. With the thoughts of Washington county there comes a face, sweet, not with the commoner beauty of youth, but with the rarer beauty of age, and I recall the work of the superintendent at Calais. Two other pictures hang in my Washington gallery; one a pale faced cripple, the other a healthy, happy boy, and I remember this modern miracle would never have been wrought, had there been no Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Cherryfield. In Hancock county I see a group of bright young women, and I think of a generous gift from the Y's of Brooklin; and so I might go through every county in Maine and fill all the time with these attractive pictures, but that is not what you have come to hear. You want a faithful record of the work accomplished by the department of Securing Homes for Homeless Children in Maine during the year that has just ended.

In making up this report I have aimed only at truth. I could not use the reports of the county superintendents, as this report must cover the time between the last State Convention and this, and the County Conventions were held at different times through the spring and summer. I consequently appealed to the local superintendents for a report of their work.

However much individuality may be desirable in other departments of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union I believe the strength of this department lies in unity. The different counties and Unions must work together, and the reports will necessarily overlap. In order to obtain nothing but the truth, therefore, these reports must be compared and pruned.

Androscoggin county: Auburn, and her nearest neighbor, Lewiston, were the leaders in the work of this department during the past year. Six children have been placed in permanent homes. The superintendent at Auburn has placed five children in free homes temporarily, and obtained sufficient clothing to enable thirty-two poor children to attend school. Lewiston has furnished ninety-six weeks of board for unfortunate children, and placed one young woman with her child in a home where the mother can earn a living for both, a long step in advance of separating a mother and child. The superintendent of this department has also rescued one young woman from the streets, placing her under good home influences, and has sent two infants to the Temporary Home in Portland. Both Unions have spent a considerable sum of money in their local work.

Reports have been received from three Unions in Aroostook county. Two children have been placed in permanent homes. The Caribou Union is preparing to send a child to the deaf mute school in Portland, a new departure worthy of special mention. Every one of the three Unions have furnished clothing and money for the local work of this department.

Out of eight reports received from the superintendents of Cumberland county four report no work done. Four children have been furnished with permanent homes in this county. The youngest Union in Cumberland county, Yarmouth, has clothed, cared for temporarily, and ultimately placed in permanent homes in other counties two children; two children have been cared for temporarily in free homes,

and four children placed in boarding homes, in all eighty weeks. Two of these children have been transferred to free permanent homes.

The state superintendent is obliged to report that outside of the little Union at Stroudwater village, and the infant society at Yarmouth, neither money nor clothing has been contributed by the Unions to carry on the work of this department. Both have been needed, both have been obtained, but not from the sisters of the W. C. T. U.

There are eleven superintendents of this department in Franklin county. Four have been heard from. An excellent summer home was offered at Rangeley for a child, but the state superintendent, greatly to her regret, was unable to fill it until too late. Two boys have been sent to Good Will Farm from Farmington. At Farmington Falls a child has been cared for two months. Kingfield contributed two dollars towards the state work of the department. The Unions at Kingfield and Farmington have contributed clothing and spent money in the local work of the department of Securing Homes for Children.

Three superintendents from Hancock county have sent reports. Four children have been removed from this county. Two have been placed in permanent private homes, one being a defective child was placed in an institution, one received free medical treatment and was placed in a beautiful home for the summer. The little village of Brooklin is a shining example, not only for the county, but for the state. It has furnished one of the best of homes, permanent, for a child, and the Y's have contributed \$10.50 towards the state work of the department.

Kennebec county has three superintendents, but report no work. Two superintendents have been appointed in Knox county, but no work done.

There are four superintendents in Lincoln county. The superintendent at Newcastle and Damariscotta has assisted the state superintendent in investigating a home in which a child has been placed. Unsuccessful, but by no means fruitless efforts have been made to reach a child cruelly treated by its guardians. The Union at Waldoboro has succeeded in banishing a family which has been a plague spot in the community. The three children of the family have been placed in reformatory institutions. The county superin-

tendent has given of her time and money to accomplish this most important and difficult work. One other child has been sent from this county to the Industrial School. Two boys have found permanent homes in Oxford county, and one little fellow sent from this county to a temporary home.

Penobscot county sends no report, but the state superintendent remembers with pleasure a visit to the Union at Bangor and several gifts of money with which to carry on the work. One child has been adopted in this county.

One girl has found an excellent home in Waldo county, and another waiting home is about to be filled.

Three Unions in Piscataquis county have been heard from. Only one has done active work. Two children have found a happy home in this county. One Union is sewing for a family of motherless children and sending a child to the Kindergarten.

One superintendent in Sagadahoc county has placed three children in permanent homes, and two in the Bath home. One has been sent to the Industrial School from Bath, and one to Good Will Farm. Three homes have been filled in this county by the state superintendent, and one case assisted by local superintendent at Auburn.

Out of six superintendents in Somerset county three have reported.

Only two Unions in Washington county have reported, but other Unions are interested and several good homes are waiting in this county.

During the year ending today, September 25th, the Calais Union has placed one child in a permanent home, sent one child to the Industrial School, and placed two children in temporary homes until private permanent ones can be found. All these children with others have been well clothed, and as Calais is in a remote corner the traveling expenses involved in the distribution of these children has been no small amount.

The Union at Cherryfield has nobly supported one little fellow at the Maine General Hospital during a long illness.

There are eight superintendents in York county, something has been heard from five. One child has been adopted in this county, and several good homes are waiting for children. One boy has

been removed from the Town Farm, received medical treatment and placed in a good home elsewhere. A little three year old girl has had a summer at Lebanon, the influence of which can never entirely pass away.

Several Unions, notably the one at Cornish, have given money, time and clothing to the work of this department.

A summary of the work is as follows: The department for Securing Homes for Homeless Children during the year ending September 25th, has placed twenty-six children in private permanent homes, twelve have been placed temporarily in free private homes while waiting for permanent ones. Eighteen have been placed in institutions within the state. One child has been sent to the Deaf-mute school, three children have received successful hospital treatment, one hundred and seventy-six weeks of free boarding have been given homeless children, and numberless poor children have been clothed and fed. Thus fifty children have in one way and another been permanently benefited by the existence of this department, and this does not include those who have been simply clothed and fed or boarded for a brief period.

During the year one hundred and eighteen homes have opened to the state superintendent, and letters have been sent to every one of the real or supposed applicants. From nine of these applicants nothing further has been heard. Twenty have, upon further consideration, often with the advice of the state superintendent, withdrawn the application. Four have been filled from other sources, three have been referred to other state superintendents. Four have been temporary homes and have been filled for the summer. Two have been boarding homes of the best kind in the country. The boarding homes should be selected as carefully and supervised as thoroughly as the permanent homes. The state superintendent strongly disapproves of boarding more than one child in a home at one time, unless the children be brothers or sisters. After careful investigation, twenty-three homes have been rejected as unsuitable for any child. These homes have not been discarded on the testimony of any one individual, neither have any homes been accepted by the state superintendent upon the approval of any one person, even when the approval comes from our State President. Eleven

approved homes are now waiting for children, and six are waiting investigation. Eight doubtful homes are under consideration still. Eighteen of the twenty-six children have been placed in permanent homes, investigated and approved by the state superintendent, fifteen of these homes, as well as the temporary and boarding homes, having been visited by the state superintendent. During the past nine months, not during the entire year, nine hundred and seventy relative letters to this department have been received by the state superintendent, one thousand and six sent out.

The avowed object of the department of Securing Homes for Homeless Children in Maine is to extend a helping hand to every needy child in the state, and wherever possible to provide the homeless child with a good home in a private family. This does not mean the breaking up of worthy families because they are poor, but the fulfillment of God's command "To set the solitary in families." When the W. C. T. U. took up this work in Maine it introduced in the State the placing out, or family plan of caring for dependent children.

Let the W. C. T. U. therefore, stand emphatically for private homes in preference to institutional life; not that we wish to antagonize the institution, on the contrary, believing as we do that the child saving institutions of Maine are among the best in the land, we are most anxious to co-operate with them. The fact that we have placed children in Maine institutions during the past year, while, on the other hand, we have transferred children from these institutions to families, proves our mutual dependence and helpfulness.

Sisters you have begun a great work, but you have only turned a very few pages of a new book; upon how you write the story depends your success. The family plan is a natural, but by no means a simple plan. There is no room for careless work, and there is room for great abuse. Thorough investigation and careful supervision of every home in which you place a child, cannot be urged too strongly. Do your work well, and I believe the little child will lead into your ranks men and women you have never reached before. Do the work carelessly and you will bring disgrace upon the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Do you, my sisters, realize the importance of this work, and the personal responsibility resting upon you?

HARRIET A. LEAVITT.

Work Among Railroad Employees.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :

The brevity of my report in work among railroad employees may well compare with the results obtained.

Unforeseen obstacles interposed to prevent my giving that personal attention to the cause which might have given larger returns. The importance of the work and the necessity of a superintendent thereof, was urged upon each of the county organizations and instructions given. Seven only reported: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Washington and York. Of these, only one reported work *done*.

Miss Estelle Brainard, superintendent of Kennebec county, reports good work done in Gardiner. Local superintendent has distributed fifty leaflets and eighteen cards at police headquarters, and among cab and express men, and fifty railroad leaflets among engineers and firemen, on Maine Central, and electric car conductors and motormen; also on the first Sabbath in March, requested the pastors of the different churches to offer prayer for railroad men which request was complied with. I felt to say, God bless the workers in Gardiner.

Now, dear sisters, far be it from my heart to find any fault, knowing as I do how full your hearts and hands are of good works, but may I not urge that we take up this very important department of work, and if each local Union in our state would do as much even as Gardiner, what glorious results might not we obtain.

Your superintendent has written 40 letters and postals, also sent plan of work, as marked out by our national superintendent, Mrs. Woodward, to each county president; distributed literature on Maine Central, and kept boxes supplied at railway stations, etc.

I hope in the coming years to do more in visiting and laboring personally among railroad employees.

Let us press on, dear sisters, and above all, "Let us not weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

We have entered the fight against this enemy of our homes, to win; and let us remember that "The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong."

For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) HELEN THOMAS,
State Supt. of Work Among R. R. Men.

Soldiers and Sailors.

I herewith submit the annual report of work among Soldiers and Sailors for 1894. It will necessarily be brief as few counties have done much work in this department.

Superintendents were appointed in all but three counties; reports received from five.

Mrs. Ward, superintendent for Kennebec county, reports having visited and spoken to the G. A. R. as a body in the interests of the W. C. T. U. work—the second time a woman has spoken in a Post meeting for us. No work done at Togus.

Knox county: Have sent 6,500 pages of literature; some work Memorial Day.

Waldo reports 150 papers, 50 magazines and 500 pages of literature distributed.

Washington county reports by the local superintendent at Calais the following work: 7291 newspapers, 699 magazines, 799 leaflets distributed, one library sent away containing 45 books, 1 bible, 75 leaflets, 2 hymn books, 6 gospel song books; another ready to go, with 53 books, 55 leaflets, 1 bible, 1 gospel song book, 1 testament. A quantity of reading matter supplied to the poor families.

York county did work Memorial Day in the way of dinner for the Post, and flowers.

Cumberland county: Peaks' Island Union has distributed 505 papers and magazines, 45 tracts among sailors, and are working to start a public reading-room for the men when in port. From Portland has been sent 6 barrels of literature. Library No. 10 has been added; though it numbers 10 we have but 9 in circulation as one has been lost at sea. Barrels have been received by the superintendent of Cumberland county from Brownfield, two barrels from Kennebunk, one barrel, one package from Farmington. Several packages of illustrated papers together with tracts have been sent to the Marine Hospital.

I thank all who have so generously helped the work for the past year and ask the same interest and help for the new superintendent, knowing it is impossible to reckon the good done by the reading thus distributed.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) F. C. JOHNSTON,

State Supt. Dept. Soldiers and Sailors.

Work Among Lumbermen.

Madam President and Co-Workers:

In justice to the county superintendents of this work I will say that I have been ill in bed since the middle of May so have not been able to aid them in the work of preparing reports as I should have done. The work has been done in a more systematic way and good has been accomplished, yet there is much to be done in the way of systematic organization.

Several counties are in excellent working order and we hope during the next year to bring the others up to a better standard. Most encouraging words have been received from the camps. We are told that the lumber camps are not what they were before the W. C. T. U.

became interested in them. With the assurance that our efforts are appreciated, and that we are making the months spent in the lumber camps more helpful and pleasant to the men, we all, I am sure, will put forth a greater effort than ever during the coming winter. Again we must urge the need of a camp missionary upon the Convention. One who would not only visit all the lumber camps but the small settlements in out of the way places—carrying to them the gospel of Christ and enlisting workers in temperance reform. Great results have followed this work in other states, and I feel sure that the time will come when we will be able to do the same. We endeavor when it is possible to supply the lumbermen's families with good reading both for adults and children. Many bibles, testaments and comfort bags have been sent to the camps. We want to urge that all county superintendents send to the state superintendent their county reports in detail as *soon as possible* after the county conventions. We want to thank all those who have so kindly assisted in delivering packages, free of charge, to the lumber camps. Let all reading sent be marked W. C. T. U.

REPORT BY COUNTIES.

Cumberland county—Mrs. S. J. McClelland, South Windham: South Windham, 2205 pages mailed to camps. Newhall, mailed 350 pages to camp. Peaks' Island, 300 pages, beside tracts and leaflets. Westbrook Y's sent 400 pounds of magazines and papers, 248 pages of literature to Greenville for distribution. Westbrook sent a large dry goods box filled with good reading. Windham Center, supplied regularly each week five camps and helped supply county superintendents.

Washington county—Mrs. G. H. Condell: Calais, have distributed 1167 papers, 113 magazines, 106 leaflets, 10 books all carefully selected and marked W. C. T. U. Pembroke, have done good work but kept no record. Cherryfield, distributed 1700 pages among lumber camps. Eastport, distributed 182 papers. Princeton, sent to lumber camps 180 books, 34 papers, 24 magazines, 38 leaflets. The county superintendent has done much personal work. Has written to all local superintendents and had good words from the camps.

Piscataquis county—Mrs. F. L. Rogers, Greenville: Greenville, sent to about 20 camps who gratefully received the reading matter, sent bibles to most of the camps, distributed literature and comfort bags from a Union in Massachusetts, a large box from Winthrop Y's, state superintendent and others, sent about 10 bushels of reading to camps, all of which was carefully looked over by Mrs. Rogers, supplied lumbermen's families with reading, distributed tracts in foreign language. Shirley, supplied all camps in their locality. Dover and Foxcroft, supplied all camps and mills in their vicinity.

Franklin county—Miss Edith Church, Phillipps: The county president assures me that much good work has been done in the northern part of the county; the superintendent has sent no detailed report.

Aroostook county—Mrs. Sophia S. Howe, Ashland: The county superintendent wrote to ten Unions, only four of which replied. The sum of amount sent was given, instead of in detail, as follows: 20,962 pages of literature, 190 leaflets.

Penobscot county—Mrs. Josephine Jellison, Bangor: Mrs. S. J. Pickard who died in May, was the county superintendent; her report was not completed, so the report will only be partial. Many Unions not reported have done good work. Orono, supplied seven camps, two depot wall pockets, sent literature to Greenville for distribution. Stillwater, supplies boarding houses and camps. Bangor Crusade, sent many hundred pages. Bangor Union, sent papers and leaflets in large numbers.

Of the ten counties written to only five have answered. This is rather discouraging but we hope for better success next year.

Respectfully submitted,

ADDIE LILLIAN HARVEY,
State Supt. of Work Among Lumbermen.

Sabbath Observance.

Your state superintendent for the department of Sabbath Observance presents her report with much regret that more has not been accomplished the past year, partly due, no doubt, to your superintendent being new to the work.

Many letters have been written, and report blanks sent, to every county and many local superintendents, and we find in summing up those that have been returned that 22,262 pages of literature have been circulated, 16 public meetings held, 54 sermons preached, 3 addresses given, 160 signatures secured to the Sabbath Observance Pledge, 802 signatures secured to the petition for a "Sunday Rest Law," and 17 Manuals distributed; Sabbath Laws have been posted in many public places, Manuals sent to pastors, many Sabbath Schools using Concert Exercises and Responsive Readings, Press utilized in nearly every county, boys stopped from riding their wheels on Sunday, foreign children clothed, and brought into the Sunday School, and one popular pleasure resort closed on the Sabbath.

In Androscoggin county, Mrs. L. W. Clark, Mechanic Falls, superintendent, reports: 2,800 pages of literature have been distributed, 10 sermons preached, 5 public meetings held, State Sabbath Laws posted in stores, and much private work in conversation. One Union reports a copy of the Sabbath Observance Manual given to each pastor.

Aroostook—Abbie S. Knight, Fort Fairfield, Supt.: 6,000 pages of literature, 7 Manuals, 20 sermons, 5 prayer meetings, 105 signatures to the petition for the "Sunday Rest Law." Many have signed the Sabbath Observance Pledge, Concert Exercises and Responsive Readings used in the Sunday Schools, Sunday Laws printed in nearly all local papers and copies of them posted in public places.

Cumberland—Lucy A. Snow, Windham Cen., Supt. : Only one of the twelve superintendents in this county heard from. That one reports, 2,300 pages of literature distributed, 73 signatures to the petition for the "Sunday Rest Law," Concert Exercise No. 3 introduced into one Sabbath School and Sunday Laws posted in railroad station.

Franklin County reports no superintendent but some work done. One sermon preached, three public meetings held at which Sabbath Observance was one of the topics.

Kennebec—Olive M. Tuttle, Augusta, Supt. : 6,927 pages of literature, 7 sermons, 3 prayer meetings, 1 address, 248 signatures to petition for "Sunday Rest Law." Many letters have been written and the public press utilized to quite an extent. One paper publishes an article every week. Sabbath Observance has been taught in one Juvenile society, is taken as a topic often in one Y. P. S. C. E.; much personal work has been done among the children; one minister has arranged a Bible Reading which is to be given soon. Augusta reports a legal protest has been signed by the president and superintendent and presented to the proper persons, against public amusements on the Sabbath at Oakwood Park and in the opera house. Also efforts have been made to stop the sale of cigars and confectionery on the Sabbath.

Knox county—Alzira L. Crie, Rockland, Supt. : 100 pages of literature, 2 manuals, 6 sermons, 54 signatures to petition for a "Sunday Rest Law," Sabbath Laws posted, all Unions without superintendents written to and requested to appoint one, mayor and city marshal written to and urged to use their authority to close the shops that are open Sunday mornings, also to prevent newsboys from crying and selling the Sunday papers on the streets. Manufacturers of lime were requested to close their kilns on the Sabbath last year, but are still heedless. One popular pleasure resort, where thousands of excursionists have been in the habit of going has been closed to the public on Sundays.

Piscataquis—Mrs. Elsie E. Sherburne, Milo, Supt. : 500 pages of literature distributed, 2 sermons preached, 144 signatures to petition, press utilized, foreign children influenced into Sunday school, laws printed in local papers, boys riding on their wheels

Sunday were requested to stop unless they could find a place where God could not see them and the practice was given up. Every local Union reported doing something.

Somerset—Mrs. Julia Bowdoin, Ripley, Supt.: 3,000 pages of literature, 1 sermon, 2 public meetings, 109 signatures to petition obtained; wall pockets placed in stores and Sabbath laws and other literature kept in them. Stores and barber shops requested to close on the Sabbath but with little effect. Public sentiment, however, more favorable than in the past.

Sagadahoc—Mrs. H. N. Jackson, Bath, Supt., reports: Petition for a "Sunday Rest Law" being circulated, one address given, Sabbath laws given to ministers and one sermon preached.

Washington—Mrs. O. A. Curtis, Addison Point, Supt.: The superintendent of this county has not been heard from but through the kindness of Mrs. Bernard Rogers, president, we have been able to glean the following: 635 pages of literature distributed besides many papers; two public meetings, and one sermon; wall pockets placed in stores and other public places and kept well filled. Through the efforts of one Union several children have been clothed and brought into the Sunday School and are working to bring in more.

York county reports no superintendent but hopes to have one soon. One Union reports 4 sermons, 4 public meetings; 60 signatures to the Sabbath Pledge, public sentiment improving and Sabbath desecration diminishing.

Hancock, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot and Waldo counties not heard from.

We wish to thank those who have reported so promptly and who have done faithful work. Let each try to enthuse her local superintendents to greater efforts than ever before. Let us all do something no matter how small it seems, remembering that God giveth the increase.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) F. A. ROLLINS.

State Supt. Dept. Sabbath Observance.

State Missionary Report.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:

My first annual report of Missionary Work is respectfully submitted:

Hancock county was the first visited. Eight meetings were held, thirteen new members were added to the Unions. Three homes opened for homeless children.

Piscataquis was visited next. Eight meetings were held, full of interest; the work in this county is growing. Later I visited the county again and two new Unions were organized, one at Sangerville through the faithful labors of the county president, Mrs. Frank Dorr, president. The following day I went to Sebec and organized a Union of fourteen members, Mrs. Morrill, president. One pleasant feature of this Union was that of the young ladies coming in with their mothers and taking hold so earnestly. Nine new members were added to the Milo Union when the county convention was held there. Later on the work was taken up again.

Penobscot county: Mrs. Annie Viele Curtis planned a trip through her county for me just previous to their county convention. Eighteen meetings were held here, new members were added to the Unions. The trip was very pleasant and profitable. An apple blossom tea was given at the beautiful home of Mrs. Morrison at East Corinth, a most social and pleasant gathering. I wish every Union might give the same when the apple blossoms come again. At Hampden Corner another tea was given at the home of the president. All the members were present.

Washington county came next. Here as in other places, the county president, Mrs. Bernard Rogers, had prepared a trip nearly through her county; fourteen meetings were held, one new Union

organized at Indian River, Mrs. Salome Emerson, president. New members were added to all the Unions where afternoon meetings were held.

Oxford county : through the efforts of Mr. Carver and wife, editor of Rumford Falls *Times*, I was able to organize a Union, Mrs. M. H. Graffam, president. A stage ride of fifty-one miles in this county means something. I arrived at Andover where Rev. Mr. Norcross and wife gave me a warm welcome. He told me he had been a pastor there for four years and I was the first person he had ever been able to persuade to come there ; the stage ride seemed to frighten them. The Lord blessed the effort made, and another good Union was organized with nineteen new sisters. Bethel was next visited and new members were added to their number.

Again returning for more work in Piscataquis county, where Mrs. Getchell had prepared the way for a trip through her county to organize new Unions and strengthen old ones. Greenville first to be visited ; new members were added there. An enthusiastic "Mother's Meeting" was held with the new Sangerville Union and seven new members added ; one pleasing incident connected with this meeting was a mother telling us what happened in her home before coming to the meeting. Her little boy asked her if she was not going to join the W. C. T. U. She told him she guessed not, she wanted to go and hear Mrs. Wright for she was an old friend of hers in Caribou. "I would if I were you, for you would count *one* more, mamma." It is needless to say I tied the white ribbon on this mother and friend. At Atkinson the county president joined me and a Union of thirteen members was organized, Mrs. Jennie Lifford, president. The pastors rendered much valuable assistance and were in hearty sympathy with the work.

Sunday, Sept. 23, Mrs. Annie Viele Curtis prepared the way for my going to Stetson where in the afternoon I met the ladies and organized a Union, Mrs. John Rogers, president. Lectured to a full house in the evening and received a warm invitation to come again.

Since last Convention your State Missionary has held seventy-two meetings, traveled about 3,000 miles, organized seven Unions. I

have a few helpful suggestions to offer that I have been able to glean in my work. I pass them on to you hoping thereby you may be helpful to others :

1. I have a card that will increase membership in local Unions : The pledge and these words "Will you not help in this work by giving your name and membership fee even if you cannot be an active member?"

2. Hearing the high tribute paid to those who prepared the programme for the *Star* and the great help they have been to our Unions I would urge they be continued every month as a means to keep up the interest in our local work.

3. I wish some good strong Union upon hearing of a new Union being organized would at once adopt it as their child and send them letters of encouragement, some *Union Signals* and our own *Star* that it may shine for them, bible readings that you have used and laid by and a few samples of literature ; it will all be a wonderful help and encouragement to them just starting out, when they feel they know so little of the work you older ones have been so long engaged in.

4. I would urge also that at each annual meeting of our local Unions, the president give an annual address, as she thus takes a retrospect of the work done for the year and makes new suggestions for the year to come ; thus the sisters will realize the work done and the possibility of doing more the coming year, as in no other way.

5. I would suggest Mothers' Clubs under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. conducted on the plan of Dr. Mary Wood Allen. I am sure they would be very popular among women who do not care to unite with us and yet can be helped by us.

6. I wish to urge that each Union would raise some money for the department of Securing Homes for Homeless Children. This department differs from all others in that it must be fed and clothed until such time as a good home can be secured for the children. Let us all give something to help on this great work of our state superintendent which has been so manifestly blessed by our Heavenly Father.

In closing I ask, would it not make us better members, more energetic, more eager to bring others to share the pleasures and advantages that we feel, day by day are leaving their marks on our lives as

well as on the lives of others, if we should give the very best of our service to Christ? We should be richer ourselves by giving more and more to others, as the months go by. This beloved sisters of the W. C. T. U. is living and those who miss this, miss the secret of their living. So many persons complain that their powers are so small, their education and means are so limited, they cannot hope to be of any use in the world. Let such take courage. No one is so powerless that she cannot in some way strengthen the hands of another; no one so dull that she cannot help another to shine; no one's life is so small that she cannot make some other life greater. And in those other lives which the humble and earnest sister has aided to build up she will find her own life grow richer and fuller. Everything done for others, with the desire of pleasing Christ, and helping humanity, will re-act upon the doer, bringing to her its own satisfaction and reward.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. WRIGHT.

NOTE.—The cards to increase membership above referred to are now ready and can be obtained of Miss Alice B. Thomas, Yarmouthville, Maine, for eight cents per dozen, post-paid.

Social Purity.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :

If my report this year fails to be as good as it should, it must be attributed to the extra work given in a personal way through the state. I felt that each co-worker was competent now to work alone in the several counties, and from reports received I am assured my confidence was well grounded. From what I have been able to learn from visiting Unions through the several counties they are all coming to feel the need of this department more and more, and to realize the command of Christ "Love one another as I have loved you" is christianity applied. Obeying this command will enable us all to do

this grand missionary work, and to inculcate such principles by faithful seed sowing, as shall tell in lives of those whom we try to help. The labor of love in which the sisters of this department are engaged is far reaching, only Eternity alone will reveal all the good work done. When we realize the many temptations which allure the young away from the path of right, we want to reach *every* mother in the state with a note of warning. Could mothers and fathers but know and feel the perils and dangers that surround their children we should not lack for public sentiment for the right training in the schools, as well as in the homes.

Aroostook county has done good work through their missionary, Mrs. Jennie Seamans, who has spoken several times for the Purity department.

Androscoggin county, through their police matron Mrs. Swett of Auburn has been able to do effective work such as calls, distribution of clothing and finding employment for women and girls.

Cumberland county, through lectures and the police matron at Portland, and looking after the schools, has been able to do effective work for the cause of purity.

Kennebec county has done its best work through distribution of literature. A poem by Mrs. Long has been written showing what a home should be, pure, and sweet. This poem, "Songs of a Home," should be read by all our white ribbon host.

Knox county: Reports having secured separate recesses in some places and the closing of a disreputable house. A police matron has been appointed at Rockland.

Lincoln county: Mothers' Meetings and the distribution of literature.

Oxford county: Keep helpful books in circulation and hold Mothers' Meetings with good results. The law regarding impure books has been enforced in the schools.

Piscataquis county has done a work that is far reaching. At the Teachers' Institute three hundred leaflets "Safety for School Children" were distributed and an exhaustive purity lecture by W. W. Stetson of Auburn was given on "The Teacher's Moral Responsibility."

Penobscot county did their most effective work through their state superintendent of this department visiting all the Unions, holding Mothers' Meetings, and giving a lecture in the evening for the department.

Sagadahoc county distributed over two thousand pages of literature in towns where there were no Unions.

Washington county has done a great work this year along the line of rescuing girls from impure lives and placing them in good homes where they are happy and doing well.

Waldo county superintendent has held Mothers' Meetings in different localities thereby reaching many mothers. Let others follow this plan.

York county: This county has done most excellent work in saving fallen girls, and much other work that cannot be given in reports, but in the book of remembrance a record is kept and will receive its just reward.

Mothers' Meetings have been held and more literature distributed this year than any preceding year.

I would still urge all Unions to hold Mothers' Meetings as it is conceded by all to be the most interesting meeting. Each county superintendent has been supplied with the National plan of work, also a personal letter written to each, as well as scores to local superintendents.

There are several books that I trust the sisters in general will avail themselves of; some of them have been reduced in price: "Nineteen Beautiful Years," "Unanswered Prayer," "Childhood, Its Care and Culture," "Teaching Truth," "Songs of a Home," "The Great Mother."

In closing my report I wish to say to my co-workers, go on as heretofore, circulating our department literature, holding Mothers' Meetings, petition for separate recesses, and do the best we can every way to raise the standard of purity; I would urge all Unions to appoint superintendents that the work may be carried on more extensively.

We are glad to see the faith of our women in the power of the Gospel of Christ to save to the uttermost. Nothing seems too hard to undertake in His name, none seem too bad to be redeemed by

Him, no work seems small or unimportant if directed by the Holy Spirit. Then let us give generously of our thought, prayers, and effort in this important work which our Heavenly Father has been pleased to own and bless.

"An arm of aid to the weak,
A friendly hand to the friendless,
Kind words so short to speak,
But whose echo is endless.
The world is wide; these things are small,
They *may* be nothing, but they *are* all."

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. WRIGHT,
State Supt. Dept. of Purity.

Scientific Temperance Instruction.

In bringing this, my fifth annual report to you, I think I can safely say that more gain has been made during the past year than in the four preceding years. Public sentiment is now quite generally in favor of this movement and, although we have not reached our ideal yet, temperance instruction is given in nearly all the schools of the state. Indifference and opposition have passed away. School officers are supplying the schools with better text books, charts, and the appliances needed in this branch of instruction. Teachers are seeking new and better methods; where these conditions prevail every child is interested in his own physical well being.

The children are being taught enough anatomy to give them a good idea of structure; enough physiology to insure a clear idea of the use of different organs, but the emphasis is placed upon the laws of health and morality. They are taught the scientific truth in regard to the nature of alcohol and tobacco; and that neither have any place in a well ordered life.

Since health is the greatest of earthly blessings both in itself and as a necessary means for the discharge of the duties of life, and this

same blessing, health, is largely in the keeping of the individual, the public school education should include a knowledge of the simple laws of hygiene. One natural science—the human body—should be taught to every child of grammar school age in the state. This study cannot be postponed until the high school is reached, for only five per cent. of the public school children ever enter the high school.

The study of temperance physiology has been made prominent in the discussions of the State and County Teachers' Associations.

Many local Unions have sent the *Temperance Physiology Journal*, published by Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, to the teachers in their respective towns. They have also supplied the teachers with some of the following leaflets: Safety for School Children, Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools, Teacher Questioned, The Teacher Taught, etc.

Receptions have been given to school officers and teachers, and during the evening there has been a full and free discussion of the best methods of teaching temperance physiology.

These efforts express interest in the teachers and their work and increase the efficiency of the schools.

If any teacher lacks a suitable text book and will write to Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, 23 Trull St., Boston, describing her school, Mrs. Hunt will have the publisher send to that teacher the most suitable book, free of charge.

Dear women, do be more active in this department. The work for the children is, without any question, the most important, and most hopeful branch of our work. Let us strive to double the efficiency of this department in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. F. FRENCH.

Temperance Literature.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:

It is with interest and pleasure we hear each superintendent say her department is of more importance than that of others, and in listening to them we feel as we hear each, surely that is the most important. How our hearts are stirred when we hear the report of the superintendent for Securing Homes for Homeless Children, and how glad we are that we have such a department. Then when we hear of the terrible evils of Narcotics among our young boys and girls too, we are so thankful that good work is done to help them overcome the terrible appetite, and that there is a law to punish offenders who will for money drag these young souls down to misery and death.

We might go on through all the list of departments and say each was of so much importance we could not think of giving it up, and yet, my sisters, I trust I may not be considered egotistic when I say I think my department the most important of all.

Is not knowledge the foundation of all our plans of work, and how can we work if we are not informed, and how can we become informed if we do not read, and how can we read if we do not provide ourselves with the books and literature which are published for just this purpose? What is the Word of God to those who have no interest to read it? How can they obey its divine commands if they know them not, and what are the promises of God to them if they have never heard them? I find such exhortations as these in the Book of Books—Paul says to Timothy, “Till I come give attendance to *reading*.” Isaiah says, “Seek ye out of the book of the Lord and *read*,” and in Revelations we have these words, “Blessed is he that *readeth*.”

So it seems to us, if all these various departments of workers had not the literature they need to assist them in carrying on this work, do you think as much would be accomplished by them? Who knows the power of one little leaflet sent out in a letter to a thinking

mind, or the great good of the sending into darkened homes those books and papers which contain the bread of life to some poor one who would not have it only for the kindness of the workers of our W. C. T. U. So I would emphasize what has already been said by urging each and every superintendent, whether county or local, to endeavor to do more in the coming year than in the past, so that every county may be reported when we gather in Convention again.

Androscoggin county: Livermore Falls reports 1051 pages of literature distributed, have a box at railroad station, 5 copies of Union Signal taken and 12 copies of Young Crusader. Have expended quite an amount for literature. Auburn Union, did good work at State Fair, kept wall pockets filled. Lewiston, Greene and Turner all report much work done in this department, but fail to give the amount.

Aroostook county: The superintendent herself distributed 4025 pages of literature, and much good known to have been accomplished even by the reading of one leaflet. Almost every Union in the county has done some work. If the superintendents would only keep an accurate account of work done, how much more credit would the county receive. Dear sisters, be faithful in the little things. Houlton reports, have boxes at railroad stations and grocery stores, distributed 700 pages of literature beside many copies of Union Signal, 36 copies of Star in the East, and 6 of Y Crusader. Have expended \$13.00 for literature during the year.

Cumberland county: We know a large amount of literature has been used. Portland has 45 subscribers to Union Signal and keeps a box filled with literature at railroad station, has a nucleus for a library in its Union, and circulates literature at public meetings.

Hancock county: Ellsworth has two wall pockets which they keep filled and also distributed literature at the County Fair and jail. Brooklin Union has five pockets which are kept filled with temperance literature, also given away a large number of papers. Tremont Union keeps three pockets filled and distributed a large amount of temperance literature.

Franklin county: County president knew a large amount of literature had been distributed. They were to report in time for our State Minutes but not in season for National—*procrastination*.

Kennebec county : County president feels sure that thousands of pages of literature have been distributed. They have published a souvenir the past year containing a page concerning each department, a greeting from the county president, and of this souvenir 1000 copies have been distributed through the county, thus acquainting the public with the work.

Knox county : Thomaston and Camden have done some work. Warren, distributed 2,402 pages of literature. Rockland, distributed 100 copies of the Neal Dow Union Signal, have sent papers to jail and Marine Hospital, 18 copies Union Signal taken. Spruce Head, keep 3 wall pockets filled, circulated much literature, 4 copies Signal, 12 Star in the East, 12 Y Crusader, 10 Anti-Tobacco Gem taken. Rockport, distributed 1,716 pages on board of vessels leaving that port, 3 copies Union Signal, 6 Star in the East taken.

Penobscot, Oxford, and Lincoln counties, no report.

Piscataquis county : Literature has been distributed at the fairs and many leaflets and other literature pertaining to Scientific Temperance Instruction have been distributed in the schools. At the Teachers' Assembly at Foxcroft 300 leaflets on "Safety for School Children," 200 of the "House on the Sand," and several hundred in different leaflets on the "Evils of Nicotine and the Cigarette Law. Barrels of literature have been sent to the lumber camps. Shirley, reports, keep a box filled with temperance literature at railroad station, have circulated many copies of papers; three copies of Union Signal taken.

Sagadahoc county : Bath reports 2023 pages of literature circulated through the railroad station boxes and 700 pages through the church the evening of Gen. Dow's birthday.

Somerset county : North Anson reports, "more literature distributed the past year than any previous year since we organized," especially in the departments of Narcotics and Purity, supplied one lumber camp during the winter, also furnished teachers with Monthly Advices and Department Leaflets. North New Portland, have distributed Timely Talks and Leaflets among young people. Madison, keep 5 wall pockets filled with good reading, have distributed a large amount of tracts and leaflets. Ripley, have put Monthly Advices into every school in town, subscribed for 15 Y Crusaders and sent

into as many families; have distributed leaflets in Sunday schools and churches. Keep three wall pockets filled with literature. East St. Albans, subscribed for 9 copies of Y Crusader and sent into families having children, also 12 copies of Monthly Advices for our teachers. Many leaflets distributed. St. Albans, take 16 copies of Temperance Banner for poor children, also Monthly Advices for teachers. Shawmut, have subscribed for 4 copies of Y Crusader and 5 copies of Star in the East for families outside the Union. Sent good reading to 4 camps during the winter and keep 1 wall pocket filled. Distributed a great amount of literature. 47 copies of Union Signal, 65 copies of Star in the East, 54 copies of Young Crusader, and 16 copies of Temperance Banner taken in the county.

Waldo county: Waldo circulated 1000 pages of literature, expended \$6.60 for same. Swanville distributed 225 pages, Belfast 600 pages, Searsmont 500 pages, beside books, magazines and papers loaned, total 2,325 pages; 16 copies of Union Signal taken in the county. The reading of one Signal in Searsmont caused one man to think about voting for prohibition. The Signal is read every week at the Grange meeting, and a minister received a year's subscription as a Christmas gift.

Washington county: Calais superintendent reports: Have wall pockets in Columbia saloon and barber shop which are kept supplied with temperance papers and leaflets. Have used 250 Union Signals, 500 leaflets, and other temperance literature. These have been placed in packages for sailors and used in the jail. Poor families have had papers given them. Millbridge, literature has been distributed at every public meeting, (and they have had quite a number) also sent to teachers to be given to scholars. A large amount has been left in barber shops, stores and lawyers' offices, leaflets have been placed in Sunday school books and in letters to young people, 8 copies of Signal taken.

York county: A large amount of literature circulated. Groveville 141 pages, Cornish 1000 beside a large box, Springvale 10,000 pages; Kennebunk has sent out a number of barrels, South Berwick, Sanford and West Lebanon a large amount.

SUSAN J. FERNALD.

Purity in Literature and Art.

That the work of this department deserves the attention and demands the co-operation of every white ribboner "goes without saying;" when we remember that 22,400,000 youthful souls in our institutions of learning need to be defended from the moral "pestilence that walketh in darkness" and in daylight, to contaminate, degrade and destroy them. The wonder is that so few of our local Unions are ready to engage in this work when it is needed so much, everywhere. As Anthony Comstock says in his last report: "New devices to defraud are invented; new schemes to disseminate vilest things for gain constantly started; new inventions to outwit parent and teacher and strike a fatal stab at the fountain of moral purity in the youth of this nation continually floats to the surface, and unless the Almighty shall send deliverance, will inevitably bring this nation down into the dust."

That the majority of people are deaf, dumb and blind to many of the evils that are in the world, is true; yet slowly but surely some are having "the arrest of thought" concerning the pestiferous things we seek to suppress. A correct public sentiment regarding the forms of vice we antagonize, is necessary before we can hope to secure the extermination of these evils.

Only a few of the county superintendents have reported; hence it is not possible to give an accurate account of the work done the past year; yet I believe, in a quiet way, more has been accomplished than in any year since this department came into being.

Aroostook county—Mrs. Mary E. Bumpus, Supt., reports a thousand pages department literature distributed since she was appointed, last April, and repeated efforts to get each local Union to take up this work.

Miss Kate W. Spinney of Sagadahoc county reports increased interest and good work done.

Waldo county has a faithful, earnest co-worker in Mrs. Sarah W. Bicknell of Belfast. "When helpers fail" she does the work herself

and reports "1200 pages literature distributed, sermons by the pastors, etc., much personal work done." Her report is a model for county superintendents.

Washington county: Mrs. Geo. H. Cleaves reports increased interest and good work done. In several cases sickness or absence from the state has hindered the work. Several *local* superintendents have sent reports of work done that will purify and bless their respective towns.

To close, I quote from Mrs. Bicknell's report: "Your superintendent has come to the conclusion that the work is too great to be done by the few. Parents must stand guard at their own homes, lest anything that defiles enters its doors. Never has such literature been so widely diffused as at the present time. The boy is father to the man. If youth becomes contaminated what may we expect but blighted manhood and womanhood. We shield our children from bad company; are we as careful to keep from our homes all that is deleterious in the way of literature, pictures, etc.? What the eyes dwell on and what the intellectual faculties absorb in the home has much to do with our after life."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. AMELIA L. PAGE.

Flower Mission Work.

Madam President and Members of the Convention:

This year thirteen counties have reported in regard to Flower Mission Work. From the reports it has been found that over 4,000 bouquets have been distributed and that to nearly all of these text cards have been attached by white ribbon. Through these efforts many have signed the pledge. Following is the summary of the work done as far as reported:

Androscoggin county: The Auburn Union has distributed flowers to the sick, the county jail, and Old Ladies' Home. Chase's Mills

Union has sent flowers to the almshouse, sick and "shut-ins." At Greene flowers were furnished for Memorial Day and the church decorated for public temperance meetings. The committee at Livermore Falls has furnished flowers for funerals. The superintendent at Lewiston has distributed about 200 bouquets to the sick and suffering. On the 8th of June the almshouse was visited and fifty bouquets left. At Mechanic Falls they have carried flowers and fruit to the sick and sewed for the needy. At Sabattus flowers have been sent to the church each Sabbath, to the sick, and the hospital at Lewiston.

Aroostook county reports 450 bouquets and floral offerings distributed. The jails and almshouses have been visited and many delicacies have been carried to the poor and sick.

Cumberland county: Brunswick observed Flower Mission Day. They have carried flowers to the sick and furnished them for funerals, also distributed a number of tracts. Cumberland Mills, many flowers were sent in the name of the Union. Newhall sent 70 bouquets, also many boxes of fruit and other delicacies to the poor and sick. Peaks Island, flowers sent to the hotel, if any sick there, churches supplied and flowers furnished for funerals. White Rock supplied the churches and sick with flowers. Windham supplied flowers for three funerals, sent many bouquets to the sick on Flower Mission Day. Held a mass meeting in memory of Jennie Casseday and a public lecture in the evening. Westbrook Y's have sent 50 bouquets, supplied flowers for three funerals; also sent fruit and other delicacies to a little child. Portland, Flower Mission Day was observed by visiting the jail and Reform School. The number of bouquets distributed reached 1,400. This does not include the numbers of loose flowers which have been given out as circumstances would permit. Potted plants have been carried, also over 900 papers and magazines; 200 packages of fruit have been sent to the sick and poor.

Franklin county: Farmington Union observed Flower Mission Day by sending flowers to the sick, and to those in jail; a service was held there by the Union and the music was furnished by the pupils of the Normal school. North Jay observed the Casseday Memorial Day.

Kennebec county: China Union reports 100 bouquets with text cards attached sent to the sick and aged. Flowers furnished at funerals and on Memorial Day. An invalid Sabbath school teacher in North China has received 493 pages of literature, also 100 scripture text cards. Gardiner reports 135 calls on the sick and "shut-ins," 32 bouquets distributed, with a few text cards used. Fruit, also many other articles were carried twelve times. Flower Mission Day observed by decorating the church and distributing flowers. South China reports about 30 bouquets distributed by the superintendent herself, besides what others have done. Many delicacies have been sent to the sick, and 72 pages of literature distributed. North Vassalboro Union has visited many sick. 25 bouquets with scripture text cards attached have been distributed during the season. The number of bouquets sent by the Vassalboro Union reached forty.

Nearly all the Unions of Knox county united in making bouquets for the prison Flower Mission Day which occurred in June, on which occasion the prisoners were addressed by Mrs. Helen Bullock of Elmira, New York. Rockland sent many bouquets to the sick and "shut-ins," also the jail and hospital. Spruce Head Union has furnished 116 bouquets for the chapel, sent in cream and cake to the sick, and on Jennie Casseday's birthday sent flowers with white ribbon and text cards attached. Thomaston, one or more members of the Union visit the prison every Sabbath and carry many papers to the inmates.

Lincoln county: Bremen Union reports sick visited and 25 bouquets distributed. Damariscotta has done some work. Waldoboro has sent 30 bouquets to the sick and aged; June 9th they sent a box of flowers to Thomaston. During the winter 16 poor families were visited and 250 garments distributed, also \$5 spent in their relief. Six floral pieces have been furnished at funerals and the church has been decorated.

Oxford county: Oxford, flowers have been distributed to the sick, aged, and to funerals. Norway, since the county convention in May flowers have been sent to the sick, "shut-ins," flower pieces have been furnished for funerals, June 9th memorial pieces were sent to the churches, and flowers to all sick; all new-born babies

have been supplied with bouquets. Brownfield, flowers have been sent to the sick, bouquets to young babies, and flowers to the Maine General Hospital at Portland and a part of the time flowers have been provided for the church. Bethel, each new-born babe has received a bouquet, flowers have been carried to the family after death of friends, flowers, fruit, confectionery and papers have been sent to the poor-farm, and bouquets have been sent to many sick ones. The church was decorated at the prize contest of the Loyal Temperance Legion.

Penobscot county: Has eight Flower Missions; 215 bouquets have been distributed; flowers have been sent for funerals; much clothing has been given out.

Sagadahoc county: Bath observed Flower Mission Day by visiting the almshouse with bouquets. Much has been done for those needing company, reading, delicacies and flowers.

Waldo county: Belfast Union June 9th held services in the jail and at almshouse; bouquets with text cards attached were given out. The sick and afflicted were also visited on that day; 35 bouquets were distributed in all. Searsmont reports 25 bouquets given. Waldo, 70 bouquets have been carried to the sick and "shut-ins;" flowers have been furnished for funerals.

Washington county: Cherryfield Union has visited the sick, carried fruit and other delicacies. June 9th was observed by carrying 60 bouquets to the almshouse and visiting the sick; 105 bouquets with text cards carried during the year. Jonesport observed Flower Mission Day; 17 bouquets were distributed. Harrington also observed June 9th by visiting the sick. This work has been carried on during the summer. Machias observed Prison Day; 16 large bouquets with text cards attached were carried to the jail.

York county: Cornish furnished flowers for sick and for funerals, helped decorate soldiers' graves Memorial Day, also furnished flowers for the church. Kennebunk reports flowers given to the sick and "shut ins." Thirty bouquets at least given away, some furnished for funerals, also hall decorated for Temperance Lectures. Grovesville Y's observed Flower Mission Day by visiting the Industrial Farm in Buxton. Since then bouquets and food have been car-

ried to the sick. The churches have been supplied with flowers. South Berwick Y's have distributed 175 bouquets, plants and bulbs. They had entire charge of decorating soldiers' graves Memorial Day besides presenting each veteran with a small bouquet. Also had charge of decorating churches for Temperance Lectures. Food has been furnished to the sick.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH E. LIBBY.

Temperance Work at Fairs.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :

My first annual report which I herewith submit is necessarily somewhat incomplete as I have received reports from only ten counties.

Nearly all send favorable reports either of work done or conditions which seemed to make work unnecessary. My personal observation has shown that the people attending Fairs are much more orderly than in former years. The Fair officials are generally courteous and obliging and ready to assist in our work.

Androscoggin county: The Supt. reports, that last year their county did grandly, distributing more literature at fairs than any other county in the state. Sabattus furnished 2000 pages of Beer, Cider and Tobacco leaflets. Mechanic Falls gave 500 pages and funds for purchasing a similar amount for this year's distribution. Auburn gave 500 pages and several copies of the *Union Signal*.

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Much encouragement was derived from personal conversation with ladies concerning our W. C. T. U. department work; they manifested great interest and some promised, and have since become members of Unions in different localities. The Lewiston and

Auburn Unions served hot meals and lunches during the State Fair; Poland Spring water was free to all. Other Unions in the county report good work done and much interest manifested.

From Aroostook county, in answer to our request for a report, came the sad intelligence of the death of our superintendent of this department, Mrs. J. C. Smith.

Cumberland county sends a most encouraging report: Permission being granted by the board of directors, a county tent was erected on the Fair-grounds at Gorham, which was tastily decorated and across the top these mottoes: "National Prohibition" and "The Saloon Must Go," under that the letters W. C. T. U. There were distributed 2000 papers, 300 Beer, Cider, Tobacco and Woman Suffrage leaflets. Lunch was served and cold water free. Liberal contributions for the tent were received from many Unions in the county and valuable assistance rendered. In closing the superintendent says: "It was a very noticeable fact that our efforts were appreciated by the better class of people who spoke many words of encouragement."

Franklin county: At their county Fair the trustees gave the Union a corner of the hall where fancy articles were exhibited, which they made as attractive as possible, and from which they distributed temperance literature, including the Fair number of the *Star*. As there was a lack of water on the Fair-grounds last year, this year they procured two water barrels placing them at points most frequented by the crowds and kept them filled with ice water. Also used their influence in preventing the sale of cider, beer and stronger drinks.

Knox county: We were sorry to learn of a Union failing to obtain a place on any of our Fair-grounds. Our superintendent writes they were unable to do so at the North Knox County Fair held at Union.

Lincoln county: The superintendent writes that their Union has not taken up the work of this department. One Fair in the county at Damariscotta.

Oxford county: Mrs. Holden, Supt., reports the distribution of nearly 4000 pages of temperance literature by the different Unions, consisting of Timely Talks, Signal Lights, National Leaflets and the *Star*.

Penobscot county: The superintendent reports the distribution of literature at the Eastern Maine Fair. The sale of intoxicants is strictly prohibited. Mrs. A. V. Curtis, the county president, reported personal work done at the County Fair at Exeter which contains so many helpful suggestions that were space allowed I would present it entire, but can only include a few extracts: "Seeing how few stopped to examine or take our printed matter which was tastily arranged on a table inside the building, we took a number of well selected leaflets and going outside distributed several hundred to as many men and boys who scarcely went inside the building and had they done so would probably not have taken our literature, but meeting them on the ground right in the midst of things many were surprised into a pleasant bow or 'thank you.'" She also suggests that at our town meetings this same work might be effectually done, always securing beforehand attractive and instructive reading matter. I trust these suggestions may be helpful to Unions in our rural villages where our workers often feel discouraged because there is so little they can do.

Piscataquis county, as in former years, distributed many temperance leaflets, 100 copies of the *Star* and several copies of the *Union Signal*. The temperance sentiment of the people who attend our Fairs is better shown perhaps by the following item from our local reporter: "The Fair of the Piscataquis Central Agricultural Society was one of the quietest and most orderly I have ever witnessed; there was absolutely no rowdy element present. No gambling games were carried on, and no evidence whatever of intoxicating liquors was seen by the writer. Temperance drinks were on sale. Ice water was on the grounds to be had by all who wished. The three other fairs held in the county are reported to have been very orderly."

Sagadahoc county: Mrs. Carey of Bath writes of the County Fair at Topsham. She enlisted two faithful workers and nearly 2000 pages of literature were distributed comprising those on beer, cider, tobacco and social purity, also 100 copies of the *Union Signal* and 150 of the *Young Crusader*.

Cherryfield Union (Washington county) reports since 1890 they have realized \$350 from work on their Fair-ground,

As this work can be carried on with little expense let every Union this year lend a helping hand in Temperance Work at Fairs.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) EDITH N. OAKES,

State Supt. Dept. of Temperance Work at Fairs.

Legislation and Petition.

Madam President and Sisters:

Another year has gone and we meet again in convention, to review the work that has been done. One bright writer has said, "Things got along very well, before women were allowed to complain." Since their remonstrances against the unequal distribution of the good things of life have been heard, very great evils have been brought to light, many of them have been remedied and the outlook for improvement all along the line is very encouraging. This has been the "off year;" no sessions of the legislature having been held there has not been so much work done, as you will find awaiting you the coming year. We find the Unions have not been idle. Every county but two has been heard from. Twelve counties have superintendents of this department, others promise to appoint them.

Androscoggin county has a superintendent, and most of the local Unions have superintendents classing Franchise and Petition together with Legislative work. In Auburn the white ribbon sisters circulated a petition asking that a police matron be appointed by the city, which petition was granted.

Aroostook promises to have a superintendent this year. They have done good work.

Cumberland, Mrs. S. E. Grant, superintendent, writes: "Three hundred and eight more names added to the World's petition. Westbrook circulated a petition which was presented to the mayor, concerning local temperance matter, which received 330 signatures."

Franklin is still looked after by Mrs. Beedy, and we are assured that its interests will not suffer.

Hancock has a faithful and efficient leader in Mrs. A. F. Greely. She says, "I was in it before the W. C. T. U. saw the light and as long as I live shall keep at it."

Kennebec, superintendent Mrs. H. J. Bailey, reports one city Union as having made efforts to suppress the liquor traffic, but the results were not satisfactory. Sabbath Observance laws have been enforced. Have tried to enforce the law in regard to selling cigarettes to minors. The W. C. T. U. caused two men to be arrested and brought to justice, one for selling cider, one for driving and cruelly beating his horses while intoxicated.

Knox, Mrs. A. E. Bradford, superintendent, reports that there has been much effort made to enforce the law and to close up places where liquor was sold.

Penobscot, superintendent Mrs. E. R. Horton, reports no work done.

Piscataquis has a superintendent, Mrs. E. D. Straw, but sent no report.

Lincoln has no superintendent, but some work has been done in circulating petitions.

Oxford was not heard from.

Somerset: The president reports that the Unions have been at work. Men have been prosecuted and convicted and fined for liquor selling. Arrests have been made for search and seizures; three were hotel keepers who closed their doors to the public. The white ribboners opened a temperance hotel and secured pledges from more than sixty prominent persons who signed a contract to support the women and if necessary to open their own homes for the accommodation of guests.

Waldo county, Miss Emily F. Miller, superintendent, writes: "Petition for municipal suffrage received which will be circulated this fall."

Washington, Mrs. Lottie C. Cary, a new superintendent, wrote for Petition and Plan of the Work and we may expect to hear from her another year.

York county also has a new superintendent, E. J. Crowell. The Plan of Work of the National department of Legislation and Petition has been sent to every superintendent. A better understanding of the aims and methods of this department would, I believe, lead to their general adoption and the carrying forward of this part of our work in a more systematic way, thereby achieving far greater results. The national superintendent does not advocate the bringing of suits by our Unions against violaters of temperance laws to secure enforcement, as enforcement is the duty of municipal officers. Instead of our bearing the expense and blunt of such cases, let us petition for enforcement, and in other ways create public sentiment which shall compel the proper officers to do their duty or lead to the election of others who will. We should aid said officers to bring and carry on suits, but let them and the voters be responsible for the results.

The World's petitions have been sent to all of the colleges and universities in Maine this year. There is no more fertile ground for agitation of the temperance question than our schools. The Suffrage petition is now being sent to every town in the state and, dear sister of the convention, after the earnest and eloquent words of our county presidents Tuesday evening and the grand address of Wednesday evening, I feel that you need no words of mine to urge you along this line of work. Let us roll up a good big petition so that when we meet at Augusta this winter at the Conference appointed, they will not dare to deny that which we ask—our rights. We white ribboned women believe that we shall not have prohibition until women are free. As never before we must work for our freedom and let us believe that

"Some of these days all the skies will be brighter—
Some of these days all the burdens be lighter,
Hearts will be happier—souls will be whiter—
Some of these days!"

L. C. LAMB,
State Supt. Legislation and Petition.

Franchise.

Madam President and Members of the Convention:

The cause of "Equal Rights" never looked brighter than at this hour, I feel justified in reporting. There have been larger gains during the past five years than for twenty years previous. I refer especially to the cause throughout the country—though I believe our State has an average gain. I read from the "Woman's Column" of Aug. 26, that, The petition for Woman Suffrage recently presented to the New York Constitutional Convention had six hundred and twenty-five thousand signatures—while the remonstrance had but fifteen thousand. Forty in favor of giving women Municipal Suffrage, to one against it, and yet the Convention decided against giving women the ballot—and we are told that we are defeated. But are we defeated? Compare the Suffrage petitions in New York in '93 with the petitions in '94 and you will find how much has been gained; notwithstanding such papers as *The Outlook*, *The World*, *The Herald* and *Harper's Weekly* have used their influence against us—during four evenings the Convention was turned into a Suffrage meeting and the subject was thoroughly discussed, sixty prominent men publicly identified themselves with the cause, and thousands who have been opposed or indifferent to the reform have become converted to the cause of Equal Rights, and in nearly every county new political Equality Clubs have been formed, and the subject has been so well agitated that it will never rest, until every woman is the political peer of the male voters.

What has been accomplished in New York can be done in Maine, but only by organized effort. We have over one hundred Unions in our State, and not one quarter of them have a Franchise department. But thirteen Unions have sent your superintendent the name of the local superintendent, therefore she finds it impossible to do the work that the importance of the cause demands. What has been

done, is in the distribution of suffrage literature, by mail and through the W. C. T. U. paper racks, in the depot, which have been kept well supplied with franchise and temperance literature, and discussions on the reform at every weekly temperance meeting.

But one Suffrage lecture has been reported in our county during the past year, and that at Bar Harbor where the reform had been but little discussed. The lecture was well attended and created a good impression. The editors of both our local papers are in sympathy with the reform and manifest their interest by printing articles favorable to the cause very frequently.

From Waldo county Miss Emily F. Miller sends encouraging words. She writes: "We have frequent Franchise items printed weekly in the half-column of the press, about fifty pages of literature have been given away, and a year's subscription to the Woman's Journal. Belfast and Searsmont Unions are practically unanimous on the question."

The superintendent of Franklin county, Mrs. Keyes, reports: "There was no department of Franchise in our Union until last May, therefore I can report but little work. The W. C. T. U. column of our county has always advocated Woman Suffrage, as earnestly before we organized as since. I intend soon to begin missionary work among the members of our Legislature; several of them are not unfavorable to the cause. I shall also circulate the Petition."

Mrs. L. C. Lamb, superintendent for Androscoggin county sends a very encouraging report and quotes from a lecture delivered by a Kansas senator in Lewiston who said, "Every woman should be a Politician." She also writes, "the interest in Equal Rights is steadily on the increase; our members read more, and are therefore getting better informed; the only hindrance to the enfranchisement of women, is their unwillingness to accept it. A petition has been circulated asking that a police matron be appointed. The Lewiston Union and the Union at Livermore Falls have appointed superintendents of Franchise who are fully alive to the importance of the work; circulating petitions and the distribution of Suffrage literature is steadily going on; at the last county convention strong Suffrage resolutions were unanimously passed."

Mrs. D. Dewitt, county superintendent of Franchise for Aroostook writes very encouragingly of the work in Presque Isle and throughout the county. Petitions and Suffrage literature have been circulated; an excellent paper on Franchise was given at the county convention and well received, also good Suffrage talk; the Unions alive on the subject.

Miss Louise Titcomb of the Stroudwater Union sends a good report from Cumberland county.

Mrs. H. B. Jordan, superintendent of Franchise for Sagadahoc county reports, little has been done for the cause of Equal Rights in Bath, but she is strong in the faith that the time is at hand when women will learn more in regard to the reform.

Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, superintendent Franchise for the Waldoboro Union writes, when at home she circulates petitions and literature and does all in her power to make public sentiment favorable to the cause of Equal Rights.

Mrs. S. B. Crocker, superintendent of Franchise for Somerset county writes, that every Union in the county has a superintendent of Franchise and she seldom hears a woman say she does not want to vote. The superintendents are glad to circulate petitions and literature and the general sentiment of the county is strongly in favor of the ballot for women.

Dear sisters of the White Ribboned army, as this will probably be the last report I shall send you, as I have requested my successor to be appointed, (because I cannot give the attention to the work that its importance demands,) I wish to impress upon you the necessity of more thorough organization. Of over one hundred Unions in our State but seven have sent reports. This is not as it should be; every Union should have a department and a superintendent. Let me exhort you to be more in earnest in the cause of Equal Rights. The Franchise department is the right arm of the W. C. T. U., the Ballot is the only weapon that can be used effectively against unjust laws. There is no enemy dreaded so much by liquor dealers as a woman with a ballot. Prominent politicians have sent *this* message to members of the legislature in several states: "Set your heel upon the *woman suffrage movement every time*. The success of that movement means the *downfall of our trade!*"

Wherever women have the Ballot, they have used it in the interest of the *home* against the saloons, the gambling houses, and the haunts of infamy. The Ballot makes you the political peer of any citizen—without it you are the political inferior of ignorant foreigners and on a plane with paupers, idiots and criminals. Educate the people by preaching the gospel of Equal Rights, and circulating Suffrage literature—let the white and yellow ribbon entwine, and then shall we see the dawning of a better day when our country will recognize no sex in citizenship.

Yours always in the work for the *uplifting* of humanity,

ANN F. GREELY.

Peace and Arbitration.

We have many strong peace advocates at Popham Beach, or at Fort Popham as the place is generally called, where the money placed in the great expensive stone fort which was never completed, and doubtless, never will be, is a constant reminder of the importance of urging our government to place more of its funds in the erection of schools, less in getting ready for possible wars. Our peace superintendent in this place reports the distribution of about one thousand pages of literature. The pastor has been invited to preach a peace sermon. One copy of "The Acorn" and one of "The Pacific Banner" are taken.

At Bath, over 1000 pages of our literature have been given out. Several copies of our department papers are taken. The Peace Bible Readings have been used in one of our Loyal Temperance Legions. Nearly all the clergymen of the city have been called upon and invited to preach upon the subject and all have expressed great interest in the cause.

Rockland has during the year appointed a new superintendent, who has formed a "Peace Band" in connection with a mission Sunday school, in which she is interested. Nineteen children joined the Band at its first meeting. This city has sent us several subscriptions for "The Acorn."

Augusta has introduced "The Acorn" into the Sunday schools. A large number of children have been induced to sign the peace pledge. The pastors have been invited to preach on peace. General Peace Day was observed in one church and in the Gospel Temperance meeting, and Mrs. Emily Burgess of New York delivered a lecture last spring; one Sunday school used our peace lesson; 500 pages of literature have been distributed.

Winthrop Union reports the distribution of 3,204 pages of peace literature. There are 39 subscribers to "The Pacific Banner" and 27 to "The Acorn." The children are taught the principles of peace and arbitration in two juvenile bands. The subject has been given a prominent place in sixteen of the W. C. T. U. public meetings. Two peace sermons have been preached and our general Peace Day was observed by appropriate exercises in one Sunday school.

South China reports the distribution of 800 pages of literature. Five copies of "The Acorn" are taken. Three peace lectures have been delivered. A Peace Band is soon to be organized. The subject has been agitated several times by the clergy but no regular peace sermon has been preached. Much personal work has been done.

We have made an effort during the year to obtain many new superintendents. The matter has been brought before several Unions. We have met with partial success. Richmond, Greenville, and Orono have given us the names of ladies who will fill the office.

We have also sent sample copies of our official periodicals to most of the Unions, have introduced "The Pacific Banner" into two or three reading rooms of "Homes for Young Ladies," and "The Acorn" into that of the Junior Department of one Y. M. C. A. We distributed over one hundred copies of "The Acorn" at Northport camp-ground, and have sent or carried scores of pages of literature to other assemblies.

Other work has been attended to such as the sending of original peace contributions to the press, the sending of a protest in conjunction with our national superintendent to the only "Boys' Brigade" in the state.

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS,
State Supt. Peace and Arbitration.

CONSTITUTION
OF
Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of this State, alarmed at the danger and tendencies of intemperance and kindred evils, believe it to be our duty, under the providence of God, to unite our efforts for their extinction. That we may the more successfully prosecute this work, we adopt the following pledge and constitution :

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented, and malt liquors, including wine and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

The organization shall be known as the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Its object shall be to enlist the women of this State in the promotion of the cause of temperance, and of the various branches of work recommended by the National Union; to make permanent the work already accomplished and to secure the organization of a local Union in every place in the State where it is practicable.

ARTICLE II—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Union shall be a President, one Vice-President from each county (the President of each being *ex-officio* Vice-President of the State Union), a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee, of whom seven shall be a quorum.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting shall be composed of the Executive Com-

mittee, State Superintendents of Departments, State Organizers, Secretaries and Treasurers of County Unions, the President, and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every twenty-five paying members of each auxiliary Union.

ARTICLE IV—AUXILIARIES.

Any society of women, regularly organized under the supervision or approval of the State officers, and adopting the Constitution of this organization, including a total abstinence pledge, and a paying fee of thirty cents per member annually to State Treasurer (ten cents of which shall be paid by her to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union) is auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held at some time within September or October, in such place as may be decided by a vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI—AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution may be altered or amended by vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at the annual meeting, provided notice has been given at the previous annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. *President.* In case of the illness or death of the President, the duties of her office shall devolve upon the General Officers in the order of their election.

SEC. 2. The President may, through the Recording Secretary, call special meetings of the Executive Committee, when she may deem it necessary, or in response to the written request of any seven members of the Executive Committee, in which case the topics to be considered at the meeting shall be started, and she shall perform all other duties usual to such office.

SEC. 3. *Vice-President.* It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to aid and foster the work of the Union in her county, and to arrange for and preside at conventions in her county, co-operating with the General Officers of the state in carrying out their

plans for the prosecution of the work, making a report semi-annually to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Union.

SEC. 4. *Corresponding Secretary.* It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the organization and to perform all duties usual to such office. She shall also send to the Secretary of each local Union at least twice a year a blank similar to those used by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union Corresponding Secretary, to be filled as a semi-annual report. From these reports she shall collate her own report for the annual meeting.

SEC. 5. *Recording Secretary.* The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Union, the Executive Committee and the General Officers, and shall keep correct record of their proceedings. She shall send to each member of the Executive Committee a notice of such meetings. She shall appraise members of committees of their appointment. At the first meeting of each annual session she shall read in their order, for action by said meeting, the minutes of all meetings, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to such office.

SEC. 6. *Treasurer.* It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements of money, and to present a detailed report thereof at each annual meeting and perform all other duties usually pertaining to such office. She shall pay no bills except on an order signed by the President. The fiscal year shall terminate one week previous to the annual meeting, and the books shall then be closed.

SEC. 7. *Superintendents.* It shall be the duty of the Superintendents to originate, to advise, and to direct plans of work relating to their several departments; to correspond and to co-operate with County Superintendents, and to report to the annual meeting work proposed and work accomplished. They shall be required to give an itemized account of their receipts and expenditures in department work.

ARTICLE II—ELECTION.

SEC. 1. The officers, with the exception of the Vice-Presidents, and Assistant Recording Secretary (the latter shall be nominated by the Recording Secretary and elected by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered) shall be elected by ballot on the morning of the last day of the annual meeting.

SEC. 2. *Vacancies in Delegations.* Each delegation may fill its quota by visiting members from its own auxiliary; if any Vice-President is absent, said county may be represented on the Executive Committee by a member of its delegation.

SEC. 3. *Voting.* General Officers, Superintendents of Departments, State Organizers, and *ex-officio* members shall vote in person.

SEC. 4. *Tellers.* Tellers having been appointed by the meeting, an informal ballot shall be cast for each officer separately, and the members of the Convention shall then proceed to vote by ballot for the person thus nominated.

SEC. 5. *Superintendents.* Superintendents shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the annual meeting. Their election shall be by acclamation, unless otherwise ordered.

SEC. 6. *Vacancies.* The Executive Committee may fill any vacancies occurring in the interim of annual meetings.

ARTICLE III—COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The following committees shall be chosen on the first day of the annual meeting: On Credentials, On Business, On Resolutions. The last shall consist of one delegate from each county, chosen by the delegation of her county.

SEC. 2. An Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the General Officers in the interim of the annual meetings.

ARTICLE IV—INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

SEC. 1. Any pledged woman in a community where there is no local Union may become a member-at-large of the State Union by the payment of an annual fee of fifty cents, ten cents of which shall be paid to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

SEC. 2. Any woman may become a life member by signing the pledge, and paying ten dollars at one time to the State Treasurer; and any man may become an honorary member by signing the pledge and by the payment of one dollar annually.

ARTICLE V—DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION.

The Department of Organization shall be in charge of the General Officers, and organizers appointed by them shall be reported to the Convention and entitled to a seat.

ARTICLE VI.

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.

LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the——Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

PLEDGE.

I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt liquors, including Wine, Beer and Cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

The object of this Union shall be to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate, and aim to secure the complete banishment of the liquor traffic.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP.

Any woman may become a member of this organization by signing the constitution (including the pledge) and by the payment of —— per year into the Treasury, 30 cents of which shall be paid the State Union. Ten cents of that amount the State Treasurer sends to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Where it is deemed necessary the following article may be inserted :

Any woman may become a member of this organization by a two thirds vote at any legal meeting and by signing the constitution and pledge and paying the regular dues and continuing to do so annually.

Gentlemen may become honorary members by signing the pledge and the payment of one dollar a year, all of which shall be retained for home work.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, one from each church when practicable, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. President to call to order and open the meetings.

To announce the business before the meeting in the order in which it is to be acted upon.

To put to vote all questions which have been regularly moved and seconded, and to announce the result.

To preserve order, and to decide, when referred to, all questions of order or practice which may arise.

To append her signature when necessary to all orders and proceedings of the Union.

To have a general oversight of the Union, and in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to plan for its best interests and the good of the cause.

To call special meetings when deemed advisable by herself and any three members of the Union, due notice being given to all the members.

SEC. 2. Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Union.

To report to the Corresponding Secretary of the State Union as required by the State Constitution (having first submitted her report to the Union) giving such facts and items of general interest as will enable the State Secretary to judge correctly of the condition of the Union and the progress of the work.

SEC. 3. Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Union

To notify the public of its meetings.

To read all papers, etc., which may be required.

To notify Committees of their appointments and of business referred to them.

To take charge of all papers and documents of the Union.

To make reports at each meeting of the preceding meeting.

SEC. 4. Treasurer to collect the membership dues, and to devise ways and means to increase the funds of the Union. To forward to State Treasurer the dues for each member as required by the State Constitution (namely 30 cents per member) two weeks previous to State Convention. Old Unions and those organized early in the year shall make part payment of dues previous to March first,

the remainder two weeks before State Convention. To hold all money collected for the use of the Union, paying bills on order of the President and Secretary, keeping an exact book account and making a report of the same at each regular business meeting.

SEC. 5. Vice-Presidents to preside, in their order, at meetings in the absence of the President and to perform all duties of the President in case of absence on any account from her office. To interest the women of their respective churches in the work of the Union and to canvass for members. To assist the President in arranging and carrying out plans for the benefit of the Union. To endeavor to secure special recognition of the temperance cause in the church prayer-meeting quarterly, and also by a sermon from the pastor at least once a year.

ARTICLE VI—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of the Union shall be held ———, at which time Superintendents shall report.

Public Prayer and Conference meetings shall be held as often as the interest of the work demands, and if possible, mass meetings quarterly.

The Executive and other Committees shall meet as often as may be deemed advisable.

ARTICLE VII—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting shall be held on the ———day of ———month, at which time the officers shall be elected for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENTS.

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

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. *Departments of Work.* Superintendents shall be appointed for such of the following departments, as local needs seem to call for: Work Among Foreigners. Young Woman's Work. Juvenile Work. Hygienic Reform and Heredity. Scientific Temperance

Instruction. Sunday School Work. Temperance Literature. Influencing the Press. Narcotics. Evangelistic Work. Unfermented Wine. Systematic Giving. Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work. Reformatory Prison for Women. Securing Homes for Homeless Children. Railroad Employes. Soldiers and Sailors. Lumbermen. Sabbath Observance. Purity. Purity in Literature and Art. Mercy. Flower Mission. State and County Fairs. Legislation and Petition. Franchise. Peace and Arbitration.

SEC. 2. All meetings of the Union shall be opened by reading of Scripture and prayer.

SEC. 3. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting, and the same rule may apply to all other Committees.

SEC. 4. Officers shall remain such till their successors are elected.

SEC. 5. All members of the Union shall be entitled to vote.

SEC. 6. *Order of Business* :—

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Report of Recording Secretary.
3. Report of Corresponding Secretary.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Report of Chairman of Executive Committee.
6. Reports of Superintendents.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Course of Reading.
11. Discussions.

SEC. 7. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Union, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Union.

Extracts from the Public Laws.

TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

CHAPTER 267 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

AN ACT relating to Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools. *Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SEC. 1. Provision shall be made by the proper local school authorities for instructing all pupils in all schools supported by public money, or under State control, in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

SEC. 2. No certificate shall be granted any person to teach in the public schools in this State after the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, who has not passed a satisfactory examination in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

[Approved February 19, 1885.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE SABBATH LAWS.

Whoever, on the Lord's Day, keeps open his shop, workhouse, warehouse, or place of business; travels, or does any work, labor or business on that day, except works of necessity or charity; uses any sport, game or recreation; or is present at any dancing, public diversion, show or entertainment, encouraging the same, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars.—R. S., Chap. 124, Sec. 20.

If any innholder or victualler, on the Lord's Day, suffers any persons except travelers, strangers or lodgers, to abide in his house, yard or field, drinking or spending their time idly, at play or doing any secular business, except works of necessity or charity, he shall be punished by fine not exceeding four dollars for each person thus suffered to abide; and if after conviction he is again guilty, by fine not exceeding ten dollars for each offence; and upon a third conviction, he shall also be incapable of holding any license; and every person so abiding shall be fined not exceeding four dollars for each offence.—R. S., Chap. 124, Sec. 21.

Sunday is a close time, on which it is not lawful to hunt, kill or destroy game or birds of any kind, under the penalties imposed therefor during other close times; but the penalties already imposed for violations of the Sunday laws are not repealed or diminished.—R. S., Chap. 30, Sec. 27.

The jailer, at the expense of the county, shall furnish to each prisoner who is able to read, a copy of the Bible, and to all on Sunday, such religious instruction as he may be able to obtain without expense, and to such as may be benefited thereby, instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic one hour every evening except Sunday.—R. S., Chap. 80, Sec. 30.

CIGARETTE LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled:

SEC. 1. No person shall sell any cigarette to any person under the age of sixteen years.

SEC. 2. No person other than the minor's parent or guardian, shall give to any person under the age of sixteen years any cigarette, for such minor's personal use.

SEC. 3. Any person violating any of the foregoing provisions, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

IMPURE LITERATURE LAW.

[As amended in 1893.]

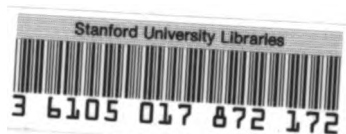
SEC. 13. Whoever imports, prints, publishes, sells or distributes any book, pamphlet, ballad, printed paper, or other thing containing obscene, indecent, or impure language, or manifestly tending to the corruption of the morals of youth, or an obscene, indecent, or impure print, picture, figure or deception, manifestly tending to the corruption of the morals of youth, or introduces into a family, school, or place of education, or buys, procures, receives, or has in his possession any such book, pamphlet, ballad, printed paper or other thing, either for the purpose of sale, exhibition, loan or circulation, or with intent to introduce the same into a family, school or place of education, shall be punished by imprisonment in the State prison not exceeding five years, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding two years, and by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars nor less than one hundred dollars.

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